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 class schedule
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 season is
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Photo by Renny Severance

SCCF Executive Director Erick Lindblad makes a welcome escape from the office long enough to do some serious clearing of vines and exotics to free up the native shrubbery around the gazebo at Periwinkle Preserve. It's all part of a major program to free native vegetation at Periwinkle Preserve and Blue Sky Preserve.

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Annual Demotivational Fishing Tourney at Jensen's

On Saturday, Nov. 1, Dan Stegmann of HV Farms, LLC hosted his annual fishing tournament at Jensen's Marina. The fishing was organized and run by Kurt Krattinger who has some particular expertise in this area.

There's two kinds of fisherfolk out there on the water: those that fish and those that catch. Krattinger is one of the latter and he's been doing it in these Southwest Florida waters for the past 11 years. Catching is a gift his father bestowed on him years ago.

Today, he is especially well-known for his skill at top water fishing, the bountiful results of which can be seen each day on his return to Jensen's dock in Captiva.

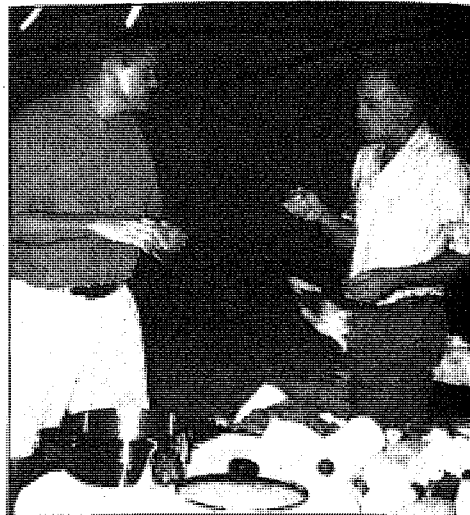
Top fishing is simply presenting the lure so that it looks like bait fish. It's easy to learn, he says, and his passion is teaching anglers how to do it.

When you go to his school, there's more than just learning top fishing, however. After the catch is brought back to the dock, he cleans it and fires up his own special cooking technique: wheelbarrows filled with hickory wood.

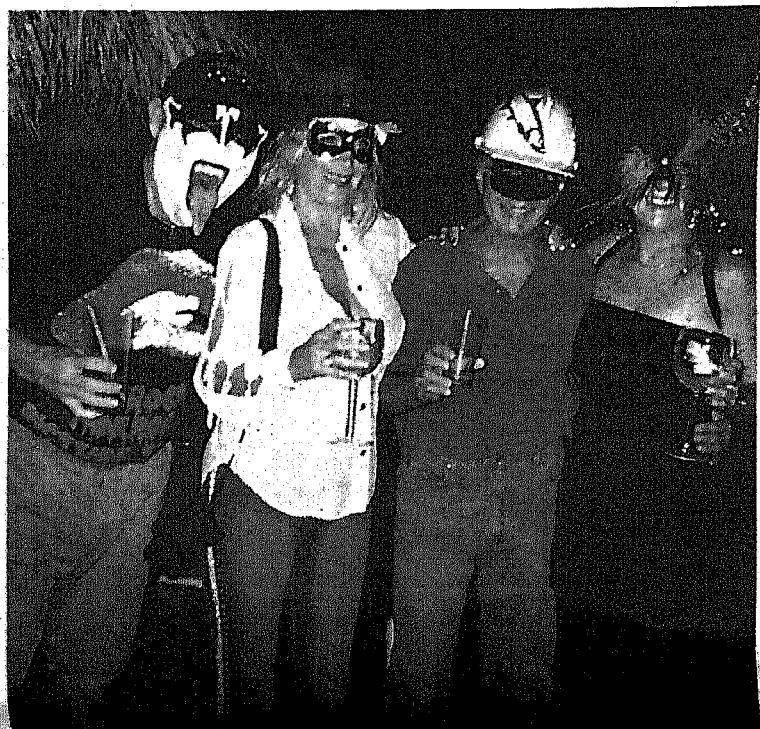
Your fish can be prepared any way you want but the favorite is stuffed redfish. Kurt butterflies it and Caroline, his wife, prepares her secret stuffing recipe. At the same time, she also keeps the rest of the feast coming.

It's up to everyone else to enjoy themselves. In this instance, the Troublestarters helped by providing the musical entertainment.

If you ever want Kurt and Caroline Krattinger to help you with a similar fish feast, you could call them at 239-229-1953. If they're out of town, they can be reached at 404-391-3916.



Dan Stegmann and Kurt Krattinger compare the finer points of wheelbarrow cuisine.



When you cook fish in a wheelbarrow you never know just who's going to show up — especially around Halloween.



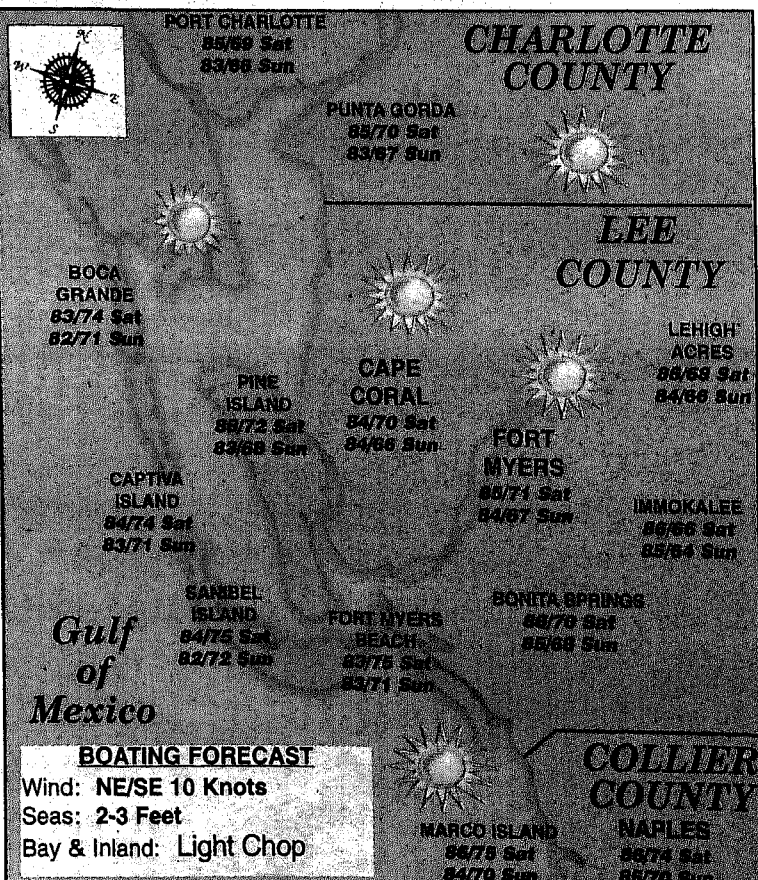
Kurt and Caroline Krattinger

WEEKEND FORECAST FOR NOVEMBER 8 & 9

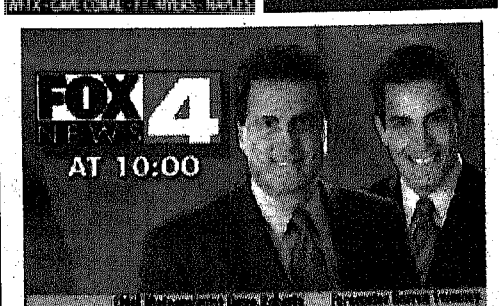
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A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Another sunny day is in store for us today.		Mostly sunny today with a possible isolated shower.	

WEEKEND TIDES

City	Sat. High	Sat. Low	Sun. High	Sun. Low
Cape Coral Bridge	1:40 a.m.	9:39 a.m.	1:55 a.m.	10:14 a.m.
Captiva at Redfish Pass	3:34 p.m.	8:59 p.m.	4:18 p.m.	9:16 p.m.
Fort Myers	1:24 a.m.	6:23 a.m.	-	6:58 a.m.
	11:45 p.m.	5:43 p.m.	2:08 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
Matlacha Pass	2:33 a.m.	10:21 a.m.	2:48 a.m.	10:56 a.m.
	4:27 p.m.	9:41 p.m.	5:11 p.m.	9:58 p.m.
Pineland	1:08 a.m.	9:05 a.m.	1:23 a.m.	9:40 a.m.
	3:02 p.m.	8:25 p.m.	3:46 p.m.	8:42 p.m.
Point Ybel	12:06 a.m.	8:03 a.m.	12:21 a.m.	8:38 a.m.
	2:00 p.m.	7:23 p.m.	2:44 p.m.	7:40 p.m.
Punta Rassa	11:00 a.m.	5:14 a.m.	11:46 a.m.	5:51 a.m.
	10:23 p.m.	5:04 p.m.	10:35 p.m.	5:25 p.m.
St. James City	1:18 a.m.	6:18 a.m.	2:02 a.m.	6:53 a.m.
	11:39 p.m.	5:38 p.m.	11:58 p.m.	5:55 p.m.
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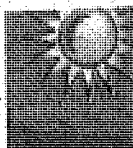
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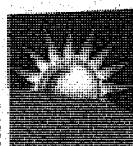
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STATE FORECAST-SATURDAY

CITY	HIGH/LOW
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FT. LAUDERDALE	85/68
FT. MYERS BEACH	83/75
GAINESVILLE	75/65
JACKSONVILLE	75/68
KEY WEST	85/77
KISSIMMEE	82/65
MIAMI	85/78
ORLANDO	82/65
PANAMA CITY	75/53
PENSACOLA	75/65
SARASOTA	85/68
ST. PETERSBURG	85/65
TALLAHASSEE	75/63
TAMPA	82/65
VERO BEACH	82/68
WEST PALM BEACH	85/69



SATURDAY
SUNRISE
6:43 AM



SATURDAY
SUNSET
5:41 PM

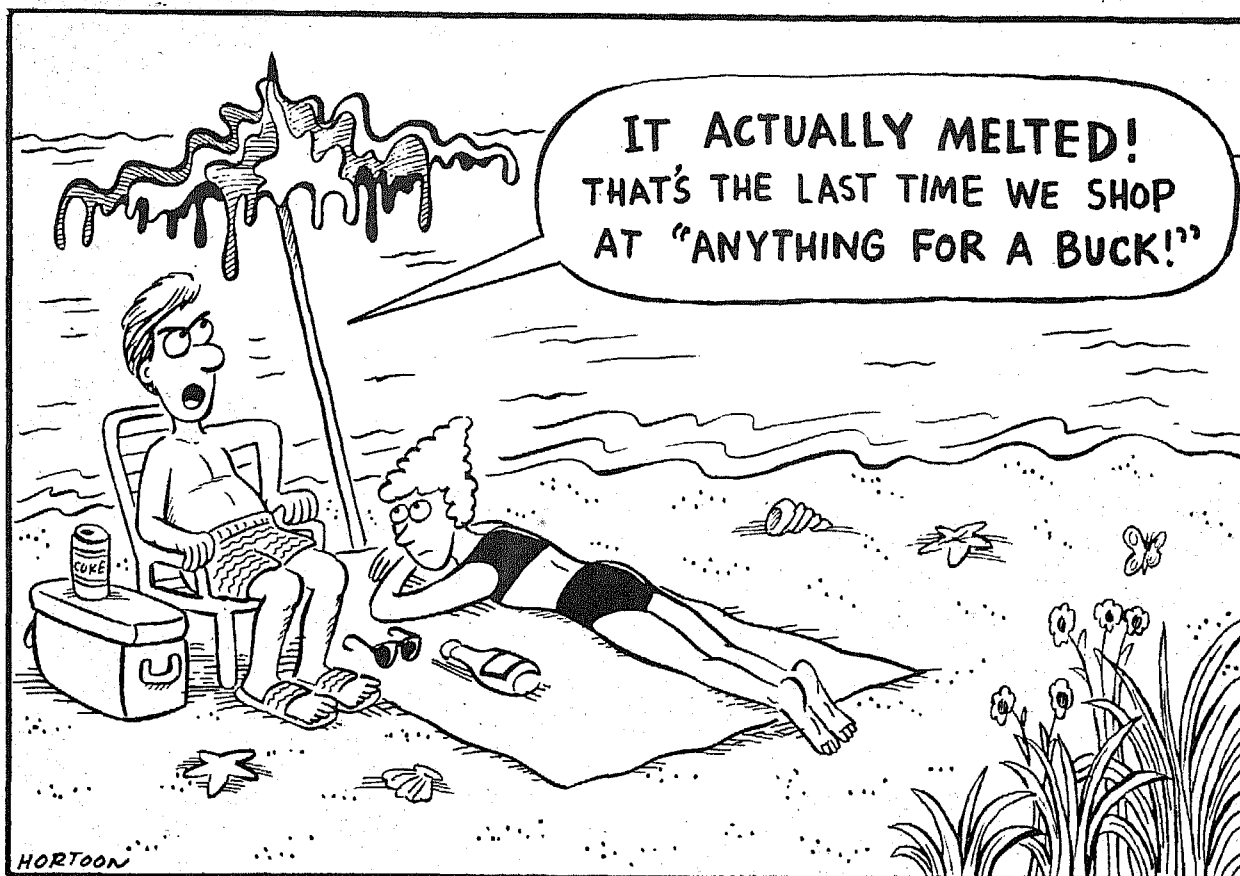
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Dave Horton



Lee Horton



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UP PERISCOPE

One of the beauties of our current age is that just about everything is in style. Perhaps "acceptable" is a more apt word than "style" since there is no one style that defines this era.

Music offers an excellent example of this and I am especially well qualified to hold forth on the subject because I can't read a note of it and have a hard time distinguishing between Copeland and Mozart, or whoever that guy with all the lace was.

But seriously folks, any era of the last century is often defined by its music, jazz, rock, folk, new age, and so on. Before then, music was even more of a defining quality when you get into chamber music or other sorts of the classical persuasion.

But today it's all going on at once. Some of it is market-driven, such as the all-oldest radio stations that play the

RENNY SEVERANCE
Executive Editor

same 12 songs ad nauseam to pander to those of us just the right age to keep on listening. And much of it is simply driven by today's eclectic tastes.

You don't have to drive a pick-up to be allowed to listen to country music. Nor do you need to drive something more sedate and conservative to listen to classical music. The point is, we can and do listen to all kinds of music from all kinds of eras.

Naturally, I can only speak in terms

of male hairstyles as female styles elude me once we get beyond long vs. short.

The seventies required that only nerds or extremely conservative military types had short hair. Even many of those in the military were constantly pushing the envelope too far just how much they could get away with in length.

Today, you can try anything from a shaved head to a mullet to shoulder-length and more. It's all ok and your age doesn't much matter.

But back to music. All this musing got started because I wandered into an emporium of CDs. I ran across a number of delightful artists who had been around for years and of whom I had never heard.

This isn't all that unusual, some guy named Brahms has been around for decades I understand and wrote some pretty good stuff.

On one of these new names I encoun-

tered was a chap named Dan Crary, a folk/blues performer on the acoustical guitar. This is a favorite genre of mine and what caught my eye in the midst of all the stuff about trains, highways, lost loves and the like, was his rendition of the Third Movement of Mozart's Piano Sonata No. 11, better known as the Rondo 'Alla Turca'.

Despite the gaping opportunity for musical disaster, the thing turned out just great. Country fiddle, guitar, dobro, harmonica, all of it worked well together with this piece for a most unusual treat.

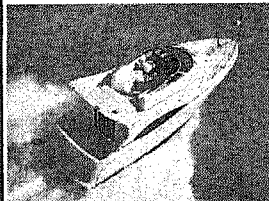
Not having a defining style for our current age has proved to be a blessing when it comes to making a wide variety of choices so accessible. It also made the above treat both possible and workable.

But I'm still not ready for a mullet yet...

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HAPPENINGS

Lunch with Betty Castor

There is still time to reserve a place at the Betty Castor Luncheon sponsored by the Democratic Club of the Islands. This special luncheon on Saturday, Nov. 15, will be at noon at the Helm Club in The Landings, 4420 Flagship, in Fort Myers.



Castor will be a candidate for the U.S. Senate if Sen. Bob Graham announces that he will not be running for re-election. Her credentials include experience as Florida's Commissioner of Education, president of the University of South Florida, service as a Florida Senator and as a member of the Florida Cabinet.

To reserve a place, checks made out to the Democratic Club of the Islands for \$25 per person should be sent to Alice Walzer, 4772 Tradewinds Drive, Sanibel 33957 by November 12. The lunch 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 the young women that they could do anything they set out to do and that their efforts would enable them to help oth-

ers reach their dreams.

In the years since, Castor has taken on many public and private sector challenges and 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 starting with her service on the Hillsborough County Commission, on which her older daughter is currently serving.

She was the first woman to serve as President Pro Tem of the Florida State Senate, and 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 Florida cabinet, Castor championed Florida's environment and strongly opposed efforts to permit offshore oil drilling. In 1993, she became the president of the University of South Florida, only the second woman ever to head a state university; she helped to create an endowment of over \$220 million.

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.

Garden Club Floral Design Workshop

On Tuesday, November 11, at the regular meeting of the Shell Islands Garden Club, members will have a chance to try their hand at flower arranging. The meeting begins at 12 noon at Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church parish hall at 2304 Periwinkle Way. Lunch is first on the agenda...members are asked to bring a sandwich to share. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

Following lunch everyone will work on a festive floral arrangement. Members should bring materials to do a design interpreting a holiday or a special time. Materials needed are flower cutting shears; a container with a needlepoint pin holder or pre-soaked oasis; plant material - flowers and leaves; and line material such as a curving branch, blade type foliage, sanseveria, slender branches from your shrubs or trees, etc. (the length should be at least 2 times the length of your container.)

Milena Eskew will provide instruction and critique for the arrangements, assisted by Glenda Campbell. The horticulture talk this month will be given by Pat Poshek. Hostesses will be Jane Withers, Libby Frankwich, Mona Backes, Marcia Stephenson, and Mary Welsh. If you would like to bring a guest please notify the president.

Annual dues for the Shell Island Garden Club are \$20. Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month, October through May. If you have an interest in gardening, floral arranging, and horticulture, consider becoming a member by calling President Glenda Campbell at 472-8994.



Library staffer Wendy Lambrix sorts books for sale.

Giant Book Sale at the Sanibel Public Library

On Friday, Nov. 14 and Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. the Library will have giant book and moving sale.

Come early and often for great bargains on used books and equipment, including some computer equipment. The sale will be held in the ground floor meeting room of the Sanibel Public Library, 770 Dunlop Road.

For more information call the Library at 472-2483.

Women's club to meet

The Sanibel-Captiva Christian Women's Club next meeting will be a luncheon on Thursday, Nov. 13, at Sundial from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The luncheon will feature "Decorating for the Holidays," using dried flowers and grass products, by Jan Egeland and Kathy Boone of Periwinkle Cottage. "Pack the Bags, leaving on the next plane... or is life 50-50? or 100%?" will be presented by Betsy Suddaby and music will be provided by Angela Bergen.

Cost of the luncheon is \$15 inclusive and reservations are required. Call Jean Wilson at 472-2017 or Eva Barbour at 454-6948. Reservations made but not honored must be paid for.

Women's Expo at Harborside

Florida Women's Expo Holiday Shopping Spree will take place tomorrow and Sunday, Nov. 8 and 9, (10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 on Sunday) at Harborside Event Center on the river in downtown Fort Myers. Admission is \$3. Over 90 new businesses join over 140 exhibitors for this year's Florida Women's

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The Lady SAID she doesn't like to fish...

These last few weeks of our lingering summer can be just great for beach snook fishing. This morning, I have to confess I lost a keeper snook when my fly reel backlashed and I watched as the fish thrashed at surface, not 50 feet away, as I glanced down at a genuine bird's nest in my reel.

As we get into cooler weather the beach snook will retreat from the shallows, but I thought you might like to hear of a reluctant angler who brought home the bread, or in this case, the snook dinner the hard way.

The Chorltons, Don and Virginia, are from Key Largo, the first island in the Florida Keys. They come visit on Captiva for a few weeks each fall and I have written about them before. Don had a bottlenose dolphin chase a redfish right up on the beach as he fished and got the dolphin stranded right next to him. They always have an interesting story to tell and they are both skilled anglers.

We were well up on the northern end of Cayo Costa recently at a rather mystical place called Johnson Shoals. It's only reachable at the most perfect of sea conditions. Virginia had unexpectedly good shelling luck as Don and I fished. They had a friend along, a woman of retirement age, who was more interested in fishing than shelling.

We moved south of the shoals about noon and tried another shelling beach,



CAPT. MIKE
FUERY

while Don and the guest went fishing. As it happened, Virginia and the woman met up about half mile north of the boat. The woman had been casting, with no luck, to several pods of beach snook. Most of these fish are well under legal size, running about 20-22 inches,

but still very fun to catch and release.

The guest said to Virginia, "I can't get anything to bite; could I see your technique?"

"You know, I am really only here to shell," Virginia responded.

The other woman handed her the rod and asked for a lesson.

Virginia tossed out a white bucktail jig. Within seconds it was scooped up by a snook. That fish thrashed. It jumped. It ran. Meanwhile Don and I are well down the beach and don't know what is happening. The drag was not set correctly and the fish ran some more.

They had no net, so she backed up further onto the beach. Now the snook was jumping all over the sand. She put down the rod, because the fish started back towards the water, pulled off the T-shirt she had on over her swim suit, and stuck the now totally sand-covered fish in it. The two then wrestled down the fish and got the jig out.

Now the two women had a long walk

back to the boat. I thought Virginia was carrying some driftwood as she came closer but, as she got on the boat, the fish started wiggling. Once I'd realized it was a legal fish, it had jumped out of her arms on the boat. I got it, still wrapped in the T-shirt, into the ice box. It promptly jumped out. I got it in again.

It measured 28 inches.

They ate it for dinner that night. The other lady said she is taking the \$10 lure she bought for the trip back to the shop in Sarasota. Don said it was a once-in-a-lifetime thing.

Virginia said she only had time for one cast because she was shelling.

That's why fishing drives me nuts.

Shelling News

There is a basic question I get a lot on my shelling charters. People want to know how shells are made.

Simply put, these marine animals have their skeletons on the outside. Of course, we have ours on the inside. The various kinds of shells grow by extending the outside protective cover of their soft inside body. All shells are predestined to be in a certain range, just as most people are between five and six feet tall.

As the shells in various species approach maturity some change colors. The Florida fighting conch is a perfect example. However, all through the process, the mollusk is always inside the protective shell. Both inside body and outside shell grow to potential.



Good shelling and fishing this week.

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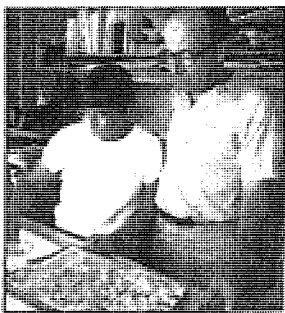
Former Sanibel resident and well-known local artist, David Stark of Fort Myers died Friday, Oct. 24, 2003 following an eight-year battle with cancer. He was 80 years old at the time of his death.

Born Nov. 4, 1922 in Minneapolis to Marcus and Inez Stark, Stark attended Washburn High, served as an Army cryptographer in China during World War II and graduated from the University of Minnesota where he was a Chi Psi. He spent 30 years at George A. Clark in Minneapolis, before retiring as president.

In 1980 he and his wife, Jo, moved to the island where they were partners until recently in Stark Studio. Their Shelligrams combined his love of calligraphy and her love of shells and are now in collections around the world.

"I cannot tell you how grateful the Shell Museum is for the Starks' contributions to this community. Not only were they among the original founding members of the museum, but they created several Shelligrams just for the us which are universally admired. I, personally, love the way they handled coquina shells — the artwork was so light and elegant."

"David was such a dear, sweet gentle man," commented Sheila Tardosky, owner



This photo, taken a number of years ago, shows David and Jo Stark working on a couple of their world-famous Shelligrams.

of The Tree House gallery where the Starks' work is on exhibit. "And his works prove that... the wonderful things he did with calligraphy are almost unbelievable. He was such a fine artist — and a joy to have in my shop and as part of my life."

Stark is survived and will be missed by his loving wife of 52 years, Jo (Mary Josephine); three children — Paul and his wife, Julia, Jim and his wife, Cindy, and Sue Stark; his grandchildren Justin, Beth, and her husband, Andy, Ryan, Tom and Lucia; a brother, Robert, and his wife, Elizabeth; three sisters — Winnifred Schmidt and her husband, Edward, Mary Jo Andrews, and Nancy St. Clair and her husband, Phillip; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorials may be sent to St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, 2304 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel 33957; Shell Point Hospice, 1500 Shell Point Boulevard, Fort Myers 33908; or to a favorite charity of the donor's. Services were held Monday in Minneapolis and will be held at a later date at St. Michael's.

Harold Lincoln Field

Harold Field, 84, passed away under the care of Hope Hospice on Oct. 30, 2003 at Shell Point. He was born April 17, 1919, in Lowell, Massachusetts, the son of Lester Waiter Field and Erna Bowe Field and graduated from Syracuse University in 1942. He had served as a captain in the chemical warfare service during World War II in North Africa, Italy, France and Germany and spent his professional career in Pulp & Paper Manufacturing. He was also active in youth groups and musical

activities throughout his life.

From 1977 until his Alzheimer's disease got the best of him, Field as well as his wife, Barbara, worked as a volunteer on the information desk in the Visitor/Education Center of the "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. His wife has continued in that capacity and helps out for special events.

Field is survived by his loving wife, Barbara; three sons — Curtis Lincoln Field and his wife, Linda, of New York City; Robert Douglas Field and his wife, Angela, of Los Alamos, N.M.; and Richard Walter Field of Maryville, Mo.; and six grandchildren — Elizabeth, Stephanie, Chloe, Max, Margaret and Susannah.

A memorial service was held at the Chapel of the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church at Shell Point on Wednesday, Nov. 5. In lieu of flowers, a donation to Hope Hospice of Fort Myers would be greatly appreciated.

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San-Cap MOAA 2003 Veteran's Day celebration joined by City of Sanibel and BIG ARTS

"The Sanibel Veterans Day Celebration, which for years has been hosted by the San-Cap Chapter of the Military Officers of America Association (MOAA), will be very special this year," said Chapter President Bob Laswell, Lt. Colonel USA, (Ret). "The City of Sanibel and the Sanibel BIG ARTS Association are co-sponsoring this years Tribute to America's Veterans," Laswell continued.

The 2003 program will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 11, at Sanibel City Hall, 600 Dunlop Road, with the Presentation of the Colors by the Sanibel Police Department Honor Guard.

After the SPD Honor Guard has raised the Stars and Stripes and the POW/MIA flag to full staff and then lowered the standards to half staff, Reverend Randall Niehoff, Pastor of the Sanibel Congregational Church of Christ, will give the invocation.

Following the invocation, the assemblage will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Continuing the tradition of years past, members of the audience are then encouraged to relate their personal meanings of Veteran's Day. In years past Veterans of World War I, World War II,

Korea, Viet Nam, Panama, and The Gulf War, have spoken of their experiences, and what Veteran's Day means to them and the Nation which they have gallantly served.

This year, it is possible that Veterans of the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, or their families, will be in attendance and speak also.

Before, during, and after the brief ceremony, the Sanibel Kiwanis/BIG ARTS Orchestra will perform patriotic music. The patriotic tribute to America's Veterans ceremony will end with the playing of *Taps*.

The tribute will occur rain or shine. Attendees, this year, will have seating furnished through the courtesy of City Manager Judie Zimomra and the City of Sanibel. All Veterans and their families, friends, associates and visitors to Sanibel, are invited to attend this ceremony which, under the names of Armistice Day, Remembrance Day, and Veteran's Day, is celebrated world-wide at the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month, honoring all members of allied armed forces.

For additional information please call Bob Laswell, 472-5804. See you there on 11/11.

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Expo which features a special Christmas Village in addition to the opportunity to meet Mr. America in person.

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Discover some fabulous clothing for the fall, both casual and holiday fashions, the newest looks in hair and make-up and the best in skin care and health trends. There will be onsite air brush tanning, hair cuts, permanent make-up, spa treatments and massage and displays on the latest in plastic surgery techniques and new health advancements.

Check out vacation and travel destinations, food samples, kids' toys, cutlery, kitchen gadgets and cooking demonstrations. There will be prizes, entertainment, and lots of free seminars. From great holiday gift ideas for everyone in the family to everything for your home this season... "Shop 'til you Drop" at this year's Florida Women's Expo!

The event is sponsored by The News-Press, B103.9, 106.3, Comcast, Kent V. Hasen M.D., City-Biz Directory, Nuevos Ecos and QVC Home Shopping Network. For additional information, call 543-9998.

AARP November Program

Have you met Dr. Steve Bortone? Do you know what the marine laboratory on the island does? Do you know how fortunate we are here on Sanibel to have such a grand research facility?

Come on Friday, Nov. 14, at 1:30 p.m. to the islands November AARP meeting to hear Bortone discuss local marine issues and tell attendees about the Marine Lab of which he is the director. The lab is a program of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. Bortone was formerly the director of environmental science at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida and, for the past 35 years, has conducted research on the life history of estuarine organisms, especially fishes and seagrasses, chiefly in the southeastern U.S. and the Gulf of Mexico. He has served as scientific editor and reviewer for numerous organizations and is widely traveled in conducting his research and teaching activities.

Sanibel-Captiva AARP meets at the Island Senior Center on Library way off Palm Ridge Road. Please call Yolande Welch at 395-3372 with any questions. These AARP meetings are a pleasant way to meet fellow islanders as well as enjoy an informative program and participate in refreshments and fellowship.

Seniors bazaar

The first Island Seniors Bazaar of the season will be Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and take place at the Civic Center (former library) on Library Way. All kinds of items will be available, from plants and decorative gourds to jewelry, handcrafted goodies and calamondin marmalade... and treasures from the traditional Trash 'n' Treasures

Room donated by the Island Seniors themselves. Vendor tables are \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call Yolande Welch at 395-3372 for more information or to rent a table.

Family haircut day

On Saturday, Nov. 15, the Sanibel School 6th grade is holding a fundraiser the Harry Ruby Salon on Rabbit Road to raise money for its upcoming Seacamp field trip. The salon will provide free haircuts to all comers between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. (Walk-ins are welcome.) The kids are asking for donations of \$10 per child or \$20 per adult with all the proceeds going into their Seacamp Fund.

St. Isabel/First Link clinic at church

Preventive blood testing will be provided at St. Isabel's on Saturday, Nov. 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tests for prostate cancer, diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, heart-related problems and hepatitis will be available as will most of the standard blood chemistry levels — cholesterol, thyroid, estrogen, liver function, etc. Allergy and other profiles will also be offered.

Starting at \$30, all tests are reviewed by a board-certified physician and mailed directly to the participant. First Link does not file for insurance at this time, but logging on to www.1stlinkmedical.com will allow one to view prices and the various workup packages that are available.

Flu and pneumonia shots will be available at the same time for \$20/\$25; Medicare (Part B) is accepted for these.

Walk-ins will be welcome for the flu/pneumonia shots but pre-registration and appointments are required for the blood testing. Call (866) 302-5663 with questions or to register/make an appointment.

Chamber monthly box lunch

The Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce Box Lunch is Tuesday, Nov. 11. Featured will be three gurus from Lee County Electric Co-op: Ken Simmons, Assistant Manager of Operations; Allen Ruth, Supervisor & Distribution Contracts; and Lewis Walton, Manager of Marketing & Energy Services. Their topic will be the island's power service.

The lunch will be at Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A hot and cold buffet of salads, entrees, desserts will be catered by Island Cow.

Advanced reservations are required by 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 7. The fee is \$10 for Chamber members and guests.

Please fax your registration to 472-1070, or e-mail: office@sanibel-captiva.org.

Fundraiser to benefit Periwinkle Playhouse

Come join the fun at the big stakes — island style — poker game on Thursday, Nov. 20, at the Sanibel Community House. The event will benefit the Periwinkle Playhouse. A tax-deductible registration fee of \$35 will enter participants in a fast-paced, three-tiered game of Texas Hold'em. A light

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Renew commitment to recycling

Nov. 15 is America Recycles Day, a national effort to educate the country about the economic, social, and environmental benefits of recycling and buying recycled. Sanibel Recycles! a local citizens group whose mission is to promote a culture of "reduce, reuse, and recycle" on Sanibel, has established a goal of helping Sanibel, through public education and outreach, to triple the amount of waste that is recycled by encouraging all sectors of the island (residents, visitors, and businesses) to adopt recycling.

Recycling is responsible resource management. By recycling, we conserve our valuable resources, protect our air and water from harmful pollutants, and strengthen our economy. A community's recycling rate is a basic indicator of its environmental values.

Sanibel has made progress in the past two years on

improving its recycling performance; however, work remains to be done. Despite the City's best efforts, last year, Sanibel recycled only eight pounds for every 100 pounds of waste generated, compared to the state-mandated goal of recycling 30 pounds for every 100 pounds generated.

While the volume of recycled goods is trending upward, the amount we're recycling compared to the overall amount of waste we're generating is on a downward trend (from an 11 percent recycling rate in 1999 down to eight percent in 2002). Sanibel is increasing its overall generation of waste at five times the rate it's increasing its recycling.

In a Sept. 29 article in the News-Press, county officials expressed their concerns about the rapidly growing trash generation of Lee County residents — a 50% increase from five years ago. This development has prompted higher garbage bills and an \$80 million expansion to the county's incinerator slated to begin next year.

While the county used to be one of the top recyclers in the state, its recycling performance has now fallen below the state-mandated goal. Rudy Busch, executive director of Keep Lee County Beautiful, is quoted in the article as say-

ing, "We're a society of conveniences... and those conveniences mean more trash... The only reason for not recycling is laziness. We're starting to slip back to our old ways. People need to take personal responsibility for their own waste... A lot more could be recycled."

The Sanibel City Council has taken steps this year to address this growing national problem. In June, it adopted a resolution (#03-047), which encourages all residents of Sanibel and visitors to Sanibel to recycle to the greatest extent possible. This resolution is certainly timely.

Now that trash hauling rates have increased due to the causeway crisis, there are opportunities for residences, condominiums, and businesses to save on their overall waste hauling bill by shifting some of their waste from the trash cans and dumpsters to the recycling bins — it helps the bottom line.

Recycling is a winner all around, so get involved. And be sure you're recycling everything you can.

If you need more information about how to recycle on Sanibel, visit Sanibel Recycles! Web page at www.sanibelvision.org or call 472-6565.

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Sanibel, FL - Research today clearly demonstrates that video modeling can be a highly effective strategy for helping children with autism and other developmental disabilities acquire verbal, early academics, self-help and social skills (see Journal of Positive Behavior Interventions, Winter 2003).

While this may seem obvious today, knowing what we do about the highly visual nature of children with autism spectrum disorder, this wasn't necessarily the case even 10 years ago. But one parent then had an idea that video modeling could reach and teach youngsters, and it turned out he was right.

John Sprecher began his work innocently enough, producing a home videotape of the alphabet and numbers 1-10 for his son Jeff with autism. Jeff learned quickly, others in the local autism community in Milwaukee found similar benefits with their children by utilizing the video, and a subsequent article in the national Autism Society of America magazine generated letters from around the world, encouraging Sprecher to produce his programs.



John Sprecher

Eventually he did, with the aid of associates in film production. Today, that company is called Special Kids Speech & Skill Development Video Modeling Programs — with offices in Sanibel, FL and Hartland, WI — and based on the success Special Kids has achieved in more than 30 countries, the company is embarking on an ambitious new product development launch (the first in five years).

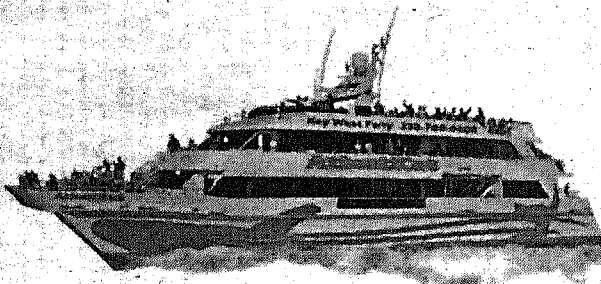
Currently, Special Kids offers 11 video modeling programs that focus on early academics, communications, social, self-help and play skills. Through 2004, the company will introduce a number of new programs by popular demand of parents including safety, social skills, music, sports, conversations and toileting. In addition, programs specifically for teens with autism and development disabilities will be added, such as hygiene for teen boys and teen girls.

Special Kids is also expanding its product line with other skill acquisition and modeling media: interactive flashcards (which are likewise printable), animated music videos, behavior models (laminated, step-by-step, numeric- and word-based illustration boards that guide the individual through a task — such as showering — start to finish) and social stories. All research and products will be available on a new website, to be launched December 1, 2003.

For more information, contact John Sprecher at john@special-kids.com, telephone 800-KIDS-153 or visit <http://special-kids.com/>.

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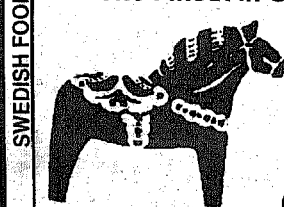
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The Serious Side of Sobczak

Story & photo by Bob Wimbush

Perhaps it's his high tolerance for pain. The first time Charlie Sobczak asked me to review a manuscript — *Six Mornings on Sanibel* — he ended up cutting four chapters. *Six Mornings* is now in its 6th printing. The second time — *A Choice of Angels* — he wanted to cut my throat. *Choice* is Charlie's first attempt to escape the Sanibel genre and cross over the causeway.

Based on that draft and personal irreverence, I predicted with lip-curling cruelty born of god-like self-righteousness that befits his fictional preacher Clay, that it wouldn't make the trip. He delayed the printing for three months, incorporated a few of my suggestions (while leaving out the ones that would have made it truly great) but has still proved me wrong.

Choice received a star evaluation from the organization that recommends books

for libraries and is selling thousands of copies on the other side of the bridge — more when we get a taller bridge.

Because I've read *Choice* in detail at least three times, (and added "Sobczak" to my spell-checker) and noted dutifully the poignancy of a novel begun long before 9/11 that strikes so close to the core of the Christian/Islam issue, when he came to speak, I was more interested in author than book; because through its process, I had observed visible changes to the man.

Choice was already underway when Charlie met a Muslim woman in Virginia who, like the beautiful Muslim girl Ayse in the book, had fallen in love with a Christian man, but then broke it off because her parents forbade the union. Sadly, she reassessed her earlier choice, "I would choose love."

So would Sobczak. He, in fact, wonders "why God and cultures keep us from loving each other when we're on different paths up the same mountain." Clearly, Charlie is dealing with some heavy stuff,



Charles Sobczak

and that segues into his new book-in-work, *Chain of Fools*. Predictably, it's about growing up in his family in Minnesota where, for all practical purposes he relates, "I thought my father's first name was S.O.B."

So far he hasn't even hinted that I will get to read it pre-publication, but I can't wait for him to untangle the adventures of his blind pig-running prostitute/bootlegger grandmother, One-Eyed Maggie. In his own words: "it's a black comedy, sick and twisted." He'd love Kiwanis board meetings.

Q&A—

Asked if there would be any sequels to previous works, he says, "No, when a book is finished, I take all my characters out back and shoot them."

Asked where he gets book ideas, he replies he is intrigued by "so many people doing strange things with their lives."

An avid fisherman himself, he had known all the people in *Six Days*. "Because I'm a Realtor, *Way Under Contract* was easy to write. I had been there." *A Choice of Angels* (you should read it, by the way, it's superbly edited) he started more than two years before 9/11 and alibis, "I had nothing to do with the timeliness." But its origins are more obscure and perhaps deserve scrutiny from Homeland Security.

So what's with *Chain of Fools*? "Dysfunction is taught... I needed to recreate the chain in order to break it." Laughter from tears begets the serious side of Sobczak. "It's best to approach (my family) as a black comedy."

Kiwanis breakfasts at The Dunes every Tuesday around 7:30.

BUSINESS

Myers and Funke join Bank of the Islands



Bank President Robbie Roepstorff welcomes Allen R. Myers to Bank of the Islands.

Allen R. Myers has joined the staff of Bank of the Islands as a Loan Originator and will be serving customers, both business and personal, with their loan and mortgage needs.

"Allen is an experienced loan specialist and financial consultant, and we're very happy to have him join our team," bank president Robbie Roepstorff said last week. "Because he has been part of the island banking community for the past four years, he understands the needs of our island customers and how to best serve them."

In addition to his professional background, Allen is a dedicated island volunteer. He is involved in Sanibel-Captiva Rotary, the Sanibel Beautification Committee, the Sanibel Junior Achievement Program and United Way of Lee County. His professional affiliations include the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce, Sanibel-Captiva Board of Realtors and the Southwest Florida Association of Mortgage Brokers.

The bank is also welcoming Carrie Funke to their banking services team as a teller. Prior to joining the bank, Carrie



Carrie Funke joins Bank of the Islands as a teller.

served in the United States Postal Service in Minnesota for 13 years.

"Carrie has the kind of positive, helpful attitude our staff members like to share with their customers," Roepstorff said. "We're happy to have her join us."

And, once again this year, Bank of the Islands has Entertainment Books available for purchase. The books, containing a wide variety of dining and entertainment discount opportunities, cost \$30 each.

Proceeds from each sale go to the Scholarship Fund of the American Business Women's Association.

All islanders are invited to stop by the bank lobby at 1699 Periwinkle Way between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to make their purchase for this worthy cause.

Bank of the Islands, a name synonymous with island community banking since 1974, has been voted Best Island Bank for the last five years.

Gee and Boren tops at Gee

In October at John Gee & Company, AnnGee was the top selling agent and Carlton Boren the top lister.

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buffet will be served from 6 to 6:45 p.m. and a demonstration game will be in progress. At 7 sharp the first tier of Texas Hold'em will take place, and at 10 all play will stop. If necessary, a sudden-death play-off will take place. Prizes will be awarded to the last 10 remaining players. Seating is limited and it is strongly suggested you pre-register by calling 472-0324. Rules for Texas Hold'em can be picked up at Periwinkle Playhouse on Periwinkle across from the Community House or online at www.learn-texas-holdem.com

Annual Thanksgiving program

The islands' family Thanksgiving Eve program will be held Nov. 26 at starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Sanibel Community House.

This ecumenical, interfaith program is held annually the evening before Thanksgiving with members of local congregations invited to participate. In addition to songs and psalms, Councilman Jim Jennings will deliver a Thanksgiving message. There are always favors for each family and take-home activities for each child and the program ends with Bailey's fresh cider and homemade cookies (contributions to the cookie buffet are more than welcome).

Costumed Pilgrim ushers will hand out programs and help children who want to try writing with a quill pen. Visitors to the islands are always welcome.

Help is needed around 3 p.m. with setting up chairs; in other years, young people have gained some of their community service credits by helping with set-up. Anyone who can help should call program coordinator Jean Wood, at 472-0673.

Eco EVENTS



Free Jack Hanna show

On Nov 13, the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge is proud to host a free live wildlife show by TV personality, wildlife expert, and National Wildlife Refuge Centennial Commissioner, Jack Hanna. Hanna is a conservationist, an educator, author, and a director emeritus of the Columbus Zoo in Ohio.

Recognizing the important role the refuge plays in the Fort Myers community and South Florida ecosystem, Hanna has volunteered his time and expertise to put on a show for the public. Jack Hanna's *Animal*

Adventures can be seen every Saturday morning on ABC at 7 a.m. He is also a regular guest with wildlife on the *Late Show with David Letterman* and the *Maury Povich Show*.

The program is on Thursday, Nov. 13, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at BIG ARTS. Come listen to Jack perform a live wildlife show on the stage of BIG ARTS. Bring your family to this event and learn about some of Florida's fabulous animals.

This program is FREE, but you MUST get your tickets in advance. Tickets are given out on a first-come basis. No tickets will be given out at the door, and no one will be admitted without a ticket. Tickets can not be reserved; you must pick up your tickets at the "Ding" Darling Education Center or at BIG Arts before the 13th. There is a 10-ticket maximum per request.

Birding outings begin

Sanibel-Captiva Audubon starts up this season's birding outings with a trip through "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, Nov. 8 (tomorrow). These outings are open to the public, and this one actually proceeds by car (or bike, if you prefer) through the refuge. The only cost is the \$5 refuge entrance fee. Meet at the tram stop in the overflow parking lot at 8 a.m.; call Malcolm Harpham at 395-3804 for further details.

Born to be Wild

The Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve of Lee County Parks & Rec is co-hosting with its Friends Group its annual Born to be Wild! celebration on Saturday, Nov. 15, from noon to 4 p.m.

The Slough (pronounced "slew") is a beautiful wetlands preserve with over a mile of elevated boardwalk trail and five observation decks for viewing wildlife. Walking through this lush ecosystem one can observe an amazing variety of native plants and animals.

Born to be Wild! shows visitors the adaptations animals and plants have to live on this type of habitat. This day of fun and discovery will feature live animals and animal displays that include baby panthers from Felines & Friends, an owl from Calusa Nature Center, turtles from the Imaginarium, a baby alligator from Babcock Ranch, and along with come

others, as well as some fascinating native plants.

Also, participants will have the opportunity to take a look into the past with Chet Newcomb from Kissimmee State Park as he tells tales of his "life" as a Cow Hunter from his camp along the trail.

The amphitheater will have a range of hands-on activities like stamp art, face painting, hands-on artifacts, and palm weaving. Create something to take home!

Volunteer naturalists will be along the boardwalk trail and available to point out wildlife and answer questions. It will be a fun and educational day for all ages!

Six Mile Cypress Slough is located at Penzance Boulevard along Six Mile Cypress Parkway, between Colonial and Daniels. There is a \$5 per vehicle program fee. For more information, call 432-2004

Astronomy programs offered

Every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 and 3 p.m., Steve Smith — sea captain, world traveler, and professional astronomer — will take interested participants on an unforgettable tour of the nighttime skies.

At 1:30 he will introduce the wonders of the current night sky, so that attendees can go outside at night, see them in the real sky and know what they're looking at.

At 3 he will explore our connections to the universe using the astonishing photographs returned by the Hubble Space Telescope. His shows are interspersed with lively stories from his travels and his experiences in more than 30 years as an astronomer and popular lecturer.

For more information, contact Planetarium Director Carole Helper at 275-3435.

Low-tide loafing sunset walk

Put on your wadding shoes and visit the creatures of the intertidal zone at Bowditch Point Regional Preserve on Sat., Nov. 8 at 4:15 p.m. We'll leisurely make our way from the bay to the beach checking out what the low tide has uncovered. We'll be at Sunset Point in time to catch the show - good photo opportunity. Adults, children (under 16 must be with adult), \$3; age 5 and under are free. For more information and registration, please call (239) 461-7440. Bowditch Point Preserve is at the end of Estero Boulevard at the northern tip of Fort Myers Beach, meet at the picnic tables behind Flip Flops Cafe. Parking free with program registration. Bowditch Point Regional Preserve is a Lee County Parks and Recreation facility.

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National Hospice Month events

November is celebrated all over the country as National Hospice Month. The local Hope Hospice & Palliative Care is sponsoring/hosting several events as part of this celebration.

Internationally known writer to speak

On Nov. 18, Rabbi Harold S. Kushner, author of international best-sellers and award-winning inspirational and motivational books, will make a free presentation to the public at 7 p.m. at the Harborside Event Center. Kushner's presentation will focus on his latest best-seller, *The Lord Is My Shepherd: The Healing Wisdom of the Twenty-Third Psalm*. The book will be available for purchase and the rabbi will sign books after the event.

"This presentation by Rabbi Kushner is our gift to the community," said Hope Hospice president and CEO Samira K. Beckwith. "The people of Southwest Florida have been very good to us with both their gifts and their time... This is our way of saying thank you." Kushner's presentation is the keynote event for the month.

Kushner was named Rabbi Laureate of Temple Israel in the Boston suburb of Natick after serving the congregation for 24 years. He is best known as the author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, an international best-seller first published in 1981. The book has been translated into 14 languages and was recently selected by members of the Book of the Month Club as one of the 10 most influential books of recent years.

To attend, please call Hope Hospice at 656-3260 and leave a recorded message to indicate the number of people in your group.

As another of the month's signature events, the Sanctuary Golf Club will host the Hope Hospice Tennis Challenge on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 22 & 23. This is a bracketed men's and women's doubles tournament; the format will be single elimination with consolation rounds. Deadline for entry is Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 5 p.m. and the entry fee is \$50 per person (payable to Hope Hospice).

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

Entry fee includes continental breakfast and lunch on both Saturday and Sunday and a goodie bag for each player. Bracket winners and finalists, as well as consolation winners will receive awards designed by Luc Century. For sponsorship information, call Harry Rodda at Hope Hospice at 489-9162.

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All sponsors will receive a Luc Century original, and sponsors and donors will be listed in *Wings of Hope*, the Hope Hospice newsletter.

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

Artwork to benefit Hope Hospice

Also in recognition of National Hospice Month, Gulf Harbour Jewelers on McGregor in Fort Myers is exhibiting 15 acrylic and oil paintings by part-time Fort Myers resident Bill Wilhelm. There are still lifes, landscapes and portraits among other subjects. Entitled *The Callepitar Collection*, the sale of any of the works will benefit Hope Hospice, an organization the 85-year-old Wilhelm truly appreciates and supports.

His wife died of lung cancer on New Year's Day, 2002, under the care of Hope Hospice and the collection is dedicated to her, to his two granddaughters and to his daughter. It is named for the way one of the granddaughters pronounced "caterpillar"... before she died at age 5½ of leukemia. Also available are signed bound copies of Wilhelm's 90-piece collection.

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Tel: 472-5276

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Beachview Men's Golf Association

Beachview Golf Club kicked off their men's league Saturday, November 1st with a scramble and a welcome back luncheon. Leading the way was Jack Tukey, Tom Judson and Al Krause with a 47. Second place, and only one stroke behind, was Bjorn Olssen, Ken Gillett, Tom Maggio and Dick Grant. In third place, with a score of 48.75, were Ed Young, John Royse, Stan Sheft and Tom Kroeger.

Fishing club to meet

Tuesday, Nov. 11, the Sanibel Island Fishing Club will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Sanibel Community House on Periwinkle Way. The speaker will be Captain Tony Morelli, an experienced backbay, as well as offshore guide, who will present an in-depth program on how to catch near-shore gag grouper, king and Spanish mackerel.

Morelli has been fishing Lee County waters for over 14 years and has been a licensed guide for the past seven, operating under the name of Y-Not Charters. He fishes on a 23-foot Sea Pro using Tica rods and reels.

This will be an excellent program for local anglers interested in catching the near shore gag grouper as they make their fall migration to within 10 miles of the beaches.

Morelli will also speak on the best baits, wire and tackle for catching the fall king mackerel run, which is at its peak in late November. The club is planning a group outing for both these species on Nov. 22.

The public is invited to attend the meeting and learn more about the Sanibel Island Fishing Club. For additional information please call Charles Sobczak, president, at 472-0491.

The Dunes hosts first InterClub golf match



L-R: Joannie Secrest, June Muench, Becky Cirillo, Jodi Cothran, Crethe Christensen, Donna Griesbaum, Bonnie Byrne, and Pam Brodersen.

October 31 was a special day for the Lee Island Coast InterClub at The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club. It was the inaugural event for the InterClub group.

Jane Sweeney of the Legends Golf and Country Club in Fort Myers, and Bonnie Byrne of The Dunes, had been working separately on the concept for the past couple of years. When Jane and Bonnie got together this past May, the idea started to take fruition. It was organized over the summer with six golf clubs from the area which fielded eight ladies per team.

The format is Match Play, awarding points for low gross and low net scores. Points are accumulated throughout the season as play is held at every club from

October through April. At the end of the season, the overall winners in both divisions will be awarded beautiful traveling trophies.

Bonnie said what was the most fun and rewarding for her was seeing people get really excited and enthused about this competition. "It's peaked interest in trying to improve our golf games, to become more familiar with match play, and to continue to try to learn the rules of golf."

"The spirit of competition develops good friendships off the course and challenging competition on the course," Bonnie continued. She also commented on the wonderful wildlife that can be seen while playing at The Dunes — and — that "we


always know what to give one another for holiday gifts: golf balls and ball retrievers."

The team is grateful to Cathe Ransavage, PGA teaching professional at the Dunes, who volunteered to serve as consultant.

Donna Griesbaum is the captain for The Dunes Team. She and Bonnie were both so proud of the organization done by The Dunes in setting the standard for the season. Kevin McCune, the general manager, made it possible. Brett Graham and his staff in the Pro Shop did a very professional job of coordinating the tournament. Jim Tobin, his rangers, and cart attendants were most hospitable in greeting the ladies.

And Chris Polak, Food and Beverage Manager, and his staff did an outstanding job presenting a continental breakfast and luncheon. The effort, the hours, and the expertise that these people put in were greatly appreciated.

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Dunes	39.5	41
Forest	39.5	40.5
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Silver Chef Nancy Tracy turns food service into an affordable luxury

by Nancy Santeusano
Special to The Islander

How often have you said, "If only I didn't have to cook! Actually I love (or hate) to cook, but my problem is TIME." Planning menus, shopping for groceries and preparing meals, paying attention to dietary restrictions like "Who's on some kind of diet?" and then doing that dreaded "clean up" consumes a lot of people's most valuable commodity called TIME.

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solve your problem and turn it into an affordable luxury.

No — she's not a magician, but a person with a passion for cooking and qualified as a graduate and member of the United States Personal Chef Association.

Tracy grew up in an ethnic Hungarian neighborhood in Toledo, Ohio, just around the corner from "Tony Packo's" restaurant made famous in connection with the *Mash* TV series.

Her mother was the master shopper who would cut coupons for food savings, plan for the week, do all her shopping on Thursday, yet didn't drive! The family never went out to eat and she never repeated the same menu in a month. Sounds like some kind of bionic woman — that was her mom!

While vacationing in Australia, Nancy changed her career from kitchen design to personal chef. "I've cooked

my entire life and love to entertain." One of her favorite recommendations is "Let kids come into the kitchen, even though they don't seem too interested. Encourage them and teach them how to stir (kids love to stir), measure, chop and don't let them be like the kid who came into my kitchen and was amazed that the bottom of the stove was for more than storing pots and pans." In general, she adds, "Always check inside the oven before you begin to bake or you may be surprised!"

To kick off the fall season, Nancy held a paella demonstration at Matsumoto's Gallery. The reason she chose paella is that she is planning a trip to Spain in 2004 to attend a culinary school in San Sebastian or Barcelona, and is researching her choices.

"I like schools that take you into the market so that you can become acquainted with the region's culture." She learns how the people prepare their foods and use the ingredients specific to their region.

That's the same logic Nancy applies here, using local produce and she truly appreciates the "backyard gardeners" who give her a portion of their produce. "I'm amazed by the fruits and vegetables people grow in pots. There's nothing like picking your own produce and



Nancy Tracy

using it the same day."

In her own yard, Nancy is redoing her landscape to include lots of fruit trees like guava, mango, papaya and key lime. Her one caution is, "Wear lots of bug spray when you're working in the yard, but then I've been bitten right in my own house."



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This season, Nancy Tracy is introducing a new service where she stocks kitchens and pantries before the vacationers arrive. "I send them a grocery list and they check off what they need. If they want some "start up" food, I leave it in the refrigerator or freezer." When people are coming in late at night, the last thing they want to do is stop at an all-night store but now with this service they can enjoy fresh juice, home-made baked muffins and coffee in the morning without leaving their condo.

This is a new convenience Tracy offers on her web site: thesilverchef.com beginning in late November. This includes a listing of menus and services, background information about the silver chef, and what's new in cooking. Right now, this service can be accessed through the Chamber website: sanibel-captiva.org.

Many times people have questions about cooking. Following a food demonstration, people ask for recipes and, "If they e-mail: thesilverchef@hotmail.com, I am happy to share. There are no secrets in cooking. When people want to cook and are willing to spend time in the kitchen, everyone should be willing to share."

Much of her service is solving the "What's for dinner?" problem, preparing meals for older people with dietary restrictions, preparing and properly freezing several "ready to cook, thaw and enjoy" entrees for holiday guests



Nancy Tracy

and planning a dinner party where the hostess is not "the chief cook", organizer, shopper, server and clean-up staff.

Nancy starts with a consultation to ascertain what the client wants and needs. All menus are customized, an appointment to cook is made, and Nancy is in charge of the rest, from the initial shopping trip to whatever else the client wishes.

"I love to do 'table scaping' which is

arranging flowers and foliage from the garden and sometimes I end up serving and doing the clean-up. That's the client's call!"

"Food makes people feel happy and the choices are very individual. No one menu fits all, but the favorite top choices are the 'comfort' foods. Meat loaf and mashed potatoes, chicken and dumplings, Southern style ham and biscuits not to mention country fried steak and gravy." Whether she's using a Mediterranean ancient style of cooking

with a tanjine, a clay pot designed like a bowl but carved into a smoke stack top and unexcelled for slow cooking, or preparing a Thai or sushi dish, the silver chef has the skill to do it well.

Now if your curiosity has been peaked but you still can't quite believe all this is for real, it's time to call Silver Chef Nancy Tracy at 239-634-1246 or e-mail: thesilverchef@hotmail.com to learn how this enviable Personal Chef service can be an affordable luxury.

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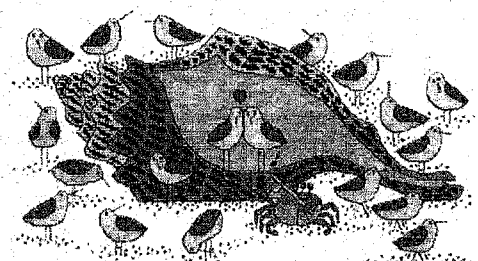
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"He said, she said:" interior designers on renovation projects with significant others

Designing or renovating your home can be stressful-especially when your significant other is involved. Many designers have stories about couples who refuse to compromise. "The role of a designer often involves being a psychologist," says Connie LeFevre of Houston's Design House, Inc.

Designers combine elements from each partner's ideas to create a unique balance, employing drastically different styles, materials and suggesting compromises to stay within budget. "Men will spend anything on stereo equipment and rugs," says Michael Foster of Michael Foster Designs in New York City. Other designers report that men often gravitate toward glass, steel and leather

and women favor draperies, stone and wood.

Foster once created a French Country room that housed leather club chairs, lace curtains and absolutely no toile to create a happy medium for a bickering couple. At other times, he recommends that clients choose more economically priced materials, such as laminate countertops instead of expensive engineered stone or granite. "Choosing today's new laminates lets couples afford higher-end appliances and cabinets," says Foster. In fact, Wilsonart International recently launched Topaz, a collection of laminate patterns that resemble engineered stone.

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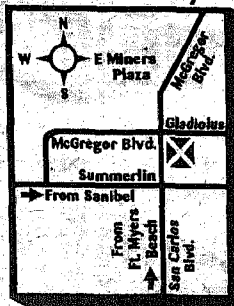
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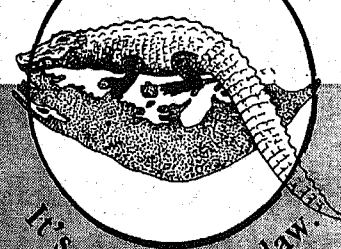
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points for couples to survive home improvement and design projects:

- Determine budget, scope and quality. Shop around and read magazines. "You will have a clearer picture to base decisions on," points out LeFevre.
- Research manufacturer offerings. Manufacturer Web sites and brochures offer product and design tips and new ways to look at things. Foster says the Wilsonart Web site provides tips on mixing laminate with other materials, such as metallic finishes on countertop backsplashes, in addition to information on upscale edge treatments that remove the brown seam associated with laminate.
- Consult with a designer. Seek the advice of a professional. It may cost you a few hundred dollars, but it will be money well spent. You can even go to a home center to talk to a staff designer. Many stores apply consultation fees toward the cost of purchases.
- Make the commitment and don't get frustrated. Expect that it will take time, have fun with it and don't get discouraged.

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Taking the plunge into bathroom renovation

How often have you flipped on the bathroom light, sighing as you look at the chipped vanity top, pink tiled bathtub and boring walls? Have you been delaying a bathroom renovation because you aren't sure where to begin or how difficult the process will be?

Well, the truth is that bathroom renovation is as easy or as difficult as you make it, as long as you keep a few tips in mind.

First, set a budget. Because product installation can account for a quarter of renovation costs, it is wise to consider products that are less labor intensive, such as factory customizable vanity tops or shower and tub surfaces.

"Many customers come into our showroom with their minds made up," said Jeff Renner, manager of McKenna's Kitchen and Bath in Rochester, N.Y. "You should look at a variety of products, keeping in mind that customizable products can save you time and money in the long run."

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A second important tip is to keep the project as simple as possible. If the plumbing doesn't need replacing and the floor is in good shape, start with subtle changes that will transform the entire look of your bathroom, such as a fresh coat of moisture-resistant paint or a new solid surface vanity top.

The next guideline for bathroom renovation is to ask for help when you need it. Because no matter how much you know about bathroom renovation, it is always helpful to work with professionals who can guide you through the project.

"Many people think they know everything about bathroom products," Renner said. "But a designer or contractor can identify a design aspect you've never thought of."

Lastly, keep a notebook of ideas for your new bathroom, such as paint chips and magazine clippings. If you're not sure where to start, research online for innovative ideas, such as the Design Center at www.transolid.com, an online tool that guides you through the



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design options for a new bath vanity.

So remember these suggestions from the experts as you take the plunge into your bathroom renovation. With a little patience and a well thought-out plan, the bathroom of your dreams is just around the corner.

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- Set a realistic budget for your bathroom renovation projects.
- Keep things as simple as possible, starting with small changes that make a big difference.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help from design and remodeling professionals who can guide you through the project.
- Compile a list of your ideas and take advantage of interactive design tools on the Internet, such as the Design Center at www.transolid.com.



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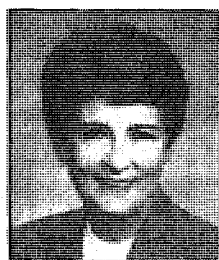
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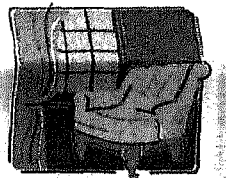
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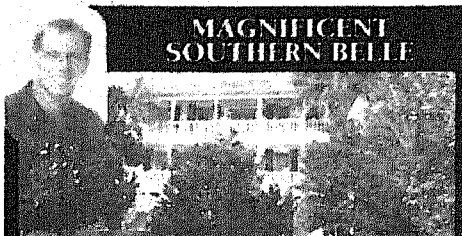
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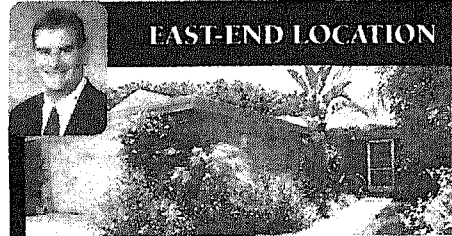
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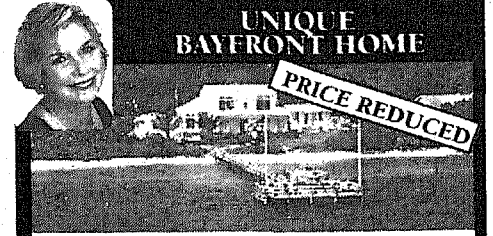
EAST-END LOCATION



- Surprisingly large, ground level
- 5 bedroom, 3 bath with dock & near beach
- Screen enclosed pool & canal front
- Formal living & dining rooms

\$899,000 (103506)
Jim Hall
472-5187 x 215

UNIQUE BAYFRONT HOME
PRICE REDUCED



- Gorgeous views of Pine Island Sound
- 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath w/2 bedroom guest cottage
- Lots of built-ins and beautifully furnished
- Garage, dock, pool and spa

\$3,750,000 (103922)
Linda Traverso
472-5187 x 226

WATER VIEW & SUNSETS



- Large lot in Herons Landing II
- Overlooking Clam Bayou
- Right at the beach path
- New construction

\$1,399,000 (102169)
Susan Andrews
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CHARMING HOME



- Private setting on quiet street
- Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath with upgrades
- Walk to rec center and school
- Near Ding Darling refuge

\$449,000 (103487)
Eric Pfeifer
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SANDALFOOR 3A3



- Corner unit on top floor
- Updated kitchen & baths
- Rental history with on-site program
- Gulf view & good income too

\$574,900 (102069)
Susan Andrews
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DIRECT GULF FRONT
PRICE REDUCED



- 1 bedroom, 1 bath at Oceans Reach
- On-site rental management
- Some of the best income on Sanibel
- Pool, tennis, covered parking & extra storage

\$605,000 (103800)
Lynda Traverso
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ASTOUNDING DIRECT GULF VIEWS



- Sundial Beach Resort
- Updated 2 bedroom + den unit
- Tennis, pool, restaurants & clubhouse
- Great rental income

\$949,000 (102868)
James & Penny Hetmanek
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GULF VIEW



- 2 bedroom, 2 bath + den
- Popular Gullside Place
- Fully furnished, great room
- Super screened lanai with views

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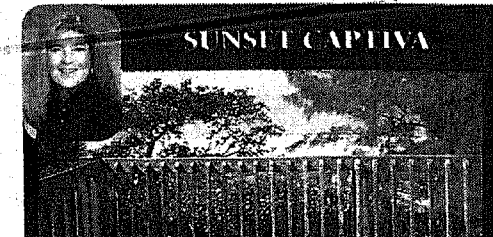
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NEW LISTING



- One of the best rental condos on the island
- 1 bedroom, 1 bath with wonderful views
- Private complex, on-site rentals, allows pets
- Beautiful beach path & furnished

\$569,000 (104038)
Rose Dakos
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SUNSET CAPTIVA



- Gulf front views from this 2 bedroom, 2 bath
- Spacious screened porch, fireplace & sun deck
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- Deeded beach access, pool, tennis, & grills

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Saddle up for Don Quixote

Kids Conspiracy mounts an original production of Don Quixote this November at the Foulds Theatre in Fort Myers. A classic farce about chivalry, this comedy is full of mirth, music and madness with a moral or two thrown in.

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 today, Friday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 9, at 2; Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. (there's no school); 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.

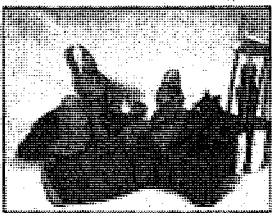
Kids Conspiracy, founded in 1999, presents quality theater year round for families using local actors. It is the children's theater division of Theatre Conspiracy, Inc., a 501 (c) non-profit theater company and the resident company of the Foulds Theatre.

Nativity exhibit opens

Aboriginals: Art of the First Person will open its first show of the winter season today with a special exhibit of Native American and other tribal nativity scenes entitled *What Child is This?*

Nativity scenes have been a part of Native American culture since the first Catholic missionaries ventured into the Southwest. In recent years, the portrayals of the holiday-oriented scenes have been executed in stunning works of pottery by some of the pueblos' finest pottery artisans.

Scenes range from four pieces to 13 pieces, by artists from Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, San Ildefonso, Santa Clara and Taos. Additional Nativity Sets from



Julian of Norwich

On Monday, Nov. 17, at 7:30 p.m., the public is invited to a performance of *Julian*, a dramatic monologue to be presented by the Rev. Linda C. Loving in the sanctuary of the Sanibel Congregational Church. The play is based on the life and times of Julian of Norwich and her written work, *Revelations of Divine Love*.

Julian, born in 1342, is the first-known Englishwoman whose written work survives. Mystic writer and spiritual guide, she survived the Hundred Years' War, three outbreaks of the Black Plague that reduced the population of England by half, the Peasants Revolt, and the Great Western Schism. In our time of international and national anxiety and violence, her words of forgiveness and reconciliation speak across generations and offer profound hope.

Loving, who is the pastor and head of staff at the House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. a Master's of Divinity from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. She has presented this particular play for 11 years across the country and recently in Norwich, England, in Julian's home church.

A freewill offering will be accepted with any proceeds above expenses to go to Brightest Horizon Mission, a daycare center for children of the working



poor in Harlem Heights.

On Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., a Woman's Retreat will be held in Fellowship Hall of the church to reflect on the themes from Julian of Norwich. A check for \$25 payable to SCWIM at the church includes lunch. A reservation is required.

For further information, please call the church office at 472-0497.

African tribal peoples also will be exhibited. This show, which has been presented annually for 10 years, runs through Nov. 30.

Aboriginals... which features fine tribal art from Native America, Australia, Africa and the Arctic is in its 14th year of operation at 2340 Periwinkle Way, in The Village. Its phone number is 395-2200 and the hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Find Aboriginals on the web at www.tribalworks.com.

Exhibit continues at Tower Gallery

Collaborations / Innovations—A Very Special Show, the exhibit of 12-inch-by-12-inch pieces created by the coop's artists, continues at the Tower Gallery. The concept was to create modular, uniform pieces in such a way that each individual piece, when hung together becomes a part of a much


larger work of art. The art can be purchased individually or as a group... or one can pick and choose between all the modular pieces to create an individual work of art.

As one of the most diverse galleries in Southwest Florida, Tower represents an assorted body of work, ranging from raku, art glass, fine-art furniture, hand-painted wooden bowls and handcrafted jewelry to paintings, drawings, photography and sculpture.

Collaborations / Innovations will hang through November. For more information, call 472-4557 or visit our web site: www.towergallery-sanibel.com.



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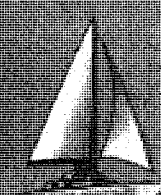
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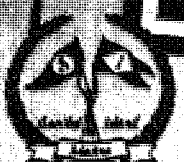
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Island writers to meet

A joint meeting of the Island Writers Groups will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at the Sanibel Community Church in Roms 107-109. The well-known island author, Charles Sobczak, will discuss his latest and most timely novel, *A Choice of Angels*, which explores the divisions that exist between Christian and Islamic cultures.

The program starts at 7 p.m. immediately following a 6:30 business meeting. It is open to the public and a great opportunity for anyone who wants to learn more about the islands' writers groups.

Uncanned tuna

Theatre Conspiracy once again proudly presents *A Tuna Christmas* by Jaston Williams and Joe Sears.

A Tuna Christmas revisits the town of Tuna, Texas, a hilarious little hamlet where the population is, to say the least, unique. This installment has them all wrapped up in the season of giving. The Holiday hubbub includes the annual yard display contest, Christmas pageant censorship and a mysterious phantom stirring up some Christmas chaos — 22 characters played by two of the area's finest actors — Bill Taylor and Pete Alexsy.

Performances will be staged at the Foulds Theatre in Fort Myers Nov. 20 through 22, 28 and 29 and Dec. 4 through 6 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 23 and 30 at 2.

Tickets are \$16, \$7 for students, and may be reserved by calling 936-3239.

Gallery hosts Causey

Join Crossed Palms Gallery at Bokeelia in welcoming this month's featured artist, Teri Causey, on Friday, Nov. 14, from 4 to 9 p.m.

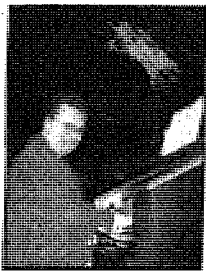
Causey is a Fort Myers resident who paints her handmade furniture in a signature whimsical, tropical style.

These Crossed Palms Meet-the-Artist nights are filled with fun, beautiful art, good friends, delicious refreshments and unforgettable views of Charlotte Harbor. The gallery is located at 8315 Main Street in Bokeelia, on the north end of Pine Island overlooking Charlotte Harbor. It is open daily year-round from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information or directions, please call the gallery at 283-2283.

Sing... and help feed the hungry

Area residents can start celebrating the holidays and help feed the hungry at the annual Holiday Carol Sing-a-long at



Fran Cimmino will accompany the Singalong

Harborside Event Center on Tuesday, Dec. 9. There is no charge for the event, although everyone who attends is encouraged

to bring canned food for Community Cooperative Ministries.

Ronald McDonald House benefit

The 3rd Annual Bonita Springs Holiday Arts & Crafts Show will be held Nov. 15 and 16 at the Bonita Springs Plaza. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, 10 to 4 Sunday, the show features fine artists and craftspeople from around the U.S. and Canada and benefits the Ronald McDonald House of Southwest Florida.

Annual Holiday Art Affair



Bird Buddies

Marcia Hopkins-York

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Florida has announced the date for its second annual *Holiday Art Affair* to benefit their Making It On Purpose project. The event will be held Saturday, Nov. 22, the evening before Thanksgiving, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the historic Heitman House on the river in Downtown Fort Myers.

A fantastic evening of art, dance, music and so much more, the show includes over 32 local artists who will be displaying some of the finest work available in Southwest Florida. Their holiday gifts and artwork will be for sale that evening with a portion of the proceeds donated to Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Culinary delights created by Jayne's Victorian Garden are included in the ticket price along with wine, music and entertainment. Give your holiday shopping a pleasant jumpstart! This will definitely be a night to remember. Tickets may be purchased at the Blue Pepper on College Parkway, Jayne's Victorian Garden Café off McGregor by the Landings or by calling the Big Brothers/Big Sisters office at 278-0003. Ticket prices are \$30 each or two for \$50.

The local Making It On Purpose program is a national pilot project for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. It seeks to identify at least some of the 133 teenage girls currently in foster care in our area who are approaching independent living status in order to match them with women in the community who can provide them with some coaching and mentoring.

Current statistics show that one in four will re-enter the "system" through incarceration and another will become drug- or alcohol-dependent.

Cinderella in Florida?

At this month's meeting of the Tamiami Tale Tellers on Thursday, Nov. 20, folktales from around the world will be placed in a Florida setting. The TTT meeting takes place at 7 p.m. at The Grand Court, 8351 College Parkway in Fort Myers.

"Folktales ignore borders and boundaries. They live and flourish wherever they are taken," Sanibel spokesperson

Bert MacCarry explained. "Folktales have traveled from one continent to another and across the oceans with traders, travelers, sailors, immigrants, and slaves."

At the TTT meeting, storytellers may choose a folktale from any one world culture and adapt it to a Florida setting. "Perhaps a Florida Cinderella story will be told — adding it to the thousands of other variants on this tale which probably holds the record for worldwide adaptation," MacCarry said.

TTT meetings are free and open to the public for ages 5 to 95. Both tellers and listeners are welcome. For information, call 472-1781.

Songwriters follow dreams

Nashville Song Search offers critical exposure for budding songwriters to music industry insiders. Winners in seven categories are flown to the city where Patsy Cline first lent her ethereal voice to "I Fall To Pieces" and Hank Williams recorded "Lovesick Blues." Category winners stay at the Hilton across from the Country Music Hall of Fame, play in the round at the world-famous Bluebird Café, and will be guests of honor at a concert hosted by singer, songwriter and Mercury/Nashville recording artist Terri Clark.

The seven categories for adults are Ballad, Up Tempo, Perfect for Terri (Clark), Traditional Country, Crossover, and Parody. Songwriters under 18 years old on Nov. 15, 2003, may enter in the Under 18 category. Judging will be based on originality, lyrics and melody.

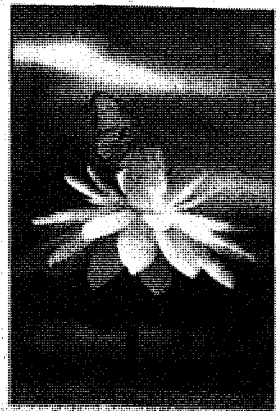
The Grand Prize winner will perform on a CMA Music Festival stage and sign autographs from a festival booth. He or she will receive a professional promo package to pitch the winning song to major record labels. The winner also scores a mentoring session with a hit country songwriter, a \$1,500 Garrison guitar, a six-hour songwriter's inside tour of Music City, and a lesson with a master guitarist.

One hundred percent of the \$25 entry fee benefits the Nashville Crisis Center, a free 24-hour Crisis Counseling Center that has served Music City for 35 years.

The contest deadline is Nov. 30, 2003. An entry form may be requested by calling (615) 298-3359 Ext. 231; by mail from Nashville Song Search, Post Office Box 41309, Nashville, TN 37204; or downloaded from the website www.nashvillesongsearch.com.

Art in the Garden

The Naples Botanical Garden hosts its 2nd Annual Art in the Garden show the weekend before Thanksgiving (Nov. 22 & 23). The show includes the work of 11 area artists who work in fused glass, oils, jewelry, mixed media painting, photography and sculpture. A few of them are Tiite Baquero, Jessica Geraghty, Jennifer Deane and Perry Thompson.



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At BIG ARTS

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celebrating 25 years of growing success on her own, BIG ARTS will open the 2003-2004 Performers season with pianist Esther Budiardjo on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. Budiardjo has received wide acclaim from any respected music critics both in the United States and abroad and was warmly received in Schein Hall two years ago. Born in Jakarta, Indonesia, Esther Budiardjo now lives in Vancouver, British Columbia. She received her Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate from the New England Conservatory of Music as well as an Presidential Scholar Award. Her 1997 released third recording, featuring works by Moszkowski and Brahms, received high praise from Gramophone magazine — "Budiardjo is clearly a pianist to watch and her warm-toned instrument has been excellently recorded... a pianist with special tonal depth and grace who fills every bar with her music-making." Her awards include a first prize at the 1996 William Kapell International Piano Competition and first prize at several other international competitions. In addition to performing across North America, she has toured Japan and Europe and appeared in Paris and New York with the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. She became a United Nations Artist in October 1999. Budiardjo has also given recitals in New York at Lincoln Center and Kennedy

Center, and in Boston's Jordan Hall. The Boston Globe said, "Esther Budiardjo belongs to the elect pianists of our age... Her playing summoned laughter and tears; made the mind work, the spirits soar." The Washington Post said, "Budiardjo channels her brilliant technique into the heart of the matter... [Her] wide-ranging arpeggios, shimmering tremolos, sensitive pedal work, extended legato and sheer energy transformed the piano into radiant showers of orchestral impressionism."

Tickets are available for \$25. The BIG ARTS box office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — 395-0900.

Phillips Gallery exhibit

On Saturday, Nov. 15th, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., you are invited to meet the Artists-Teachers of BIG ARTS whose works will be on display in Phillips Gallery through the end of the month. Those who teach classes at BIG ARTS are well-trained artists who bring to their students a variety of experiences and techniques, along with a love of art. Carol Hagerman, an instructor in watercolor, believes, as did Joseph Conrad, that the artist "speaks to our capacity for delight and wonder," and it is this "delight and wonder" that she wishes her students to experience.

The faculty is a distinguished group. Greg Biolchini's portraits and step-by-step demonstrations are included in Woolwich's book, *The Art of Pastel Portraiture*, and Biolchini's acrylic painting "Great Blue Heron" was a first place winner in the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission's Competition. Ann Kittel's work was selected to be among that of 150 artists in Walt Disney World's Festival of the Masters. William North, who has pursued dual careers in business (as VP of Cunard and director of marketing at Mystic Seaport) and in art, creates both citrus portraits and lovely landscapes, inspired by the Edenic places that still exist in Southwest Florida. Joan Funga Klutch's cutting-edge work, which is both exciting and calming, appears in numerous private and corporate collections. Klutch welcomes to her classes students of all levels who wish to explore monotype and solar plate etching.

The faculty members see themselves as artists, teachers, and students. Mona Gleitz has studied nature printing under Renata Sawyer at Selby Gardens and with Mineo

Yamamoto, a master of Gyotaku. Like all worthy teachers, Helen Bailer, a basket weaver, says she has "never stopped learning and trying new techniques." Douglas Flynt believes that because he is "aware of the thought processes in representational translation of chosen subject matter," he "can introduce students to these processes." Students can then adapt them to "their own particular temperaments and needs."

Pilar Baker, a goldsmith who turns puzzle-shaped pieces of art into jewels, espouses as her credo William James' view: "It is art that makes life. And I know of no substitute whatsoever for the force and beauty of its process."

There is artwork on view by many more instructors who teach a large variety of studio and art classes that range from oil, gouache, and acrylic painting, drawing and life drawing, to sculpture, casting in clay, pottery and ceramics, plus furniture painting, tile making and glass fusing.

On Nov. 15 all these artists will be on hand to meet you and discuss their talents and your artistic dreams. Come experience the vibrancy of their works. Plan to involve yourself in the exciting process of creating art.

The exhibit is open daily from 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Sunday, in Phillips Gallery through Nov. 30. For information about classes and other activities, call 395-0900.

Taylor to teach master class

Explore your creative potential with the spontaneous art process of monotype with



Cathy Taylor. Taylor returns to BIG ARTS to teach a master class on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14 & 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. A fun, extremely productive workshop for beginners and

advanced art students, monotype printmaking will focus on methods and technique for producing high quality prints without a press. The cost is \$95 for the two days.

A monotype is a single print created by transferring an image painted on a surface such as Plexiglas to paper. Monotype allows the artist to create textures and surface effects that cannot be obtained by using a brush.

Each morning will begin with a fun demonstration followed by lots of time to experiment. A large body of work will be produced in a short period of time with high levels of success. Artists of all levels are welcome.

Taylor is an award-winning artist. Her work is featured at the Tower Gallery on Sanibel as well as in corporate and private collections throughout the U.S. and abroad. She has studied with well-known artists such as Frank Webb, Judy Betts, Linda Doll, Carole Barnes, Polly Hammett, and Mary Todd Beam.

For more information and to register, call BIG ARTS, 395-0900.

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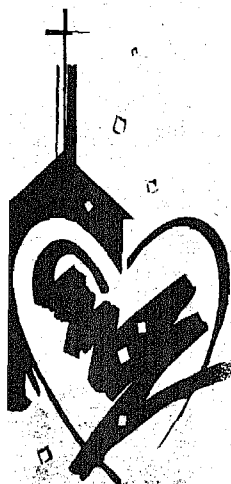
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GULF COAST SYMPHONY IN CONCERT

The Gulf Coast Symphony has announced a new recital series at the Arcade Theatre. This three-concert series features artists who are part of the Symphony's Artist in Residence program. The first concert, Sunday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m.,



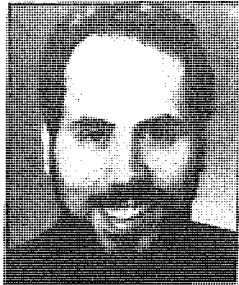
Maci Miller

features jazz singer and songwriter Maci Miller accompanied by the gifted young jazz pianist, Frank Ponzio, from New York City. They will be joined by Symphony members Leonard Mlejnek on drums & Robert Leisure on bass. The concert is devoted to the music of the great American songwriters — Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Rodgers & Hammerstein, Lerner & Loewe and others.

Miller's first album, *A Very Good Night*, first released in late 2000, raced to the top of the jazz charts and is now being distributed internationally. She has quickly become a much-in-demand artist. In December she leaves for a four month engagement in Singapore, performing in the most renowned jazz club in Asia. She regularly appears in concert up and down the East Coast of the United States and recently has performed with full symphony backup as part of her *A Very Good Night* tour. Next season she will perform a brand new show with the Gulf Coast Symphony, *Great Women of Jazz*. Miller's silky voice, great

stage personality, and impressive interpretations of jazz standards make her one of the top young female artists in the Jazz world.

The recital series continues on March 22 with Broadway star Ravil Atlas who performed the role of Jean Valjean in over 1,000 performances of the Broadway blockbuster, *Les Misérables*. He will perform *Tenor Jokes: The life, music and mind of a tenor (be afraid, be VERY*



Ravil Atlas

afraid). A veteran of the Broadway, opera and concert stages across the United States and around the world, he has performed in more than 65 productions that include more than 30 leading opera roles and dozens of portrayals in Broadway shows. Atlas will also perform in the Gulf Coast Symphony's *Andrew Lloyd Webber & Stephen Sondheim Spectacular* March 21 at Barbara B. Mann Hall.

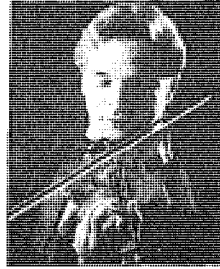
The Downtown Recital Series at The Arcade ends May 10, with the return to Fort Myers of violinist Emil Chudnovsky, accompanied by pianist Michael Sheppard, in a recital dedicated to violin & piano classics. This will be a program of well-loved favorites, sure to please everyone, from the aficionado to the most serious classical music lover. Chudnovsky recently won first place in the Valsesia Musica International Violin competition and a major prize at the

Lipizer International Competition to add to his already impressive list of over a dozen major international competition awards. Sheppard just won the prestigious American Piano Association Competition and has become a sought-after chamber music collaborator and accompanist. Chudnovsky will also perform the Tchaikovsky violin concerto with the symphony during the Concert & Conversation program on May 8 at BIG Arts.

Tickets to the recitals are \$25 each and can be purchased in person at the Arcade box office or by calling 332-4488.

The Symphony's Galloway Magic Carpet Family Concert Series is a partnership with the Galloway Family, the oldest and most respected automotive organization in Southwest Florida. Designed for children of all ages and especially for families, these free one-hour concerts are the perfect introduction to the symphony orchestra. Demonstrations, explanations, and one-on-one interaction with orchestra members are all elements of these exciting and captivating concerts. The Magic Carpet Family Concerts are held on Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. and are scheduled for Nov. 23 — *Classic Bugs! and Other Toons* and April 18, 2004 — *Disney Magic*.

The Gulf Coast Symphony's Artist Residency Program brings well-established



Emil Chudnovsky

professional artists to the Fort Myers area to spend two weeks sharing their expertise with all members of the community. The artists will perform with the symphony, in public recital, for various retirement communities, and do master classes and presentations with six school partners. These partners include the Gateway Elementary Magnet School for Cultural Diversity, Cypress Lake Center for the Arts High School & Middle School, Florida Gulf Coast University and Buckingham Special Needs School. This program is generously underwritten in part by the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, the City of Fort Myers Cultural Department, and the Galloway Family of Dealerships.

In addition to Galloway, the Foundation and the City of Fort Myers, the Gulf Coast Symphony's 2003-2004 sponsors include American Eagle/American Airlines, Times of the Islands, WGSU, the Southwest Florida Regional Medical Center, and Country Inn & Suites.

The symphony's music director and founder, Dr. Andrew Kurtz, received his doctorate from the Peabody Conservatory of Music. Kurtz is also producing artistic director of the Opera Theater of Philadelphia and conductor of the Metropolitan Repertory Ballet in New York City. In addition, he serves as a conductor and teacher at the Luzerne Music Festival.

For more information about orchestra membership or the concert season, please call the Gulf Coast Symphony office at 472-6197 or e-mail info@gulfcoastsymphony.org

~ National Storytelling Week ~

A resolution proclaiming the observance of National Storytelling Week, Nov. 16-22, has been issued by the Lee County Board of Commissioners.

The resolution commends the observance of National Storytelling Week "to all the citizens of the community" and refers to the art of storytelling as "a valuable way to share world folklore, legends and history, to preserve personal and family tales, and to bind the community with laughter and the wisdom of the ages in many cultures."

The resolution also commends the local storytelling guild, the Tamiami Tale Tellers for "promoting, preserving and perpetuating storytelling in the Lee County community" — with sponsorship of monthly meetings and workshops for teachers, librarians, parents, grandparents, and "all those persons who see the value of storytelling in their daily lives."

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Noel & Bert MacCarry, the Story Tellers of Sanibel

tional event, will be observed locally on Saturday night, Nov. 22, under the sponsorship of the Tale Tellers. The location is the Fellowship Hall of the Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2439 McGregor Boulevard, two blocks south of the Edison Home, in Fort Myers. The free performance of

Folktales From Around the World will take place from 6:30 to 9 p.m. with an intermission at 7:30. There will be 12 Tamiami Tale Tellers and a guest teller, Native American Laura Rider, of Pine Island.

The Tamiami Tale Tellers is one of thousands of storytelling guilds in the United States and abroad who will be observing Tellabration 2003! an annual event that was launched 15 years ago in Connecticut and later became sponsored by the National Storytelling Network in Jonesborough, Tenn.

For more information, call 472-1781

HOLIDAY DEADLINES

Thanksgiving

Thur. Nov. 27th

Sanibel Shopper's Guide

Nov. 27th issue

Proof Ad Deadline: Fri. Nov. 21, 5pm

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CENTER STAGE

Rep's play reading series starts

The Florida Repertory Theatre opened this year's New Play Reading season on Monday, Oct. 27, with the first of the five plays in the series. Titled *Almighty Bob* by Tom Mula, this play could prove to be another winner by this award-winning playwright, actor and director. Mula has been around for more than 25 years and in the interim received two Joseph Jefferson Awards for his play *Golem* at the National Jewish Theatre and for his work on Nicole Hollander's hit musical, *Sylvia's Real Good Advice*. A novel, *Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol* (the backstage version of Dicken's *Scrooge* story told by Marley's Ghost) became a Chicago Tribune best seller. When produced as a play, it premiered at Chicago's Goodman Theatre, where it received four Jefferson nominations, as well as the After Dark Award. Since then it has successfully played numerous other prestigious theaters across the country. Mula may just have another award-winner with *Almighty Bob* — after a few rewrites and a bit of pruning and tightening — if the audience response to it last week is any indication.

But first, I'd like to fill you in on how this new play reading series works. Five plays are chosen from a submission pool of hundreds by a team of readers from the Florida Rep staff. The plays, which have never been fully produced or published, are chosen on the basis of content, use of language, and originality and are written by some of America's hottest young playwrights. The goal of the series is to find, develop and eventually workshop the best new American plays.

A large part of the series' success derives from the audience; that is what makes the project incredibly exciting and interesting. The audience talk-back after the performance is the time when audience members are given the opportunity to voice their opinions, questions and suggestions about the piece that they have just heard. They are asked to fill out surveys in which they rate various aspects of the play. The audience discussion is taped and sent, along with copies of all the surveys, to the playwright. This feedback truly is most important to the writer for, as Neil Simon once remarked, "Plays are not written but re-written."

Almighty Bob is set in a present day, assisted living facility where God has come to earth in the guise of a feisty old man

named Bob. God (Niels Miller), or Bob, keeps blowing his cover because he simply can't control making miracles happen. The miracle of the loaves and the fishes, for example, becomes in the present day the miracle of the fish sticks and the hamburger buns. Plants randomly grow to gigantic size in the blink of an eye. Claire (Betty Madonna), one of the residents, finds she can suddenly kick up her heels and walk without the aid of a walker. Nerdy but nice Dr. Wally (Zolan Henderson) successfully can ask for and get a date with Karen (Erin Liston), Bob's earthly daughter. Nurse Colleen (Rebekah Eller) turns out to be a real angel in disguise. Money grabbing meany, Mr.

Carmichael (Ken Johnson), gets his comeuppance for trying to close down the home and open a Krispy Kreme store. And last, but not least, death, herein named Joeyjo (Ryan Gilreath), a spike-haired punk with piercings, is able to take God and return Him back to His real home in heaven.

This delightful, fanciful, fantasy made for a wonderful evening's entertainment which the audience thoroughly enjoyed. The capable cast (which had a mere five

hours rehearsal) gave a sensitive and yet vastly humorous reading. There was one particular standout — a tender moment between Miller and Madonna when Bob comforted Claire, and both ended up singing "You Are My Sunshine."

The general audience consensus about *Almighty Bob* was that the playwright has a really good first draft, one well worth exploring further; that the play needs some clarification in the opening moments; and that

Almighty Bob is a definite possibility for full production on the main stage. And kudos were given all around to director Bari Livingstone and the extraordinary cast of actors.

I would recommend that you put these new play readings on your list of interesting things to do on Monday nights at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 per reading and free when you donate \$100 or more to Florida Rep. The next offering is on Dec. 8 when *The Contrite Spirit* by Denis J. Harrington is read. The play is described as "an entertaining mysterious comedy about a man who moves into a haunted house."

Phone the Box office 332-4488 for details and/or tickets and, when you do, tell 'em Marsha sent you.



MARSHA WAGNER



Anne Morrow Lindbergh & Sally Ride

Lindbergh Symposium Nov. 15

This year's Lindbergh Symposium — *Wings to Lift the World* — is an official Centennial of Flight event. Several well-known speakers associated with Charles and Anne Lindbergh will focus on significant achievements in aviation history and the Lindberghs' shared vision of a balance between technological advancement and environmental preservation.

Charles Lindbergh was one of the first people to receive the Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy after Orville Wright's death in 1948. Lindbergh met Orville shortly after his historic solo flight from New York to Paris in 1927 and served for many years on the Board of NACA (the precursor of NASA). In the closing sentences of his acceptance speech for the Wright Trophy, Lindbergh was thus not just honoring an American icon who gave mankind a new dimension to explore, but also someone he knew, admired and called a friend... "In honoring the Wright brothers, it is proper and customary to emphasize their contribution to scientific progress. But I believe it is equally important to emphasize

the qualities in their pioneering life and the character in man that such a life produced. The Wright brothers balanced success with modesty; science with simplicity. At Kitty Hawk, their intellects and senses worked in mutual support. They represented man in balance. And from that balance



came wings to lift a world."

The speakers will address that idea of "balance" — balance of heritage and horizon, insight and foresight, nature and technology — how they all came together at Kitty Hawk in 1903 and how they come together today.

Confirmed speakers include:

• **Jim Fowler**, a Lindbergh Award recipient, internationally noted naturalist, authority on predatory birds and media spokesman for wildlife conservation. Fowler earned international acclaim for his work as co-host and host of *Mutual of*

Omaha's *Wild Kingdom* and, later, the *Spirit of Adventure* program.

• **Sergei Sikorsky**, early pioneer in the helicopter search and rescue field, past vice president of United Technologies Sikorsky Aircraft USA. Sergei Sikorsky is the son of Igor Sikorsky, who invented and flew the world's first practical operational helicopter and worked with Charles Lindbergh on the early amphibian aircraft that paved the way for future commercial international air travel.

• **Dr. Richard Hallion**, the eminent aviation historian and author of *Taking Flight; Inventing the Aerial Age*. He is the author of many significant books on aviation including the history of the Guggenheim Fund for which he conferred with Charles Lindbergh just before Lindbergh's death.

• **Dr. Lawrence Lawson-Johnston**, former Lindbergh Foundation Board member, relative of aviation visionaries Daniel and Harry Guggenheim, and chairman of the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation. He is also the honorary chair of The Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation and a senior partner at Guggenheim Brothers.

• **Kristina Lindbergh**, granddaughter of Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

• **Margaret Eiluned Morgan**, the Lindberghs' niece and president of The Earth Shine Institute and Lindbergh Symposium, will welcome participants and provide some opening remarks.

• **Reeve Lindbergh**, the Lindberghs' daughter, an award-winning author and president of The Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation, will close the symposium.

The symposium will take place in the Sprint Room of the Whittaker Building at Florida Gulf Coast University on Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a reception and book signing with the speakers from 5 to 6. The admission fee is \$50, which includes all speaker sessions, lunch, refreshments and the reception/book-signing. Books authored by symposium speakers, as well as the Lindberghs, will be available for purchase at the reception/book-signing, and several speakers are invited to participate in the signing. Whittaker Hall is handicap accessible.

More information and a registration forms are available on the Web at www.earthshineinstitute.com. Registration forms can also be requested by phone at 334-2154 Ext. 125 or by e-mail at lindbergh@wwrepcpa.com.

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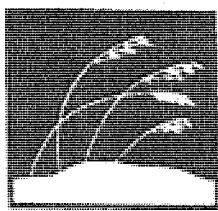


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\$100 for the five days

A class designed to jump-start those who are "blocked" and further encourage those who are inspired to try something new. Margo will demonstrate some techniques she uses and share all the knowledge she has accumulated over the years.

5 Day Acrylic Workshop, Greg Biotchini

Monday - Friday, 9 - 4 each day

January 26-30

\$250 for the five days.

This prominent professional artist/ teacher has previously taught pastels at BIG ARTS. This year he offers an acrylic painting workshop designed to give each participant a good foundation for painting with acrylic. For all levels of painting experience including beginners

Gouache, Margaret Huddy

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"No Mistakes Watermedia" Cathy Taylor

Fri, Sat., & Sun., 10 - 4 each day December

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Beginners and experts alike are welcome.

Class will explore different areas of watermedia from transparent watercolors to gouache, acrylic and collage.

Collage, Margo Vigorito

One Day, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, January 14,

\$80 for the full day.

Learn how versatile paint & collage can be.

Painting from Photographs,

Margo Vigorito

Two Days, January 15 & 16, 2004

Thursday & Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

\$135 for the two days

Margo will demonstrate several shortcuts, proving that great pieces can be done from photos.

Basketry, Helen Baller

Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

December 3

\$55 (includes supplies)

In just one day make a treasured heirloom under the expertise of Helen in her studio. Popular - Register early.

Introduction to Layout and Design

Carol Rosenberg

Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

January 8 -29

Four-week series \$60

Painting, all levels, Oil & Acrylic

Lois Ferguson

Friday, 9 a.m.- Noon

November 7-December 19

(no class November 28)

January 2-February 6, 2004

Six week series \$75 • The class focuses on color mixing and design as the key elements for beautiful creative paintings. This is not a "paint along with the teacher" class. "My concern," says Lois, "is for the artists' desire to develop their own individual style."

ART CLASSES

Watercolors - Advanced, Anne Kittel

Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

January 13-February 17

Six-week series \$85

Join this instructor whose watercolor paintings have been shown in several national exhibitions. Created with transparent water color on paper, the subject of these semi-abstract paintings varies from landscape to still life, floral and people engaged in different activities.

Drawing for Painting, Joan Bitzer

Friday, 9 a.m. - Noon, January 9-30

Four-week series \$55

A sketch and drawing class in preparation for painting - designed for the beginner as well as anyone interested in becoming aware of design, texture and composition.

Life Drawing, Douglas Flynt

Thursday, 1:30-4:30 p.m. November 6-

December 4, January 8-29.

4 week series \$95 (includes model)

Emphasis on strategies for observing and analyzing what one sees. Gesture, tilts and angles, horizontal and vertical plum lines, triangulation to find placement, measuring techniques, explanations of form, structural points on the body, aesthetics of shape and line and more.

Non -Instructed Life Drawing

Carol Rosenberg

Monday, 1-3 p.m. November 3 - 24

December 1 - 22, January 5 - 26

4 week series \$60 (includes model)

Each participant works independently from a live model to develop his own artistic style. Short and sustained poses.

Nature Printing on Fabric

Techniques on Fabric and Paper

Mona Gleitz

Thursday, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Single session each month, \$35

December 4, 2003, January 22, 2004

For all levels. • Using fresh flowers and leaves from the garden, this ancient technique enables the artist to record detailed images of object found in nature.

Paint Along, Carol Hagerman

Tuesday, 9 a.m.-Noon

January 20-February 24.

Six-week series \$80

Join this popular instructor as she paints along and then helps you personally with suggestions. Workshops are for the beginning or intermediate watercolorist.

Advanced Acrylics, Don Maurer

Wednesday, 1 - 4 p.m.

November 5 - December 10,

January 7 - February 11.

Six-week series, \$90 • A course designed to give students, already familiar with acrylics more in-depth painting techniques, addressing color mixing, gauging values, balancing the composition and creating the focal point.

Photography as Art, George Graham

Monday, 9 a.m.-Noon January 5-26

Tuesday, 9 a.m.-Noon January 6-27

Four-week series \$80 • All classes for beginners and intermediate photographers. Join

this personable talented instructor and discover the true art of photography. Class will study composition, lighting and exposure along with personal instruction. Beginners and advanced students welcome.

Plein Aire Landscape, Douglas Flynt

Thursday, 9 a.m.-Noon

November 6-December 18

January 8-February 12

Six-week series \$95 • Oil paint emphasized,

open to other Media. Course will emphasize strategies for observing and analyzing what one sees, various techniques and selections. For all levels.

Printmaking, Carrie Marcellis

Tuesday, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

November 4- December 9

Six-week series, \$70

BIG ARTS Refund Policy

Refunds of class tuition will be made if cancellation is requested at any time prior to the start of the second class in the course. If the student cancels after the first class, the refund will be paid less the single class fee. There will be no refund after the second class.

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Pilar Baker

Friday, 1-3 p.m.

November 7 - December 19

(no class November 28)

January 9 - February 13

Six-week series \$95 • Explore basic design, metalsmithing techniques including sawing, filing, soldering, shaping, drilling, texturing, and finishing while producing a piece of metal jewelry. The first project will be a pendant utilizing overlay.

Decorative Furniture Painting,

Lois Ferguson

Wednesday 9 a.m. - Noon

November 5-December 10

January 7-February 11

(Five weeks \$65)

November 6-December 18

January 8-February 12

Six week series \$75 • A fun class for the person who wishes to learn how to prepare old or new unfinished furniture and accessories for decorative finishes, includes all types of faux finishes - marbling, sponging, animal prints or decorative accents. Additionally, learn how to paint a canvas floor cloth, add mosaic tiles to items and more.

Molding and Casting, Terry Flannery

Thursday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

November 20 - December 18

(No class November 27) • 4 week series, \$40 plus supplies • Learn to make a simple latex mold and plaster jacket producing copies in clay and other materials. Great gifts for Christmas and other special occasions.

Clay, Sculpting, Ceramics

Marjorie Bronsted

Wednesday, 3:30 - 6 p.m.

October 15 - November 19

November 26-December 17

January 7-February 11

Six-week series \$72 plus clay

Four-week series (November-December)

\$50 plus clay • Leading with lectures and demonstrations, Marjorie guides her students toward creativity - all with good grace and a great sense of humor.

3-D Portraits In Clay, Terry Flannery

Thursday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

October 9 - November 13

January 8 - February 12

Six-week series, \$60 plus supplies

Students will be taken through the basic construction of the face - capture a realistic facial expression which is charming and funny - finishing a three dimensional relief on clay.

Working With Clay, Terry Flannery

Monday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

November 3-December 8

Six-week series \$72 plus clay

Glass Fusing, Petra Kaiser

Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Holiday Gifts - December 4-18

Three-week series \$45 plus supplies

January 8 - February 5

Five-week series \$75 plus supplies.

Students will learn the techniques of firing a kiln, kiln sitting, mold making, design possibilities while making jewelry, small plates, bowls and more. No special skills needed.

Pottery on the Wheel, Tim Smith

Tuesday, 6:30 - 9 p.m.

November 11 - December 16

January 6 - February 10

six week series \$72 plus clay

MUSIC**BIG ARTS Kiwanis Community Band**

Monday, 7 p.m. Ongoing, \$3 per session

Get back to playing your instrument of the past or present or even the future. Come and find out how you can be part of this fun group.

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Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m.

Ongoing, \$15 per month

Join this friendly group for a weekly fun-filled evening singing exciting new music and some of the old standards. No tryouts!

Jazz History, Jack Bailey

Monday 10 a.m.-Noon Swing Era

November 17-December 15

5 week series \$40

Music Studio

Lessons in Piano, Guitar, Flute, Drums, Steel Drums, Trombone, and Voice Call for scheduling. \$20.00 per lesson, ½ hour

FOR RELAXATION & STIMULATION**Mindful Yoga, Brian Healy**

Saturday, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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LANGUAGE**French for Beginners, Marcia Parish**

Wednesday, 9:15-10:45 a.m.

November 12-December 17, 2003

January 7-February 11, 2004

Six week series \$60

Learn the basics, quality not quantity, colors, numbers, days, months, seasons, etc., limited conversation and grammar.

French-Intermediate, Marcia Parish

Wednesday, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

November 12-December 17, 2003

January 7-February 11, 2004

Six week series \$60

Advanced Conversational French

Serine Bonnist

Monday, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

November 10 - December 15, 2003

January 12-February 16, 2004

6 week series \$60

For those who love to speak the language.

Italian, Conversational Carl Grispino

Friday, 9:30-11 a.m. December 5-19, 2003

3 week series \$30

January 9 - February 13, 2004

Six week series \$60

Spanish, Barbara PetersonMonday, **Beginning:** 9-10:30 a.m.**Intermediate:** 10:35 a.m.-12:05 p.m.

October 20-November 24, 2003

December 1, 2003-January 5, 2004

January 12-February 16, 2004

Six week series \$60

DANCE**Adult Tap Workout, Vanessa Stocker**

Tuesday, 12 - 1:30 p.m.

September 16 - October 21, 2003

October 28 - December 2, 2003

December 9 - January 13, 2004

January 20 - February 24, 2004

Six-week series \$60 Previous tap instruction is suggested but not required.

Belly Dancing' Vanessa Stocker

(For Children 12 and older & Adults)

Tuesday, 6:45 - 7:45 p.m.

September 30 - November 4, 2003

November 11 - December 16, 2003

January 6 - February 10, 2004

Six-week series \$60

For beginners. Learn the ancient and exotic art of belly dancing. You'll enjoy it so much, your body won't even know it's exercise.

Tap with Joy Schein**Beginners Tap**

Wednesday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

November 5-December 10, 2003

December 17, 2003 - January 21, 2004

Six-week series \$60

Intermediate Tap

Wednesday, 9-10:30 a.m.

November 5 - December 10, 2003

December 17, 2003 - January 21, 2004

Six-week series \$65

Advanced Tap

Friday, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

November 7 - December 10, 2003

December 19 - January 23, 2004

(No class Nov 27 and January 2)

Six-week series \$55

Natural Movement Dance - Adults

J. J. Cochrane

Tuesday, 9 - 10 a.m. November 11 -

December 16, 2003

January 6 - February 10, 2004

6 week series \$70

Take a step into inspiration and let the tensions of the world melt away. This is an hour of pure enjoyment as you are led in interpretive movement to classical music. Gain poise and flexibility as you gently stretch and strengthen your body. You'll leave class feeling balanced, refreshed and inspired. Fitness can be fun.

Show Time Tap, Lee Scholl

Thursday, 9-10:30 a.m.

January 8 - March 25, 2004

12 week series \$100

LITERATURE & WRITING**Generative Poetry, Marilyn Koren**

Thursday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

January 8-February 12, 2004

Six week series \$72

A workshop designed to explore the sensation of voice in both its personal and assumed forms. Explore the myriad speakers within our poems to reach the deeper meaning of Self Class is limited.

Great Books II, Linnea Ritchie

Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

January 6 - March 23, 2004

\$18 every six weeks.

Great Books IV, Richard Paulson

Tuesday, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

November 18, 2003 - March 16, 2004

\$48, 16 classes plus luncheon

Great Books XVII, Al Ham

Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - Noon

December 4, 2003 - March 25, 2004

(no class Dec.25 & Jan 1)

15 sessions \$45

American Political Dramas, Hal Cantor

Friday, 10 a.m.-Noon

January 30-February 27, 2004

5 week series \$50

Focusing on 20th century plays which examine issues and abuses that have rocked our American political system. Playwrights may include Odets, Baraka, Miller, Gilman, Vidal, Mann Kushner and Feiffer.

The Joy of Writing, Betzi Abram

Wednesday, 1-3 p.m.

January 7-February 25, 2004

8 week series \$80 • Suitable for beginners as well as professional writers who want to enhance their techniques, refresh their approach and reinforce their discipline.

Memoir/Power of the Personal Story

Steve Oberbeck

Tuesday, 10 a.m.-Noon

November 11-December 16, 2003

January 13-February 17, 2004

Six week series \$65

Revisit key moments in your past or just recall memorable people, places, events that shaped your life. Write a short exercise in looking back effectively, read and discuss them in a supportive atmosphere of shared impressions and suggestions.

Men's Book Group, Steve Oberbeck

Tuesday, 1-3 p.m.

November 11-December 16, 2003

January 13-February 17, 2004

Six week series \$65

Read and discuss selections from renowned modern American authors who have defined what manhood means in a changing world that challenges historic concepts of love, honor, courage, loyalty, justice. Group leader is former arts editor/book critic for Newsweek and Washington Post.

Read & Write the Short, Short Story

Steve Oberbeck

Tuesday, 7-9 p.m.

November 11-December 16, 2003

January 13-February 17, 2004

Six week series \$65

Study instructional short fiction pieces by writers such as Hemingway, Oates, Barthelme, Chopin, Carver and more, then write short pieces, concentrating on creating dramatic impact, sharp focus, strong narrative voice and consistent point of view. Oberbeck is a published writer and prize-winning journalist.

Women's Literature Groups "Creative**Women in Fact and Fiction"**

Dr. Lorraine Herrenkohl / Maureen Wright

Wednesday, monthly, 10 a.m.-Noon

Nov. 5, Tracy Chevalier

Dec. 3, Sue Monk Kidd

Jan. 7, Virginia Woolf

Feb. 4, Sandra Guiland

Apr. 7, Gail Tsukiyama

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& Katie Stefanic
Through

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2200 Periwinkle ~ 472-0234

- *Give My Regards to Florida*
Through Nov. 14th, 8 p.m., \$8
Nov. 29th, 11 a.m.

BIG ARTS

Schein Hall

900 Dunlop ~ 395-0900

- *Esther Budiardjo*, pianist
Nov. 15th, 8 p.m., \$25
- *Brassy Broads of Broadway*
Nov. 22nd, 8 p.m., \$15

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- *Pygmalion* (1938)
The classic version of Shaw
Nov. 10th, 7 p.m.—followed by wine,
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Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre
1380 Colonial Boulevard ~ 278-4422

- *A Chorus Line*
Through Nov. 22nd, \$21 to \$44

Off Broadway Palm

- *Las Vegas Legends*
Through Dec. 21st

The Arcade Theatre

Bay Street between Hendry & Jackson
332-4488

Florida Repertory Theatre

- Larry Gelbert's *Sly Fox*
Through Nov. 9th, \$15-\$32
- *Absurd Person Singular*
Opens Nov. 28th

Gulf Coast Symphony

- *Maci Miller in Concert:*
Music of the Great American Composers
Nov. 9th, 7 p.m., \$25

Theatre Conspiracy

Foulds Theatre ~ 10091 McGregor ~ 334-3239

- *A Tuna Christmas*
Nov. 20th, \$16/\$7

Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall

Edison College Campus ~ 481-4849

- *Southwest Florida Symphony* —
Glenn Dicterow & Karen Dreyfus
Nov. 7th & 8th, 8 p.m.
Tickets—418-1500

- *Pride and Patriotism*
Celebrate America with our Youth
Students' art & essays
Music: Southwest Florida Symphony
Nov. 10th, 7 p.m., \$6

- The one & only *Gallagher!*
Nov. 14th, 8 p.m.

- *Peter Cetera*
Nov. 15th, 8 p.m.

- *Manhattan Transfer*
Nov. 20th, 8 p.m.

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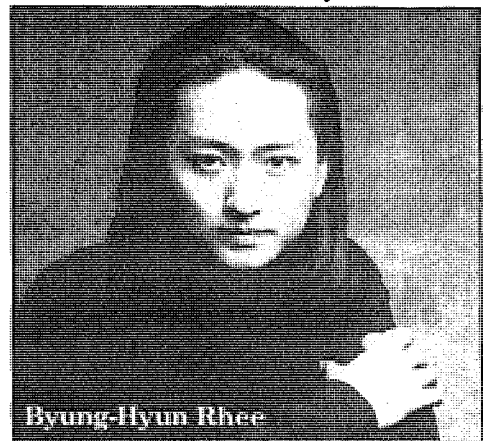
Globally acclaimed violinist Glenn Dicterow, Concertmaster for the New York Philharmonic, and his talented wife Karen Dreyfus, viola, will join the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra for Mozart's profoundly beautiful "Sinfonia Concertante" on Friday, Nov. 7, and Saturday, Nov. 8, at 8 p.m. in the Barbara B. Mann Hall. Guest conductor Byung-Hyun Rhee will lead the orchestra through masterpieces from the most evocative composers of all time.

One of today's most prominent violinists, Dicterow is well known to audiences throughout Europe and North America. He has been concertmaster of the New York Philharmonic since 1980. Dreyfus has distinguished herself through performances in the United States and abroad, as well as being the recipient of many prizes and awards. Both Dicterow and Dreyfus are active teachers at The Juilliard School and the Manhattan School of Music. In the fall of 2002 they released Mozart's "Sinfonia Concertante" along with the McKinley "Concert Variations" (written expressly for them) in cooperation with conductor Carl St. Clair and the Warsaw National Philharmonic.

"Sinfonia Concertante" is the crowning glory of Mozart's efforts in the symphonic concertante genre. Written in 1779, it is a coming-of-age piece for Mozart who had recently lost his mother, lost his status as a child protégée and was financially forced to work in a place he detested. The piece shows a new musical independence that ushers in a more mature compositional period and is illustrat-

ed through a unification of the symphony and the soloists. This is one of Mozart's most exquisite pieces with hauntingly beautiful melodies and harmonies. Dicterow reflects on this work, "It is always such a pleasure to perform this masterpiece. Mozart has written the two solo voices in perfect symmetry and profound expression. The "Concertante" is truly a musical conversation between two kindred spirits and it is especially wonderful to play this work with an artist so close to my heart and soul."

Another piece, that all will recognize, is John Coolidge Adams' "Short Ride in a Fast Machine." This ardently enthusiastic



Byung-Hyun Rhee

piece was commissioned for the opening concert of the Great Woods Festival in Mansfield, Mass. and first played at that occasion in 1986. "Short Ride..." is in the style of minimalism genre featuring repetition, steady beat and harmony — a subtle familiarity evokes this work. Guest conductor Rhee elaborates, "Short Ride..." employs all of your senses on an exciting journey... and yet, to get to the end, you only wish to begin again."

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Periwinkle Playhouse opens with Florida Salute

by Karen Nelson
Staff writer

The SCA Periwinkle Playhouse kicked off its first season with a fun-filled musical tribute to the sunshine state. *Give My Regards to Florida*, written and directed by Leslie Jureit and Cindy Mueller (who also costars), highlights the joys, foibles and pitfalls of life in Florida.

Against a backdrop of turquoise blue, framed by ubiquitous palms and dominated by a bright yellow sun, performers Mueller and Betsy Bennett launched into the title tune (à la "Give My Regards to Broadway"). This high-flying tribute moves into a medley saluting the perfect weather before tackling the country club lifestyle. Membership-seeking "Monica Lewinsky" makes a brief appearance, plaintively singing (to the tune of "Memory") "Membership, all I want is membership, then I'll have the respect of the people I know." She was followed by cigar-carrying "Bill," lamenting that "I'm just a guy who can't say no."

Memory loss is a pleasing target (with tunes like "Try to Remember" and "Memory") and Viagra inspires a very well done male vs. female skit: While hubby belts his approval to the tune of "Contarile," the Missus issues a lament.

Plastic surgery also provides rich fodder. The audience happily joins in a "Twelve Days of Christmas" take: "For the first of my surgeries..." There is an inventive Andrew Lloyd Webber riff, starting with Evita's "Don't cry for me...and my body." Sung by a woman

planning to make extensive visits to her plastic surgeon, this segues marvelously to the Svengali-esque "Phantom of the Opera."



Road Rage is parodied in the second act opener... a sentiment entirely unknown to those attempting to leave Sanibel on any afternoon in February. Sondheim's "Old Friends" opens a sentimental segment about long-time friendship which builds to a wacky bathrobe-and-fuzzy-slipper clad duo tackling household chores. Shots are taken at gardening and parenting and those braving lines and high prices to dine out. Florida's no smoking ban prompts a smoker's plaint sung to "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes." The rousing singalong finale satirizes the stream of out-of-state friends suddenly acquired by

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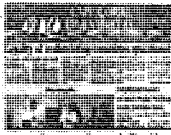
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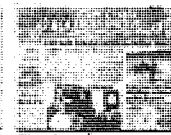
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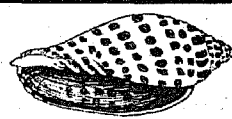
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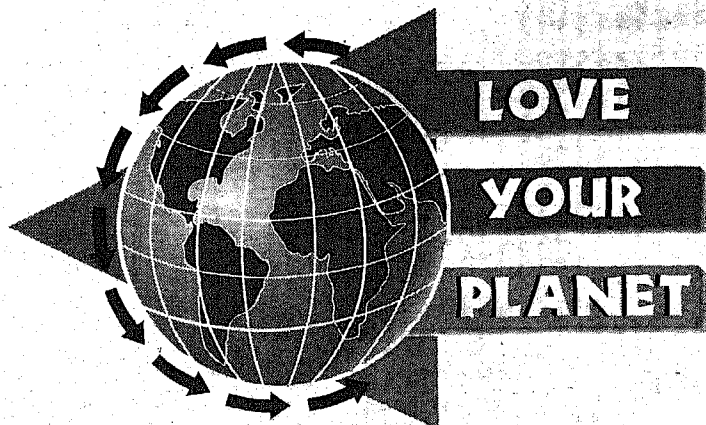
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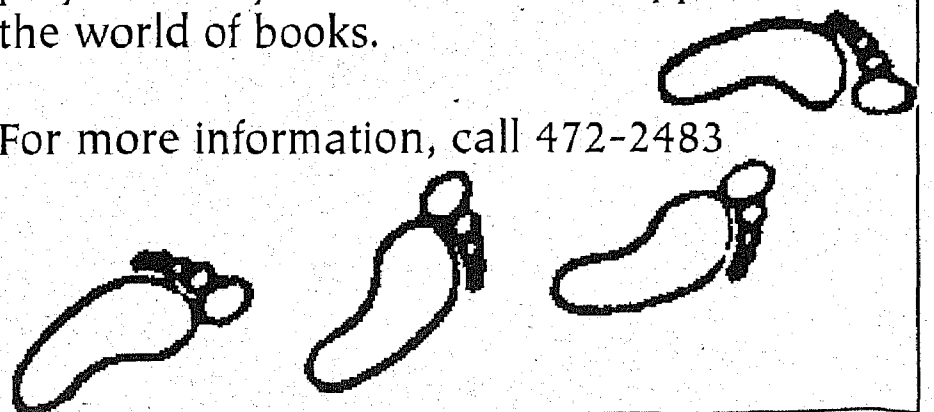
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#9 "New World." Dvorak was a strong believer in nationalism and heralded the musical identity of the land. Originally from Czechoslovakia, the composer traveled extensively and spent the later days of his career in New York as director of the National Conservatory. While there he taught his students to find influence for American music based on American roots. At the same time, he composed "The New World Symphony." Although musicologists can't agree on the source of his inspiration,

much of this piece seems influenced by the melodies and rhythms of early America. Not only is this a favorite of the listening audience but also a favorite for musicians to play. For tickets call 418-1500.

Tomorrow, Nov. 8th, the Southwest Florida Symphony Society's annual Holiday Showcase of Homes opens with *Lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus* at the Renaissance Development off Daniels Parkway west of I-75. The event will provide the opportunity to have a personal visit with the Clauses, pictures taken with the man himself and a gift, in addition to the

lunch. The holiday party includes Christmas music and the cost is \$10 to benefit the Orchestra & Chorus Association. For more information and reservations, call 540-1381. Seating is limited.

The Showcase — A Renaissance Holiday Walk... and Other Castles — encompasses three executive-style houses in the Renaissance Development decorated by area decorators and florists. Ye Olde Holiday Tea Room will serve complimentary refreshments and Ye Olde Holiday Gift Shop will be open for shopping. The hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through

Saturdays and noon to 5 on Sundays through Sunday Nov. 16. Tickets are \$8. For additional information call 949-7181.

On Saturday, Nov. 15th, the Symphony Society is sponsoring a Bavarian Wine Fest at the Wittstadt residence. A black-tie-optional fund-raiser that also benefits the Symphony Orchestra & Chorus, the evening includes a full-course dinner and music by the Paradise Brass Quintet. Tickets are \$100. For information or to secure an invitation, call 454-9279.

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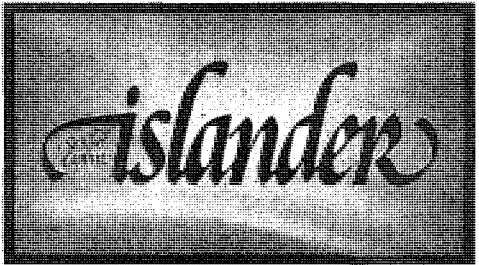
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those who relocate to Florida.

In a revue — as in any show without a strong storyline — the performers are the heart and soul of the evening. Mueller and Bennett filled this role admirably as they sang, danced, laughed, wailed and seemed to be having a wonderful time while bringing the audience along with them for the ride.

The staging and costuming is clever, with a full assortment of on-stage quick changes (and a few off-stage changes for dramatic effect). Mueller and Bennett both delivered solid performances. They held the stage well, fully engaging the audience as this skillfully constructed confection slipped easily from one vignette to the next. A minor quibble is the length of the second act and one or two numbers which seemed just a bit sluggish or off-the-mark, but this was far outweighed by the many wonderful moments in this amiable presentation.

There are three piano accompanists who are alternating performances during the run; Lucille Gaita filled the role admirably on opening night.

Give My Regards to Florida was mounted by Naples-based Center Stage Productions and it's playing at the SCA Periwinkle Playhouse for a two-week run, with the final performance on Friday, Nov. 14.

Performances are Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7-8 at 8 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 9 at 3 p.m. and Wednesday through Friday, Nov. 12-14 at 8 p.m. It's a thoroughly enjoyable evening and well worth the \$15 price of admission. The box office is open Monday through Saturday from 10



From left: Rich Calabrese, Shirley Jewell, Gordon Schopfer, Anne Arnoff and Todd Sherman, the powers-that-be of the SCA Periwinkle Playhouse, in the lobby during intermission on Opening Night.

a.m. to 4:30 p.m. plus before the show. The Playhouse is at 2200 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Phone 472-0324.

Schopfer, Calabrese and Arnoff were pleased and "relieved," noted Schopfer. "It's been a lot of fun, a lot of hard work," Calabrese added, "We promised the public last year that we'd have the theatre going and we

pulled it off." Both thanked Jewell for her involvement. "It's important to me," she said. "I want it here."

Just before the performance began, General Manager Todd Sherman welcomed the audience and thanked the Sanibel Community Association and BIG Arts (for the borrowed piano). He then thanked the many volunteers who put in many hours to get the theatre — which has been almost completely dark since Summer 2001 — ready to begin a new life.

Sherman noted that the artwork from the Tower Gallery on display in the theatre lobby is for sale and 10% of the proceeds will be donated to the theatre. Artists from Sanibel's Tower Gallery will continue to show their work at the theatre throughout the season.

Upcoming events at the Periwinkle Playhouse include a Nov. 20 Big Stakes Island-Style Poker Game to benefit the theatre (call the SCA at 472-2155 for information).

On Nov. 29, popular children's singer Rosie Emery, who performs regularly at the Caloosa Nature Center, will bring her "rainbow road" to the theatre; she will be returning in January and February.

The Holiday Magic Show returns to the theatre for two performances on Dec. 20. This wonderful show sells out every year: performances will be at 4:30 and 8 p.m.; tickets are \$20 for adults and \$12 for children under 12.

Brush up on your ballroom dancing with lessons from Honey Larsen; ongoing at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. Call the theatre for information.

Can't Help Singing — The Jerome Kern Songbook opens with flying colors to full house



A full house of enthusiastic OSTF members enjoyed the show.

Members of the Old Schoolhouse Theater Foundation were singing, humming, and whistling portions of favorite songs last Thursday as they left the sold-out preview performance of *Can't Help Singing — The Jerome Kern Songbook*. The new show is the first of the season for the Old Schoolhouse Theater and, if an indicator of things to come, then this should be an outstanding season.

The excitement and energy generated by the cast was contagious and audience reaction reflected the enthusiasm. The action was continuous, making it easy to wonder how John Vessels, Jeffrey Searles, Jen Jurek, Katie Stefanic, and musical director Kirby Gosnell maintained the pace. "What a terrific show to start the season; this is a show everyone in the family will enjoy!" exclaimed Board



Kirby Gosnell at the 88s with Katie Stefanic, Jeffrey Searles, Jen Jurek and John Vessels on *The Jerome Kern Songbook*.

member Jack Weston.

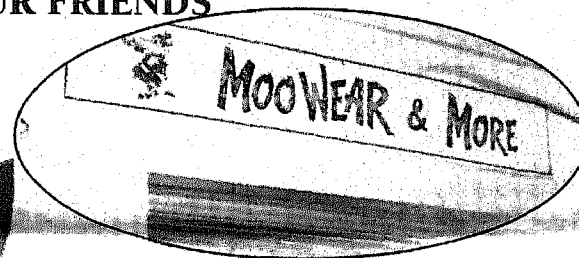
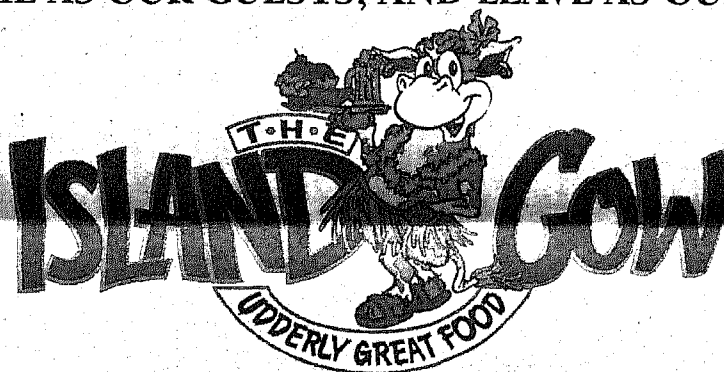
OSTF members began the evening with a reception and dinner hosted by the Thistle Lodge. The beachfront venue, beautiful sunset and delicious meal portended the excellent evening to come. The board sincerely thanks Thistle Lodge owners Jerry and Linda Shellabarger for their gracious support.

The Foundation is always looking for new members. For information call the Foundation at 472-4146. *Can't Help Singing — The Jerome Kern Songbook* plays through November 29. For information about performance times and tickets call the Old Schoolhouse Theater box office at 472-6862 or stop by the theater at 1905 Periwinkle Way.

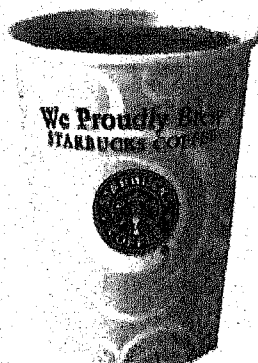
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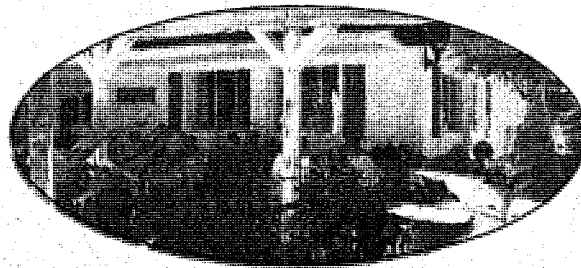
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