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Bob Fawcett's dad won two tickets — including a backstage visit before the concert — to Ringo Starr's concert in Fort Myers when he took his car in to be serviced. From left, Bob, Ringo, Robert Fawcett and Marta Foster, Comcast Ad Sales Promotions Coordinator. See story page 19.



Marsha Wagner, still in the Berkshires, roars at an incredible production of Midsummer Night's Dream.

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Who's Who takes a look at an island lover and rebuilder of classic MGs.

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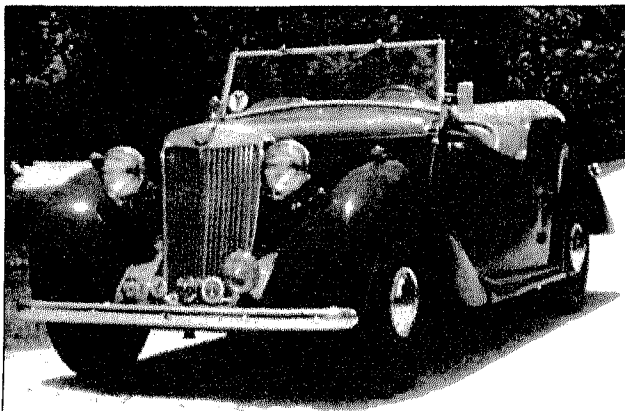
Who's Who ON THE ISLANDS

Tony Rinaldi's romance with MG's

by Nancy Santeusano
Special to The Islander

"I never knew what an MG looked like until I saw the movie *Love Story* in 1971 in which the actor Ryan O'Neil drove around in a 1949 MG TC. I was mesmerized and determined to get a car just like that." The next day he started looking through the want ads in Rutherford, New Jersey and located an MG TD, black with red interior, and purchased it for \$1,600. Without any experience rebuilding MG's, but with a strong determination, Tony Rinaldi took the whole car apart and restored it from scratch.

When Rinaldi was 18, he had restored and customized his 1951 Ford, but 15 years later, he discovered that restoring an MG was very different. He rebuilt the engine by studying and following *The MG Blowers Manual*, an

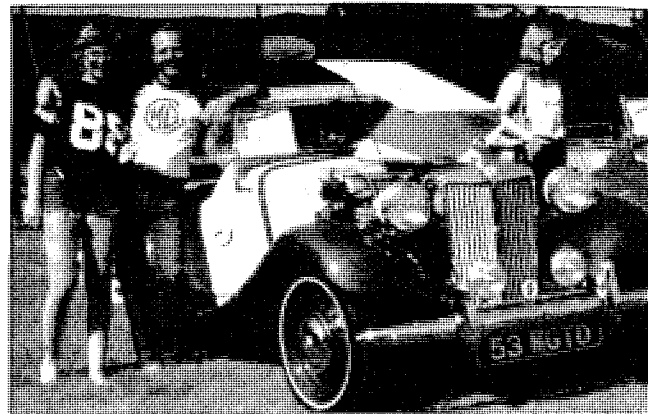


Rinaldi completely re-assembled this 1949 MG XT four-seater convertible. Only 120 of this model still remain.

invaluable reference which all antique MG dealers and car makers use. The most laborious job was sanding the body down to the original metal and lacquering the car with 20 coats of paint. (The more coats of lacquer the longer lasting.)

"I painted the entire body myself, changing it from black to red, installed wire wheels and used it for 10 years as an everyday car. Ten years later I sold it at a profit." In the meantime, Tony Rinaldi, Jr. had lots of fun squeezed in the tiny rear compartment seat riding around town with his dad.

To add a bit of history to the MG, Rinaldi explains that these cars originated in England, but in 1980, MG went out of business. Fifteen years later in 1995, BMW bought the marque and started reproducing MG's in England and Germany. Since then they have grown in popularity and



Tony Rinaldi and Frankette (now his wife) with a prize-winning, totally restored MG TD

are clearly a status symbol among foreign car owners.

For Rinaldi, MGs have become an obsession and many times he has owned at least two, and as many as three, MGs at one time. He admits that he has owned about 35 MG's from 1971-2003.

Right now he has a 1949 four-passenger green convertible MG YT of which there are only 120 left in the world. Very recently he acquired a 1954 grey MG TF convertible.

In 1979 eight years after Rinaldi had seen *Love Story*, he was dating Frankette who was determined to own an MG exactly like his. She purchased a wreck for \$6,000 and prevailed upon Rinaldi to make her MG dream come true.

He knew this was a command performance. He totally restored and customized her entire MG which became a prize-winner in the Virginia Beach MG Show in 1982. That same year Frankette accepted Rinaldi's marriage proposal, but today admits that, with her busy schedule as a mother and parish nurse, prefers the comfort and space of larger and newer automobiles.

At one point Rinaldi was diagnosed with MS and not

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This MG TD is the "wreck" that Frankette Rinaldi bought and which Tony restored for her.

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UP PERISCOPE

"Moderation in all things is best, but it's pretty hard to get excited about it." This clever aphorism is attributed to Cooley Mason who brought us other illuminating observations like, "Advice is more agreeable in the mouth than in the ear," and defined 'jargon' as "any technical language we do not understand."

The virtues of moderation have been extolled for thousands of years going back to folks like Euripides and Hesiod, but even they had a hard time selling the idea. Of course, life was simpler then; after wars, orgies and chariot races the list of things to do dropped off pretty quickly — what with no internet or golf.

Since those then, such luminaries as Mark Twain, Tallulah Bankhead, Barry Goldwater, and Oscar Wilde have all weighed in on the subject, and always against it.

Moderation is still a hard sell today, and maybe even more important than ever. The lack of it is thrust in our faces every day, most obviously in the form of terrorist attacks. Now the Islamic terrorists are even attacking their own clerics in Iraq — to what end I'm not certain.

Unfortunately, religions of all kinds throughout history have been inclined to lean away from moderation and toward intolerance. Often it has been more a matter



RENNY SEVERANCE
Executive Editor

of ethnic politics than a belief in God, but it gets cloaked in religion anyway.

The Middle East of today is certainly no exception; nor is Africa; nor is our own country. When we start screaming at each other about whether or not the Ten Commandments should be displayed on the courtroom wall, it becomes clear that we have strayed a long way from moderation.

This accusation applies to both sides in the issue because they have both allowed themselves to become polarized over it.

Our government has been carefully designed from the beginning to protect freedom of religion by keeping the subject out of government. This does not mean keeping morality out of legislation. What is morally right, regardless of the presence, or even absence, of any religious framework, simply makes good sense when it comes to making laws for an orderly and successful society.

But no law can cover every possible set of circumstances in which it might apply. "Thou shalt not kill." — Except in self-defense? It doesn't say that. What about by accident? — No comment.

This is why we have courts and judges. They are the embodiment of moderation, bringing sense to the system rather than the blind enforcement of absolutes.

The copyright for the Ten Commandments is not held by a church in Alabama or a temple in Jerusalem. The tablets are a basic part of three major religions and countless sects thereof. The ideas are basic to any organized system of behavior that we call civilization.

If Chief Justice Roy Moore could have kept that in mind, he might have made far more compelling arguments for keeping them on his wall. Moderation.

If the complainants could have understood and accepted the wider importance of these commandments, they might have less to complain about. Moderation.

A good dose of moderation in Iraq today could allow everyone to sit down and talk constructively about real problems instead of killing people for no apparent reason cloaked in some obscuring and probably self-contradictory religious rhetoric.

Here's my own aphorism on the subject: "Common sense is always the first victim when we ignore moderation."

— R. Severance (2003)

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HAPPENINGS

Internat'l Literacy Day, Sept. 8

Sprint Yellow Pages and the Literacy Volunteers of Lee County are assisting adult new readers with a brand new literacy tool.

While many adults take for granted the ability to read and help their children with homework, 44 million adult Americans — one in five — are functionally illiterate, according to the National Adult Literacy Survey. This essentially means that not only are they unable to help with homework, but they are not able to perform basic tasks like reading a grocery list, filling out a job application or reading to their children.

In its continuing effort to improve local adult literacy rates and raise awareness about adult literacy issues, Sprint Yellow Pages is celebrating International Literacy Day by donating literacy guides to the Literacy Volunteers of Lee County. The free tutor and student curriculum guides are used in conjunction with the yellow pages to teach adults how to read.

"Sprint Yellow Pages supports the great work of the Literacy Volunteers of Lee County in its quest to help adult new readers overcome their literacy challenges," said Darcie Miller, Sprint spokesperson. "International Literacy Day is the perfect time to let area residents know there are people and tools available to them if they need assistance."

Using the phone book, the Sprint Yellow Pages literacy guides lead students through a series of exercises that help them learn about alphabetized lists, abbreviations

and vocabulary. Lessons focus on pertinent topics such as health, money, personal and family needs, housing and education. Developed in 1999 with the assistance of the Adult Literacy League in Orlando, the free guides are used throughout the United States by hundreds of literacy groups.

These guides are just one tool available to help adult new readers. Donna Phillips, Executive Director of the Literacy Volunteers of Lee County, said their organization has several services available to local residents from basic literacy tutoring to family and workplace literacy and English for speakers of other languages.

International Literacy Day is sponsored by UNESCO and has been celebrated every year on Sept. 8 since 1967 to focus attention on the need to promote worldwide literacy. According to UNESCO, 860 million of the world's adults do not know how to read or write (nearly two thirds of them women) and more than 100 million children lack access to education. On International Literacy Day, individuals, organizations, and countries throughout the world renew their efforts to promote literacy and demonstrate their commitment to providing education for all.

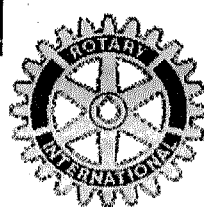
Flag pole dedication

On Sept. 11, Sanibel Beautification, Inc. and the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary, along with representatives of Sanibel Fire & Rescue and Police Departments will hold the dedication of the new flag pole and flag



at the Periwinkle-Causeway Road-Lindgren intersection. The ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. and be emceed by Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Steve Greenstein. Mayor Steve Brown and the Rev. Randall Niehoff will also participate. The BIG ARTS band will provide patriotic music starting at 6:30 p.m.

Lindgren Boulevard will be closed to traffic from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Parking will be available at the Chamber and PMR on Causeway Road.



The doors will open at 5 p.m. with two meal seatings — 5:30 and 7. Casino activities will run continuously from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Proceeds from the evening's event will go toward fire prevention and education in Lee County and support of the Shriners' burn program.

Tickets and information may be obtained from Craig Brotheim, South Trail Fire Department, 482-8030; Rick Jones, North Fort Myers Fire Department, 731-1931; or Greg MacKenzie, Iona-McGregor Fire District, 433-0660.

Luncheon get-together

The Friendly Faces luncheon will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at noon. As a get-together for those who may be lonely, new to the island, or just seeking companionship, a luncheon is held the second Tuesday or every month. For reservations or transportation, call Charlene Timothy at 472-8552.

"New" chapter of NOW

With a growing membership that stretches from Marco Island all the way up to Lehigh and no real funds to be able to pay for a meeting room, the acting officers of a fledgling, re-activated Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) have finally come up with a centrally located spot for their first public meeting.

On Tuesday, Sept. 23, at approximately 6:45 p.m., the meeting will convene at the South County Regional Library on Three Oaks Parkway in Estero. Non-members and the general public are allowed, invited and welcome to attend. There is no smoking in the Library but, in all likelihood, there will be refreshments. The only other rule is that people should come with an open mind!

The tentative agenda includes a welcome and introduction/call to order followed by some information on and history of NOW.

Most of the meeting will be devoted to discussion about election of officers (i.e., requirements, nomination process, volunteers, etc.); membership (and possible drive ??); the Acting Treasurer's Report (and budget discussion/considerations); and discussion of goals — forming committees, lobbying, media coverage, a newsletter, participation in upcoming events, and interaction with other relevant groups/topics/events.

And of course, there will be time for questions and answers.

The library is at 21100 Three Oaks Parkway, and the phone number is (239) 4989-6430. If taking US 41 from Sanibel, South Fort Myers or Cape Coral, go to Koresban Boulevard and turn left (east). Proceed 1.7 miles, then turn right on Three Oaks and go south 1.1 miles. Turn right into the library parking lot.

For additional information, contact Acting President Debbie Delahanty at (239) 254-8939 (Home), (239) 595-5424 (Cell), by FAX at (239) 254-9487, or by e-mail — Debbie@ERights4All.com. (And, yes, you have to use the area code — she lives in Naples!)

In memory of their sacrifice...

In memory of those who gave their lives on September 11, 2001, and to honor all those who help save, protect and keep us safe, on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2002, Mel's Diners is inviting all uniformed firemen, law enforcement officers, EMS and armed forces personnel to dine free.

The public is invited to stop by and say "Thanks!" to these special people. The Mel's Diners closest to the islands are the one in Bonita Springs on US 41, a half-mile south of Bonita Beach Road, and in Fort Myers a half-mile south of Colonial.

Fire prevention and education benefit

The Lee County Fire Marshals Association and Outback Steakhouse are teaming up to sponsor a dinner/casino night fund-raiser on Saturday, Sept. 27. The gala event, being dubbed Tame the Flame, will be held at the Araba Shrine Temple, 2010 Hanson street in Fort Myers.

Advance tickets are required and are available to the public. The \$35 per person charge (for individuals 21 years of age or older) includes a gourmet meal, casino activities, entertainment and door prizes. Outback's will provide the food, consisting of a variety of meats and their trademark bloomin' onions.

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LOOKING BACK

Viewing 9/11/01 from 9/11/03

C'mon, two years ago? Can it really be that over 700 days have passed since that surreal terrorist attack on our country? All those tears, the gut-wrenching anguish, I know, I know. My heart still aches, too. I can't think about it for very long. But it does seem more like a few weeks ago, maybe a month or two, an illusion fostered by the vivid video, with audio, whenever I slip and let some portion of the memories run through my mind. With that said, I must admit that all reality checks agree. It was two years ago.



LITTLE JOE
MICALE

For the past couple of weeks and until today I had been writing a column on Red Skelton. It's a wonderful, warm and funny recollection of a bouquet of zany incidents that make up a genuine Hollywood happening. While writing, I had paused, staring off into space when I realized I was boring a hole in the calendar on my office wall. As I came to focus, it hit me like a ton. It was time to turn my notebook page and start writing a "9/11 Anniversary" column.

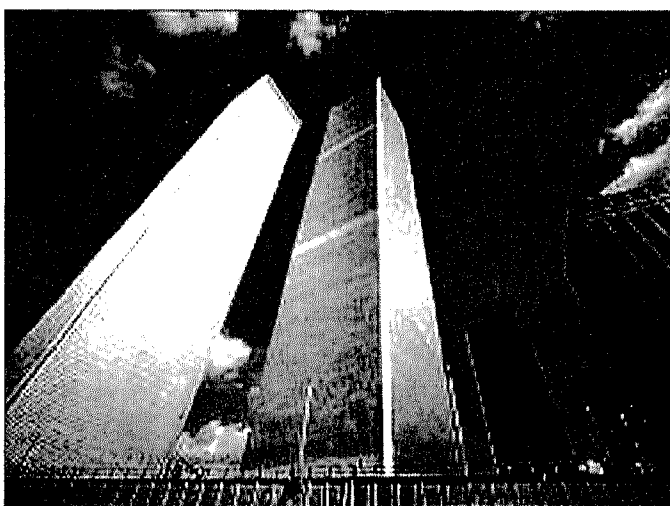
I can't imagine that anyone needs a recap of the horrible events of that Black Tuesday. I'm sure that far too many newspapers, magazines and TV broadcasts will chronicle the events, complete with horrid pictures and heart-wrenching words. I'm

glad I don't have the responsibility of compiling and recreating the events of the 9/11 tragedy.

President Roosevelt called December 7, 1941 "A day that will live in infamy." There have been too many dates since that Sunday that could be grouped under the "infamy" umbrella, the most recent being 9/11/01. We all have a story to tell, as sharing the details of our personal torment helps to at least temporarily relieve the mental and emotional burden we find so difficult to carry.

One year ago I was invited by this newspaper to write something for the first anniversary of 9/11. I lost a good buddy, Mickey Rothenberg, on Flight 93 and this presented an ideal opportunity to take a bit of space and memorialize him. It started as a few words of honor and remembrance. I was anxious to see how the layout would look and I asked the paper to send a fax of it.

My wife, Ginny, overheard the conversation and told me our fax machine was not operating, she didn't know why, it looked okay; it just wouldn't go. Instead we arranged to have the fax sent to the Island Reporter next door and the publisher was kind enough to bring it by. The memorial turned into a column at her sug-



gestion.

Writing the column, as it turned out, was my substitute for being at Mickey's wake. Thinking back, I do not remember if I wrote the column in my office, in our lanai room, if it was raining or sunny, or even if it was daytime or evening, for that matter. I do remember it was wet — the paper I was writing on, I mean.

That first column turned out to be a stepping stone to others when the editor agreed that bits and pieces about my Hollywood experiences could make for fun reading. When I tell friends and clients about people and events that I was involved with in Hollywood, they seem to enjoy the stories. It's a special kind of fun to know something personal that is firsthand and never published about a celebri-

ty.

This is column number 24. This first year truly turned out to be a labor of love. How wonderfully appropriate that my anniversary date is 9/11.

There are probably a million themes, stories and angles that might have been chosen for this solemn occasion. I don't want to open wounds that are not fully healed by talking about loss, death and destruction.

Instead, today, we again collectively pay our respects to those who were killed or injured in The World Trade Center Complex, The Pentagon, and the four aircraft. We acknowledge with eternal gratitude the people of the NYPD, the FDNY and all the other professional public servants who rushed to help as their final act on this earth. Of course, civilian Samaritans, along with all people who carry scars, both physical and mental, are also included here. We shouldn't forget the Red Cross, either.

Next week, I'll personally introduce you to one of the world's most loved and most soft-hearted comics, Red Skelton. It's a 100% happy story. The best kind.

As a final thought, I'd like to say a few words to my friend, Mickey Rothenberg. It had to be you, Mick. I've been part of the Sanibel community now for three-plus years, and the only time my fax machine didn't work was the day the paper was to send me the copy of my salute to you. Later that day, it worked just fine. Nice trick! Thanks for the nudge. It's just like you to reach out to others regardless of your own circumstances, just as you reportedly did on Flight 93 on 9/11/01.

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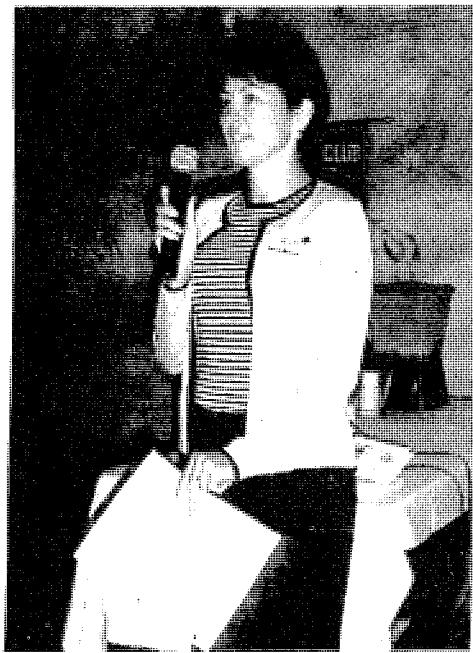
"I sell dirt."

Immediately, there was a connection. Shara Weaver had captured this group. After that opening, Kiwanians were, well, just so much loam. But that was the introduction, the "how did I get to Sanibel?" phase. To learn its significance you must keep reading.

Shara's current mission is grounded in bringing the Department of Children & Families (and sometimes the Dependency Court) down to earth. (Don't you love bad puns?) Shara is a Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) and board member of Voices for Kids — the private humanizing and fundraising arm of Guardian Ad Litem, a state-funded program that trains and assigns adult advocates for kids whose interests might otherwise be overrun by courtroom and DCF bureaucracy.

Her reason for struggling out of bed for a 7:30 breakfast meeting was two-fold: many of the organizations that come before Kiwanis seek money. A few actually get some. Guardian Ad Litem has been in this Club's budget for years, so she hadn't come begging — not for cash anyway. What she really needs is volunteers, adults who can be trained to represent children's interests in court. (Wonder if she confused Kiwanians propensity to linger before or under the bar with courtroom expertise... The truth is that very few — below 60 or 70 percent — of Kiwanians have ever been arrested, and our conviction rate is actually lower than that of most service clubs.)

There are approximately 4,000 kids in the custody of DCF in Southwest Florida. Some have been ripped out of their homes



Shara Weaver. Call her!

in the middle of the night with no more than the clothes on their backs. A kid so seized must then be in foster care for six months before the state will pony up \$300 for school clothes. The fortunate (?) ones are given a garbage bag and time to collect their belongings. And many will live out of that bag until, at 18, they are cast out of the system and onto the streets. (At least 50 percent return to "the system" — many via jail).

No, it isn't always like this, and usually it is not as bad for the kids as to leave them where they are, but those stories don't sell papers. (Neither does this column so far, but we're trying). Besides this scenario helps demonstrate how much these kids are at the mercy of the system, judges, and DCF when parents are out of

the picture.

The way it works, basically, is that someone determines (or alleges) that there are sufficient problems in a child's environment that the state can provide for the child better than the parents. Often there is abuse; frequently there are drugs. In Southwest Florida over 70 percent of seizures are for neglect. And, according to Shara, it happens everywhere. There are 11 kids in foster care right here in paradise, and four island residents are in protective custody.

Generally, Shara feels, DCF does a good job. They set up a case plan, and parents who complete it get their kids back via the court — some don't want them back, but that's a different story. DCF has its procedures, and their mission is to follow the book — their book — and to close cases as quickly as possible. DCF gets paid for cases closed. And what judge does not want to clear his calendar? GAL steps in as an advocate of the court because "The only ones in the court room who are not represented are the kids." All too frequently, there is no involved third party who is able to argue, "These parents aren't ready to have their kids back." You can supply your own stories here.

Shara was desperate enough to recruit Kiwanians. Obviously the need is so great she'll probably even take you. A Guardian Ad Litem is a US citizen, 19 or older with no criminal record. They get 30 hours of training and spend 6 hours in court observing. Once certified, a GAL receives a state ID & badge and access to court records and information. Most meet regularly with the child and often the parents. GALs are authorized to represent the child before the court. Each case (many GALs cover several simultaneously) requires 4-6 hours per month and, except for court appearances, it's pretty much your own schedule. There are over 700 children in the dependency system in Southwest Florida with no GAL. It will take 200 additional volunteers to handle the current caseload.

So what's Voices for Kids, and what happens to the checks we send to Guardian Ad Litem? Voices for Kids is a 501(c)(3)

that supports GAL by raising funds and volunteers. GAL is state funded and cannot accept outside funds, so it turns our checks over to Voices for Kids. Funds are used for kids' needs (like school clothes, dental visits, etc.) not covered by the state. Contact Voices for Kids at (239) 997-KIDS or call Shara at 395-0141 and dish a little dirt (Oh... that part is related to the landscape materials business she had in Chicago).

Lions Club



Entertainment Books here

The 2003/04 Entertainment Books are now in. These offer two-for-one dining discounts at superb restaurants in Sanibel, Fort Myers, Naples and environs.

There are also discounts for golf, car washes, movies and more. At only \$30, the book pays for itself after just the first or second use.

The funds raised by the entertainment books go to benefit several local charities which are supported by the San-Cap Lions Club.

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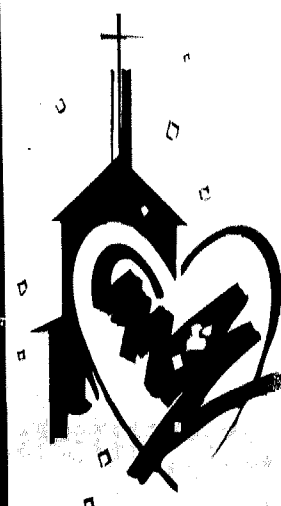
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New, safer barrier for road construction zones

The culprit in more than 1,000 fatalities and 40,000 injuries annually nationwide, construction zones are notoriously dangerous places for road workers and motorists.

But help may be on the way. Using a combination of computer simulations and traditional crash tests, a team of University of Florida civil engineers has designed and successfully tested a new barrier for secondary roads that prevents errant vehicles from entering construction zones while minimizing danger to motorists.

The Florida Department of Transportation expects to begin using the barrier on urban and suburban roads with maximum speeds of 45 mph as early as next year. The barrier also could be adopted by other states, according to DOT officials.

"The crash tests on this new device have shown it to be an effective and safe way to shield motorists from hazardous objects, drop-offs and

work zones," said Jim Mills, an engineer with the DOT's Roadway Design Office.

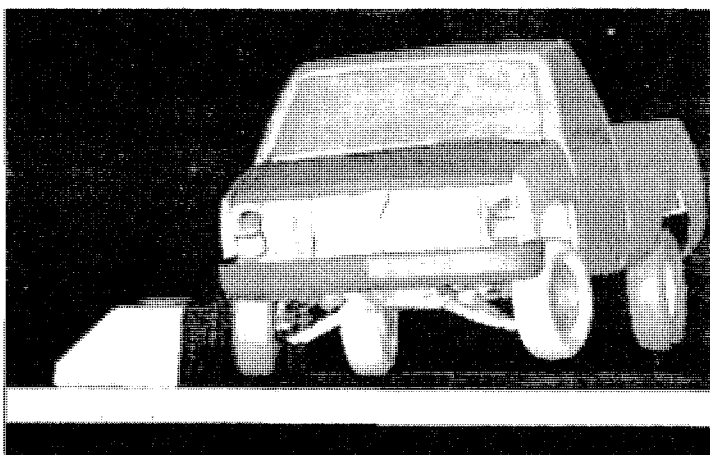
With 56 deaths in 2001, Florida ranked fourth in the nation in roadway construction fatalities, right behind Texas, California and Georgia, according to the National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse at the Texas Transportation Institute. Between 1997 and 2001, an average of 27 motorists and workers died and 2,475 were injured in work-zone crashes annually in Florida, according to DOT statistics.

Road worker injuries and deaths have become such an issue nationally that many states, including Florida, double the fines for speeding in construction zones, while others add points to driving records for speeding in construction zones.

DOT does not track how many accidents happen in work zones on highways

versus those on secondary roads, Mills said. However federal rules now being phased in seek to increase the safety of all road barriers.

The rules prompted Florida DOT to seek an alternative to its traditional work-zone barrier for slower-speed



A truck strikes a newly designed road construction barrier in this computer simulation from a UF supercomputer. UF civil engineers used computer simulations to design and test four possible new versions, saving the cost of multiple crash tests, which run \$20,000 each. The result: A new barrier for secondary roads with speed limits of 45 mph or less that prevents errant vehicles from entering construction zones while minimizing danger to motorists.

roads, which consisted of nine-inch-high curbs. The agency hired UF civil engineering researchers Ralph Ellis, Kurt Gurley and Gary Consolazio to come up with the new design.

The goal? Devise a barrier that could prevent a 4,400-pound pickup approaching from an angle of 25 degrees or less from crashing into the work zone. The rules specify the pickup because it is as heavy or heavier than most cars and SUVs, while 25 degrees is the maximum angle at which a vehicle can reasonably be expected to encounter the barriers, which are typically placed along roadsides. The new barrier also had to be relatively safe for those in the colliding truck or car — and break down into 12-foot segments that were inexpensive, and easy to install and move around.

Barrier, see page 9

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Lee County Animal Services is located in Six Mile Commercial Park (behind the Sheriff's office) on Six Mile Cypress Parkway. The shelter is open every day except Sunday and is open late on Tuesdays until 7 p.m.

P.S. Sanibel, the abandoned Shiba Inu mix, has been adopted!



Congratulations Grandma!



Makayla Marie Walsh was born on August 26 at 4:33 p.m. in Fort Myers, making Marsha Walsh of Sanibel a new grandma.

Makayla arrived at 7 lbs. 1 oz. and 19 inches long.

Welcome and good health!

Left: Marsha Walsh holds her brand-new granddaughter, Makayla

REAL ESTATE

Top Dogs at SSS&CP

South Seas Sanibel & Captiva Properties has announced its sales leaders for the second quarter of 2003.

Lori Pierot was the star, ranking as top lister, top selling agent and top producer for her office at Sundial Beach Resort, as well as sharing top seller and top producer honors with GG Robideau in the Periwinkle office.

Leane Suarez was both top producer and top seller at South Seas Resort, while Vicki Panico and Fred Newman



Lori Pierot



GG Robideau



Leane Suarez

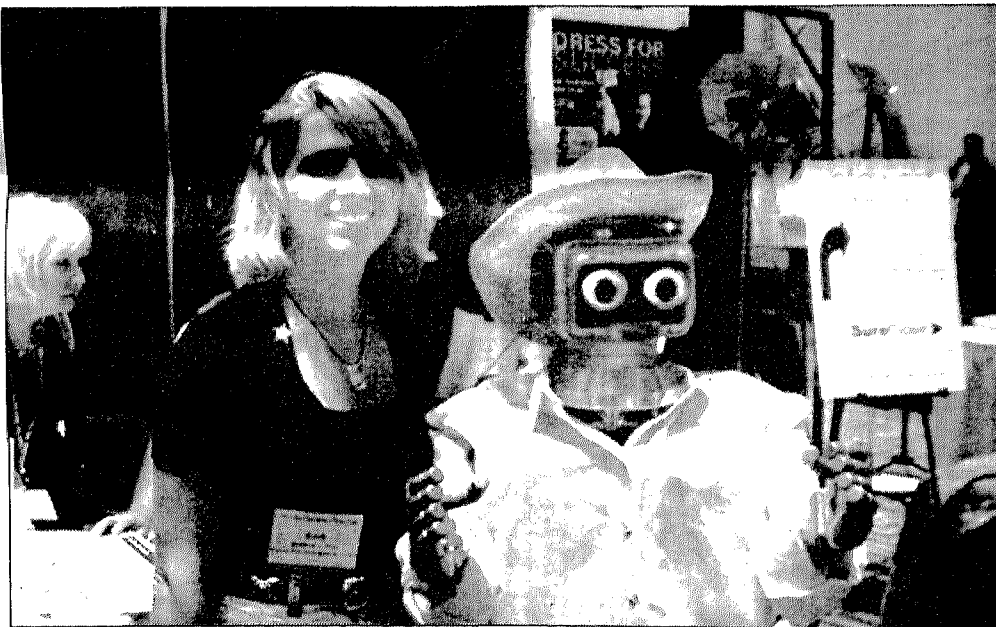
were top listers. Rick Barns was top producer for the South Seas Vacation Ownership division.

For more information or to meet the SSS&CP staff, visit www.south-seasrealestate.com on the Web.



Vicki Panico & Fred Newman

FAR attendees to the 87th annual convention



Stuey, the robot, demonstrates the latest technology tool that Stewart Title has implemented called "Sure Close" to Barb Rich, broker-salesperson for John Gee & Co., at the Florida Association of Realtor's 87th Annual Convention & Trade Expo recently in Hollywood, Fla.

Joanie Smith, assistant manager for Executive Title and shown here in the background, was also among the islanders in attendance.

Changing the Taste of Captiva



Cashew Chicken Spring Rolls with Thai Peanut Sauce
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Causeway Update

The Lee County Department of Transportation has sent out a survey questionnaire to islanders and to transponder holders, asking for opinions on the three proposed bridge alternatives. The survey also asks for an opinion on the "2 lanes off" possibility.

Thanks to the alert efforts of efforts chamber president Steve Greenstein,

members have been alerted to a portion of the Lee County website that offers renderings of the proposed bridge alternatives to help in making choices here.

Below are copies of those renderings which offer a rough idea of what those alternatives might look like from the shore at Sanibel Harbor Resort.

The renderings were taken from the website and are generally better viewed on the internet at: www.lee-county.com/publicworks/testpage3.htm

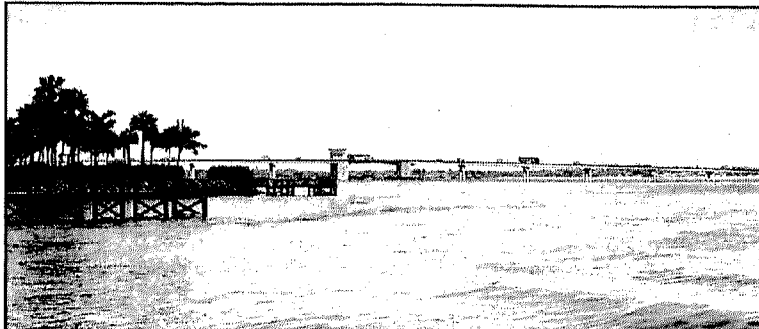
The website also includes an aerial photo of the Sanibel Boat Ramp with drawings superimposed showing the proposed ramp onto the island from the new causeway.



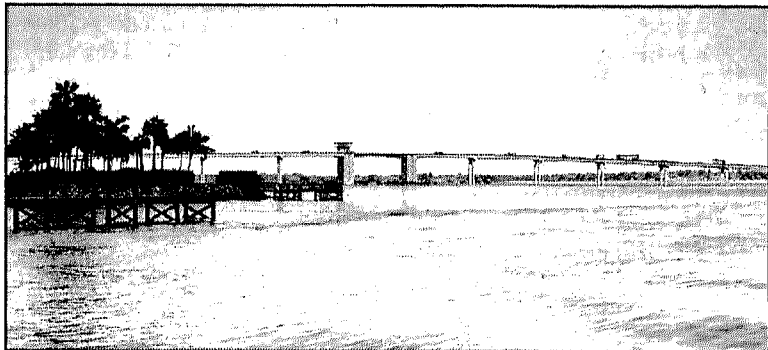
The heavy white lines show the proposed new connection to the island shifted slightly from the existing ramp.



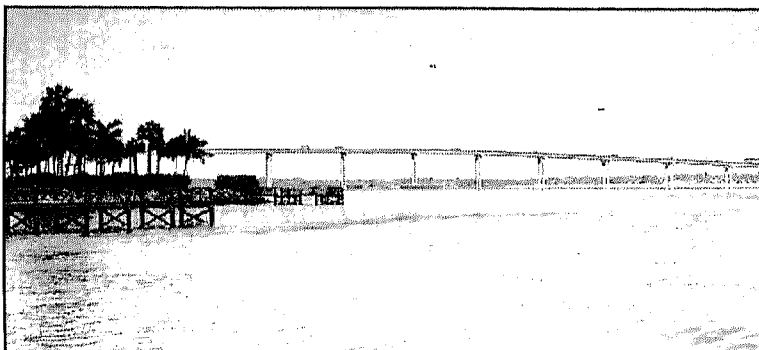
The existing drawbridge.



Proposed alternative drawbridge at 26 feet high.



Proposed alternative drawbridge at 50 feet high.



Proposed alternative fixed span 70 feet high.

Lights out!



Lights on the beach confuse turtle hatchlings. Please keep 'em out during hatching season.

Barrier, from page 7

Using a UF civil and coastal engineering supercomputer and computer simulation software, the engineers conceived, designed and tested four new designs without ever building a single physical version. The supercomputer contains 20 high-performance processors that work together simultaneously, performing tasks in hours that would require months to solve if only personal computers were used.

The result: Moving digital images of simulated crashes that allowed the engineers to estimate what would happen in collisions. The simulations not only produced data on impact-related stresses in the barriers helpful in the design work, they also saved the cost of multiple real-life crash tests, which run \$20,000 each.

"We did all of the concept development using simulation," Consolazio said. "Even the size of the bolts connecting each segment of the barrier was tested based on computer simulation — whether a one-inch or 1½ inch bolt worked best."

A simulation of one design showed the pickup truck "snagged" shortly after the collision, bringing it to such a rapid stop that the accident likely would cause serious injury to any occupants.

The engineers rejected that design and three others, finally settling on a version shaped like an upsidedown pyramid with the tip cut off. Each segment of the barrier is connected to the next with

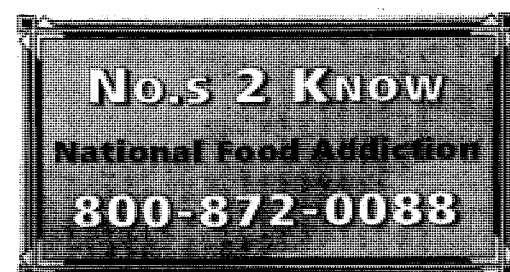
a bolt, but none are connected to the roadway.

When a truck hits the barrier, the force of the impact disbursts down the barriers. "When one segment is hit, essentially all the barriers down the line absorb the impact, so they all work in unison," Gurley said.

The research team ordered 15 of the barrier segments built and hired a California company that specializes in vehicle impact testing to pit them against a real-life collision with a pickup.

The result mirrored those of the computer simulation. In a video replay, the pickup approaches and slams into the barrier then barrels along its perimeter, without either flipping over, stopping too fast or jumping the barrier and entering the construction zone.

Mills said it is possible other states will begin using the UF-designed barrier as well. "We definitely have an interest in doing what we can to make our roads safer as well as our work zones," he said.



IMPORTANT SANIBEL CAUSEWAY INFORMATION

The purpose of this notice is to provide you with important information on the Sanibel Causeway. This week the Lee County Department of Transportation will be mailing surveys asking citizens their opinion regarding the options for replacing "A" Span of the Sanibel Causeway. It is the Sanibel City Council's position that the design of the Sanibel Causeway be similar to the present Causeway, by incorporating a drawbridge. City Council's consensus position is based upon the following:

- * 91.2% of Sanibel voters when asked in a 1999 referendum responded "Yes" to the question "if the drawbridge on Sanibel Causeway is replaced, should it be replaced with a drawbridge similar in height to the current drawbridge."
- * A drawbridge is an element to deterring crime on Sanibel.
- * Neither construction nor maintenance costs of any of the options will impact property taxes. All costs will be paid through user's fees in the form of tolls.

The survey questionnaire will arrive soon in your mail. We hope this information helps you in completing the survey and encourage you to fill out and return the survey.

Sanibel City Council

ENVIRONMENT

Volunteers needed

Volunteer help is needed for this year's International Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, Sept. 20. Cleanup assignments and supplies will be distributed at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Nature Center on Sanibel-Captiva Road (one mile west of Tarpon Bay Road) beginning at 8 a.m.

Volunteers who want to help on Captiva should report directly to Sam Landry in the parking lot near McCarthy's Marina. Volunteers who want to help clean up the causeway islands should report to David Lowden (near the restrooms on the middle island).

Refreshments will be provided at the Nature Center to all volunteers after cleaning up the beaches.

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation is coordinating the cleanup with many agencies and sponsors. Keep Lee County Beautiful, the City of Sanibel and The Ocean Conservancy — a national environmental organization — are assisting with supplies, dumpsters, and staff. Six local sponsors have generously donated money for T-shirts and refreshments, including Bank of America, Wildside Adventures/Captiva Kayak Company, Sanibel Inn/Song of the Sea, Jensen's Twin Palm Resort & Marina, West Wind Inn and Earthgraphics.

With this, the 18th year of its existence, the International Coastal Cleanup is the world's largest one-day volunteer effort on behalf of the marine environment. In 2002 nearly 400,000 people from all 55 US states and territories and 100 countries around the world participated in the cleanup collecting 8.2 million pounds of marine debris. Volunteers also found 259 entangled animals last year, emphasizing the dangers that marine debris plays in the coastal environment.

For more information, call SCCF at 472-2329.

Celebrate National Estuary Day

Estuaries... beautiful, dynamic, and biologically productive bays, harbors, and lagoons where freshwater rivers and creeks empty to the sea and mingle with salty ocean tides. The shallow waters support salt marsh, mangroves, seagrass beds, mudflats, and oyster bars, which provide habitat and foraging areas for fish, crabs, shrimp, mollusks, dolphins, wading birds, sea turtles, and other critters. Estuaries also serve as nurseries with more than 95 percent of Florida's recreationally and commercially important fish, shellfish, and crustaceans spending a part of their life cycles in estuaries, the "cradles of the ocean."

Sign Up Now to paddle, muck, bird, and hike in celebration of National Estuaries Day! Events this year include two paddles, two hikes, and one estuary wading trip as follows:

Sept. 21: Friends of Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves 4th Annual Matlacha Pass Estuary Day Paddle, Matlacha Community Park (Lee County); Sept. 27: Mucking about in Pine Island Sound, Pineland (Lee County);

Sept. 28: Birding on Little Pine Island (Lee County);

Oct. 5: Trekking Cape Haze off the beaten path, Charlotte Harbor State Buffer Preserve (Charlotte County);

and

Oct. 11: another Friends event, the First Coral Creek-Cape Haze Estuary Day Paddle, Placida (Charlotte County).

Advance registration is required for all events. The cost for the paddles is \$15 for Friends members and \$20 for non-members. Children under 16 are free. The three field trips are free of charge. Early registration is advised, as space is limited. For more information and to obtain paddle registration forms, call the Department of Environmental Protection's Preserve field office at (941) 575-5861.

Charlotte Harbor Aquatic and State Buffer Preserves and its Citizen Support Organization, the Friends of the Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves, are partnering with the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program (CHNEP), the City of Cape Coral, Gulf Coast Kayak, and Grande Tours to sponsor these events in recognition of National Estuaries Day. Southwest Florida is a place known for the exceptional beauty and great biological productivity of its estuaries — those places where rivers meet the sea. They are our bays, harbors, sounds, and lagoons. Most of these remarkable coastal waters are Aquatic Preserves and include Lemon Bay, Gasparilla Sound/Charlotte Harbor, Cape Haze, Pine Island Sound, Matlacha Pass, and Estero Bay. All Southwest Florida communities are cordially invited to join Preserve staff and the Friends of the Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves on these adventures. More than 20 other events — including boat tours, paddles, guided walks, estuary wading trips, and festivals sponsored by the CHNEP and other agencies — are being held throughout the watershed from Ft. Meade to Ft. Myers Beach between Sept. 20 and Oct. 18. Log on to www.CharlotteHarborNEP.org for the complete list, and plan to celebrate National Estuaries Day by exploring Southwest Florida's intriguing estuaries.

Charlotte Harbor NEP grants program

The Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program (NEP) is requesting Mini-Grant Applications and Research and Restoration Partners Proposals. Educating teachers and students about estuaries, students creating posters and books about the watershed, providing information to boaters and park visitors, removing exotic species and planting native vegetation are a few of the accomplishments of the 92 projects that the program has supported since 1996.

Charlotte Harbor NEP is a partnership that protects the estuaries from north of Venice to Estero Bay. This partnership gives citizens, elected officials, resource managers, and commercial and recreational resource users in the 4,400-square-mile study area a voice to address diverse resource management concerns, including fish and wildlife habitat loss, water quality degradation and water flow. The watershed in the study area includes Lee, Charlotte, Hardee and DeSoto counties and parts of Sarasota, Manatee and Polk counties.

The education projects, which are most often funded as mini-grant projects, help multiply the number of people who are aware of the importance of estuaries and the protection of watersheds. Mini-grants provide up to \$3,000 with no

match requirements. This year \$27,000 is available for these applications.

The research and restoration projects, which are most often funded as research and restoration partner projects, directly benefit the natural resources in the watershed, increase technical knowledge and often include an educational aspect. R&R grants provide up to \$20,000 per participating partner and require a 50 percent match. This year \$100,000 is available through the research and restoration partner grants.

Any Florida resident, organization, business, agency, school, college or university may apply for this support but the project must occur within the program study area. The deadline to submit applications and proposals is Oct. 24. Projects that are accepted may begin as early as February 2004. Additional instructions are provided in the information packets that are available on the program's web site at www.CharlotteHarborNEP.org, as are descriptions of previously funded projects.

Estuary Live is a virtual interactive field trip of eight of the nation's valued estuaries. Join this exciting state-of-the-art exploration of the important and diverse habitats from your classroom, home or office. Southwest Florida will be featured during a one-hour live broadcast on Thursday, Sept. 25, from 10 to 11 a.m. Viewers can e-mail questions during the broadcast with some of the questions answered live during the program. Estuaries Live is produced on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration. Charlotte Harbor NEP with Tampa Bay NEP, Sarasota Bay NEP and Rookery Bay NERR are hosting one of the eight guided field trips. The program can be viewed via the Internet, satellite (KU-Band) broadcast or live feed from Florida Department of Education to schools around the state. Visit the Internet site www.estuarylive.org for additional guidance.

Saturday, Sept. 20

8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Peace River EcoFest Paddle and Celebration in Fort Meade (Camp Friday night at Fort Meade Outdoor Recreation Area!)

9-11 a.m.

Guided Walk at Cape Coral Eco Preserve

Sunday, Sept. 21

8 a.m.-noon

Matlacha Estuary Day Paddle

Thursday, Sept. 25

10-11 a.m. Estuaries Live!

Sept. 25 through Sunday, Oct. 5, Calusa Nature Center

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11-5 Sunday
Butterflies of the Estuaries

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 26-28

8:30-10:30 a.m.

Paddling Tarpon Bay

10-11:30 a.m., 11:30-1 p.m., 1-2:30, 2:30-5 p.m.
Tarpon Bay Sea Life Nature Cruise

Saturday, Sept. 27

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Charlotte Harbor and Cabbage Key:
A Literary Passage boat tour

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Buck Key Kayaking Adventure
Mucking about in Matlacha Pass

9:30 a.m.-noon

Wading the Shallows of Lemon Bay (941/475-0769)
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10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Fort Myers Beach National Estuaries Day Celebration
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Prostate cancer is the second most common form of cancer among men in the United States. This year alone, it is estimated that more than 220,000 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed and that nearly 29,000 men will die from this disease. During National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, we seek to increase understanding about the risk factors of prostate cancer, the importance of a healthy lifestyle, and the benefits of detecting the disease in its earliest stages, when it is most treatable.

Although the exact cause of prostate cancer is unknown, several factors have been found to increase the risk of developing this disease. Men aged 65 years or older make up about 70 percent of all diagnosed prostate cancer cases. In addition, a man's risk of developing prostate cancer doubles if a father or brother has been diagnosed with the disease.

Making healthy choices is critical to prevent prostate cancer and many other diseases. Research suggests that some men may be able to reduce their risk of prostate cancer by eating healthy foods and exercising on a regular basis.

Early detection is important in successfully treating prostate cancer. Preventative screenings can reveal a man's current health status and identify whether he needs to adjust his diet or behavior. I urge men, particularly those over 50, to learn more about the disease and to talk to their doctors about when to start preventative screening. Healthcare providers can advise men as to which tests are most appropriate. Through early detection and treatment, we can reduce the number of deaths caused by prostate cancer.

Today, our Nation is on the leading edge of new discoveries. As we continue to make advancements in medicine, my Administration remains committed to learning the causes of prostate cancer and finding a cure. My fiscal year 2004 budget proposal includes more than \$13 million for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to conduct, support, and promote efforts that increase awareness of screening and early detection, and more than \$5.6 billion for cancer research at the National Institutes of Health. Through my HealthierUS Initiative, my Administration is also encouraging all citizens to lead healthier lives by eating right, exercising, and taking advantage of preventative screening. By working together, we will improve our ability to prevent, treat, and cure prostate cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim September 2003 as National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. I call upon government officials, businesses, communities, healthcare professionals, educators, volunteers, and all people of the United States to reaffirm our Nation's strong and continuing commitment to prevent, treat, and cure prostate cancer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-eighth.

GEORGE W. BUSH

September has been National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month for the past several years and there have been a number of efforts in Congress to make it official. This is the first time the president has signed the proclamation.

If early detection is the key to more successful treatment, then prevention must be the rock that the key is hidden under. The Prostate Cancer Research Institute is dedicated to raising awareness of the disease to promote early detection.

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National research institute launched

A new national research enterprise that will test new eye care treatments and technologies has been launched in Fort Myers by a prominent team of local retina doctors.

The National Ophthalmic Research Institute (NORI), founded by the physicians of Retina Consultants of Southwest Florida, will specialize in performing clinical trials of procedures and treatments for diseases of the eye related to the retina and vitreous. The retina is the tissue lining the back of the eye that is responsible for vision; the vitreous is the clear gel-like substance that fills the eyeball.

Two of the most severe retinal eye diseases that may benefit from the work of NORI are macular degeneration, which is the leading cause of blindness in the western world, and diabetic retinopathy, which results in vision loss from diabetes.

NORI will work with drug and equipment manufacturers to test their discoveries and make new treatments available to patients before the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) approves them for widespread use. Patients that may be candidates for these research projects will participate on a totally voluntary and confidential basis.

"Our mission is to provide patients access to ophthalmic drugs and devices in clinical development that may improve their vision and quality of life," said Joseph P. Walker, M.D., founder of Retina Consultants.

Patients of Retina Consultants of Southwest Florida will be selected to participate in the clinical trials on a case-by-case basis according to predetermined criteria. NORI also will work with other retina doctors who may have patients who would qualify for the clinical studies.

"This is a very logical extension of the research work we have been doing for years with Harvard Medical School's Schepens Eye Research Institute and the National Eye Institute, among others," said Glenn L. Wing, M.D., a retina specialist at Retina Consultants of Southwest Florida.

The senior physicians affiliated with NORI have been involved in clinical research for more than 20 years, and have experience in conducting trials for macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, new diagnostic, surgical and laser techniques, rehabilitation of low-vision patients, and other diseases of the eye.

In addition to Drs. Walker and Wing, Retina Consultants and NORI physicians

include Paul A. Raskauskas, M.D., Tom Ghuman, M.D., and Donald C. Fletcher, M.D., who heads the Low Vision Rehabilitation Center, the only one of its kind in Southwest Florida.

NORI already is involved in two clinical studies with biotechnology company Genentech on an investigational new drug, called rhuFab V2, which has reversed vision loss in some patients with the wet form of macular degeneration.

NORI will be housed at the Retina Consultants of Southwest Florida offices on Winkler Avenue in Fort Myers until new quarters are built in a new larger medical complex to be built on Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

A national search is currently underway for an experienced certified research coordinator to serve as director of the institute.

Retina Consultants of Southwest Florida, founded in 1980, is the region's oldest, most experienced and largest medical practice specializing in diseases of the retina with combined experience of more than 60 years.

Physicians in the practice are Fellows of the American College of Surgeons, members of the American Society of Retina Specialists, American Academy of Ophthalmology, Harvard Medical School's Schepens Eye Research Institute Faculty and the American Medical Association.

Hazards of microwave water

A man decided to make a cup of instant coffee. He took a cup of water and put it in the microwave to heat (something that he had done numerous times before). He wanted the water to a boil. When the oven cut off, he removed the cup from the oven.

Somewhat surprised, he noted the water did not seem to be boiling. But suddenly it "blew up" into his face. The cup remained intact, but all the water had flown out into his face due to the build-up of energy. His entire face was blistered and he has first and second degree burns which may leave scarring. He also may have lost partial sight in his left eye.

The attending physician at the hospital said that this is a fairly common occurrence and that water alone should never be heated in a microwave. If water is heated in this manner, something should be placed in the cup to diffuse the energy, such as a wooden stir stick, tea bag, etc. (nothing metal). It is, however, a much safer choice to boil the water in a tea kettle.

Hot Water, see page 12

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General Electric's Response

Microwave water and other liquids do not always bubble when they reach the boiling point. They can actually get super-heated and not bubble at all. The super heated liquid will bubble up out of the cup when it is moved or when something like a spoon or tea bag is put into it.

To prevent this from happening and causing injury, do not heat any liquid for more than two minutes per cup. After heating, let the cup stay in the microwave for 30 seconds before moving it or adding anything in to it.

Comments from a science teacher:

I have seen this happen before. It can

occur anytime water is heated and will particularly occur if the vessel that the water is heated in is a new cup or when heating a small amount of water (less than half a cup).

What happens is that the water heats faster than the vapor bubbles can form. If the cup is very new, then it is unlikely to have small surface scratches inside it that provide a place for the bubbles can form.

As the bubbles cannot form and release some of the heat that has built up, the liquid does not boil, but continues to heat, well past its boiling point. What then usually happens is that the liquid is bumped or jarred—just enough of a shock to cause the bubbles to form too rapidly and expel the hot liquid.

SPORTS

Champagne Sips Tennis Tournament - Sept. 12

Now is the time to dust off those champagne glasses and pick up the tennis racket because the 21st annual Champagne Sips Tennis Tournament begins Sept. 12 and continues through Sept. 14 at Sundial. This fall classic will feature men's, women's and mixed doubles for all ages and ability levels.

Champagne will be served courtside, along with non-alcoholic beverages throughout play. In addition, all players will receive a commemorative tournament T-shirt.

An informal get-acquainted round

robin from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, opens the event with tournament matches starting bright and early the next morning, Sept. 13. The festivities continue Saturday evening with a players' party featuring complimentary food and beverages and a raffle for fabulous prizes; all proceeds benefit the American Heart Association. The tournament will end Sunday with finals in all divisions.

Entry fee is \$30 per person and the deadline to enter is Sept. 9 at 5 p.m. For more information, contact Toni Halski at 395-6016.

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Soccer League announces extended online registration

Sanibel Youth Soccer, Inc is still accepting registrations for the fall recreation league. The league conducted its annual spring registration drive this past May, but as a result of the league's new website and online registration system, "it's not too late to get your children signed up" said Keith Cruickshank, 2003 league president.

Last season was the league's first experience with a website. "We wanted to make information about our programs more readily available to parents," said Mike Neil, this year's league Website Director. "Our experience last year was that the website helped us to communicate better with our member parent. It was a real success," said Neil. The league's site offers a variety of information about the league including; registration dates and deadlines, events, policies, and sponsor information. During the season, game results and other timely information is posted online.

Cruickshank said that an important part of the website effort was to enable the league to handle online registrations. The

league is currently using online registration services provided by The Active Network based in La Jolla, California. "Registration is a very time consuming process. It is labor intensive and frankly, it's a lot to ask of volunteers," said Cruickshank. "The beauty of taking registrations online is that we can accept last minute registrations more easily." The league said that online payment is by major credit card.

The online registration service will remain open for the next few weeks. The league expects that this will be an easy way to handle last minute, late registrations. If all goes well this year, next year the league may consider shifting almost exclusively to online registrations.

Sanibel Youth Soccer is a non-profit organization that administers recreational soccer for Sanibel and Captiva youth. For more information about Sanibel Youth Soccer's recreational soccer program, please contact the league at 395-2040. For "last minute" registration (late fees apply), go to www.sanibelsoccer.org.

Baby 'n' Me Swim Lessons

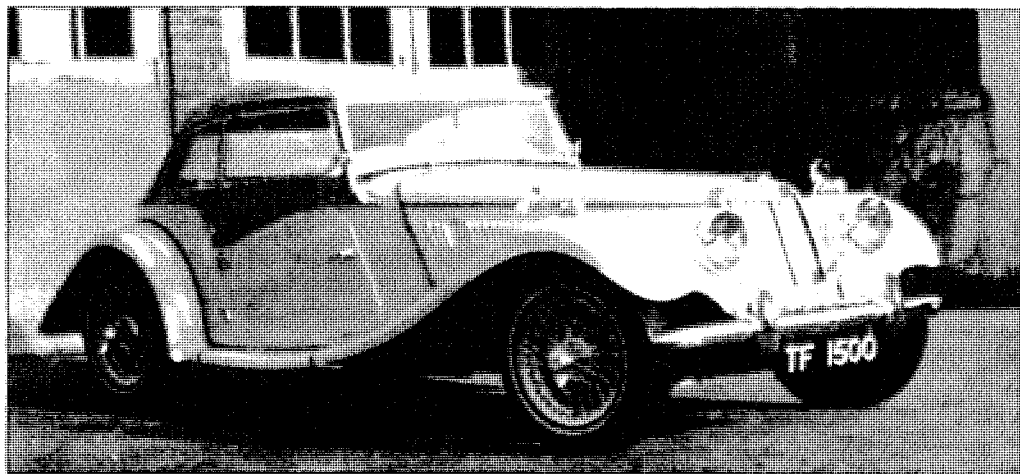
Classes will be held at the Sanibel Rec Center on Saturday, Sept. 6 and Sept. 13 at 9 a.m. These are 30 minute sessions. The cost is \$5 per class and includes materials.

Call Coby at 472-0345 for further information.

Youth swim lessons will also be offered on Saturday afternoons. Classes will be formed as interest develops.

Call Coby at 472-0345 for further information.

Rinaldi, from page 2



This 1954 MG TF is still owned by Rinaldi

knowing much about the disease thought his life might be limited. Feeling extremely depressed and with lots of MG parts which he had collected over the years, he decided to lock himself up in the basement of his house in Oak Ridge, New Jersey and build a 1937 MG TA from scratch.

The project took about one year to complete. However, a problem arose when he realized that he couldn't get the car out of the cellar. The whole body of the car had to be disassembled. With help from his neighbors and lots of muscle power, the frame of the car was tipped sideways to go up the cellar stairs and its body parts reassembled.

Little had he expected that this 1937 MG TA would win first place in the National MG Club of America Show. Luckily, all of his symptoms of MS started to disappear gradually and the illness was later determined to have been a misdiagnosis.

Rinaldi's pride and joy was his 1936

MG TA which he bought in 1972 with the original 27,000 miles on it. He drove the car until 2000 and sold it to Jack Spaulding of Spaulding Sporting Goods that same year with its 47,000 original miles. Regretfully he adds, "I must say I'm sorry I sold that MG. It was part of my life all those years."

Then in 1995, Rinaldi acquired his second "pride and joy," a 1949 MG YT four-seater convertible of which only 120 still remain in the world. "I bought it completely disassembled, including every nut and bolt, and all its parts filled up an entire truck. Little Nicolas Rinaldi was about six years old and we spent the year putting the car together, repainting and doing everything imaginable to it. Even my neighbors at Sea Gull Estates helped and became almost as excited as Nicolas and I were."

Again, due to limited space, Rinaldi sold this MG YT to a lady in Vero Beach, Florida.

From *Love Story* back in Rutherford,

New Jersey in 1971 to Sanibel Island in 1990, Rinaldi has never stopped romancing, buying and rebuilding his favorite MGs. Today, as you drive down Palm Ridge Road, you'll likely see either his 1949 four-passenger green convertible

MG YT or his recently acquired 1954 gray MG TF convertible parked in the shade outside Rinaldi Fashion Shoes.

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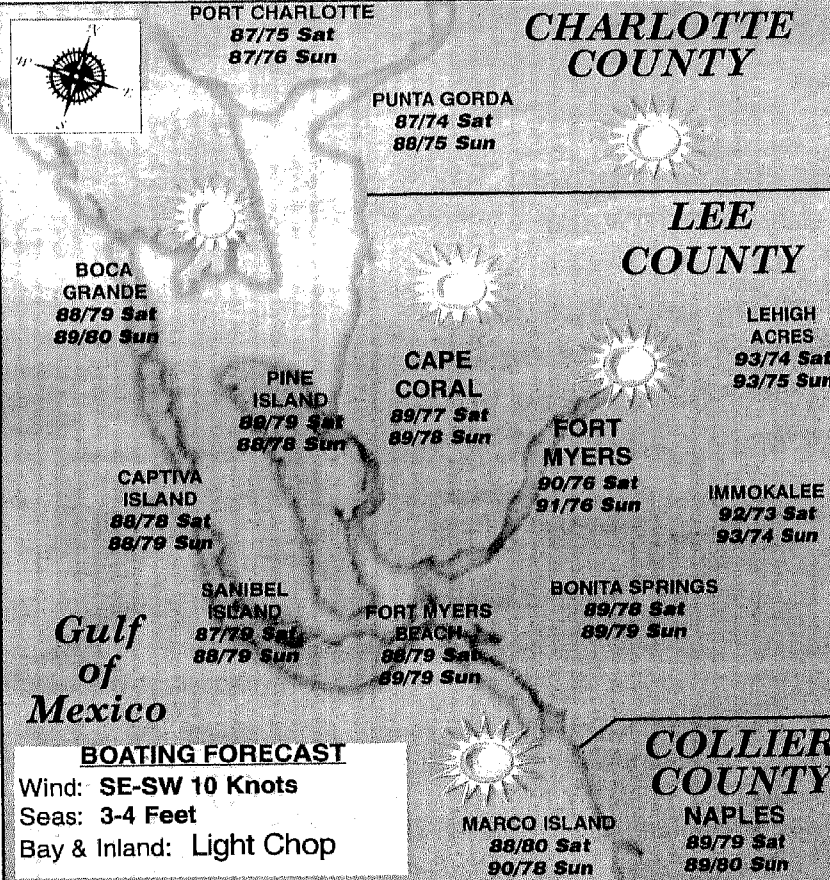
P.M.



Look for another sunny day with slightly warmer temperatures.

WEEKEND TIDES

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Captiva at Redfish Pass	9:32 a.m.	-	2:06 a.m.	4:00 a.m.
Fort Myers	12:35 p.m.	-	5:09 a.m.	7:58 a.m.
	-	9:54 p.m.	1:55 p.m.	10:40 p.m.
Matlacha Pass	11:10 a.m.	-	3:44 a.m.	6:42 a.m.
	-	8:38 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	9:24 p.m.
Pineland	10:08 a.m.	-	2:42 a.m.	5:40 a.m.
	-	7:36 p.m.	11:28 p.m.	8:22 p.m.
Point Ybel	8:37 a.m.	-	1:11 a.m.	4:02 a.m.
	-	5:58 p.m.	9:57 p.m.	6:44 p.m.
Punta Rassa	9:26 a.m.	-	2:00 a.m.	3:55 a.m.
	-	5:51 p.m.	10:46 p.m.	6:37 p.m.
St. James City	9:57 a.m.	-	2:31 a.m.	4:30 a.m.
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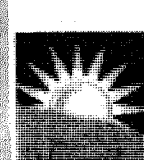
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SATURDAY
SUNRISE
7:11 AM

SATURDAY
SUNSET
7:42 PM

More than meets the eye: the art of Frank DeGennaro

By Amy Fleming - Arts Editor

The next time you're in the Island Cow, look up from your plate and take notice of the paintings, landscapes of Florida and New England, that line the walls.

The talent behind them is the same gentleman who probably showed you to your

seat and handed you the menu. Frank DeGennaro, the friendly guy who welcomes patrons to the restaurant, (and owner Rob DeGennaro's dad) knows how to wield a brush.

DeGennaro has been painting for more

than 25 years, having worked as a fashion designer for 37 years.

"When I retired, I wanted something to do. How much golf can you play?" he said.

Originally from New Jersey, he lived for a while in Maine, where the serene New England scenery made a lasting impact, now seen in his imagery. DeGennaro moved to the east coast of Florida 20 years ago, and has been on Sanibel for 12 years.

Many of the paintings are in a narrow, horizontal format, or as DeGennaro puts it, a "wide angle" format, a shape well suited to landscape.

"What 'wide angle' does, is it sets a mood," he said.

By presenting a panoramic view of a landscape, it draws the viewer in, and gives more of a feel of actually having been at the location. DeGennaro also enjoys the enhanced three dimensional effect, usually placing the principal vanishing point off to one side.

A case in point is a painting of Green Hills, New Hampshire (look for it beside the first booth, just inside the door) where he places the viewers directly in front of a stand

of white birch trees on the far right, looking out over a vista of a small town set inside rolling hills.

Although he uses photographic terms to describe his art, he doesn't use photography—everything goes straight from his head to the wooden panels he paints on.

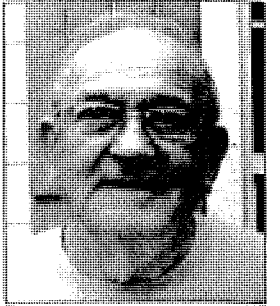
Alongside the lighthouses and small towns are bright Florida sunsets, reminiscent of the landscapes of Florida's famed Highwaymen of the 1950's and 60's. Sales have been encouraging so far— one couple even sent down a shipping box to purchase an original DeGennaro, sight unseen.

DeGennaro's studio is the lanai of his home, or sometimes the garage. "Wherever I can get a cool spot," he said.

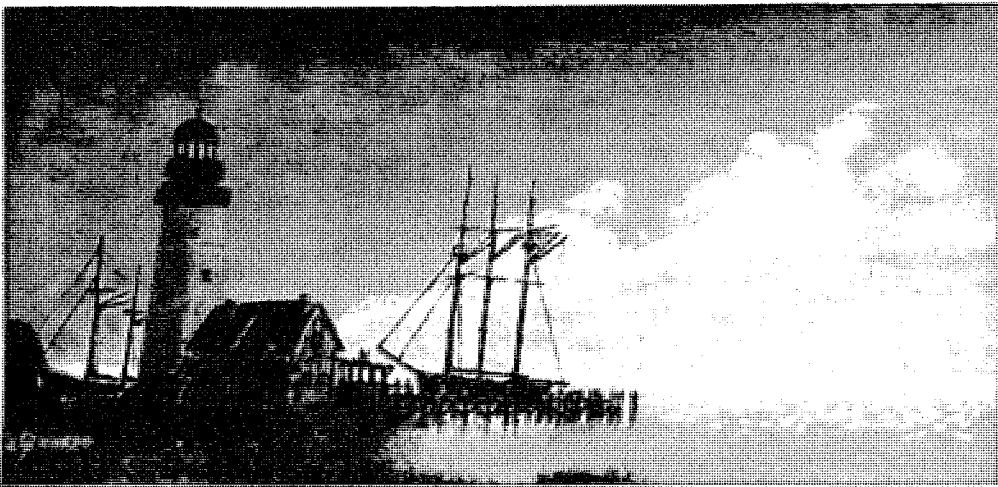
He's not sure how many hours a week he spends painting, since, like many artists, he tends to lose himself in the work, and the hours fly by. The boards he paints on - his medium is oil and acrylic on wood- come from a son-in-law who is a contractor, who sands down remnants of planks and brings them by for DeGennaro to turn into art.

"I get eight or nine at a time, and I just start painting till I run out," he said.

Even after all these years in Florida, memories of the cool mountains of New England still linger in DeGennaro's imagination. For his next paintings, he envisions night-time snow scenes.



Frank DeGennaro



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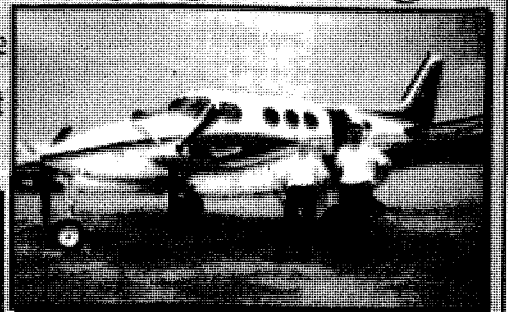
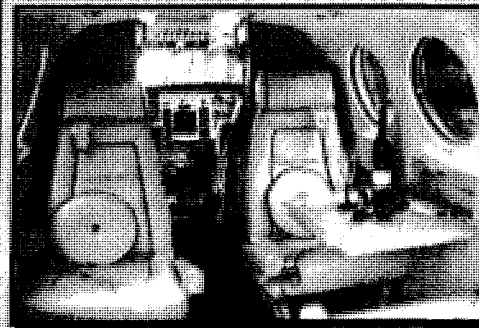
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CENTER STAGE

It has really been an amazing week in the Berkshires, all around. First of all, the weather has been absolutely perfect after a torrential downpour got all the muggy stuff cleared and a hint of Fall filled the air. The evening after the big rain, I took myself off to Jacob's Pillow to see Compagnie Felix Ruckert in "Deluxe Joy Pilot," a U.S. premiere. This interesting international company of dancers brings the spectators into Ruckert's dance piece in such integral ways that he reconfigured not only the audience's experience in the theater, but that of his performers as well.

For in a performance where anything can happen — where, in Ruckert's words... "you meet people you were never searching for" — both audience and performers find themselves in authentic communication with other human beings. In addressing his work to this most essential-if-rare-experience, Ruckert offers the possibility that theatre-going can be among the most profound experiences in life. It was all of the above and then some for this spectator... it was cutting edge theater where one becomes totally involved and interactive. I was intrigued with the whole audience involvement idea. After the performance I managed to spot two former islanders at the presentation, Jack and Anita Zwick. They didn't care for the performance as much as most of the audience and I did. Oh well, onward and upward, I always say.

Next on my agenda was that wonderful Shakespeare & Company in a free performance for the kiddies, both large and small of "Midsummer Night's Dream." The performance was held in an outdoor tent called The Rose Footprint Theater (it's called the footprint because, eventually, this is the site for the permanent Rose



Theater) and is one of S&Co's 2003 schools tour production using only eight actors to play all the roles. The show ran for 75 minutes and was, in one word, uproarious. It was directed and presented in cartoon timing with burlesque bits that included prat falls, double takes, and slap-

~ The Fly Bottle ~

stick. It was a sort of a Marx Brothers version of the Bard's *A Midsummer Night at the Opera*. The rest of the kids and I laughed to the point of gasping for breath. It was not the kind of Shakespeare one normally sees, but it certainly appealed to the little people as well as the big kid people.

After this freebee I had half an hour to get into my car and toddle a quarter mile down the road — to another theater in this Shakespeare complex, a converted mansion called the Spring Lawn Theater, to see a new play by David Egan titled *The Fly Bottle*. This three-man, profoundly artful play was beautifully directed by Shakespeare & Company's founder, Tina Packer. The play centers around a meeting (arranged by Bertrand Russell) in October, 1946 at the Moral Science Club in Cambridge, England. It involves two of the 20th Century's most renowned philosophers, Ludwig Wittgenstein and Karl Popper. They meet for the first and only time. It was a showdown. A grudge match. But who prevailed? The fiery, though humorous debate asks "What drives us to do the things we do in life? Social and psychological factors? or is there some bigger truth?"

This is a play of ideas, very profound ideas, and the motives of the men who support these ideas. A defining moment in the play is when Wittgenstein (Michael Hammond) threatens Popper (Dave Demke) with a poker in front of Russell (Dennis Krausnick). Did the moment crystallize something for the three men? That, too, is part of the question the play poses.

In her director's notes Packer states, "It would be difficult to say which of these three philosophers has influenced our lives more. If I understand it correctly, Russell's early work in mathematics became the basis for Turing's code-breaking in World War II which, in turn, provided much information for developing computers. And many of his ideas inspired actions for peace which are now part of our ongoing dialogue about the need for war and international courts. Popper's theory of falsification is, of course, the regular practice of scientific investigation, and it led to the management theory of Continuous Improvement used by most of the corporate world today. Wittgenstein's influence on language and the nature of reality has allowed us to perceive our world on levels never before imagined, constructing and deconstructing our perception of how ideas are made manifest, his mysticism linking the great philosophies of East and West."

The play points up the towering intellects of these men and their abilities to think abstractly (while at the same time

asking where that ability comes from) — enormously aware and yet enormously stunted. It's as if the price for this kind of intelligence and promise is retardation in other areas. The structure of Egan's play is a ladder we climb from the very first line of the play until its very last in a search for the truth. Some pretty heady stuff, that.

The plays performed in the Spring Lawn (or at least the performance I saw) are done in the center of an elegant drawing room, with the audience on both sides in folding chairs on risers. The setting could not have been more ideal for this particular play. The acting was absolutely first rate. Hammond is a fine, intelligent Equity actor performing in his 12th season with S & Co. Demke, an equally adroit member of Equity, is performing in his fourth. The gift-

ed Dennis Krausnick is one of the founding members of the Company and the Director of Training (for 25 years) as well as a board member.



MARSHA WAGNER

All in all

I'd have to say that not only did I find *The Fly Bottle* invigorating theater, it was also intellectually stimulating as well as emotionally disturbing — and, all the while, wonderfully satisfying. In other words a fine evening of really good drama.

I am absolutely thrilled with the many and varied performances one can find in this haven of beauty in the Berkshires. And I'm going to try and fit one more bit of theater in while I'm still here — the Berkshire Theater Festival and their production of *And Then There Were None* on the main stage of Brownstone in the Unicorn Theater.

So, 'till then, good night... and fare thee well from the beautiful Berkshires.



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Pat and Sandy have lived and worked in the S.W. Florida area for the past four years. They have blended their families and together have four children, three living in the Minneapolis area and one living in Las Vegas. They are expecting their first grand child in November.

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Anne Kittell's "Historic Cottage" and "Spring Colors" by Jo Mullen are among the pieces of artwork on display through Oct. 3 in the Annual San-Cap Art League summer show at BIG ARTS and the Sanibel Library. 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 tropical watercolors. In the library, works depicting local scenes, wildlife, still life and abstracts in a variety of media are on exhibit.

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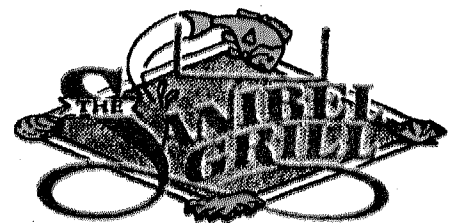
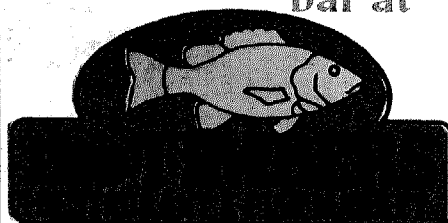
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Art Royale 2003

The Alliance for the Arts, a community organization committed to facilitating and nurturing the creation, development, promotion and education of the arts and culture in Lee County, has announced Art Royale 2003, to be held on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m.

"Art Royale 2003 is the signature fundraising event for the Alliance for the Arts," said Will Prather, president of the board of directors. "This unique event is a first in Southwest Florida. Our goal is to promote awareness of the wonderful local talent throughout our area and to celebrate the role that the Alliance has in our community."

Art Royale is an interactive evening featuring local artists, chefs and musicians to be held on the Alliance's 10-acre campus. Artists will have the opportunity to showcase their talent in visual, performance and fine arts in a fabulous and festive atmosphere, while guests appreciate an array of fine food and drinks.

Art Royale 2003 is being organized by The Women's Signature Board, a volunteer group of women who have dedicated themselves to supporting the Alliance. Corporate sponsorships are available and individual tickets are \$75 per person.

For more information, please call 939-2787. The Alliance is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.

NDT to present Nunsense

Naples Dinner Theatre Artistic Director Michael Wainstein has announced a new production of *Nunsense*, the hilarious New York comedy hit. Originally produced off-Broadway, Dan Goggin's salute to the Little Sisters of Hoboken, a mythical troupe of out-of-luck nuns, has rolled thousands of theatre-goers worldwide for the past 20 years. The first two performances on Sept. 24 and 25 will be special reduced price (\$35) previews.

Wainstein will direct the NDT production. He has directed *Nunsense* five times to date, working with the original music director from the Off-Broadway production in Blowing Rock, N.C. Other productions were in Topeka, Boston, Cincinnati, and Lincoln, Nebraska.

The NDT cast includes newcomer Susan Jeffares as the Reverend Mother, and Shawna Hamic, currently singing her heart out in *The Beat Goes On* as her feisty sidekick, Sister Hubert. Sister Amnesia will be played by Erin Romero, who starred in *Little Shop of Horrors* at NDT four seasons ago. Mackenzie Clipp and Kara Boyer round out the cast as Sister Leo and Sister Robert Anne. Both were members of the NDT summer season.

The wacky tale of five nuns putting on a fundraiser is both reverent and irreverent. While a tasteful and affectionate tribute to sisters everywhere, Goggin has taken the best of the humor of the nun and fashioned a high-stepping, laugh-a-minute variety show that tickles

the ribs of even the stodgiest of theatergoers. Each character has a story. Reverend Mother comes from a family of tight rope walkers, but when her parents fell off the wire, she promised the Lord that if He saved them, she would become a nun. He did. She did. Robert Ann is from Brooklyn, where life was tough, and a nun at her Catholic school became her mentor and surrogate parent, leading Robert Ann to devote her life to God. When a crucifix fell on poor Sister Mary Amnesia's head, she lost her memory. Sister Leo wants to be the first nun ballerina, and Sister Hubert just wants to sing and serve the order.

Nunsense began as a series of irreverent greeting cards featuring a nun and funny bylines; the idea was developed into sketches and, finally, a full-length theatre piece. After receiving lukewarm reviews when it first opened, Goggin reworked the show. When a flood forced the show to relocate to another theatre, in a better area, word got around and within months the show was a sellout.

Nunsense plays from Sept. 24 through Oct. 25 with performances Tuesday through Saturday evenings — dinner at 5:30 and the show at 8 p.m. — and matinees on Wednesdays and Sundays at 1:30 with lunch beginning at 11:30. Tickets cost \$37.50 for Wednesday and Sunday matinees, \$42.50 for the Tuesday through Thursday evening shows, and \$45 at the Friday and Saturday night shows. Full price tickets includes meal, tax and show but do not include gratuity. Tickets can be ordered by calling the box office between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. daily at (239) 514-STAR (7827). All sales are final; there are no refunds or exchanges.

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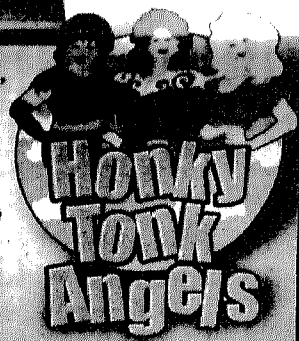
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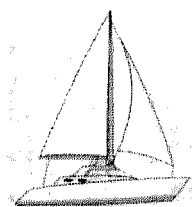
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Out and about

Up the West Coast

- *Tapestry X 4: The Tapestry Artists of Sarasota*. Sept. 12-Oct. 25. Florida Craftsmen Gallery, St. Pete (727) 821-7391.
- *Sumptuous Silver*. Through Oct. 31. Henry B. Plant Museum, Tampa (813) 254-1891.

Central Florida

- *Ancestors of the Incas: The Majesty of Ancient Peru*. Through June 2005. *Eliot Porter: The Color of Wildness*. Sept. 6-Nov. 2. Orlando Museum of Art (407) 896-4231.
- *Three Women of Taste & Style: Their Hats from the 1870s through the 1940s*. Through Sept. 28. *The Illuminated Vision—Lamps of Tiffany Studios*. Through Jan. 4, 2004. Morse Museum of American Art, Winter Park (407) 645-5311.

Miami & Up the Gold Coast

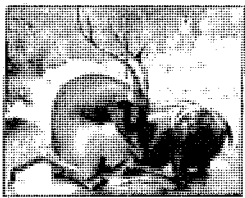
- *Visual Poetics: Art & the World*. Through Nov. 16. *Selections from the Permanent Collection*. Through Nov. 16. Miami Art Museum (305) 375-3000.
- *Weapons of Mass Dissemination: The Propaganda of War*. Sept. 12-March 21. The Wolfsonian, Miami Beach (305) 531-1001.
- *St. Peter & the Vatican; The Legacy of*

the Popes. Through Nov. 23. Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art (954) 525-5500.

- *Reality & Figuration: The Contemporary Latin American Presence*; and *Passages: The Paintings of Arturo Rodriguez*. Through Nov. 3. Frank Lloyd Wright: Windows of the Darwin D. Martin House; and Jorge Jiménez Deredia: *The Language of Sculpture*. Sept. 10-Nov. 9. Boca Raton Museum of Art (561) 392-2500.
- *Inspirations 2003*. Through June 14. *The Art of Hatred: Images of Intolerance in Florida Culture and Fine Focus 2*. Through Sept. 13. Cornell Museum of Art & History, Delray Beach (561) 243-7922.
- *Japanese Kites*. Through Sept. 21. *The Morikami Portraits: Photography by Akira Suwa*. Ongoing. Morikami Museum & Japanese Gardens (561) 495-0233.

Out of state

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- *Entertaining America: Jews, Movies & Broadcasting*. Through Sept. 14. Jewish Museum, New York City. www.thejewishmuseum.org

- *Religious Art of Japan*. Through Dec. 12, 2004. Freer Gallery, Washington, DC.

- *Ethiopian Icons: Faith & Science*. Through Oct. 5. *Journeys & Destinations: Contemporary African Artists on the Move*. Through Nov. 30. *The Ancient Nubian City of Kerman, 2500-1500 BC*. Indefinite. National Museum of African Art, Washington, D.C.

- *Fountains of Light: The Nuha Es-Said Collection*. Indefinite. Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, Washington, D.C.

- *After Totems: Love, Distress & Moss*, a site-specific installation by Yvonne Pickering Carter. Through Oct. 1. *Captive Passage: The Transatlantic Slave Trade and the making of the Americas*. Through Oct. 31. Anacostia Museum, Washington, D.C.

- *An Odyssey in Print: Adventures in the Smithsonian Libraries; and West Point in the Making of America, 1802-1918*. Through Jan. 4, 2004. *Bon Appétit: Julia Child's Kitchen*. Through Feb. 15. *Within These Walls and The American Presidency: A Glorious Burden*. Permanent. *Preserving the Star-Spangled Banner*; and *Amati and Stradivarius Instruments Collection*. Indefinite. National Museum of American History, Washington, DC. www.americanhistory.si.edu/1942.

- *A Passion for Plants: Botanical Art from the Shirley Sherwood Collection*. Through Nov. 1. National Museum of Natural History, Washington D.C.

- *Artistic License: The Duck Stamp Story*. Permanent. National Postal Museum,

Washington, D.C.

- *Grand Salon—George Catlin's Indian Gallery, Catlin in Europe (Part 2)*. Through Dec. 31. *30th Anniversary Exhibition*. Permanent. Renwick Gallery, Washington, D.C.

Sites for sore eyes...

Day trips/long weekends

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

- **May-Stringer Heritage Museum**, Brooksville, a 12-room, four-story Victorian mansion housing more than 10,000 artifacts. (352) 799-0129 or www.hernandoheritagemuseum.com

- **Weedon Island Preserve** in St. Pete was continuously occupied from 10,000 BC to 1200 AD. (727) 217-7208 or www.pinellascounty.org/environment

- **Historic Spanish Point** in Osprey near Sarasota features A Window to the Past inside one of the middens, historic buildings, nature trails and ceremonial mounds. (941) 966-5214 or www.historicspanishpoint.org.

- **Randell Research Center** in Pineland (283-9600) and **Museum of the Islands** (283-1525), just off Stringfellow Road,

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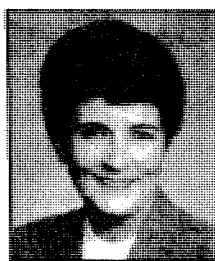
The purpose of this notice is to provide you with important information on the Sanibel Causeway. This week the Lee County Department of Transportation will be mailing surveys asking citizens their opinion regarding the options for replacing "A" Span of the Sanibel Causeway. It is the Sanibel City Council's position that the design of the Sanibel Causeway be similar to the present Causeway, by incorporating a drawbridge. City Council's consensus position is based upon the following:

- * 91.2% of Sanibel voters when asked in a 1999 referendum responded "Yes" to the question "if the drawbridge on Sanibel Causeway is replaced, should it be replaced with a drawbridge similar in height to the current drawbridge."
- * A drawbridge is an element to deterring crime on Sanibel.
- * Neither construction nor maintenance costs of any of the options will impact property taxes. All costs will be paid through user's fees in the form of tolls.

The survey questionnaire will arrive soon in your mail. We hope this information helps you in completing the survey and encourage you to fill out and return the survey.

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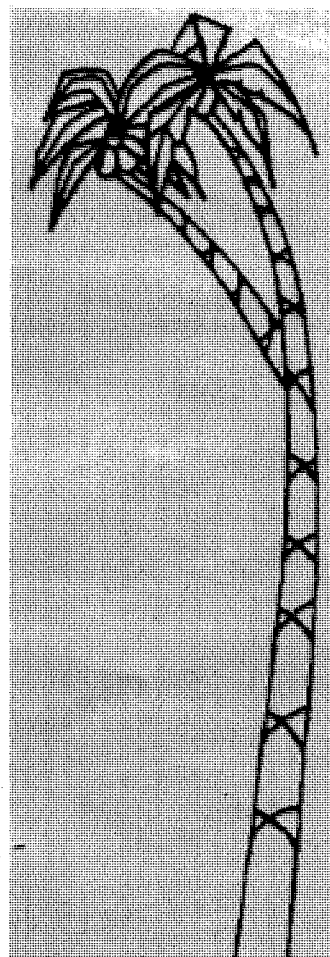
BABY BOOMERS ARE BUYING

Looking for a reason to step up and purchase that second home? Consider this: the Baby Boomers are buying! Their impending retirement coupled with their financial stability is having a serious impact upon the real estate market.

Baby Boomers are entering retirement at a significant rate. According to the US Census Bureau the number of Americans turning 65 each year is expected to jump 73% from 2.07 million to 3.95 million by the year 2010. What does this have to do with the real estate market? Plenty. People tend to purchase second homes as a test run for retirement living. Vacation spots favored by Baby Boomers have shown a significant rise in home sales. Naturally if you are vacationing in an area repeatedly over the years, it becomes the first consideration when you are ready to settle down.

Baby Boomers tend to be financially well off and have a preference for quality living reflected in the value of the homes they choose. The influx of Baby Boomers into the real estate market will only increase, driving the vacation/retirement home market ever higher over the next two decades. Serious investors are taking note and so should you!

Margie specializes 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. Her new book, "How To Make Your Realtor Get You The Best Deal—South Florida Edition" is mustreading if you are thinking of buying or selling. Call Margie at PMR 472-1511, or e-mail her at Margie@MargieDavison.com.



Sanibel resident wins Enter-To-Win Drawing



Ringo Starr & His All-Starr Band played to a packed Alico Arena on August 19th. In the first few rows were local Sanibel residents, Robert Fawcett and his son, Bob, the lucky winners of an Enter-To-Win contest at BMW of Fort Myers, courtesy of Comcast Advertising Sales. Not only did they win tickets to the concert, they also had the opportunity to meet Starr backstage!

"Dad and I had already bought tickets," Bob said. "He took his car in to BMW for some repairs and just happened to enter the contest on a whim while he was there. Mom and a friend of mine, Kent Benson, used the other two tickets."

Oddly enough, Bob had just returned from a European visit that included tours of Starr's childhood home, among other Beatles attractions from which he had photos. Bob's father also had photos that had been taken by his wife's cousin in Miami in the early '60s at one of the Beatles' first engagements in America. The unusual thing about these photos was that they were taken backstage during one of the Beatles practice sessions. Quite a few featured Ringo and the rest of the Beatles clad in swim shorts and button-down shirts. Fawcett showed one of these photos to Ringo during the backstage Meet 'n' Greet... Ringo immediately recognized it and said, "Hey, I remember that! That was here in Miami!" Then he said,

"Thanks, I've got a show to do!" and ran off to get ready to go on stage.

"It was exciting to be backstage," the younger Fawcett said, "to actually meet him, but the whole thing was VERY fast. Just the picture, no autograph, but it was great to have the opportunity to see him in person"

The concert featured popular songs by the Beatles, Ringo, and members of his All-Starr Band. Needless to say, the all-ages crowd sang along to many of the favorites.

So, next time you see an Enter-To-Win from Comcast, don't say, "Oh, nobody ever wins those things!" Take a few seconds, fill it out and drop it in the box... you just never know!

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BE IT KNOWN that the people of this goode towne do send their most hearty congratulations and wishes for the happiness of the two of thine Isle who today, ye 28th of June in the year 2003 in the reign of our illustrious Queen Elizabeth, pledge their troth.

NAMELY Mistress Frances and Master Mark, to whom we do wish Happiness and Long Life in thy greate country.

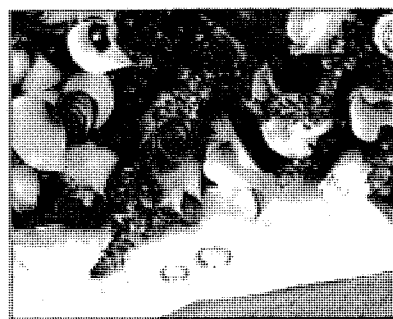
WE DO CHARGE THEE ALL to ensure that these two, on this happy day, do have your blessings and provision of Greate Feaste with sustenance of mead, ale and cake. This then to be followed by jousting, wrestling, juggling with much singing of lewd songs and joking (with such limits as the church minister will permit!).

FINALLY we are sad not to be at thy side, but in spirit we shall be rejoicing here in ye olde Worlde, and our thoughts will be as happy as on the 31st of May last when Mistress Frances and Master Mark did celebrate their pre-nuptials at Ye Greate Pavilion in Ye towne of Petersfield.

—Thy Goode Friends & Neighbors



On June 28, 2003, long-time Sanibel resident Mark Steger married Frances Brailey from England one year to the day from the date they first met here on Sanibel. This message from their friends in England was read at their reception.



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on Sesame Drive — both on Pine Island — examine the history of the Calusa's power.

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• **Useppa Island Museum** with forensic resorations of the Useppa Man and Woman of 1,400 years ago. 283-9600 or www.useppaisland.com

• The 1872 Thursby home, built at the height of the steamboat period — Blue Spring State Park in Volusia County. (386) 775-3663 or www.florida.stateparks.org

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

• **Spring Garden Plantation**, built in the early 1800s, with an 1831 sugar mill. DeLeon Springs State Park, also Volusia County. (386) 985-4212 or www.florida.stateparks.org

• Well over two centuries old, **Kingsley Plantation** on Fort George Island near Jacksonville is a National Park Service historical site. (904) 251-3537 or www.nps.gov.timu

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Children of all ages will be mesmerized by this 90-minute magical journey that begins when Samantha, "Sam" the mail carrier, visits Sesame Street to deliver special postcards to the furry residents of the block. Knowing her Muppet friends miss their pen pals, Sam shares her secret to visiting distant places — use your imagination! It's as easy as counting 1-2-3! With a little help from her imagination friends, Rosita finds herself in Mexico with her

abuela (grandma) for a special birthday fiesta! Ernie becomes Captain of the Good Ship Rubber Duckie and Elmo finds his rhythm playing the drums in an African rain forest. *1-2-3... Imagine!* teaches children practical lessons such as counting, appreciation of other languages and cultures and, most importantly, the power of imagination.

Like television's *Sesame Street*, each *Sesame Street Live* production features timeless lessons that are valuable at any age. Through the razzle-dazzle of a fullblown Broadway-quality production, children learn about patience, cooperation, and teamwork. The universal appeal of a *Sesame Street Live* production continues long after preschool. Adults will appreciate the high-tech stagecraft, cleverly written scripts, and music they'll recognize from their childhood. *1-2-3... Imagine!* features nearly two dozen songs, many of them renditions of tunes that kids will love and their parents will remember: "Surfin' Safari," "She'll Be Comin' 'Round the Mountain" and "Camp Wanna-Go-Home."

1-2-3... Imagine! is produced by VEE Corporation in cooperation with Sesame Workshop. Each *Sesame Street Live* production features the original character voices heard on the award-

winning television series. The highest standards of authenticity and integrity are maintained with costumes, scripts and sets created in conjunction with Sesame Workshop.

This year marked another outstanding year of recognition for *Sesame Street*. The television show won six Daytime Emmy Awards, including Outstanding Preschool Children's Series for the ninth consecutive year! The show was also recognized for Outstanding Writing in a Children's Series, Outstanding Achievement in Costume Design/Styling,

Outstanding Achievement in Technical Direction/Electronic Camera/Video Control, Outstanding Achievement in Main Title Design, and Outstanding Achievement in Music Direction and Composition. *Sesame Street* has now won an unheard of total of 91 Emmys, more than any other television show in history!

VEE Corporation, headquartered in Minneapolis, has an exclusive, long-term

agreement with Sesame Workshop to produce world-renowned stage tours of *Sesame Street Live*, at 24 years and going strong, the longest running children's tour in history. In addition, VEE produces *Bear in the Big Blue House Live* and *Dragon Tales Live*. The firm is committed to providing families around the world with high quality, affordable entertainment. For more information on VEE Corporation, please visit www.vee.com.

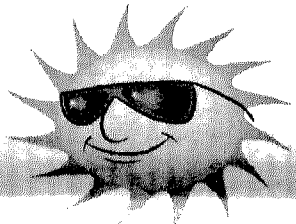
Showtimes for *Sesame Street Live 1-2-3... Imagine!* are Saturday, Oct. 18, at 10:30 a.m., 2 and 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 19, at 1 and 4:30 p.m.

TECO Arena is at 11000 Everblades Parkway, Estero, FL 33928. Tickets are \$11 and \$14 with a limited number of \$17 premium seats also available. Additional fees and discounts may apply.

For more information, call TECO Arena at (239) 948-7825. To charge tickets by phone, please call Ticketmaster at 334-3309. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.ticketmaster.com.

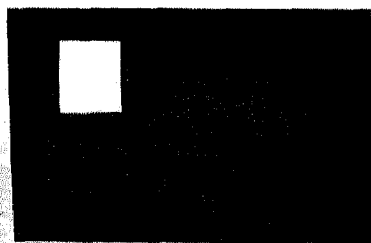


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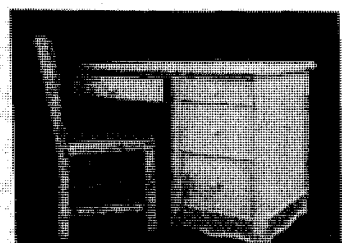
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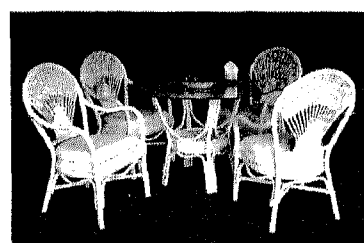
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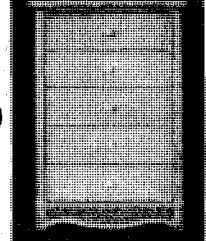
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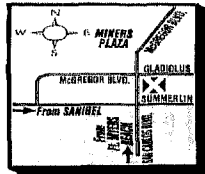
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- *Sesame Street Live 1-2-3 Imagine*
Oct. 18th & 19th, 5 matinees, \$11 & \$14

At Mann Hall

Roth in town Sept. 24

VH1 Classic is present David Lee Roth on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m..

With Van Halen, vocalist David Lee Roth raised the role of heavy metal frontman to a performance art. After the band's commercial breakthrough with the 1984 album, Roth released *Crazy from the Heat* in 1985, which displayed his pop roots — everything from the Beach Boys to Louis Prima. With two hits, *Crazy from the Heat* confirmed Roth's solo commercial potential, prompting his decision to leave Van Halen in June of 1985.

For his first full-length album, 1986's *Eat 'em and Smile*, Roth hired guitarist Steve Vai and bassist Billy Sheehan for a grossly exaggerated take on heavy arena rock. The album was a huge success, as was the more pop-oriented follow-up, *Skyscraper*. After *Skyscraper*, Vai and Sheehan left to form their own bands. Roth put together a new band for 1991's *A Little Ain't Enough*, which was his first album not to go platinum. Sensing that it was time for a change, he tried to refashion himself as a slick hard-rock singer/songwriter. In 1994 he released *Your Filthy Little Mouth*, but it ended up as his least successful album to date. In 1998 he formed the David Lee Roth Band and now, with the 2003 release of *Diamond Dave*, Roth proves that he is still rock's premier "frontman."

Tickets are \$30 and \$40.

Eyes of Alice Cooper Tour

Alice Cooper unleashes his *Eyes of Alice Cooper Tour* on Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 8: p.m.

With the release of *The Eyes of Alice Cooper*, Alice Cooper returns to his musical roots with a conscious effort to capture the rock 'n' roll sound that has stirred so many generations... simple, uncluttered and direct. The songs are classic Alice Cooper, featuring his trademark clever lyrics as in "The Song That Didn't Rhyme" and "Novocain."

The precedent-shattering, taboo-defiling hoodlum flamboyance of Alice Cooper did more than forever alter the face of rock 'n' roll as we now know it. He virtually invent-



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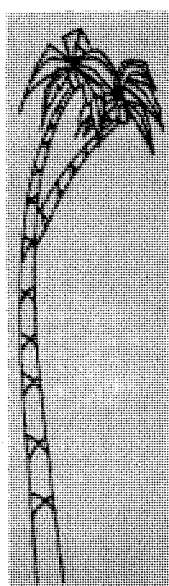
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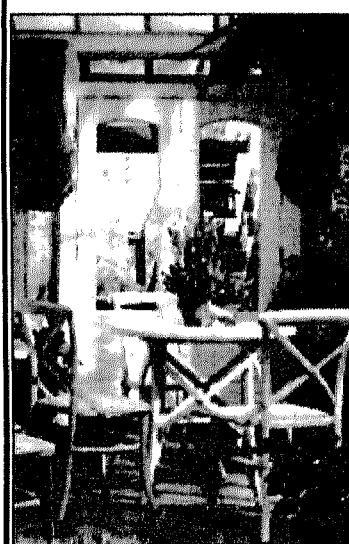
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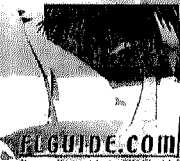
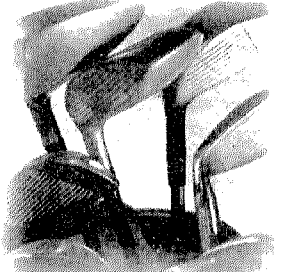
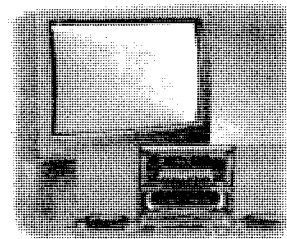


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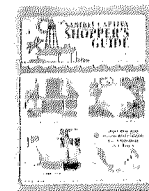
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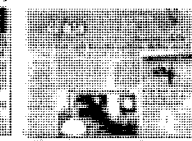
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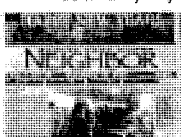
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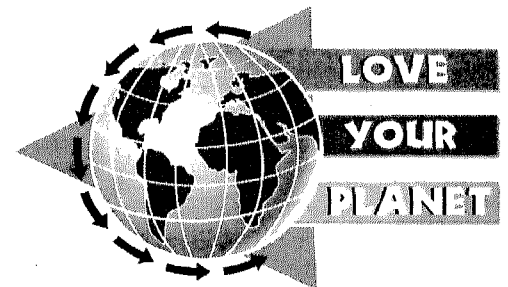
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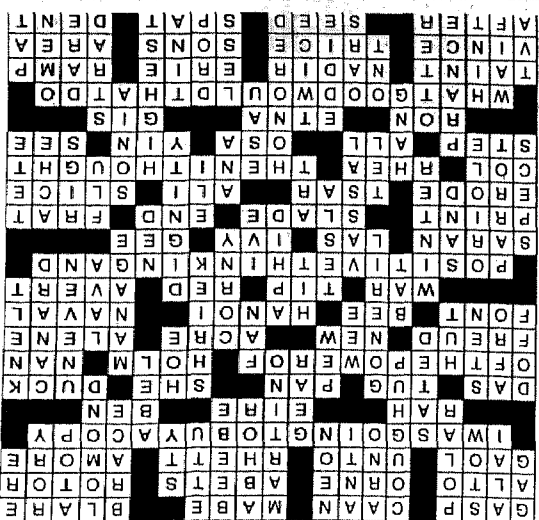
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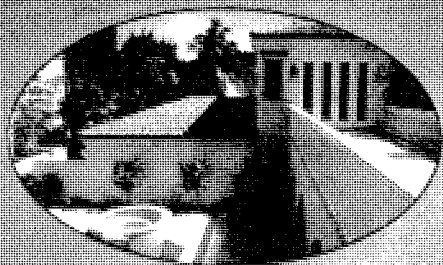
And further afield...

- **Filoli**, Woodside, Calif. Georgian Revival mansion with 16-acres of gardens & over 600 acres of woods. Tuesday-Saturday (650) 364-8300 or www.filoli.org
- **Cooper-Molera Adobe**, Monterey, Calif. 1823 adobe-style, three-acre farm with living history demonstrations. Daily (408) 649-7118.
- **N.C. Wyeth House & Studio and the Brandywine River Museum**, Chadds Ford, Pa. (610) 388-2700 or www.brandywinemuseum.org.
- **The Gamble House**, Charles and Henry Greene's masterpiece of the American Arts & Crafts movement. 4 Westmoreland Place, Pasadena, Calif. (626) 793-3334.
- **The Harriet Beecher Stowe House**, 77 Forest Street, Hartford, Conn. (860) 522-9258. While in Hartford, take in the **Mark Twain House**, replete with Louis Comfort Tiffany interiors, and his studio/cottage as well.
- **Fairsted**, Frederick Law Olmsted's home, studio and gardens in Brookline, Mass.
- **The Mount**, Lenox, Mass. Home of Edith Wharton, first woman to win a Pulitzer.
- **Kykuit**, Tarrytown, NY. c.1913 home on the Rockefeller estate above the Hudson. Reservations required. (914) 631-9491 or www.hudsonvalley.org. Also in Tarrytown, Jay Gould's c.1838 and 1864-65 Gothic Revival style castle, **Lyndhurst**, on 67 acres overlooking the Hudson. (914) 631-4481
- **Brucemore**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Queen Anne-style mansion featuring Wagnerian mural, rich woodwork, a huge pipe organ and formal gardens. February-December, Tuesday-Saturday (319) 362-7375
- **Frank Lloyd Wright Home & Studio**, Oak Park, Ill. Where the Prairie style was developed. Daily (708) 848-1976 Also in Oak Park, **Ernest Hemingway's** boyhood home.
- **Chesterwood**, Stockbridge, Mass. Home & studio of sculptor Chester French, creator of the Lincoln Memorial, the Minute Man in Concord, Mass. and many other familiar monuments. Daily, May-October (413) 298-3579.
- **The Normal Rockwell Museum** is in Stockbridge also.
- **Woodlawn**, Alexandria, Va. c.1800 Federal-style home of George Washington's adopted granddaughter. Daily exc. January & February (703) 780-4000 or woodlawn@nthp.org
- **Pope-Leighey House**. A Frank Lloyd Wright Usonian home moved to the grounds of Woodlawn to avoid highway project. Daily exc. January & February (703) 780-4000
- **Cliveden**, Germantown, Penn. Site of the Battle of Germantown in 1777. Thursday-Sunday. (215) 848-1777 or www.cliveden.org.
- **Touro Synagogue**, Newport RI. Oldest synagogue in the country; only one surviving from the colonial era designed by Peter Harrison. Closed Saturdays, Jewish holidays & Christmas. (401) 847-4794 Ext. 23 or www.tourosynagogue.org. And don't forget Newport's famous "summer cottages" by the sea, including recently opened **Rough Point**, Doris Duke's home. Tickets (401) 845-9130.
- **The South Rim of the Grand Canyon**. While there do not miss exploring architect Mary Colter's (1869-1958) inspired **Hopi House**, **Desert View Watchtower**, **Bright Angel Lodge**, **Lookout Studio** and **Hermit's Rest**.
- **The Hermitage**. 1836 home of President Andrew Jackson exhibits the most complete collection of original furnishings and personal belongings of any early presidential home. 4580 Rachel's Lane, Hermitage, Tenn. (615) 889-2941.
- **Fallingwater**, Frank Lloyd Wright's masterpiece, in Pittsburgh. Reservations essential (724) 329-8501.
- **Nemours Mansion & Gardens**, the Louis XVI-style former home of Alfred I DuPont, in Wilmington, Del. (302) 651-6912.
- **Oatlands Plantation**, Leesburg, Va. 1804 mansion, once part of Carter family plantation holdings. (703) 777-3174.
- **Shadows-on-the-Teche**, New Iberia, La. Built as home of sugar planter. Lives in by four generations of the Weeks Family 1834-1958. Over 17,000 family documents. Daily (337) 369-6446
- **Drayton Hall** (c.1738), Charleston, SC. Outstanding example of Georgian Palladian architecture. Daily (843) 768-2600
- **Belle Grove**, Middletown, Va. c.1794 plantation house on Civil War battle site. (540) 869-2028.
- **Montpelier**, Montpelier Station, Va. Lifelong home of the fourth President, James Madison. Daily (560) 672-2728.

(P.S. Remember the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Snow Bird Auction when you visit the gift shops in these locations!) —AWB

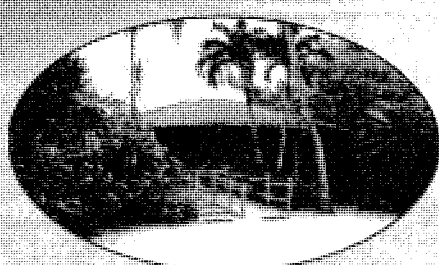


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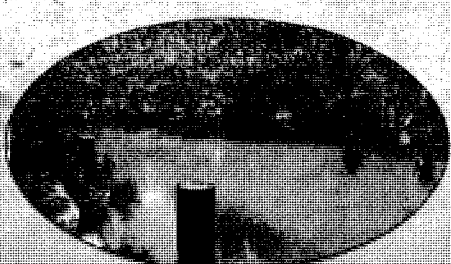
SPECTACULAR VIEWS

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 lap pool, spiral stair case to sunset deck, open porch, dock, vaulted Cypress ceiling, Anderson windows, paddle fans, storm shutters, Corian Counters and elevator. **\$1,795,000**



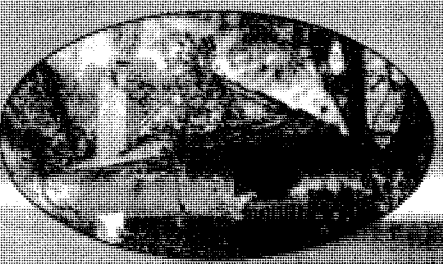
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Bay views are possible from this rare building lot on Captiva Island. Wonderful location and just a short stroll to beaches, marina, shops and island restaurants. This lot should accommodate a nice sized house with pool. **\$799,000**



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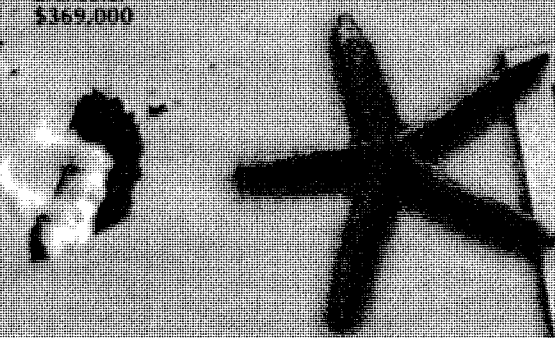
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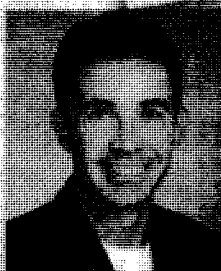
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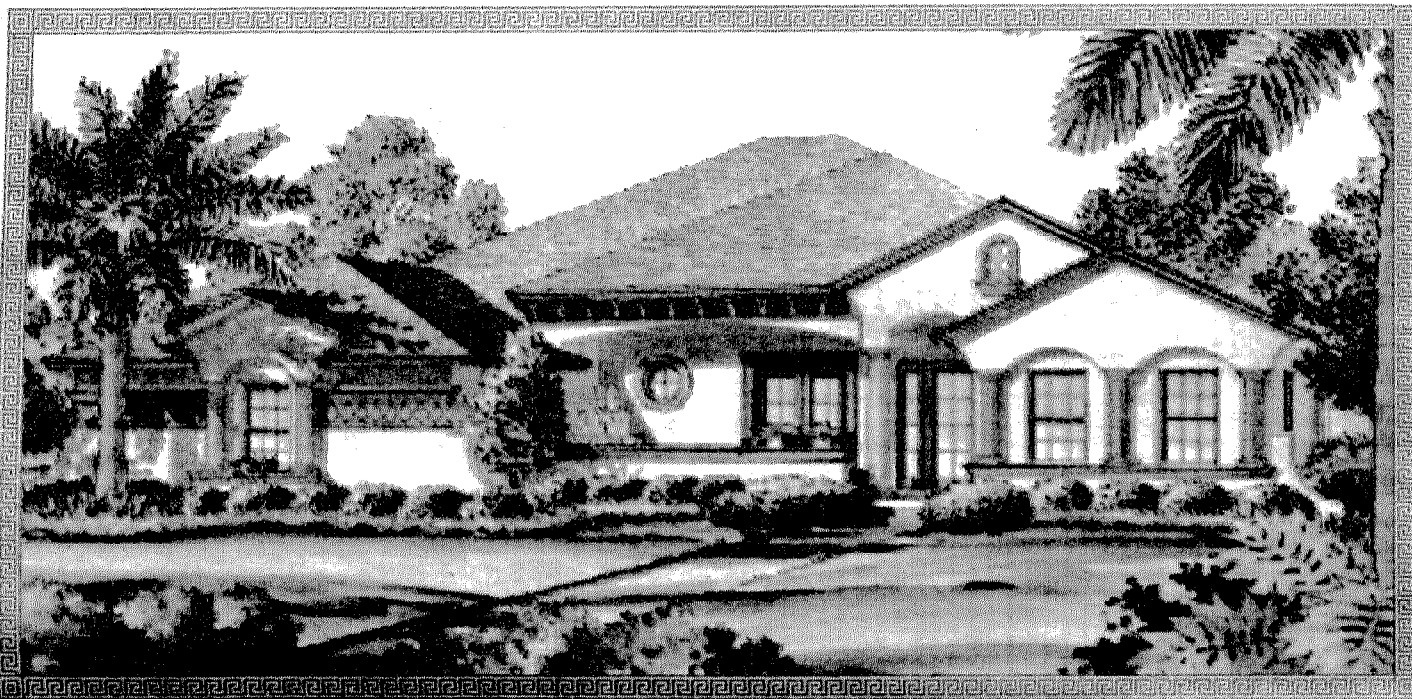


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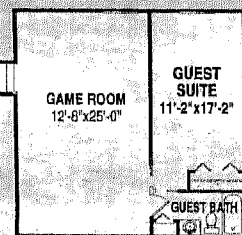
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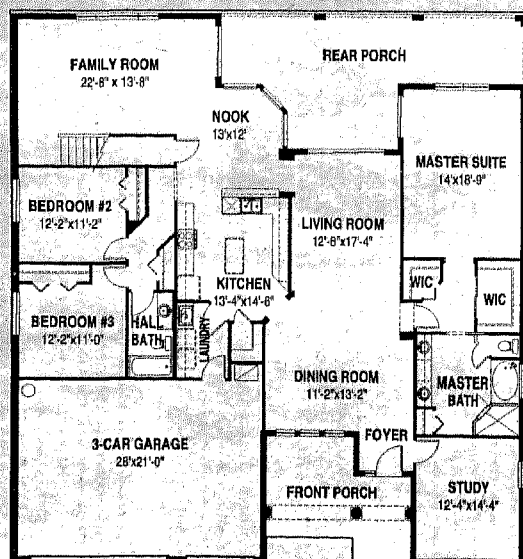
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