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General Manager Todd Sherman climbs a step ladder to give Gordon Shoepfer a hand with the new sign for the playhouse. See more on page 3 in Up Periscope.

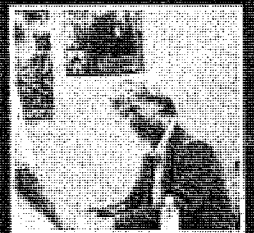


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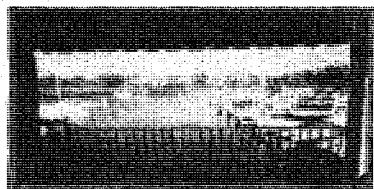
Find out what went on during "Ding" Darling Refuge's celebration of the Centennial.

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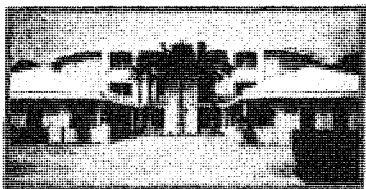




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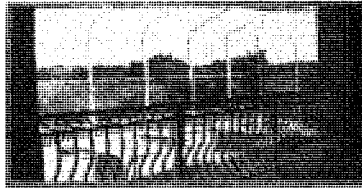
Villa At St. Charles Beautiful views from this 3 bedroom 2 and half bath with many upgrades overlooks harbour 44ft boat dock available at additional cost. Ralph Galiffetti 826-5897 **\$1,050,000**



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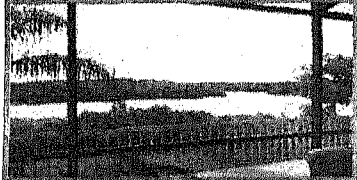
Mediterranean Estate Home 3 bdrm, 4 1/2 bth +den estate home, gated community across from Gulf. Mediterranean style with pool, cascading waterfalls, overlooks tranquil sanctuary land. Owner has spared no expense. Glenn Carretta 800-784-2616 **\$1,475,000**



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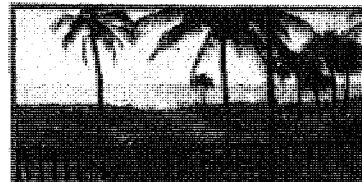
Top Floor Gulf Front Rooftop sundeck w/unparalleled Gulf & sunset views. 2 bdrm + den. Great rental potential & superb condition. All white kitchen, fresh paint & new carpet. Dan Cohn 395-7653 **\$1,295,000**



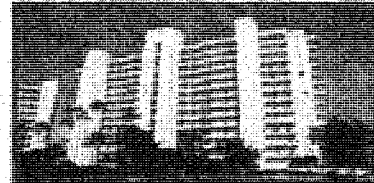
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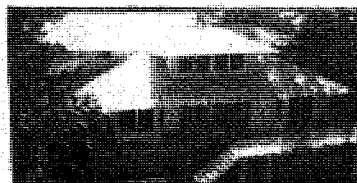
Breathtaking Gulf View/Sunsets Superior corner unit with private walk down from large lanai to the pool & beach. Oversized living/dining area, new carpet/paint/furniture. In a private complex of only 9 units. Jason Lomano 470-9828 **\$1,495,000**



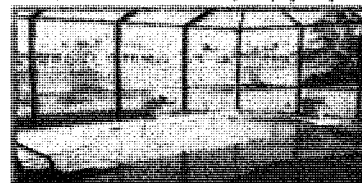
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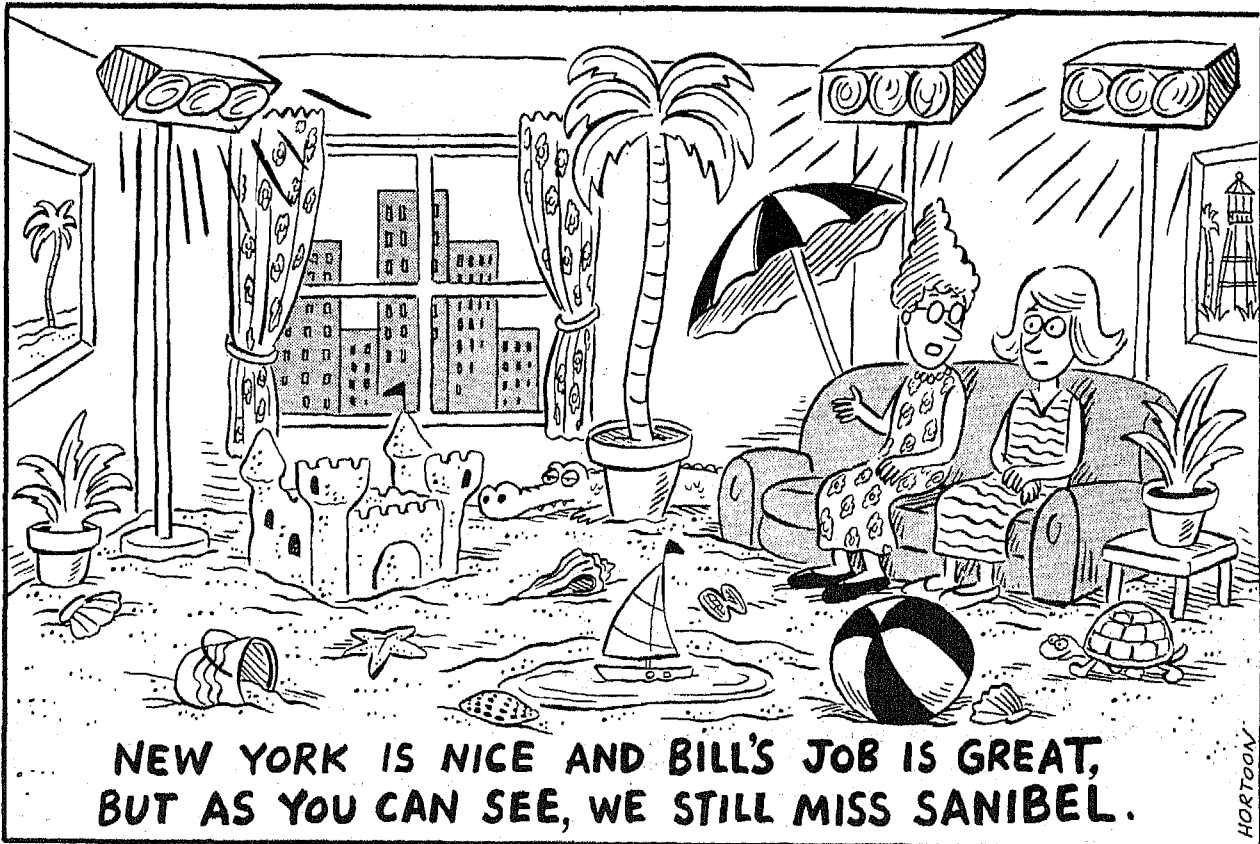
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Dave Horton



Lee Horton

COLUMNISTS

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UP PERISCOPE

Last week we ran an open letter to the community from Todd Sherman, the new general manager of the Sanibel Community Association's Periwinkle Playhouse.

It is certainly refreshing and encouraging to see real activity at the theater at last. Theater has been an important part of community life on these islands for many years and we hate to see any of them dark for long.

Mr. Sherman seems an excellent choice for this job and it is most interesting to see that management wants to learn more about what the community wants.

Consequently, the Periwinkle Playhouse will be offering a considerable variety over the coming season and inviting all of us to let them know what we think and what we want.

Sherman tells that the schedule is already starting to fill up as he readies the stage for the first production which opens on Nov. 1. That opener will be *Give My Regards to Florida*, a musical spoof of life



RENNY SEVERANCE
Executive Editor

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Other events will take place at the theater between these two productions and, looking ahead, there are more entertaining items to come.

Discussions are already underway with Second City in the hope that they will bring their particular brand of humor to the islands near the end of January.

Earlier that month, we can expect to find the Alison Brown Quartet entertaining us with their unique style of classical and jazz music.

on this sub-tropical peninsula, created and performed by Center Stage, a theatre group from Naples. The show will run from Nov. 1 to 14.

In late December, the playhouse will present *Galileo Galilei's Daughter*, an original one-woman show written and performed by Janina

This is an ideal place for theater and the Periwinkle Playhouse is to be commended for making a concerted effort to learn more about community tastes.

In keeping with the community aspect of the place, they will be appealing for help in the form of stagehands, gardeners, ushers and various other categories of volunteer assistance.

The *Islander* will help. While a newspaper can't run lights or pour drinks during intermission, we can keep you informed about what's coming as well as what's needed.

Basically, theater is a whole lot of fun, no matter what side of the curtain you are on. I met my wife in a community theater and, 25 years later, we're still together — maybe even more than ever.

But don't go there looking for a spouse, especially if you already have one. Do go to help your community and enjoy yourself in the process.

Nov. 6 at 10 a.m. there will be a volunteer coffee if your interest is piqued. Call 472-2155 if you want to come.



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From left: Bank Manager Rob Lisenbee, winner Karen Aulino, Sanibel School principal Barbara Von Harten, and bank receptionist Pat Van Alstyne.

Sanibel School receives Bank of the Islands gift

Karen Aulino, the most recent winner of the "We Love our Islands" promotion, chose For Kids' Sake, the Sanibel School's capital campaign, as the recipient of her \$600 charitable gift from Bank of the Islands. With this donation, the "We Love Our Islands" promotion has placed \$7,500 in the hands of 18 worthwhile island causes.

All islanders are invited to stop by the bank to get a free "We Love Our Islands" decal and find out how you and

your favorite charity can become our next lucky winners.

Caption for DST/EST wicthtime Don't be afraid - it's only one hour! A timely ghoul from Halloween Horror Nights 13 at Universal Orlando reminds us to "fall back" — set clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, marking the end of Daylight Saving Time.

Shots available

- A Flu & Pneumonia Clinic will be held this afternoon, Oct. 24, from 1 to 4 pm. at St. Isabel Catholic Church on San-Cap Road. For further

information, call 691-2842.

- Flu shots are available at HealthPark of the Islands on Tuesday mornings from 7 to 8 a.m.; Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4; and Thursdays from 7 to 8 a.m.
- Flu and pneumonia shots will be available at the Sanibel Community Center on Thursday, Oct. 30, from 8 a.m. 'til 11. Lee County Health Department staff will be administering the shots. The cost is \$25 for non-Medicare clients.

Learn to play Mah Jongg!

The Purple Dragon Mah Jongg Club is offering Mah Jongg lessons on Tuesday evenings, beginning Oct. 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and Thursday mornings, beginning Oct. 30 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$10 per session and lessons run for six weeks. The Purple Dragon is at 15675 McGregor-Suite 1 in Fort Myers. Call 433-4474 to register.

Knitting group resumes meetings

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 creates Caps for Kids, for WarmUp America, and for preemies all over the country. They exchange patterns, yarn and interesting conversation. For additional information, dial 472-9120.

party leaders including Florida Democratic Party Chairman Scott Maddox and State Senator Dave Aronberg. All Democratic presidential candidates have also been invited!

Riverside Park is on Old US 41, north of Bonita Beach Road. For further information contact Rally Co-chair Martha Simons at 947-9579.

Craft fair/Family fun

On Saturday, Nov. 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the YMCA of Lee Country will sponsor a family event at 1360 Royal Palm Square Boulevard in Fort Myers. The craft fair/afternoon of family fun will feature a live animal show, a rummage sale, a bounce house and dunk tank, funnel cakes, corn dogs and ice cream — all free! All proceeds benefit the Y's scholarship program. Spaces are still available ranging in price from \$25 to \$40. Contact Gloria Bonventre at 275-9622 or by FAX at 275-4196.

Planned Parenthood — 11 years in Lee County

On Thursday, Nov. 6, at a noon luncheon, Planned Parenthood will be celebrating the 11th anniversary of its Lee County Center. The luncheon takes place at Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way and costs \$25 per person.

Planned Parenthood's National Office will present message training, a continuation of "Cocktail Conversations," a feature of Planned Parenthood's quarterly newsletter, highlights issues and provides information and insights as well as the means to address those issues.

A representative of Planned Parenthood's national Public Affairs Office will share facts about the national organization and its programs on sex education, emergency contraception and abortion access, as well as fertility consultations and referrals.

Proceeds from the event support Planned Parenthood's community goals and services. Planned Parenthood has provided Southwest and Central Florida with high-quality, low-cost reproductive health care services and responsible educational programs for 37 years, serving more than 17,000 medical clients and 40,000 educational contacts annually in 15 counties.

Countdown Rally '03

Yes, there are Democrats in Southwest Florida — a lot of them!

On Sunday, Nov. 2, join with more Democrats than you'd ever thought existed in this area. From noon to 5 p.m. all 125,000 of them will have their first major opportunity to show their unity and strength at Riverside Park in Bonita Springs. In fact, Bonita Springs Mayor, Paul Pass, has proclaimed Nov. 2nd as Democrats Day.

There will be music, food for all tastes, games for the kids, free watermelon, and all kinds of fun. Everyone is welcome! Entertainment will feature bluegrass, gospel choirs, rock and mariachi bands. On the agenda are many

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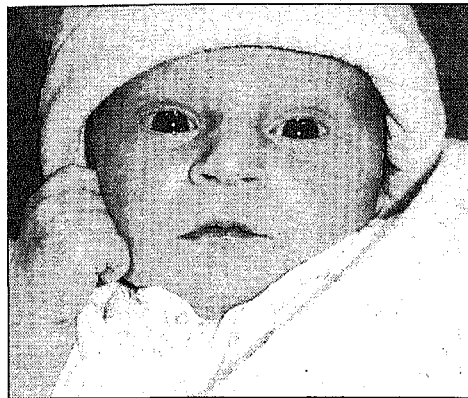
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Sanibel residents Mike and Debi Robison have new daughter — Tye Robison, who weighed in at 7 pounds, four ounces Oct. 10, 2003 at 12:30 p.m. at HealthPark. She is the grand-daughter of Rob and Linda Robison and the little sister of Sanibel resident, Clayton Ray Robison.

Mayflower Descendants to meet Nov. 19

The Myles Standish Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida November meeting will be held at the Country Club of Naples, 185 Burning Tree Drive in Naples on Wednesday, Nov. 19. The social hour begins at 12 noon and lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Sheriff Don Hunter of Collier County.

Members from other colonies and states, their spouses and friends, along with anyone who believes they may have a Mayflower bloodline are invited to attend. For reservations call, Sheila See at (239) 463-2817.

Nov. 1 deadline for boat safety grant applications

The BoatU.S. Foundation for Boating Safety & Clean Water has a great way for nonprofit boating organizations to help keep our waterways safe, but time is running out — grants available of up to \$5,000 for boating safety projects.

This year, the BoatU.S. Foundation is encouraging groups to give special consideration to project applications focusing on carbon monoxide poisoning. "We want applicants to know that they can apply for funding for any variety of projects they find appealing, but we'll be giving a little extra consideration to those focusing on carbon monoxide poisoning," said Chris Edmonston, director of boating safety. "The Coast Guard recently indicated that up to 15 percent of all boating related drownings could involve carbon monoxide. We hope that groups within the community will use boating safety grant projects to educate boaters on this dangerous hazard."

To download an application and learn more about Boating Safety Grants, please visit www.BoatUS.com/foundation or call (800) 336-BOAT. Grant applications must be e-mailed or post-marked on or before Nov. 1; grants will be awarded in late January 2004.

What shelled animals can tell us

The Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club has announced its first meeting of the 2003-2004 season is Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 7:30 p.m. at The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum. Dr. Peter Betzer, dean of the College of Marine Science at the University of South Florida, will speak on "What Shelled Animals Tell Us About Ancient Climates."

Dr. Betzer, a professor of chemical oceanography, received his doctorate from the University of Rhode Island in 1971. He explains, "My current research interests include defining the involvement of particulate materials in geochemical cycles; understanding the specific ways that various classes of organisms are involved in the creation, modifications and transfer of particulate material in the ocean... In the past, I have participated in numerous oceanographic expeditions, including work in the North Atlantic, the Caribbean, the Gulf of Mexico and, most recently, the North Pacific."

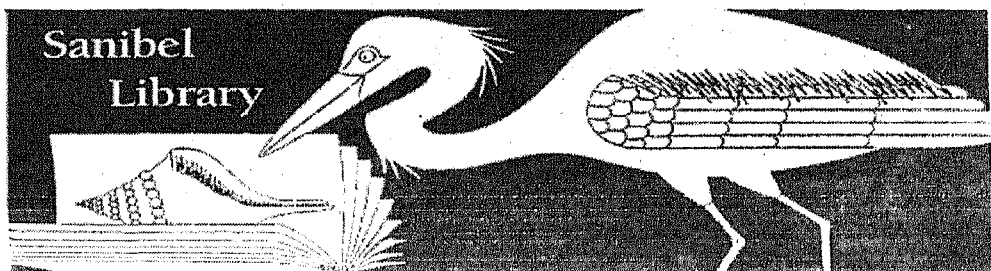
Accompanying Dr. Betzer will be Kate Sheps, a graduate student at the

College of Marine Science. A native of British Columbia, Sheps is a recipient of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club Fellowship. She is working with Dr. Pamela Hallock Muller, a professor of biogeological oceanography at the College of Marine Science, whose research focus is reef health. At press time, Dr. Muller was doing fieldwork out of the country but may be able to join her colleagues at the Oct. 28 meeting.

The Shell Club board wants to remind club members and the general public that all meetings of the Shell Club are held at the Museum unless otherwise noted. Programs are sponsored jointly by the Shell Club and the Museum, and the Museum helps support speaker honoraria and expenses.

There is no admission charge and members of the public are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be offered at the meeting.

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum is located at 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road. For further information call the Museum at 395-2233 or (888) 679-6450.



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OBITUARY

Csaba Lepp

Csaba Antal Mihaly Lajos Lepp was born and classically educated in Budapest, Hungary, and conveyed old-world grace and good humor with all who knew him. A freedom fighter with a price on his head in the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, he escaped to England after crawling out of Hungary within range of Soviet guard outposts during the dark and snow in 1956 and eventually settled in Toronto.

Always in the construction business, he moved with his family to Dallas, Texas in 1981. Csaba resided in Ft. Myers and worked extensively on the Islands from 1993 until his passing. He was an exceptional master builder and architectural designer. The legacy of his marvelous wit, personal charm and lifelong work in Ontario, Texas, and Florida has added beauty to the world.

He will be dearly missed by his wife Ildiko who is employed at Colonial Bank, Sanibel, his daughters Deanna Lepp of San Francisco and Michelle Cooper, their mother Dana Beaman and his son-in-law, Alan Cooper, all of Toronto, his family in Budapest, his sister Ildiko and her husband Marius Hallama, his step children Rita and Gergo, grand-



daughter Luca, son-in-law Dezso and sister-in-law Fatima plus cousins Laszlo and Mila Ambrus of Los Angeles and many extended family members and friends who loved him.

A memorial service in his honor was held on Sunday, October 19, 2003 at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens, and suitably, friends and family gathered afterward at the old Lazy Flamingo to celebrate his life. He added beauty and grace and elegance to all whose lives he touched.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada.

Jean Ruediger

Jean Ruediger, 58, of Cape Coral died Sunday, Oct. 19 at Hope Hospice in Cape Coral after a long battle with cerebral palsy. Born July 19, 1945 in Washington, D. C., she moved to Cape Coral in 1983.

She is survived by her mother, Dorothy Ruediger, and one brother, former government reporter for the Islander, Steve Ruediger — both of Cape Coral.

A memorial service was held Thursday, in Cape Coral.

SERVICE CLUBS

Kiwanis — Grand Minds, Small Minds

By Bob Wimbush

Grand Minds

Kiwanis has a published author! Seven books — and he didn't try to sell us any of them! (That's not to say we couldn't use them...) And, his talk was short and not preachy. Kiwanian Daryl Donovan writes, lectures and consults on men mentoring men.



Daryl brought his son, Ben to the meeting.

"There are no courses on how to be a man," and he feels there should be. "Forty percent of kids have no father in the home." Daryl, whose day job is preacher at Sanibel Community Church, had tried to make a difference from the pulpit, but compared it to spraying a case of empty pop bottles with a garden hose. He "didn't see things happening" — none of the bottles was filling up. So he switched tactics and began making disciples — one at a time. "Mentoring is like putting the hose right over that bottle." Except that "with mentoring you grow as well."

And Daryl practices what he preaches (always wanted to use that pun). He specifically allocates at least one hour every week to be with each of his four kids. Otherwise, "you lose kids around age 13."

He had Ben, his son, with him as he spoke. Ben's life "is not easy," he "has the blessing of living with three sisters." Must have needed some relief. You know, — guy stuff. Daryl sees Kiwanis' investment in children as commensurate with his personal, on-going investment in the lives of men and families. For details, or to mentor or be mentored, call him at the church.

Small Minds

There is no easier target than Mayor Steve "He's Everywhere" Brown — especially in Kiwanis. Kiwanis allows no political discussion or fist fights, but seizes gleefully on ridiculous irony or injustice. Kiwanis meets for fun, not blood.

Several weeks ago our speaker was Roger Blind, General Manager of Island Water. Mayor Brown asked, "Can you raise rates?" Blind replied with one of those all-too-rare "gotchas" this column so enjoys reporting. "You do," Blind replied. "The City Council must approve it." The club razed Brown and things moved on.

Ten days later the "gotcha" appeared here... Only this week did I learn someone highlighted the rates comments, sent

We used to give spaghetti dinner leftovers to Spiritual Aims — part of Nations Association — to feed the needy, but once they learned what was in it, they requested Christmas and Thanksgiving turkeys. Now, because Roger Gunnerfeldt must deliver them, we've switched to cash.

it to the city and cited Brown for Sunshine Law violations. At that time we were meeting in Councilman Marty Harry's restaurant; Marty may (or may not) have been there. Usually by that time in a meeting he's in the kitchen washing dishes.

There is nothing clever or fun about Sunshine Law violations. A Sunshine Law violation is a serious charge against anyone so unwise as to run for office. The City acted responsibly. There were formal inquiries involving lawyers and other degenerates. Ultimately, Brown was exonerated because the claim had no sub-



Don Feiner presents Klair Snelbaker a check for Candlelighters. This week they're taking kids with Cancer to Sebring for a race. A Disney World trip is planned at Christmas.

stance. The writer was never named.

Steve didn't tell me this until I asked. It seems this kind of thing comes with the office, even in paradise. He relates that same week, a delightfully diabolic (but equally faceless) trickster also turned off the Brown household water at the curb. The Browns smelled a little strange for a couple days, but they, and any neighbors who noticed, have since recovered fully.

I can only hope the anonymous perpetrator(s) had no idea how much trouble he or she caused and that it was done in good fun. If this is not the case, may I suggest that the faceless cheap shot artist who lacked the courage to come forward in person call Daryl Donovan to learn how real men behave.

Or sample your own humor. Give back to the community by running for office yourself.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Like the majority of islanders I moved to Sanibel for the mild winters, wonderful natural wildlife and amazing beaches. However, this year I have finally learned why these islands are such a special place.

Our family will always remember 2003 as the year my father suffered a massive stroke, spent ten days unconscious in the Neuro ICU at Lee Memorial and the next two months in an intensive rehabilitation program in the hospital. That single horrifying event allowed my mother, my wife and me to see the very best this island has to offer. Friends, acquaintances and people we didn't even know filled our lives with support and love. People cooked meals, took our dogs for walks, cleaned the house, sent cards, called, visited and supported us the entire time.

Never have I experienced that sense of community anywhere before and couldn't imagine that I ever could again.

...Until last Friday when my wife gave birth to our second island baby, a little girl born at Health Park around 12:30 in the afternoon. Around 2 a.m. on Saturday morning our tiny beautiful baby started running a fever, shaking, wheezing and gasping for air. Once again our lives were being turned upside down. She was moved to the NICU, hooked up to monitors, given fluids intravenously and massive doses of antibiotics. For the second time in a year we were able to see our small town gather around us in support. Our co-workers, neighbors and friends all reached out to love and nurture us in our time of pain. Once again we were able to see with absolute clarity what makes Sanibel so special. To make a long story short our beautiful baby came home healthy and happy.

But that isn't why I feel the need to write.

The warm winters become something you get used to and the island itself becomes home — I suppose not all that different from anywhere else you chose to call home. However, the people will always be what make Sanibel such a special place. My purpose in writing is to tell all of those people who have loved and cared for us thank you so very much. And, to let those visitors to the island know that the special place they see is only the tip of what makes Sanibel so very special. We all come here for the weather, beaches and outdoors, but we stay and raise our families here because the community is made up of the most wonderful people in the world.

Sincerely,
Mike Robison

We don't often carry letters to the editor, but we enjoy making exceptions for correspondence like this.

— ed.

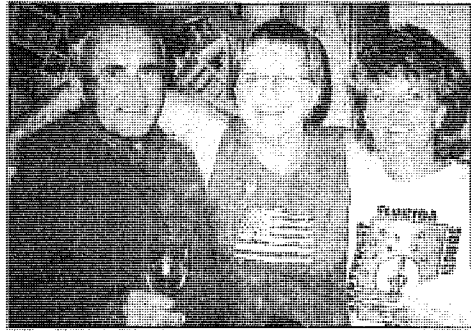
Habitat For Humanity in Brief

- Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller in Americus, Ga with the goal of eliminating substandard housing throughout the world.
- The Lee County affiliate was organized in 1982.
- Houses are built entirely from funds raised locally. No federal funds are used.
- Volunteers, homeowners, and a small number of subcontractors build the homes. Groups or individuals may give their time, or money, or both to home construction.
- The homes are not given away. The owners receive an interest-free mortgage after making a down payment of \$1,200 plus 500 hours of their own labor. This money goes to underwrite new construction for the next applicant.

Columbus Day at the Legion

by Elaine Stacy
Special to the Islander

On Sunday, Oct. 12, the Sanibel Captiva Islands American Legion Post 123 celebrated Columbus Day with an unusual offering — an “Islands Surf ‘n’ Turf” dinner. The surf was light-battered grouper; the turf was slow-roasted wild boar. Doug Conaway and Don Stacy were the able chefs responsible for what everyone called a fabulous



L-R: Bob and Patty Krepin with Janice Ulrich.



Fellow Legionaires from Fort Myers Beach pay a visit to the Sanibel-Captiva post.

plate. Both Doug and Don are also seen at the West Wind Inn when not up to their chef's hat in the kitchen at the Legion. The baked beans and coleslaw were whipped up by sometime bartender/sometime chef Elaine Stacy, bar manager.

Members and guests partaking in the day's fare were numerous, making for a successful event. Over \$200 was raised for The Children's Welfare Foundation — proceeds of the raffle and special drink sales — of which Janice Ulrich took charge.

Once again Chris Workman volunteered to entertain with his fine vocals,

adeptly accompanying himself on his keyboard. He played practically all day and into the night helping to make this Legion event very special indeed.

Coming up!

On Halloween night, Friday, Oct. 31 — The Legion is holding a Chili Contest and Halloween Party. After the judging, guests can sample the best chili the islands have to

offer for a mere \$3. Celebrated recording artists, Cheryl Arena Band, will entertain through an arrangement with their friends, the Troublestarters. This blues band, hailing from Boston, has played to accolades at Jensen's and the Legion before. They come to us this time directly from an engagement at the Green Parrot during Key West's Fantasy Festival.

Costumes are optional, although there will be a contest. Come join the fun. It should be a fine evening of good food and good fun. For more information call 472-9979.

Democratic Club opens new season

The Democratic Club of the Islands new season programming has already begun with a meeting on Oct. 15 that featured Lynn Yeakel, an upcoming rally and a luncheon.

Election Year Countdown Rally

Island Democrats can join other Southwest Florida Democrats at an Election Year Countdown Rally on Sunday, Nov. 2, from noon to 5 p.m. in Bonita Springs' Riverside Park. The rally will include free entertainment, food and fun for the whole family. Guest speakers will include Bonita Mayor Paul Pass, State Senator Dave Aronberg, State Democratic Chairman Scott Maddox and Democratic talk show host Guy James. All Democratic presidential candidates have been invited. For more information, call 405-0355.

Lunch with Betty Castor

The club is also sponsoring a special luncheon on Saturday, Nov. 15, with

Betty Castor, a candidate for the U.S. Senate. Castor's credentials include experience as a Florida Senator, Florida's Commissioner of Education, a member of the Florida Cabinet and president of the University of South Florida. The luncheon will be at noon at the Helm Club in The Landings, 4420 Flagship, in Fort Myers. To reserve, checks made out to the Democratic Club of the Islands for \$25 per person should be sent to Alice Wälzer, 4772 Tradewinds Drive, Sanibel 33957. The luncheon will also feature a silent auction.

About Betty

At just 23, as a teacher in East Africa, Betty Castor helped to lead two-dozen young girls from three continents to the summit of Kilimanjaro. Why? Because, she believed, life should be a journey of challenges. She told young women that they could do anything they set out to do and that their efforts would enable them

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AT THE LIBRARY

Aquarium Arrives

This summer a 400-gallon saltwater aquarium was installed in the Sanibel Library. Created by Living Color, a Florida firm internationally renowned for balancing unmatched creative design and state-of-the-art technology, this unique aquarium featuring mangrove roots and an Australian pine trunk, will be home to local species of fish and water life. Fascinating sea life combines with the newest technology to create a learning environment found nowhere else on the island.

In addition to the tank itself, a 'life support system' was built for the aquarium under the building. This state of the art system of tanks, filters and pumps will provide the very best ecology for the resident sea creatures.

Summer Reading Program breaks records

A record number of 108 children signed up for this summer's Hats Off to Reading program to have fun and keep their reading skills honed over the long vacation. Kids from preschool to 8th grade read for at least 20 minutes each day, kept logs and won prizes for completing their goals. The combined total was 1,629 days of reading!

Each participant received a booklet with a reading log to fill in, and a reading map. The younger age group played the puzzle game, What Am I? After completing all their reading each week, they received one piece of a nine-piece puzzle. By the end of the summer they were able to put the puzzle together to learn what it was.

Older children played the Seven Clue Game. By figuring out a new question each week, the kids then used a decoder to cipher a word familiar to all Floridians. Both groups won prizes for participating in the games.

Thirteen special weekly events were held, attended by 600 children and parents, including visits from the Imaginarium folks, local cartoonist Dave Horton and magician Ron Tebo. For the Fourth of July there was a mini-float contest in which children designed and deco-

rated floats made from shoeboxes using the city's parade theme of Let Freedom Ring. They were then displayed at the Community Center for the festivities on the 4th.

New Children's Programs

The Library now has six different programs for a variety of age groups. For the youngest of our patrons, Small Wonders, gathers on Mondays at 2 p.m. and Tuesdays at 10 a.m. During this 20-30 minute program children from birth to two and their parents will sing, do finger plays and other activities.

Terrific Twos is a new program on Fridays at 10 a.m. This time is used to start teaching our little ones how to sit and listen during story time and how to behave in the Library. There are have short stories, finger plays, songs and other activities.

Preschool Bookworms for three-to-five-year-olds meets on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10. The Bookworms "get into" longer books, play games and sing.

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Historic bomber to land Oct. 24

Aviation buffs will have the opportunity to fly in a restored B-17 bomber when the Experimental Aircraft Association's Aviation Foundation shows off the Flying Fortress at Page Field through Monday, Oct. 27. The B-17's stop in Fort Myers is part of the 2003 Road to Kitty Hawk Tour, a celebration of 100 years of powered flight.

Ground tours of the aircraft which built in 1945 and nicknamed Aluminum Overcast will begin after the last "special mission" flight each day at approximately 2 p.m., except today, Oct. 24, when the plane will be available for tours from 1 until 3 p.m. at Buckingham Airfield in East Fort Myers before returning to Page Field. This will be the first B-17 to visit the Buckingham Airfield since 1945. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$5 for children 8 to 17, and \$10 for families. World War II veterans and children under 8 accompanied by a paying adult are admitted at no charge. For information or reservations, visit www.B17.org, or call (800) 359-6217.

Page Field is one of more than four-dozen stops on the national tour, which began in Oshkosh, Wis., on April 26. The airplane's flight crew will be available at each stop to answer questions. Tours of the B-17, one of the best-known aircraft types of the World War II era, have taken place each spring and fall since 1994, enabling thousands of aviation enthusiasts to fly in the bomber and tens of thousands to see and tour the air-

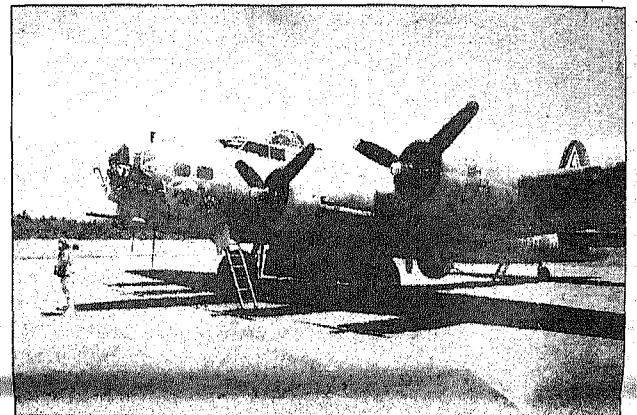


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B-17 Bomber

plane. From 1935 through 1945, Boeing produced 12,731 B-17s. More than 4,700 were lost in combat missions — fewer than 100 B-17 airframes still exist and fewer still are airworthy.

Funds generated during the tour help finance ongoing restoration and maintenance of the B-17, as well as other historic airplanes in the EAA Aviation Foundation's collection.

Sanibel Historical Village & Museum reopens

The Sanibel Historical Village & Museum, replete with some new exhibits and programs, will reopen this Wednesday, Oct. 29th.

The popular exhibit, After the Civil War, which is displayed in a case in the Rutland Home, depicts the lives of Sanibel's homesteaders who served in the Civil War. It was the Civil War and the Homestead Act that brought most of those first settlers to Sanibel.

William Haskell Reed served aboard the Union ships of the East Gulf Blockading Force that patrolled the surrounding waters to keep cattle and other supplies from being smuggled to the Confederates. After the "Rebellion," was over, Reed returned to sea as master of the brig Itasca. He came to Punta Gorda in 1887 and, when Sanibel was opened to home-



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stead, he laid claim to 160 acres along San Carlos Bay.

Others, like Samuel Major Bailey, grandfather of the present Sam and Frances Bailey, drove an ambulance in Richmond during the war. The family was in the tobacco business, raising, selling and distributing tobacco products. Their business

suffered as troops burned and trampled the tobacco fields. After a fire destroyed their warehouse in 1878, the family moved to Kentucky and, when Samuel Bailey died, his widow, Mary Beers Bailey, and her three youngest sons — Harry, Ernest and Frank — moved to Sanibel in 1894. In 1899 they bought the plantation store on Matthew's Dock, the forerunner of the present Bailey's Store.

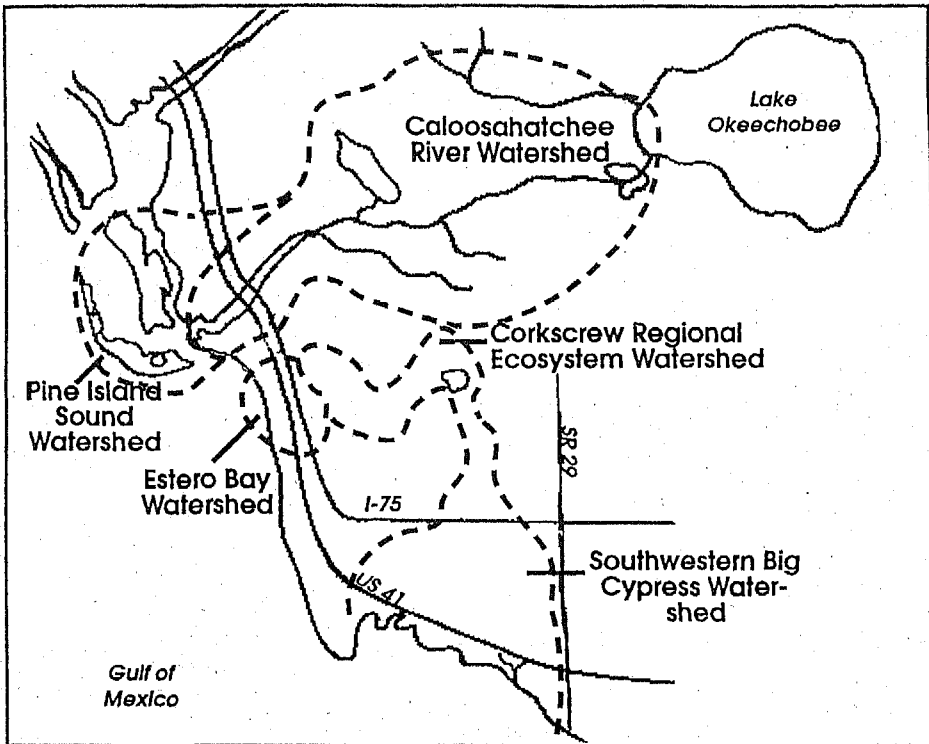
Milbrey Rushworth, the museum's foremost creator of exhibits, has illus-



trated this era with letters, books, soldiers on horseback and a wonderful photo of Robert E. Lee and his generals.

Each one of the six buildings in the village is unique in its portrayal of life on Sanibel before the bridge. This year, the Living History Days and the Christmas Toy & Quilt Show are just a couple of the upcoming programs. The Village & Museum, located on Dunlop Road, is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. For more information, call 472-4648.

ENVIRONMENT



Watershed Adventures

The Caloosahatchee River — its quality and the quantity of its water entering our estuaries — is frequently front page news these days. As an introduction to our local watershed areas, including the Caloosahatchee Watershed Basin and Pine Island Sound Watershed, the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation invites you to join Watershed Adventures and explore these beautiful and important ecosystems whose preservation will ultimately dictate the health of the waters that lap our island beaches.

The first of 12 Watershed Adventures planned for this winter season will be a canoe trip down Fisheating Creek next Wednesday, Oct. 29. The cost of this three-hour canoe trip is \$45.

In its entirety, Fisheating Creek runs 50 miles from its headwaters in Highlands County, through Glades County and into Lake Okeechobee. Following a landmark case dealing with public waterways, the riverbed of this pristine creek was awarded to the people of Florida in 1999. The case served to protect for the public as many as 7,000 miles of other Florida rivers and lakes as well. In conjunction with the court decision, 18,000 surrounding watershed acres were purchased from the Lykes Brothers Corp. The state is now planning to pay for a conservation easement on 24,000 additional watershed acres owned by Lykes upstream in Glades County.

A trip to Hickey's Creek Mitigation Park near Alva is on the schedule for Wednesday, Nov. 19. The trip consists of a kayak trip down the Caloosahatchee a short way and then up Hickey's Creek to the park. The cost of this trip is \$30.

In 1994 Lee County and the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission purchased 1,111 acres which encompass a good part of the watershed of Hickey's Creek. This nearly pristine creek gives one a glimpse of old Florida. Here herons, wood ducks, and limpkins stake their territories and hunt for prey. In addition the upland scrub areas of the park

serve as a mitigation site for gopher tortoises displaced by development, as well as Eastern Indigo snakes and scrub jays. Even the Florida panther has been documented in the park.

Other upcoming Caloosahatchee Watershed Basin trips include:

- A Caloosahatchee River pontoon boat ride on Dec. 10;
- A bike ride on the Babcock Ranch, Dec. 10;
- A pontoon boat ride in Tarpon Bay on Dec 17; and
- An Orange River pontoon boat ride, Dec. 30.

Watershed Adventures has visits planned to three other watershed areas this winter — The Estero Bay Watershed, The Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed and the Southwestern Big Cypress Watershed.

To sign up for these trips or for more information please contact Dee Serage at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (472-2329 or dserage@sccf.org).

Native Plant Sale & Expo

A Native Plant Sale and Garden Expo will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 25 and 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Manatee Park on route 80 (Palm Beach Boulevard opposite the FPL Power Plant). Parking is free. Only cash and local personal checks will be accepted (no credit cards). The two-day event is co-sponsored by the Coccoloba Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society and Lee County Parks & Rec.

Over 10,000 native plants will be available and chapter members will be on hand to help with plant selection. In addition, visitors will be able to purchase books, T-shirts, birdhouses, bird feeders, compost bins, mulch and landscaping products.

Learn about butterfly gardening and observe the many species of butterflies native to Southwest Florida in the Butterfly House. Learn about the Florida

Landscapes program at FGCU and how to have your yard certified as a Florida Friendly Yard or Backyard Wildlife Habitat. Guided tours of the many native plant habitats throughout the park will be available both days.

The following vendors and environmental organizations will be represented: The National Wildlife Federation, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council, "Ding" Darling Refuge, Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program, the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and Forestry Resources.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to fund related community projects such as the creation of native plant communities at parks, libraries, schools and other public areas throughout Lee County, as well as native plant education to both students and adults. For further information, call Chapter President John Sibley at 936-7920 or e-mail him at nolawn@ilinc.com.

Walk 'n' Talk

Join a naturalist each Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at Bowditch Point Regional Preserve for a free one-hour walk through the five plant communities of a barrier island — beach and dune, coastal strand, tropical hardwood hammock, transitional wetlands and mangrove forest. Hear about the history and restoration of the preserve. Visit a gopher tortoise habitat and take in the beauty of land and sea from Lookout Point on Gopher Hill. Part of the trail may be under shallow water at high tide, so wear shoes that can get wet. Meet at the picnic tables behind Flip Flops Cafe at 9:15. Free parking with program registration. Bowditch Point is at the north end of Estero Boulevard on Fort Myers Beach. From Fort Myers, make a right at the foot of the bridge. For more information, call 765-4233 or 765-4222.

By the way, are you an unabashed tree-hugging nature-lover? Do you like to work outdoors? Do you enjoy learning about plants and animals? If you fit into any of these categories, there is a perfect job for you at Bowditch Point. Fun job, no pay, excellent benefits that include plenty of sunshine, fresh air and exercise. No experience needed, tools and training provided. Year 'round and seasonal volunteers are needed to help staff care for the trails, native plants and to serve as interpretive guides. Call 765-4222 for a volunteer application. Please leave your name, mail-

ing address and phone number.

Or, explore the dynamics of barrier islands, the beach and dune communities and peek into the secret lives of shells at Matanzas Pass Preserve tomorrow, Oct. 25, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Visit a tropical maritime hammock, follow the trail to Estero Bay and learn about one of the most productive ecosystems in the world. Adults and 12 to 16 with an adult, \$3. For more information and registration call 461-7440. Matanzas Pass Preserve is at the end of Bay Road, next to the Historic Cottage near the Beach school on Fort Myers Beach; meet in the parking lot. No parking fee.

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

Halloween kayak tour

See them in their natural habitats. Learn how interesting and important bats are — their lives and the myths that surround them.

Join GAEA Guides for a Kayak Bat Tour in the wilds of North Fort Myers on Judd Creek, enjoying nature and the beautiful sunset... then on to the location of THE BATS to see them fly off into the night.

Thursday, Oct. 30, at 5 p.m. \$35 per person includes all equipment and a naturalist guide. Call 694-5513 for more information and reservations.



Don't be afraid - it's only one hour! A timely ghoul from Halloween Horror Nights 13 at Universal Orlando reminds us to "fall back" — set clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, marking the end of Daylight Saving Time.

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Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan underway

Story & photos
by Karen Nelson, Staff Writer

The Everglades vs. the growth of Florida

The Everglades once covered almost 11,000 square miles. In 1905, Governor Napoleon Bonaparte Broward began a concerted effort to drain the what Marjorie Stoneman Douglas later described as the River of Grass to make the land suitable for agriculture and development. Large tracts of swamp were transformed into productive

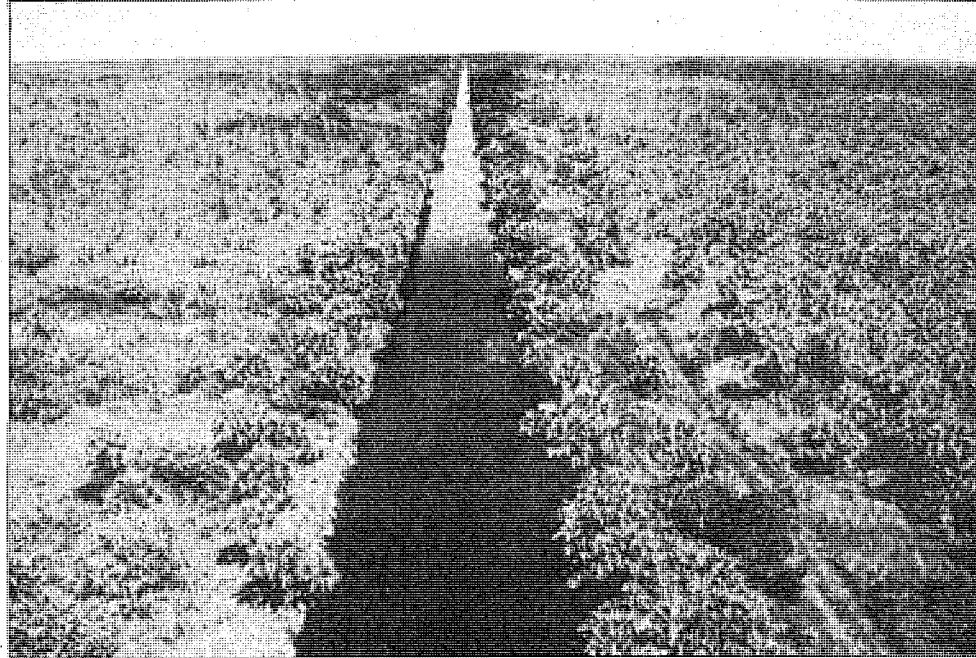
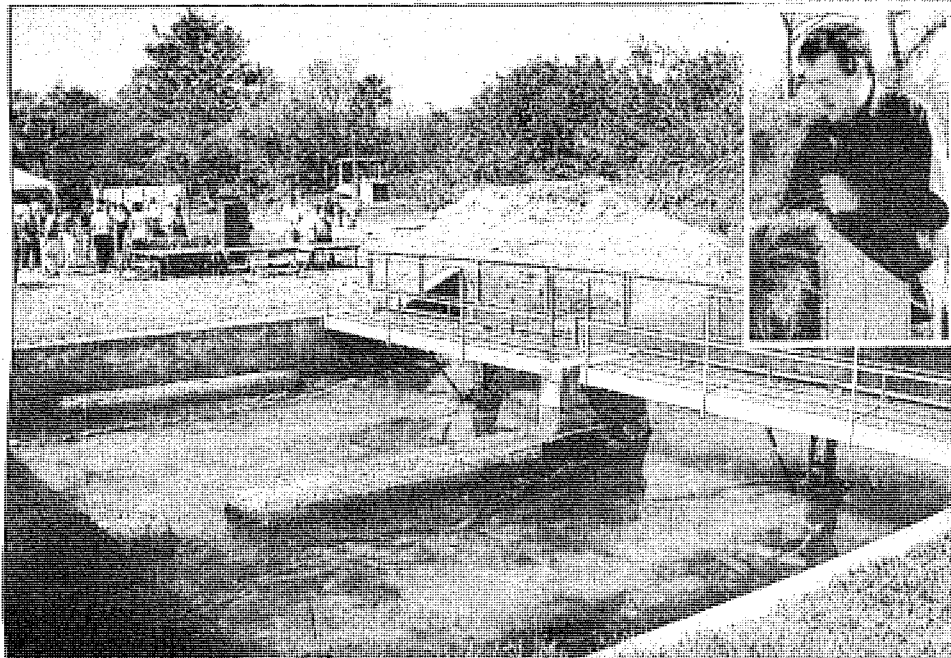
cent of Everglades restoration. On May 5, 2000, Governor Jeb Bush signed into law the 10-year funding strategy to implement the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.

In the Fall of 2000, overwhelming bipartisan majorities in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives voted to have the Federal government join Florida as equal partners in the restoration. President Bill Clinton signed the legislation on December 11, 2000.

Florida committed more than \$2 billion in funding

world...Restoration of America's Everglades is becoming a reality — years ahead of schedule and tens of millions of dollars under budget. Florida's commitment to the restoration and protection of this natural treasure remains steadfast."

Thursday's ground-breaking was on the bank of the Prairie Canal, one of four canals dug in the early 1960s to drain Southern Golden Gate Estates. This first phase of a four-phase project will include partially backfilling seven



The Prairie Canal, phase one of the Southern Golden Gate Estates project. Inset: Gov. Jeb Bush spoke at the Oct. 16 ground-breaking. **The Prairie Canal from the air, with a paved road to the left and a dirt track to the right. The paved road will be removed.**

farmland. Cities, particularly Miami and Fort Lauderdale, began to grow.

To provide flood control for a growing population, in 1948, Congress authorized the Central and South Florida Project, creating the most effective water management system in the world. An extensive network of man-made canals, levees and water control structures channel 1.7 billion gallons of water daily from the Everglades out into the ocean.

The loss of water changed the natural character of the marsh. Receding water meant loss of habitat for wading birds, fish and dozens of animals. Salt water intruded farther into the marsh from the ocean and pollution flowed in from neighboring farms and cities. Changes in water quality stifled the growth of native plants, allowed new plants to take root and fueled the growth of algae, worsening the loss of natural habitat. The Everglades today is half the size it was a century ago.

In the spring of 2000, the Florida Legislature passed legislation with unanimous bipartisan support to fund 50 per-

cent through the end of the decade and, earlier this year, the State committed an additional \$650 million over the next 13 years to improve water quality in the marsh. At the ground-breaking, Senator Burt Saunders stressed the Florida legislature's commitment to continue funding this project.

To date, Florida has acquired more than 80 percent of the land needed for the initial congressionally authorized projects. In October 2003, Florida made the final donation of state-owned land to the Federal government for expansion of Everglades National Park; this additional 107,600 acres to the east will allow water to flow more naturally across South Florida.

With Governor Jeb Bush in attendance, the ground-breaking for the first project of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan was held on Thursday, Oct. 16, south of Naples.

The restoration of Southern Golden Gate Estates is the first CERP project to get underway. Bush termed the CERP, "the largest environmental restoration in the

miles of the Prairie Canal; removing approximately 25 miles of roads; removing exotic plants on canal banks; adding culverts under Stewart Boulevard and Janes Scenic Memorial Drive and restoring a more natural water cycle to support a variety of plant and animal species.

Backfilling the canals will require pushing the road bed back into the canal at strategic locations. Eventually, 260 miles of roads will be removed, with only about 25 miles of roads remaining which will have additional culverts added to make the roads "invisible" to the hydrology of the system.

Southern Golden Gate Estates

Southern Golden Gate Estates is a 94-square-mile area comprising more than 55,000 acres in eastern Collier County. To create it, in the early 1960s, the Gulf American Land Corporation dredged 48 miles of canals, built 290 miles of shell-rock roads and sold thousands of lots before going bankrupt.

The canals severely over-drained the area; the roads disrupted the natural water flow patterns; the water table dropped by as much as four feet. Cypress-dotted wetlands disappeared and were replaced by exotic invasives; cabbage palm density spread way beyond normal levels and wildfires increased.

All 48 miles of canals were funneled into the Faka Union Canal System, ultimately discharging into the estuary and 10,000 Islands. This "shock" of fresh water decreased sea grasses, harmed juvenile fish and plant nurseries, and reduced the estuary's overall water quality.

Golden Gate was a primary target of land scams and, in 1975, as the state began to address the problem, planning first began for the restoration of Southern Golden Gate Estates.

A study is underway to find the best way to restore the hydrology of the area and several alternate plans are being developed, all encompassing the backfilling of the Prairie Canal. This first phase is the least engineered; later phases will require the incorporation of pumps to provide flood protection to Northern Golden Gate.

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What is Hope?

By Samira K. Beckwith
President and CEO, Hope Hospice
& Palliative Care

Hope Hospice — “Hope,” as we know it — has been serving Southwest Florida for more than two decades now. However, we continue to be surprised by the fact that, in general, our friends and neighbors in the community don’t know as much about accessing end-of-life care and the many other services we provide as they probably should.

November is National Hospice Month, and becoming familiar with Hope Hospice care and bereavement counseling at this time will benefit everyone — patients and families — when facing end-of-life issues. Here, I would like to answer some of the questions we’re most often asked.

What is Hope Hospice?

Hope Hospice is not just a place. Hope Hospice care allows patients and their families to experience the final stage of life together, in the setting most comfortable for them. In most cases, we enable the person to remain at home, close to family and friends, while under professional medical supervision. However, as some people live alone or with family members unable to provide care, Hope Hospice also provides services in a number of other settings, including our own facilities in Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Shell Point, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and hospitals.

Hope Hospice treats the person, instead of the disease; focuses on the family, instead of just the individual; and emphasizes the quality of life, instead of its duration. The Hope Hospice Care Team includes physicians, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, personal care specialists, specially trained volunteers, chaplains, homemakers and bereavement counselors, as needed to care for the individual needs of each person and family. The Team also

includes an array of professional therapists, whose services include massage therapy, music therapy, art therapy, aromatherapy and pet therapy.

Who is eligible for Hope Hospice care?

A person is eligible for Hope Hospice care after being certified by a physician as having a life-limiting illness. Although many patients have conditions related to cancer, many have other diagnoses including heart and lung disease, stroke, AIDS and neurological disorders such as Alzheimer’s and Lou Gehrig’s disease.

Who pays for Hope Hospice care?

Hope Hospice is a not-for-profit health care agency serving people of all ages. Services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid and many insurances. Hope Hospice provides services regardless of a patient’s ability to pay. We rely on grants and community support to fund services for patients with little or no insurance.

What other services are available?

Hope Hospice goes beyond the traditional boundaries of hospice care. Pathways of Hope Counseling Center supports schools, businesses, law enforcement, health care professionals and other community organizations with training in grief and loss counseling. Rainbow Trails Bereavement Camp for children helps youngsters to cope with the loss of a loved one.

Each day, Hope Hospice cares for nearly 700 people in Lee, Glades and Hendry Counties, with a staff of almost 450, along with 700 volunteers, all dedicated to providing excellence in care, comfort and support to people living with complex needs and issues related to loss, grief, transitions and end of life. For more information, please visit our Web site at www.hopehospice.org or call 482-HOPE or (800) 835-1673.

‘Glades Restoration, from page 10

Upon completion of all four phases, water levels will be restored to historic levels and there will be a buffer system for urban ground water and the water supply for Naples. Benefits will include restoring populations of native plants and animals; restoring fragmented cypress stands; restoring and protecting the coastal estuary; restoring habitat for threatened and endangered animals; providing compatible recreational opportunities and maintaining the existing level of flood protection.

\$110 million of the project cost was used to purchase land, with the bulk of funds for land acquisition coming from the state. 19,000 individual property owners owned Southern Golden Gate Estates land and the state has made an aggressive acquisition effort over the last four to five years. There are a few remaining parcels, including one owned by the Miccosukee Tribe.

\$50 million will be used for the restoration — road bed removal, culverts, canal plugs and pumps.

Department of Environmental Protection Secretary David B. Struhs, noting that they

are “seven years ahead of schedule and at half the projected cost,” also pointed out that Southern Golden Gate Estates is surrounded by parks and preserves. “To the north is the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge, to the east is Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve, to the southeast is Everglades National Park, to the south, 10,000 Islands and to the west Collier Seminole State Park,” Struhs explained. “Both Everglades National Park and 10,000 Islands will be helped by the redirection of the current unnatural amounts of fresh water. One mile to the north is the public water supply well-field for Naples, and this project will raise the groundwater level by four feet.” Drainage from the Fakahatchee Strand, one of the few remaining unlogged cypress stands in the state, will also be reduced.

The Southern Golden Gate Estates project is a partnership of the South Florida Water Management District, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Forestry, Department of the Interior, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and dozens of other local, state and Federal agencies.

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 Livl 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):

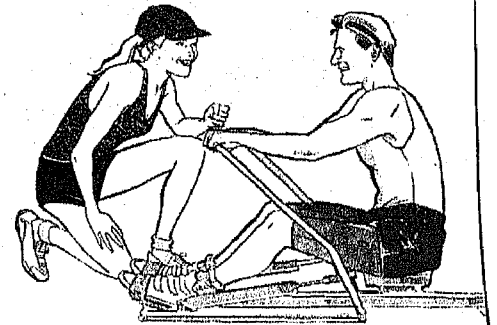
“Beautiful Skin For Every Decade of Life” from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Island Nutrition Center, given by an aesthetician who will also schedule free private 30-minute skin consultations on Saturday, Oct. 25

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.

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Democratic Club, from page 7

to help others reach their dreams.

In the years since, Betty has taken on many public and private sector challenges. She has held many prominent positions, most recently president and CEO of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. She served the people of Florida for over three decades beginning with her service on the Hillsborough County Commission. Her older daughter is currently serving in that capacity.

Betty was the first woman to serve as president pro tem of the Florida State Senate. Her tenure as Florida Commissioner of Education is highlighted with many initiatives, particularly the public/private partnerships that engaged the business community in our public schools. As a member of the state cabinet, Castor championed Florida's environment and strongly opposed efforts to permit offshore oil drilling.

As Education Commissioner, she was an advocate of Florida's universities. As a legislator, she created the Centers of Excellence Program in key academic areas. She initiated the well-known tech prep program for community colleges to ensure that Florida industries had a qualified and prepared workforce.

In 1993, Castor became the president of the University of South Florida, only the second woman ever to head a state university. Her focus on research led to the university's designation as a Research I Institution. She oversaw the expansion of the medical center and

regional campus development and helped create an endowment of over \$220 million.

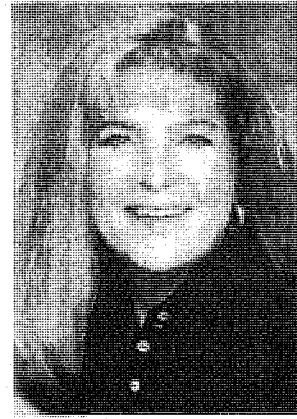
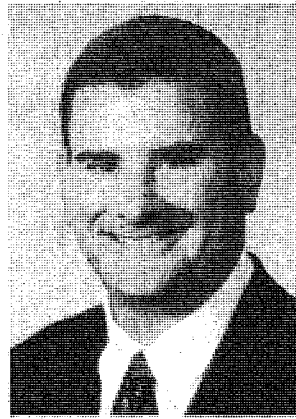
Betty has always understood the synergy between excellence in education and prosperity in business. She helped initiate the I-4 High Tech Council to attract new industry; participated in the Florida Council of 100 Business/Higher Education Partnership; created a relationship between the Florida Chamber of Commerce and the Florida Education & Industry Coalition to enhance technology education; and successfully supported efforts to establish Linkage Institutes between Florida universities and community colleges and those in other countries to foster economic development initiatives.

Castor's professional leadership activities range from membership on the Florida Board of Bank of America and the executive board of the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute to the national board of the March of Dimes.

Her extensive experience at the local and state level and nationally in key, policy-creating positions makes her uniquely qualified to represent Florida in the United States Senate. Her career is one of excellence and firsts. She is the only Democratic candidate who has ever run and won a statewide election.

Castor is married to Sam Bell, III, a former state legislator. They have six children.

VIP and Karen Bell Realty merge



VIP Realty Group's Sanibel office and Karen Bell Realty of Captiva have merged to become Sanibel and Captiva's largest real estate company.

The companies' combined sales volume, year-to-date, totals more than \$215,000,000 — more than 30 percent of the entire Sanibel and Captiva market share. Together, they hold the highest sales volume on Sanibel and Captiva islands and are ahead of the nearest competitor, which has a volume of \$182 million.

"This merger is truly a 'win-win' situation for both Karen Bell Realty and VIP," said Jim Hall, managing partner of VIP's Sanibel office. "Association with VIP Realty allows the Karen Bell agents to expand their presence in Sanibel, and the merger gives VIP Realty agents a Captiva outlet. It also allows us to use VIP Realty's affiliation with Sotheby's to benefit the luxury properties on Captiva."

The Karen Bell Realty office on Captiva Drive, which was launched by Bell in 2000, will become VIP Realty's new Captiva office. Bell will serve as VIP Realty's Director of Sales for Captiva Island and head up The Bell Team. She brings six agents to the VIP team, which will serve Sanibel and Captiva islands from the Captiva office.

The merger coincides with the opening of VIP Realty's new Naples office and a new branding program for the company. VIP Realty is the most active general real estate company in Southwest Florida with more than 200 agents.

VIP Realty Group, Inc. has provided Southwest Florida with a full range of real estate services for more than 25 years. As the largest locally-owned residential real estate firm in the region, VIP Realty offers services in new home sales, resales, relocation, annual and vacation rentals, and title services.

Free Financial Seminar

The public is invited to attend a free financial seminar on Tuesday, Oct. 28, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., hosted by The Legacy Foundation at Shell Point. This event, the Second Annual Bull or Bear: Where Does Wall Street Go From Here? will be held in The Grand Cypress Room, located in The Commons Building of The

Woodlands. Refreshments will be served at the event.

The Legacy Foundation is dedicated to assisting Shell Point residents and others achieve their lasting legacy through a client-centered approach to wealth planning that honors people and their unique life goals and objectives. They have invited a prestigious panel of Wall Street investment professionals to address the worries and confusion that investors have faced in the past year, as well as

share insights about the future of stocks, bonds, the U.S. economy, interest rates and more.

Panel presenters include Gregg Hernandez, Vice President & Senior Sales Advisor, Morgan Stanley, and Dan Ryan, First Vice President & National Sales Manager, UBS Financial Services. Brian Andrew, C.F.A., Senior Managing Director & Chief Investment Officer, Ziegler Asset Management, rounds out the group, as they take on the tough topic of the economy and investments in the 21st century. The discussion will be hosted by NBC-2 News Anchor Craig Wolf.

Platt joins Henderson Franklin



David M. Platt

The law firm of Henderson Franklin is pleased to announce that David M. Platt has joined the firm as a stockholder in the firm's Sanibel office. Platt practices in the areas of estate planning, estate and trust administration and elder law. He also handles commercial transactions and business entity formation.

Prior to moving to Sanibel, Platt served as chair of the Estate Planning Department for a Michigan law firm. He is a frequent speaker on estate planning and business matters to financial planners and accountants.

With undergraduate and graduate degrees from Michigan State, he received his law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A., is a full-service firm with over 55 attorneys practicing in the areas of business and tax planning, estate planning, family law, commercial and civil litigation, workers' compensation, employment law and real estate. One of the state's oldest, it was founded in Fort Myers in 1924 and currently operates offices in Fort Myers, Bonita Springs and Sanibel Island.

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William Chandler's Deep-End Pool Service

How do you choose your pool service?

By Nancy Santeusanio
Special to The Islander

With increasing success Bill Chandler, owner and operator of Deep-End Pool Service, is earning a reputation for service You Can "Deep-End" On. Having faith in himself and always paying attention are among the initial reasons why Chandler's business continues to grow.

During his first year in operation Chandler has enjoyed a sizeable increase in volume and attributes this "to prompt, dependable service and always being available for his customers."

Chandler places a high priority on service adding, "I answer the phone seven days a week." To him good service means doing what you say you're going to do and doing it on time, responding to emergencies by taking care of the problem right away and answering emergencies even on Sunday. These are customer expectations, and what Chandler expects of himself and his business.

Quality performance creates satisfied customers and people want and expect the most

for their money. Chandler continues his pricing policy and gives a no-obligation estimate on pool cleaning service. If the quote doesn't beat the price the customer is already paying, he reduces his estimate by five or ten dollars. His price is an all-inclusive plan with no additional charges for chemicals, filter cleaning or vacuuming.

Occasionally he has a promotional offer where, after six months of paid service, he offers a free month of service. He continues to state that Deep End Pool Service never requires long term contracts and Chandler will continue to service your pool and bill you on a monthly basis for only the previously agreed upon price with no surprises.

Much of his increase in volume emanates from referrals. Often people see his Deep End Pool Service in their neighborhood, talk with other satisfied customers and give him a call for an estimate. His clients not only include individual home owners, but rental properties as well and he places an equally high priority on those.

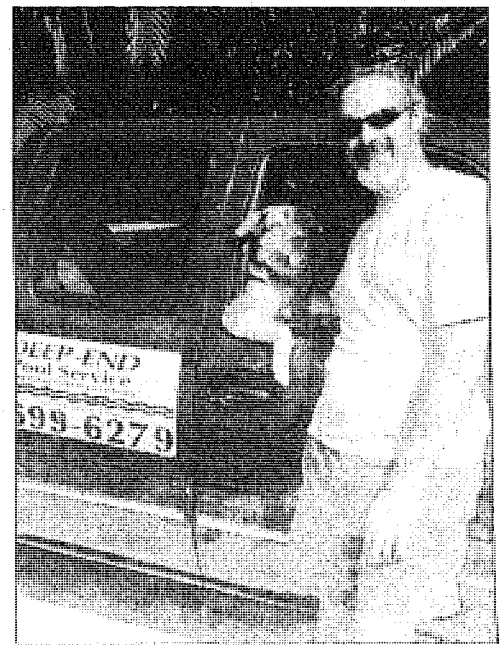
One of the most significant features is that his pool service is scheduled to coincide with the "changeover" day of each rental property so that guests find sparkling clean water

upon their arrival. That's another reason he's willing to work on Saturdays and to specialize in servicing pools on Captiva and in Sanibel. This phase of his business is escalating and Deep-End Pool Service has become the preferred service company for Royal Shell Rental Properties on Captiva.

Some of the general contractors who are building new homes are hiring Chandler to take over the pool service as a house nears completion. Right now, he has the distinction of servicing new pools at some of the more exclusive new homes on Captiva and is currently bidding on an 82 foot pool in Sanibel.

Servicing pools may seem rather uneventful but there can be many surprises like snakes resting in pools and skimmers during the rainy season. "I never hurt a snake even though they are not my favorite customers. Usually I take out my skimmer net and round them up onto the grass but I'm never sure which one of us feels the most relieved by the heroic rescue."

Chandler has found a few turtles who were also disguising themselves in the skimmer. He rescues the turtles very carefully and places them in the grass. There are always dogs who insist on swimming in the pool



and clogging up filters and skimmers with their hair. He appreciates dogs who enjoy sitting at the pool's edge and prefer taking their swim in the gulf water. The bottom line is that this has to be the dog's choice! Incidentally, Chandler is the proud owner of Cabo, a German Shepherd he recently adopted.

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Selecting the colors for your home at home

If you have trouble imagining your rooms in different colors, why not let your computer show you how they'll look? You can coordinate a whole color palette for your house without ever leaving home.

The Internet has made it easier to find out about color options and see what a room might look like with different choices.

For example, Benjamin Moore recently introduced the Personal Color Viewer, a new color visualization tool on its Web site, www.benjaminmoore.com. The site gives visitors access to its entire color system of over 3,200 hues.

Visitors can select from a variety of interior and exterior images that can be

"painted" in any colors, viewed and printed or archived online. This tool is a great way to begin selecting colors, letting you see your colors on a virtual wall before any paint is actually applied.

What's more, the Personal Color Viewer is available in an expanded, professional CD version which lets you upload digital images of your rooms and exteriors. "Painting" these images in any color you like takes as little as 5 to 10 minutes.

Professional contractors and designers can also use the expanded, professional version when working on color selection with their clients. This CD version lets clients view a variety of customized color directions. The expanded CD version can be purchased on the Web site for \$14.95 and is only available for PCs.

The online process allows every color to be selected by name or number. All Benjamin Moore palettes can be viewed including Color Preview, Classics, Serenity, Historical, both interior and exterior Ready Mixed, Exterior Inspiration and Forecast Colors. Once



Color home decorating can be easier with color visualization tools that let you see rooms in a new hue.

colors are selected, a visit to a retailer provides access to exact color samples.

The Personal Color Viewer works in conjunction with the online My Project Notebook. This tool allows paint and color selections to be archived and saved on www.benjaminmoore.com for future reference.

The site also offers color hints, color trend information, an FAQ section, monthly paint projects, extensive product information and a retailer locator.

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these non-residential owners. He likes to remind people about pool "basics" and some important preventive measures to keep the pool sparkling and clean. Keeping trees trimmed and away from the pool reduces debris and one of the worst offenders are the overhanging seagrape branches.

Balancing the chemicals in the pool by checking the ph level is another priority. The rainy season is brutal for treating pools and more chemicals have to be used to maintain a proper level of cleanliness. After a storm, the water contains more algae and pollutants. The water dilutes and the sanitation levels are lowered, resulting in a need for additional chlorine. Another interesting note is that, the warmer the pool, the faster the chlorine dissipates.

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- Polybutylene pipes are usually gray and sometimes black plastic.
- Acetal fittings are usually gray and occasionally white plastic.

- Pipe and fittings may be visible in the attic or basement or behind the walls or near the water heater.

The \$120 million settlement in a national class action on behalf of homeowners who have PB plumbing provides relief to Class Members with PB plumbing who meet certain requirements. If you purchased your structure after August 1, 1999 and you do NOT want to remain a Class Member and receive the benefits of the settlement, you must submit a signed letter postmarked no later than December 1, 2003 to "opt out."

To receive more information about the settlement and to see the official Notice of Class Action and Settlement, visit the Web site at www.SpencerClass.com, contact the Spencer Claims Facility at (800) 490-6997, or write to P.O. Box 81448, Atlanta, Georgia 30366. Deadlines are approaching, so act now.

How to Identify Polybutylene Pipes



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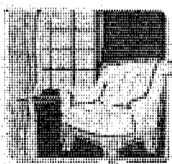
Pheromones are mysterious little chemical *things* that supposedly have a lot to do with whether we are attracted to people. They may also play a big part in the way that people react to houses.

If you have a house on the market, it is important to ensure that the *pheromone factor* is as high as possible so prospective buyers will be willing to pay top dollar. A Realtor can give you important hints about how to maximize your home's attractiveness. In some cases it may involve neutralizing decorative features, such as dramatic color schemes or unusual window treatments. In other homes, it may involve making the windows sparkle to let in maximum light or neutralizing musty odors. Unless you are already compulsively neat, it may also involve temporary changes in housekeeping habits to ensure that your home is immaculate. Your Realtor should feel free to be candid about the improvements you need to make.

Margie specializes in Sanibel, Captiva and Ft. Myers real estate. She was named Realtor of the Year by Sanibel and Captiva Assn. of Realtors in 2000 and 2002. Her new book, "How To Make Your Realtor Get You The Best Deal - South Florida Edition" is must reading if you are thinking of buying or selling. Call Margie at PMR 472-1511, or e-mail her at Margie@MargieDavison.com.

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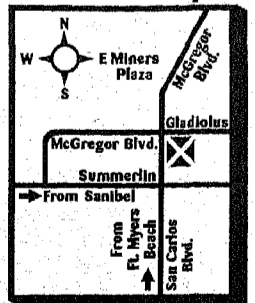
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Arts & Leisure

"Ding" Darling's Birthday Celebration - 2003

What a beautiful day Saturday, Oct. 18, was! And what an appropriate complement to a week of celebration of the National Wildlife Refuge System's 100th birthday, Jay Norwood Darling's 127th, and the 69th Federal Duck Stamp and its artist, Ron Louque.

Among many, one of the highlights of the outdoor events was a live bat show put on by George and Cindi Marks of The Florida Bat Center. The Marks addressed a standing room only crowd of bat lovers of all ages at the education center Saturday afternoon, holding everyone spellbound with a slide show and the guests of honor — real live Florida bats.

Cindi Marks carefully cradled tiny bats in her hand, making her way through the crowd so everyone could get a close up look.

"Bats are the only flying mammals," she explained. "They are in their own order, 'Chiroptera,' and are broken down into 'mega' chiroptera and 'micro' chiroptera."

The 'mega' examples, many from the eastern hemisphere, were available only in slide form, but drew admiring gasps from the crowd. The largest bats have wingspans of six feet, equalling that of a pelican. Some are dubbed 'flying foxes' because of their vulpine faces — these are the bats that get all the best movie roles, even though they're fruit eaters, not blood suckers. The smallest of the species, one of the 'micros,' was the bumble bee bat from Thailand.

In spite of their Hollywood reputation as vampires, most bats eat either insects or fruit; they are essential to the pollination of many plant species, and consume tons of insects that would otherwise attack crops.

In a tented area outdoors, David Hitzig, of the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary introduced visitors to some of their permanent resident raptors. A red shouldered hawk and a barred owl, the 'stealth bomber' of the avian species, were followed by a crested caracara. Hitzig explained the hunting methods unique to each of the birds, as well as how they came to live at the sanctuary: the hawk was a victim of a gunshot wound that left her unable to hunt effectively, while the owl had been hit by a car. This gave Hitzig the opportunity to educate the audience, many of them school-age kids, on the effect human cruelty and carelessness can have on wildlife.

Karen Hollingsworth — possibly one of the best nature photographers in the country — and Eric Dolan — if not so designated already, soon-to-be known as the foremost

chronicler of the National Wildlife Refuge System — closed their presentations on the system to a huge round of applause, then took questions. The first one, right off the bat — asked with obvious openmouthed wonder — was "Are all your images natural? Do you ever enhance anything?"

Hollingsworth, who shoots 35 mm slides exclusively and had evoked repeated "oohs," "aahs" and "oh— look at that!" during her presentation, laughed, pushed hands out in front of her in denial and said, "Uh-uh, Mother Nature is the one who enhances the pictures!"

Area Refuge Supervisor (and former "Ding" refuge manager) Lou Hinds, commenting that Dolan ended his book with a sense of optimism, then asked him what, based on his look at the refuge system's first 100 years, he could see down the road.

"Refuge history is filled with larger-than-life personalities — some familiar, some not familiar — who made a huge difference," Dolan responded. "Today, there don't seem to be as many giants... And there are already some big, big battles going on that will get even bigger — huge conflicts between public use and wildlife. The balance will be determined by those most committed to the cause."

"The next 100 years will likely be quite tumultuous, but the opportunities, the technology, the equipment, if you will, are greater now. Frankly, I'm not as optimistic as I was when I finished the book, though."

Current Refuge Manager Rob Jess picked up the theme with "If the public doesn't understand who you are, then you'll always have an uphill battle. Your book," he said to Dolan, "is very, very important for the refuge system. It not only sets the record straight, but clearly defines what's out there... I'm very happy with the way the book comes across (I'm halfway through it for the second time) — it presents a very clear message."

When "Ding" Darling's grandson Kip Koss introduced Kristie Anders for her biographical presentation on the Pulitzer Prize -winning cartoonist, he told of meeting Anders 20 year ago when she was a refuge ranger and narrating the tram ride on Wildlife Drive.

"Everyone got off the tram at the Mangrove Overlook, listened and looked, and then this young woman (Kristie, I found out later) stepped away from the group and down to the water. She picked some little critter out of the muck and brought it back for all of us to see... All I could think

of was 'Wow! just like my grandfather!' When I was a little kid and would go walking with him around here, he'd invariably pick up some critter to show me. If it was dead, he'd cut it open and we'd look; if it was alive, we'd carefully inspect it and put it back.

"Kristie was a refuge ranger at that point. A few year later, the Conservation Foundation hired her away from 'Ding.' She works full time for them still, but they are kind enough to allow me to have bestowed on her the title of executive director of the 'Ding' Darling Foundation — great big title, no pay. I don't know how we managed before!"

"How many of you know what the little 'x' next to 'Ding's' signature on his cartoons means?" Anders started out. No takers. "That was his secret code for Mrs. [Herbert] Hoover," she explained. "If he did the entire cartoon — idea, sketch, final artwork — the 'x' was there. If not, no 'x.'"

Keeping in mind that there was not much in the way of photo coverage in the papers of his day, Darling started sketching the news. He drew his first cartoon for the Des Moines Register in 1906. "And I particularly like this one — drawn for the Oct. 18, 1926 paper, which dealt with the depletion of fossil fuels and is just as relevant today (if not more so) as it was then."

Darling first came to the islands in 1935, and fell in love with the wildlife, the serenity, the fishing. By the mid '40s there were many soldiers stationed in the area; Captiva and Upper Captiva were targets on bombing runs out of Buckingham Field; and the state was ready to sell off for 25 cents per acre the 2,000 acres it owned at the end of what is now Wildlife Drive for military housing. Needless to say, Darling, members of Audubon, most everyone here were hugely opposed to this, and Darling, the first director of the System's forerunner, the Biological Survey, got the National Wildlife Refuge System to lease the property. That same partnership — islanders, environmentalists, public employees, private citizens — is what makes this island what it is today."

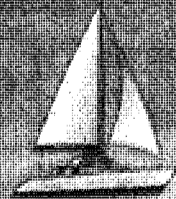
Anders threw in a little tidbit at the end of her presentation by way of 1) an announcement and 2) a fascinating bit of current island lore... SCCF is sponsoring an auction in March and, among other things being offered will be fanciful birdhouses (Submit an entry by Nov. 1). One of them is a bird-sized version of the house novelist Randy Wayne White's protagonist, Doc Ford, lives in — "Ding" Darling's own fish house out in Pine Island Sound!

—Story/Amy Fleming & Anne Bellow
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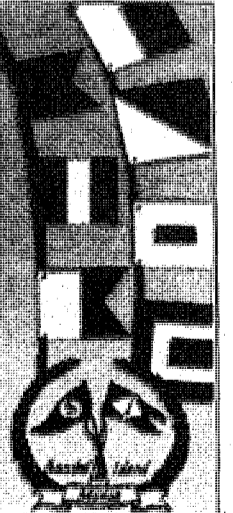
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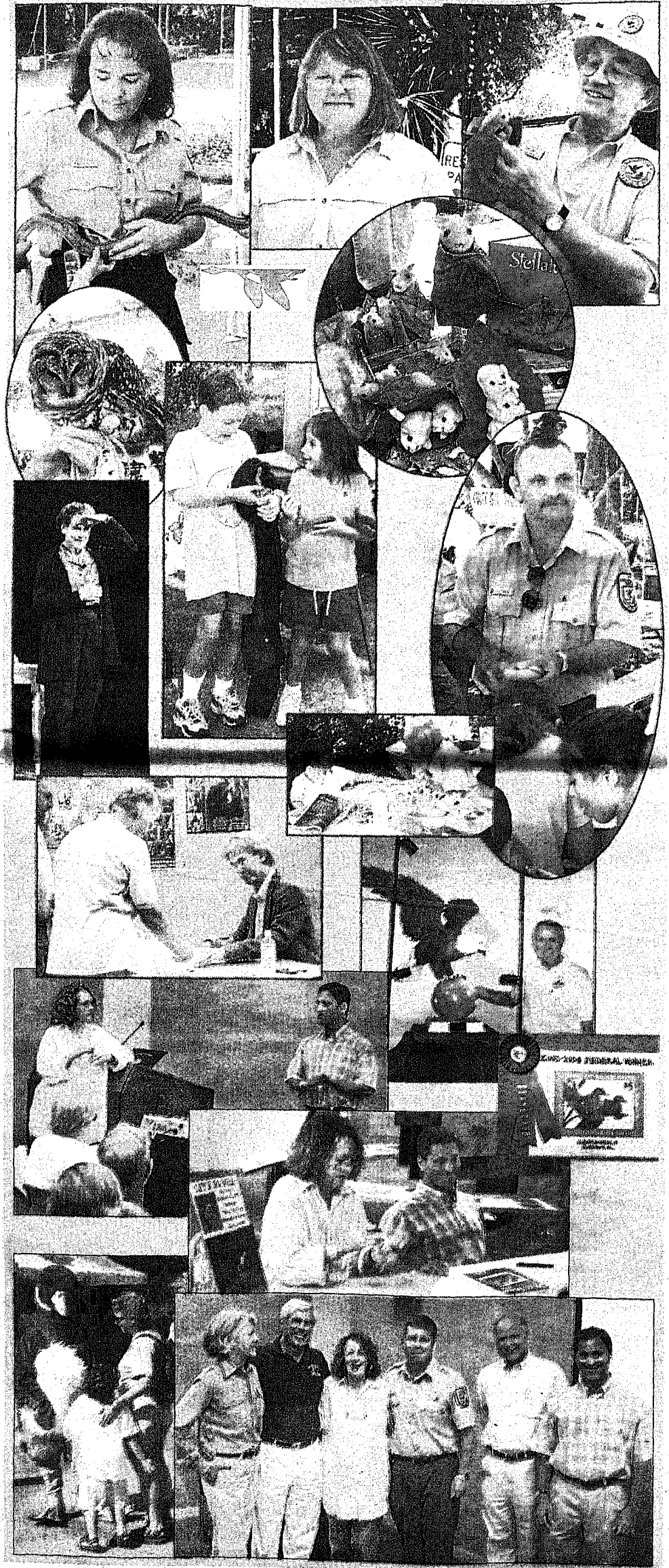
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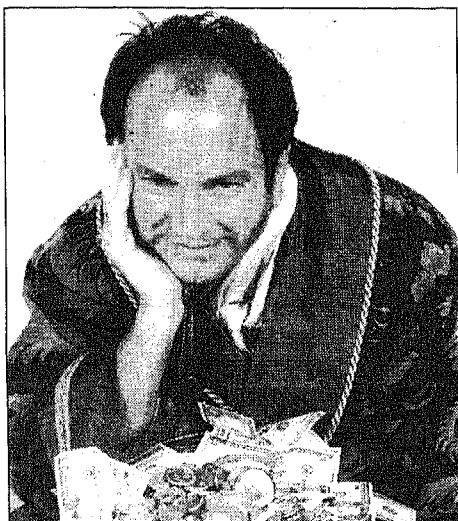
Fort Myers scoops Broadway

The Florida Repertory Theatre and Producing Artistic Director Robert Cacioppo launched its 2003/2004 Season by scoring another coup as well as a triumph.

How? by scooping this fall's Broadway production of Larry Gelbert's *Sly Fox*, with a Southwest Florida premiere of the play. This uproarious revision of Ben Johnson's classic 17th century farce, *Volpone*, will open on Broadway with no less than Richard Dreyfus in the starring role. As the cunning Cacioppo asks, "Why go to Broadway when you can see Broadway actors on a Broadway set in a Broadway play before the show even gets to Broadway!?!?" I can only add Amen! to that, especially after viewing this first-rate production.

In *Sly Fox*, Gelbert spins a delicious tale of cynical chicanery, with just the right measure of heartlessness so essential to this sort of risqué, bawdy satire. To tickle the humor of today's audiences, *Volpone* has been moved from 17th century Venice to turn-of-the-century San Francisco and is now called Foxwell J. Sly (played with skillful seductiveness by Maurice Schlafer). Sly is still the same scheming rapacious miscreant bent on extracting their fortunes from three affluent, avaricious phonies — the Lawyer Craven (John Newton), Jethro Crouch (Niels Miller), a decrepit skinflint, and accountant Abner Truckle (Gary Smith Lee).

Sly, pretending to be on his deathbed, hints to each of the three that he has been



named as Sly's sole heir. The fun ensues from the extent the trio will go to acquire Sly's fortune... their greed knoweth no bounds. Lawyer Craven names Foxwell as his sole heir in his will; Skinflint Crouch does the same, going so far as to disinherit his only son; and Truckle offers up his wife (the engaging Kelly Parker) to the lecherous Sly. Everyone is making a pitch for the gold, including a winsome vixen Miss Fancy, played to the absolute hilt by lovely, lively Helen Mutch. Sly is aided and abetted by his conniving servant, Simon Able (terrific New York actor Branislav Tomich), in grabbing the other three fellows' treasures.

Sponsored by that great patron of the arts, Christine Johnson, *Sly Fox* is the kind

of pure comedy about pure greed that sets out to prove that money makes the world go round. Left in the deft hands of Cacioppo and his talented cast, the production manages to add the kind of zany madness that wrings two solid hours of laughter out of this classic tale. Schlafer has an absolute field day portraying Foxwell, the loveable louse, a prince of luxury and lust. His wry sense of humor, hair trigger timing, clipped, articulate line delivery skewers his prey so cleverly, that they don't even recognize the traps he's set. Schlafer plays another role, too, that of a rough and tumble frontier Judge; but I had to check the program to find out it was the same fine actor in a totally contrasting characterization. To be that convincing in dual roles is not an easy acting task — that takes expertise and solid acting technique. Bravo Maurice!

Branislav Tomich makes an auspicious Florida Rep debut playing Simon Able, the scheming sly fox-in-training manservant to Foxwell. Florida Rep favorite Niels Miller makes much of decrepitude (including spider webs) as Crouch, the ancient miser, by mining every laugh from his boisterously, entertaining entrance to his equally hilarious exit, proving once again antiques can be funny. John Newton is simply terrific as the larcenously greedy Lawyer Craven, who will do anything for anyone if it involves his being on the receiving end of money or gold. If groveling, wheeling and dealing is an art, then Gary Lee Smith takes the prize as Abner Truckle, when he trades his wife to win favor and position with Sly.

Kelly Parker is plus-perfect as the hapless Mrs. Truckle (her seduction, and the court scene that follows, is a riot).

Helen Mutch proves her comedic mettle as the winsomely wily, wonderfully wicked Miss Fancy. She scores high on the laugh meter as she tries to bewitch and seduce Foxwell Sly as well as the antiquated Crouch. The entire cast of actors play their characters for laughs as well as originality, but two outstanding performances bear special mention — Andrew Statum as the hapless, disinherited, driven -to-distraction Captain Crouch, and Joe Myers as Chief of Police, a flasher in cop's clothing (or unclothing, in this instance). Former Captivan Ron Smiley is also in this production, as is the ever-funny Stephen Hooper.

Cacioppo has launched not only what should be another successful season by scooping a Broadway revival, but has proven once again what a fine producing director can do with a super cast, a well-mounted production (the set design by Matthew Maraffi is sensational), beautifully costuming (by Jennifer Ables), and a screamingly funny, well-written play by Larry Gelbert. Let's see how Broadway tops that!

Be sure you don't miss this one. It closes on Nov. 9 (or it sells out completely before then). Call the box office 332- 4488 for reservations and, when you call, don't forget to tell 'em Marsha sent you.



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Rachel Carson — A Sense of Wonder

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Her mother was dying...

She was a brilliant scientist who wanted to write...

She was looking after an insatiably curious six-year old nephew, Roger...

She wrote a book that changed our world...

She was 56 when she died...

"I'm not ready to go yet... but I don't know that I ever will be..." Roger says, "If I don't pack, I can't go, right?" ...That first moment of Kaiulani Lee's *A Sense of Wonder: A Story of Rachel Carson* spoke volumes about dealing with her cancer and dealing with the fact that, this time, when she went "back to civilization" from her summer cottage in Maine, she might never return.

Unbeknownst to Carsothe origins of of what would become *Silent Spring* lay in her venturing out from that cottage with Roger, at age five or six, to "research the night" — the creatures, the noises (and the silence) of the night.

Lee's sensitive one-woman portrayal of the scientist, daughter, "mother," author — but, most poignantly — the woman, Rachel Carson — the marine scientist who got involved... against her shy nature, almost against her will... in one of the great struggles of our time — brought many in her audience to tears. *A Sense of Wonder*, which Lee wrote, portrays Carson before and directly after the publication of her landmark work and focuses on Carson's love for the natural world and her fight to defend it. She wrote, as she put it, as the subject demanded, originally about the sea. If there was poetry there, as people said there was... "No one can write about the sea and leave out poetry."

"Publishers were indifferent about the first book,

By Anne Bellew ~ Associate Editor

Under the Sea Wind, but *The Sea Around Us* spent 86 weeks on the best-seller list and was translated into 32 languages." Employed by the Fish & Wildlife Service as a biologist, she resigned to achieve full-time independence to write and produced her third book, *Edge of the Sea*. "I wrote as the subject demanded," she said. "The subject chooses the writer, not the other way around."

She never intended to write *Silent Spring*, but a letter from a friend told about how the birds and insects — everything — was gone after extensive spraying for mosquitoes... everything except the mosquitoes. She found out that 1,175,000 fish died when Dieldrin was used against sand flies. In Lansing, Michigan, elm trees were treated for Dutch elm disease with five pounds of DDT per tree... earthworms were killing off the robins that ingested them after the treatment; those who didn't die couldn't produce living offspring. "My mother was dying," she said. "I wanted to write about life, not poison and death."

But she discovered that these non-selective poisons had only been developed for use in war time and never tested for agricultural use. In May of 1958 she determined to spend seven months on the proposed book... two and a half years later, she was still researching with new data arriving daily (*Silent Spring* was not published until 1962). "The facts had never been put together before in tandem with each other. No one saw what was happening."

Lee was able to capture, with her body language, the feel of the Maine coast while "looking out her big front window," the chill of the early fall air when she carefully opened her thumb-latch front door and stepped outside. We could see her become more and more tired and worn

down by her illness (She was not told about her cancer until four months before her death). And, with her words, Lee caught Carson's deep passion for the natural world around her. "One of the advantages of growing old is having the opportunity to develop a philosophy," she said. "Why should we substitute something manmade and artificial for something natural? That demeans man's role."

The playwright had been given Carson's letters and journals by Paul Brooks, and most of the play comes from Carson's own writings. Touring the U.S. for 10 years, with productions also in Canada, England and Italy, *A Sense of Wonder* has been presented at more than 60 universities and been the centerpiece of many national conferences on education, the environment and journalism. "What I'm learning from [Carson] speaks to my heart," explains Lee, whose husband is an environmental attorney who often brought issues home with him. "How can I address these issues," she wondered, "with just my vegetable garden? What can I do?" Eventually, the fact that she was an actress sank in... and she asked various playwrights about creating a nature play. Nothing. It was the editor of the *New Yorker* who convinced her that she herself was the playwright, she was the one who had the passion to do it... "Quit your Broadway job and go to it!"

(Kaiulani Lee is not Hawaiian, not did her family live in Hawaii. Shipbuilders they were since the 18th Century, building the queens of the sea — the massive clipper ships — on the coast of Maine. Many of those beautiful ships were large enough and sleek enough to sail to Hawaii. When the very last clipper came down the ways, marking the end of an era, it was named Kaiulani for its destination. Every generation since has had at least one child named Kaiulani.)

AT THE THEATRE

Can't Help Singing at The Old Schoolhouse

The fun begins on Oct. 30th as J.T. Smith opens his 13th spectacular season with *Can't Help Singing: The Jerome Kern Songbook*. Showman extraordinaire Smith presents a magical evening of singing and dancing to a score by the great Jerome Kern. From "Old Man River" to "The Way You Look Tonight," every song's a gem that sparkles even brighter when performed by Smith at the eighty-eights and his talented ensemble. Returning to the the Old Schoolhouse stage are favorites John Vessels, Jeffrey Searles, and Katie Stefanic. And rounding out this cast of merry music-makers are newcomers, Jen Jurek, and musical director, Kirby Fosnell. Relive old memories and create new ones as you listen to the music that is unmistakably Kern and enjoy the fun that is clearly Smith!

Can't Help Singing: The Jerome Kern Songbook plays through Nov. 29. Monday through Saturday at 8 p.m. with 4 p.m. sunset matinees on selected Saturdays. All tickets are \$25; VISA/MC are gladly accepted. For more information or to reserve seats, call the box office at 472-6862 or stop by 1905 Periwinkle Way.

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In this original adaptation by Kids Conspiracy founder, Shawn Holiday, *Don Quixote* maintains the original humor of tilting at windmills and wrestling with sheep, while making a funny and engaging story for all to enjoy. In addition to concepts of honor and duty, audience members will also get an important message about the value of reading. Beginning in the winter of 2004, Kids Conspiracy will be presenting the show in area schools.

Don Quixote by Cervantes will be presented Friday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 9, at 2; Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.; and Saturday, Nov. 15, at 11:30 and 1 at the Foulds Theatre, on the Alliance of the Arts campus, 10091 McGregor in Fort Myers.

Tickets are \$5 with group rates available. For information, call 936-3239.

Kids Conspiracy, founded in 1999, presents quality theater year round for families using local actors. It is the children's theater division of Theatre Conspiracy, Inc., a 501 (c) non-profit theater company and the resident company of the Foulds Theatre.

My Fair Lady to open

Naples Dinner Theatre Artistic Director Michael Wainstein has announced the opening of *My Fair Lady*, Lerner and Loewe's classic musical adaptation of George Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion*, with three low-priced previews on Oct. 29 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 30 at 1:15 and 8. The show then runs through Dec. 7. Barry Marcus and NDT newcomer Pamela Brumley will star in the production and Wainstein will direct.

Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe created the musical adaptation of *Pygmalion* in 1959.

A huge success on Broadway and in London's West End, *My Fair Lady* is a timeless classic packed with memorable songs and a witty script. The show tells the story of Henry Higgins, an opinionated linguistics professor and confirmed bachelor, who makes a wager with a colleague that within six months he can transform a cockney flower seller, Eliza Doolittle, into a lady who can take her place in high society. He wins the bet, but doesn't bargain for the profound effect his little project would have on his life.

The show has some of the musical theatre's most memorable songs — "I Could Have Danced All Night," "I'm Getting Married in the Morning," "Wouldn't it be Lovely?" and "The Rain in Spain," to name just a few.

Barry Marcus, who will play Henry Higgins, is the theatre's associate artistic director. Not one to be done in by challenges, Marcus has been working with the nation's foremost authority on dialects, David Allen Stern, to perfect the upper crust accent any actor must master to play the role. He has been seen in numerous NDT productions including *La Cage Aux Folles*, *Damn Yankees*, *Drakula*, *The Odd Couple*, *Lend Me a Tenor*, *Chicago* and many others.

Although a newcomer to the Naples theatre scene, Pamela Brumley is not new to the role of Eliza Doolittle, having played it in Texas and as recently as this past summer in a northeastern stock company. A graduate of Southwest Texas State University with a degree in Musical Theatre, she has performed on tour with Troupe America, in summer stock and other regional venues.

The role of Eliza's father will be played by Kevin Daniels, who played the role a year ago at the Tampa Center for the Performing Arts. As Pickering, Robert D'Amato, a Naples resident, returns to the NDT after performing last season in *Bedroom Farce*. Sheila Allen, also seen in *Bedroom Farce*, will play Mrs. Pearce, and

Joe Spieldenner will play Freddy. Spieldenner toured with *South Pacific* as Lt. Joe Cable, and has performed at the Seaside Music Theatre as Chris in *Miss Saigon*. The rest of the cast includes Kay Francis, Susan Haldeman, Todd M. Lyon, William E. Johnson, Brice Corder, Chris Noffke (also the choreographer), Michael Scibilia, Robert Nardi, Kristin Regn, Shawna Hamic, Mackenzie Clipp, Jessica Edwards, Heather Stricker and Dana Cohen.

Noffke previously choreographed *Chicago*, *Best Little Whorehouse* and *The*



Beat Goes On for the theatre; NDT's new musical director, Loren J. Strickland will provide musical direction. Strickland comes to NDT from Amarillo, Texas, where he served as musical director of the Amarillo Little Theatre for the past 10 years.

The performances on Oct. 29th and 30th will cost \$35 with dinner beginning at 6 p.m. and the show at 8. The matinee on Oct. 30 will cost \$30, with lunch starting at 11:30, the show at 1:15. Regular performances continue Tuesdays through Saturday evenings — dinner at 5:30, show at 8 — with matinees Wednesdays and Sundays at 1:30 and lunch beginning at 11:30. Tickets for all performances after Oct. 30 are \$37.50 for Wednesday and Sunday matinees, \$42.50 for the Tuesday through Thursday evening shows, and \$45 at the Friday and Saturday night shows. Full price tickets includes meal, tax and show but do not include gratuity.


Naples Dinner Theatre serves a full buffet prior to each show, consisting of an array of fresh salads, hot entrées (including a vegetarian entrée), vegetables and desserts, plus a choice of coffee, tea or ice tea. Full bar service includes wine and cocktails and specialty coffees and frozen drinks are always available. Tickets can be ordered by calling the box office from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at (239) 514-STAR (7827). All sales are final, no refunds or exchanges.

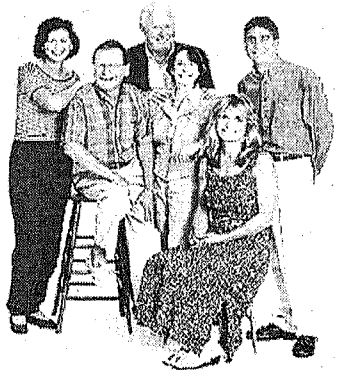
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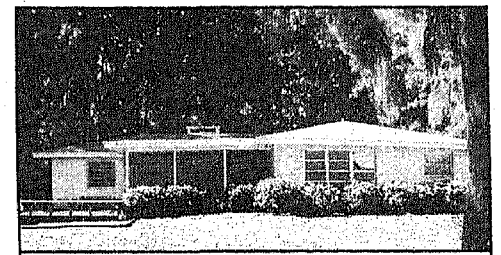
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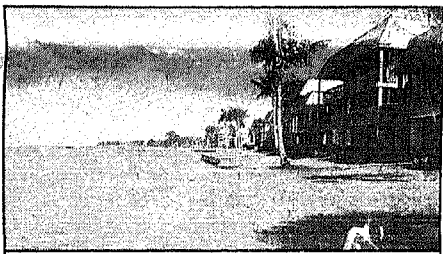
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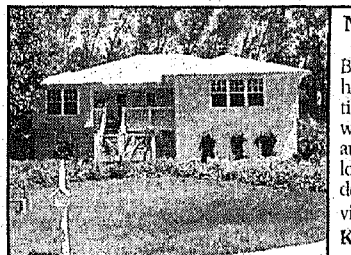
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Beach Art Association classes

With the Fort Myers Beach Art Association galleries opening this past week, the fall schedule of art classes and informal sessions is officially under way. Each Tuesday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. the Portrait/Figure Group sketches and paints from live models. There is no formal instruction and only a small model fee. On Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon the Indoor Painters gather to work from still-life set ups or do their own thing. Also on Wednesdays, the Outdoor Painters begin their informal painting sessions at 8:30 a.m. and break at noon for a brown bag lunch and a friendly critique at various locales — this Wednesday, Oct. 29, at the home of Betsy Burdette, 4913 Shady River Lane in Fort Myers. Next Wednesday, Nov. 5, the group will be back at Times Square on the Beach. Call Lisa Grinter for further information.

From Nov. 10 to 14, the first Famous Artist Workshop of this season gets under way with instructor Pat Weaver, a past-president of the Florida Watercolor Society. Weaver's watercolors are spontaneous, direct and juicy; and she passes her love, knowledge and command of the medium to the hundreds of students who have taken her workshops. This is a five-day "Indoor Watercolor Workshop" and a few spaces remain open. \$225 for members and \$255 for non-members.

Weaver will do a demonstration painting for the public for a \$3 donation on Sunday, Nov. 9, at 4 p.m. at the Art Association. To sign up or obtain further information, call Aleca Cobb at 466-5429.

Beach artist and instructor Lee Ackert is again offering beginner and intermediate classes in watercolor at the Art Association. Ackert is an accomplished watercolor artist and was president of the Watercolor Society last year. Classes run for five weeks on Mondays, Nov. 17, 24 and Dec. 1, 8, and 15 with Intermediate Classes from 9 a.m. to noon and Beginner Classes from 1 to 4 p.m. The fee is \$12 per class or \$50 for the five-week session. Call the Art Association at 463-3909 to sign up.

For further information about all of the Beach Art Association activities or to browse their galleries, stop by between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4. The Art

Association is at corner of Donora and Shell Mound Boulevards just behind the fire station on Estero Boulevard. Or call 463-3909 or check out their Web Page at www.fortmyersbeachart.com.

"Experience the Unexpected"

From 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday evening, Oct. 25, the McGregor Boulevard Alliance for the Arts building and campus will be transformed into a unique indoor/outdoor venue for the first event of its kind in Southwest Florida — the Women's Signature Board's *Art Royale 2003!*

In development for the past 10 months, *Art Royale!* will allow guests to be either active or interactive with the artists in visual, performance, fine arts and fabulous dining all evening. Over 30 artists have graciously donated their time and artistic efforts for the evening — Krista and Leo Johnson, Polly Matsumoto, Mary and Lawrence Voytek, Mel Meo and many others.

Will Prather, president of the Alliance, said, "*Art Royale 2003* is an event that promotes the arts in Southwest Florida with painting, sculpting, artful food, music and more, all on the 10-acre campus at the Alliance. I guarantee people have never seen anything like this in Southwest Florida before." Other acts and works-in-progress include fire dancers and stilt walkers; creating a mural; musical and theatrical performances; a peep show; a game of multi-layered "artistic darts"; a stick-your-head-through-the-painting photography booth; an Artists' Signature Tie raffle; one hugely significant Signature Auction item, *guitART*, created by Cliff Williams of AC/DC — a surprising rendering of the guitar with artwork.

Guests can stroll lighted walkways around the grounds between booths and stations where activities and performances are held, and local award-winning restaurants will be providing foods and beverages — including one special drink that will be served in a collectible commemorative glass.

Art Royale! Chairs Aida Bukovica and Nicole Goldberg and their committee are committed making sure the event slogan, "Expect the Unexpected! — Experience the Unexpected!" comes true: for every-

one. "It's definitely going to be unlike any event held ever before in the county," promised Bukovica. "Everyone who attends will go away knowing they've been part of something really special!" To confirm *Art Royale!* reservations at \$75 per person, call 939-2787 today! Tickets not only provide entry to *Art Royale 2003!* but also to unlimited creative expression, food and beverage, including a full bar.

Students featured in showcase

The School District of Lee County and The Southwest Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra are proud to present a joint project to showcase the artistic efforts of youth in our community. Students in the schools will be participating in a visual art competition and an essay contest which will culminate in awards to be presented at *Youth Celebrating the Arts* on Monday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. at Barbara B. Mann Hall. Both the art work and essays will be on display. The Southwest Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra will perform a concert of patriotic music.

Designed to highlight and encourage the artistic efforts of our youth, this collaborative project will use proceeds to benefit the vast array of education programs provided to schools by the Southwest Florida Symphony. Seating is general admission, and tickets for the event are only \$6 and available by calling the Symphony Box office at 418-1500.

Sponsorships are being sought for this project. Blocks of tickets will be allotted for sponsors, with the suggestion that some of them be provided to schools for students and families who could not otherwise afford them.

For more information about this special event or if you wish to become a sponsor, please contact Denise Mangus in the School Board office at 337-8209.

Benefit for Music Foundation

The Helm Club at The Landings Yacht, Golf & Tennis Club, on McGregor at College Parkway will host the third annual Music Benefit Dinner for The Music Foundation, featuring Reiko Niiya, concertmistress of the Southwest Florida Symphony, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4.

The evening will include a recital by local area scholarship students, buffet dinner and then Niiya playing her violin.

The cost is \$25 with \$10 going toward music scholarships for the disadvantaged. Checks are to be mailed to The Music Foundation, 13300-56 South Cleveland Ave-PMB 214, Fort Myers 33907. For more information, contact Ruth Christman at 275-0057 or notes@musicfoundation.org.

Writers Association meets

The Oct. 25 meeting of the Gulf Coast Writers Association will feature three of the club's distinguished professional writers — Alison Chabonais, Carol DeFrank and Di Saggau in a program on non-fiction writing.

The meeting lasts from 10 a.m. to noon at Beacon Executive Suites, 8359 Beacon Boulevard in Fort Myers.

Cypress to premiere HONK!

Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts premieres the award-winning musical *HONK!* on Nov. 20-22. The fast-paced, musical comedy production will feature a cast and crew of over 50 students in the first production of this British musical in South Florida. Show times are 7:30 p.m. at the Cypress Lake High School Auditorium. General admission tickets are \$8, and may be purchased at the door.

HONK! a clever and witty look at life from the barnyard perspective, was written by Anthony Drewe and George Stiles and won the 2000 Lawrence Olivier Awards as Best Musical, beating out both *The Lion King* and *Mamma Mia*. As the musical began production in other countries it also captured the FNB Vita Award in South Africa and the Elliot Norton Award in the United States. The captivating blend of unique characters, memorable music, complex production numbers and special theatrical effects keeps audiences tangled in its tale.

Cypress Lake is proud to present a musical with a message that needs to be heard in today's world. In *HONK!* uniqueness is celebrated and different is okay. Through the course of the play, the audience learns that it is important to accept others for who they are, not for what they look like. As high school students, the cast at Cypress Lake hopes to express through their art that what one is on the inside is what is most important.


With a long history of "standing ovation" musicals, Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts will open a not-be-missed show once again. In combining theatre, music, dance, media, and visual arts departments, faculty and students alike bring a wealth of talent not to be matched in any other area production.



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This Pop's for You!

In light of a recent resurgence of interest in all things Pop, Eckert Fine Art - Naples, Inc. is featuring works from world-famous blue-chip Pop artists — Rauschenberg, Lichtenstein and Warhol — as well as important second-tier artists like Robert Indiana, James Rosenquist and Tom Wesselmann, along with several other luminaries of this late '50s-'60s movement that both celebrated and parodied postwar consumer culture and its obsession with affluence and fame.

Pop artists initially embraced images from advertising, Hollywood and popular culture, in many cases emerging as celebrities themselves. Colorful, iconoclastic, sometimes erotic and often humorous, Pop art rebelled against the high seriousness and self-indulgence of the Abstract Expressionist movement which preceded it and ended up expanding the audience for art overall. During this mid-20th Century time of economic prosperity, scores of art enthusiasts became collectors and new galleries sprang up in major cities throughout the United States and Europe.

At Eckert Fine Art (EFA) browsers and buyers will discover great works from the artists that made Pop history, works that are highly sought after and increasing in value due to the recent attention in the marketplace. EFA director Nicole DuPont Iseman attributes the heightened interest in second-tier artists specifically to the accessibility and affordability of their work. "Artists like James Rosenquist and Tom Wesselmann have in many ways been overlooked and undervalued in the marketplace commercially and it's refreshing to have these well-established important artists from the American Pop movement revisited. James Rosenquist's Retrospective sponsored by the Guggenheim Museum is incredible, you can see why his work is creating so much demand." For these artists, the market is now catching up with their reputations.

This Pop's for You! opens Nov. 1 and will be on exhibit through Nov. 30.

Eckert Fine Art - Naples, Inc. represents a diverse collection of leading artists including Basquiat, Calder, Caro, Christo, Haring, Moore, Pottorf, Rivers, Stanczak, Sultan and Warhol. They also work with noted master ceramicist Paul Chaleff, New York sculptor Don Gummer, photorealist Tom Blackwell and the Dutch box artist Rene Rietmeyer. The gallery, located 390 12th Avenue South in downtown Naples is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (239) 261-1100 or visit www.eckertfineart.com.

Concerts at Shell Point

Shell Point Retirement Community has announced a new classical concert series for 2004 featuring several well-known musicians, plus a continuation of the partnership established last year with the Naples Philharmonic and Southwest Florida Symphony. "Arts and culture have always been a part of the quality lifestyle here at Shell Point," said Dawn Boren, director of resort services for the community. "By continuing the Classical Concert Series that was so successful last year, we are able to expand the musical offerings to both our residents and the local community."

The concerts will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of The Village Church at Shell Point. The cost per concert is \$25 per person, or \$100 for the series of five. Tickets are available by mail only, payable by check made out to Shell Point. Please mail check and concert selection(s) to Concert Series, 15000 Shell Point Boulevard-Suite 110, Fort Myers 33908. No credit card orders will be accepted. All tickets are general admission, with no refunds or exchanges. Ticket orders will be confirmed by postcard and tickets may be picked up after 6:15 p.m. at the Box Office in the church the night of the performance.

Concert schedule

Naples Philharmonic Orchestra Brass Quintet Monday, Nov. 3

This award-winning ensemble is composed of orchestra members Matthew Sonneborn and James Stephenson III, trumpets; Tracy Leonard, horn; Michael Zion, trombone; and Mo Anderson, tuba. The lively and wide-ranging performance will highlight several American composers and includes "American Dance Music" by Daniel McCarthy; "Simple Song" by Leonard Bernstein; and Joe Green's "Xylophonia" for xylophone and brass quintet, showcasing James Dallas, the orchestra's principal percussionist.

Jon Nakamatsu Tuesday, Jan. 20

Nakamatsu claimed a distinguished place in the international music scene in June 1997, when he won the Gold Medal in the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition — the only American to have taken the top honor since 1981. Jon has played as soloist throughout the United States, Europe, and South America, including performances at the Hollywood Bowl, Carnegie Hall and the White House. His performance will include selections from Schumann, Brahms and Mendelssohn.



Nakamatsu

The St. Olaf Choir Thursday, Feb. 4

Students from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., have performed together in the world's finest concert halls since 1912. Under the direction of Anton Armstrong, the 75-member choir performs a capella spirituals and other songs with unmatched precision and beauty. Some selections featured in this performance include "Amazing Grace," "Little Birds," and "In Peaceful Slumber."

Philadelphia Piano Quartet Thursday, March 4

Norman Carol, former concertmaster of the Philadelphia Orchestra, and La Mar Alsop, former concertmaster of the New York City Ballet, joined forces with cellist Bert Phillips and pianist Toby Blumenthal to form the Philadelphia Piano Quartet. This performance will feature selections from Mozart, Turina and Schumann.

The Southwest Florida Symphony Presents...

Bach again! Monday, April 4

By popular demand, the music of Johann Sebastian Bach and his sons returns for an encore performance. This concert showcases several choral works — *J.S. Bach's Cantata #800* and "Ein feste Burg" ("A Mighty Fortress") and C.P.E. Bach's *Magnificat*. The Southwest Florida Symphony Chamber Chorus features four special guest soloists — Douglas Renfroe and Lorraine Murphy-Renfroe, tenor Robert Lischetti, and mezzo soprano Audrey Babcock.

These concerts are sponsored in part by Friends of the Arts at Shell Point and WGPU Public Media. Shell Point Retirement Community is located off McGregor, just past the Summerlin and McGregor intersection in Fort Myers — approximately two miles before (or after) the Sanibel

Causeway. For more information about the Concert Series, call 454-2067.

Al Oerter featured

Arts for ACT Gallery in downtown Fort Myers is hosting a reception for its November featured artist and Olympian, Al Oerter, in celebration of his newest abstract art works and the first year anniversary of the Arts for ACT Gallery & Studio. *A Different Spin* opens on Friday, Nov. 7, from 7 to 11 p.m. and hangs through December 5.

Oerter's efforts and movements over four decades in the discus ring have been transferred to his colorful and active abstract art. In 1980, Al Oerter was commissioned to create a piece of abstract art in support of the United States Olympic Team. Oerter was a four time Olympic Gold medalist in discus throwing and the commission required that he create the art piece utilizing a discus. The result was widely distributed in the form of prints and the original sold successfully at auction in Christie's, New York.

Al's work has since been exhibited in Monaco, Athens, Lausanne and numerous United States cities including Birmingham, Atlanta and Colorado Springs. He has been invited to exhibit in Sacramento and Budapest, Hungary. Oerter's art consists entirely of acrylic and gesso on canvas. From hard edge to entire free form pieces there is no single theme defining his work other than abstract.

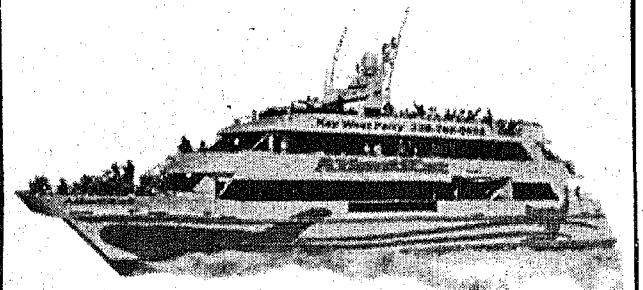
"Athletics and art are much the same for me. Both require a good work ethic and a creative drive that I hope folks will find in my work. Please join us for an evening of visual energy," Oerter says.

Arts for ACT Gallery & Studio is Fort Myers' showcase for many prominent artists and crafters. The non-profit gallery features original paintings, etchings, raku, pottery, sculpture, photography, fused glass, fine crafts and jewelry. It offers a variety of art workshops with local artists. It also has a wide selection of its artists' limited edition reproductions, posters and note cards. The gallery will celebrate its one year anniversary at its "new" location — 2265 First Street — on Nov. 7.

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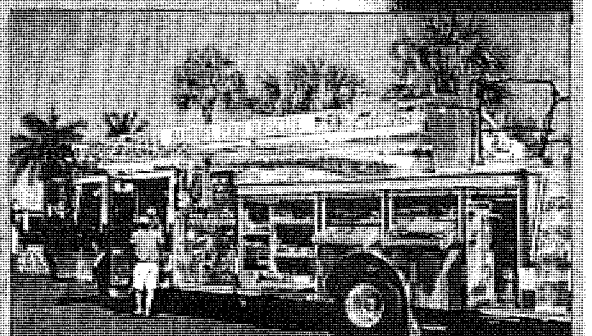
Things were going on non-stop which included — raffles every 30 minutes, a variety of local entertainers under the big top and booths

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There isn't a day that goes by throughout the year when Sam isn't thinking or working on a new idea for the next year's event. A big round of applause from the community to Sam, Francis and their staff and fellow merchants for giving something back to our small friendly town in their very big way.

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Evening Story time is switching to Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Children of all ages may attend, but the program is geared to preschool through second grade.

Kids in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to come around on Fridays at 3 p.m. for KWLF. KWLF explores a topic through books, activities and games. On the third Friday of the month is Krafty Kids during which participants will do a project designed to be finished that day and taken home.

Fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders are invited to come to the library on Mondays at 3 p.m. to be part of an Advisory Board to help create programs and activities for their peers.

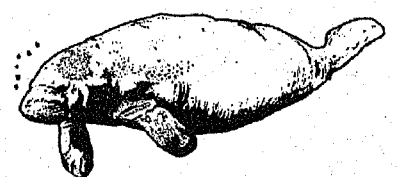
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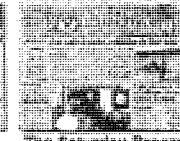
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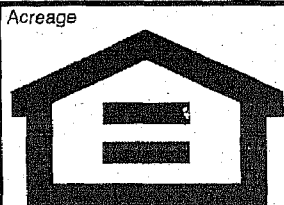
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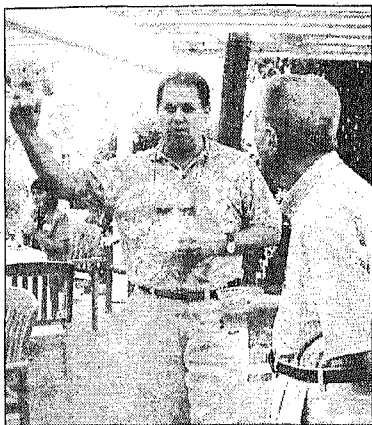
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thought of all?**

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women
will develop
breast cancer
at some point
in their lives.**

This is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. If you haven't scheduled a mammogram yet, it's time to pick up the phone. As a general rule, doctors recommend scheduling an annual mammogram beginning at age 40. *Check with your insurance company about coverage.*

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Perform a self breast exam every month following your menstrual period. Any changes, including pain, dimpling, lumps or nipple discharge should be evaluated immediately by a doctor.

**Remember, the five-year
survival rate for breast
cancer found and
treated early
is**

97%

You are at higher risk if:

- Your mother, sister or daughter has had breast cancer.
- You began menstruating before the age of 12.
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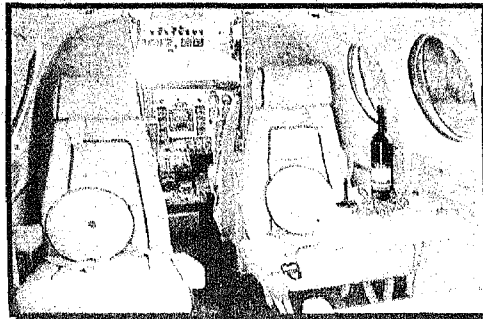
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SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Some cooler temps during the day to be followed by possible evening showers.		Rain is a possibility for both afternoon and evening.	

WEEKEND TIDES				
City	Sat. High	Sat. Low	Sun. High	Sun. Low
Cape Coral	2:56 a.m.	10:42 a.m.	3:19 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Bridge	4:32 p.m.	10:29 p.m.	4:36 p.m.	9:51 p.m.
Captiva at	12:46 a.m.	7:26 a.m.	1:09 a.m.	7:14 a.m.
Redfish Pass	2:22 p.m.	7:13 p.m.	2:26 p.m.	6:35 p.m.
Fort Myers	3:49 a.m.	11:24 a.m.	4:12 a.m.	11:12 a.m.
	5:25 p.m.	11:11 p.m.	5:29 p.m.	10:33 p.m.
Mattacha Pass	2:24 a.m.	10:08 a.m.	2:47 a.m.	9:56 a.m.
	4:00 p.m.	9:55 p.m.	4:04 p.m.	9:17 p.m.
Pineland	1:22 a.m.	9:06 a.m.	1:45 a.m.	8:54 a.m.
	2:58 p.m.	8:53 p.m.	3:02 p.m.	8:15 p.m.
Point Ybel	-	7:28 a.m.	12:14 a.m.	7:16 a.m.
	1:27 p.m.	7:15 p.m.	1:31 p.m.	6:37 p.m.
Punta Rassa	12:40 a.m.	7:21 a.m.	1:03 a.m.	7:09 a.m.
	2:16 p.m.	7:08 p.m.	2:20 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
St. James City	1:11 a.m.	7:56 a.m.	1:34 a.m.	7:44 a.m.
	2:47 p.m.	7:43 p.m.	2:51 p.m.	7:05 p.m.

PORT CHARLOTTE
85/63 Sat
83/65 Sun

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

PUNTA GORDA
86/63 Sat
83/66 Sun

LEE COUNTY

BOCA GRANDE
85/67 Sat
83/67 Sun

PINE ISLAND
85/65 Sat
84/67 Sun

CAPE CORAL
86/63 Sat
84/65 Sun

FORT MYERS
86/64 Sat
84/66 Sun

LEHIGH ACRES
87/61 Sat
85/63 Sun

CAPTIVA ISLAND
86/68 Sat
83/68 Sun

SANIBEL ISLAND
85/67 Sat
83/70 Sun

FORT MYERS BEACH
84/68 Sat
84/71 Sun

BONITA SPRINGS
87/65 Sat
85/67 Sun

Gulf of Mexico

BOATING FORECAST
Wind: NW 10 Knots
Seas: 1-3 Feet
Bay & Inland: Light Chop

COLLIER COUNTY

MARCO ISLAND
86/69 Sat
85/72 Sun

NAPLES
86/68 Sat
85/70 Sun

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STATE FORECAST-SATURDAY	
CITY	LOW/HIGH
CAPE CORAL	86/63
DAYTONA BEACH	82/68
FT. LAUDERDALE	87/67
FT. MYERS BEACH	84/68
GAINESVILLE	82/60
JACKSONVILLE	78/60
KEY WEST	84/77
KISSIMMEE	82/65
MIAMI	85/73
ORLANDO	82/65
PANAMA CITY	72/58
PENSACOLA	68/58
SARASOTA	82/65
ST. PETERSBURG	82/65
TALLAHASSEE	78/55
TAMPA	82/65
VERO BEACH	82/68
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