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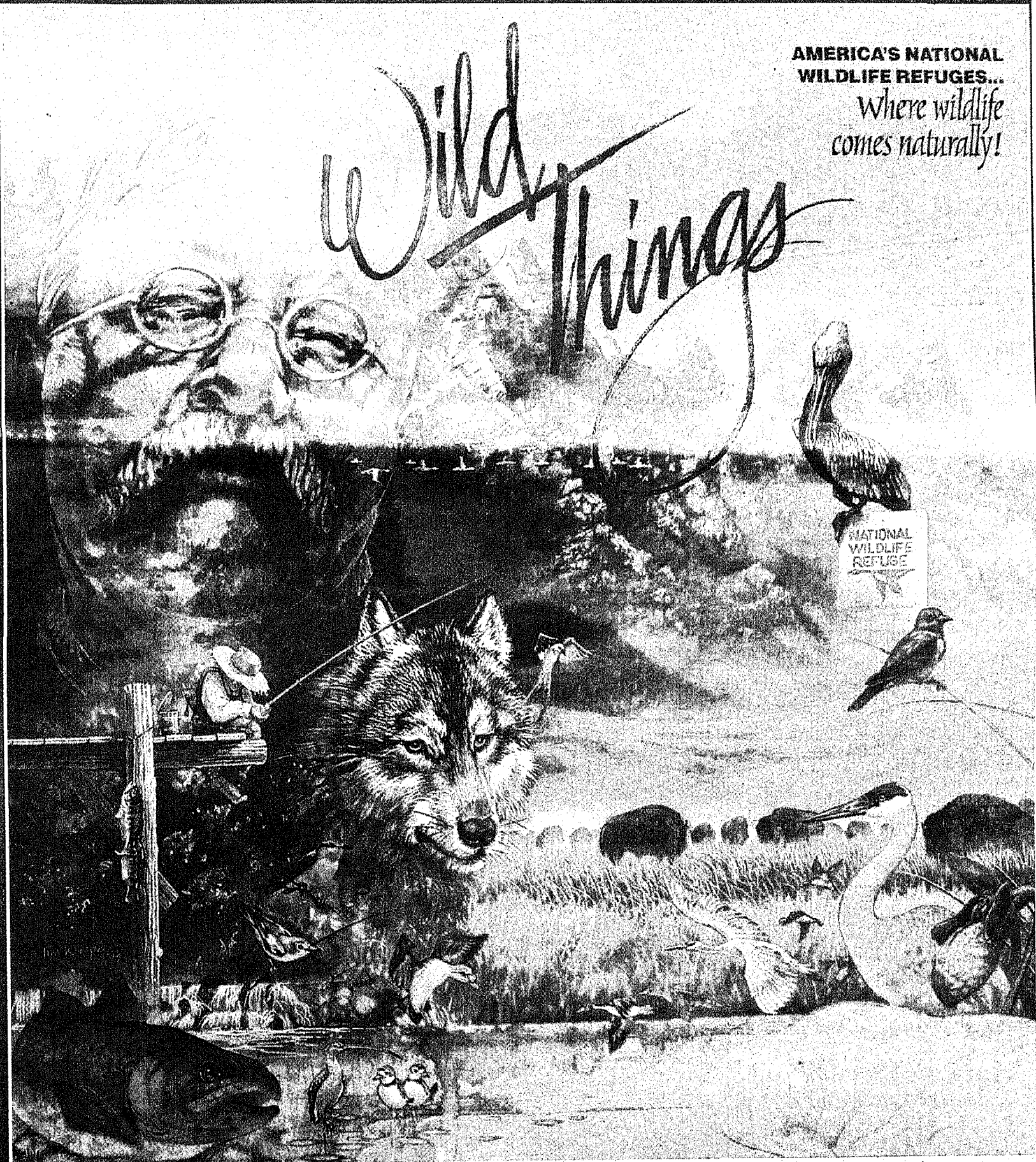
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Celebrity bartenders still going strong

By Renny Severance
Executive Editor

Last week was busy in the Celebrity Bartender biz as Matt Asen and Mary Jo Bogdon captured the lead in the race for the trophy. Out of a total of \$13,003.05 raised to date for various charities, these guys from Timbers managed to collect \$2,734 in their gig at Ellington's on Monday, Sept. 29. The beneficiary of the tip jar that night was

A good crowd turned out that night to see what Ellington's proprietors, Sharon Wise and Jill have done with their restaurant, recently relocated from downtown Fort Myers. Of course, Asen looked right at home behind the bar — one of the few guest bartenders who actually knows what to do back there. Analogies about memory and bicycle riding leap to mind.



Jillian Algrin, Pat D'Onofrio and Sharon Wise at Ellington's

The very next night, noted Captiva-about-isle and photographer extraordinaire, René Miville teamed up with Chris van der Baars, South Seas very own general manager. They convened at Chadwick's on Captiva and brought out a crowd of their own to support a good cause.



Matt Asen presents a check to The Children's Hospital



Kevin Boyce keeps 'em coming at Chadwick's



René Miville demonstrates hidden talents behind the bar at Chadwick's



Chris van der Baars



René and Chris take a short break from bartending labors at Chadwick's



Mary Jo tends a busy bar at Ellington's



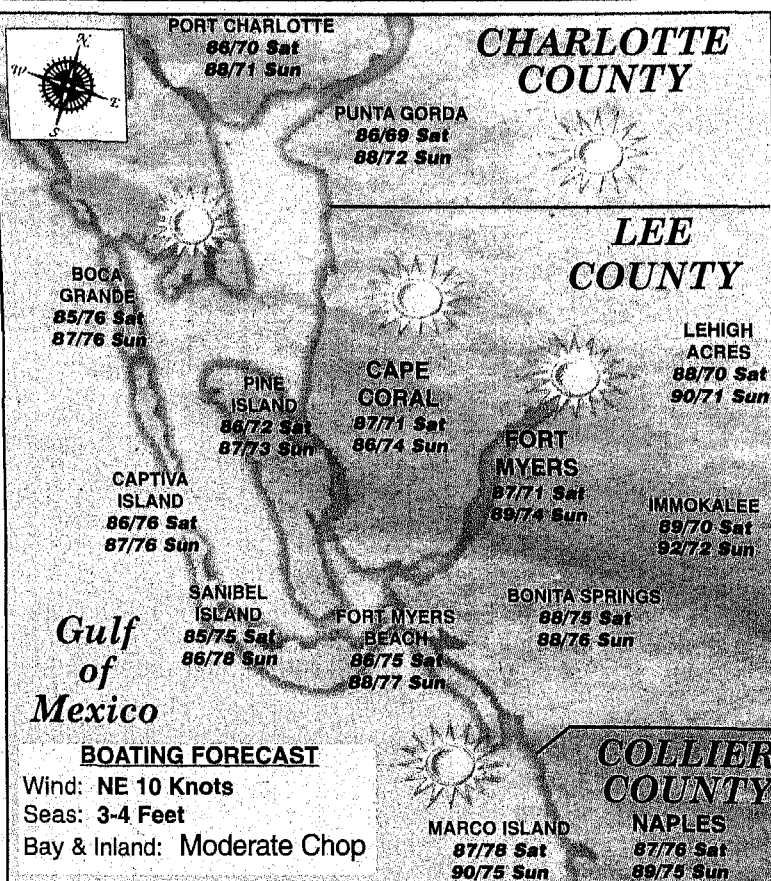
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at Beachview and Traders
the week of Oct. 20 - 24

WEEKEND FORECAST FOR OCTOBER 11 & 12

SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
A rather predictable weekend with warm daytime temps and possible rain in the late afternoon to evening.		A chance of rain towards the evening with warm temps during the day.	

WEEKEND TIDES

City	Sat. High	Sat. Low	Sun. High	Sun. Low
Cape Coral	10:04 a.m.	-	3:04 a.m.	8:20 a.m.
Bridge	-	7:51 p.m.	11:50 p.m.	8:44 p.m.
Captiva at Redfish Pass	7:54 a.m.	-	12:54 a.m.	3:04 a.m.
Fort Myers	10:57 a.m.	-	3:57 a.m.	7:02 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.
	-	7:17 p.m.	11:18 p.m.	8:10 p.m.
Pineland	8:30 a.m.	-	1:30 a.m.	4:44 a.m.
	-	6:15 p.m.	10:16 p.m.	7:08 p.m.
Point Ybel	6:59 a.m.	-	8:45 a.m.	3:06 a.m.
	11:59 p.m.	4:37 p.m.	11:59 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
Punta Rassa	7:48 a.m.	-	12:48 a.m.	2:59 a.m.
	-	4:30 p.m.	9:34 p.m.	5:23 p.m.
St. James City	8:19 a.m.	-	1:19 a.m.	3:34 a.m.
	-	5:05 p.m.	10:05 p.m.	5:58 p.m.



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STATE FORECAST-SATURDAY

CITY	LOW/HIGH
CAPE CORAL	87/71
DAYTONA BEACH	82/72
FT. LAUDERDALE	88/75
FT. MYERS BEACH	86/75
GAINESVILLE	82/65
JACKSONVILLE	80/68
KEY WEST	87/77
KISSIMEE	85/68
MIAMI	88/75
ORLANDO	85/68
PANAMA CITY	82/63
PENSACOLA	82/72
SARASOTA	88/72
ST. PETERSBURG	88/70
TALLAHASSEE	82/63
TAMPA	88/70
VERO BEACH	82/72
WEST PALM BEACH	88/75





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UP PERISCOPE

Ahhh, the boys of summerfall-winterspring. The pressing question in the world of sport right now is: "Will the World Series be finished in time for Spring Training?"

Like any ridiculous comment of this sort, there is just a grain of reality lodged in there somewhere. It is staggering to think that each major league team plays 162 games every season. Given that there are 30 teams, that comes to a total of 2,430 games. If they played all year long, that would be about 6.5 games a day. Since they really only play for six months — it just seems longer — that means about 13 games a day. Even for our national pastime it seems like a lot.

Years ago we used to joke about the National Hockey League playing all those games for a whole season just to eliminate two teams from the Stanley Cup playoffs. Expansion changed all that and now they too seem to play all year long.



RENNY
SEVERANCE
Executive Editor

hit a home run, or "three strikes and yer out." It's especially useful when describing a tense situation: "bottom of the ninth, two outs, bases loaded..."

The breadth and depth of baseball was made remarkably clear to me a couple of weeks ago with the start of the football season. A defensive back was being interviewed in the locker room about the coming season and he spoke of tricky offenses his team would have to face as "pitching

But I digress. Baseball has been such an important part of our culture for so long that even those of us who never played the game use the jargon in our everyday speech. Who doesn't know what it means to

a lot of curve balls and sliders," and some "high and inside stuff."

It was the first time I'd ever encountered one sport using another's jargon to describe its own. And the interviewer never flinched or raised an eyebrow.

Baseball has other unusual characteristics to distinguish it from the rest of the thundering herd. It's the only one I know of that keeps such meticulous track of its mistakes. Where else can you find errors listed as part of the score?


And why do they put the number of hits in the score? If you showed a football score the way they run baseball scores you might see something like this:

Miami	21	3	128
New England	17	2	143

For the rest of us mere mortals this would mean that the Dolphins won the game 21 to 17. For the statistically obsessed: 21 points, 3 missed field


goals (i.e. "almost scored") and 128 penalty yards to 17 points, 2 "almosts," and 143 yards penalized.

Lest you consider me un-American to take on the national pastime this way, I do love football which is rapidly gaining a comparable status. Baseball is too much like watching air potato take over the back 40 measuring each inch along the way — but that's just me.



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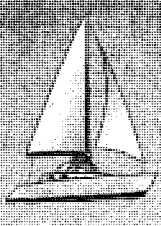
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HAPPENINGS

VIP / Karen Bell merger

On Wednesday, Oct. 8, Jim Hall of VIP Realty Group, Inc. and Karen Bell Realty, Inc. announced the merger of their two firms.

VIP has been considering opening an office on Captiva and, at the same time, Karen Bell has been considering expansion from Captiva onto Sanibel. The merger accomplishes both and combines the fourth largest real estate broker in the area with the second largest, creating a new first place firm. Karen Bell reports that their combined sales will exceed \$215 million.

Bell will become the sales director for the combined Captiva operations.

Pool hours

The City of Sanibel Sanibel Rec pool will close each day at 7 p.m., effectively immediately. When we return to standard time on Oct. 26, the closing time will be 5 p.m..

Help session for science/inventors fairs

On Saturday, Oct. 11, from 10:30 a.m. until noon, students and their parents are invited to the Imaginarium Hands-On Museum for assistance with their Science and/or Inventors Fair project planning.

Back by popular demand! The Imaginarium, with support from the Thomas A. Edison Regional Science &

Inventors Fair Steering Committee and Florida Gulf Coast University, is hosting another help session for interested students (and their parents) who are preparing to participate in the Science & Engineering and/or Inventors Fairs!

The event will begin with a general overview of the Science & Inventors Fair policies and procedures, followed by an "Ask-an-Expert" session, in which students will have an opportunity to talk one-on-one with professionals representing various fields, about their project plans. In addition to the invaluable project consultation, all students attending will receive a free invention from a local inventor who will also participate in the help session to offer his assistance. Anyone attending the help session will be admitted to the museum free-of-charge, and additional family members will receive \$1 off of their admissions. The Imaginarium is located in historic Downtown Fort Myers at Cranford Avenue and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd and is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5. Admission is \$5 for children (ages 3-12), \$7 for adults, and \$6.50 for seniors (age 55 & up).

Sidewalk Sale at Tahitian Gardens

The shops in Tahitian Gardens on Periwinkle Way will be holding a Sidewalk Sale over the Columbus Day weekend, Oct. 11 through 13. Don't miss the great



BaileyFest 2003

This old-fashioned Sunday afternoon community "picnic" is Bailey's Center merchants' way of saying "Thank you!" to the all. It takes place this year on Sunday, Oct. 19, and annually draws over 2,500 attendees.

There will be raffle drawings every 30 minutes (tickets are available from any merchant in the center and must be completed by noon).

The entertainment line-up includes Christie Melvin, the Golden Girl

Cloggers, Times 3, Harry Boyle, and the Bailey Blues Brothers. Kids will enjoy rides in the Sanibel Packing Company Model T and the Bailey mule-drawn wagon, a Bounce House, fortune tellers, games and the chance to sit in the driver's seat of the Sanibel and Captiva Fire & Rescue Districts fire trucks. Plus there are various contests throughout the afternoon.

BaileyFest begins at 1 and runs until 5 p.m.

savings!

Fishing Club meeting

The Sanibel Island Fishing Club will be holding its October meeting this coming Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sanibel Community Center. This month's program will feature Capt. Sean Middleton, an experienced local fishing guide, who will present an in-depth program on catching snook, redfish and trout in the back bay.

Captain Middleton recently finished third in the guided division of the Caloosa Catch & Release Tournament and second in the Sportsman Weekend Tournament. Born and raised in Fort Myers, he has been a full-time professional angler since 1999. He fishes from a 20-foot Lake & Bay using loomis and fin for tackle. His presentation

will begin at 7 p.m. sharp and the public is invited to attend.

For additional information, please call Charles Sobczak at 472-0491.

Chamber of Commerce

The October Chamber Box Lunch will be catered by The Dunes and held at the Sanibel Community House on Tuesday, Oct. 14. Reservations are due by Friday, Oct. 10. The cost is \$10 with reservations, \$14 at the door. Menu selections are a Macadamia Chicken Salad Croissant or a Club Sandwich in Tortilla Tomato Wrap.

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, Oct. 17; there is a \$5 charge for guests.

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

Garden Club time again

The Shell Islands Garden Club will hold its first meeting of the season at noon, Tuesday, Oct. 14, at Saint Michael & All Angels parish hall on Periwinkle Way. The program will be Creative Designs, conducted by Beverly Ray, Judy Gore, Lois Gressman, Marty Ward and Ena McGrattan — all members of the Eclectic

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CORRECTION

Last week the Islander showed the incorrect time for the start of the WGPU Birthday Blues concert tomorrow at FGCU.

The concert runs from 3 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 to the general public and free to WGPU members. Bring blankets and/or lawn chairs, but no coolers are allowed. Parking is free. For more information, call 590-2525.

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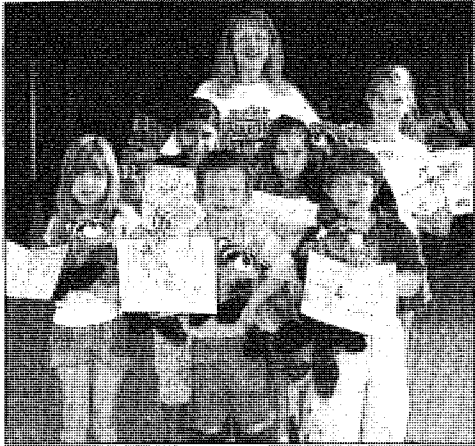
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Winners in the BaileyFest Draw a Raccoon contest got a preliminary peek at their prizes, which will be officially awarded onstage at BaileyFest on Sunday, Oct. 19. There was one winner in each grade at the Sanibel School. Pictured with Roni Martorelli, manager of the Shell Net and organizer of the contest are: (front row from left) 2nd grader Jordan Rich, 1st grader Thomas Rizzo and Kindergardener Dylan Brady; (second row) 4th grader Samia Islam, 3rd grader Chloe Allen and 5th grader Anna Craig.

Designers Garden Club. These are some of the best floral designers in the area, all of whom have won top awards in local flower shows. Their designs are innovative and often use the minimum of plant material. The public is invited. Parking is behind the church.

The meeting begins at noon with a light lunch. Everyone is asked to bring a sandwich to share. Dessert and beverage will be provided. Hostesses for the event are Pat Poshek, Pat Neitzke, Grace Mannix, Patti Waters and Peggy Faerie. Faye Granberry will be presenting a report on horticulture. The new program book will be handed out at the meeting to all paid members with the



"Orchids and Hummingbird" (detail) a painting by Martin Johnson Heade (MFA Boston)

events planned for this season.

Board members for the 2003-2004 season are Glenda Campbell, president; Lucille Dickinson, first vice-president; Jane Withers, second vice-president; Patti Waters, treasurer; Pat Poshek, recording secretary; and Libby Frankwich, corresponding secretary.

The club meets the second Tuesday of the month, October through May. New members are encouraged and should call Campbell at 472-8994 for more information.

Orchid Society fall schedule

On Oct. 20, 1:30 pm at Saint Michael

& All Angels Episcopal Church, 2304 Periwinkle Way, the Sanibel-Captive Orchid Society will open the 2003-2004 season by presenting in lecture, Randy Bruckner, a recognized expert in the study and cultivation of Cattleyas. Bruckner started growing orchids as a hobby that soon turned into a successful business because of his rapidly growing knowledge of growing techniques — especially of Cattleyas, one of his favorites.

Since a number of island orchid hobbyists favor the Cattleya in their collections, this is a special program to learn his techniques. Bruckner's down-to-earth presentations have made him a sought-after speaker in the world of orchids.

Associated with Tropiflora in Sarasota, he has been able to introduce a wide variety of Cattleyas that are unusual, yet obtainable, for the orchid hobbyist. He will share his culture technique and will bring a number of his Cattleyas for sale — an unusual opportunity for members and guests to add to their collections at a suitable price.

Society president, Dr. Faye Granberry, reports that this will be a most exciting season. On the group's agenda are some of America's top speakers, in addition to special social events, judged orchid shows and trips.

The San-Cap Orchid Society has long been recognized for its outstanding presentation of a judged orchid show at each meeting except December's. A number of the members are world travelers and have, thereby, been able to add unusual and rare orchids to their collections. This coupled with excellent growing tech-

niques and presentation makes this orchid show out of the ordinary.

On the October agenda will be Anna Bralove, speaking on membership and special orchid interests; Cel Luke, handling the Orchid Show; and special events coordinator and film maker, John Bralove.

The Dec. 19 Holiday Buffet Luncheon will be held at Sundial, starting at noon, and will feature America's best-recognized orchid specie author, Paul Martin Brown with his books to sign. The event is chaired by Bettie Cattell. To reserve a place please send a check for \$16 made out to San-Cap Orchid Society, 9454 Cotten Court, Sanibel. Not refundable.

All activities including meetings, socials, luncheons are open to the public. Meetings do not require a reservation. Members are free; members of the public, \$2.50. And, the public is invited to enter their orchids in the show. Please come and see the prettiest show in town.

Island Seniors Bazaar

The dates are set for the popular Island Seniors Bazaars and you will want to mark your calendars now so as not to miss a single one. The first bazaar of the season will be Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All bazaars are held at the Island Senior Center at the corner of Palm Ridge and Library Way. Tables rent to members for \$15 and \$20 to non-members. Please call Yolande Welch at 395-3372 to rent a table or if you need more information. Bazaar dates for next year are February 7 and April 3.

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OBITUARIES

Aubrey L. Whittemore, Jr., M.D.

Aubrey Whittemore, Jr., born at home in Evanston, Ill. on August 26, 1914, died of old age at Shell Point on Sept. 30, 2003. He received his B.S. from the University of Rochester and his medical degree from the College of Physicians & Surgeons in New York City. He practiced medicine in the city until his retirement, priding himself on being a doctor who made house calls.

Whittemore was affiliated with St. Luke's Hospital in Manhattan where he met his wife of 45 years, Josephine Person Whittemore. The couple lived in Rye, N.Y. for almost 30 years. They were active in Christ Episcopal Church, where he sang in the choir, and at the American Yacht Club. He loved roses and had extensive beds at his Rye home, enjoying their beauty and fragrance and often exhibiting prize-winning blooms.

The Whittemores retired to Stuart, Fla. and then to Shell Point, where he kept up his love of roses in a smaller garden plot. He loved to share the bounty of his garden with those who were ill or home-bound. He attended St. Michael & All Angels on Sanibel and sang in the choir there as well as at the Sanibel Congregational Church. He was also a member of the Southwest Florida Symphony Chorus for several years.

Whittemore is survived by two sons from his previous marriages — Caverly, of San Francisco, and Thomas, of East Greenbush, N.Y. He is also survived by his brother, Stanley, of Steamboat

Springs, Col. and a sister, Betty, and brother-in-law, Chuck Farnum, of Sanibel.

A memorial service will be held at St. Michael's on Monday, Oct. 13, at 1 p.m. Interment will be in the Columbarium at Christ Church in Rye, later in the fall. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to either of the local churches mentioned or to Brightest Horizons Mission & Day Care in Fort Myers.

Walter H. Rahn

Walter Rahn, a Sanibel resident since 1985 and formerly of Lake Bluff, Ill., died October 5, 2003. He was 79.

The husband of the late Marilyn S. Rahn, he is survived by his four sons — Michael, and his wife, Anita, Eric and his wife, Ann, Robin and his wife, Elaine, and Jamie, and his wife, Sherry; eight grandchildren — Alyssa, Eric J., Kathryn, Christopher W., Elizabeth, Christopher J., Shannon and Samantha; and a sister, Marion Rahn Hofstrand. He was predeceased by three sisters — Hildegard Rahn (1986), Dorothy Rahn West (1987), Elsbeth Rahn Loeffel (1999); and two brothers — Eric W. Rahn (1995), Bruno F. Rahn (1998).

A service will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Church of St. Mary, in Lake Forest, Ill. with interment to be private. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center of Loyola University Medical Center, 2160 South 1st Avenue, Maywood, Ill., 60153 or to Palliative Care Center & Hospice of the North Shore, 2821 Central Street, Evanston, Ill., 60201.

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Watch the island papers for further information. This is always a fun event — hunting for treasures in the Seniors Treasure Room, buying delicious baked goods and finding just the perfect item from a variety of interesting vendors, plus visiting with neighbors and friends.

Knitting group resumes

The Pelican Knitters Guild welcomes new and old members at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 29, and every Wednesday through May at SunTrust on Periwinkle. The group knits caps for kids, WarmUp American and preemies all over the country. They exchange patterns, yarn and interesting conversation. For additional information, call 472-9120.

Prostate cancer support group

Man-to-Man, the Lee County prostate cancer support group will meet at Southwest Florida Regional Medical Center in the Patty Berg Center 3 South Conference Room on Wednesday, Oct. 15, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The facilitator will be Wallace D. Hunter, PhD; the planned discussion topic is "Planning for the future of the Man-to-Man Support Group."

Veterans' news

- The Combat Infantrymen's Association of Southwest Florida - Company A will hold its monthly lunch meeting at Myerlee Manor, 1499 Brandywine Circle in Fort Myers on Thursday, Oct. 16, at 11:30 a.m. All Army Infantry veterans awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge (CIB) in any war are invited to become part of this group. For information or an application call Dan Sankoff, Maj./CIA, Adjutant Co. A at 368-5006 or e-mail him at SilverFoxx236@aol.com.

- The VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary have announced this year's Voice of America audio essay competition. Open to students in grades nine through 12, the contest has several levels of competition — local, district and state — and prizes range from \$1,000 scholarships and four-day trips to Washington, DC to a \$25,000 scholarship. Entrants must write and record a three-to-five-minute audio essay expressing their views on "My Commitment to America's Future." The deadline is Saturday, Nov. 1. For more information, call 574-2342.

Mexican Fiesta at The Village

The 3rd Annual Mexican Fiesta at the Village Shops will be on Saturday, Oct. 18 from noon until 6 pm.

The trio Inolvidable returns as the strolling Mariachi band, performing from noon until 3 pm. There will be piñatas for the kids and a raffle for over \$500 in prizes (the raffle will benefit Brightest Horizons Mission).

Special exhibits will include an exhibit of Mexican handicrafts at the Matsumoto Gallery; Mexican pottery at the Aborigines Gallery and an exhibit of Katie Gardenia's Frida dolls (with portraits of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo) at the

new Seaweed Gallery in the Village.

There will also be special events: at 1 p.m., a Paella cooking demonstration with Personal Chef Nancy Taylor and at 2 p.m., a Cutest Chihuahua Contest (Mexican Hairless are also eligible).

All proceeds from the raffle will benefit Brightest Horizons Mission, Inc., based in Harlem Heights. This child development and outreach center for low income working families has an annual operating cost of approximately \$1 million. Approximately \$300,000 of this cost is met by donations. Brightest Horizons Mission is a 501 (C)3 tax exempt organization.

The Village Shops are at 2340 Periwinkle Way.

Island Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest takes place at the Community House 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. (472-2155).

African Violet show

An African Violet Sale & Display will be presented by the Gulf-Edison African Violet Club this weekend from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days at the Garden Council Activity Center, 2646 Cleveland Avenue — the little building in front of Lee Memorial Hospital in Fort Myers.

In addition to the sale of beautiful violets and other gesneriads, there will be ample violet supplies as well as instructional workshops and demonstrations. Admission and parking are free. The Gulf/Edison African Violet Club is an affiliate of the African Violet Society of America.

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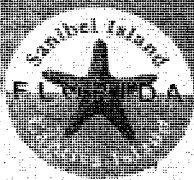
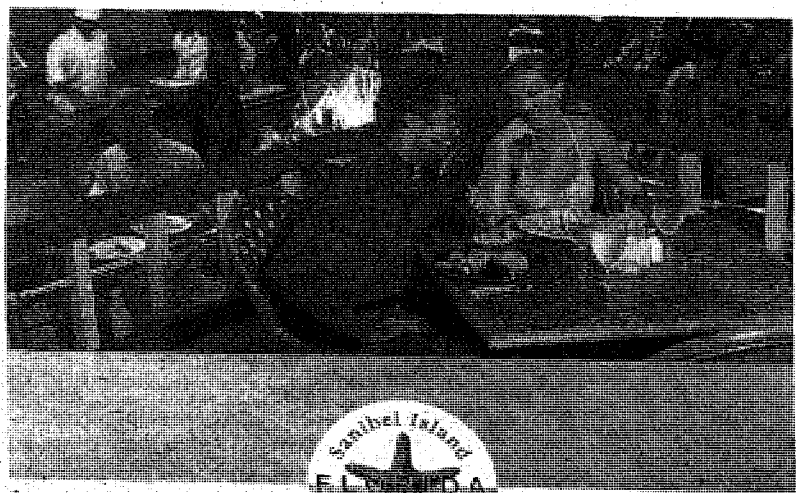
The Sanibel Community Church Harvest Festival is this evening, Friday, Oct. 10, from 6-9 p.m. The entire community is invited and admission is free. All you need to do is get a free wristband at the registration table. An adult must accompany children. Activities include a Bounce House, a Giant Slide, 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 Dee Donalson at 472-2684.

Women Democrats to hear from School Board

Special guest, Dr. Jane Kuckel, Chair of the Lee County School Board, will speak of the issues and challenges facing the School Board at the October meeting of the Lee County Democratic Women's Club.

The meeting will take place on Saturday, October 11, 2003, at 10:30 am at the HELM Club, 4420 Flagship Drive, The Landings. For reservations, please call Helen Guthrie at 433-2051 or e-mail DWC@dwc-lee.com. The cost is \$14 per person.



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Noah's Ark ready to sail

By Donna T. Schuman
Staff writer

After a Summer hiatus, Noah's Ark Thrift Shop re-opened its packed doorway Monday morning to a crowd of customers anxious to find the bargains that await them.

The shop, which has been an island favorite for the past 30 years, is run by volunteers from St. Michaels Episcopal Church.

Anne Hall, co-chairwoman of the volunteer group running the shop said, during the break, volunteers spent countless hours



Max, the resident canine mascot of Noah's Ark, patiently awaits the opening.



Above: (l-r) Ruth Anderson, Anne Hall (chairman) and Ruth Kalbfleisch

accepting donations and restocking shelves and racks.

"We certainly appreciate all the support and the public has been wonderful to us over the years," Hall said. "We try to keep the shop neat and nice and inviting, so everyone always feels welcome."

Sanibel resident Harriet Taylor, one of many customers at Noah's Ark's opening, said she comes back for the bargains.

"It's wonderful for the church and it benefits us," Taylor said as she holds up her find, a light blue shirt with sandals and sunglasses on it. "This is perfect for here."

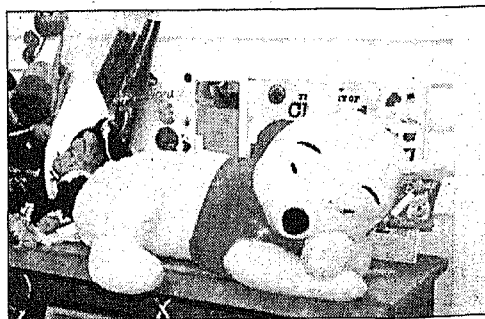
Hall said she and co-chairwoman Gillian Bagh are blessed to have such a nice group of volunteers. The Ark has more than 50 volunteers offering their time.

According to Hall, Noah's Ark was opened 30 years ago on someone's front porch. Since then, the shop has grown to carry items such as clothes, sports equipment, furniture and CD's.

"Everything but large appliances," Hall said. "We are fortunate because we get a lot of wonderful things, the people on the island are so generous."

However, that generosity does not end there. At the time of their closings throughout the off-season, Noah's Ark donates all unsold items to both local and national charities.

Noah's Ark will be open every weekday and the first Saturday of every month from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



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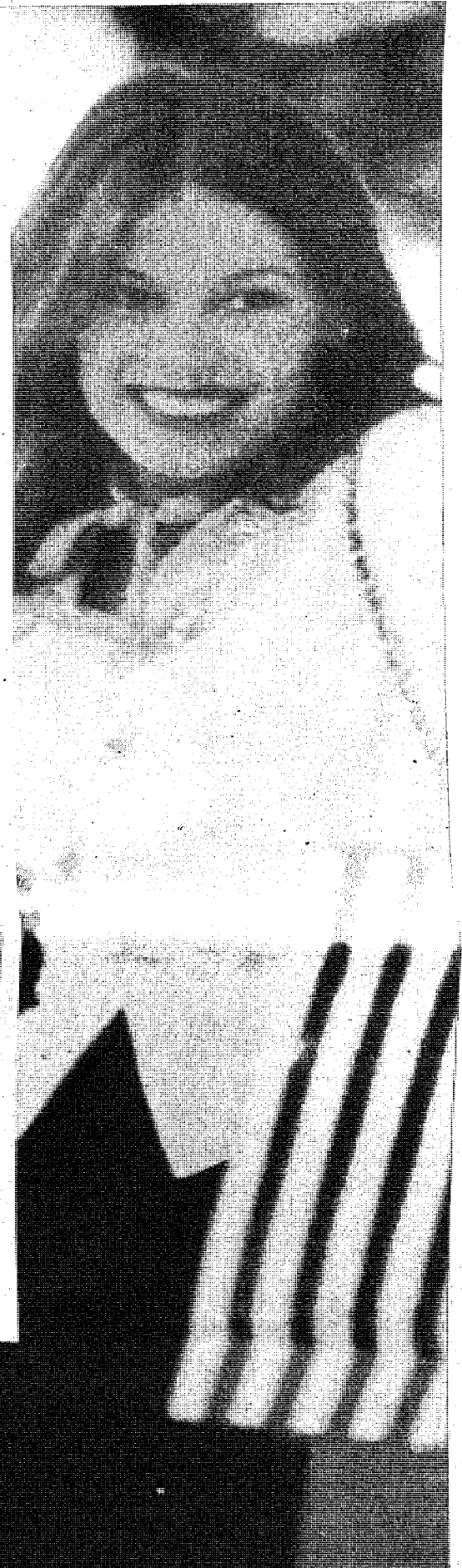
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To Your Health

Carol Simontacchi of Island Nutrition on healthy eating

by Karen Nelson, Staff writer

If you're confused about just what "healthy eating" means these days — and who isn't? — you might want to stop by Island Nutrition Center, the new health food store celebrating its Grand Opening on October 25.

Island Nutrition Owner Carol Simontacchi, CCN, MS is a nutritionist known to some on the Islands for her Wings holistic weight loss program, held two years ago. She formerly owned a chain of seven health food stores in the Northwest and is now based on Sanibel.

Having just one store gives her the time to do what she loves best, nutritional counseling. Simontacchi provides free one-on-one counseling by appointment on osteoarthritis, mental health, weight and female hormones.

"It's the one-on-one sharing of information" that she loves. "I don't want a huge store. I want a little store where I can provide the very best... My task is to convince people to eat real food. If I do that, their body's going to respond."

She has authored several bestsellers, including "The Crazy Makers" about the effects of food additives and chemicals on the brain, and "Your Fat Is Not Your Fault," a book which underscores the holistic approach underlying her Wings weight loss program. She has a new book, "A Woman's Guide to a Healthy Heart" coming out this Fall.

Simontacchi became interested in



nutrition when she was in her 20's and troubled by suicidal depression, bad skin and constant illness. Her boss got "tired of me calling in sick and gave me a subscription to Prevention. It became a fascination for me" and she began to explore the field on her own.

She bought her first health food store and one of her vendors gave her a scholarship to go to school for her first nutritional certification in 1991. She subsequently went on for her B.S. and Masters as well as a second certification, CCN. "It helps to have initials after your name," she notes. Her areas of specialty are weight management and nutrition for the brain, using nutrition as a healing tool.

She has been working for three years

with a physician who specializes in autism and she has worked with parents of children with attention deficit disorder and other hyperactivity disorders. "Parents wonder why their kids can't think but look at what they eat — why would it be a surprise?... It's extremely well-researched and well-documented that gluten and dairy sensitivities play a fundamental role in these disorders.

"To tell a parent they have to take a kid off wheat and dairy... on a scale of 1 to 10, it's a 12. I love working with them because I can

give parents the tools to work with that." Help in making that kind of major lifestyle change is essential and the problem is worsened by the fact that many of these kids are also hypersensory, making them picky eaters.

"Every molecule in the brain is there from what we eat," she explains.

Island Nutrition Center carries a variety of flours and refrigerables, vegan products and products for those sensitive to gluten and dairy. She has carried organic ground buffalo, organic chicken and wild-raised halibut and tuna that have been tested for PCB's and mercury.

She's planning to start Wings again this Fall, a program consisting of four 13-week sessions (perhaps incorporating some changes to accommodate winter residents). "There's nothing like Wings on the market. It's a holistic approach and people learn how to manage their health... It's so much fun to see that light come on in their faces when they recognize themselves — that's me!"

Simontacchi feels that "a good health food store has to be a teaching facility" and she will be offering in-store seminars, health clubs, maybe even a holistic health book club.

Island Nutrition Center is light and airy, with a welcoming feel and a play area for young children. Drop by and meet Carol Simontacchi and while you're there, schedule your own one-on-one free nutritional counseling session (an advance appointment is necessary).

Oct. 25 — Open House & Holistic Health Fair

To celebrate its Grand Opening, Island Nutrition Center is sponsoring an open house and holistic health fair on Saturday, Oct. 25. Activities will include free seminars on Friday and Saturday as well as free blood pressure checks and free massages on Saturday.

Saturday Health Fair

- Susan Bluehs, RN will be offering free blood pressure checks
- Massage Therapist Livi will give free neck and shoulder massages
- Bonnie Clancy will lead participants in free Pilates demonstrations throughout the day
- Steve and Darlene from Infinity Water will talk about the importance of pure water
- Food and beverage tables will have lots of free samples
- Check out the Holistic Health Information Center at Island Nutrition

Friday seminar (held at Island Nutrition Center):

"Beautiful Skin For Every Decade of Life" from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Island Nutrition Center, given by an aesthetician who will also schedule free private 30-minute skin consultations on Saturday, Oct. 25

Saturday seminars (to be held in the meeting room of the Bank of the Islands at 1699 Periwinkle; seminars are free but reservations are required: call 472-4499).

- "Female Hormones: It's a Balancing Act" by Dr. Linda Stevens from 10 to 11 a.m.
- "Too Tired to Tango: Solving the Problem of Fatigue" by Carol Simontacchi, CCN, MS, from 11 to 12 noon
- "Surviving Stress with a Healing Heart" by Dr. Constance Clancy from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Dr. Clancy will present holistic solutions to stress management.
- "Check up on Your Heart," a discussion of cardiovascular health by Dr. Ed LaMotta of Healthpark of the Islands, from 1 to 2 p.m.

Island Nutrition Center is at 1633C Periwinkle Way in the Anchor Point Center; phone 472-4499.

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Kiwanis

Story & photos by Bob Wimbush

Rob Jess, leader of the "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, offered good advice about "Ding" Darling Days, which begin here this Sunday, Oct. 12. Rather than listen to him, read the literature. And read about it we did, both in a wonderfully prepared 16-page four-color brochure, and in the papers that came out two days later. So, you can do the same. Here are highlights I did not see published elsewhere this week.

Rob and his family of four boys and one girl are relatively new to the island but, in case you think working for Fish and Wildlife is a cushy job, be advised this was his 28th move. He has lived in 13 states and two countries before landing here.



Rob Jess, Refuge Manager at Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

Although he fished for a question, no one wanted to talk about manatees. Couldn't tell if he was relieved, but we were.

"Ding" Darling is considered a "gateway refuge", one surrounded by a community. As such, it deals with challenges like bridges and spoil islands and chemical run-off from golf courses. Sanibel's conservation laws also make this refuge unique.

Although possessed of a wickedly dry sense of humor, Jess seems a realist. Asked about removing the spoil islands he answered, "We don't have the science... What happens if we pull them out? We don't know." There are no guarantees that the estuary will return to its pre-causeway state or, for that matter, what it means if it



Kiwanis Governor Elect for Florida Bill Rushing and his wife Carole came all the way from Titusville to induct Kiwanis new president, Don Czech and the 2003-2004 board.



When Jaimie Lynn and Ellen Lai, AVP of Colonial Bank, heard about Kiwanis speaker, Executive Director Karen Moran, and learned the Ronald McDonald House needs pull-tab drop off points on the Island, Ellen volunteered her bank. And now Colonial is accepting tabs at all 12 branches. The crew at Colonial on Sanibel has volunteered to cook for families staying at the house. Thanks, Ellen.

does. And it was so refreshing to hear "Look at the socio-economic value of those islands... Look at the people that go there. If not there, where would they go?" He speculated on the impact to those currently untrammeled places.

As if to keep track of his fellow politicians, Mayor Steve Brown asked about an upcoming snake survey. "If indigo snakes are endangered, why are we trapping them?" First, the snakes are not harmed, just counted and released. Why? Indigos are an "indicator species" and, according to Jess, no one has documented one on the refuge in three years. Dick Muench, who has returned from a zoo conference in Omaha, said he had seen one last week, presumably at Periwinkle Zoo & Botanical Gardens where he works. "Once we saw all indigos, now we see mostly yellow rat snakes. Saw one yesterday about six feet long and two inches around." He sees a lot fewer rats. (But isn't he on fewer committees now?) They agreed it is cause and effect, transition.

Interesting side bar: Indigos are friendly, "super tame" according to Muench. They will let you pick them up. Jess told of a man apprehended several years ago for exporting them off the island.

On Eco-tourism: The refuge currently gets about 850,000 visitors a year. It can handle about a million. But "can the island handle more vehicles?" He would prefer trams to cars on Wildlife Drive. Except for the about-to-be-touted Sanibel and Fort Myers Beaches, the Refuge is Lee County's #1 tourist attraction.

On the county's just announced \$3.5 million tourism-building campaign: "The County moved forward without us. We read about it in the papers." He opined that this sort of effort "takes cooperative management."

Welcome to Sanibel, Rob.

Kiwanis will be breakfasting Wednesdays at The Dunes (where they label the food) for the foreseeable future.

Zonta and SWFAS

Do you ever wonder what some of the Sanibel service organizations do to help the larger community? Here is one example of the help given by professional women who have great skills and knowledge to share.

On Wednesday, Sept 10, three Zontians — Joan Good, Ginger Parker, and Karen Pati — helped six residents of the transitional living centers at Southwest Florida Addiction Services learn new skills. The islanders participated in videotaped practice sessions to help the SWFAS residents develop job-interview skills, the culmination of the Job Skills class taken over the last six weeks.

All six of the residents will receive a tape of their practice interview so they can review and continually improve their interview skills.

This program provides valuable life-long job skills for the people involved, and every interviewing session proves rewarding for the Zontians involved, a real win-win for everyone.

Rosemary Boisvert, Program Coordinator at SWFAS took this opportunity to recognize Zontian Barbara Traum for her ongoing service and dedication to SWFAS. Traum works with Boisvert to identify program needs that Zonta can help solve. Recent outreach efforts include partnership in the Life Skills training program and the donation of additional training hardware (DVD/VCR player) and a sewing machine.

Zonta International is a world-wide service organization of executives in business and the professions, working to advance and enhance the status of women. Locally,



Barbara Traum of SWFAS

Zonta provides funds and hands-on assistance to women. Globally, Zonta focuses on strategies to eradicate inequities and violence against women through education and advocacy.

Additional information is available on Zonta's website: www.zontasancap.com.

Rotarians give dictionaries to 3rd graders

Rotarians all across Southwest Florida turned out at local schools Wednesday to give each third-grader a gift - a brand new dictionary of their own. The Rotary clubs are planning to make it an annual event.

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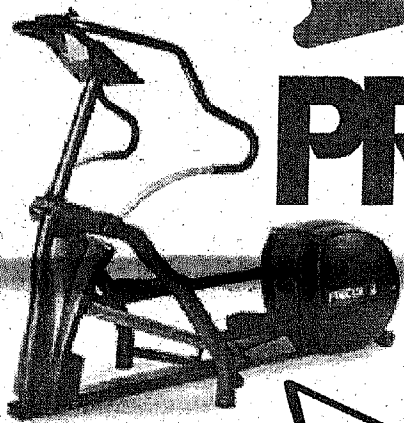
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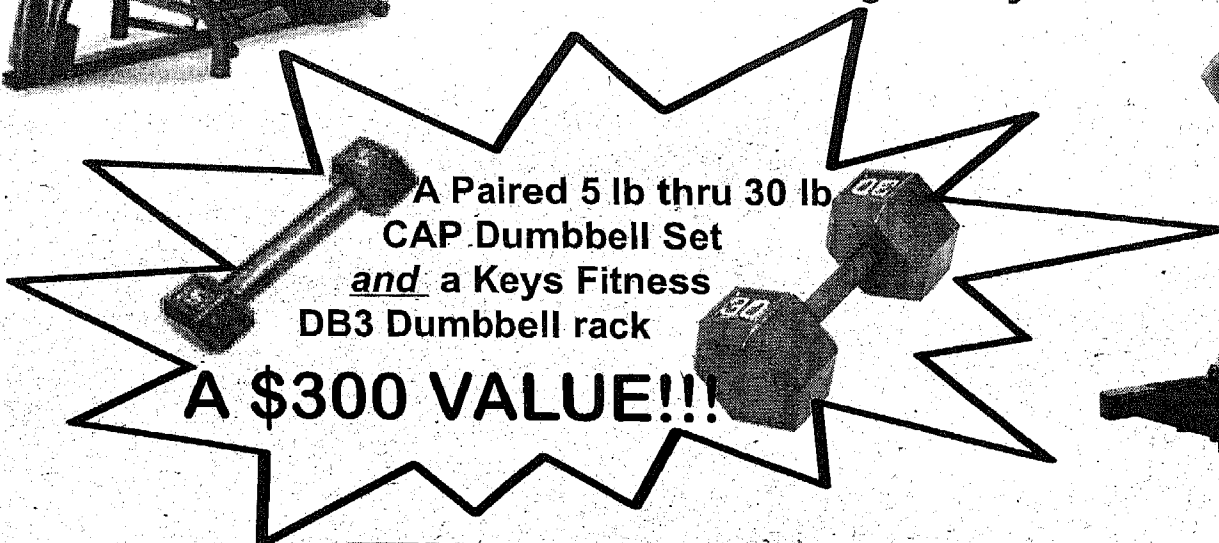
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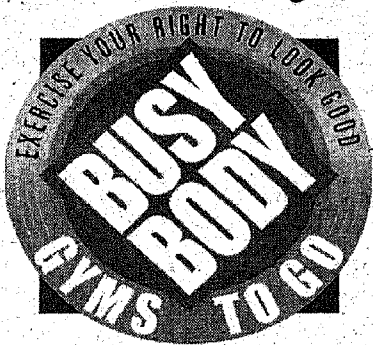
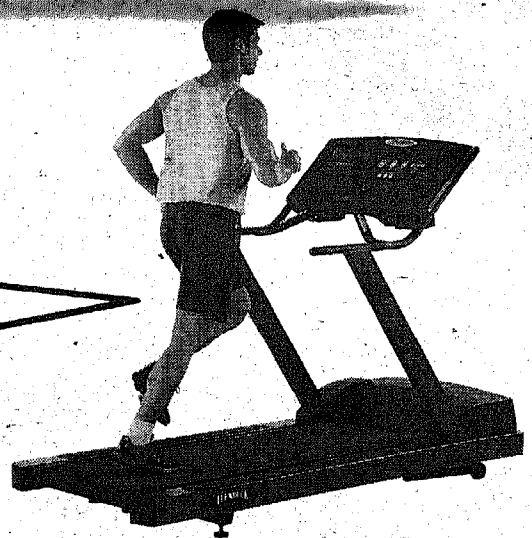


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Inter-Islands Service Clubs Dinner a big hit

Story & photos by Renny Severance
Executive Editor

A sizeable percentage of the islands' population turned up on Thursday, Oct. 2, for the second Inter-Islands Service Clubs Dinner hosted by Kiwanis, Zonta and the Lions at the Sanibel Community House.

But it wasn't just Zonta and Kiwanis and the gang... SCCF, CROW, BIG ARTS, and the Sanibel Bicycle Club joined in the fun along with ABWA, Lions, Rotarians and Optimists. And, throwing the net a little wider — Sanibel Beautification, the Sanibel Christian Women's Club, and the Chamber of Commerce. Since hardly anyone here doesn't belong to something, it turned into a packed house. Even the cops showed up to help with the traffic flow.

The event was very well organized with a friendly social hour first where everyone mingled, chatted, and tried hard not to spill their drinks on each other. Tables were assigned for the buffet dinner which followed and whoever was responsible did a wonderful job of mixing the groups to let people get to know each other better, instead of clumping whole prides of Lions at one table and all those Optimists at another. Mix and match was the name of the game that night, and it worked well.

No gathering on Sanibel is considered

official unless Stan Kucaba takes the microphone for a while. This gathering was official and Mr. Kucaba was joined by Caroline Hoisington at the podium for some brief remarks.

Since this was a fun get-together, no money was raised for any cause, no matter how good. Instead, the two speakers thanked those responsible for all the fun and played Twenty Questions with the participants. Diners were asked to stand for any "yes" answer to questions ranging from "Are you and your spouse both service club members?" or "Have you ever gotten drunk at a service club activity?" — "Are you drunk now?" to "Have you ever bought all the tickets you were supposed to sell?" or "Are you sitting at your assigned table?" There were other equally amusing queries and many remarkably honest answers.

The buffet was an amazing series of delectable treats prepared by Mozella's including a couple of desserts that were worth the price of admission all by themselves.

Everyone enjoyed each other's company and made a few new friends. The event was such a good time that it promises to be a regular part of the island life and calendar, provided they can get another two clubs to volunteer to host it next year.



Caroline Hoisington and Stan Kucaba played both host and entertainment.



l-r: Tom Lowers enjoys an interclub moment with Bob Janes and Stan Kucaba.



The Community House was packed as any Optimist could plainly see.



The dinner drew people from every group imaginable on the islands.



Mozella Jordan put out a rare feast, earning praise and thanks from Nola Theis, which she shares with family members James and Alicia.



Dick Muench and George Sousa



Ada Shissler of Sanibel Beautification.



Bob Wimbush and Jaimie Lynn enjoy Tony Lapi 'fessing up to a question from the podium.

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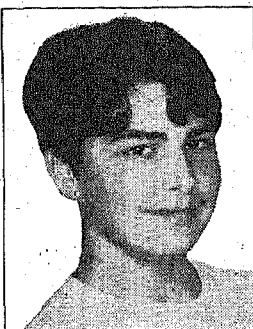
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Local student headed to Capitol

Islander, Britt DeGennaro, has been selected to attend the Junior National Young Leaders Conference (JrNYLC) next week in Washington, D.C. JrNYLC is a unique leadership development program for middle school students.

Themed The Legacy of American Leadership, JrNYLC introduces young people to the rich tradition of leadership throughout American history, while helping them develop their own leadership skills. DeGennaro will participate in various educational activities and presentations given by individuals in positions of leadership. In specially designed small groups, students will also visit historic landmarks, including Colonial Williamsburg.

"While most students read about leadership in books, DeGennaro will actually walk along the same paths and hallways as some of our country's great leaders," said Mike Lasday, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, the organization that sponsors the conference. "The leadership exercises developed by the Junior National Young Leaders Conference will challenge the students to think and act strategically when it comes to teamwork, problem-solving and setting goals."



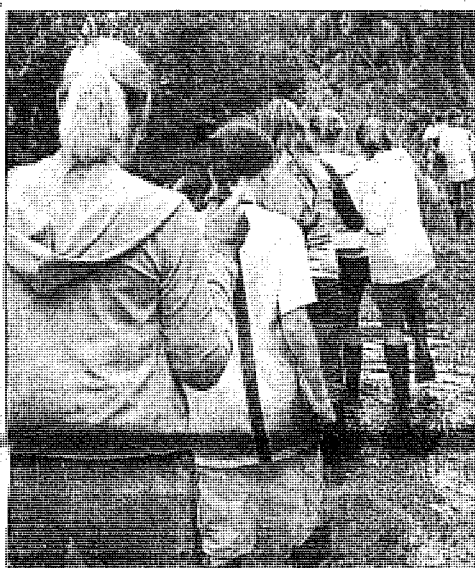
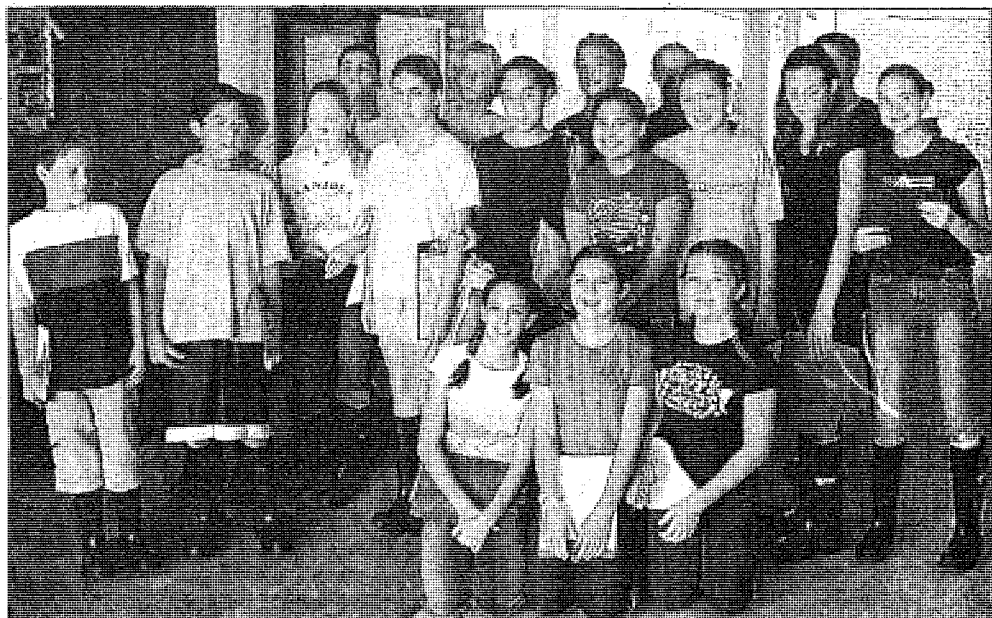
Britt DeGennaro

In addition to examining notable U.S. leaders and historic figures, DeGennaro will study the impact of leadership throughout critical periods of American history including the Civil War and Reconstruction, World War II, the Great Depression and the Civil Rights Movement. At the end of JrNYLC, the students should have a greater understanding of the role of individuals in American democracy, as well as the responsibilities of being a leader.

CYLC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization. Founded in 1985, the Council is committed to fostering and inspiring young people to achieve their full leadership potential. More than 400 members of the U.S. Congress join this commitment by serving on the CYLC Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors.

For additional information on JrNYLC, visit its website at <http://www.cylc.org>.

SCCF shows kids Pick Preserve



Photos by Odia Wood

Richard Finkel, environmental educator at SCCF teaches seventh graders about wetlands on the islands.

*By Richard Finkel
Special to the Islander*

The Sanibel School's seventh graders took advantage of the high water levels last week to learn about Sanibel's interior freshwater wetlands. Students walked through The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's (SCCF) Pick Preserve in what was the start of study unit on water quality and environmental monitoring.

In the future, students will conduct experiments to help gauge the quality of our freshwater wetlands and monitor the salinity, dissolved oxygen levels, temperature and biological diversity of the area.

Richard Finkel, an Environmental Educator with The Conservation Foundation led the students through The Pick Preserve which is located directly across the street from the Sanibel School and is used by the foundation to help incorporate environmental education into The Sanibel School's curriculum.

Boots were a prerequisite for this visit to the preserve. The school has a complete selection available for these trips thanks to a Bridges grant obtained three years ago to include environmental education.

For additional information about SCCF's Pick Preserve contact The Conservation foundation at 472-2329.

Islander joins National Honor Society

Tiffany Hetmanek joins Phi Sigma Theta

Phi Sigma Theta is proud to announce that Tiffany Hetmanek, the daughter of James and Penny Hetmanek of Sanibel, Florida has recently become a member of Phi Sigma Theta National Honor Society at the University of Florida. Phi Sigma Theta is a national honor society dedicated to recognizing and rewarding academic achievement in undergraduates at institutions of higher learning.



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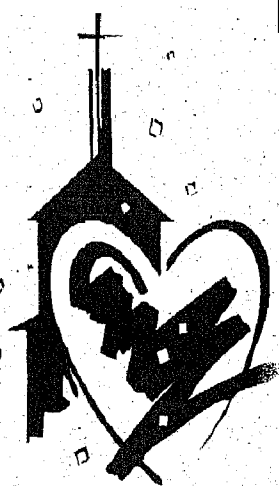
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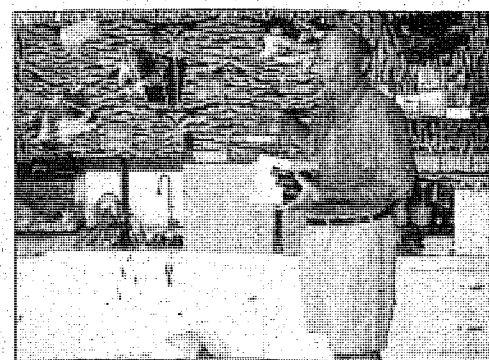
Sanibel poet, Joseph Pacheco, will read his poetry at the FGCU Student Center at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16. This will be followed by an open mic reading of student writing and poetry.

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making this the first of many free dictionary give-aways to come.

Bill Currise, president of the Sanibel-Captiva chapter of Rotary International, Chet Sadler, president elect, and Rotarians Gary Souers and Erhart Becker arrived at the Sanibel School bearing boxes of books for young islanders, who welcomed them with choruses of "Thank You's!" Carlene Wehner, who coordinated the event, was unable to attend.

"We want to be able to help someone in our community, which has done so much for us," Currise said. "School children seemed like a fine place to start."



Rotary president, Chet Sadler delivers a dictionary.



How to Stage Your House to go from "For Sale" to "Sold"

by Nancy Santeusano
Special to The Islander

Linda Gornick of the VIP Realty Group says, "Finding the place where your island dreams begin" is right here, and her goal is not only to sell your house, but to help get the best price in the shortest amount of time. Research has shown that within 15 seconds a buyer has formed an opinion about your property. This first impression, well-known as curb appeal, is not limited to your lawn and shrubs. Instead it's the total visual landscape from the street to the front of the house, including the mailbox, outdoor lamps, the front walkway and driveway.

Your front door makes a first impression and if the doorway is unappealing, repaint the door, put on some new door hardware and possibly install a brass kick plate. Of course, a fresh coat of exterior paint, or even painting the shutters, creates a better impression.

And do not ignore the single most important and more costly aspect, the roof, gutters and downspouts. Unfortunately, you can't tuck those away, and they're visible for careful scrutiny by the wise buyer.

Your goal is not to spend an amount of money you can't afford, rather to make your house stand out from the competition. Gornick emphasizes that when

prospective buyers walk into a house, they know within the first few minutes whether the house feels right to them.

If their immediate response is negative, her best suggestion is, "Don't waste your time. Let's go. If it doesn't fit, it doesn't fit." This is analogous to buying a pair of shoes you loved, but they never fit, never will fit and still sit in the box.

What prospective sellers find most valuable is giving Gornick permission to take a series of digital pictures of the interior of the house. She uses these to recommend possible changes to increase its spaciousness.

The golden rule is no more than three things on a horizontal surface. Often this means clearing out or clearing off some spaces. Clutter is the homeowner's worst enemy and too much "stuff" doesn't add to its allure. You want to create an environment that gives a model home effect. The prospective buyer is looking at your house as their home and visualizing themselves living in it.

The house needs to appeal to the senses, or what is called "sensory selling," by eliminating heavily patterned wallpaper, unusual wall colors, heavy pet or smoking odors, sounds of loud music, a blaring television or unusual art artifacts that make a strong personal statement.

The trick is to keep colors light and

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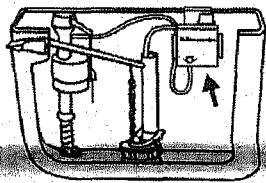
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New toilet cleaning system protects tank parts

(NAPSI)-For most people, "cleaning the toilet" tends to rank pretty low on the list of favorite chores-



despite the overall desire for a sparkling toilet bowl. Unfortunately, few people are willing to do what it takes to keep it that way, so drop-in bleach tablets have become a tempting shortcut.

What many people don't realize is that the bleach released by those tablets can kill a toilet's tank parts-warping and corroding the elements that flush the toilet. Damaged parts create flush malfunctions and often require repairs or replacement.

Now there's another option: a product that bleaches the toilet bowl crystal-clear with every flush, but without harming tank parts. Called Flush 'n' Sparkle, it's made by Fluidmaster, the leading name in toilet repair and care. Unlike drop-in cleaning tablets, it uses a unique dispenser system that isolates the bleach from the tank water,

protecting parts from damage. The system protects tank parts by redirecting bowl refill water to the dispenser, where it mixes with bleach until it is injected only to the bowl during the next flush.

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Flush 'n' Sparkle is sold at home improvement retailers nationwide. To learn more, visit www.fluidmaster.com.

Lights, Camera, Relaxation!

(NAPSI)-As the cost of movie tickets rises and the sale of home electronics continues to boom, more and more people are enjoying the latest box-office hits in the privacy and comfort of home theaters with luxury features that would rival any multiplex.



Comfortable seating is a must in any home theater.

According to the Consumer Electronics Association, nearly 35 percent of American homes are now equipped with DVD players, while consumer sales of high definition televisions (HDTV) have risen from 1.4 million in 2001 to an estimated 2.5 million and growing.

No doubt about it, home theaters are one of today's biggest trends. The good news is practically any room-from a small-scaled den to a basement great room-can be turned into a home theater without much trouble or expense. Here's what you'll need:

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- **Snacks.** Half the fun of going to the movies is raiding the concession stand. A mini-refrigerator in your home theater means you won't have to hit "pause"-or miss any of the big game-to refill your drink. Got lots of room? Add a microwave for a constant supply of fresh popcorn.
- **Comfortable Seating.** The greatest aspect of a home theater is being in the comfort of your own home, so be sure to make it just that-comfortable. Today's seating options range from a couple of comfy recliners to full-fledged, theater-style configurations that offer all the bells and whistles of the Cineplex experience.

The new La-Z-Boy Home Theater

Collection offers an array of endlessly configured pieces, including both recliners and angled wedges, for truly customized seating. The recliners also can be customized with an optional power recline system, which allows users to recline or extend and stop at any position, providing an infinite number of reclining positions for a truly personalized seating experience.

"The options are virtually limitless, ranging from individual reclining units to elevated stadium-style seating," says Paula Hoyas, director of upholstery merchandising for La-Z-Boy. "Whatever the style preference or size of the room, there is something to make every home theater comfortable."

Further enhancing the home theater experience, each seat cushion is set at a 15-degree angle-the perfect and ergonomically correct position for movie viewing-and situated so that the seat back won't block the stereo surround sound. The seating pieces also are available with Tempur-pedic® pressure-relieving material, which conforms to every curve and angle of the user's body.

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neutral. Give the house a feeling of serenity with soft background music, a smell of cleanliness with clean and spotless carpets, glistening floors and windows. Use mirrors to enhance the perception of room size. For example, a mirror placed across from a window can increase the whole dimension of a room. Small details make big statements and Gornick is an expert advisor to stage your house to go from "For Sale" to "Sold."

Today, properties can be seen on the internet. Since everyone has equal access to viewing, some people like to preview homes and feel comfortable making an offer to purchase without personally seeing the property. As Gornick points out, "You can look at pictures but there's no feeling and it's not three-dimensional viewing. However, that does not eliminate the same need to showcase the house from curb appeal to interior."

On the internet it's very easy to flip from one house to another and the response time to "It doesn't fit." is even

quicker. Your goal is to always make your house stand out from the competition and you can't skip any of the steps in staging your home for success.

Often the public assumes that the agent sets the price, but that's a misconception. "Agents only make recommendations and the seller sets the price." Some sellers set the price based on their friends' or neighbors' recommendations. As Gornick points out, "Overpricing a home is like a rotten egg. The longer it sits, the worse it gets." That's another reason why non-motivated clients who put a house on the market at their own estimated value and say to themselves, "If you like it, I might sell it to you," are often unsuccessful. The agent will not be able to market the property successfully.

In today's market, with most island homes starting at a half million, buyers expect a lot more than what they preview. Gornick emphasizes that property has to be in tip-top shape to get top dollar. The house is only going to sell for the amount an able and willing buyer is going to spend. It's all in the numbers.



Linda Gornick

That's the way the bank looks at it, as well as the insurance company and that's what you're going to look at when you purchase a home.

She continues, "The facts and market dictate what the house will bring, but it's like the stock market. Several years ago a house was sold the day it was listed, but today people have lost so much money that what they could have sold the house for at that time is not the same today. There is no crystal ball to tell us what to do and yet, there are some houses you think will never sell, but they turn out to be the right house at the right price for the right buyer."

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(NAPSI) - Can rearranging the furniture in a room bring peace and harmony? According to the ancient Chinese art of Feng Shui (pronounced Fung Shway) it can. To help you, expert Eddie Cheng, offers simple tips for using Feng Shui, which means wind and water, to create peaceful surroundings and bring positive chi (or energy) to your life.

Cheng is director of operations for the JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong, where Feng Shui is taken seriously. A Feng Shui master comes to the hotel each year to check all major locations, including the main entrance, lobby, executives' offices and hotel rooms. According to Cheng, the master provides guidance on how to organize the space. While each arrangement is unique to the individual,



Having an odd number of healthy plants brings live, flowing energy to a room, Feng Shui experts believe.

there are general rules that can be incorporated into anybody's life. Cheng says the purpose is to either gain positive

energy when it is already strong or to protect it when it is weak. He believes this develops a psychological feeling of confidence and energy.

Cheng's tips include:

- At work, you should be able to see the door from your desk. If this is impossible, position a mirror so you see the entrance.
- At home, your bed should not be directly across from the door because the chi runs up the bed.
- Having an odd number of healthy plants brings live, flowing energy to a room.
- A water fountain or picture of moving water should be placed near the entrance to

your office to bring money and diffuse negative chi.

- Don't sit under anything bulky or heavy, like a shelf or storage bin, because it symbolically impedes your movement up the corporate ladder. If this cannot be helped, hanging a crystal sphere from the shelf can brighten your environment.
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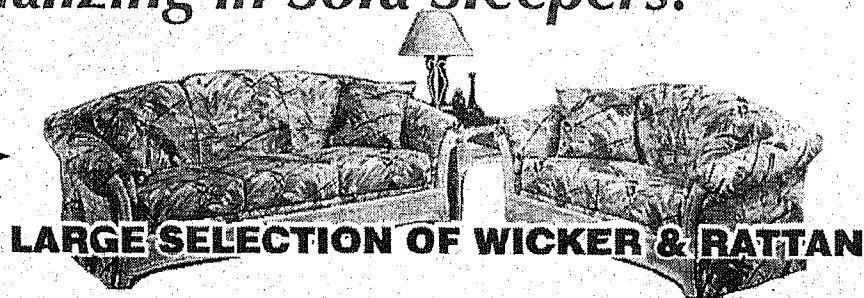
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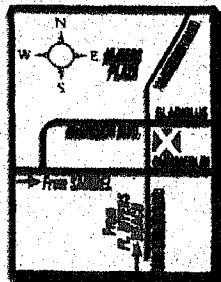
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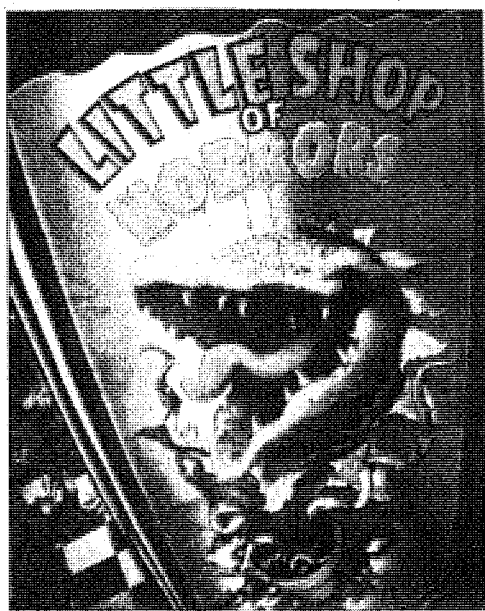
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Arts & Leisure

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Food... Give me foood...



As my days in my New York were coming to an end, I squeezed in, at the very last minute (literally 1:35 p.m. — TKTS closes at 1:45) the purchase of tickets to a matinee performance. I've never arrived at TKTS so late but, to my big surprise, this fabulous outlet had a single seat to a preview performance of *Little Shop of Horrors* at the Virginia Theatre. This was really amazing, since this show which hadn't even opened or been reviewed, was already sold out till February! I found out later (as I sat in my sixth row orchestra left! the seats usually reserved for press, etc) the reason this seat was available was because they were filming this matinee for TV news spots and publicity. Lucky me — just me, myself and I — next to the camera. Sometimes it just pays to go to TKTS at the last minute.

Anyway, the much anticipated revival of this classic musical about a blood-thirsty plant has been a favorite of mine and a kind of cult show, as well as movie, ever since it opened Off Broadway and wowed them 21 years ago to become the sleeper of the season. After opening night and good word of mouth the show settled into its long run at The Orpheum in Greenwich Village.

This revival was directed by of Broadway's best, Jerry Zaks. His approach has a silky efficiency in demonstrating that the show is worthy — both in words and songs — while at the same time remaining true to the original production. The set is designed by Scott Pask, who didn't follow the usual urge to go for the glitz the way they do in so many

revivals. Instead he kept the edges raw with cobwebs, grit, glam and soot, as it should be... for the *Little Shop*'s location is on Skid Row U.S.A.

The book by Howard Ashman is still wickedly campy and droll, and his cliché-bending lyrics are equally funny. The musical score by Alan Menken also holds up — sort of sneaks into the back of your brain and just stays there, so that you find yourself humming "Suddenly Seymour" for no reason at all, hours or even days later.

One of the new bits added to spruce up the show were some terrific rock 'n' roll style arrangements by Danny Troob, which churned up the audience. These were blasted into space by a talented trio of song-birds making their Broadway debuts, (Chiffon — DeQuina Moore, Crystal — Trisha Jeffrey, and Ronette — Carla Hargrove) sounding like a reincarnation of the Supremes. I'll wager that these three ladies are bound to hit it big time after this show closes. The carnivorous plant, Audrey II, is a puppet that



grows and stretches herself in new ways. She also has a brand new look thanks to the incredible creations of the Jim Hensen Company.

The youthful cast is also made up of an array of personable, professional talents headed by Hunter Foster as the nerdy Seymour: was recently seen as the juvenile lead in (ugh) *Urinetown*. He absolutely shines in this one with his charming singing style and precise, likable comedy. Kerry Butler as Audrey is as cute and delectable in this one as she was mean and nasty in her Award-winning role as Penny Pingleton in *Hairspray*. Douglas Sills is plus-perfect as the mean-spirited Orin, the dentist, a guy who dons black leather and jackboots while extolling the joys of



MARSHA WAGNER

inflicting pain. Sills also enjoys himself lustily as a variety of other eccentrics, as he plays four other supporting roles. Michael-Leon Wooley provides the soulful bass voice of Audrey II. Wooley chills as well as thrills when he bellows "Feed me... food I need fresh food!"

The whole effect of *Little Shop of Horrors* was a barrel of fun, pleasurable as well as pleasant — odd considering that the show features a man-eating plant and a first-act finale that ends with a stage full of bloody, dripping, body parts. The second act ends with Audrey II telescoping her plant like tentacles out over the audience looking for *FOOD... meaning YOU*.

All in all, I had a great time at *Little Shop of Horrors*. By all means, try and catch this one if you want a laugh and a



good time, and take the little people... they'll love it, blood and all. The show might best be described as a kind of musical Halloween with fangs.

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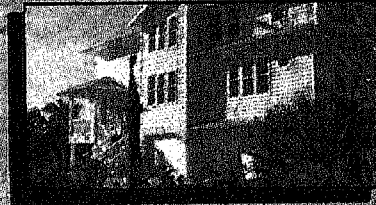
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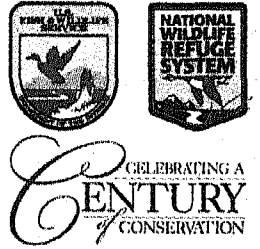
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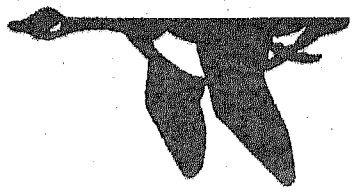
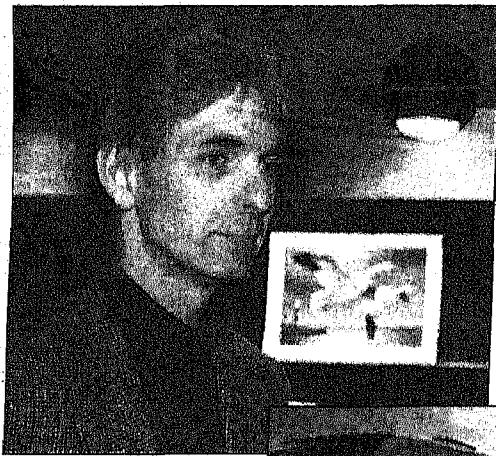


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Free tram rides all day provided by Tarpon Bay Explorers
Environmental exhibits by area refuges and local conservation organizations

- 9 a.m. The Federal Duck Stamp Program**
2003-2004 Duck Stamp Artist Ron Louque and Vaughn Collins, Chief of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Duck Stamp Office. (Louque will be available all day to sign prints and duck stamps)
- 10 a.m. The National Wildlife Refuge System**
Author Eric Dolan and Photographer Karen Hollingsworth
- 11 a.m. Live Wildlife Show ~ Florida's Reptiles.**
David Hitzig, Director of the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary in Jupiter, Florida, a non-profit education-based, injured wildlife care facility
- 11:45 a.m. Live Bat Show ~ The Role of Bats in the Florida Environment**
Cindi & George Marks from the Florida Bat Center, a private, non-profit organization established for the protection and preservation of native Florida bats
- 12:30 p.m. Live Wildlife Show ~ Florida's Birds of Prey ~ David Hitzig**
- 1:15 p.m. Biography of "Ding"**
Kristie Anders, Executive Director of the "Ding" Darling Foundation
- 2:15 p.m. Live Wildlife Show ~ Florida's Backyard Wildlife ~ David Hitzig**

Monday, Oct. 13

Cartoon awards and contest — The 12th annual **Children's Conservation Cartoon Contest** has been going on since the beginning of school. The awards ceremony that culminates the contest will be held at BIG ARTS from 3 to 4 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 13, as the opening event of "Ding" Darling Days, an annual celebration of the Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist for whom the refuge is named. News-Press Editorial Cartoonist Doug MacGregor will be honoring the student winners immediately prior to the free **Singing for the Earth concert** given by **JP Taylor**. Taylor is a singer-songwriter and an environmentalist but, first of all, a teacher. He grew up loving animals and nature and communicates that appreciation and compassion for the world around us through his teaching and his songs. He lives and teaches in Lee County, and loves to write music to use in his classroom.

Conservation Movie Night — *Mindwalk* is a 1991 movie described by critics as "a film for passionate thinkers." The setting is the beautiful French island of Mont St. Michel. The film stars Liv Ullmann who, in the company of a presidential candidate and a writer/poet, engages them in a conversation about ecological issues and a vision of a world that lives in harmony with its envi-

ronment. Showtime for this 112-minute film is 7 p.m., on Monday, Oct. 13, at Schein Hall. Tickets are \$4.50, which includes the movie and discussion plus a wine and cheese reception to follow.

Tuesday, Oct. 14

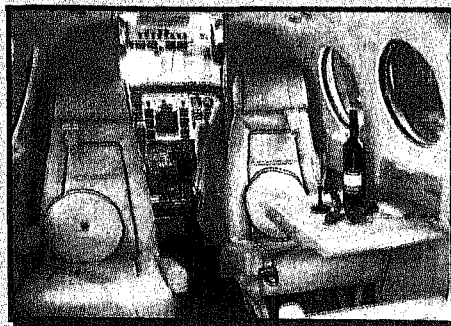
Basics of Wildlife Photography — Learn how to take dynamic photographs at America's premier wildlife refuges with John Carney. In the class, you will learn on your own equipment about composition and how to frame your shots to make professional quality photographs.

After an hour of classroom instruction, head out on Wildlife Drive for a three-hour photo safari. Carney has been teaching photography in Michigan for over 20 years, and now runs the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society's Photography Contest. The 4½-hour class will start at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the "Ding" Darling Education Center. Tickets are \$25 per person which will go to the Society to support the refuge's environmental education efforts.



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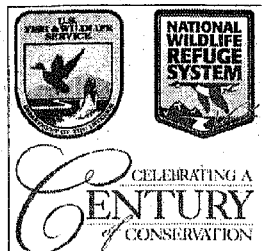


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J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge

National Wildlife Refuge Week ~ "Ding" Darling's Birthday Federal Duck Stamp Celebration

Everglades Restoration Talk — It is believed that the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, also known as CERP, is the largest ecosystem restoration in the world. CERP is a partnership between the federal and state governments to restore a more natural water flow through the Everglades. This presentation will update listeners on the current progress of CERP, with a focus on the projects that affect this part of Florida particularly. Stephanie Brady, a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service biologist, works exclusively on Southwest Florida issues and is dedicated to the betterment of the Caloosahatchee estuary. She will give a presentation on CERP and projects that are specific to Southwest Florida on Tuesday, Oct. 14, in the Ding Darling Education Center at 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 15

McIver to sign book — Stuart B. McIver, author of *Death in the Everglades*, will be speaking and autographing his book on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 1 p.m.

Death in the Everglades chronicles the demise of one of 20th-century Florida's most enduring folk heroes. The murder of Guy Bradley represents a milestone not only in the saga of the Everglades, but also in the broader history of American environmentalism. This fascinating biography of his abbreviated but eventful life is emblematic of the struggle to tame the Florida frontier without destroying it. As Stuart McIver unfolds the story behind this famous but little-known crime, he also provides a window into the state's history during the creation of modern South Florida.

McIver is the author of 13 books on Florida, nearly 500 magazine articles, and is the writer and producer of numerous documentary films — Alligator won the Venice Film Festival Silver Medal. Both Alligator and Marisa and the Mermaid won the CINE Golden Eagle award for documentary films.

History of the Calusa — Archaeologist/Ethno-historian John E. Worth will be giving a presentation on the history of Southwest Florida's native people, the Calusa Indians on Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Ding Darling Education Center.

Dr. Worth manages and coordinates the Randell Research Center public programs — both research and education. The center is operated by the Florida Museum of Natural History and is located in Pineland on Pine Island. The center is dedicated to a historical-ecology approach that encourages stewardship of Florida's cultural and natural heritage.

A Sense of Wonder — The "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society and BIG ARTS are proud to sponsor a special presentation of *A Sense of Wonder: A story of Rachel Carson* to focus public awareness on this year's centennial of the founding of the national wildlife refuge system.

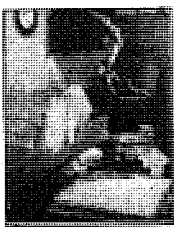
Award-winning playwright and celebrated actress Kaiulani Lee in celebration of Ding Darling Days (October 12-18), OBIE Award-winning playwright and celebrated actress Kaiulani Lee will perform *A Sense of Wonder*, a one-woman play based on the life and work of environmental activist and pioneer Rachel Carson, Thursday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. in Schein Hall at BIG ARTS.



Written by Lee, *A Sense of Wonder* portrays Carson before and directly after the publication in 1962 of her landmark work, *Silent Spring*, and focuses on Carson's love for the natural world and her fight to defend it.

A poet, zoologist and biologist, Carson is first portrayed in her summer home in Maine as she is fighting cancer and preparing to leave the state for what she fears is the last time. We then see Carson two months later, it is following the publication of *Silent Spring*, in which she first alerted the world to the dangers of chemical pesticides. She is shown battling the chemical industry, the government and the press to get her message out to Congress and the American people.

"What Lee achieves in barely an hour is something rare and almost spiritual: She merges herself with Carson's spirit, fervently voicing both halves of her great message — scientific-aesthetic-emotional testimony to the beauty of the natural world and a prophetic call to its defense," said Christopher Rawson of the Pittsburgh



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Touring the United States for 10 years with productions also in Canada, England and Italy, *A Sense of Wonder* has been presented at more than 60 universities and has been the centerpiece of many national conferences on education, the environment and journalism. It has been performed at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., for the Albert Schweitzer Conference at the United Nations, for the Sierra Club's centennial, and for the Department of the Interior's 150th anniversary celebration.

Lee will answer questions from the audience immediately following the performance. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at BIG ARTS by calling 395-0900, or at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge Bookstore. Call 472-1100 for ticket information.

Tours and Special Programs

At the Refuge

Refuge Bike Tour — Bike enthusiasts, bring your own bicycle and join this 1.5- to 2-hour tour around the 4-mile Wildlife Drive/Indigo Trail loop with a volunteer naturalist. Wildlife Drive is a paved surface, while the Indigo Trail is a hard-packed gravel trail, so the tour is suitable for people of all riding abilities. You will learn about the bird life and ecology of the Refuge. Leaves from the flagpole in front of the Education Center at 10 a.m. on Monday. \$1 per bicycle entrance fee. Children 15 and under are admitted free.

Birds of the Estuary — Meet a volunteer naturalist for a special tour along Wildlife Drive. This 1.5- to 2-hour car caravan tour takes you through some of the most popular birding locations on the Refuge. Highlighting the many fascinating natural wonders of this unique mangrove ecosystem, the naturalists give you an overview of all facets of the Refuge. Leaves from the flagpole in front of the Education Center at 9:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday. \$5 per vehicle entrance fee.

Advanced Bird-Watching — Designed for the more serious bird-watcher, this 1.5- to 2-hour car caravan focuses on bird identification and behavior. A volunteer naturalist will lead the caravan out along Wildlife Drive, stopping at various places to observe the bird life. Leaves from the flagpole in front of the Education Center at 8 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. \$5 per vehicle entrance fee.

Shell Mound Trail Tour — Meet volunteer naturalists who will enthrall you with tales of Calusa Indian history and teach you about native Florida plant life on this enchanting boardwalk trail. Meet at the Shell Mound Trail near the end of Wildlife Drive at 11 a.m. on Wednesday. \$5 per vehicle entrance fee.

Tarpon Bay Explorers

Tarpon Bay Kayak Tour — Get ready for a truly unique experience — paddling through the mangrove tunnels on the Commodore Creek Canoe Trail. With a naturalist/marine biologist by your side, you'll spot wildlife and learn about the backwater ecosystem. 10:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday. \$15 adults; \$7.50 kids. Call 472-8900 for reservations.

Tarpon Bay Nature and Sealife Cruise — Join the Explorers for a close-up look at wildlife while cruising the tranquil waters of Tarpon Bay. Observe the Rookery Islands, home of pelicans, egrets, herons and ibis, maybe see dolphins and manatees and, during an interactive presentation at our aquarium and touch tank, discover first-hand what lies beneath the surface. 2:30 p.m. Sunday through Saturday. \$10 adults; \$7.50 kids. Call 472-8900 for reservations.

Captiva Kayak

Buck Key Kayak Tours — Join Captiva Kayak & Wildside Adventures for two hours exploring the back waters of Captiva. Depart from their waterfront location at the mouth of Roosevelt Channel and, at a

leisurely pace, glide over the seagrasses while discussing the ecology of this mangrove estuary and the fascinating history that surrounds this area. The journey will take participants to a canopied water trail that winds through the pristine mangrove forest of Buck Key. On the return trip, paddle near the historic stilt house built for the Darlings. Bring camera, binoculars and a sense of adventure! **Weather permitting: 9 a.m. Sunday through Tuesday; 1:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.** Call 395-2925 for reservations.

Captiva Cruises

Captiva Cruises Historical Tour — Join Captiva Cruises on a historical pontoon boat tour of Roosevelt Channel and Buck Key. See "Ding" Darling's house and gain a unique perspective of the islands' rich conservation heritage. Learn about the natural environment while relaxing on this 1½-hour tour. 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 472-5300 for reservations.

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation

Free entry to exhibit area and trails on Friday, Oct. 17. Call 472-2329 for details on SCCF's programs.

Tools for the Resource Manager — Interactive discussion on prescribed burns, invasive plant management and biological sampling gear. 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 17.

Sea Turtles — This presentation will cover the history of monitoring loggerhead sea turtle nests on Sanibel and Captiva as well as offer information on the current year's activity. 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17 at the SCCF Nature Center.

Guided trail walks — Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (\$3, free on Friday) at 9 a.m.

Shoreline Discovery Walk — Thursday at 9 a.m. Embarks from the Nature Center.

Tour de Preserves — Join a naturalist for a bike tour of the conservation lands on Sanibel. Meet on your bikes at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the Nature Center. Reservations are required; \$10 per person includes lunch. Proceeds go to environmental education. Participants must have a bike, helmet and water bottle. Call 472-2329 for reservations.

Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum

Southwest Florida Shells, a special program at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16. The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum has been conducting an inventory of the local species of shallow-water mollusks. This well-illustrated program describes the shells found all over Southwest Florida. The work of the Museum will allow the public to identify shells on a new web site (www.shellmuseum.org/sanibel/shells.html) that currently includes images of 150 local species (of an estimated total of about 300), and in a field guide to be published in the near future. Learn more about the program at this presentation. \$5 adults; \$3 children between 7-18; free for kids under 7.

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WGCU Birthday 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. Brenda B. Danny Shepard and the Mercury Blues Band, The Mambo Brothers Blues Band and the Lynn Richardson Blues Group will be the featured performers. The event coincides with a national broadcast on the history of blues that is airing on WGCU-TV and WGCU-FM 90.1.

The concert runs from 3 to 8 p.m. and admission is \$5 to the general public and free to WGCU members. Bring blankets and/or lawn chairs, but no coolers are allowed. Parking is free. For more information, call 590-2525.

Outdoor painters back at it

The Outdoor Painters of the Fort Myers Beach Art Association have resumed their weekly paintouts. This group of artists meets every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to noon at favorite painting sites around Lee County and visiting artists and beginners are invited to join them in this informal event. Following the morning of sketching and painting, the group has a friendly critique over a brown-bag lunch.

For October the group has picked the following sites:

- Oct. 15 Edison Home on McGregor Boulevard
- Oct. 22 Black Island Trail in Lovers Key State Park
- Oct. 29 Betsy Burdette's home—4913 Shady River Lane, Fort Myers

For further information, call Lisa Grinter at 463-2980.

Book signings

• Kenneth Esrig

On Saturday, Oct. 25, at 3 p.m. author Kenneth Esrig will be sharing his thoughts and inspirations about love, life and loss and signing books at MacIntosh Bookshop on Periwinkle Way.

Call 472-1447 for more information.

Earlier in the day, at 11 a.m., he will be at Beach Book Nook, 7205 Estero Boulevard in Fort Myers Beach. For additional information, call 463-3999.

• Martha Lou Perritti

Pine Island author Martha Lou Perritti will have the initial book signing for her latest novel, *Standing Against the Wind*, on Sunday, Oct. 19, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Crossed Palms Gallery on Main Street in Bokeelia.

Perritti has researched her Indian heritage and written the continuing story of five generations of women through their suffering in the early 1800s to the present. She previously wrote about her father in *Crossing in the Rain* and has published a cookbook, *Martha Lou's Kitchen*. She is currently working on her third novel, *This Fertile Valley*.

The author lives in Bokeelia with her husband, Frank, a retired US Naval Officer. Born in her grandmother's farmhouse in the valley of the Caddo Mountain area of Northern

Alabama, she is a historical novelist and independent scholar.

Perritti will be signing copies of her books as well as answering questions while at the gallery. Refreshments and a beautiful view of Charlotte Harbor will be served. For more information or directions, call the gallery between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily at 283-2283.

Naples Art Fair

On Oct. 18 and 19, the 5th Annual Downtown Naples Art Fair returns to 5th Avenue South. This juried show is ranked one of the "top 100 in the country" by *Sunshine Artists* magazine for 2003. Show times are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and admission is free.

Over 200 artisans will participate in a variety of media such as pottery, paintings, jewelry, ceramics, sculptures and more. Many of this year's exhibitors are pioneers in their respective fields and have been featured in various art publications as well as in prestigious galleries. All artworks are originals created by the exhibitor.

New features include a variety of kids' activities and art-related projects. Neapolitan Family Magazine has created the first-ever Family Fest On Park Street to coincide with the art festival. "We felt this was a great opportunity to offer kids something to do that relates to art, since expressing themselves is one of a child's favorite activities," Andrea Breznay, publisher of Neapolitan Family Magazine, said.

In addition to the Park Street Activities, Sprint Yellow Pages Children's Sand Dollar Booth will be set up on 5th Avenue South. Here kids can decorate large sand dollars with glitter, paints and beads to produce a beautiful piece of artwork, theirs as a souvenir to hang in their rooms at home.

And, throughout the weekend, musical entertainment will be provided by sitarist Stephen Mikes; steel drummer Doug Walker and keyboardist/vocalist Kayte Wolf. Be sure to stop by their booths and enjoy their music. There will be an array of foods on sale throughout the festival.

Take US41 south past Pine Ridge. Go right on 5th Avenue South. Admission is free. For more information, call 5th Avenue South (239) 435-3742 or log on to www.ARTFESTIVAL.com for a show directory and directions.

Punta Gorda exhibit

Through Friday, Oct. 24, a multi-media exhibit by Sculptors Unlimited's is being hosted by the Charlotte County Art Guild Visual Art Center. The exhibit includes many different mediums.

This group was formed in 1999 as a common meeting ground for sculptors. These artists endeavor to express themselves in three-dimensional media of clay, stone, metal, wood, wire and less familiar materials in realistic, abstract and impressionistic renderings.

Sculptors Unlimited is affiliated with the Visual Art Center and has a small annual membership fee. The group's aim is to share knowledge, educate the public, and display

and exhibit sculpture throughout Southwest Florida.

The Visual Art Center at 210 Maude Street in Punta Gorda is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 to 2 on Saturday. The public is always welcome, and there is no admission fee.

Call Dan Vall at 489-4554 with any questions.

Rehearsals to begin

Sponsored by the Fort Myers City Council since 1998, the City of Fort Myers String Band provides an opportunity for volunteer musicians to pool their talents, sharpen their collective abilities, and add to the art and culture of the community.

The band welcomes volunteer amateur musicians who sing or play Concert C instruments and/or clarinet, accordion and saxophone. The group also seeks dancers and someone to manage its sound system. The band plays all tempos — marches, waltzes, polkas; and many types of music — old favorites, show tunes, country and western songs... even songs from Hawaii!

Rehearsals for the coming season begin this coming Tuesday, Oct. 14. There are no auditions; however, participants must read music, supply their own instruments and music stands, and make a commitment to attend weekly rehearsals and monthly concerts. The band rehearses every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. during the fall and winter months. All music is supplied.

The band performs free, public concerts each month from November through March at 2 p.m. the second Sunday the month in the Hall of the 50 States Ballroom. This season's opening concert is set for Sunday, Nov. 9. Other dates are Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8 and March 14.

For more information, call Susan Rayman at 945-2554, or Ranney herself at 334-3330.

New dance program offered

Also at the Hall of 50 States, Fort Myers Contra/Square Dance started classes on Oct. 4, beginning at 6:30 p.m. All dances are taught all evening and an "official" dance runs from 7-10 p.m. with a live folk band playing old-time and Celtic music, complete with caller. No prior experience is necessary. The classes and dance are presented in partnership with the City of Fort Myers Rec Department, and a donation of \$7 is requested.

This dance is new to our area but very popular throughout Florida and the rest of the states. Contra dancing is traditional American folk dancing done in two opposing lines of dancers. This season runs the first Saturday of each month from October through April.

Fundraiser coming up

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

"Art Royale 2003 is a unique event — a first in Southwest Florida. Our goal is to promote awareness of the wonderful local talent throughout our area and to celebrate the role that the Alliance plays in our community," Alliance Board President Will Prather said.

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

The event is being organized by The Women's Signature Board, a volunteer support group of woman. Corporate sponsorships are available; individual tickets are \$75 per person. And volunteers are needed now to help make decorations for the gala evening (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 to 3), as well as to sell tickets, assist artists and act as guides the evening of the event. For more information or to volunteer, contact the Alliance at 939-



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Concert at St. Columbkille

Tenor Bob Sager will be presenting a concert An Afternoon of Spiritual Music at St. Columbkille Catholic Church, 12171 Iona Road in Fort Myers this Sunday, Oct. 12th, at 2 p.m.

Sager will be accompanied by Lee Van Asten and Barbara Mendillo with special guests — sopranos Deborah Marino, Patricia Bowman, Elizabeth Ivy, and Angela Nastasi; flautist Maureen Steger; and classical guitarist John Nastasi. They will perform selections from Bach, Gounod, Schubert, and Mozart as well as many other favorites, all with faith and spirituality in mind.

The concert is open to the public. A free will offering will be taken, and refreshments will be served.

Make no mistakes!

Mistakes and Their Consequences will be the theme of the Thursday night, Oct. 16, meeting of the Tamiami Tale Tellers (TTT) at 7 p.m. at The Grand Court, 8351 College Parkway in Fort Myers.

"At the beginning of a folktale quest, a warning is often given, 'You must make no mistakes or something terrible may befall you,'" explains TTT spokesperson Sanibel's Bert MacCary. "In real life, we are not always given this warning, but there are always consequences for our mistakes — however, the consequences are not always negative ones."

Storytellers at the October meeting may choose between a folktale or family and personal stories. Tales with the "mistake" theme can be found in any collection of folktales from any culture around the world. MacCary listed these well-known examples — The Story of Chicken Little; The Three Little Pigs; The Fisherman and His Wife; The Pot of Gold; The Shoemaker and the Elves; The Three Wishes; and Little Red Riding Hood.

TTT meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month and are open to the public for ages 5 to 95. Both tellers and listeners are welcome. For information, call 472-1781.

47th Annual Art in the Park

Monthly outdoor shows are held the first Saturday of each month, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Park Street, next to the von Liebig Art Center and just west of Cambier Park in downtown Naples starting in November and winding up in April. This monthly event is free, open to the public and sponsored by WGUF, The Gulf and MIX WSGL 104.7. Food will be provided by Carvel. Proceeds from the show benefit the Naples Art Association.

Originating in January, 1957, Art in the Park is the oldest outdoor show in Naples and showcases some of the finest

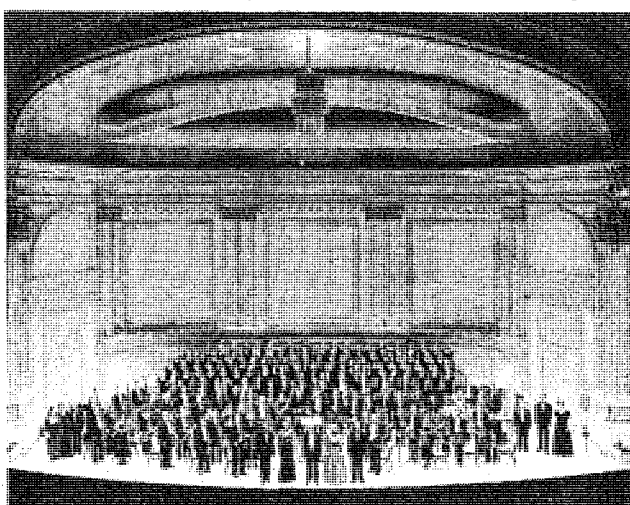
artists in Southwest Florida. Artists whose work has been juried by slides, will be displaying their original works featuring oil, watercolor and acrylic painting, pottery, jewelry, photography, sculpture, glass and much more.

The dates for this season are Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7, March 6, and April 3.

Kiev Symphony at Village Church

On their sixth United States tour, the Kiev Symphony Orchestra & Chorus, an internationally-renowned musical group from the Ukraine, will perform at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2003, at Shell Point's Village Church.

In 1993, the gifted conductor and musician Roger McMurrin and his wife, Diane, sold their Florida home and made a personal, 10-year commitment to share great



Christian classical music with the Ukrainian people. They correctly recognized the deep passion Ukrainians have for music and felt that classics like Handel's Messiah, essentially unknown during 70 years of Communist oppression, would bring hope amid political turmoil and economic despair. The McMurrins also hoped to bring job opportunities and international exposure to the world-class artists of Kiev. Today, the Kiev Symphony Orchestra & Chorus is the only private orchestra and chorus in Ukraine — an internationally known group of nearly 150 musicians and singers — performing regular concerts in Kiev that are broadcast over national television and radio. A book, *The Splendor of His Music*, has also been written about the group. Their United States tours have taken them "from sea to shining sea."

Tickets are available for a \$10 donation; however, during the concert, an opportunity will be given for additional contributions to be made in support of their ministry, Music Mission Kiev. Call the church at 454-2147 for more information. It is located on The Island at Shell Point, two miles after the Sanibel Causeway.

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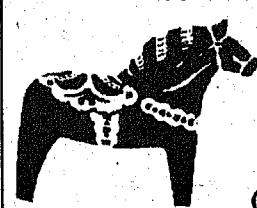
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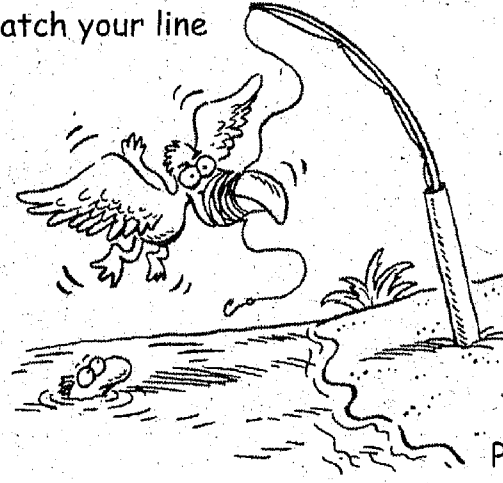
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AT THE THEATRE

Florida Rep tickets available

Single tickets are now available for Florida Repertory Theatre's 6th Season at the historic Arcade Theatre starting with *Sly Fox* opening on Friday, Oct. 17. Sponsored by Christine Johnson, with the opening night reception hosted by The Veranda Restaurant, Comcast and the News-Press, the play is lol yet another of Larry Gelbert's hits (*M*A*S*H*, *Tootsie*, *Oh, God!*) and is directed by Florida Rep Artistic Director Robert Cacioppo. It runs through Nov. 9.

Absurd Person Singular follows on Nov. 28, then *All My Sons* on Jan 9, *I'm Not Rappaport* opening Feb. 13 and, on March 19, *Amy's View. Too Marvelous for Words* rounds out the 2004 season with opening night slated for April 23.

Tickets range from \$15 to \$32, with student and group discounts available, and are available at the box office on Bay Street between Jackson and Hendry, or by phone at 332-4488.

The Rep has scored another coup by obtaining the rights to *Sly Fox* before it hits Broadway this fall starring Richard Dreyfus. The play is an update of the uproarious 17th-century classic farce, *Volpone*.

"The cast we have assembled for this funny tale of old sins and new tricks is truly remarkable," says Producing Artistic Director Robert Cacioppo. "Why go to Broadway, when you can see Broadway actors on a Broadway set, in a Broadway play, before it even gets to Broadway!"

Though Ben Jonson's *Volpone* was set in 17th-century Venice, the title character in *Sly Fox*, Foxwell J. Sly, finds himself in

turn-of-the-century San Francisco. There, during the Gold Rush, he attempts to part a trio of rich, greedy opportunists from their fortunes by pretending to be on his deathbed. This much-loved play celebrates the joy of a good trick, the fun and humor of deceit, and climaxes with a delightful, surprising twist.

Sly Fox was originally produced on Broadway in 1976 and went on to run 495 performances. Director Arthur Penn, who will direct the upcoming Broadway production, also directed the original. George C. Scott played the lead role of Sly, with Bob Dishy and Jack Gilford in supporting roles. Dishy won a Drama Desk Award and was nominated for a Tony for his performance.

In Fort Myers, Foxwell J. Sly is played by longtime Florida Rep company member, Maurice Schlafer. Maurice was last seen at Florida Rep as Gene Glimmer in *Sideman*, but Rep audiences will also remember his turns in *Murder at the Howard Johnson's*, *Breaking Legs*, *Dangerous Obsessions*, and *Noises Off*, among others. Schlafer, a native New Yorker is a regular T.V. and radio personality, who will once again appear with his wife in *Sly Fox*, Florida Rep company member Helen Mutch. Mutch, who has worked in over 20 professional theatres in New York and across America, recently completed the role of Rowena in *Biloxi Blues* at Geva Theatre in New York. She returns to the Rep, where she last appeared as Terry in *Sideman*.

Broadway veteran John Newton will once again appear on the Florida Rep stage where he has done five previous shows, including *Inherit the Wind* and *Over the River and Through the Woods*. John has appeared in 13 Broadway shows and will be recognized from the scores of television shows he has appeared on, including his reoccurring role as Judge Eric Caffey on *Law and Order*. Most recently, John Newton starred on Broadway with Frank Langella and Alan Bates in *Fools Fortune*, which was also directed by Arthur Penn.

New York and television actor Branislav Tomich makes his Florida Rep debut in the leading role of Simon Able. He has performed at The Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall and at The Phoenix Theatre Company, opposite Julie Harris.

Florida Rep's incomparable favorite Niels Miller, who was last seen in *The Underpants*, appears as Jethro Crouch in *Sly Fox* and regional theatre favorite Gary Lee Smith, last seen in *The Foreigner*, plays Abner Truckle.

Other cast members include Kelly L. Parker and familiar local faces Howard Silverman, Joe Meyers, Carl C. Graham, Ron M. Smiley, Thomas Marsh, and the wildly funny Stephen Hooper.

Completing the cast and making their debuts on the Florida Rep stage are Andrew Statum, Rebekah Eller, Erin Liston, and Ryan Gilreath.

Set Designer Matt Maraffi (*Underpants*) returns to Florida Rep with this production. His designs can be seen in the international and regional tours of *RENT* and on the National Tour of Baz Luhrmann's *La Boheme*. Costumes for this large cast, will be designed by Florida Rep Costume Designer Jennifer Ables, and Todd O. Wren returns as Lighting Designer after extensive regional and New York work.

Chorus Line to open

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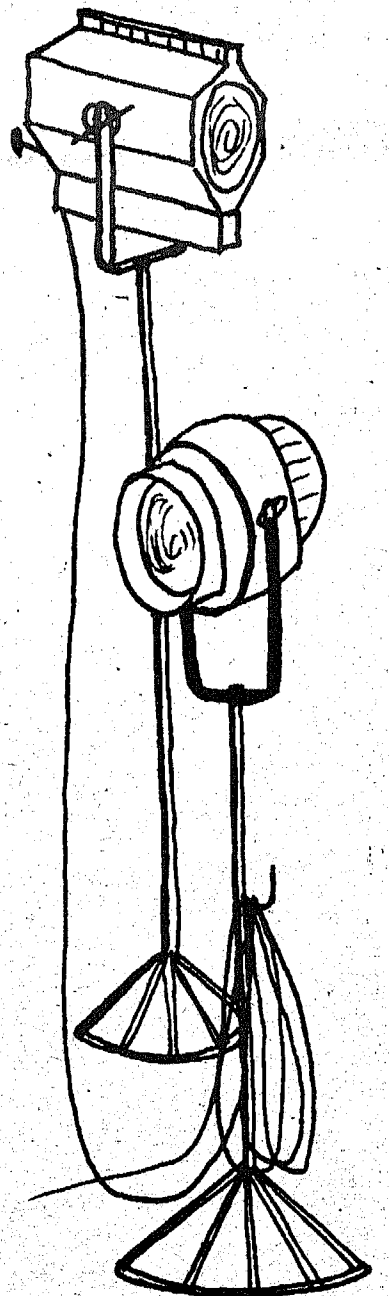
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre six days from now! Playing from Oct. 16 through Nov. 22, *A Chorus Line* gives the audience a candid look at the hilarious and sometimes heartbreaking lives of Broadway dancers. The show relates not just to the hard lives of dancers, but also to anyone who has ever faced a difficult challenge in his or her life.

The opening night performance is a benefit for

the Florida Restaurant Association and Lee County's Pro Start Students Scholarships. The organization recognizes the need for qualified enthusiastic professionals in the food service industry and grants scholarships to children in Lee County who are entering into the hospitality industry.

A Chorus Line was one of Broadway's most loved musicals, not only for its amazing score and inspired dance numbers, but also for the reality and grit in the depiction of the lives of dancers. Marvin Hamlisch's fabulous score includes such favorites as "One," "What I Did For Love," "At The Ballet," "I Can Do That" and many others. The show is recommended for mature audiences.

Watch as the chorus line is chosen, see dancers reveal their fears, trials, and aspirations. By the time the final choice is made, you will never look at the nameless dancers in the background the same way again. Performances of *A Chorus Line* are Tuesday through Sunday with selected matinees. Prices range from \$21-\$44 and are available by calling the box office at 278-4422, on-line at www.BroadwayPalm.com, or by visiting our box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.



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Voices for Kids, helping children who need it most

By Carol A. Alver, President
Voices for Kids

Did you ever wonder what it would feel like as a child to be summarily removed from your home by strange adults, placed in a shelter or foster home with more strangers, wake up in the morning to be sent to a school where you don't know anybody and, often, have only one or two changes of clothing? Many times a child is put in a temporary home only to be moved again, go to another school, another family, another set of rules and asked to adjust again. When the judge can appoint a Guardian Ad Litem, this child is then represented by an adult during all proceedings that affect his/her life. In other words, the child has a voice, someone to see the child's needs are met, an observer to oversee that the child's life has a focus and a person who will express the child's wishes. Currently, in Lee County alone, there are over 500 children who have had no representation in 2003.

A child we will call Brandy, witnessed the murder of her father. Her mother had tuberculosis and could not care for her. She was given to an aunt who brought her into this country illegally. The aunt decided she did not want to care for her and the child was given to a neighbor. Brandy was abused by this family for seven years before she was found living in an abandoned house.

When the appointed Guardian went to meet her, she discovered an attractive, athletic, musical and artistic child whose favorite author was Shakespeare! She was articulate, intelligent and talented. However, she had (has no) legal status — no green card, no visa, no Medicaid, and no Social Security. She was basically set adrift in a country she did not choose and cut off from any family she ever knew. Two of her Guardian's responsibilities are to see that she obtains a legal status and permanency in a family.

Brandy began writing poetry with her Guardian, much of which expresses the sadness in her life. And her Guardian began responding in poetry. The following is a recent exchange.

Why Do I Cry?

I'm crying,
Why am I crying?
Would someone tell me why?
Why do I cry?

Is it because I want my mommy?
Is it because I want my daddy?
Is it because I'm sad?
Is it because I'm mad?
Why do I cry?

I want a life
I need a family
I need to love

I need to be loved
Why do I cry?

Someone help me
Get me out this misery
Someone please
Find out
The End

April 10, 2003

To Brandy
In answer to your poem,
"Why Do I Cry?"

You ask,
"Why am I crying?"
I'll try to tell you why.
You cry because you're human,
And caring people cry.
You cry because you're feeling,
And it's normal to have fears.
The three T's aid in healing —
Talking, Time, and Tears.
So let those tears flow freely,
It's cleansing so they say,
And there must be some rain,
To enjoy a sunny day.
So believe in your tomorrows,
And look for rainbows in the sky,
And know, my dear Brandy,
That it's okay to cry.

From BMF, Guardian Ad Litem

These poems were recently entered into a national writing contest and won second prize.

Voices for Kids of Southwest Florida, Inc. (formerly the Guardian Ad Litem Advisory Board) is the 501(c)3 organization that supports the Guardian Ad Litem Program. Its mission is to raise funds to ensure that every abused and neglected child in the five Southwest Florida counties has a court-appointed Guardian Ad Litem volunteer and that financial assistance and other resources are available for their accompanying health, educational, and social needs.

A Guardian can make a huge difference in the life of a child. Brandy is being encouraged to pursue her writing talent. Voices for Kids recently received a grant to enable these children to learn and develop writing skills in a summer program to begin 2004. Your donations to Voices for Kids enable many opportunities and services for these children. Many need counseling and medical evaluations that are not covered by the Department of Children & Families.

The Realtor Association of Greater Fort Myers and the Beach, Inc. is sponsoring a Fantasy Auction to benefit the program tomorrow night at Sanibel Harbour, beginning at 6 p.m. Dancing Through the Years is a fund-raiser dinner-dance and auction. Tickets are \$35 per person and reservations are required. In addition to Voices for Kids, the event will benefit the Lee County Youth Ranch.

Information about becoming a Guardian and sharing in the successes of these children can be obtained by calling Voices for Kids at 997-KIDS or (877) 997-KIDS.

29% of Lee County citizens can't read

How does one function without reading? Your spouse reads newspaper articles to you, and orders for you in restaurants. Your children read road signs to you and keep you from getting lost or going the wrong way down one-way streets.

Michael had a problem. He had been happily married for 23 years, was raising three upstanding sons, was an active member of his church and had been steadily employed at a local corporation for over 20 years. So what was his problem? Michael couldn't read.

Over the years, Michael had struggled with tutoring programs that simply didn't help. Finally, in a last-ditch, one-more-time effort, he called Literacy Volunteers of Lee County (LVLC).

Literacy volunteers have been teaching folks to read and write for over 11 years now. More than 800 volunteer tutors have worked alongside about 1,500 students, helping them toward better jobs, driver's licenses, GEDs and even citizenship.

What does it cost a student to use this service? NOTHING — NOT A CENT. What does it cost LVLC to provide this service? \$450 annually per student and \$1,500 annually to maintain a library of books for both tutors and students.

So how did Michael learn to read and write? He started seeing an LVLC volunteer tutor for one hour a week. She was able to show Michael how to use what he already knew as well as where the two of them would work together to improve his skills.

Michael worked hard — even used his coffee breaks at work to study... and he began to learn. Within one year, he

raised his reading ability by three grade levels. And when the opportunity opened up at a supervisory position on his job, Michael wanted it!

His boss knew of his poor ability to read, but he recognized the value of an honest, hardworking man. He was also aware of his employee's efforts to learn to read and write. When Michael applied for the supervisory position and offered to fill the position for a two-week trial at no additional pay, his boss decided to give him that chance.

Did it work? Did he get the position? Yes, indeed — and his job performance remains exemplary. He earns a higher salary now and, when his family enjoys their more frequent meals at a restaurant, Michael reads and orders from his own menu. When he drives, he reads road signs and knows where he's going. And when he was asked to be a parent advisor for his son's baseball team, he accepted with pride. Michael now has the confidence that we all take for granted. He and his LVLC volunteer tutor are still working together, and his skills and confidence continue to grow.

Michael's story is one of many success stories that can be told about the improvement in quality of life for hundreds of LVLC students. Literacy is exciting and urgent. Why? Because the changes that take place when a man or woman learns to read and write are life changing!

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 and it needs our help. In the Fort Myers/Cape Coral area, the agency has a steadily growing waiting list of 114 men and women, most with families, who want to learn to read.

Imagine the benefit to your church, your neighborhood, and your workplace when these deserving, hardworking people learn to read and write! It only costs \$37.50 to support a student for one month; a gift of \$60 will train one volunteer tutor for many years of service; and \$125 a month will maintain the library with both student and tutor supplies. A gift of \$1,500 will keep the doors open and all programs functional for one month.

The next round of tutor training classes for anyone interested in helping other adults improve their English skills will start with a mandatory orientation meeting at the Kenwood Lane office on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. Anyone interested should call 278-4400 to sign up. 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.

(Sanibel-Captiva Shopper's Guide editor and lead writer, Karen Nelson, has been a LVLC volunteer for over a year, working with a middle-aged man from Europe who was an engineer in his native country and now delivers furniture for a local store.

"He has always been able to read and write in his native Polish and the Russian that was also required — as an engineer, he was obviously well-educated — but he has problems with English vocabulary and comprehension," Nelson said. "He greatly admires Hillary Clinton... Her Living History is the very first non-coffee table book in English he's ever purchased."

Former island resident Dr. Steve Mullins and Sanibel's former mayor, Nola Theiss, have also been involved with the program)

Hallowe'en Whoop'nin's

Annual Haunted Walk and Friendly Forest

The WINK 22nd annual Haunted Walk will be held this year the last nine spooky evenings in October from 7 to 10 p.m. on the grounds of the Calusa Nature Center along the boardwalk in the Cypress Swamp. The Haunted Walk will begin on Thursday, Oct. 23, and run through Halloween night, Friday, Oct. 31. The gates will open at 7 p.m. and close at 10 every night. Mazes, chainsaw massacres and guillotines are just the start of this eerie experience.

Admission is \$8 per person, \$10 on Halloween itself, the most terrifying night of them all!

And, new this year, Laser Fright Light — a full-dome laser system! During the Haunted Walk, exceptionally frightful and technologically advanced laser shows featuring the new SkyLase system can be seen in the Planetarium for \$1 per person. Shows run every 20 minutes.

Food and drink will be available every night. The WINK Haunted Walk is not recommended for young children.

But, the 5th Annual News-Press Friendly Forest will be open on the Center's grounds on Saturday, Oct. 25, and Sunday, Oct. 26, from 3-6 p.m. (prior to Haunted Walk those nights). The Friendly Forest is an opportunity for families with younger children to get into the Halloween spirit without scaring the little ones to tears. Children will meet non-scary characters like manatees and rabbits. The Friendly Forest features nocturnal live animals and other creepy crawlies. Candy will be handed out along the trail and youngsters are encouraged to come dressed in their favorite Halloween costumes!

Kids love this afternoon of meeting Nature Center animals and friendly

forest creatures. This walk is great for small children who are too young for the Haunted Walk. Costumes are encouraged.

Admission is \$7 for adults, \$4 for kids ages 3-12. Friendly Halloween laser shows are included with admission.

Volunteers Needed!

The Calusa Nature Center is issuing a call to civic groups, school groups, businesses, and organizations to have some good clean fun! Volunteer ghouls are needed to help at the Haunted Walk. Approximately 70 volunteers are needed every evening of the walk. The only requirements are that volunteers be energetic, upstanding citizens aged 18 (or Seniors in high school) or older who are willing to act in scenes in the woods from 6 until about 10:30 p.m. Make-up and costumes are provided as is a light dinner.

And 20 volunteers are needed on both Saturday and Sunday for the Friendly Forest. Make-up and not-so-scary costumes are provided. Volunteers, ages 13 and older, will display creepy crawlies live animals, such as snakes, toads, baby alligators and spiders. They will also hand out candy on the trail.

To volunteer for either event, call 275-3435.

Att'n: All ghouls, ghosts & goblins

Bay Oaks Recreation Center, Fort Myers Beach Elementary PTO and the Fort Myers Beach Fire Department & Firefighters are presenting their 14th Annual Halloween Family Fright Night Party & Haunted House on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Bay Oaks Rec Center, 2731 Oak Street on Fort Myers Beach.

Admission is \$3 per goblin, with the first 500 children receiving a Halloween treat bag full of goodies. Each trip through the Haunted House is \$1.

Plan to attend this evening full of spooktacular fun. Admission includes a Costume Contest, Carnival Games, Fortune Telling and Dance Contests.

There are additional fees for monster munchies and beverages, frightening photos or arresting your friends and family.

The center is located one mile south of the bridge off Estero Boulevard; turn on School Street. For more information about this eerie event, call 765-4222. Bay Oaks is a facility of Lee County Parks & Recreation.

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Donna J. Stone

ENTRIES

ACROSS

- 1 Premiere
6 Conclude a deal
11 Mr. Oleson of "Little House..."
15 Machine part
18 Winter wear
20 "All — Am I" ('62 song)
21 Draft animals
22 Tackled a taco
23 Start of a remark by Drake Sather
26 Poet McKuen
27 Crony
28 Sense
29 Active volcano
30 Bleaching agent
32 Composer Bartok
33 Pale tan
35 Showy shrub
36 Photo session
39 Lingerie item
40 Where blades meet
41 Part 2 of remark
44 Drescher of "The Nanny"
46 Catch sight of

DOWN

- 50 "— Lang Syne"
51 Biscayne Bay city
52 Coquette
53 Status —
54 Paid player
55 Chorus member
56 Skirt feature
57 Autumn decoration
59 German auto engineer
60 Steinbeck's "— of Eden"
61 Clear the slate
62 Lipstick shade
65 Part 3 of remark
70 Tag
71 Bikini, e.g.
72 Out of control
73 Football's Mel
75 Po land
76 Abrasive substance
77 Took a shot at
79 Cotton clump
82 Musical syllables
83 Ford or Miller
84 Galey
85 Spanish surrealist

DOWN

- 86 "— take arms against a sea..."
88 Cooking fat
89 Part 4 of remark
91 Revere or Robeson
93 Cardinal's residence
94 VCR button
95 Feel contrite
98 Grow up
101 Machu Picchu native
103 Jeremy of "The Time Machine"
104 First name in fashion
105 Genealogy diagram
106 Vigor
109 Cartoonist Browne
110 End of remark
116 Scrape by, with "out"
117 Bronte heroine
118 "Dallas" matriarch
119 Contradiction
120 Actor Liotta
121 TV's "The — McCoys"
122 Mr. Savalas
123 Beatrice's beau

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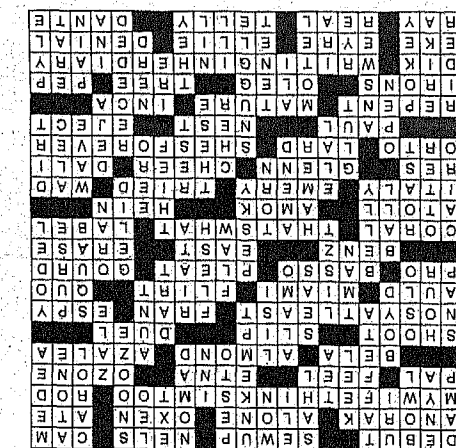
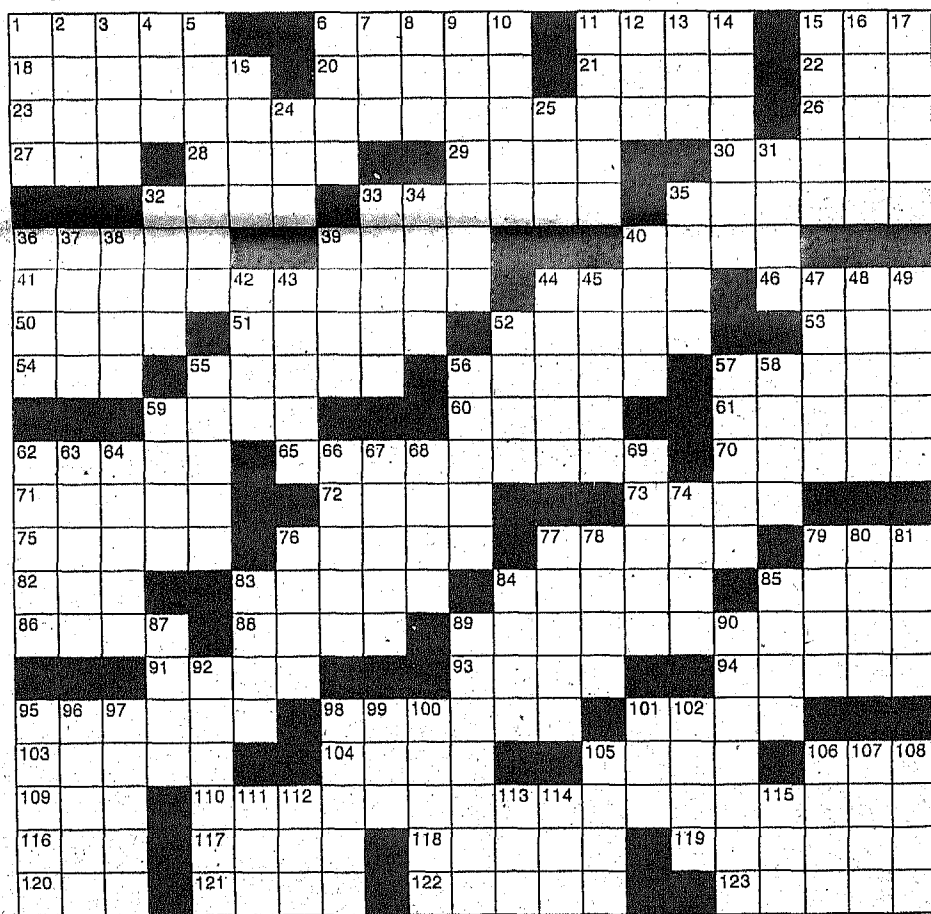
- 2 "Only Time" singer
3 — over (astonish)
4 Psychic Geller
5 Lustrous fabric
6 Comic Mort
7 Lilly of pharmaceuticals
8 Finished first
9 Slovenly
10 Trattoria treat
11 Wanderer
12 Switchboard abbr.
13 Tolstoy or Gorcey
14 Nap
15 Heiss on the ice
16 Right a wrong
17 Mythical sorceress
19 Boat bottom
24 Japanese export
25 Lodging
31 Middle-weight Tony
32 William of "Hopalong Cassidy"
33 Texas landmark
34 Actress Virna
35 Cousin's mom
36 Cinch

DOWN

- 37 "In the Midnight —" ('65 tune)
38 Christiania, today
39 Vast quantities
40 Pub missile
42 Untouchable figure
43 "Hungarian Rhapsodies" composer
44 Soft tissue
45 Lasso
47 Young pigeon
48 Cash stash
49 Mountain-ear's melody
52 Imperfection
55 Beer storage?
56 Bothersome
57 Very cold
58 Algerian port
59 Cinderella's soiree
62 African capital
63 Aquatic mammal
64 Prepare chestnuts
66 Actor Rusty
67 Improve
68 Ripped
69 Fagin, for one
74 Architect Saarinen
76 Middle Eastern airline

DOWN

- 77 "— Eyes" ('69 hit)
78 Be still
79 Breaker
80 Pianist
81 Temptation
81 Soil
83 Oversupply
84 "Believe" singer
85 — vu
87 Ready for business
89 Nestle
90 Pulled back
92 Response
95 TV's "Knight —"
96 Slezak or Eleniak
97 Hokey —
98 "Psycho" setting
99 Ryan's "Love Story" co-star
100 Belief
101 Wrath
102 Social misfit
105 He and she
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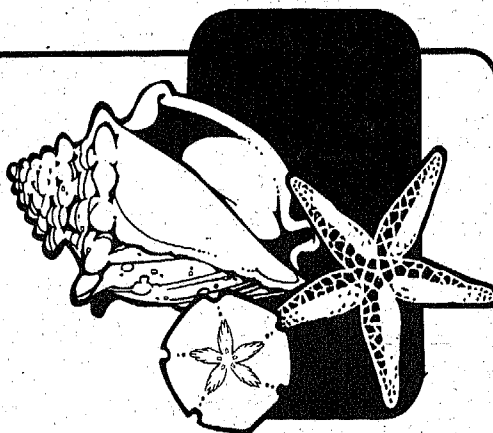
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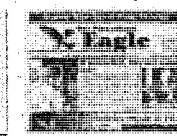
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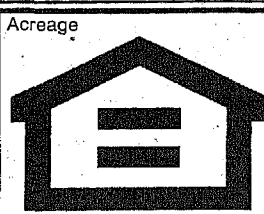
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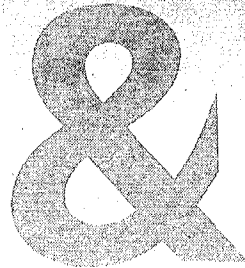
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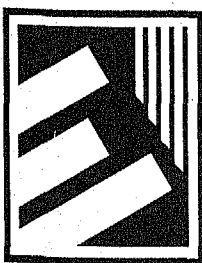


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SPORTS

SCCF's Golf Tournament Grows

The Sat. Oct. 25th golf tournament at the Dunes Golf & Tennis Resort is creating quite a buzz around town. Fueled by the new two-person scramble format, 5 handicap flights and 30 prizes being awarded, player preparations are heating up. Some of the stories sound suspect; you be the judge...like Craig Albert is interviewing three candidates to see who can help him get out of his 4th place finish slump...Marti Harrity is working nights and weekends to get the Island House remodeled in time for the October 24th cocktail party...Brian Cunningham and his Bungalow Tournament players are scouting the flight competition at SCCF...long distance phone calls are flying as snowbirds like Bob Mooney from New Jersey are making sure they don't get shut out...Kevin McCune and his staff are working on the blueprints for the putting contest (blueprints?!?).

Event sponsors Karen Bell Realty and Merrill Lynch Private Client group are eyeing their clients' handicaps to see whom they will invite to play. Other sponsors — The Wolter Group, Steve Herman at Chase, The Dunes, the Sanibel-Captiva Community Bank, Island Realty and South Seas Resort — invite you, too, to support this third annual Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation fundraiser. Play for \$75/person and/or be a sponsor for as little as \$100 or as much as \$1,000. At the \$250 and up level player entry is included.

Remember, besides golf and a great cause, players and sponsors (and spouses) will be partying. On Friday night, there is a top-of-the-line cocktail party, Saturday morning a free practice and continental breakfast before golf, a late morning putting contest (more BIG prizes) and later a huge buffet lunch with awards.

For more information contact Marge Meek at 472-2466 or committee members Craig Albert, Bruce Avery, Brian Cunningham or Ellis Etter.

CROW golf next weekend

Attention, Golfers! CROW's Charity Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18, at noon. Co-sponsored by Hurricane Harry's, Comcast Cable, Bud Lite and Pepsi, the five-person scramble will begin at noon, Oct. 18, at Lochmoor Country Club in North Fort Myers. There will be four Hole-In-One contests with a \$5,000 prize on each hole. The cost is \$85 per player and includes lunch, complimentary beer and soda, golf and cart, prizes and a post-tournament prime rib dinner.

This tournament comes at an important time of year for CROW — more patients than ever before in CROW's

35-year history, all in need of food, medicine and medical care, all of which cost money. The storms over the last few weeks have brought an influx of sick and injured birds as well as many baby squirrels or other mammals blown from nests or separated from their parents due to high wind or water. More than 100 patients, above and beyond the usual admissions, have needed CROW's care in recent weeks.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$50 and donations of raffle prizes are being sought. Please call 472-3644 between Monday and Friday to donate a raffle prize or to sign up for a hole sponsorship. Registration forms for golfers may be obtained by calling CROW AT 472-3644.

FGCU Founder's Cup Oct. 17

A hole-in-one during the Florida Gulf Coast University Founder's Cup golf tournament could earn a lucky (or skilled) golfer a 2004 Range Rover or a 2004 Jaguar Vanden Plas. The 12th annual tournament will be held Friday, Oct. 17, at The Bonita Bay Group's Mediterra in North Naples.

For the fifth consecutive year, Shelton Imports, with showrooms in both Fort Myers and Naples, is offering a choice of either of the two luxury cars as hole-in-one prizes. Both vehicles will be displayed during the tournament.

The tournament begins with an 11:30 a.m. buffet lunch at The Club at Mediterra with play starting at 1:15 p.m. on the two Mediterra golf courses. Following play, golfers will enjoy a post-tournament awards reception and buffet. Registration is \$1,200 per foursome. Individual players providing handicaps and the individual registration fee of \$300 will be placed into four-somes. Non-golfers are encouraged to show support for FGCU with hole sponsorships.

Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation, which provides funds to enhance scientific, educational and athletic programs that are related to the mission of the university, but are outside the scope of regular state funding.

The Bonita Bay Group hosted the first golf tournament in May 1991, the first fundraiser for the then unnamed university. Subsequent tournaments have raised more than \$417,000 for the Foundation.

For more information or to register for the FGCU Founder's Cup, call 590-1067 or e-mail cdelucci@fgcu.edu.

Hope Hospice Tennis Challenge

The Sanctuary Golf Club will host the Hope Hospice Tennis Challenge on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 22 & 23, a bracketed men's and women's doubles tournament. The format will be single elimination with consolation rounds.

Deadline for entry is Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 5 p.m. and the entry fee is \$50 per person (payable to Hope Hospice).

For additional information, call Christie Bradley at 472-5276. Call the same number for starting times on Friday, Nov. 21, after 10 a.m. Tournament play begins at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.

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Contributions of any amount in support of this event are always appreciated.

Kasten in St. Pete race Oct. 18

Sanibel Shell Station Owner Ken Kasten will be racing in the GMC Pro Series National Championship in St. Petersburg on Saturday, Oct. 18.

Kasten is the driver for Mel Voss's Vixen, a 27-foot Magnum with an 800 hp Voss racing engine. Dave Howard is the throttle man and Mel Voss is the owner and crew chief.

In August, Kasten and Vixen won first place in the P5 class in the Sarasota Offshore Showdown. Pointwise, Team Vixen has already won the Offshore Power Boat Racing Association's Gold Cup, awarded to the boat with the best performance in all four Florida races.

The St. Petersburg races will be held at the pier and Kasten is scheduled to race at noon.

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Soccer participation up 50%

Youth soccer is experiencing strong growth on Sanibel. Soccer organizer, Sanibel Youth Soccer, Inc. has registered over 190 children for the fall season. "We've enjoyed very strong interest in soccer this year," Renee Tarbert, the league's director of registration said. "We are up again this year." There has been a 60-player increase over 2001, which translates into an almost 50-percent increase in registrations.

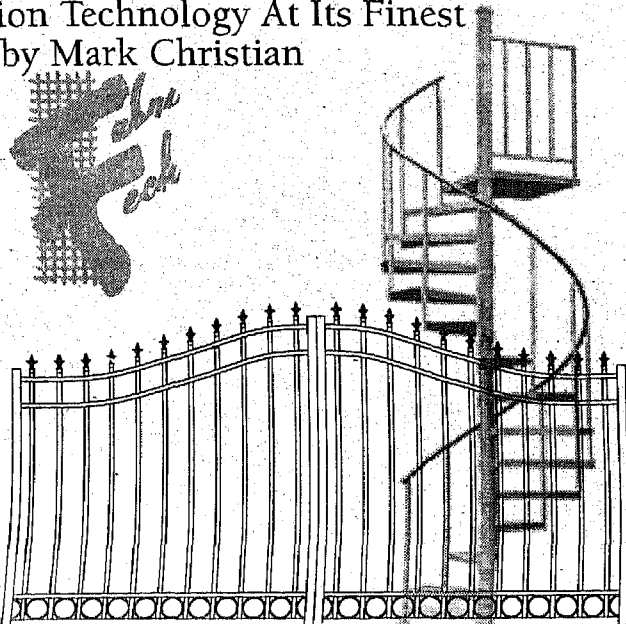
The league's local growth has been the result of several key factors, according to league president, Keith Cruickshank. "We've benefited from a very supportive city government, an active and committed board, and enthusiastic parents and kids. The combination has resulted in a very dynamic and exciting time for soccer on the islands."



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Cruickshank said, "Soccer is one sport that allows everyone to participate, no matter a child's skill level. And so, there is probably no better team sport for encouraging young children to get involved and into the action. Children take very easily to soccer." According to Cruickshank, the bigger challenge is getting their parents to be comfortable.

"Until this year, recruiting coaches was one of our greater challenges," said Director of Volunteers, Carmen Aulino. "But we've been very active and success-

ful in convincing adults that they too can learn the sport." Aulino, who is in charge of recruiting and placing coaches with teams, has been busy this year. Bringing new coaches up to speed, she says, is a big part of the league's responsibilities. Last month the league held a coaches' orientation meeting and this past week the league hosted a pre-season training seminar lead by Director of Coaching, Danny Mitchell. Seventeen coaches participated in that event which was designed to help new and veteran coaches alike learn how to coach soccer more effectively. Aulino said the league has been very pleased with the coaches' involvement in these events.

For 2003, the league is once again fielding 16 teams in four age divisions. The U6 division is comprised of children age four and five. Six and seven-year-olds play in the U8 division. Eight and nine-year-olds play in the U10 division. Ten through 13-year-olds play in the U14 division. All divisions are coed. League regulations stipulate that the child's playing age is determined as of July 31 of that playing season.

The regular registration period for 2003 has ended, but late registrations are still being accepted. For more information about Sanibel Youth Soccer or to register online, please visit www.sanibelsoccer.org.

Soccer jamboree at the SCA

The SCA was filled to the brim with soccer parents and young players, getting ready to kick off another season with a Friday night Jamboree. The Island Cow donated dinner,

as well as rows of chocolate and banana cream pies for the highlight of the evening, the pie-eating contest.

Rows of kids lined up on stage in front of their respective pies and had three minutes to devour as much as possible — no hands allowed. 12-year-old Megan Phillips, last year's pie-eating champ, was on hand to shout encouragement to this year's contestants. The winner of the first heat was Brenda Deola-Montes, 11, who went up against Michael Paci, 12, winner of the second pie eating heat. Deola-Montes and Paci met in a final chocolate cake face-off,

which Paci won by a narrow margin.

Other winners in games and raffles were Carl Von Harton, who won an X-Box; Dakota Lisenbee, a Karaoke machine; and Amelia Rosen, the Giant Stuffed Dog.



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October 18th
Noon - 6pm**

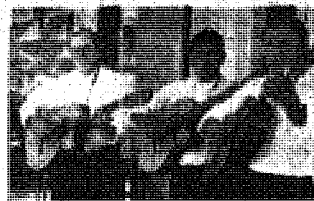
EVENTS:

1:00 - Cooking Demo by Nancy Tracy
Personal Chef (Paella)

2:00 - Cutest Chihuahua Contest
(Mexican Hairless also)

12:00 - 3pm - Mexican Music!

6:00 - Winners of Contests Announced



**Over \$500
in Prizes!**
Raffle to Benefit
"Brightest Horizons"
A child development center
for low income families

Music By:

Trio INOLVIDABLE
Mariachi Band Noon - 3pm

ART EXHIBITS:

Seaweed Gallery:

Aboriginals Gallery:

Matsumoto Gallery:

Katie's Frida Dolls

Mexican Pottery

Mexican Handicrafts

- Kirby Rambo 472-4944
- William E. Wilson 472-8590
- Aboriginals Gallery 395-2200
- Oh Mango! 472-2223
- Seaweed Gallery 395-3326
- Why Knot 472-3003
- Nanny's Children Shoppe 472-0304
- Matsumoto Gallery 472-2941

- Essentials 472-7770
- The Write Stuff 472-9298
- Why Knot Relax 472-3098



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LIVE MUSIC
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2163 Periwinkle Way Sanibel 472-0606 Call-Ahead Seating Available OPEN 7:00 AM to 10 PM

BREAKFAST...LUNCH...DINNER

