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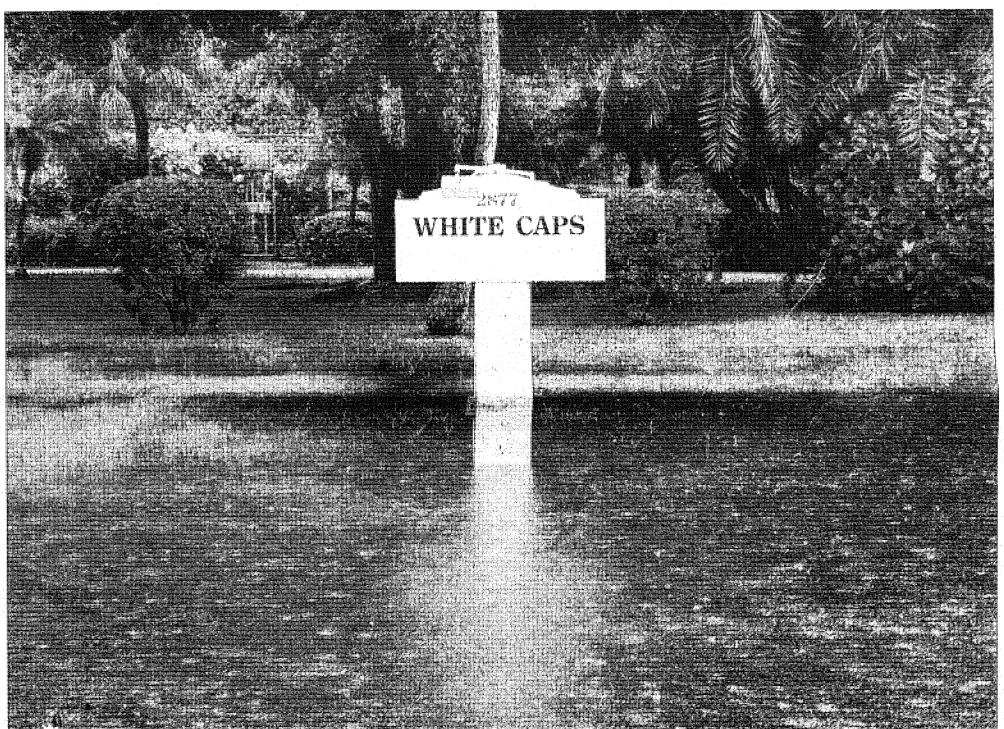


Photo by Renny Severance

Of course out on the Gulf this isn't even considered a "light to moderate chop."



The Moody Blues, one of rock's all time classic bands, is coming to Barbara B. Mann

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Island celebrities are at it again, tending bar at the Seafood Factory and The Dunes.

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City holds a yard sale

Story and photos by Donna T. Schuman, Staff writer

Thrift-shoppers from all over came to Sanibel looking for a diamond in the rough among hundreds of items auctioned off by the city Friday, Sept. 26.

The auction, which raised \$\$\$ for the city's general fund, was held after the city did a little Spring cleaning. The items ranged from office supplies to items confiscated, lost or abandoned during police investigations.

Upon entering the Public Works building, auction-goers were surrounded by tables upon tables of what some people might consider old junk. Old cameras, cell phones, computers, jewelry clothing and even a video arcade game filled the room.

However, as bidders headed outside, the toys got bigger. Old tractors, riding mowers, police cruisers and utility trucks went

to the highest bidder. A ditch witch, about \$20,000 new, sold for \$1,000.

Bruce Scott, of Bruce Scott Auctions, called the auction. Throughout the long hot day, Scott managed to keep the crowds momentum up. Scott would throw in a quick joke now and then to bidders who couldn't keep up with his fast-paced audibles and ended up bidding against themselves.

Fort Myers resident Kate Davis said she goes auctioning every weekend.

"My husband and I are retired, it's something to do," Davis said as she spots a playing card print jacket. "Isn't this cute? We find neat stuff."

Betty Wilson, of St. James City, said she heard about the auction while at the flea market. Wilson added she loves auctions and goes to them often.

One of the more obscure items to be auctioned off was a street sweeper. The sweeper, which new would cost about \$40,000, sold for about \$400. Jim Bradford of Fort Myers Beach was the high bidder.

"It's exciting to come to city auctions," Bradford said.

In addition to the sweeper, Bradford bought a 1996 Ford F250. Bradford says he plans to fix both vehicles up and sell them.

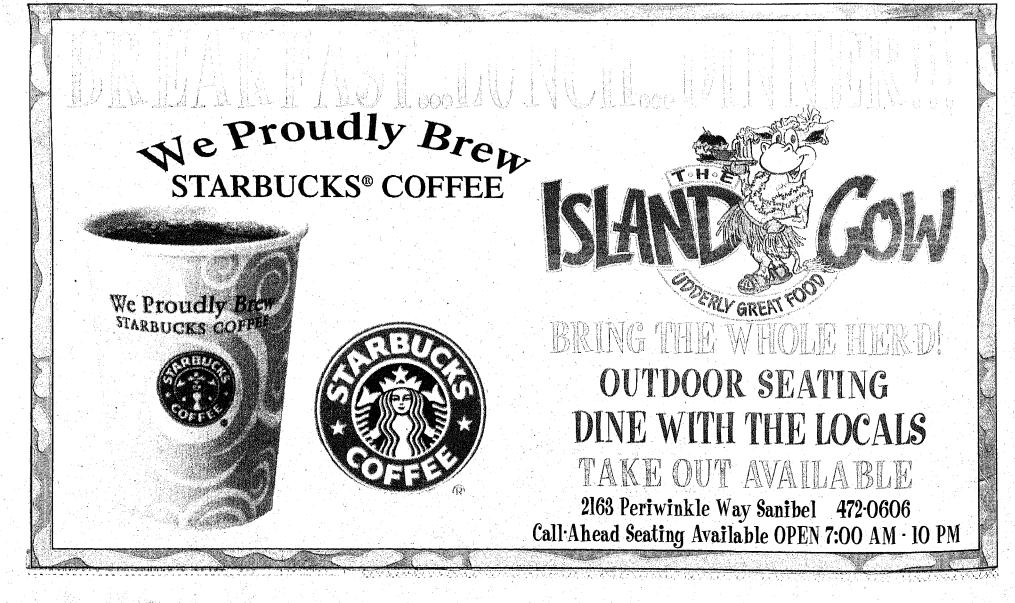
Other items auctioned off included a big screen television, countless computer keyboards and a host of bicycles.







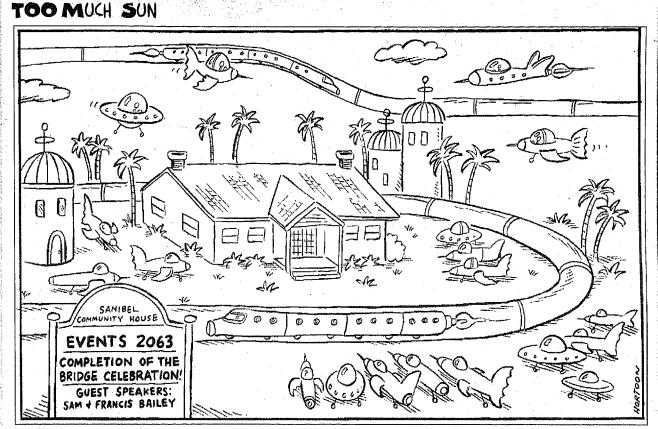




Dave Horton



Lee Horton



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ou can find almost anything on the internet these days from a complete auto repair and maintenance manual for a '38 DeSoto to up-to-the-minute infrared satellite images of tropical storms in the Atlantic.

But you can't find good instructions on how to build an ark. I'm starting one in my garage now for reasons that are obvious to anyone who has spent time in Southwest Florida of late. One of the first stumbling blocks is the Royal Egyptian Cubit. Look up "cubit" on Google and find this one — it's the length from the elbow to the tip of the middle finger... plus a palm width.

Well, I'm just one of those simple folk who deals with regular cubits can't afford the royal open palm... But no matter how many Home Depots I go to, I can't find a tape measure in cubits, royal or otherwise. Besides, whose elbow??

I tried the short route to solve the problem, but even Boat US doesn't



RENNY SEVERANCE **Executive Editor**

carry inflatable arks anymore, much less plans on how to build a traditional one.

Getting permits from the EPA to cut the right kind of wood is taking longer than I thought it would should have started just after the last Ice Age. I thought about fiberglass but the

forms and the equipment to apply the stuff are just too expensive and complicated. Plus OSHA gets into the act when you start using exotic chemicals like that and there are more forms to fill out and inspectors to be cajoled and satisfied... (maybe that's where the Royal Cubit came from?)

Well, if I work nights and weekends I think I can sneak my SUV into the appropriate forest when no one is looking and get the timber I need. It'll take more than 40 days and 40 nights, but I Hatteras instead. think there's still time.

... Then there's all those animals to collect. Zoning variances aside, I can see some difficulties ahead. The raccoons should be easy enough (all I have to do is keep a Dumpster with complicated locks on the aft deck and the 'coons will take care of the rest. Armadillos shouldn't be too tough either, what with the roads being under-

Ahhh, manatees... Should they come along in the ark or swim alongside? If they swim alongside, do I have to worry about 25 mph speed zones? Should they have ropes to hang onto? Can they ski?

I think if I form a committee they can study the problems and solve most of these in time. But the last remaining concern is the ACLU and the Vermont legislature about all these same-sex animal couples wanting onto the ark. It's OK for the humans, since we plan on carrying plenty of them, but if it's only two of each animal...

Maybe I'll just move to Cape

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SEPTEMBER 29, 2003 FINAL REPORT

Totals for the 2003 season on Sanibel & Captiva

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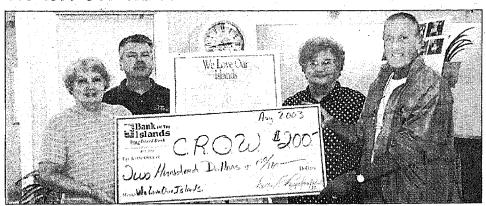


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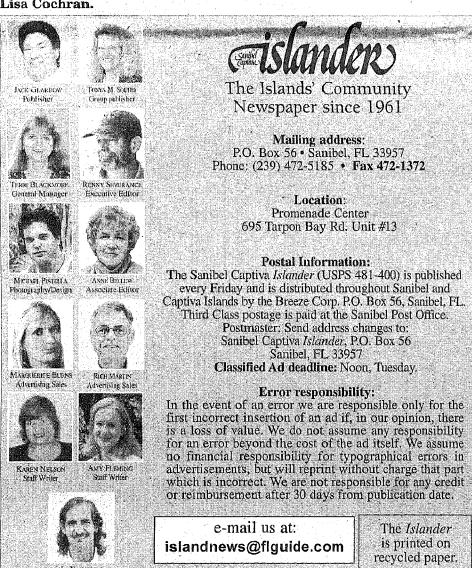
We Love Our Islands



Phillip Harness and Marjorie Yeaser were the most recent winners in Bank of the Islands We Love Our Islands promotion. Yeaser chose CROW as his favorite island charity and presented a \$200 check to Anita Pinder, CROW Operations Manager. (1-r) Anita Pinder, Rob Lisenbee, Elaine Smith and Phillip Harness.



Lisa Cochran was also awarded \$200 which she chose to donate to ABWA as her charity and presented her check to Marjorie Yeaser, an ABWA member. (l-r) Marjorie Yeaser, Brenda Wendt, Judy Kephart and Lisa Cochran.



Post Office hours changing

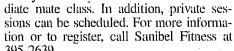
The Sanibel Post Office is changing its schedule. Retail sales and mail volume have been declining in recent years, resulting in a reduction of staff. This means that the same employees who work the front counter are also responsible for ensuring that the box mail is delivered by 9:30 each morning as well as all mail distributed to the carriers for delivery.

In order to maintain service levels for our boxholders and delivery customers, we are pushing back our retail service hours by 30 minutes. The four banks in the area already open at 9 a.m. Therefore, effective last week the Sanibel Post Office service hours will be Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 until noon.

Pilates classes begin

Stretch out and straighten out! Marsha Wagner back from her North/South/

Hast/West summer journey and resumes teaching at Sanibel Fitness Center this Monday, Oct. 6. Her initial schedule looks like this: Mondays at 8 a.m. — intermediate level mat class; 4 p.m. — beginner's level. Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. — intermediate/advanced mat class. Thursdays at 4 p.m. — Introduction to a classical stretch class for all levels. Fridays at 8 a.m. — interme-



Grill-off at Toucan Charlie's

Sponsored by Jack Daniels, Weber Grills/The Goldcoast Agency and Toucan Charlie's, a grill-off competition tomorrow and Sunday presents the opportunity for local cookout aficionados to show off their best recipes. Categories include best grilled meat dish, best grilled fish dish, and best grilled dish prepared by a parent and child, and contestants may enter individually or in teams of two.

Entrants must bring their own recipes, the necessary ingredients, and their own grills (if they wish). A panel of local judges will vote on the winners. Prizes include Jack Daniels and Weber grills. The entry fee is \$30 per person/team and proceeds benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Toucan Charlie's Bar & Grill is one block west of the Edison-Ford Estates on West First in Fort Myers. For more information or an entry form, call 334-3434.

Two Sunday services start

Effective this Sunday, Oct. 5, and for the rest of the month of October, there will be two services on Sundays at the Congregational Church — a chapel service at 7:45 a.m., and a full service at 10.

Blessing of the Animals

In celebration of St. Francis, Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church will be blessing animals this Sunday, October 5, at 11:30 am. Everyone is invited to bring any or all of their animals to the Porch outside the church.

Light the Night Walk tonight

The 2003 nationwide Light the Night Walk to benefit Leukemia & Lymphoma Society takes place tonight at the Vineyards Community Park on US 41 in Naples. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a festival in the park with the walk following at dusk.

Walkers carry illuminated balloons to celebrate and commemorate those whose lives have been touched by cancer. Funds raised support the society's mission to cure blood cancers and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. The monies raised support patients locally



For more information, call Syril at 472-4855.

Master Gardeners' Tour

The Master Gardeners of Sanibel-Captiva, trained by the University of Florida, will open their 2003-2004 season on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 9 a.m. with a specially designed tour of ECHO, 17391 Durrance Road in North Fort Myers, and a second specially designed visit to Kay Cude's Herb Hamlet... plus, a program on fall gardening with question and answer period by Cude. Attendees are asked to bring a brown bag lunch. Roselle Punch will be provided by

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I-r: Kay Cude and Faye Granberry

This meeting is one of a series of monthly features that provides the public free workshops on every phase of gardening in this zone. Certified Master Gardeners are trained in intensive programs designed by the UF and are recertified each year to strict standards.

One of the purposes of the program is to provide to the public the latest in plant research, correct and timely information, and provide a reliable, ready source of infor-

Kaye Cude and Fran Granberry, both certified MG for over 16 years and inducted into the MG 2003 Hall of Fame in 2003, serve as chairs of the events. Granberry also received the MG award of the year.

ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organizations Inc.) is a non-profit, interdenominational Christian organization with demonstration farms and horticultural

displays, a world-renowned research center, teaching facility and display gardens that serves as a technical resource center for not only the USA but 140 other coun-

Turn off US41 North to the east on Bayshore Rd (Route 78) for 1.1 miles beyond I-75; turn left on Durrance Road. Park in the second driveway on the left. The group meets by 9 a.m. in front of the building. No reservations are needed, golf carts are available for the disabled.

Questions? call 472-6940 and leave a

Interdenominational services offered

Arden Courts, in cooperation and with the support of local churches, is offering a interdenominational church service each Sunday in the month of October. Fellowship will begin at 11 a.m. Local ministers will conduct the services.

After the service participants are invited to enjoy a continental breakfast and stroll through the beautiful gardens of Arden Courts while visiting with other families and

Anyone who has a loved one who is challenged with Alzheimer's or dementia is invited to join Arden Court's service along with loved ones and worship together in a safe, secure and comfortable community. Arden Courts is an Assisted Living for Alzheimer's Community at 15950 McGregor Boulevard.

For additional information, call 454-

At the Community Assoc.

Oktoberfest

The islands' celebration of Oktoberfest takes place on Thursday, Oct. 16, starting at 6 p.m. Catered by the one and only 'Tween Waters German food contingent and featuring German music by Fred & Company, the evening costs \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets are available between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Community House (472-

Shots available

Flu and pneumonia shots will be available on Thursday, Oct. 30, from 8 a.m. 'til 11. Lee County Health Department staff will be administering the shots. The cost is \$25 for non-Medicare clients.

Training offered

Literacy Volunteers of Lee County, FL will conduct tutor training classes for anyone interested in helping other adults improve their English skills.

A mandatory orientation meeting will be held at the Kenwood Lane office of LVA on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. Anyone interested should call 278-4400 to sign up for the orientation. At this first meeting, LVA members will answer questions and outline the training and tutoring process as well as describe the organization, its background and its funding. The tutor training classes will be held on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

LVA provides free, one-on-one confidential tutoring to adults in the community who would like help to improve their reading, writing and English speaking skills.

USF offers graduate courses

Through satellite technology, the University of South Florida's College of Public Health (COPH) is now offering courses at off-campus sites throughout Florida and in Atlanta that can lead to a Master's of Public Health (MPH) in Public Health Practice.

The Distance Learning Program allows students to complete almost all degree requirements with minimal Tampa on-campus requirements. In addition, the core courses offered via distance learning may apply toward other MPH tracks on-campus in Tampa.

Students may apply for the degree program or take classes as a non-degree-seeking student. Spring semester starts Jan. 5 and ends April 23. Registration deadlines for new students to apply, but the university makes every effort to register new students up until the first week of classes.

The spring semester graduate-level courses offered through distance learning will be Ethics, Policy and Law, Epidemiology of Diseases of Major Public Health Importance, Environmental and Occupational Health, Social and Behavioral Sciences Applied to Health, and Principles of Health Policy and Management." Course timings are typically 6 to 8:50 p.m. EST, one night a week, either on Mondays or Wednesdays (unless web-based). Check confirmed timings during registration. These courses garner three credits at the graduate-level. Internet access and e-mail address is required for all courses in order to participate. The college also offers other undergraduate and

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Ramona Woodring Agnew

Mona Agnew left us on Sept. 18, 2003 after a long and well-fought battle with cancer. She died in her home in Knoxville with her closest family members around her.

Born in Japan to the late Martha and Preston "Woody" Woodring, she became a Sanibel child when her parents returned to the island after her father's stint in the Air

She leaves two brothers, Jeff and Woody Jr., her husband, Martin, and her daughter Mary, in addition to many loved ones and other family members.

To reflect on her love of life and vivacious personality, there will be a service on the causeway tomorrow, Saturday, Oct. 4, at 6 p.m. followed by a celebration of her life at the American Legion. Donations in her memory may be made to the Ramona Agnew Scholarship Fund, c/o Super Glass Windshield Repair, 6101 Chancellor Drive -#200, Orlando 32809.

Susan Atkins

The former owner of the popular Oh Susanna shop in Periwinkle Place and Susanna Ray on Captiva, Susan Atkins, died Sept. 23, 2003 in Raleigh, N.C. after a long, long struggle with a debilitating lung disease. She was 69.

Starting out in the 1960s managing Lilly Pulitzer's in Sarasota, Atkins also worked as a gifted seamstress to support herself and her family. She then branched off and opened her own boutique in St. Armand's Circle, gradually expanding with stores in Naples, Fort Myers, Bonita Springs — but primarily Sanibel and Captiva. Oh Susanna was thriving and Atkins had quite a following when she transferred the business to Captiva and renamed it Susanna Ray. She devoted approximately 25 years to maintaining one of the most captivating stores in all of Southwest Florida.

Her intelligence and keen insight into real estate affairs was another outstanding attribute. Those who knew her during her retail years knew Atkins to be extremely chic and always fashionable. She was a dedicated business woman who catered to a select clientele. Her sense of style was unique and one of reasons why people sought her out season after season.

She had a flair for creating beautiful and ingenious designs, whether it was jewelry, fabric or store layout. No matter what she touched, she created something

beautiful and most individual. Her home was not less a reflection of this innate creative expression. She designed it herself near Blind Pass and she adored it, treasuring her moments alone with Charlie, her bird, and Little Bit, her wild cat. Loving the gulf breezes and the neo-tropical birds of the islands, Atkins was always happiest at her own abode surrounded by her tropical foliage.

Atkins was a generous mother and grandmother who loved and cared deeply for all those close to her. She is survived by her four children — Raymond Skinner of Arizona, James Skinner of Sarasota, Mary Faris of Louisburg, N.C., and Warren Skinner of Bonita Springs; five grandsons - Rick Peek, Nathan Skinner, Neil Skinner and Seth and William Skinner; and two stepgrand-daughters — Robin and Joni Newman.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Rest in peace, Susan.

Duane C. Smith

Part-time Sanibel resident Duane Smith, 68, of Lake Ann, Mich. died Sept. 25. 2003 surrounded by his family. He was 68 and had lived his life as a wonderful husband, family man, dentist and outdoorsman. Born April 26, 1935 in Kalamazoo, the son of John and Jeanette (Van Dalen) Smith, he married Joanne Scholten in 1956.

After receiving his BS from Western Michigan University in 1955 and his DDS, from the University of Michigan in 1959, Duane moved to Richland, Mich. where he practiced dentistry for 40 years. He was a member of both the American and the Michigan Dental Associations and was most generous in donating his time and skills to the indigent children of Kalamazoo and in promoting dental hygiene to the children of Richland. He retired in 1998.

Smith was a 30-year member of the Gull Lake Area Rotary Club, serving as Sergeant-at-Arms, and was a member of Richland-Gull Lake Lions Club, serving as President. He also served on the Richland Village Board and was instrumental in the development of McNamara Park, the little league baseball field in town. He was also a member of the National Rifle Association, Ducks Unlimited, Safari Club International and Sheep Hunters Association.

Upon retirement, Duane and Joanne split their time between Sanibel and Pearl Lake, Mich. He was able to enjoy his hobbies of hunting, fishing, tennis, golf and boating. The Smiths also indulged their passion for travel.

His loving wife, Joanne, survives him, as do his children — Joni MacDonald and her husband, John, and their children, Jacob and Joy, of Hillsdale. Mich.; Scott and Lorie Smith and their children, Sara, Scott Jr. and Sydney of Shaker Heights, Ohio; D.J. and Sandra Smith and their children, Kaitlyn and Ashley, of Richland; Bob and Linda Smith and their two daughters of Kalamazoo; and Nick and Shirley Scholten and their three daughters, also of Kalamazoo.

Services were held Sept. 29, 2003 in Richland. Contributions in Smith's memory may be made to Lake Ann Methodist Church, 6583 1st Street, Lake Ann, Mich. 49650; Sanibel Community Church, 1740 Periwinkle, Sanibel; and Emergency Medical Services of Almira Township, 7276 Ole White Drive, Lane Ann. Personal messages may be left for the family at www.farleyestcsdowdle.com.



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graduate level, public health courses on the Web during spring semester.

For more information about the Distance Learning Program in your area, the MPH Degree and spring Semester registration, please call (888) USF-COPH (Option 3), or email the program at distance@hsc.usf.edu.

Helping Kids with Cancer

Cancer is the number one disease killer of kids in America. In 2002, 260 kids with cancer and more than 1,500 with other blood disorders made over 4, 000 visits to the pediatric oncology unit at the Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.

Mel's Diner believes all children should grow up healthy. Knowing a family that has suffered with childhood cancer allowed the company to learn about the important work being accomplished for children at The Children's Hospital and it decided to act. Helping Kids with Cancer provides an opportunity to galvanize the community in support of this important cause. Children, ranging from infants up to age 19. are being treated in the seven-county region of Southwest

Beginning now and through Oct. 24, the day of the 2nd Annual Helping Kids with Cancer Radiothon, Mel's will be selling T-shirts designed by Jillian Lamparyk, a five-year-old with cancer who, sadly, lost her battle against the disease on July 8. The design has insects all over it and says "Cancer Bugs Me." One hundred percent of the proceeds will be donated during the radiothon.

Mel's will hold individual fundraisers — car washes, yard sales, car shows at the Diner and donation boxes. In addition, each Mel's will have a silent auction for dinner-for-two every month for a year with all the proceeds going to this cause. On Friday, Oct. 17, all Mel's Diners will serve FREE breakfasts for donations to Helping Kids with Cancer from 6:30 until 11 a.m.

CRFE Meeting Information

The Caloosa Rare Fruit Exchange Oct.7 meeting this next Tuesday will feature Dr. Carlos Balerdi from Dade County speaking on the Mamey Sapote. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the porches area at the back of Terry Park on Palm Beach Boulevard in Fort Myers. Following his presentation, Balerdi will have a question and answer session covering all tropical

CRFE meetings are open to the public, and membership in the club is encouraged. The Rare Fruit Cookbook will be available at the meeting. Call Bill Thompson (731-1430) for more information.

Harvest Festival

Come to the Sanibel Community Church for a Harvest Festival on Friday, Oct. 10 from 6-9 p.m. The entire community is invited and the event promises lots of fun for the whole family.

Admission is free. All you need to do is check in at the registration table for a free wristband. An adult must accompany children. Activities will include a Bounce House, a Giant Slide, a Sticky Wall, carnival games, prizes, face painting and even a pie-in-the-face event, along with hot dogs, cotton candy, sno-cones, popcorn and drinks.

For more information, please call Children & Family Life Director Dee Donalson at 472-2684.

Christian Women's Club lunch

The Sanibel-Captiva Christian Women's Club invites all women to their luncheon on Thursday, Oct. 9 at the Dunes Country Club off Bailey Road from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The luncheon will feature "Sanibel Gems" by Linda, Billy and Mercy Somers. Rita Hudson will speak on "Freedom & Success are a Short Journey Away." Music will be by Ruth Rodgers.

The Cost of the luncheon is \$15 inclusive and reservations are required. Call Jean Wilson at 472-2017.

Reservations made but not honored must be paid for.



City to cut ribbon on fitness trail equipment

On October 9th, 2003 the City of Sanibel will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony at Bowmans Beach for the new fitness trail equipment.

The fitness equipment was purchased and donated by Island Seniors, Inc., after raising \$6,000 through various fund-raising efforts, such as senior bazaars held three to four times a year as well as membership fees. Monies raised by Island Seniors is used to subsidized many activities and enhancements for seniors, island residents and visitors.

The City of Sanibel Department of Public Works installed the equipment and built a trail from station to station. Public Works staff also mulched the trail with chips generated from the City's yard waste. Natural Resources staff laid out the fitness trail.

Ms. Judie Zimomra, City Manager stated, "This project is the optimal private public partnership utilizing City labor to install equipment our Senior's purchased. We hope to continue this type of partner-ships in the future."

Following the ceremony, City staff and Island Seniors invite those attending to try out the new fitness trail equipment.

10 Reasons to join SCCF's Golf Tournament

- best time to play golf! The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club is where it's happening.
- Friday, October 24th eat, drink and be merry at the Island House if you are a 8. player or a sponsor, compliments of the Sanibel Captiva Community Bank. Your spouse is invited too. It's all included, that means free, plus you can meet your competition!
- 3. All this and more for a low, low price of \$75 per person. Read on.
- Compete only against others in your handicap bracket. Format is 2-person scramble with 5 flights and awards will be given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each flight. Count it up, we will award 30 prizes. You have almost a 1-in-4 chance of winning.
- 5. Receive a goodie bag with a golf shirt, towel, balls, tees and more. Great
- 6. The putting contest will further challenge you. Prizes are a 1-year associate membership at The Dunes or an island holiday package with accommodations, food and activities. Extra putts can be purchased.

- 1. Saturday morning, October 25th is the 7. Great 'eats' on Saturday with a continental breakfast and later a scrumptious buffet lunch with 3 hot entrees, salads and desserts for players and sponsors.
 - No gimmicks, mulligans or interruptions on the course. This is golf for women and men who love to play (and party before and after).
 - 9. Come and thank our sponsors. (You can still sponsor at the \$100 to \$1,000 level.) Over 50 businesses have donated money, rounds of golf, restaurant and other certificates and prizes to make this an exceptional fournament. Event sponsors are Karen Bell Realty and Merrill Lynch, Private Client Group, Bonita Springs. Other major business sponsors are; Steve Herman with Chase, The Wolter Group, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, The Dunes and South Seas Resort. The business community's continuing support is awesome.
 - 10. Join the fun and support SCCF! Sign up today by calling Marti Bryant at SCCF 472-2466, Marge Meek, 472-2466 or any of the other committee members: Craig Albert, Bruce Avery, Brian Cunningham or Ellis Etter.

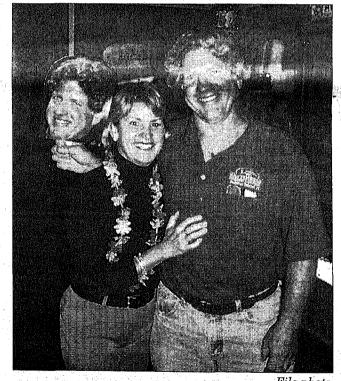


Dunes Men's Golf Association

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Timbers celebrates 25 years of fresh fish!



File photo

Timbers owner, Matt Assen with Mary Jo when she surprised him for his birthday last year.

The exact date is Oct. 24, 1978. That's the day The Timbers served its first piece of fresh red snapper at its original Sanibel location on Rabbit Road. Now, one address change and over 2.5 million satisfied customers later, Timbers is celebrating its 25th anniversary. In honor of this fishtoric event and to thank the many loyal customers who have made this anniversary possible, the restaurant is offering two dinners for \$25 for 25 days.

Beginning on Oct. 1st and running 25 days until Oct. 25, diners can choose from several entrées from the original Timbers menu including, but not limited to, a 10ounce Timbers Sirloin, Shrimp Scampi, Broiled Fish of the day, Crunchy Fish of the day, a 12-ounce Prime Rib

or the Fried Oyster Plate. As always, all entrées are served with a choice of soup or salad, fresh vegetable, fresh baked bread and butter and one's choice of potato. The special price for any two dinners is only \$25. The regular menu will also be available, still featuring the

largest selection of fresh fish on the islands.
In addition, all adult patrons will be eligible for a chance to win twenty-five \$25 gift certificates (a \$625.00 value). Every adult who dines between Oct 1st and 22nd will be given a ticket to fill out which will be deposited at The Fish Market. One lucky winner will be drawn at the 25th Anniversary celebration on Thursday, Oct. 23, at

On that day, The Timbers Restaurant & Fish Market along with its sister sports bar, The Sanibel Grill, will be closed for business. The 25th anniversary party will run from 5-9 p.m and will feature live music, great complimentary food and drink and lots of great memories with the people who made them. A \$25 per couple donation is being accepted, with proceeds going to The Children's Hospital. All Timbers Alumni (former employees) will receive a complimentary Timbers Alumni Shirt.

In keeping with the 25th anniversary theme, every

Monday night from 9 pm until halftime of Monday Night game throughout the month, The Grill will be featuring 25-cent draft beer, house wine and all well cocktails along with 25-cent oysters and 25-cent chicken wings...

The Timbers Restaurant & Fish Market and The Sanibel Grill are located at 703 Tarpon Bay Road, across from the Sanibel Post Office. For further information on any of the anniversary specials, please call 395-CRAB or 472-HIKE.



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Kiwanis - "My Miracle"

By Bob Wimbush

ike Terry was born with a (fortunately) rare heart disease too difficult for me to spell, but abbreviated IHSS. If you know what that means and that about a year ago Mike got "My Miracle," a transplanted heart, and is doing fine, you know the medical implications and may as well stop reading. Except for the story of faith that so clearly comes through.

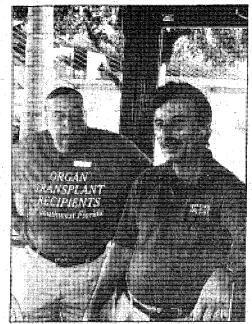
The most obvious symptom of Mike's disease is sudden death. About 70 percent of the cases are diagnosed in autopsy; "Pistol Pete" Marovich's for instance. He had a career in pro basketball, retired, then dropped dead in a pick-up game. Mike's brother lost five of six children. Yes, it runs in families.

Mike has had "eight or nine pacemakers" since 1976 and more organ shut-

downs than the Great Wurlitzer. Although he came close a bunch of times, Mike never actually died. Finally, in 1998 after his kidneys and pancreas decided to shut down, he made the transplant list. He was on heavy drugs for pain and essentially

In 2001 his large intestine shut down and he was moved up to 1-B, "second best." But they had to restart the intestine to keep him in the running. They don't waste a heart on someone whose bowels

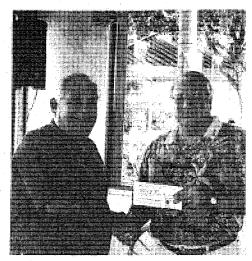
idle, waiting for some other organ to fail.



Speaker Chair Jim Gould (right) introduces Heart Transplant Recipient, Mike Terry.

don't function.

A year later he got the call, "we have a heart." Come to Tampa, but don't rush. He made it in two hours and 20 minutes. He went into surgery at 9:50. He woke up during the operation, but couldn't feel anything. He was strapped down and couldn't move, and all the tubes kept him from talking, so he couldn't tell anyone. He must have decided to relax and enjoy



Don Czech (left) proclaims Stan Kucaba a sustaining member of the Florida Kiwanis Foundation.

He tells of a nurse coming to his room right after surgery to give him an EKG. She stopped at the door and talked with him, "I'm looking for a man who just had a heart transplant. This must be the wrong room." By 8:00 his chest pain was gone. What he dreaded most, based on a previous open-heart surgery, was the excruciating stomach tube removal. No pain. His incision didn't hurt. They took him off heavy-duty pain drugs, and there was no narcotic withdrawal. He got up and went to the bathroom, and by 10:00 when his kids came in, he was sitting in a regular chair. "The Lord wanted me here for a reason."

And the Lord must have figured on Kiwanis. Most Kiwanians look forward to Wednesdays, and the big reason is.... Bacon. How ironic that Terry should speak during a power outage. No power, no bacon, no sausages, no eggs. Not even coffee! Just fruit and fiber. Some miracles we can do without. If you invite him to vour club, eat first.

"Every organ donation is a miracle" according to Mike, and he urged us to take and file donor cards. Because one of the requirements is to be brain dead, one member intends to file cards for Muench (who was absent), several elected officials, and anyone who reads this column. Interestingly, age is no barrier to becoming an organ or tissue donor. The three disqualifiers are cancer (below the neck), HIV, and Hepatitis C. But even some cancer and HIV sufferers can donate tissue corneas, for instance. And Hepatitis C can be the recipient's call. Often it takes 20-30 years to become a problem.

So even if you aren't brain dead, check it out. Call LifeLink (the organization Mike so ably represents) at 1-800-262www.lifelinkfound.org.

Over 85,000 Americans need an organ and 125-130,000 need tissue. One donor can save or enhance the lives of more than 50 people. And if you're the donor, it's painless.

Kiwanis continues to breakfast on Wednesdays. Someplace. If no bacon

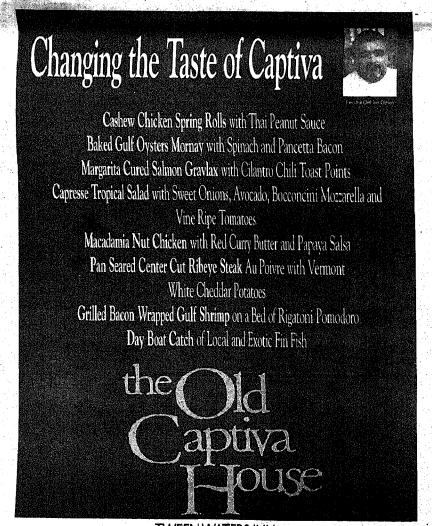
ABWA meeting coming up

The president of the Sanibel-Captiva chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA), Fay Carney, will present her annual State of the Chapter address at the October meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 14. Carney will present goals and opportunities for the coming year. As a fun gesture for this month's meeting, everyone has been asked to wear a hat and prizes will be awarded for the

ABWA is a national organization of 55,000 business and professional women, with more than 1,100 chapters and networks. Founded in 1949, its mission is to "bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recogni-

The local chapter was started in 1987. About 50 members enjoy its camaraderie and shared benevolent goals. Since 1997, the Sanibel-Captiva chapter has provided over \$67,000 in scholarship monies for local women; approximately 10 women take advantage of scholarship opportunities each year.

Dinner meetings are held each month on the second Tuesday at the Sundial Resort. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. in the lounge, dinner is served at 6:30. For membership information and or to attend/visit the October meeting, please call Lisa Cochrane (246-8876). Members of ABWA should call Trudie Kohlbrenner (472-4969) to make their reservations. Reservations are required.



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Party at the Legion

On Sunday Oct. 12, American Legion Post 123 on San-Cap Road is sponsoring a day of fun, a fresh Grouper Fry and Smoked Hog, plus music by local entertainers to benefit the Child Welfare Foundation. The day begins at at 1 p.m. and ends at ???????, and the Legion is asking for a donation of just \$8 per person.

In 1952, Department Commander Dr. Garland D. Murphy, Jr. of Arkansas, came to the American Legion with an offer to provide a valuable contribution if the Legion could figure out some way his gift could be used solely for children. Later that year, the National Executive Committee approved the establishment of a foundation, entered into a trust agreement with Murphy and, on July 9, 1954, the Child Welfare Foundation was duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana. At that time, Dr. Murphy assigned to the Foundation deeds to fractional mineral rights on nearly 10,000 acres of land in the oil-rich Williston Basin in Montana and North Dakota.

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc. is a separate 501(c)3 corporation. Its foremost philanthropic priority is to provide other non-profit organizations with a means to educate the public about the needs of children across this nation. In 1955, it gave its first three grants totaling \$22,500 to three organizations — the Delinquency Control Institute, the National Association for Retarded Children, and the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness. Since that time, the Foundation has

awarded \$6 million to youth-oriented organizations and projects designed to help America's children. Last October, in its 48th year of service the Foundation awarded \$283,900 to 11 organizations.

The demand for grant money to serve our nation's children continues to rise. The Board has initiated a campaign to appeal to Posts and Units to include a line item for the Child Welfare Foundation in their annual budgets. If Posts alone earmarked as little as \$25 a year, this would raise over \$700.000 in yearly contributions. With these added funds, The American Legion could touch the lives of thousands of children throughout this nation.

The children of this nation are looking to you for assistance. They are entrusting you with their future. Your charitable gifts support the grants which make a difference in the lives of all children. We call on all members of The American Legion family, and friends of children everywhere, to support The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. 100 percent of your contribution goes to helping children. The American Legion takes care of overhead costs. As a result, all of the money donated is entered into the Trust Fund to be used for grants. Few, if any, other foundations can make this claim. All contributions are tax deductible.

Please join with the local American Legion on Oct. 12 for this special fundraiser. There will also be a jar for individuals wanting to contribute directly to the Foundation.

The above Foundation information was found on the website www.cwf-inc.org.

Business

Tops at RE/MAX



Will Compton

Will Compton was named top producing associate for the month of August at RE/MAX of the Islands and Steve Fisher received the top honors for marketing.

Compton has been

a Sanibel resident for 48 years, is a licensed developer and holds a

United States Coast Guard Masters license. He and his wife, Tyler, have two

daughters, and Tyler teaches the gifted program at The Sanibel School. Will has been a real estate agent since 1988 and has been with RE/MAX since last year.

Fisher began his career in real estate in 1981 and joined



Steve Fisher

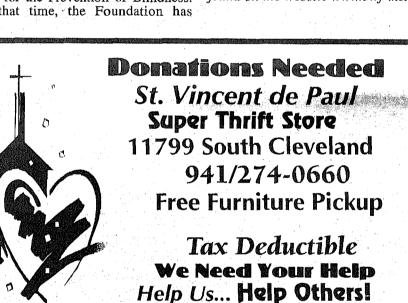
RE/MAX 10 years later. His wife, Max, is also a RE/MAX associate, and the couple and their son and daughter live on the island. Fisher is consistently a member of the RE/MAX International 100% Club and was inducted in to the RE/MAX International Hall of Fame in 2001.

Chamber functions

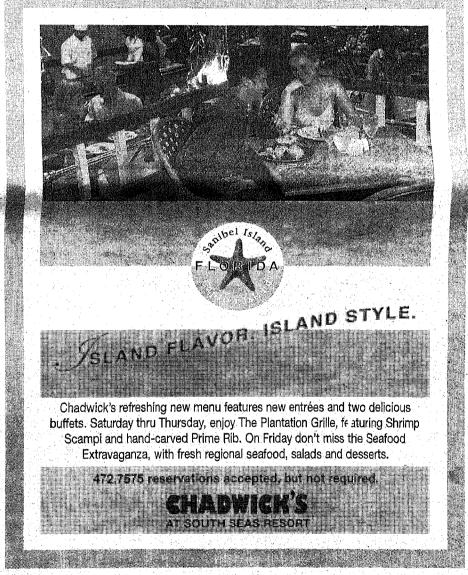
The October Chamber Box Lunch will be catered by The Dunes and held at the Sanibel Community House on Oct. 14. Reservations are due by Friday, Oct. 10. The cost is \$10 with reservations, \$14 at the door.

The AfterHours will be held at 'Tween Waters on Monday, Oct. 20, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Jensen's Twin Palm Resort will co-host. Reservations must be made by 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17; there is a \$5 charge for guests.

Call 472-1966 for reservations or email them to office@sanibel-captiva.org.









Where Were You On October 3, 1951? By Joseph Pacheco

In the belly of the beast, 0200 Boylan Hall, the Social Lounge of Brooklyn College, the only New York Giant fan surrounded by more than a hundred Brooklyn Dodger fans cutting their classes to watch the most important game in history, the third playoff game between the Giants and Dodgers having arrived there just after the sixth inning from my Classical Civilization class and Professor Costas' lecture on Aristotle's Poetics, during which I had argued that a modern example of hubris was Dodger manager Chuck Dressen's solecistic declaration in July, "The Giants is Dead"

the crowd standing in front of the tiny TV set parting like the Red Sea to let the token Giant fan stand up front, the better to taunt me and watch me suffer when Sal "The Barber" Maglie tired in the top of the eighth

and the Dodgers scored three to go ahead four to one, the Social Lounge a-roar in unison like a Greek chorus and the outlook no longer brilliant for the Manhattan Nine that day, Newcombe still throwing strikes, the Giants' miracle spurt to the pennant fizzling before my eyes, everyone taking turns backslapping me in mock consolation except for two twerps wearing Ivy League sweaters standing on the side and smirking just like Yankee fans at Giant-Dodger games, and the game going into the bottom of the ninth the tension between catharsis, escape from the humiliation of blowing a thirteen and a half game lead in late August and the awareness that three colossal outs still stood in the way causing a nervous hopeful silence to fall upon the Dodger fans, the only sounds the TV announcer and myself, yelling "Peripeteia, Giants, peripeteia, turn it around one more time;" then Dark and Mueller letting drive singles to the consternation of all and the much admired Lockman tearing the cover off the ball

and then the dust lifting and the announcer being heard, "Alvin's in, Whitey's safe on And Don's a hugging third."

"Take Newcombe out, take him out now! everyone shouting at the top of their lungs as if they were at the game and the Dodger manager walking out to make the change and suddenly I recognized it

anagnorisis, just like in Greek drama, Bobby Thomson coming up

to bat, and who would Dressen pick to pitch to him? hamartia, Dressen's tragic flaw, his error in judgment, would now take over,

"Bring in Branca!" I remember shouting, "Bring in Branca!" as if Dressen could hear me, "No, no, not Branca" the Dodger fans beseeching, knowing that it would be the worst move to make since Thomson had already hit five home runs off him that year, the last one two days before in the first playoff game and yet knowing, like Greek audiences advising Oedipus, that Dressen would bring him in;

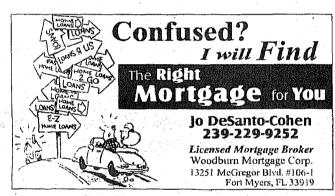
the first pitch a strike and then the TV announcer shouting "Oh!" - a shot of the stands emptying, and the fans pouring out on the field, Stanky wrestling Durocher to the ground, I must have jumped up and down twenty times, yelling, "Incredible! I can't believe it! The greatest!" till becoming hoarse and remembering where I was, I turned around to gloat in triumph

and there was no one there.

Where were you on October 5, 1951? Telling Professor Costas and the class, Aristotle was right: If not at first — in the long run hubris and a high inside fastball will do you in.









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ENVIRONMENT

Free Children's Sing-a-long Concert

Looking for something to do this Columbus Day when your children are off of school? Bring them to a free, sing-along concert on, Oct. 13, from 3 — 4 p.m. at BIG ARTS. The Singin' for the Earth concert will kick off this year's "Ding" Darling Days (Oct. 12-18) week-long events. The concert will be performed by JP



JP Taylor

Taylor, a singer-songwriter, environmentalist, and Lee County teacher. He grew up loving animals, nature and communicates that appreciation and compassion for the world through his teachings and songs.

Earlier, the day features the 12th Annual Children's Conservation Cartoon Contest awards ceremony held in honor of the world-famous cartoonist J.N. "Ding" Darling's birthday. News-Press editorial cartoonist Doug MacGregor will be honoring the student winners with prizes before the concert begins. Come meet these talented Lee County students, see their artwork, and listen to some fun songs to honor the "Ding" Darling Refuge and our beautiful natural resources. If you have questions, please contact the Refuge at 472-1100.

For questions about either of these programs, please call the refuge at 472-1100.

Lee Parks & Rec nature programs

Fiorida's turties

We all know what turtles are, don't we?

Or do we? When is a turtle not a turtle? When it's a tortoise or a terrapin. Join a naturalist for one — or all of three programs designed to showcase Florida's lovable reptiles at Lee County parks and preserves.

Each summer a prominent visitor to Estero Island is the loggerhead turtle. In addition, four other of the world's seven species also are found in Florida waters. Marine turtles and the estuary-dwelling terrapins will be the focus of the program at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11. The one-hour program will include a short walk and be held at Bowditch Point Regional Preserve, at the north-

Thank You

We are writing this letter in a sincere effort to thank all of the wonderful people and organizations on Sanibel who came forward and helped our family recently. My partner, Brian Berger, an employee of Sanibel Print & Graphics, recently had a serious stroke. I reached out to several community organizations for support and was

overwhelmed with the concern and mone-tary support these kind people offered us.

I would like to publicly thank these spe-cial people and organizations for their much needed support and tell them from the bottom of our hearts how special they will always be to us.

Thank you, thank you, thank you: Father Fishburne (St. Michaels & All Angels Church), Sanibel Print & Graphics, The Optimist Club, Kiwanis, Sanibel Community Foundation, Star Watson from the Sanibel School and Heather Corbin. Without the help of these people, it wouldn't have been possible to make it through our ordeal.

Although Brian has a long way to go he is making great progress and is in good spirits, and I know eventually everything will be alright.

Brian, myself and our son truly appreciate all you have done. Thank God there are angels like you.

- The Berger family

ern tip of Fort Myers Beach. Metered parking, 75 cents per hour.

Learn about the variety of Florida's freshwater turtles by visiting Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve for the second program at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18. This hour-long program will show the characteristics and differences among some freshwater turtle species, using shells and other artifacts. The program includes a short guided walk to a pond for participants to seek out some of the Slough's resident turtles. The Slough is at Penzance Boulevard along Six Mile Cypress Parkway, 1.5 miles north of Daniels Parkway.

Hickey's Creek Mitigation Park is home to two species of land turtles, the gopher tortoise and box turtle. This third program is one hour long and also introduces participants to the natural history of both species through use of shells and other artifacts. After the program, one can take the opportunity to walk the trails in search of land turtles or their tracks. This program will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1. The park is at 17980 State Road 80, 8.6 miles east of 1-75.

Each program is \$2 per person; children 5 and under are free. To register for any or all of these programs, please call 461-7440.

Bowditch Point Region Preserve, Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve and Hickey's Creek Mitigation Park are Lee County Parks & Recreation facilities.

Beach explorations

'Low-Tide Loafing Sunset Walk"

Put on your wading shoes and visit the creatures of the intertidal zone at Bowditch Point Regional Preserve on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 8, at 4:15 p.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 4 p.m.; Thursday, Jan. 8, at 4:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Feb. 7, at 4:45 p.m. Participants will leisurely make their way along with a naturalist from the bay to the beach, checking out what the low tide has uncovered, and be at Sunset Point in time to catch the show (great photo op). Adults, children (under 16 must be with adult), \$3; age 5 and under are

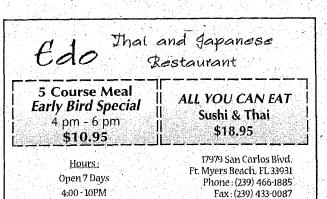
"Not Just Another Walk In The Park" but a closer look at life on a barrier island. Explore the dynamics of barrier islands, the beach and dune communities and peek into the secret lives of shells at Bowditch Point from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 13, Jan. 13 and 17 and Feb. 7 and 21.

Visit a tropical maritime hammock, follow the trail to Estero Bay and learn about one of the most productive ecosystems in the world At Matanzas Pass Preserve. From 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Oct. 25, Nov. 22, Dec. 20, Jan. 10 and 24, Feb. 14 and 28.

If you want to get up close and personal and meet some of the inhabitants of the beach or bay, be sure to wear shoes that can get wet. Adults and age 12 to 16 with an adult, \$3. For more information and registration please call 461-7440.

Bowditch Point is at the end of Estero Boulevard at the northern tip of Fort Myers Beach; meet at the picnic tables behind Flip Flops Cafe. Metered parking, 75 cents per hour, free with program registration.

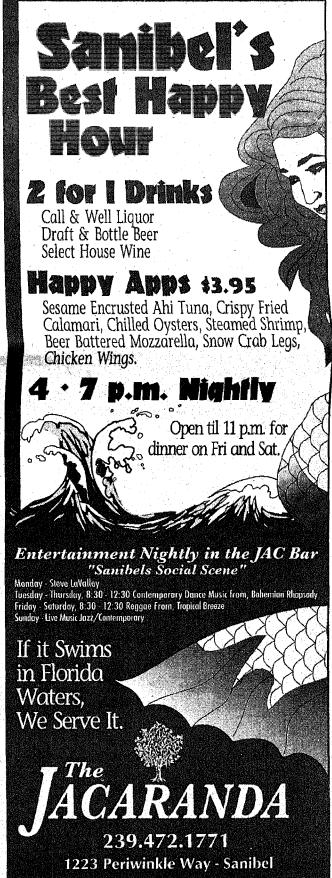
The Matanzas Pass Preserve entrance is at the end of Bay Road, next to the historic cottages near the Beach School; meet at the entrance in the parking lot. No parking fee.



Bowditch Point Regional Preserve and Matanzas Pass Preserve are Lee County Parks and Recreation facilities.

Learn about Sanibel Butterflies

Want to learn about the butterflies of Southwest Florida? Listen to US Fish and Wildlife Service Biologist, Mark Salvato, an expert on state butterflies, talk about those species that are found on Sanibel. For the past 10 years, Mark has been conducting butterfly surveys on Sanibel and throughout South Florida. Come hear about his findings and conclusions from these annual surveys. Are species declining or has butterfly awareness helped some species do better? This FREE, informative program will give you those answers. It will be held at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge Education Center TODAY, Oct 3, from 10-11. Everyone is welcome to attend.



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Sanibel girl honored

The names of approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the 49th annual National Merit Scholarship Program were announced last week in Chicago. These scholastically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,000 Merit Scholarship awards, worth \$32 million, that will be offered next spring. To continue, semifinalists now must fulfill several requirements and advance to Finalist standing, a prerequisite to being considered for a Merit Scholarship award.

Jessica Ogden, a Canterbury School senior, is a Furman Scholar and recipient of the Harvard Book Award. She participated in the University of Florida Junior Science, Engineering & Humanities Symposium and has played both JV and varsity volleyball. She is a member of NEDC, and the math, Spanish and chess clubs and in the National Spanish Honor Society.

She is the daughter of Gary and Marie Ogden of Sanibel.

The annual Merit Scholarship competition is conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), a notfor-profit organization that operates without government assistance. Scholarships awarded through the National Merit Program are underwritten by approximately 500 business organizations and higher education institutions as well as by NMSC's own funds, "Merit Scholarship winners are academic champions who will be the leaders of tomorrow. They are selected on the strength of their accom-plishments and abilities and without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference," commented an NMSC spokesperson.

Competition Steps

More than 1.3 million juniors in over 21,000 U.S. high schools entered the 2004 National Merit Program by taking the 2002 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of semifinalists, which represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, is made up of the highest scoring entrants in each state. The number of semifinalists in a state is pro-



Jessica Ogden

portional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

To become finalists, semifinalists must have a record of very high academic performance, be endorsed and recommended by their school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm their earlier qualifying test performance. The semifinalist and a school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's self-descriptive essay and information about his or her participation and leadership in school and community activities. About 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to fulfill all requirements to become Finalists.

Andrews recovering well

You have probably seen a mad cyclist with shark fins on his helmet biking around the island. Paul Andrews and his bike are taking a vacation while he recovers from prostate cancer surgery. After his annual physical in July, Andrews got a call from his doctor about the results of his PSA, blood test and recommended and scheduled a biopsy with a urologist. Although the digital rectal exam revealed no problems, the biopsy would provide a more definitive diagnosis about the presence of prostate cancer.

Paul is 59 years old. His PSA reading the prior year was 3.1—this year 4.2, just over the 4.0 level that causes concern.

PSA stands for prostate specific anti-

gen and measures the amount of prostate-specific antigen in the blood. A high reading does not necessarily indicate the presence of cancer— it could also indicate infection. Since Paul's diagnosis, the PSA threshold has been reduced to 2.6 based on a recent study published in the New England Journal of Medicine that indicated that the higher threshold probably missed more than 80 percent of the tumors in men under 60, and two-thirds of the tumors in older men.

On July 30, Paul had his biopsy, currently, the most reliable indicator of cancer. His urologist said, "The digital rectal exam is like trying to feel someone's face by rubbing the back of their head." The procedure, which is performed in the office under local anesthesia, involves taking several samples of tissue from the prostate and examining them for the presence of cancer cells. Paul remembers none of it (!) and took it easy for the rest of the day. He experienced some minor bleeding for the next week, but no other side affects.

Two weeks later, Paul received the news that he indeed had prostate cancer. Cells were found in 2 of the 6 areas sampled. A Gleason Index score from 1 to 10 gauges the seriousness of the cancer. Paul's Gleason score was 6, indicating that the cancer could be either slow growing or aggressive. Prostate cancer in a younger man is generally more aggressive than in an older man because the presence more testosterone fuels the tumor's growth. Paul and his wife, Chris, scheduled a meeting with the urologist to discuss treatment options.

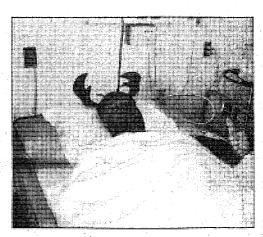
Before meeting with the urologist, Paul and Chris talked to several reliable sources about prostate cancer and read information in the Mayo Clinic and Johns Hopkins University websites. Both institutions are renowned for treatment of prostate cancer, and Hopkins is particularly notable because the doctor who mapped out the nerves in the area and developed the nerve-sparing surgical treatment is there.

At the consultation, the urologist indicated that there were five options — hormone treatment, radiation, radiation seed therapy, surgery, or wait and see. The best treatment option depends on several factors including how fast the cancer is growing, how much it has spread, your age and your health, as well as the benefits and potential side effects of the treatment. He gave the couple a book, Prostate and Cancer by Shelton Marks, MD, to read.

The book is in a question and answer format and answered almost all of their questions. After reading the book, talking to his surgeon, and talking with good friends who had recently faced prostate cancer, Paul and Chris both felt that surgery, in this case a radical prostatectomy, was the best option.

There are 2 surgical approaches, retropubic and perineal. Paul chose the perineal option based on discussions with his surgeon, more reading, and discussions with his wife. "Nothing about this decision is clear cut," Paul said. "You need to do your own homework." As a retired certified sex counselor for the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists, Paul knows that accurate information is important and laughter is essential.

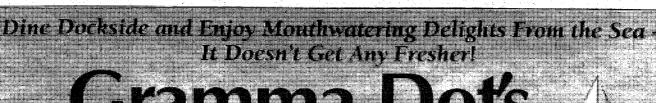
Paul arrived at Southwest Regional Hospital wearing his red lobster hat. (He won't be soon forgotten. No one could look at him with a straight face.) His surgery was performed on Sept. 24, and he was released the next day. He has to endure a catheter for two weeks, clearly one of the biggest challenges of the surgery. Paul refers to it as "his ball and chain," as well by some other terminology that is unprintable. He has some impressive needlework in the area used to sit on, which will also be removed two weeks



Paul Andrews

after the surgery. Practicing kegel exercises after removal of the catheter should restore continence. Both Paul and Chris are hopeful that the cancer was removed before it spread and that this will be the end of the ordeal.

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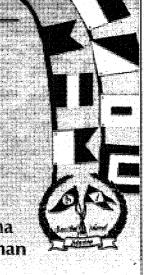
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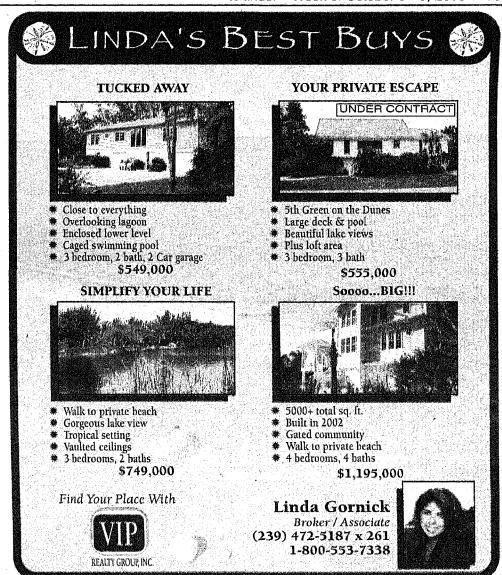
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Fire safety exhibit coming to Sanibel School

Fire Prevention Week is October 5 - 11

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The trailer has three rooms. Participants enter a kitchen to learn how to cool burns and put out grease fires.

There is a living room where they can learn about a hurricane, a tornado, or a sever storm. Also, a phone on the wall can be used to call 911 — speaking to a real person.

The third room is a bedroom with three exits. One door heats up electronically to allow participants to feel the door before opening. They can exit out a window, using a ladder

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to get to safety.

Non-toxic smoke can also be generated in all three rooms to simulate a real fire.

The Fire & Rescue District will be at the school from Tuesday, Oct. 7 through Friday, Oct. 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The trailer will be shown to all grade levels.

WEEKEND FORECAST FOR OCTOBER 4 & 5 SATURDAY A.M.P.MP.M. Some cooler temps during the Rain is a possibility for both day to be followed by possible afternoon and evening evening showers. WEEKEND TIDES City Sat.High Sun. Low Sun. High 10:04 a.m. 6:20 a.m Cape Coral 3:04 a.m. Bridge 11:50 p.m. 8:44 p.m 7:54 a.m. Captiva at 12:54 a.m. 3:04 a.m Redfish Pass 5:28 p.m 4:35 p.m 9:40 p.m. Fort Myers 3:57 a.m. 8:33 p.m. 12:43 p.m. 9:26 p.m. Matlacha Pass 9:32 a.m. 2:32 a.m. 5:46 a.m.

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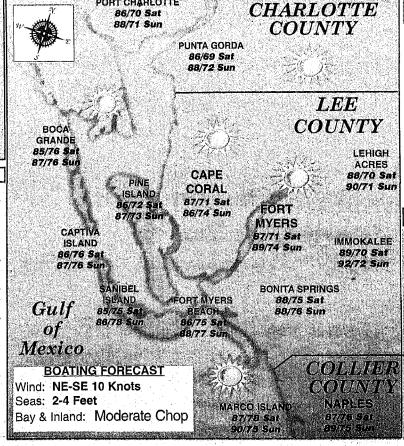
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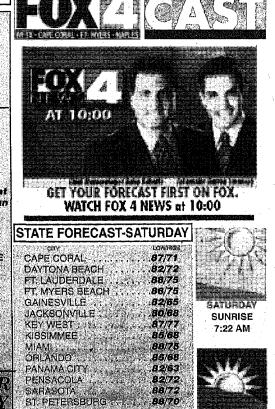
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Celebrity bartenders do it again

Bar night with the Biddles at The Seafood Factory on Wednesday, Sept. 24th was the best! Over100 friends of guest bartenders, Gilda and Joe Suarez, showed up to demonstrate their support for the night's selected charity, The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Manager Bob Bloise, bartender April Kaminski, and staffer Susan Shaffer helped pour the night's magic potion, which happened to be a sour apple pucker martini, and it kept the crowd in high gear. Of course, beer on tap flowed as booze bottles were turning to the beat of the live, kinetic sounds of Chris Workman on the keyboard and Johnny Mag Sax.

Happy hour prices and a delicious diversified, complimentary food bar, featuring everything from Andy's famous grapes to bacon wrapped scallops, delighted the

Gilda and Joe's efforts generated over \$1,000 for this charity event. Thanks to the dynamic duo and to The Seafood Factory for their participation in this second Annual event.

The beat went on when on Friday, September 26th, Victory Mayeron (proprietor of The Mucky Duck) ruffled his feathers behind the bar at The Dunes with general manager, Kevin McCune. With help from Dunes employee, Mindy Lins, they managed to generate more than \$1,700 on behalf of the American Cancer Society.

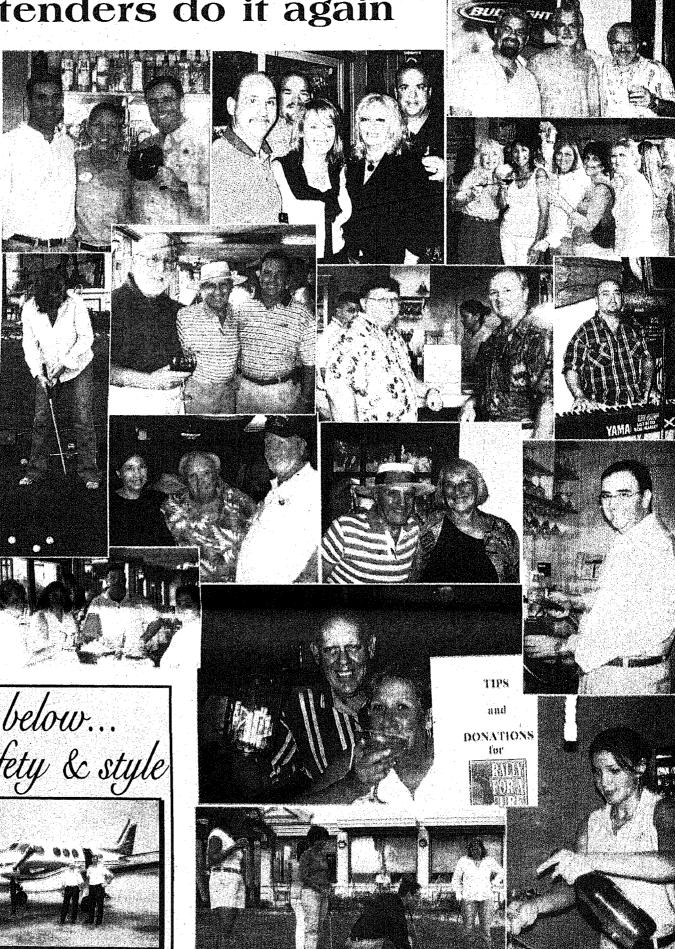
The festivities also included a putting contest. The third place winner received dinner for four at the Mucky Duck. Second place won a round of golf for four at the



Dunes. First Place received a social membership for a year at The Dunes.

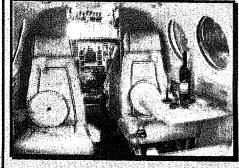
Next week, the Celebrity Bartenders take a "bye" as we all rest up for the final rounds to be announced.

Left to right: Jan Anderson, Dietitian at Lee Memorial, Brian Murty and Jean Baer from South Seas Sanibel and Captiva Properties. Missing from the photo is Damon Craig. On Sept. 5 they raised \$500 plus dollars at Thistle Lodge for Lee Cancer Care.



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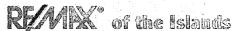
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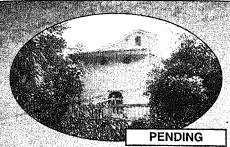
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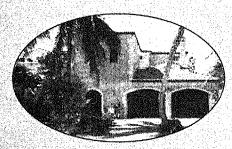
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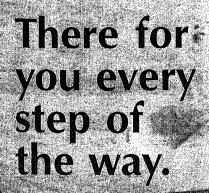




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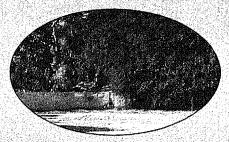
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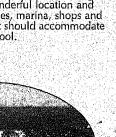
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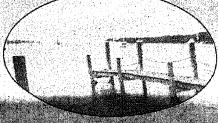


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~ Broadway thumbnails ~

s the last days of my summer vacation drew to an end in New York, I managed a final hurrah by catching tickets for three first-rate shows at my favorite half price ticket seller, TKTS—Avenue Q, Cabaret and Take Me Out.

First, Avenue Q. An inspired brainchild



of songwriters Robert Lopez and Jeff Mars, this wickedly outrageous toy chest musical is a take in its style and cues on Sesame Street, from its cheery, Crayolapainted urban setting to its singing puppets of assorted colorings, ethnicities and personalities. Avenue Q tells the story of a charmingly dysfunctional neighborhood whose residents are dealing with everyday life in NY — getting a job, finding an apartment, and discovering the answer to the big question of "What's it all about anyway?" This show ranges from the learning—is-fun approach of children's educational TV to some R-rated situations and circumstances — a kind of post-college crash course like Sex in the City done by the Sesame Street crowd. Ben Brantley of the New York Times rated it as "a breakthrough musical. Savvy, sassy and delicious," to which I can only add "a wonderfully funny, totally original approach to making a musical comedy" Put a star by this one on the list of shows to see in the

Big Apple.

Next, another long-running show on the Board worthy of a look-see is Cabaret. Nobody "doesn't like" Cabaret... Well, that's probably an exaggeration, but nobody resents it the way they do some other long-running revivals. This show, with a run of 5 ½ years, has not worn out its welcome partly because of the fantastic Kander and Ebb score which has music that has lingering power — like a satisfying meal that stays with you and fills you every time you hear it again. The plot, like the music, still keeps you on edge, even though you already know the inevitable outcome. What makes this production a lot different from the original theatre or movie version in that the show is presented in the old Studio 54 in a more authentic nightclub setting (and you can order food and beverages). I didn't see the original revival M.C. (Alan Cummings), but Tony Award winner Michele Pawk was outstanding in the role. This gem will only be on the Board till mid-November, So catch it now if you find yourself in town.

A Tony winner for Best Play, Take Me Out was also on the Board. If you love the "All-American game," this one should do it for you. It is a play that is witty, streetsmart, touching and, in its own way, time-less. Denis O'Hare, who also took a Tony for his role in the play, shines in an ideal role of Mason Marzac, a money-grubbing manager with no people skills. Only when-Mason talks passionately about the game of baseball does his real humanity come forth. This is a story of pride and prejudice in professional sports, especially when tracing the impact of a godlike player (brilliantly performed by Daniel Sunjata) when he reveals his homosexuality. The writing by Richard Greenberg is an All-American celebration of a great American sport. So, sports fans, check it out you'll have a ball at Take Me Out.

There are three other shows that are

also well worth seeing if you have chance... ThoroughlyModern Millie, Gypsy (starring Bernadette Peters) Menopause, the Musical ...and, of course, a fourth the show I raved about last week, Movin' Out, at the Richard Rodgers.



MARSHA WAGNER

Next week, I'll tell you about the sneak preview I was privileged enough to see at the Virginia Theatre — Little Shop of Horrors.



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Book signing for Race to Kitty Hawk

By Amy Fleming Captiva Current Editor

From a short ride in a handmade aircraft to pictures from the surface of Mars... it all took place in less than one century. To commemorate 100 years of aviation, two local authors and one illustrator teamed up to produce Race to Kitty Hawk, a historical novel designed to introduce children ages 8 to 12 to a day that changed the world. On Dec. 17, 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright made the first powered flight at Kitty Hawk, on the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

The book is the first published novel for authors Annelle Rigsby of Sanibel and Edwina Raffa of Fort Myers Beach. They first started writing together when they were with the Sanibel School and needed to write an application for the Blue Ribbon School award. After discovering how much they enjoyed working together, they began penning stories for children, focusing on, as Rigsby put it, "the beginnings of things." They were discussing the Kitty Hawk book idea with former Sanibel School principal Barbara Ward over lunch one day, who related their idea to her husband, illustrator Wellington Ward. Ward was a natural choice to illustrate Race to Kitty Hawk, since his grandfather was the station keeper at the Kill Devil Hills Lifesaving Station and knew the Wright brothers

personally.

Race to Kitty Hawk is a tale about the beginnings of aviation and tells the story of a plucky young orphan girl, Tess Raney, who finds out about a plot to destroy the Wright brothers' new aircraft. The race is on, as Tess must get to Kitty Hawk before the villain.

The book is liberally illustrated with Ward's drawings, who used friends as models. Flipping through the book, readers may see some familiar faces, such as a secretary at the Sanibel School, and Ward's minister he posed as the villain, even gamely agreeing to hang out of a window for one drawing.

Rigsby, Raffa and Ward will be visiting North Carolina and Georgia, signing books and teaching classes on aviation history in schools.

"I ask kids, 'Could you get into an airplane 100 years ago?"" said Raffa, "Now, we've even been to the moon!"

Race to Kitty Hawk has been endorsed by the First Flight Centennial Foundation, and proceeds from sales will go to help make improvements to the Wright Brothers National Memorial in North Carolina.



Above, L-R: Annelle Rigsby, Edwina Raffa and Wellington Ward. Below, left: Rigsby signs a copy of Race to Kitty Hawk for a fan. Below right: Raffa and Ward sign former Sanibel Elementary secretary, Bonnie





AT BIG ARTS

BIG ARTS 25th season opens

Art and Ornaments: Artists Do Jewelry will be on exhibit in Phillips Gallery from Oct. 12-30. This is a group show and sale of works by Southwest Florida artists — with one exception, Christopher Poehlmann, from New River, Ariz, The featured artists interpret their individual bodies of work as they relate to ornamenting the human form and our surroundings. The painting, sculpture, metal work, and jewelry are created by Mary Sullivan Voytek, Lawrence Voytek, Leo and Krista Johnson, Sherry Rohl, Ikki and Polly Matsumoto, Amy Bergerson, and Kit Carson in addition to Poehlmann. The show will later move to the Alliance for the Arts from Nov. 7-12.

An Invitational Nature Photography Exhibit with works of Sanibel and Captiva artists will also be on display Oct. 12-30, but in Schein Hall as part of the "Ding" Darling Days Celebration during National Wildlife Refuge Week. Some of the photographers who have been invited to display their works are Charles McCullough, David Meardon, Francine Litofsky and Carol Rothman.

"Our goal has been to highlight the photography of island residents — some well-known and others not yet exposed to a wide audience — who have been recording nature and wildlife on Sanibel and Captiva through their own unique ses, said Noia Theiss who, with Chip

Hoffman, is coordinating the exhibit. Both exhibits will be showcased at an artist reception on Thursday, Oct. 16, from 5:30-7 p.m. Gallery hours are 1-4 p.m. daily.

Following the reception at 7:30, the one-woman show, A Sense of Wonder, the story of Rachel Carson, will be performed by Kaiulani Lee in Schein Hall. Tickets are \$12.

Workshops starting

3-D Portraits In Clay with Terence Flannery

Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 9-Nov. 13. \$60 + supplies for six-week series. In expressing his passions, humor and compassion, this multi-media artist puts his hand on your heart, inspires you to laugh and moves you create. New this year!

Three-day Watercolor Workshop by Carolyn Councel

Tuesdays, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Oct. 12 & 28 and Nov. 4. \$220 for the full three days. The class will explore many of the possibilities of painting with water color, including direct and wet in wet techniques; composition, color theories and application of paint. Subject matter will be taken from still life, photos, sketches and, weather permitting, on-site painting. The Joy of Writing with Betzi Abrams Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m., Oct. 15-Dec. 3. \$80 for eight-week series. Suitable for beginners as well as professional writers who want to enhance their techniques, refresh their approach and reinforce their discipline.

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Clay Sculpting and Ceramics with Marjorie Bronsted Wednesdays, 3:30 - 6 p.m.

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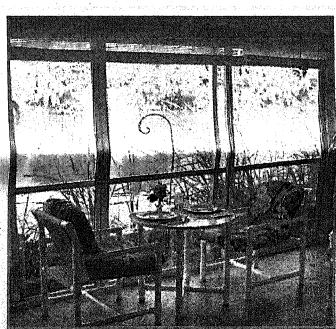
with Lois Ferguson Wednesdays or Thursdays, 9 a.m.-Noon

Dance Classes for children or adults with Vanessa Stocker

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Many more workshops will begin in November; call BIG ARTS (395-0900) for more information and to register early.



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Family fun!

Sing-A-Long Wizard of Oz, the new, interactive theatrical film experience that combines audience participation with the most beloved motion picture of all time, comes to Mann Hall on Saturday, Oct.18 at 7 p.m.

Sing-A-Long... invites audiences of all ages to journey from Kansas to Oz, and back again with Dorothy. A Master of Ceremonies will introduce the film and lead the crowd through the evening's audience participation, including singing along with Dorothy and hissing at the Wicked Witch. To enhance their powers while they are in the magical Land of Oz, every audience member will receive a free Perform-A-Long Fun Pack, including a kazoo, mystical bubbles, a noisemaker and a magic wand.

The show allows audiences to celebrate the golden age of movies by enjoying this Oscar-winning film in the fashion in which it was meant to be seen — in a grand theatrical setting, fully restored, on a 23-foot-high by 32-foot-wide screen, with a state of the art sound system. In addition, audiences are encouraged to sing along with some of the bestknown and most beloved songs in motion picture history (subtitled for new fans).

To complete the ... Wizard of Oz experience, audience members are encouraged to dress as their favorite Wizard of Oz character. The Master of Ceremonies will lead an onstage costume parade, where prizes will be awarded for imagination and creativity. Munchkins, flying-monkeys, and twisters are all welcome.

This new brand new experience premiered to rave reviews and sold out houses in Chicago in January of 2003 and is touring internationally with stops in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., the U.K and, now, Fort Myers. Sing-A-Long Wizard of Oz is produced in association with Nederlander Presentations, Inc., Clear Channel Entertainment, and Warner Bros. Theatre Ventures.

Sing-A-Long... tickets range from \$10 to \$20. For further information about Sing-A-Long Wizard of Oz, please go online to www.singalongoz.com.

It's a horse of a different color!

An evening with Sonya Fitzpatrick

Sonya Fitzpatrick, America's most loved and most trusted animal communicator, will be bringing her first United States tour to town on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

Sonya will be hitting the road to share her insightful techniques on "how you can better understand your pets, their feelings, health, wellness, and behavioral patterns" in an intimate theatre setting. The finale of each evening's performance will be an hour of live readings. Audience members will bring photographs of their pets to be selected in a random drawing for an opportunity to have their pet read by Sonya.

Since June of 2002, Sonya has become a household name through her top-rated TV show on the Animal Planet Network called The Pet Psychic. The show explores the world of animals through Sonya Fitzpatrick's ability to communicate with all animals, big and small, and features Sonya

They're still BIGBIGBIG!

Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 8 p.m. the Moody Blues comes to town.

The Moody Blues is one of the most beloved rock bands in music history. With a legacy that began in the late '60s all the way to the present time, the Moody Blues have generated a legendary list of hit songs that are regarded as some of the most groundbreaking and innovative music of our time. Their multi-Platinum, Platinum and Gold albums and singles have generated yearly sold-out tours over the course of several decades, making them one of the top-grossing touring

It was in 1966 that the band we call the Moody Blues was formed when Justin Hayward, John Lodge, Graeme Edge, Mike Pinder and Ray Thomas came together to create their imaginative sounds. Creating their first studio album was a landmark moment in time. Behind closed doors, they came up with the concept of fusing classical music with rock, but written to their own soundtrack. The result was Days of Future Passed, an album that today is considered a masterpiece and one of the greatest-selling albums of all time.

Despite doubts of the record label executives, "Tuesday Afternoon" became a massive worldwide hit, and "Night In White Satin" became one of the biggest selling singles in history, hitting #1 three separate times in Billboard.

After the success of the first album, the Moody Blues expanded their musical canvas; branching out from their original symphony sound into psychedelic and straight-ahead rock. This produced a string of hit albums and multiple hit records throughout the '60s and '70s, including In Search of The Lost Chord, On The Threshold of a Dream, To Our Children's Children's Children, A Question of Balance, Every Good Boy Deserves Favour and Seventh Sojourn. From these albums, such mega-hit recordings as "Ride My See Saw," "The Story In Your Eyes," "Isn't Life Strange," "Question," and "I'm Just A Singer (in a Rock and Roll Band)" became staples on rock radio and still

In 1983, the Moody Blues released The Present with hit songs "Blue World" and "Sitting At The Wheel" followed by *The Other Side of Life*; which would win over



a new generation of young fans. With the worldwide hit "Your Wildest Dreams," teenagers were once again discovering the band and claiming them as their own. The video of that number became a huge MTV hit and was named Billboard's Video Of The Year. The next two albums continued their momentum with the hit single "I Know You're Out There Somewhere" from Sur La Mer and 1991's "Say It With Love" from Keys to the Kingdom. Also in 1991, the Moody Blues had reached another milestone, the 25th anniversary of the release Days of Future Past. They commemorated this occasion with a live recording for public television, home video and an album creating new excitement for them as a touring entity and helping to establish them as one of the most successful touring bands of the '90s. 2003 brings more touring for the band, as they continue to bring incredible music to their legions of fans, 36 years later.

Tickets are \$65 and \$55.

Tickets are available at the Box Office, by calling 481-4849, Ticketmaster at 334-3309, all Ticketmaster locations, or online at www.bbmannpah.com.

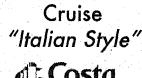


in a variety of settings — from the studio to an animal farm to animal rescue shelters.

. Ticket prices range from \$18 to \$50.

For an updated schedule or to learn more about Sonya Fitzpatrick, please visit her website at http://www.sonyafitz patrick.com/.

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Red Skelton — The Final Curtain

couple of years ago, Ginny asked me why I had never made a list of the Hollywood celebrities with whom I still have, or had, intimate contact. The answer is really very simple. I never felt a need. Sometime after I started writing this series of columns, I was having a challenge recalling the name of my late friend Carroll O'Connor's wife, Nancy. To jog my memory, I started writing a list of celebrity-friends on a page of notebook paper. After the first column, I started a second, then wrote a third followed by a fourth. In the days that

followed, I'd go back to that paper and write additional names in the margins. I knew there were a bunch of people, but the length of the list surprised me.

Of all the names on my list — some with Academy Awards and/or Emmys, Globes, whatever — I enjoyed my association with no one

more than Red Skelton. It was the extremely positive human quality Red exhibited. Here was a giant among celebrities, an alltime icon... yet a man, a living, breathing physical human being whom I had the privilege of witnessing as he reached out to others, certainly not out of obligation, but with a sincere desire to help. Of course, I am forever grateful for the way he treated me. Everybody I know who knew Red agrees that he seemed to love and care about everyone he encountered.

My personal observation is that the biggest, best known stars in Hollywood are among the most desirable people to deal with and know on a personal level. I am hard-pressed to think of even one celebrity I've known who is an exception to that, and I'm not going to push it right now. Ginny suggested that it might be a good idea to do a column on several celebrities, giving a one or two-line impression of each. Hmm, maybe... we'll see.

In the previous column the story concluded at a point where Red and I had just arrived at the main stage area. He had asked one of the attendants to put me in the front row so I would literally have a ring-side seat. As the attendant looked out into the packed audience section, his expression spoke volumes, as all front-row seats were taken.

"I'd rather watch from here, Mister Skelton. My dad's an actor and I was born in a trunk, so I'm very comfortable back here," I said, sincerely hoping to remain somewhere backstage

somewhere backstage.

As Skelton said, "I'm Red, remember?" the attendant mumbled something about rules and the Fire Marshal. "So?" Red said to him. "Get Joey a costume if you have to, but just be glad he didn't want to watch from the catwalk." Red used his elbow to nudge me. With a wink and a facial expression like his character Junior, The Mean Widdle Kid, he said something about always getting his way when it counted,

especially where friends were concerned. I watched from the wings.

The show was an absolute gas. Would you believe that I cannot swear that I specifically remember if Red's opening, outlandish costume was a duck or an exaggerated caricature of a circus clown, but I distinctly remember laughing myself silly on his every line.

At one point in the show Red came bouncing offstage, ran up to me and asked, "So, how'm I doin'?"

"So, how'm I doin'?"

I said, "Great!" as I continued to applaud and laugh.

"Oh wonderful!" he exclaimed. "I think I'll go out and do some more."
With that he leaped and turned around in mid-air and goose-

stepped on stage

the downed curtain. He paused, looked at me with an expression of a person who was about to plunge into danger and dove through the curtain's middle fold onto stage center. The

behind

crowd let out a roar of utter delight without knowing that they missed the best part of his entrance.

His skits with Caesar Romero and Nanette Fabares were cute (the memory saying maybe a bit trite) but that night, as with so many others, the audience ate it up. Especially me.

I distinctly remember driving home that night by way of Laurel Canyon Boulevard, my top down and the wind rustling my hair. I had a childish fantasy that I had a loud speaker on my car so I could tell the world that I had just been the personal guest of Red Skelton at his show after giving the great comic a haircut.

I had further contact with Caesar Romero over he years, even went to one of his birthday parties in the early nineties with Larry and Norma Storch, but I'll save all that for another time.

Regretfully, I never had personal contact with Nanette Fabares again 'though I always felt a special pang of closeness whenever I saw her perform. Ditto for Sammy Kahn, Billy Rose and Johnny Mercer.

I did get my personally autographed picture, an 8 by 10 glossy, black 'n' white, of Red as his inimitable character, Clem Kaddiddlehopper. In the pose Red had a finger pointing up under his chin and wore that goofy hat with his hair sticking out on both sides and definitely askew. Of course, his eyes were crossed. It hung in the exact

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center of my work area for years and years, right up until the time we were burglarized.

By way of an appropriate wrap, I'm lifting some information from a Red Skelton website, so, no cops, please. I feel you would appreciate knowing that during his lifetime, Red wrote poetry, authored short stories and published full length books. He illustrated children, s coloring books and wrote poetic definitions of each page. His Gertrude and Heathcliff book was a best seller.

Red also wrote several hundred songs and composed musical arrangements including symphonies performed by Arthur Fiedler & The Boston Pops, The Palm Springs Symphony and The London Philharmonic Symphony.

He is most widely recognized as a painter of clowns, but he also painted landscapes and still-lifes. After leaving television in

1971, Red performed on stage as many as 100 times annually in theaters across America. He lectured on political science at colleges and appeared in a command performance honoring the Queen of England. He had the honor of being a guest and entertainer of eight US Presidents and three Popes. Red was a 33° Degree Mason and received the highly-coveted and seldom-awarded Gorgas Medal.

When I said good night to Red that wonderful evening, he invited me back to the show, "Anytime. Just ask Frank to set it up." Don't ask why, I don't know, but I never saw the Red Skelton Show live again. This fact alone causes me to believe that anyone who says he would not change anything in the past if granted such a choice is

either lying or being totally foolish.

If you'd like to take another virtual tour with me, use your imagination to visualize or picture this final scene. Squint just a bit



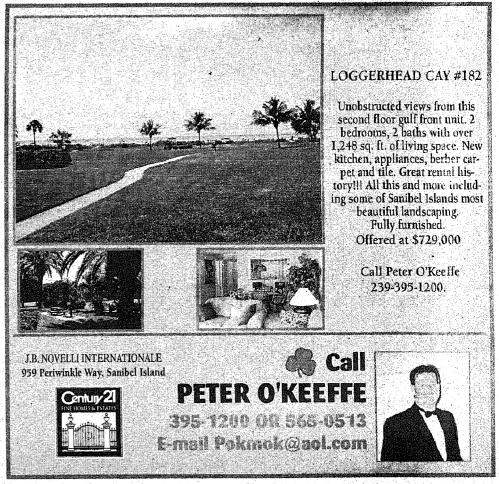
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and you will see Freddie The Freeloader, Clem Kadiddlehopper, George Appleby, San Fernando Red, Cauliflower McPugg, Willie Lump-Lump, Sheriff Deadeye and of course, the One and Only, The Man With The Golden Heart, the inimitable Richard Red Skelton. We are watching them take their final leave from the Skelton Estate in Rancho Mirage, California on Sept. 17, 1997. We see them boarding a Big Silver Bus accompanied by hundreds of clowns of all size, shape and description with visible halos and — wait a minute! — do I see most with large, white wings?!? And look who is driving the bus! It's Junior, The Mean Widdle Kid with those two goofy birds, Gertrude and Heathcliff

seated right behind him! What a wonderful sight!

May God Bless, as Red always said at the end of his act.





Who's Who on the Islands?

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Creating grand illusions and keeping balance in his life

im Macko, who is as physically fit as the Taj Mahal. an athlete in his 30s, concedes he's

added a few more years, but he keep balance in his life with rigorous workouts, jog-ging and weight lifting. "I do this for my health and not to be competitive." He admits that he wasn't always as disciplined, especially during his college years and the semester he spent in Europe enrolled in classes at the Rome campus of Loyola. Macko lived just behind the Vatican, studied art and sculpture, and admits that he did crazy things he'd never do now.

With a-bunch of other kids, he traipsed across Europe on a shoestring and became completely absorbed in the European

architectural heritage.

After completing his degrees in graphic art and design from the University of Dayton and The Art Institute in Fort Lauderdale, Macko enrolled in the Peace Corps. With his love of adventure, he spent two years in North Yemen and, before returning to the states, backpacked over to India and Nepal. The Taj Mahal he describes as "totally awesome." However, "Katmandu, the capital of Nepal, is my favorite place in the world. You get off the plane... you hear chimes."

You may think Macko is joking when he says that he bought a mobile home in Periwinkle Park 17 years ago. "I loye

where I live. I'm not planning to go anywhere. This is my affordable way of living on Sanibel.

With his extraordinary talent for visualization, Macko didn't see the interior of his home as it was, but rather as something he could transform into a personal work of art. Among his recent projects has been making his bathroom into a Moroccan fantasy using a faux stained glass mirror to create the illusion of a niche and adding a view of

You may be equally surprised to learn that part of Macko's diversity is his window cleaning business which he started as a subsidiary to his art. As a still life artist, he knew that he had to enhance his income and that meant changing gears and finding some kind of service business to attract

> In 1986 going door-to-door with 100 flyers to advertise his window cleaning service, he

accumulated a total of three clients. That numhas since grown to over 500 who book well in advance for his seasonal service.He demonstrates his duality and versatility equally well, whether he's painting an artistic mural, or cleaning windows. That sounds like an odd combination

but for Macko, the window cleaning business is mentally relaxing. In contrast, his work as an artist creating

grand illusions with original murals and

decorative painting is very demanding.

"I'm running on adrenaline morning, noon and night, thinking only about that particular project. My brain goes there naturally and I don't have to force it. Somehow, the answer is percolating in my brain. I start with a foundation, staying one step ahead in my head and that's how it begins to happen," he explains.

I look at a room as a three-dimensional painting and take it from there. Each room is different. Each style is different and I work with all styles from contemporary to classic to fantasy. My clients range from very con-

servative who want subtle wall glazing, to those who want entire fantasy rooms. That's

my favorite, but I like it all?

With Macko's talent, background and experience, he can do everything from faux finishing to wall glazing to full scale trompe l'oeil. A few years ago, he completed a dramatic 30 x 50-foot wall-size mural with 80 portraits of islanders as part of the décor for a local restaurant. To complete this job on time, he invited two other artists to work with him. More recently he

has been working with Laura Conway, a decorative painter whose competency he values highly.

Macko has had



exciting commissions. For a new bayfront home with a full glass front, for example, he chose to create a "map of the islands" mural using a plaster.

metallic Currently, Macko is working on an octagonal room with a turret ceiling,

making it into a "renovated ruin." In this new home he is creating the illusion of crumbling walls with a deep blue night sky full of stars and serenading monkeys sitting on the ledges. He smiles, "Skies are one of my specialities."

As he thinks about his work, Macko points out, "I place even higher demands on myself than my clients, so they don't have to place demands on me. I'm in tune with their interiors and I get a feel for what they want. Most of my work is interior design through paint and painted illusions. To paint and to create is who I am." He adds, "I'm happier today than I've ever

been in my life.

Potpourri

Free writers' workshop

Barnes & Noble and Gulf Coast Writers will hold a workshop entitled "Fiction: Painting the Imagination with a Palette of Words," featuring gifted writers Ruben Colon and Meg Price tomorrow, Saturday, Oct. 4, at noon at Barnes & Noble 13751 Cleveland in Fort Myers. The annual workshop is free and open to the public. Call 437-0654 for more infor-

WGCU Blues concert

Twenty years of public broadcasting in Southwest Florida will be celebrated with a blues concert on Saturday, Oct. 11, on the campus of Florida Gulf Coast University in Estero. Four blues groups will be featured — Brenda B, Danny Shepard and the Mercury Blues Band, The Mambo Brothers Blues Band and the Lynn Richardson Blues Group. The event coincides with a national broadcast on the history of blues that will air on WGCU-TV and WGCU-FM 90.1.

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Encore performance

Letters from the Earth, produced by the Orpheus Players and starring Rob Rosenberger in a signature performance, will have one final, encore performance tomorrow night, Oct. 4, at 8 p.m. at the Orpheus Café in Fort Myers Beach, Mark

Twain's last work, Letters..., was the subject of much controversy when it was posthumously published. Call 890-4033 for reservations; tickets are \$15.

Up next for the Orpheus Players is Dreaming Out Loud, two one-act Canadian plays directed by Amanda Parke. The first, Babel Rap by John Lazarus, is about two workers discussing their predicament of building the Tower of Babel high above the clouds. It stars Mark List and Jeff D. Burdge.

The second is entitled Berthe and is by Michael Tremblay, It stars Donna Prima and is the story of a woman contemplating the state of her life - what was, what could have been and what is.



Performances are at the Holmes Playhouse at 2500 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach tonight and tomorrow night, then Oct. 10 & 11, 17 & 18 and 24 & 25, starting with dinner at 6:45 p.m. and the show at 5. Tickets are \$35 (show only \$15). Call 463-5519 for reservations.

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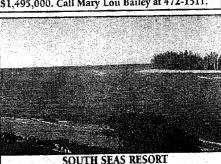


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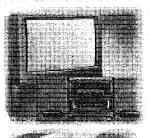


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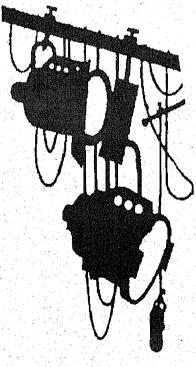
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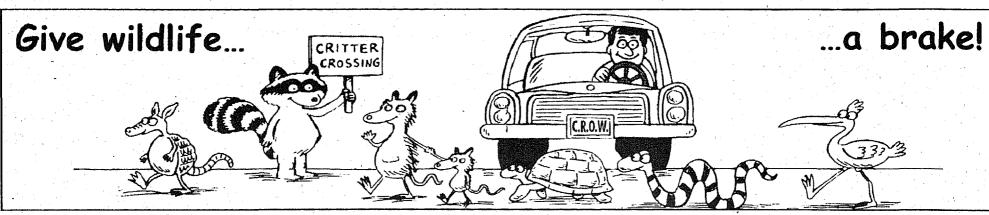
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Captiva Get-A-Way Just completed old Florida Style home four bedroom each with private baths. Roof top sun deck, pool, elevator. Fully furnished.

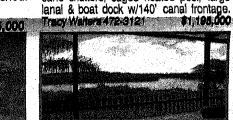


The Marketeers 472-3121



Canal Front Lovely three bedroom three bath direct access canal home. One block from river. Caged pool with boat lift. The Marketeers 472-3121

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Views, Views This home has absolutely the best view in the Dunes Golf and Tennis

Club. Large screened porch overlooks

beautiful heated pool, white picket fence,

lakes & the golf course. Tracy Walters 472

Beautiful Custom-built Home Large 4/3.5

home on a canal in private, neighborhood.

Features office/study/media rm, den, formal

dining rm, fireplace, elevator, electric hurri-

cane shutters, caged heated pool, large

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Boater's Delight Jonathan Harbour townhome. Gated community with tennis, pool, clubhouse, boat dock & boat lift. Remodeled and beautiful. Tracy Walters 472-3121 \$895,000



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South Seas Plantation Guiffront Nicely furnished, 1st floor, Gulf view, granite countertops, tile. Beautiful sunsets. Overlooks the pool & beach. Connie Walters 472-3121 \$534,900

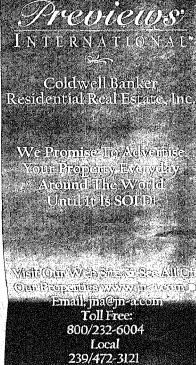


Huttenberg McCel Beautifu former Ruttenberg model many extras. 3 bdrm + office & family rm, built ins, some custom wood work open floor plan, lovely pool, tile roof located on lake with almost 1 acre of property. Ralph Galletti 472-3121

\$420,000



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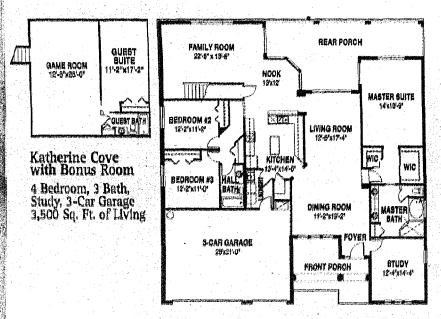
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