

Sanibel Islander

PRSR STD.
U.S. Postage
Paid
Sanibel, FL
Permit #33
Postal Patron

— FREE —
Delivered to your
home every Friday

Since 1961

Vol. 42, No. 52

Week of February 13 - 19, 2004

Two Sections • 44 Pages

Valentine's Day

2004



Urban & Olga Palmer just celebrated 75 years together



Jack Elias (right) and Judy Turner, former high school sweethearts, reunited at a class reunion



Meet Iona Air on the
Home Pages

Page 11A

Tallulah! with Will
Stutts

Page 14B



MONDAY NIGHT IS PRIME TIME!!



ALL
YOU CAN EAT
\$14.95

PRIME RIB

Served with baked Idaho potato
& corn on the cob

"FRESH"... ALL YOU CAN EAT!

EVERYDAY!



Shrimp
\$16.95

Crab
\$17.95

Grouper
\$15.95

Served with French Fries & corn on the cob



Mon.- Fri, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
2330 Palm Ridge Rd. Sanibel Island

239-395-2300

37 items on the "Consider the Kids" menu.
All specials subject to availability.
Master Card, Visa, Discover Credit Cards Accepted



THURSDAY STEAM POT SPECIALS

New to the Hungry Heron!

Overloaded with an array of your favorite crustaceans
and more, steamed in the Heron's special brew

FRIDAY NIGHT LOBSTERFEST

1 1/4 Pound Maine Lobster served with
corn on the cob French Fries, & Coleslaw
(while supplies last)

\$17.95

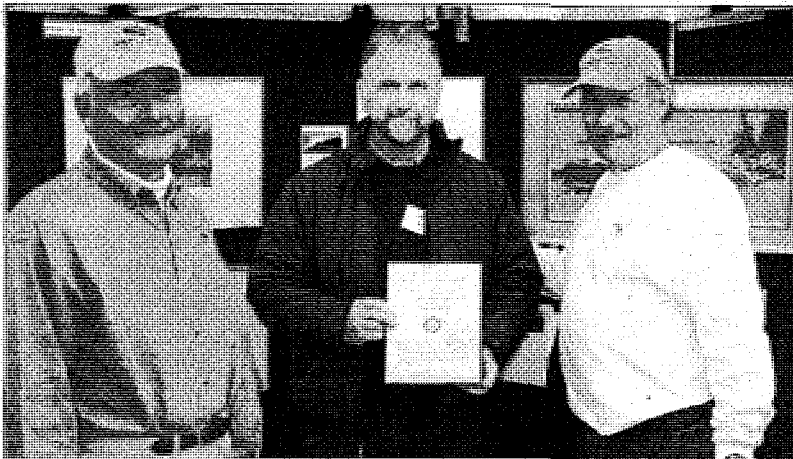
RISE & SHINE Fabulous Breakfast Buffet

Saturday 7:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 - 12:00 noon

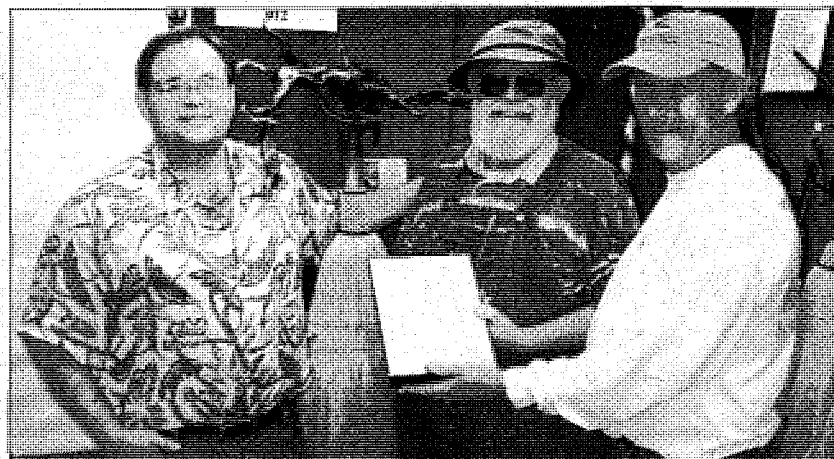
\$8.99



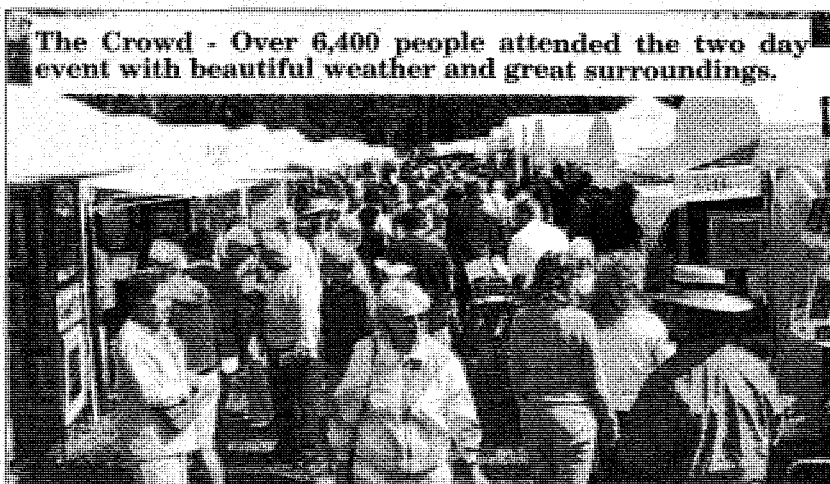
Rotary Arts & Crafts Fair 2004



First 2-D - Edgar Reims is presented his First Place Award in Two-Dimensional Art by Rotary President Bill Currise (L) and Chet Sadler for his fine plein-air oil painting technique.



First Creative - Ralph Gates is presented his First Place Award in the Creative Crafts category by Chet Sadler. His son Jeff Gates (L) is an artist an assistant. Ralph's 100% Natural material brooms are made from exotic local woods and grasses.



The Crowd - Over 6,400 people attended the two day event with beautiful weather and great surroundings.



Steve Blackwell on Guitar and Harmonica, Dan Leach on Mandolin and Vocalist Carrie Blackwell Hussey perform for the crowd with the food court in the background.

OnLine AnyTime

Banking at Your Convenience

Wherever you are, whenever you want, access our **free** OnLine AnyTime banking service. Bank Of The Islands makes it as easy as the click of a mouse.

With OnLine AnyTime you can:

- Check your Account Balances
- Verify Deposits, Checks and ACH transactions
- Transfer Funds from your Checking to your Loan Account
- Transfer Funds between all your Accounts

Visit or call Brenda, Elaine, or Judy to learn more about **OnLine AnyTime**. When signing up, be sure to ask about our OnLine bill paying services.

Bank of The Islands
Your Island Bank

Corner of Periwinkle Way and Casa Ybel Road
472-7211

Safe Boating Week



Power Squadron Safety Officer Tom Lagan and Henry Hoenk, West Marine manager, at the Safe Boating Day exhibit at the Community Center.

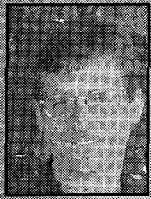


Sanibel Fire & Rescue showed how Marine Rescue One is used in water-related accidents at Safe Boating Day.



Sanibel Police Chief Bill Tomlinson presented winners of the Sanibel Captiva Sail and Power Squadron's Safe Boating poster contest gift certificates from local merchants (Big Red Q Quick Print, Arundel's, Sanibel Island Bookshop) at Safe Boating Day, Feb. 5th at the Community Center. Christina Rinaldi won 1st prize, Chris Pavlick, 2nd prize and Anna Gele, 3rd prize.

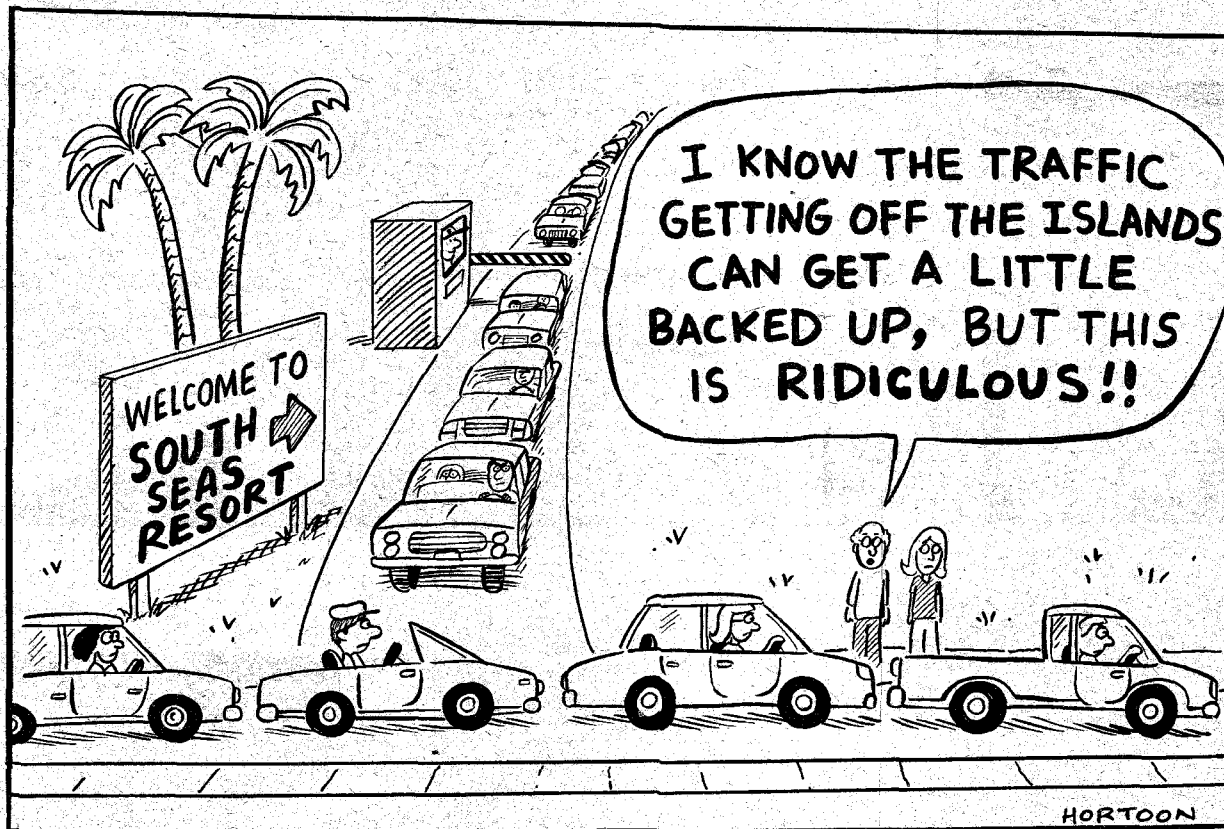
TOO MUCH SUN



Dave Horton



Lee Horton

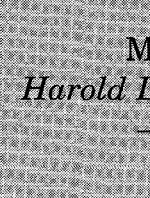


COLUMNISTS

Home Pages
Nancy Santeusano
— page 11A



Center Stage
Marsha Wagner
— page 6B



Music Scene
Harold Lieberman
— page 8B



UP PERISCOPE

To the uninitiated, it may seem strange that Sanibel has no pedestrian/bike crossing lights or, for that matter, any traffic lights at all. For over 20 years, the City of Sanibel and Captiva Island have managed to deal with people wanting to cross, turn or enter lines of traffic in a different way—with courtesy and consideration. “New” drivers on Sanibel and Captiva should be aware that we do have a few unwritten rules of the road—rules that may not be common elsewhere but that we follow here.

1) Bike paths on Periwinkle, Tarpon Bay or any other island roads are not passing lanes. They are not right turn lanes. They are not for map-reading or temporary parking. (It never ceases to amaze me that the driver of a semi can pull over and unload endless quantities of beer or soda, leaving plenty of room for bikers and pedestrians, but that the driver of a Geo or Hyundai can block the entire width of the bike path while trying to read a map.) Bike paths are also not shortcuts for getting from one store to another without re-entering street traffic. They are for bicycles and pedestrians-period. Do you drive on the sidewalk at home?

2) Bicyclists on the bike paths, in cross walks or about to cross, or crossing island driveways and roads have the right of way.

Conversely, when a group is riding together, each rider should be aware that, if a line of cars backs up because the car in front needs to turn across the bike path, the group needs to pause and let the car through—much as island drivers do for each other on the roads.

3) Particularly during season, bikers should try to

ride on the paths—especially on Periwinkle. Riding on the street is, unfortunately, hazardous to your health (as well as that of the unwary driver) and tends to disrupt the “flow” of traffic. And onerous though the idea may be, the words STOP BIKE at intersections are there to save your life, not create an inconvenience.

ANNE BELLEW
Assoc. Editor

4) Pedestrians about to cross or crossing a street at a crosswalk or intersection have the right of way. That is Florida law and its violation carries an \$80 fine. Therefore, it behooves bikers to dismount, become pedestrians, and safely walk their bikes across the street.

5) And rollerbladers: Remember, you are perceived by the operator of a motor vehicle as a pedestrian. In some ways you are (you’re on foot, sort of), but you approach a driveway or intersection considerably faster than the average motorist expects you to. Also, you do not own the bike paths; you share them with young and old—on foot, on bikes, trikes, in pedalmobiles and, yes, even on skateboards.

6) If someone is waiting to get into or across a line of traffic and a driver in that line slows or stops close to the wait-er (even going so far as to signal with hand or headlights), the wait-er is being offered the opportunity he/she is looking for. Be cautious, but go for it! Don’t just sit there!

7) On Sanibel, those hexagonal red signs with the big white letters mean what they say: STOP.

8) At the three- and four-way STOPS, the next person “around” the intersection who is completely stopped gets to go, not the car behind the one that just went. This is not Massachusetts (I can say that: I lived there); you don’t have to be an aggressive driver here to get where you want to go.

9) As the bumper sticker says, “If you’re in a hurry, you don’t belong on Sanibel.” Our speed limits were set for the protection of all of us and, particularly, for

Periscope, see page 4

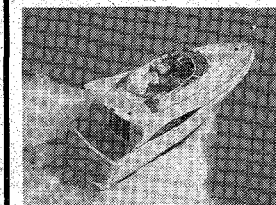
DON'T OWN A BOAT!!

JOIN THE CLUB!!

Our Newest Club - Open Now

The Boat Club of Sanibel

at Sanibel Harbour-Punta Rassa



- Exclusive Members Only Club
- We pay for a variety of boats and the associated costs.
- You receive unlimited use on any boat to 29', Any Day!!
- Less \$\$\$ than docking-Guaranteed

Inaugural Season special
33% OFF Sanibel Location Only!
Must mention ad when calling

**DON'T WAIT
CALL TODAY
770-6054**



The Boat Clubs of Florida
The Fastest Growing Boat Club in Florida
N. Fort Myers • Cape Coral • Naples • Sanibel • Miromar Lakes

SHOP ONLINE AT www.swedensfinest.com

A Swedish Affair

The Finest in Scandinavian Handicraft

Royal Palm Square
1400 Colonial Blvd.
Ft. Myers, FL 33907
Open: Mon-Sat 10-6
Closed Sundays
(239) 275-8004

SHOP ONLINE AT www.swedensfinest.com

Total House Re-Piping

One Day Turn Around!

FREE Estimates

Call Us and Receive \$25 OFF of Your Next Service Call.

Mention this ad and get \$100 off Total House Re-Pipe.

472-0667

AZTEC PLUMBING

License # EFC-026534

HAPPENINGS

For items to be included on these pages, they must be submitted by Friday, a week before publication date.

Coming up this week —

Friday, Feb. 13

Mad Cow Disease author to speak at FGCU

Cattle Rancher turned vegan and author of "Mad Cowboy," Howard Lyman will speak at FGCU on Friday, Feb. 13. He will be speaking at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom at FGCU, 10501 FGCU Boulevard South in Fort Myers. The cost is \$5 for the public; \$3 for FGCU students.

The Sanibel-Captiva Vegetarian Society and FGCU's The Power of One Animal Rights Group are co-sponsoring Lyman, winner of Veg News' "best speaker in the country" award. After the first reported case of Mad Cow Disease in the United States, Howard Lyman, author of "Mad Cowboy" and a co-defendant with Oprah Winfrey, could not speak at a more opportune time. As a fourth-generation family farmer in Montana for nearly forty years, few are more qualified to speak about the conditions in today's factory farms.

In 1996, Howard's comments about today's cows being turned cannibalistic prompted Oprah Winfrey to declare, "It has just stopped me cold from eating another burger!" The Texas Cattlemen's Association found that comment to hurt their business and promptly sued on the basis of food disparagement laws and suffered a disparagement loss.

Howard will talk about the United Kingdom's BSE (or Mad Cow Disease) epidemic and the prospect of the disease becoming widespread in the United States itself. As founder and president of Voice for a Viable Future, Howard Lyman will tell his tale of going from a fourth-generation cattleman in Montana to one of the nation's leading animal rights activists and plant-based diet proponents. For more information, call Joe Walsh, (239) 395-0250 or Katie Hammer, (239) 590-1735 or e-mail Sancapvegans@aol.com

Saturday, Feb. 14

Self-defense awareness class

Don't be a victim of a violent crime. Take charge with a free, self-defense awareness class.

Prevention and education are highly effective deterrents, says Stacey Payne, a crime prevention specialist for the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

"Ninety percent of self-defense is awareness and preparedness and only 10 percent is physical self-defense," Payne says.

Females ages 13 and older are encouraged to attend a two-hour program from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Lee County Sheriff's Office headquarters, 14750 Six Mile Cypress Parkway. Minors must have a legal guardian to attend.

S.A.F.E. (Self-defense Awareness and Familiarization Exchange) teaches women the basics of physical self-defense and

ways to reduce threat risks.

Class components include a video overview, handouts and an introduction to physical self-defense. Call 477-1400 to register.

Ghost Walks at Koreshan

Koreshan State Historic Site is proud to present their annual Ghost Walks on Saturday and Sunday, February 14 and 15. The Ghost walks are a large scale living history program that interprets the aspects of Koreshan ways of life. Guest speakers act out short plays and monologues in costume during a one hour and 15 minute moonlit tour of the Koreshan Unity settlement. This special event will take place at the Koreshan State Historic Site on the corner of

Corkscrew Road and US 41 in Estero. Show times are 7, 7:15, 7:30 and 7:45 p.m. Reservations for this unique cultural event can be made by calling (239) 992-0311. Tickets are \$5 per person.

Sunday, Feb. 15

ABC Auction Preview Party on Feb. 15.

Get a sneak peak this Sunday of the artist decorated Fish Chairs to be auctioned off on February 28 at the ABC Auction. The Fish Chairs will be on display at the Preview Auction Party, hosted by Harry and Pumfey Silverglide at their home. The artists will also be on hand to present their work.

This year's featured artists are: Sharon Brace, Diane Fugit, Lauri Kaihlanen, Vanessa Lombardo, Jan Markle, and Pam Rambo. The six Fish Chairs will be on display at the ABC Preview Party from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Tickets are \$10 for the party, and must reserved in advance. There will be trolley service from designated parking areas to the Silverglide home. To reserve your tickets, please call Rose at the Captiva Civic Association at 472-2111.

The 2004 ABC Auction is a Captiva tradition dating back over thirty-eight years. Ten percent of the Auction's gross sales will benefit the Sanibel School Fund. The monies raised by the ABC

Auction for the Sanibel School fund will be used as seed money for the Captiva Art room at the Sanibel School. One exciting addition to the Captiva Art room is the Kiln Room where students will be able to have their ceramic artwork fired.

The ABC Auction will be held at the Captiva Civic Association the evening of February 28, 2004. If you would like to donate items for the ABC Auction, please contact Doris Holzheimer at 472-1978, Ron Gibson at 472-6179, or Alison Hagerup at 472-2472.

Volunteers are needed for the ABC Auction, please contact Rose at the Captiva Civic Association at 472-2111, to participate. Last year the ABC event raised over \$6,600 for the SCCF's Tarpon Bay Marine Laboratory.

Periscope, from page 3


the safety of those creatures smaller than we who don't understand that large moving objects can kill or maim in a heartbeat.

10) Passing on causeway bridges is verboten, a no-no, taboo, against the law, etc.

11) The center lane on the causeway is for drivers who wish to turn left, not for passing those vehicles in the right lane who are already driving at the specified 30 mph or above. The sand/grass areas off the road to the right are for those who want to picnic and/or savor our beach views, sunsets, birds and windsurfers.

Vehicles exceeding the speed limit, particularly on the bridges (20 on the bascule bridge), are part of what's destroying the bridges as well as killing low-flying terns, gulls, pelicans and the other species that seem to litter the roadway — especially on windy days when the birds have difficulty controlling their flight patterns and can actually get blown against a moving car or truck. The driver going 45 or 50 has no time to adjust either thinking or speed before it's too late.

You'll get to your tee time, or to work or home, or to your appointment, close enough to on time. You don't need to maim, kill or run somebody (or something) off the road to do it.



The Islands' Community Newspaper since 1961













Mailing address:
P.O. Box 56 • Sanibel, FL 33957
Phone: (239) 472-5185 • Fax 472-1372

Location:
Promenade Center
695 Tarpon Bay Rd. Unit #13

Postal Information:
The Sanibel Captiva Islander (USPS 481-400) is published every Friday and is distributed throughout Sanibel and Captiva Islands by the Breeze Corp. P.O. Box 56, Sanibel, FL. Third Class postage is paid at the Sanibel Post Office. Postmaster: Send address changes to: Sanibel Captiva Islander, P.O. Box 56, Sanibel, FL 33957. Classified Ad deadline: Noon, Tuesday.

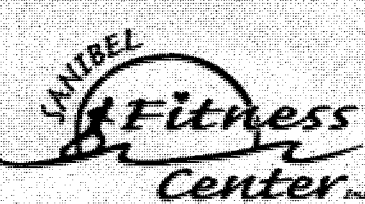
Error responsibility:
In the event of an error we are responsible only for the first incorrect insertion of an ad if, in our opinion, there is a loss of value. We do not assume any responsibility for an error beyond the cost of the ad itself. We assume no financial responsibility for typographical errors in advertisements, but will reprint without charge that part which is incorrect. We are not responsible for any credit or reimbursement after 30 days from publication date.

Staff:

 Editor: [Name]	 Publisher: [Name]
 Managing Editor: [Name]	 Business Manager: [Name]
 Advertising Manager: [Name]	 Circulation Manager: [Name]
 Classified Ad Manager: [Name]	 News Editor: [Name]
 Sports Editor: [Name]	 Features Editor: [Name]
 Photo Editor: [Name]	 Art Director: [Name]

e-mail us at:
islander@flguide.com

The Islander
is printed on
recycled paper.



Sanibel Fitness Center
A Lifestyle Enhancement Center

Cool Off After Your Work Out
At **LUNA CAFE...**
Refreshment Center
Smoothies
Featuring **Protein Shakes**
Coffee Drinks

Newly Expanded CARDIO CENTER and WEIGHT ROOM

Featuring: Spinning Classes, Step Classes, Aerobics, Body Shaping, Seniors Classes and Much More.

Plus: New Cybex Weight Equipment, Free Weights, Treadmills and Stationery.

395-2639

Corner of Sanibel-Captiva Rd. and Rabbit Rd.

Authorized Dealer of Polar HeartRate Monitors

POLAR

heart rate monitors

YOGA FREE TO MEMBERS

Wed., 11:15 am

HAPPENINGS

For items to be included on these pages, they must be submitted by Friday, a week before publication date.

Coming up this week —

Sunday, Feb. 15

Clements speaks at UU

The guest speaker at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service on Feb. 15 at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Myers will be Dr. Charles Clements, president of the UU Service Committee. Dr. Clements, who has served on the board of Physicians for Social Justice and Human Rights, has chosen "Justice is Flowing" as his sermon topic. The UU Church of Fort Myers is on Shire Lane, off Daniels Parkway in south Fort Myers. All are welcome.

Monday, Feb. 16

Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society Program



Granberry and Vidussi

Periwinkle Way, Sanibel to present two educational programs - Faye Granberry, "Diseases of Orchids" and Harvey Vidussi of Marilyn's Exotic Orchids, Fort Myers, "Techniques of Repotting Orchids".

Vidussi, a commercial grower of orchids, has a long, successful history in the culture of orchids. He was one of the first instructors for the members of the Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society and remains their favorite lecturer. Granberry, president of the society, is a local orchid hobbyist, lecturer and writer. She brings to the group 40 plus years of experience in growing orchids.

Attendees are invited to enter the judged, ribbons awarded, orchid show co-chaired by Cel Luke and John

Bralove. Entrees must be in place prior to 1:30. Show and Tell, a favorite section of the meeting is open to members and guests to show their prized orchid or even a dead one, and to share their experiences. Members free, guests \$2.50. No reservations needed.

Vintage Fashion Show to benefit museum

On Monday, Feb. 16 at 11:30 a.m., the Sanibel Historical Village and Museum will hold a "Vintage Fashion Show & Luncheon" at The Sanctuary Clubhouse on Wulfert Road to benefit the Museum.

Models strolling among the tables will be wearing fashions dating from the mid 19th century through the 1960's such as a Victorian Period Wedding Gown, a 1940's Chinese Smoking Jacket, an ivory satin shirred dress from the early 20th century and an 1880's period dress.

Sponsors for this show include Chico's, Dillard's, Congress Jewelers, F. Schumacher & Co., and the Sanctuary Golf Course to name a few. Tickets are \$50 a person and include a superb sit-down luncheon. Here is a chance to support the efforts of the volunteers at the Historical Museum while enjoying a wonderful afternoon. Seating is limited. For tickets or more information, please call Betty Fisher at 395-2128.

SCCF Open House

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation will hold its annual Open House on Monday, Feb. 16 at its Nature Center on Sanibel-Captiva Road. The Open House will include games, activities, music, programs and refreshments for people of all ages.

It will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. with original sawgrass music about Southwest Florida provided by Cindy Hackney. Programs and activities include a nature sounds contest, extra guided trail walks, bracelet making, love potions, herb terrariums, origami and information on snakes and turtles. Food and beverage is being provided by Bailey's General Store.

Bring a friend and/or meet new ones at

the SCCF Open House. The Nature Center is located one mile west of Tarpon Bay Road, on Sanibel-Captiva Road. Overflow parking is available at the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum. There is no roadside parking permitted. People are encouraged to use the overflow parking or come by bicycle.

SCCF Nature Sounds Contest

Practice, practice, practice! It's time to prepare for the Nature Sounds Contest at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Open House on Feb. 16.

Nature sounds include bird songs, wind, waves and any other sounds in the great outdoors. In one contest, a naturalist imitated a group of second graders on a field trip to the rocky shore by trampling a pile of empty oyster shells. Use your imagination to hoot, howl, growl, babble, rustle or whistle your way to victory.

SCCF's Open House is scheduled annually for President's Day, a holiday for



Faye Granberry, Sanibel, wins top honors in The Edison Festival of Light Strolling Flower Show, Fort Myers for her creative flower design, "Thank you, Mr. Edison for Your Inventions." Winning a blue ribbon with a score of 95 plus, she also

won the Violet Ribbon as the best design using tropical flowers, and the coveted top award Designer's Choice Award. Winners were honored with an awards luncheon including all the garden clubs of Lee County. Some participants have been entering the show for more than thirty years. This was Granberry's first entry.

some and a school day off for most children. Activities, music, exhibits and more are available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Nature Sounds Contest will take place near the porch of the Nature Center at 11 a.m. Sign up the day of the event. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded with categories for both adults and children.

Chamber AfterHours

Green Earth Landscaping and Marcel Ventura of Karen Bell Realty (VIP) will host the Sanibel-Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce monthly AfterHours on Monday, Feb. 16. The landscaping company is located at 3889 Sanibel-Captiva Road (across from the Sanibel School).

Reservations must be made by Friday, Feb. 13 before 5 p.m. for all attending. There is a \$5 charge for members and guests with advance reservations; without reservations, the charge is \$8. Please call 472-1966 or email your reservation to: office@sanibel-captiva.org.

Chamber AfterHours is held on the third Monday at 5:30 p.m. Chamber members, prospective members and guests are invited to attend.

For more information on attending or hosting an AfterHours, call Ava at 472-1080, Ext. 225.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

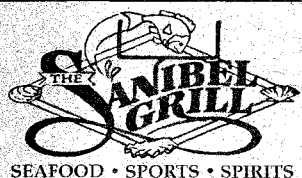
Safety class for bankers

Lee County bankers are encouraged to attend a free safety class by the Lee County Sheriff's Office. The program, for both new and current employees, will be from 8 a.m. until noon on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at the Lee County Sheriff's Office headquarters, 14750 Six Mile Cypress Parkway in Fort Myers.

Topics include bank robbery prevention, recognition of counterfeit money, identity theft, and credit card and identification fraud.

"The more you are aware of possible problems and ways to prevent them, the safer you are going to be," says Stacey Payne, a crime prevention specialist for the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

Space is limited. Call (239) 477-1400 to register and reserve your seat.



ONE BITE AND YOU'RE HOOKED FOR LUNCH

Snapper / Grouper / Sole / Swordfish
Yellowtail / Salmon / Cobia
Dolphin / Softshell Crabs / Scamp
Shrimp / Oysters / Clams / Scallops
Tilapia / Lobster / King Crab

"We serve it
it fresh..."

...or we don't
serve it at all!

Don't forget a Trip To our Fish Market Serving from 11:30am daily

703 Tarpon Bay Road • Sanibel • 395-CRAB



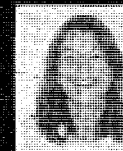
**Catering To Sanibel's Finest
For Over 20 Years**

**A full service hair & nail salon offering creative
styling to both women & men!!**

Additional services include Braiding & Body Bronzing



Erika



Sandy



Eden



Joan

630 Tarpon Bay Road, Suite 6 472-HAIR/4247

OBITUARIES

Richard John Brodeur

Heaven is rejoicing! Dick Brodeur passed on February 8, 2004, to be with his Lord. Dick was born in Chicago, Illinois, on April 22, 1943, the third son of

Vincent and Madeline Brodeur. Dick was reared in Greensboro, North Carolina, graduating from Clearwater High School in Clearwater, Florida, in 1961, obtaining a B. A. degree with honors in History and English at the University of Florida in Gainesville (Go Gators!) in 1968. Dick was a founding member and the first President of the Kiwanis Club on Sanibel in 1973, a former member of The Florida Supreme Court, and is currently a member of the Florida Bar, the Lee County Bar Association, and is a Board Certified Real Estate Lawyer, maintaining offices on Sanibel since 1970.

One of the loves of Dick's life was theater: his first performance was "God" in Every Man; Dick enjoyed acting throughout high school and college; being a member of the Peanut Butter & Jelly Company Children's Theater in Cape Coral, performing in many productions for many years with his daughter; being one of the founding members of Actors Repertory Theatre, which brought the first dinner theater to Lee County in the 1970's; playing the part of St. Paul in The Smoky Mountain Passion Play in Townsend, Tennessee, in the

early 1980's; and most recently, has taught drama to the Junior High kids at Covenant Community Academy in Fort Myers for the past two years.

Another love was ministering to those incarcerated in the prison system, which Dick visit weekly from 1985 - 1994 through Royal Palm Ministries and the Chuck Colson Ministry, with his travels not only to Hendry County, but also to Quito, Ecuador, and St. Petersburg, Russia.

Another love was Dick's two Boy Scout Troops in 1978 and in 1987-1988, as an Adult Volunteer for Explorer Post 6109 in 1995-1996; and being involved in the youth ministry at Church of the Islands and Sanibel Community Church from 1980 - 1994. In the 1980's, Dick and his wife cared for troubled teens who needed a positive and safe environment in which to find love and make affirmative life decisions.

Another love was Dick's church and his caring church family. Dick was a member and elder of Covenant Community Ministries and a Bible Teacher at CCM since 1994. Dick's faith and love for God is as wondrous as God's love for him - Psalm 40:5.

Dick's foremost love was his wife, Judy. Dick is survived by his wife, Judy, celebrating 33 years of life together this Valentine's Day; his daughter, Molly, and her husband, Mark, and his three granddaughters, Sarah, Briana, and Nicole; his brother-in-law, Chuck, and wife Mary, and niece, Alison, and nephew, Alan; numerous nieces and nephews in Massachusetts and California, and many, many, many fine friends, colleagues, and clients.

Dick was enthusiastic and always optimistic about life, he brought uplifting words of encouragement, challenge, and affirmation to those he encountered. Dick loved the "young people" and sought to better their life experiences. Dick will always be remembered for the joy he brought to others, the wisdom he imparted, and his passionate nature.

A Memorial Service will be held on Valentine's Day at Covenant Community Ministries at 2:00 pm. Donations may be made to Hope Hospice; cremation arrangements entrusted to Horizon Funeral Home and Cremation Center.

John Francis Hotchkiss

John Hotchkiss, of Fort Myers and Rochester, N.Y. died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004 at the age of 97. A long-time resident of Sanibel Island, Florida, he was born in Geneseo, N.Y. on March 26, 1906.

A graduate of Carnegie-Mellon University, Hotchkiss began his career at Goodyear Tire Company in Akron, Ohio, before joining the Thomas A. Edison Company in Orange, N.J. The majority of his career was spent at Eastman Kodak Co. as an engineering executive. He was a renowned lecturer, certified appraiser, author of several books on antiques and collectibles and a lifelong member of the Antiques Dealer's Association, the Appraisers Association of America and the Golf Collector's Society.

He is survived by three daughters — Joan Welch, and her husband, James, of Rochester, Katherine Gullo, and her husband, James, of Atlanta, and Ann Jaglowski, and her husband, Michael, Huntington Woods, Mich.; five step-children — Mary Montgomery, Charles Potts and his wife, Jan, Louise Thibadeau, and her husband, Paul, Ann Rose and her husband, Jerry, and Elisa Potts; and 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was a devoted husband to the late Catherine Fidehis McKenna and Mary (Mimi) Westervelt Potts.

A memorial mass was held on yesterday, Feb. 12, at St. Isabel's and one will be held at a later date in Rochester. Memorial donations may be sent to the Carnegie-Mellon Scholarship Fund, Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213 or to Hope Hospice, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers 33908.



Valentine's Day Dinner

Sweetheart Specials Reserve Now

Enjoy Gulf front dining at the Historic Island Inn where fish tales and shell stories fill the dining room like ghost from our past, established in 1895. Our new chef Christopher Hynes offers a fine selection of fresh fish, certified Black Angus beef, veal, poultry and pasta dishes.

Dinner 6 - 9 PM Breakfast 7 - 10 AM
Resort Casual Dress, Choice Wine List

Reservations Required

472-1561

3111 WEST GULF DRIVE

SANIBEL ISLAND, FL

www.islandinnsanibel.com

Island Inn

On the Gulf of Mexico
with a tradition that never sets



Check Us Out! "THE OTHER ISLAND"

PINE ISLAND & MATLACHA PROPERTIES

THE MICHAEL SHEVLIN TEAM

239-283-3900

www.TeamShevlin.com

BAYFRONT VIEW! Beautiful 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath home sits on a peninsula with 335' of seawall with a fantastic view that spans from Punta Passa to Captiva. Large kitchen, open pool & entertainment area downstairs. 2 boat docks, lift, gated community. Absolutely the best of the best! **\$1,495,000**

SAILBOAT ACCESS/VIEW! This 4/3 home has 3,500+ SF of living, large kitchen, living room, family & formal living, fireplaces & great porches. Large enclosed A/C room downstairs for workshop, guests, etc. Tropical landscaping, rock path, boat dock & view of St. James Preserve. **\$1,100,000**

MATLACHA RESTAURANT
This well-established restaurant & bar sits on a canal with tropical Tiki Hut in beautiful historic downtown Matlacha. There is lots of potential here for other ventures! **\$1,200,000**

BAYFRONT RESTAURANT
Bayfront restaurant in Matlacha. Includes the land as well as the building. Water on 2 sides with a fabulous view of the dolphins, pelicans, bridge & bay. This is a very hot property! **\$1,000,000**

Estates To Mobile Homes.. Call Today!



HAPPENINGS

For items to be included on these pages, they must be submitted by Friday, a week before publication date.

Wednesday, Feb. 18

Pseudo-caucus at Democratic Club

The Democratic Club of the Islands will be considering the choices in the March 9 Presidential Preference Primary during its meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of the Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way.

Using a pseudo-caucus approach, the club will let members present their reasons for supporting their preferred candidate. For more information, call Robin Krivanek, 395-0927.

Volunteers needed to build playground

On Wednesday through Friday, Feb. 18-20, Kids Around the World will be building a playground at the Sanibel Community Church. This playground will be available to the community, and the church will also make use of it for its after-school program, which currently has about 250 kids.

Volunteers are needed, working in four-hour shifts, from 8 a.m. to noon and from noon (or 1 p.m.) to 4 (or 5 p.m.). They need diggers, carpenters, people to help with moving and assembling parts. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the church at 472-2684 to find out when people are needed.

Kids Around the World has built playgrounds around the world. They just completed a playground in Beijing and playgrounds have been built in Vietnam, Cuba, India, Africa, the old Soviet Union. Part-time islander Bob Lindemann is working with the program and he has

Logan Fawley from Thurmont, MD, shelling with Grandma Margaret Everly of Fort Myers Beach, found a junonia at Gulfside City Park on Saturday, Jan. 10. They were on the beach around 3:30 in the afternoon, with the tide coming in and it was right along the shore line. Grandma looked down and saw it and went, "Wow!" Noted Logan's dad, "I hope they put a 500 pound/day limit — she is a sheller!"

been on a number of the trips. He noted that the playground in Vietnam was built on a site where 50 children were killed during the war. There were 5,000 people there to celebrate the completion of the playground: children and their families and "they were all smiling and happy," noted Lindemann.

With this program, he added, "We're building relationships that are good for America, working alongside locals."

Monday, Feb. 16

Coping with Life Challenges at Island Seniors

The first program in a series on Coping with Life Challenges will be held on Thursday, Feb. 19 at 10 a.m. Dr. Leslie Neal of the Audiology Center will be talking on, "Have you heard?"

One in ten Americans suffer from hearing loss and when untreated, it can result in misunderstandings, fatigue, depression, memory problems and problems with quality of life. Come to this seminar to learn about hearing loss and the latest treatments.

This series of free lectures on the challenges faced by many seniors is being offered to Island Seniors members and the community. Programs are open to all and will be held in the aerobics room of the Island Senior Center of Library Way, but there is only space for 50 people, on a first-come, first-served basis. Upcoming topics include Living with Arthritis, Diabetes Education, American on the Move, Financing Residential Care Options, Suddenly Single, Understanding Depression, Alzheimers and having joy in your life.



FORUM: Thurber on presidential politics

The Forum at BIG ARTS will host 1996.

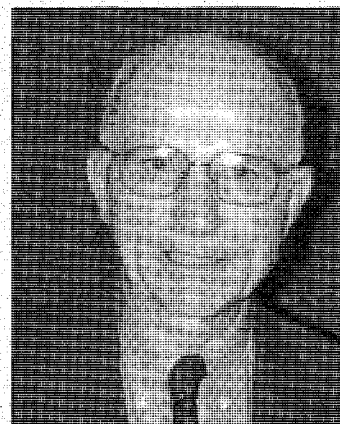
nationally recognized authority on campaigns, elections, and presidential and congressional politics, James Thurber on Sunday, Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Schein Hall located at BIG ARTS Center, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. Tickets \$20.

His timely subject is "The Politics of the 2004 Presidential Election: Strategies, Tactics and Issues." Dr. Thurber is currently a professor of Government and founder/director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University. He is the principle investigator, with a grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts, to study campaign conduct.

The author or co-author of numerous books and over 75 articles on Congress, lobbying congressional/presidential relations, campaigns and elections, Dr. Thurber was honored as the University Scholar/Teacher of the Year in



Thurber



Korb

The Forum's final speaker of the season, Mr. Lawrence J. Korb, will appear Sunday, Feb. 29 at 7:30. The subject to be addressed by Mr. Korb will be "National Security in an Age of Terrorists, Tyrants and Weapons of Mass Destruction."

The FORUM at BIG ARTS endeavors to bring the finest in distinguished scholars to our islands. The expertise and insights of these carefully chosen speakers are meant to challenge the thinking, hone the perceptions and broaden the understanding of their island listeners. Support for this year's program has been phenomenal, with many scholars speaking to sold out crowds. The FORUM is generously supported by series sponsor, Northern Trust as well as by Chico's, and The Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company. Please call now to make your reservations for these final speakers as tickets are very limited, 395-0900.

FREE
Real Estate
SEMINAR

7th Annual

Sanibel/Captiva Real Estate Seminar

Wed. Feb. 18, 2004
Sanibel Community House
9 AM to 10 AM

Some Topics

- Island Sales & 2004 Forecast
- Putting Real Estate into an IRA
- How to Save Taxes with a 1031 Exchange
- Fractional Share Purchases On Sanibel
- What's selling on Sanibel/Captiva

Seminar Speakers

Jay Richter
*Licensed Real Estate
 Instructor
 Academy of Real Estate*

Dave Owens
*President
 Island Financial
 Services*

Reservations 472-3121

Program is 60 minutes with Q&A
 No Real Estate agents will be present

State Certified
CCC057780

Infinger Professional Roofing

4515 Del Prado Blvd Suite 5 Cape Coral

- Shingle Reroofs
- Tile Reroofs
- Flat Reroofs
- All Type of
Roof Repairs

ADDITIONAL SERVICE ALL UNDER ONE ROOF

- Fascia and Soffit
- Ceiling and Dry Wall
- Walk Out Decks
- Siding

MANY TYPES OF SERVICES

540-2443

Preferred
Roofing
Contractor



IPR

ASK YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WHY PROFESSIONAL IS PART OF OUR NAME

HAPPENINGS

For items to be included on these pages, they must be submitted by Friday, a week before publication date.

St. Isabel Women's Guild

The St. Isabel's Women's Guild will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 9:30 in the Church Hall.

After the business meeting, the guest speaker will be Jennifer Benton, executive director of ACT, Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. Benton will discuss the measures being taken at the center to end domestic abuse and the many needs shared by those who are victims. Like last year, the Guild is encouraging all the women in the parish to fill a basket, box or other creative receptacle of their choosing with personal care items for those who must have shelter - including children. As a suggestion, just think of some items you would like to have with you if you had to spend the night in a strange place. They can be brought to the Church Hall on the morning of the 24 and Benton will take them back to a shelter after the meeting.

All of the women of the parish are invited to participate and to bring a friend.

A Russian tea party

The Horticulture and Tea Society of Sanibel-Captiva is presented a Russian Tea Party on Monday, Feb. 23 from 1 - 3 p.m. at St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church at 2304 Periwinkle Way.

Violinist Oksana Pavilionis will be playing; Amy Williams, editor of the News-Press magazine, Tropicalia, will speak; and Seminole uses of plants will be discussed by Dr. Susan Enns Stans, professor of Anthropology at FGCU and author of "Healing Plants, Medicine of the Florida Seminole Indians" and Alice Micco Snow, Seminole tribal elder and co-author, "Human Uses of Plants."

There will be door prizes, raffles and refreshments... all for \$3. Please call Barbara at 472-8334 for reservations, or e-mail hatssancap.org.

Redevelopment subject of CASI breakfast

The next Condominium Associations of Sanibel (CASI) Members Breakfast will be on Friday, Feb. 27. The topic will be Redevelopment After a Disaster and the guest speakers will be David Schuldenfrei, president of the Sanibel

Board of Realtors; Jack Samler from the Sanibel Planning Commission and Steve Greenstein, executive director of the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce.

The breakfast will be held at the Clubhouse at the Sanctuary. Registration is at 8 a.m.; the breakfast buffet starts at 8:30 and the program will run from 9 to 10 a.m. For reservations, please call 334-2138 by Feb. 25.

Upcoming—

Tenth Annual Cast Net Rodeo

Mark your calendars for the Tenth Annual Southwest Florida Cast Net Rodeo, to be held on Saturday, Feb. 21 at The Bait Box.

Activities begin FREE cast net demonstrations & lessons. The Youth competition will begin at about 11 a.m. (registration is FREE for anyone under 16 years of age). The Adult competition will begin at about 1 p.m. (registration is \$25 in advance or \$35 the day of the event). The First Place winner will receive \$500. There will be a raffle drawing (you do not have to be present to win). The Tenth Annual Southwest Florida Cast Net Rodeo will be held at The Bait Box at 1041 Periwinkle Way; for additional information, please call 472-1618.

Transformation Workshop at Fort Myers Beach

Georgia Shakti-Hill and Mikki McDonald Fraser will present the Game of Transformation Workshop at Fort Myers Beach on February 20 and 21, 2004. Two one-day workshops will be offered with up to four players per Game. The participants will choose a focus in their life and play the Game to find insights and resolutions of an issue or problem. The Game is a multi-purpose tool, which can be experienced on many levels. While playing you will get a clear feedback from the Game itself and through the interaction with other players. It's an opportunity to break through old patterns and try out new ways of responding to life in a safe setting. Through the game you can become more aware of your

personal strengths and learn important lessons that can deepen your understanding of how you operate. The Transformation Game triggers your creativity and lets you realize your full power and potential. Shakti-Hill is a local TV personality and national speaker. Fraser is a teacher and lecturer on empowerment. For more information and a reservation for either of the days call 463-8088 or visit <http://www.shakti-hill.com>

Serving size and portion distortion

Sanibel's three parish nurses offer a special program every year as part of their efforts to do things for their respective churches and the community. The first in this year's three-part program will be held at Sanibel Congregational Church on Monday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The speaker is Celia Hill from the University of Florida, a Family and Consumer Sciences Agent. Hill has a B.S. in Home Economics Education and a Masters in Consumer Affairs and she will be speaking on Portion Distortion. She has a unique way of teaching about foods, nutrition, and the food guide pyramid and her presentation is very informative and entertaining. The other two programs to be offered will be announced at a later date.

Charity Ball at St. Isabel

The Sixth Annual Charity Ball will be held at St. Isabel Catholic Church on Saturday, Feb. 21, benefiting the various charities of the Catholic diocese of Venice.

A significant portion of the funds raised come from the silent auction. Please consider donating an item or service from your business; your business will appear on the list of donors in the evening's printed program. When submitting such items, please advise the fair retail value of the item.

Individual tickets for the dance are \$100 each. Additional patron levels and sponsor package rates are available. Please call the church office at 472-2763 for more information.

Silent Chef's Auction

Don't forget to return your bids from the Silent Chef's Auction promotion that ran in the Feb. 6 Islander.

All bids need to be received at the Islander office at 695 Tarpon Bay Road, Suite 13, Sanibel, 33957 by Feb. 23, 2004.

If you need a copy of the form, please stop by the Islander office.

Junque and Treasure Sale accepting donations

The annual Junque and Treasure Sale will be held on Saturday, March 13 at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ.

Donations are being accepted until March 1. Clean usable clothing, new shoes, household goods, working small electronics with instructions, jewelry, books, toys, pictures, collectibles, lamps and furniture and other treasures are being accepted in the lower level of Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ at 2050 Periwinkle Way on Mondays from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Not acceptable for safety reasons are mattresses, box springs, baby equipment, hide-a beds, plumbing, building materials, or exercise equipment.

Proceeds are given by the Sanibel Church Women in Mission (SCWIM) to area non-profits that serve children, women, and families. To arrange for furniture pick-up or if you have any questions, call Dee Hunter (395-9511) or the church office (472-0497).

Page Field Open House

Lee County Port Authority invites Southwest Floridians to celebrate aviation during Page Field Open House 2004 on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The free event will include airplane rides, static displays of aircraft, military-aircraft flybys, airport tours, demonstrations by airport rescue & fire fighting and airport-police canines, aviation-safety seminars and historical exhibits. The Open House will be held on the airport's north ramp, located on North Airport Road, off U.S. 41 south of Edison Mall in Fort Myers. To learn more about Page Field Open House 2004, please call 936-1443.



**Dine Dockside and Enjoy Mouthwatering Delights From the Sea —
It Doesn't Get Any Fresher!**

Gramma Dot's Seaside Saloon

**Winner of 11 Taste of the Islands "Awards"
Our latest win for
"THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD"
3 Years in a row
Come See Why!**

Serving
Lunch 11:30 AM
Dinner 5:00 PM
Take out Available

472-8138



Located at...
Sanibel Marina
634 N. Yachtsman
Sanibel, FL



Bereavement support group

There is a Bereavement Support Group on Sanibel Island. It meets on the first and third Mondays of each month. The group leader is a Hospice-trained facilitator. It is held at the Sanibel Congregational United

Church of Christ at 2050 Periwinkle Way. If you or someone you know has lost someone in death, you might find this group most helpful.

World Day of Prayer 2004

World Day of Prayer 2004 will be held on Friday, March 5 at 10 a.m. at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way. World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together every first Friday in March to observe a common day of prayer and fellowship. Each year women of a different country prepare the worship service. This year it is the turn of the women of Panama. Their theme is "In Faith, Women

Shape the Future." Music and prayers will be in English, Spanish and Guaymi.

Churchwomen from all seven churches in the Sanibel community are planning the program cooperatively. The churches are Chapel by the Sea on Captiva, First Church of Christ Scientist, St. Isabel Catholic Church, St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, Sanibel Community Church, Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ and Village Church of Shell Point. The program is intended for men as well as women and children to come together for prayer and fellowship all over the world.

A fellowship hour will follow the service. Child care/nursery service is available from 9:30 to 12:30. For more information, please call the church at 472-0947.

(left) Jazel Schuller, Sanibel Congregational Church World Day of Prayer committee coordinator; (right) Judy Maurer, president, Sanibel Congregational Church Women.



KIDS KORNER

Take me to the river

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation will be offering an environmental education program for kids entitled, "Take Me to the River."

Kids will have the opportunity to learn about the fascinating aspects of wetlands by exploring and investigating Sanibel's interior wetlands. This interpretive program is geared for ages 5-12 and will take

place on Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 9:30 a.m.

An adult must accompany kids, so kids, parents and grandparents, please come to the Conservation Foundation's Nature Center and "Take Me to the River."

Space will be limited so reservations are required. The program will be free for kids and \$3/adult. Additional information and reservations can be obtained by calling the Conservation Foundation at 472-2329.

Dr. Seuss in Cape Coral

Dr. Seuss, the children's author, will come alive with a special U. S. Postal Service event on Saturday, March 27 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Cape Coral Public Library. The Postal Service is issuing a 37-cent stamp in honor of Theodor Geisel's (Dr. Seuss) 100th birthday in early March.

The public is invited to attend the free event. Children may dress as their favorite Dr. Seuss character and enter the costume contest. Prizes for this and writing competitions will be awarded. In addition, every child attending will be entered in a drawing for door prizes. A storyteller will present several Dr. Seuss stories, all children will be presented with a certificate of attendance and a red bow tie.

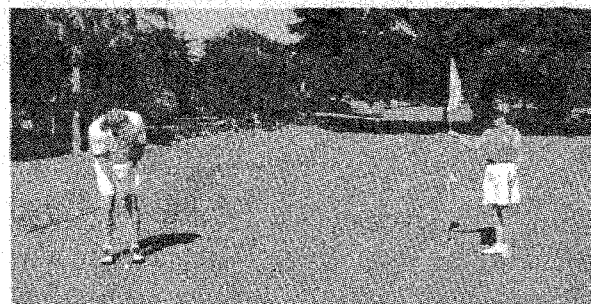
In keeping with the Dr. Seuss theme, children in grades 1-6 can submit writing entries in advance of the event. The entries will have a preliminary judging by members of the Postal Consumer Advisory Council. The winners will be selected by those in attendance at the March 27 event from the finalist entries. The following specifications are to be followed:

In a maximum of 100 words, children in grades 1 and 2 are to answer the question, "If you were the cat in the hat, what would you pull out . . . and why?" Children in grades 3 and 4, with a maximum of 200 words, are to write a creative recipe using green eggs and ham. Children in grades 5 and 6, in 250 words or less, are to answer the question, "What is your favorite Dr. Seuss story or character . . . and why?"

All entries must be the original creation of the child and must be received by March 15 by Debra Mitchell, Customer Relations Coordinator, United States Postal Service, 2655 N. Airport Road, Fort Myers, FL 33907. Each entry must have the following information on the back of the entry: the child's name; the child's grade, teacher's name, and school name (or indicate home schooled); and a local phone number. Teachers are encouraged to use this as a class writing assignment.

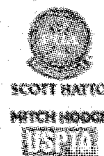
Additional information about the Dr. Seuss program may be obtained by contacting Debra Mitchell, U. S. Postal Service Customer Relations Coordinator, at 239-277-3313.

THE NEW Beachview Golf & Tennis Club

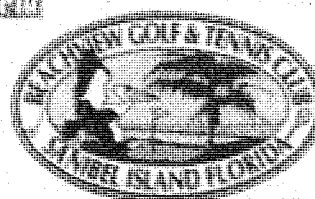


The Best is Getting Better

Come play golf or tennis and see all the wonderful changes in progress at our club. You'll enjoy 18 holes on a championship golf course wrapped around the scenic beauty of the Sanibel River. Our award winning state-of-the-art Hydro-Grid tennis courts make you feel like a pro, no matter what level you play.



- Full Service Pro Shop
- PGA Professional Available
- USPTA Tennis Professional Available
- Tournament & League Play



To Celebrate our New Look, we are offering
NEW MEMBERSHIPS AT A REDUCED RATE (For A Limited Time)

1100 Par View Drive, Sanibel Island - Golf 239.472.2626 • Tennis 239.472-9099
www.beachviewgolfclub.com

the Old Captiva House

Florida Fresh. World Cuisine.

Changing the Taste of Captiva

STARTERS
Lobster Spring Rolls
with Mango Citrus Coulis

Warm Cambazola Cheese
with Grilled Boeuf Pears and Crispy Prosciuttoon Lahvosh

Pacific Razor Clam Chowder

OCH FEATURES
Grilled Raspberry Duck Breast
with Warm Wheat Berry Salad

Sautéed Macadamia Nut Chicken
with Tropical Rice and Papaya Salsa

Winter Menu Samples

OCH SEAFOOD TRADITIONS

Oven Broiled Pepitas Crusted Pacific Rockfish

with Avocado Relish and Black Beans

Grilled Diver Scallop and Gulf Pink Shrimp Harpoon

on a Bed Pad Thai Noodles

DAY BOAT SPECIALS

Grilled Japanese "Sashimi Grade" Hamachi

with Tempura Vegetables and Ponzu

Oven Broiled Anchovy Crusted Yellow Fin Tuna

with Saffron Cous Cous and Warm Iberian Relish



15951 Captiva Rd Captiva Island - Tel. 239.472.5161

ENVIRONMENT

Don and Lillian Stokes at Audubon

Birding with Don and Lillian Stokes will be the topic at the next Sanibel-Captiva Audubon presentation on Thursday, Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way.

In this entertaining and educational presentation on birding, Don and Lillian Stokes, "America's first couple of birding," best-selling authors and TV personalities, will give you an up close and personal look at birding the Stokes way. You will learn how to boost your identification skills, gain new insights into birds' lives and behavior and discover how you can make a difference in the future of bird conservation.

Called America's "First Family of Birding," Don and Lillian Stokes are two of the country's most productive and popular birding authors and TV personalities. They were the creators and hosts of the very first national birdwatching series to appear on PBS. Their highly popular series, *Stokes Birds At Home*, ran on public television through 2002, and was seen by over 40 million viewers. Don and Lillian were the producers, writers, hosts, and shot all of the video of birds that appeared in the show. Their latest televi-

sion project — a five-part TV series called *DIY Bird Watching Workshop* with Don and Lillian Stokes — will be playing on the DIY (Do-It-Yourself) cable television channel for the next several years.

The Stokeses are also prolific authors who have written 30 books on nature which have sold more than 4.5 million copies. Their well-known titles include the best-selling, *Stokes Field Guide to Birds*, available in eastern and western editions. Their *Stokes Beginner's Guides* series includes *Stokes Beginner's Guide to Birds* eastern and western editions, and additional titles in the *Stokes Beginner's Guide* series include *Hummingbirds*, *Shorebirds*, *Bats*, *Bird Feeding* and *Dragonflies*.

They have also written *Stokes Nature Guides*, a series of books on observing bird and animal behavior; and the *Stokes Backyard Nature Books*, a series on attracting backyard birds and nature. They have helped produce the bird song CDs and cassettes, *Stokes Field Guide to Bird Songs: Eastern Region*, with Lang Elliot, and *Stokes Field Guide to Bird Songs: Western Region*, with Kevin Colver. Due out in March 2004 is their newest book, *Stokes Field Guide To Warblers*, a beautiful and innovative photographic field guide that will make warbler identification easy.

Don and Lillian have been consultants to the wild bird feeding industry for 20

years and have recently created the Stokes Select line of bird seed, feeders, and accessories that are sold in Petsmart, Petco, and other bird retailers across the country. A portion of the profits from the sales of Stokes Select products is donated to bird habitat and conservation.

The Stokeses recently moved to southern New Hampshire and created a 16-acre bird sanctuary, called Bobolink Farm, to which they have attracted 159 species of birds. This remarkable habitat features rolling meadows with nesting meadowlarks, bobolinks, bluebirds, and tree swallows, a lake with herons and ducks, woodlands filled with warblers, and large perennial borders that attract butterflies and hummingbirds.

Accompanied by their constant companion Daisy, their pet Pembroke Welsh Corgi, they spend their winters here on Sanibel Island, where they enjoy and photograph an even greater variety of birds.

This Audubon program is the seventh in a weekly series that continues on Thursdays at 8 p.m. The suggested donation is \$4. There is plenty of parking available at the Sanibel Community House and in the lot across the street in front of the Periwinkle Playhouse (the former J. Howard Wood Theater). For additional information, contact Elaine Jacobson at 395-1878 or visit Audubon's Web site at www.sancapaudubon.org.

Audubon outing on Feb. 14

The next Sanibel-Captiva Audubon birding outing will take place on Saturday, Feb. 14 (tomorrow) at Bowman's Beach. Meet at the bridge adjacent to the town parking lot at 8 a.m. All birders are welcome.

The next outing will be on Saturday, Feb. 21 at Blind Pass, also at 8 a.m. These outings are open to the public and the suggested donation is \$2. Call Malcolm Harpham at 395-3804 for other details.

Walkin' Talks at Bowditch

Join a volunteer naturalist each Tuesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. at Bowditch Point Regional Preserve for a free one-hour walk through the various plant communities of a barrier island, including beach, dune and mangroves. Hear about the history and restoration of the preserve. Visit a gopher tortoise habitat and take in the beauty of land and sea from Lookout Point on Gopher Hill. Part of the trail may be under shal-

Seagrass Wading Trip


Did you know that the shallow waters between Sanibel and Fort Myers are home to a wide variety of fascinating sea life? This estuarine environment is where the fresh water of the Caloosahatchee River meets the salt water of the Gulf of Mexico. It is also one of the most productive ecosystems on Earth. Here the seagrass beds act as a nursery and a feeding ground for many species of fish and other marine life.

On Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 9 a.m., come explore the wonders living below the surface of San Carlos Bay with a Naturalist from the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. You will not only see your favorite estuarine creatures up close, but you will also learn about the delicate ecology of seagrass habitats and what is being done to find out more about and protect these valuable nurseries of the sea.

This is a great opportunity for people of all ages to explore the world that lies below the surface of an estuary. This program is being brought to you by a partnership between the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program.

The program is free to children and adults. Space is limited to 16. Reservations are required; please call 472-2329 or 395-4617. Bring old clothes and/or bathing suit, closed-toe water shoes, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and towel.





SANIBEL-CAPTIVA SHOPPER'S GUIDE

Serving the Islands for 30 years and still going Strong!
WE'RE GETTING A FACELIFT—
Watch for our new look March, 2004

Kayak tours

Tuesdays and Saturdays - Lover's Key State Park - 9AM - 2 hour guided kayak nature tour of the water surrounding this award winning state park. See many of the 300 species of birds that frequent the area, dolphins and manatees. Learn about the history of the Calusa Indians that lived here for thousands of year. - \$35 per person.

Tuesdays - Ostego Bay Foundation - 1PM - 5PM - Enjoy a guided tour of this wonderful Marine Sciences facility and then take a 2 hour guided paddle on the Great Calusa Blueway to see the critters you just learned about - in their natural habitat. A portion of the proceeds goes to support the Foundation - \$40 per person

Friday, Feb. 13 and Sunday, Feb. 22: Manatee Tour - 10AM - get up close and personal with these gentle giants and learn about their history, habitat and habits - 3 hours - \$40 per person

Saturday, Feb. 14 - Kayak Clinic at Manatee Park - 9AM - learn the basics of kayaking and enjoy a tour on the Orange River - 2 hours - \$27.50 per person.

Sunday, February 15th - Bird Rookery/River Tour - 4:00PM - Visit a very special island where thousands of birds of up to 12 species roost. Paddle in a wonderful, natural area of our beautiful Caloosahatchee River. 2 hours - \$35 per person.

For more information and a reservation, please call 239 694-5513



ADD A LITTLE MAGIC TO YOUR HOME

A Resource for:
Interior Design, Real Estate, Home Improvement, Lawn & Garden

IONA AIR Inc.: Call Us Today and Sleep Well Tonight

by Nancy Santeusanio
Special to The Islander

With over twenty Yellow Pages listings under "Air Conditioning Contractors and Systems" and claims ranging from best service, high quality service, fast and honest service, free estimates, free second opinions, same day service, one day installation, preventive maintenance and the finest indoor air quality, no wonder the consumer is perplexed about how to differentiate between all this highly competitive advertising.

On a checklist of these qualities Iona Air can compete favorably and, in some areas, exceed expectations. However, as Byron Babb and Steve Parkin, owners of the company, state, "You can make all kinds of advertising promises but the only proof is what happens when you call a particular air conditioning company." They emphasize, "The biggest thing is trust. Anyone can say they are honest and that they do the best job but the most important thing is to be able to show the customer and prove it." Claims are easy but results are what count. That's the premise upon which this business is building its reputation. "We want to build an image beyond the telephone book."

The goal of Iona Air is to fix it right the first time. Babb acknowledges that it's easy to say you want to offer quality service but, behind that, you must maintain your own high ethical standards. When you go to someone's home, you are there to listen to their needs and offer them the best available options in high efficiency systems and, at the same time, save them money.

Other times, a customer is calling for immediate emergency service and that's the crucial test. How fast, how efficiently and how well did the company you called troubleshoot and solve your problem? As one of his many examples, Babb tells about a 2:00 a.m. call from a gentleman on Captiva. His wife was bedridden and the air was out! Babb arrived at their home in less than forty five minutes after receiving the call and replaced the indoor fan motor, which had shorted internally. Following the repair, Babb, as he always does, went through the system to ensure that everything was working properly. The gentleman was almost ecstatic and extremely grateful to Babb for solving his problem so promptly. What counts is the fact that the indelible first impression never fades away, continuing to maintain that same high level of integrity and quality is equally important.

A caution that Babb and Parkin point out is that along with good air quality and high expectations in service, people are worried about system longevity. "You should have something that protects your system from the numerous power surges so common in this area." Now there are both high and low voltage protectors. Major components such as compressors require high voltage whereas components such as thermostats, printed circuit boards and motor modules use a low voltage protector. Most of these carry their own insurance and a lifetime warranty. "Basically, this is inexpensive insurance for your system and reasonably priced," explains Babb.

Parkin reinforces that the big thing today is indoor air quality or IAQ. Today's houses are much more tightly sealed than in the past and pollutants are much,

much higher indoors than outdoors. The result is that the homes are becoming more energy efficient with less air infiltration. This problem is exacerbated with the increasing evidence of Red Tide. The good news

is that with the addition of new ultra violet technology along with good air filtration the effects of the Red

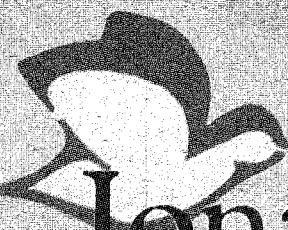
Iona Air, see page 12

Call Us *Today*
Sleep Well
Tonight!



- **FREE Estimates on Equipment Replacement**
- **FREE Service Call When Repair is Made**
- **We Service and Install All Brands of Equipment**
- **We Work Around Your Schedule**
- **Instant Financing Available**

*Licensed, Bonded,
& Insured
for Your Safety*



Iona Air

Heating & Air Conditioning

Lic. # CAC1813835

**239-573-IONA
(4662)**

*Emergency Service
Available*

\$10.⁰⁰ OFF!

**28 point Maintenance
Clean & Check**

Reg. \$50.⁰⁰

exp. 4/01/04

Iona Air, from page 11

Tide syndrome can be reduced considerably.

With rising energy costs, high efficiency systems are coming more to the forefront. If a system is properly

designed, it will work at its peak. Babb and Parkin like to educate people about this knowledge but they also advise people not to run out and buy a new a/c system unless the cost of the repair to their present system is extreme or they

Iona Air, see page 14



IS YOUR BEDROOM AS UNIQUE AS YOU ARE?



interior decorator: D. Smith

We Come To You

www.DecoratingDen.com

Customize your bedroom today!

See what a difference new custom bedding alone can make—or go all out with window treatments, wall and floor coverings, furniture, lighting and accessories. We handle everything from design to product selection through final installation. And we listen and work within your budget. Make your bedroom a real haven for your soul.

Call now for a complementary, in-home consultation.



Cindy Malszycki

INTERIORS
by Decorating Den™
695 TARPON BAY RD.#15
SANIBEL PROMENADE

8:30 - 4:30 Mon. (239) 472-6551



Carol Gagnon



Marcia Feeney



Jeanie Tinch

"Images of The Islands"

Photographs by John Whiticar

February 14 thru March 14

Reception: Sat. February 14, 2-5 p.m.

Also! Screen Printing on fabric Demo by Dennis Clark, Ampersand Graphics

Matsumoto Gallery

2340 Periwinkle Way 472-2941



**ALL
DECKED
OUT**

437-9915

TrexPro
CERTIFIED INSTALLER

INSTALLATION & RESURFACE

- EXOTIC HARDWOOD
- WOOD POLYMER Trex
- PRESSURE TREATED PINE
- STAINLESS STEEL HARDWARE

State Certified
Building Contractor
CB C058343

DESIGN | BUILD | RESTORE

COME INSIDE... SU CASA

"a furniture boutique"
NEW SHIPMENT HAS ARRIVED!!

- ❖ imported furniture from around the world
- ❖ sophistication and style
- ❖ accessories and lighting
- ❖ centuries' old techniques applied by gifted artisans

Complimentary
Starbucks Coffee



(239) 945-0606

3011 Del Prado Boulevard
Cape Coral, FL

Mon.-Fri. 10am - 6pm
Sat. 10am - 4pm

LINDA'S CHOICES

4425 WATER'S EDGE GULF FRONT



- 4 bedroom, 4 bath with wide beach views
- Family room with fireplace
- Tile floors, gourmet kitchen, wet bar
- Elevator, pool, screened lanai

\$3,295,000

1817 BUCKTHORN LANE



- Secluded gated Community
- Private beach Access
- 4 bedrooms, 4 baths
- Built in 2002
- Walk to private beach

Asking \$1,195,000



Linda Gornick

Broker / Associate

(239) 472-5187 x 261
1-800-353-7338 x 261

Cooking with Rashida

by Barbara Ganz
Special to the Islander

My daughter, Tiffany, was about to visit us at our condominium near Marbella, Spain and I wanted to do something really different, with just the two of us — kind of a mother and daughter bonding experience.

While reading a local magazine, I came to an advertisement that read, "Mediterranean cooking classes, contact easydishes.com." "Sounds like a plan," I said to myself. (I often talk to myself when making plans). And so, I contacted Algerian born Rashida Reidel, who lived only five minutes from our home. I told her that I wanted to learn about

Mediterranean cooking and that I would bring my daughter along. She then insisted that my husband, David and I first visit her to discuss what foods I was interested in and to review the menu. David had the standard male reaction, "What, is she kidding? Why do I have to go? I just burned the water for tea!"

Some time later, we arrived at Rashida's beach villa, overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. The view was simply breathtaking and there was not just one, but two kitchens. One was inside and the other was outside. Rashida told us that she used the indoor kitchen only during inclement weather. Over freshly brewed mint tea, Rashida explained the differ-

Rashida, see page 14

"We Build It Better!"

GEORGE PARKER INC.

New Construction
Remodeling
Design

15975 McGregor Blvd. • Fort Myers, FL 33908
(239) 466-5100 • 1-800-747-5100
e-mail: gpi@coconet.com

State Certified General Contractor #CG-C007963

Island Computers



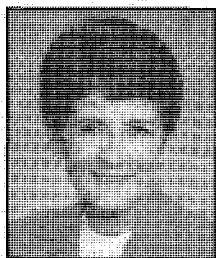
Setup / Install
Performance Tune / Virus Removal
Laptop Repair / Macintosh / Network
High Speed / Wireless / Email
drop off or on site

395-3647 www.islandcomputers.us



Barbara
and
Rashida

Paid Advertisement



LET'S TALK REAL ESTATE

Presented by
Margie Davison

NEW YEAR, NEW INVESTMENTS

Lower-than-ever interest rates kept the housing market strong and healthy during the past year, and the demand for housing continue to surpass the current supply of home as the New Year begins. If you are thinking about investing in the real estate market, it's and excellent time to take action.

Home prices appreciation has given homeowners increased home equity, and many are choosing to cash out some of that equity by refinancing or taking out a home equity loan. While many homeowners use the cash to pay down debt or make improvements on their principle residence, a growing number will be investing a second homes or investment properties during the coming year.

Senior home buyers between the ages of 55 and 60 are among the most active (and affluent) shoppers in today's real estate market. Seniors who purchased properties decades ago are now enjoying the rewards of investing in real estate. They have plenty of home equity to turn into ready cash, and many own their home out right. Senior buyers are looking for new investments in luxury homes, vacation or retirement getaways and rental properties.

So take a tip from our senior citizens — buy property, and be propersous!

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

Time to Refurnish Your Home or Condo?

FURNITURE WORLD

WE SELL FOR LESS

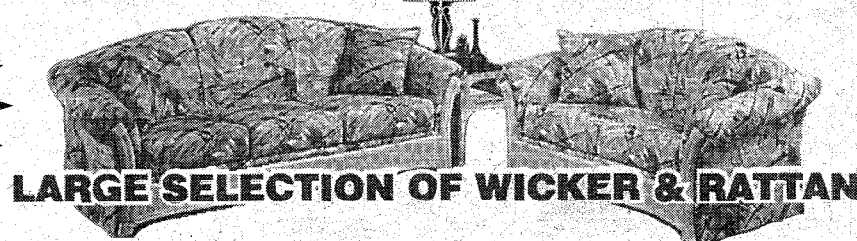
Family-Owned & Operated Serving the Lee County Community for Over 18 Years

Furniture World Can Handle All Your Needs!

Living Room • Bedroom • Dining Room • Patio • Mattress Sets • Commercial • Hotel/Motel

Specializing in Sofa Sleepers!

38 Piece
Condo Package
\$5598.00



LARGE SELECTION OF WICKER & RATTAN

Carpets • Rugs • Wallpaper • Verticals • Mini Blinds • Draperies • Wood Shutters

We have the BEST Prices in Lee Co. and can package your purchase to SAVE you even MORE MONEY!

Our Experienced Staff Will Help You Coordinate While You're Here or Away.

FURNITURE WORLD

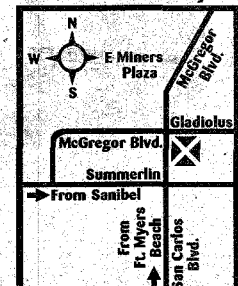
489-3311

www.furniture-world.net

CONVENIENT
LOCATION
FROM SANIBEL &
FT. MYERS BEACH

NEW
LOCATION

1-888-489-3311



15651 San Carlos Blvd.
Fort Myers

Open 7 Days a Week • Mon - Fri 9 AM - 6 PM • Sat 9 AM - 5 PM • Sun 12 PM - 4 PM

Iona Air, from page 12

want to think about upgrading. Much depends on the needs and wants of the customer and their comfort level as well as the amount of money they are spending on their electric bill. They offer honest, free and unbiased home consultation and analysis of any system to determine the needs and anticipated expense of a new, high efficiency system. With such a large number of a/c companies, the first thing is to establish a rapport with the customer and to build trust between the company and the customer. "Call us today and sleep well tonight" is their easy to remember motto and they can deliver what they promise in a very short time span.

Iona Air has a strong island connec-

tion, with Babb having lived on Sanibel as a child, attending local schools and subsequently living and working in the Iona McGregor area for several years. From this small town background, he moved to San Diego, California where he joined Steve Parkin in a growing and prosperous air conditioning company. Before moving to San Diego, Parkin had apprenticed in the air conditioning business in England and now Babb and Parkin are offering their combined total of thirty five years of experience in Iona Air, their new company. Tel (239) 823-7664. Remember they fix it right the first time, save the customer money whenever possible and always maintain that same level of integrity and quality.

Rashida, from page 13

ences between the various Mediterranean cuisines, such as Andalusian, Lebanese, Provincial, and Italian. Since David and I were now legal Spanish residents, I decided that it was time to learn to cook some regional Spanish Andalusian dishes.

The menu I selected consisted of canapes called "checkchoukas," which consisted of tomatoes, onions, olive oil, cayenne, fresh herbs and bay leaves. This is served hot on crackers. Then comes "almejas," or tiny clams with lots of unique spices. The main entree was "arroz marinara with vegetables," which is a rice dish with mussels, calamari and prawns, seasoned and served with peas and green beans. We even decided to

make Spanish tortillas just to make the meal authentic. Desert was an "apple omelette" made from yellow apples, brown sugar, eggs, cream, and more — real dietetic stuff. And, of course, there was mint tea.

After hearing the menu, all of a sudden my husband became very interested. We agreed that my daughter and I would start preparing the lunch at 9 a.m., while David was scheduled to join us at 1 p.m. to do the job he does best—eating. Yes, it would take us four hours to properly prepare this lunch. But it was worth every minute we were about to spend on it.

The next morning, my daughter and I were given more mint tea and issued our uniforms of the day, long white aprons. We reviewed our recipes, lit the outdoor

Rashida, see page 15



The Silver Chef
In Home Cuisine

Personal Chef Services

Dinner Parties
Stock Kitchen/Pantry Services
Meal Replacements

Nancy Tracy
634-1246

Certified Personal Chef
www.uspca.com

E-Mail:
thesilverchef@hotmail.com

(239) 574-0900 EMAIL: vinfish1@earthlink.net

ARRANGING SPACES L.L.C.

by VINNIE FISHER, I.R.L.S., IDS ASSOC.

"One Day Decorating Using Your Furniture & Accessories!"

★ SPECIALIZING IN INTERIOR REDESIGN AS SEEN ON HGTV'S "DECORATING CENTS"

SEAWEED GALLERY



Collective Artisans & Mermaids — Featuring Local Artists

2055 Periwinkle Way, Suite 3 Sanibel Island, Florida 33957 472-2585	3 Locations!! 2340 Periwinkle Way (in village Shops) Sanibel, Florida	11509 Andy Rosse Lane Captiva Island, Florida
---	---	--

We Bring You Color and Comfort




Sanibel Home Furnishings introduces a whole new unique fabric collection with island motifs, WOW colors and yummy textures, and of course comfortable, classic, well scaled furniture.

- Furniture
- Upholstery
- Paintings
- Lamps
- Prints
- Mirrors
- Pillows
- Porcelains
- Accessories







Sanibel Home Furnishings

"Heart Of The Island Shops"

1618 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel 472-5552

Monday - Saturday 10 - 5

www.sanibelhomefurnishings.com

On-Site Assurance

Providing the Key to Custom Construction Success

Are you planning a new home, significant addition or remodeling project?

Will you be unable to oversee the job as it is taking place?

If so, you need On-Site Assurance

Our process assures the finished project is on time, within budget for a "no-surprises" outcome.



395-3142

Visit us at our website: www.onsiteassurance.com

SERVICE WHEN YOU NEED IT!!!

THE ONLY ISLAND BASED AIR CONDITIONING COMPANY

EMERGENCY SERVICE

✓ FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED-TRUSTED SERVICE
SINCE 1988 ✓ MAJOR APPLIANCE REPAIRS
✓ DUCT CLEANING ✓ HEAT PUMPS



Sanibel Air Conditioning, Inc.

OFFICE 472-3033

(24 HOURS)

395-COOL
2665

2460 PALM RIDGE ROAD

SANIBEL, FLORIDA 33957

SERVICE CLUBS

They're everywhere! (...and soon, they'll be eating spaghetti)

News from the Kiwanis
Submitted by Bob Wimbush

They're everywhere! They're everywhere! Yellow jacketed, swooping, zooming around our Islands. And no wonder — there are soooo many of them. According to George Sousa, president, and this week's Kiwanis speaker, the Sanibel Bicycle Club has around 240 members. This is a big group.

And, it is politically correct — he and their nicely prepared brochure consistently referred to our "shared-use paths," never slipping back into the no longer proper "bike paths" designator favored by the rest of us. And, it is politically active, swarming yellow-and-reflector-clad into City Council (and other) meetings where it feels its presence must be felt.

And, it is environmentally active. Recently Bike Club members scooped up over 150 pounds of trash and recyclables cluttering our island. They even bird-dog safety issues, advising the city when overhanging trees or path up-heavals imperil the comfort and safety of the two-wheeled advocates. What about a path through Gumbo Limbo that would take more bicycle traffic off Periwinkle? Bikers want it. Predictably, residents don't.

You've noticed the proliferation of marked crosswalks, painted lines and reflective delineators separating the paths from traffic? Yep. The bike club provides the city with stencils to mark lanes, turns, hazards and places where bikers are supposed to stop. They claim to have inspired the city to install them.

And, when the Lee County Health Department needed someone to relay a standard Olympics-style from the lighthouse to a waiting kayak in Tarpon Bay for Step Up Florida, a campaign to encourage us to be more active in daily life, the Sanibel Bike Club stepped up. Like I said, they're everywhere.

Even off-island. The more stalwart among them enjoy regular sojourns to Naples and Pine Island and Gateway. They even have extended three-day trips and, because cycling takes so much energy, a monthly pot luck.

Bikers on the road? In Florida they have the same rights as cars. Translation: if someone is so stupid as to ride in traffic instead of on a nice, safe, reserved bik... oops... shared-use path, they're entitled to do so. Perhaps those persons have ridden too long without a helmet? Nope. Not Bike Clubbers. Helmets are required for every ride.

This is a really cool group... except for the fact they have usurped Kiwanis yellow as their color and might

even make our club appear to be socially responsible and a group to be admired. Perhaps we can impress a few of them into working the Spaghetti Dinner on Feb. 28th — they'll be the slim ones who sweat the least.

To sample the bike club camaraderie while working those underused muscles, join the regular Saturday morning ride. It departs the Holiday Inn at 7:30, but will start earlier when the sun does. Contact the club at Post Office Box 951, Sanibel, or check the web at www.sanibelbicycleclub.org.



Souza

Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner — Bigger, Better, and World Famous

Mark your calendar for Feb. 28!

Kiwanis is at it again — bigger and better than ever now that the islands' traditional All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner, which was featured in Kiwanis internationally distributed members' magazine, has become world famous.

Event sponsors are Century 21 J.B. Novelli Internationale, Bailey's, Sanibel Captiva Trust and Sanibel-Captiva Community Bank. Kiwanis

and the community greatly appreciate their support.

As usual, this year's event will be festive and fun. Not that it's THE place to be seen, but your friends and neighbors — all of whom will be there — will probably miss you if you don't attend. Last year Kiwanians served over 1,400 dinners, not counting kids who eat free.

The first diners will be served at 4 p.m. and the last a little after 8. Music, dancing, stuff for kids, auctions and desserts will run until 10 at the Sanibel Community House.

You will consume over 300 pounds (dry weight) of spaghetti, over 1,000 loaves of bread, over 3,000 meatballs, several hundred pounds of salad and enough wine and other beverages to wash it all down.

Advance tickets are \$7 and can be purchased from any Kiwanian, at Periwinkle Park, Big Red Q, Bailey's, Colonial Bank, Bank of the Islands, Sanibel Captiva Trust and Century 21 J.B. Novelli Internationale. They are \$8 at the door, and kids under 10 are free.

Kiwanis breakfasts at the Dunes on Tuesdays at which times they plot extravaganzas like the Spaghetti Dinner and the San-Cap Revue Variety Show coming March 6th

Dee Serage to speak at Zonta

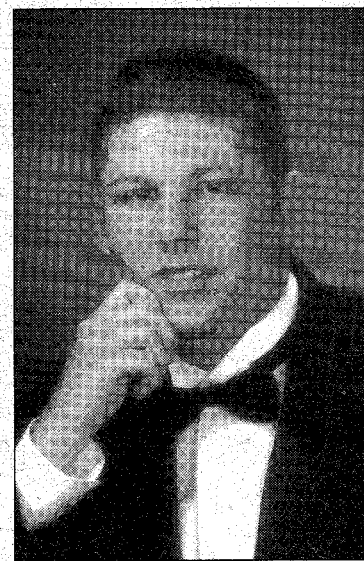
Zonta welcomes island favorite, Dee Serage-Century, as the featured speaker for their February 18 meeting. Mark your calendars and plan to be at The Dunes at 7:30 a.m. to hear this engaging presentation by Dee. "Landscaping for Wildlife" is a topic so important to living successfully on Sanibel, a "sanctuary" island.

Dee is a 25-year resident of Sanibel and has worked for the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation for the last 15 years as the Landscaping for Wildlife Educator. She brings a wealth of knowledge to the subject and will help us become more aware of how we can help all the little critters when we landscape and maintain our yards. Think native!

Dee, Lucas and Gracie (the greyhound) live in their little grass shack by the lighthouse where Lucas has his glass studio. Dee says she is so lucky to be making her living doing what she loves... the wonder and beauty of the natural world that surrounds us here on Sanibel.

Join us for her specific presentation on "Florida Butterflies and Native Plants." The Zonta Club of Sanibel/Captiva, part of an international service organization that works to advance and enhance the status of women, meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m. at The Dunes Restaurant, Sanibel. Meetings are open to all interested persons, and the breakfast cost for non-members is \$8. For information call Marie Gargano 395-3089.

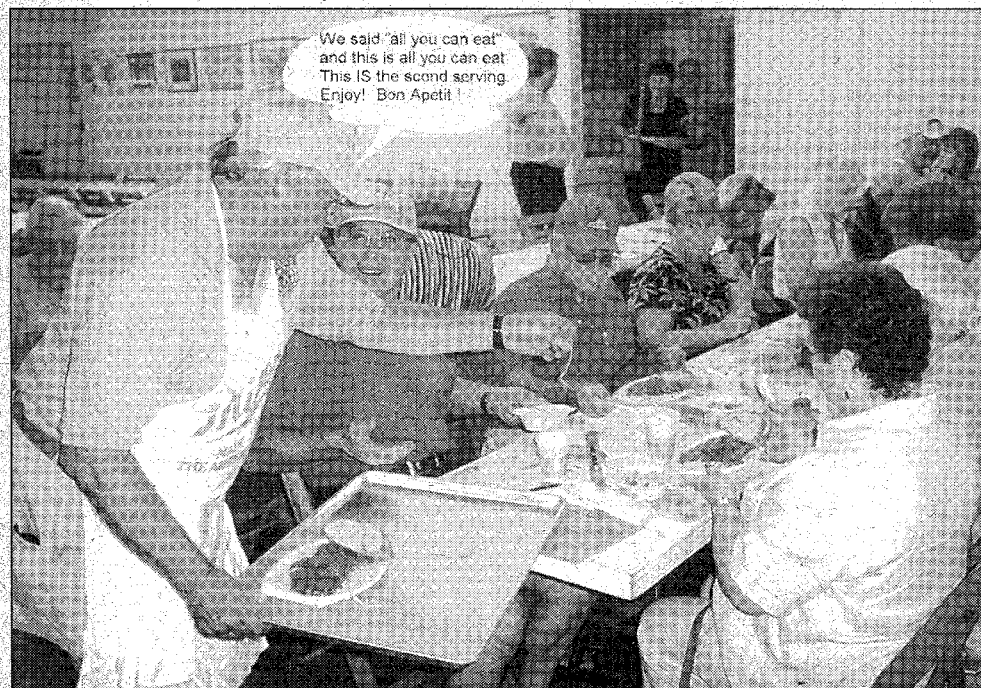
Sanibel youth receives Good Citizenship Award



Island resident David Seth Gleeson was awarded the Good Citizenship Award by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Caloosahatchee Chapter.

Seth was nominated by his peers and the faculty at Canterbury School, based on his honesty, community service, courage, leadership and patriotism, projected during his high school years. Seth was one of only four students chosen throughout Lee County.

Seth is the son of Terri Cummins and grandson of Jack and Carolyn David of Sanibel. He is employed at Sunglasses Internationale and will be attending college in the Fall.



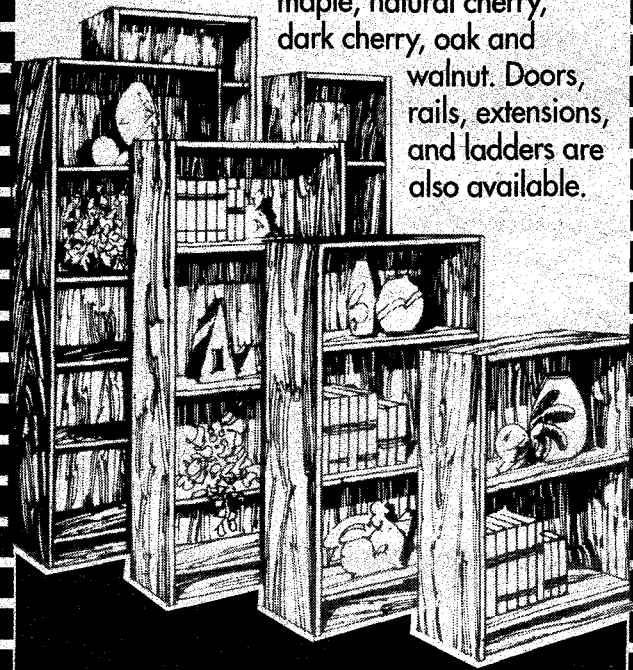
ABWA Entertainment Book Fundraiser

The Sanibel-Captiva Chapter of the American Business Women's Association is selling 2003-2004 Entertainment Books. The Entertainment Books are full of terrific discount coupons on air travel, car rentals, car washes, dry cleaning and, of course, dining. Many fine Sanibel and Captiva restaurants are participating.

Entertainment Books make great gifts for housewarmings or just a special "thank you." ABWA provides scholarships and last year, 10 women who might not otherwise have had the opportunity to further their education were sponsored. Books may be purchased at the Bank of the Islands and Island Graphics for \$30.

BOOKCASE SALE!

These bookcases are made with quality craftsmanship in 9 sizes and 6 finishes: teak, maple, natural cherry, dark cherry, oak and walnut. Doors, rails, extensions, and ladders are also available.



*** PRICES REDUCED FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY.**

SIZE	MSRP	Our Price*
30" W x 29" H	\$159	\$119
30" W x 36" H	\$169	\$129
30" W x 48" H	\$199	\$149
30" W x 60" H	\$259	\$199
30" W x 72" H	\$299	\$239
30" W x 84" H	\$349	\$259
20" W x 72" H	\$239	\$189
20" W x 84" H	\$279	\$219
49" W x 29" H	\$229	\$189

DENMARK INTERIORS
SIMPLY FABULOUS

NAPLES • 513-1544

Greentree Center, corner of Airport & Immokalee

FORT MYERS • 561-5656

N.E. corner of Metro & Daniels

ASID Interior Designers on Staff

www.denmarkinteriors.com

Walk to Cure Diabetes

The Third Annual Walk to Cure Diabetes will be held on Saturday, Feb. 28 at FGCU. Sponsored by the Florida Suncoast Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the walk will consist of a two-mile walk around the FGCU campus, beginning in the Student Plaza.

A complimentary light breakfast will be offered prior to the walk and lunch with entertainment follows. Commemorative T-shirts will be provided for participants who raise over \$100.

The walk will take place rain or shine, so please come and turn in your donations that morning. Teams from families, businesses and organizations are forming to fundraise and participate as a group. Individual walkers are also needed to seek donations. On-line registration and fundraising are available at www.jdrf.org. Complimentary team photos will be taken.

JDRF's mission is to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of medical research. Walks such as this one will be held in more than 225 cities worldwide over the year. For more information, call JDRF at 239/992-3840.

Democratic Club Wine & Cheese

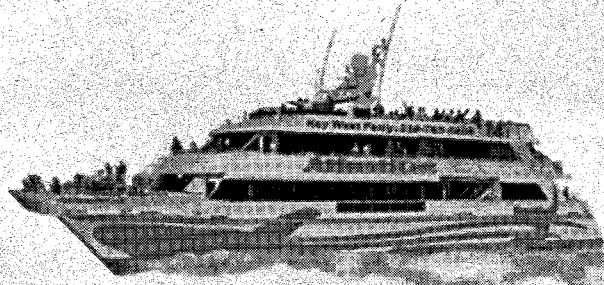
A member of the Democratic Club at Shell Point is hosting an Italian Wine & Cheese Party with an eclectic silent auction fund-raiser on Saturday, Feb. 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. at her home, 14871 David Drive, Palm Acres (which is to the left off Shell Point Boulevard just before the entrance gate to the Island).

Items for the silent auction include jewelry from Sanibel's finest shops, gift certificates from fine restaurants on Sanibel, Captiva and the mainland, and a variety of other offerings including art objects, gift baskets, and numerous store gift certificates.

Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the door. Everyone is welcome! Call 466-7587 for information.



\$119.⁹⁵ adults • \$109.⁹⁵ seniors



ATLANTICAT, our brand new Hi-Speed Catamaran, is fully stabilized for your comfort. Three decks, satellite TV, great food and free parking. 3½ hours crossing time. Call now for reservations!



departs	Ft Myers Bch	8:00 am
arrives	Key West	11:30 am
departs	Key West	5:00 pm
arrives	Ft Myers Bch	8:30 pm

X-Press to Key West
765-0808

www.keywestferry.com

- prices subject to change without notice -

706 Fisherman's Wharf, Fort Myers Beach, next to the Bridge Restaurant

Junior Achievement's Beach Bowl 2004

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida is shaking the sand out of the traditional bowl-a-thon concept with its Beach Bowl 2004. The Fort Myers, Naples and surrounding communities are invited to don their Hawaiian-print shirts and flip flops and join colleagues, friends and neighbors to raise funds that will help more than 5,500 area students learn about free enterprise and economics through a variety of Junior Achievement programs. The Beach Bowl 2004 bowl-a-thon events are Saturday, Feb. 28 at Beacon Bowl in Naples and Saturday, March 13 at Galaxy Lanes in Fort Myers.

Participants assemble a team of five bowlers who are willing to raise \$100 each. A \$20 donation covers the cost of two games, shoe rental, fun activities and prizes. Those interested in participating may contact Stefanie Cutshall at 939-1553 to reserve a lane. Bowling times are assigned on a first come, first serve basis, and the \$20 bowling fee from each bowler is due two weeks prior to the event.

Junior Achievement is dedicated to educating young people about business, economics and free enterprise. Through age-appropriate curricula, Junior Achievement programs, from elementary school through high school. For more information, visit www.ja.org.

Rashida, from page 14

oven and we were ready to rumble. Rashida instructed us on how to prepare every organic ingredient and gave us some very useful information such as, never to use virgin olive oil when you cook. Use it on your face for soft, silky skin. Only use regular olive oil when cooking as it brings out the flavor of the ingredients much more. Another tip was never to eat farm raised fish as they are fed contaminants from the other fish. Rashida told me that the way to spot farm raised fish in the supermarket is that all the fish on display are the same size. Fresh fish comes in varying sizes and is much, much healthier.

Time flew as we cooked away, with pans sizzling, pots boiling and kettles whistling. The only catastrophe of the day was when yours truly dropped a tortilla on the floor. Rashida was very understanding and told me not worry, because that was how her cat had become so fat.

The big moment finally came. It was now 1 p.m. and David and Rashida's husband came to partake in the day's repast. I felt as if El Exigente had arrived. We all ate outdoors together, looking out at the sea while sampling the delicious Andalusian cuisine. David and Rashida's husband gave us 5 stars, not 4, for food, atmosphere and service.

Rashida told us that since she cooks only with organic foods, she and her husband are convinced that she has prevented him from getting heart disease or a stroke.

When we return to Spain this spring, Rashida has promised to take me to the local markets to purchase all the fresh organic ingredients she cooks with. I can't wait. In fact, I plan on taking several of our neighbors in Spain to Rashida for cooking lessons.

So, if you are ever in Spain, be sure to log onto the "easydishes.com" website and set yourself up for a cooking lesson with Rashida. You'll be glad you did. And, don't forget to tell her that Barbara sent you.

New Eclectic Furniture plus our Usual 2 Rooms Full of Florida & Casual Furniture & Misc.

BRITTANY & SONDRAS
FURNITURE CONSIGNMENT, Inc.

We buy or consign nice new and used furniture

(239) 267-3994

HOURS: MON-FRI 9-6:00 SAT 9-4:00

17274 San Carlos Blvd • FORT MYERS BEACH • FL 33931

Pick Up & Delivery Available

TO YOUR HEALTH

Inside the healing process

by Karen Nelson

Suzanne Weinheimer, who is teaching an eight-week workshop, Finding Me: An Inside Job, also has a practice as a healer and this writer went for a session. I've read about healing but had never before visited a healer, and wanted to experience it for myself.

I'm lucky enough to be in pretty good health (knock wood!), despite issues with weight (and an earlier less-than-successful attempt to follow Claudia Burns' eminently reasonable program). So, wanted to make another run at losing, I decided to work on releasing the need to hold onto excess weight with Suzanne.

Suzanne began the session by asking what I wanted to work on and I gave her some background and specifics. She normally works on a table but I was more comfortable sitting, so we remained in her living room, overlooking a peaceful bay.

I closed my eyes and followed her voice. Working with visualization and guided by intuition, she led me into a series of wonderful visualization exercises. She paused each step of the way to gauge my level of comfort and adjusted the exercise to my reactions.

Without going into specifics, I came away from the session feeling lighter — and equipped with several exercises to use as I continue to work through this deep-seated issue.

While no life-changing revelation was flung down at me like a thunderbolt from the heavens (I'm always looking for magic solutions), the feeling of self-acceptance at the end of the session remains and the visualizations she gave me are ones that I will actively use.

She has worked with AIDS patients and many others. Some patients have refused to accept the healing, those who are dealing with unresolved issues and feelings that they are not ready to release. The "person [needs to] work with it and understand it. They have to understand why they needed it in the first place..."

"As we get older, we begin to listen and feel differently. All parts of us are not operating at the same level. Someone can be brilliant but lacking common sense. In terms of how we grow, it's not even."

She has learned, particularly through her work with AIDS patients, that she's "not in charge of results... People take

Going on a Diet

by Claudia Burns
Special to the Islander

Going on a diet is never fun. It means giving up all the foods you love, right? It smacks of deprivation, which causes resentment and may lead to abandoning the diet altogether.

There's always a hot new diet to try. I favored The Drinking Man's Diet during my college/early career years, while my roommate ingested only cottage cheese and buttermilk for weeks at a time. Mom followed The Grapefruit Diet, my husband applied the Sports Illustrated approach, and cousin Kate enrolled in The Rice Diet. Nowadays, dieters swear by Atkins or The South Beach diet.

You can lose weight on any of these plans, of course. Unfortunately, once you resume eating "normally" it just piles back on.

That's the trick, isn't it - to keep the weight off once you go back to your usual regimen. I finally got fed up with the yo-yo syndrome of weight loss/weight gain, and looked for a way to eat that is healthy as well as satisfying so I could follow it long-term without feeling deprived. As a result, I've read just about every diet book/magazine article that's been published.

Three years ago I discovered Sugar Busters, which calls for avoiding sugar, or anything that turns to sugar in your body, in order to lose weight, be healthy, and maintain your weight long-term. Like Atkins and South Beach, it allows plenty of protein and fat - BUT it's picky about the TYPE of fat you eat AND it allows cer-

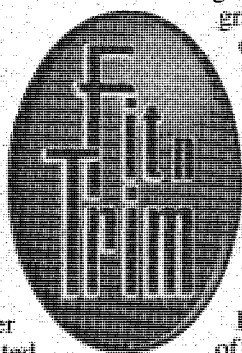
tain carbohydrates - namely: nonstarchy

vegetables, the occasional whole grain, and a few fruits in limited amounts. It also permits a modicum of alcohol - as long as it's wine.

After adapting the Sugar Busters approach to my tastes and needs and following it for three years, I find myself trimmer, fitter, and more energetic than I've ever been as an adult. Exercise is also a crucial part of my weight management strategy, as it's necessary to maintain a healthy body. It also burns calories, so I can eat more of my favorite foods.

Based on my success, I've devised a program called "Fit'n'Trim", which offers a lifestyle (not a "diet") that anyone can follow forever to maintain a healthy weight. Here are its guidelines: consume 40% protein, 30% "healthy" fat and 30% nonstarchy vegetables for every meal/snack; avoid white carbohydrates, starchy foods, and all sugars; limit grains to one serving a day and make it whole grain; use caution in consuming fruit; enjoy up to two 4-ounce glasses of wine daily if you wish, but avoid all other alcohol; get one to three hours of exercise every day.

And feel free to drop by a Fit'n'Trim meeting some Friday from 11:30 to noon (doors open at 11 a.m.) in Heron Hall at the Congregational Church to see what it's all about.



PERSONAL FITNESS TRAINING Available at Your Home

- WEIGHT / STRENGTH TRAINING
- YOGA & PILATES SESSIONS
- EXPERIENCED WITH ALL AGE GROUPS

JACK BARONE INSTRUCTOR

Certified Personal Trainer
Certified Yoga Instructor
Certified Pilates Instructor
Certified in CPR
Current Instructor/Trainer at:

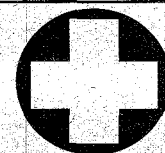
- The Spa at Sanibel Harbour Resort
- South Seas Fitness Club
- The Sanibel School

- Multi-Session Discounts
- Couple/Group Rates

472-0436



SUSAN BLUEHS Health Care Services



A FULL RANGE OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES BY AN ISLAND RESIDENT

Bathing & Personal Care • Companion Care
Meal Preparation • Transportation • 24 Hour Care
Medication Management • Safety Management
Blood Pressure, Cardiac & Pulmonary Management
Diabetic Care • Wound Care • Colostomy & Ileostomy Care
Alzheimers Care • Terminal Illness Care & Management

Susan Bluehs, R.N. (239)472-3327

Lic. 30211154

Independent Care Givers, Inc.

Independent Care Givers, Inc. has served Lee County for over a decade. We refer some of the finest care givers in the area. We have earned a superior reputation in the community and can provide numerous references. If you desire quality care and companionship for yourself or a loved one at a competitive rate.....

We are the Answer

CALL 482-2274

8192 College Parkway S.W. Suite #3
Fort Myers, Florida

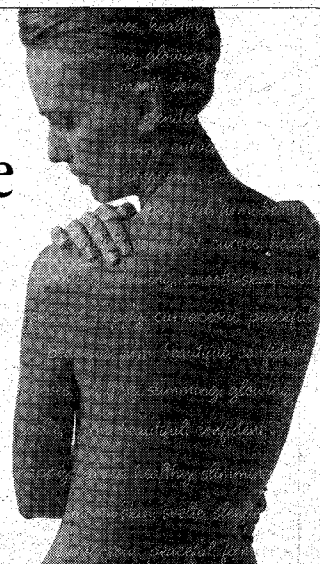
Lic. # 3019096



everyBODY's dreams
should come true

RALPH GARRAMONE, MD, FACS
Board Certified Plastic Surgeon

The Terraces
8660 College Parkway • Suite 100 • Fort Myers, Florida 33919
239.482.1900
www.garramone.com



Jack Elias & Judy Turner: High school sweethearts reunited

Young love, lost. How many of those at high school reunions secretly nurse the hope of rekindling a cherished first romance, and magically recapturing the wonder and innocence of youth? That's the very special story of Sanybel's Finest Owner Jack Elias and his high school sweetheart, Judy Turner.

When they parted as teens and went their separate ways, he felt that she was "the finest person I would know, a pure, true Christian, an honest and loving person." However, he was a Roman Catholic and she was a Lutheran. In their small town in northern Minnesota, "We knew life together was not possible."

For her part, Judy had her heart set on being a missionary, and she "thought life was supposed to be serious and you were supposed to do something for the world. With Jack I always had fun but I didn't think he was serious enough and artists never make a living."

But after many years, two marriages (each) and several children (each), they reconnected at a high school reunion. Judy had moved to Golden, Colorado and Jack had moved to Sanibel. Judy heard that Jack was divorced and — hoping that he would be attending the 1997 all-school reunion — said to herself that there was "no way he was going to get out of that room without my getting my arms around him."

Jack was sitting with two former girlfriends and their husbands, talking about old times when one of them said, "Do you know that Judy's here?"

"I stood up," he said. "There were three classes, 160 people I hadn't seen in 40 years. It was like in a movie: Judy was on the opposite side of the room. Our eyes met and we were trying to get to each other around folding tables and chairs. All her life, Judy has cut to the quick. 'You married?' she asked. 'No, you?' 'No,'" and they embraced.

"It was just so neat," Jack remembered, "like turning a page in a book and nothing had changed: the mannerisms, speech, caring for each other." They began talking on the phone nightly. When Jack found out that an upcoming gift show was being held in Denver, he asked Judy, "How far is it from Denver to Golden on the map?"

"About a half-inch to a quarter inch," she shot back, before adding, "Would you come out to Denver?"

He bought a ticket and during the next conversation, he broached the delicate subject of accommodations. "Do you have a room?" she asked. Jack said no, assuming that she probably had a boyfriend. "There are a couple of hotels not too far from here," she added, noting that she'd been rehearsing the conversation in her head.

"Will you tell me about your house?" he asked.

"I have three bedrooms. One is an office."

"You have a guestroom?" he asked.

"I'd forgotten how sly he was," Judy interjected while telling the story. "Would you like to stay?" she asked.

"I was as nervous as a teenager," Jack said. "I couldn't believe a 60-year-old person could still be that way."

They had a wonderful visit, but "seeing her, with such enthusiasm, showing me the Rocky Mountains, and seeing her friends and the love and care they had for her, I said to myself, 'she won't leave here. It will be a long-distance relationship.'" For the first two years, they connected during various business trips around the country. Then Judy began taking extended vacations, staying in touch with her office via laptop. Finally, she decided to relocate to Sanibel and went in to resign: her boss sent her to Sanibel with her blessing and orders to "set up an office and send me the bill."

When Jack found out that she was making the move, he gave her the biggest room in the house. "If you're coming, you can have what you want."

It was a long road to reunion for both of them. Jack free-lanced after graduation from the College of Art & Design in Minneapolis before accepting a position with one of his clients, Lakeside, which manufactured beer signs. His first assignment was to design a bar game for Budweiser and he took the Budweiser logo eagles and twisted them slightly so that their wings curved into hooks for a "hooking game." They made a barrel to hold the game pieces and Jack headed down to St. Louis to make the presentation to Budweiser on a Friday.

It was a disaster, with the president and owner objecting most strongly to anyone tampering with their logo. Certain that he would be fired, despite his boss's best efforts to assure him otherwise, Jack spent Sunday evening circling classified ads. "Wild Kingdom" with Marlin Perkins was on TV, and Perkins was holding a monkey as he outlined the evening's show. Jack looked up and saw the monkey reach down to scoop up its baby. Something in the action of the mother hooking the baby clicked in his mind — a hooking monkey — and he carved a half-dozen little monkeys and presented the idea to his boss: why not a barrel of monkeys?

Lakeside had the injection molding equipment to manufacture the toys but they were not a toy company. The owner called friends in the toy business for advice, and sent Jack to New York for an upcoming toy show to gauge interest.

There was no booth space so Jack sat at a card table in the hallway. For three days, a man without a badge stopped by but said nothing. On the fourth day, he said that he really liked the product but had one question: "What's your EBD?" Jack had no idea and said he'd find out, asking the man to watch his booth while he went down the hall to use the phone. They'd never heard of "EBD" back in Minneapolis, either. The man was a buyer

for Sears, then one of the top three retailers in the country, and Sears was granted an early buy discount when they bought a three-year exclusive on the Barrel of Monkeys.

Jack remained with Lakeside as Director of Research and Development until 1975, designing several games including Deluxe Aggravation, working with 3M on the design of the folding game board, and working on flexible Gumby, Pokey, Disney and Warner Brothers characters.

When Lakeside was acquired in 1975, Jack was offered a position in New Jersey. He first visited Sanibel in 1961 (on his honeymoon) and returned yearly with his family. In a 1975 family meeting, Sanibel won out over New Jersey. He was involved in several businesses on Sanibel before he opened Sanybel's Finest in 1984 as a nautical gift shop. He added Captiva's Finest in 1985 and has twice expanded his space in Jerry's.

The importance of customer loyalty was impressed upon him as a child by his father, who was in the grocery business, where it's not "hard to get a loaf of bread 10 cents cheaper" somewhere else.

Judy became a nurse, married a Lutheran minister and they were assigned to a mission in Tanzania, in east Africa. Judy and a pediatric specialist from Finland opened a one-day-a-week children's clinic in the Usumbarra Mountain that served 1,800 children in a rural area. "Mothers the world over want something better for their children. Some walked 20 miles" to get to the clinic. "They were hungry for information and they used it."

Judy and her husband rotated out of the mission (a local hospital took it over) and, after divorcing, Judy moved to Colorado with three kids, marrying, divorcing and working at a hospital. She felt that she "had to do something more holistic, rather than keep perpetuating the same system" and in 1986, she began learning therapeutic touch. She moved to Golden and became a certified Healing Touch instructor and practitioner. In 1995, she began traveling and giving seminars throughout the U.S.; she'll be giving her second overseas seminar in Amsterdam this June. She used Jack's love of Monet to lure him to a Paris stopover on her first Amsterdam seminar, and he'll be joining her when she goes again this June.

In fact, during Jack's first visit to Golden, Judy applied Healing Touch to a torn ligament in one of his fingers that had stubbornly refused to heal completely and was causing him a lot of pain. During the course of the visit, Judy would take his hand in hers and gently run her other hand just above his hand, over and over again. By the end of the visit, his finger had healed.

She has taught Healing Touch in Fort Myers and Naples, and will be teaching in March at Casa Ybel Resort on Sanibel.

"She's such a wonderful woman," says Jack. Judy left the room to meet with a client, so he got the last word. "I still get emotional over the fact we were able to get together... We appreciate each other far more than we would have if we'd been together. Every minute of every day is precious."

They have discussed the death of some of her friends. "We've got to enjoy every day for what it is. That's the great benefit of having her around... plus her wonderful smile."

*It's Valentine's Day, there's only one way ~
Send all your love in a balloon bouquet!*

Celebrate Valentine's Week!
2/9 - 2/14

BALLOONS OVER FT. MYERS

337-1160
4497 Meade Ave. @ Colonial
Visit us in our NEW location!



ALTERATIONS BY RITA
Tailoring & Formal wear
20 Years Experience
(239) 437-7482
Open Mon. - Sat. 16731 McGregor Blvd. #117 Fort Myers, FL

Tri-City Pool Service
2145 Andrea Lane, Fort Myers 33912
CERTIFIED MAINTENANCE PLANS TO SUIT YOUR NEEDS

starting at **\$45.00** per month

INCLUDING THE LIQUIBUDDY SYSTEM® AND ALL CHEMICALS

Repairs, Renovations, Leak Detection, Heating, Consultations, Pool Maintenance

Collier 597-6518, Lee 481-4122, Charlotte 637-8099

Visit our Website: www.tricitypool.com
STATE OF FLORIDA CERTIFIED POOL CONTRACTOR CPC010363

SUDS TOWN LAUNDROMAT
*Minutes from Sanibel & Ft. Myers Beach

★ We Have ★
Top Loaders
18 LB, 30 LB, 35 LB & 50 LB
Front Loading Large Capacity Washers

M-F 9am-8pm
Sat. & Sun. 8am-8pm
Last Load 7pm
EVERY NIGHT!

★ Drop Off & Commercial Wash & Fold .80¢ LB
(Comforters, Blankets, Bed Pads, & Rugs Extra)
In Big Lots Shopping Center • 15660-28 San Carlos Blvd.
(239) 433-0101

Open 11:00 to 5:30 Tuesday - Saturday
Closed Sunday and Monday

Fancy Flamingo Antiques
Antiques, collectables, Tropical Treasures
Over 3,500 sq. ft. in Historical Building
Multi-Dealer Mall

Jessie Williams (239) 334-1133
2259 Peck Street Fort Myers, FL 33901



Urban and Olga Palmer: Celebrating 75 years together

Urban Palmer.

Named after a Polish pope ("There were six — take your pick!"), the son of vaudeville-circuit parents. Raised by a Chicago grandmother obsessed with politics. A bus boy, a leather board factory worker (shoe soles), a coat checker, a bass drum player soliciting funds for Liberty Bonds, a machine shop instructor. A nightclub musician, an onstage show musician. And, in the remaining hours of the day and/or night, a butter and egg man and wholesale meat distributor. Oh, also a husband, father, devoted son and one of the most loved and respected citizens of Sanibel.

Olga Palmer.

Brooklyn-born daughter of a Russian baroness and a French violinist. Ballet dancer at the tender age of three or four, modern, tap and acrobatics dancer. Nightclub dancer from eight to 18. Holiday cashier at Marshall Fields. Egg packer and primary chicken/goose/turkey plucker for Urban's burgeoning egg, butter and poultry business. World renowned, award-winning horsewoman. And, homemaker (Urban's grandfather taught her how to cook), mother and, without the shadow of a doubt, Urban's greatest supporter.

Married Feb. 5th, 1929, 101-year-old Urban and 92-year-old Olga celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary last week. At 101, Urban is no longer in good health but Olga attributes her good health to being in good shape for such a long time —

"from age of five on I was a dancer — until one month before my 18th birthday! I loved dancing, I loved showing horses and I was good at it. I've truly had a wonderful life... And I'll love Urb 'til the day I die."

Urban and Olga now have live-in help — Carol Neal who has been with them for almost four years and whom Olga considers part of the family. "She's a dear. She's a good cook, she cleans, drives me around — to the grocery, to get my hair done, to the doctor... She's just wonderful!"

A 1968 vacation on Sanibel gave the Palmers island fever and the dream of a permanent home here. The

house where they still live was built to their specifications in 1971 (the one in Shell Harbour with the huge, lovingly tended banyan tree in front). Olga became a part-time island resident; Urban commuted for another five years until he retired from the butter, egg and meat packing industry.

The minute he moved here full time, Urban got involved in the community and that interest, involvement and his all-encompassing concern never waned. Well over 20 years ago, he was roasted by the community and described as "indefatigable, tenacious, eager, steadfast, unfailing, energetic and absolutely everywhere."

Why all that? Urban simply expresses his deep love for the island — "The happiest days of my life have been spent on Sanibel. And I say it all the time: 'If Sanibel isn't your life, then you don't belong here.'"

Over the years he received the Walter Klie Award from the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce and the Citizen of the Year Award from the Committee of the Islands (COTI), which he also served as president — along with the presidency of the Sanibel Community Association and the Shell Harbour Homeowner's Association; and he founded and served as president of the Committee of Neighborhood Associations (CONA). A Lion since 1976, he is extremely proud of being a Melvin Jones Fellow and of the plaque presented him by Lions Club International in 1992 for his

"dedicated humanitarian service."

When asked about major island problems about eight years ago, Urban answered, "The traffic. And it looks like it's just going to get worse." (Prophetic? That was 1996.) At one time there had been talk of a round-about at Periwinkle and Lindgren, but Urban and several friends recruited highway experts from Tallahassee who explained why it was totally unfeasible. It hasn't come up again...

Urban has been an island watchdog ever since becoming a permanent resident. Olga is a tower of strength, fully participating with Urban in any and all political and social situations. She, too, has a mind like a steel trap and little or nothing gets past her.

"There's not another place I'd rather be," she said this past Saturday, "and Urb feels the same way. We've been very happy here."

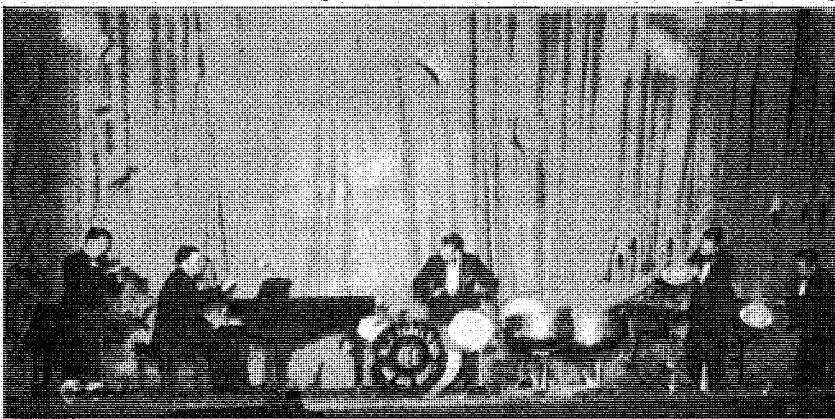
"...There are some things I don't like... I think the island's getting overbuilt. A little bit of vacant property appears and it's clear-and-build right away. It was so beautiful here when we first came... At least, we have the ordinance about no house extending above treetop level... And then there's all that

hemming and hawing about the bridge. We don't need a high-rise. We need to keep it the way it is but take care of it.

"I think I worry most about the damage that is being done to the environment," she commented. "Look what unthinking and uncaring people have done to our water, developers have done to our lands... I do think there is less litter and trash along the roadsides now than a few years ago. I guess people are finally becoming more aware of that problem."

Everyone has heard the phrase, "They don't make 'em like they used to..." One look at Urban, dubbed Mr. Sanibel by the community, and his spouse, Baroness Olga, and the meaning of that phrase becomes crystal clear.

A 10-part series about Urban and Olga Palmer was written by the late Frank Wagner in 1996. This adaptation is by Anne Bellew.



Sanibel's Best Happy Hour

2 for 1 Drinks

Call & Well Liquor
Draft & Bottle Beer
Select House Wine

Happy Apps \$4.95

Sesame Encrusted Ahi Tuna, Crispy Fried Calamari, Chilled Oysters, Steamed Shrimp, Beer Battered Mozzarella, Snow Crab Legs, Chicken Wings

4 • 7 p.m. Nightly
Tel. 239.472.1771



Open til 11 p.m. for dinner on Fri and Sat.

Entertainment Nightly in the JAC Bar "Sanibels Social Scene"

Monday - Steve LaValley
Tuesday - Thursday, 8:30 - 12:30 Contemporary Dance Music from, Bohemian Rhapsody
Friday - Saturday, 8:30 - 12:30 Reggae from, Tropical Breeze
Sunday - Live Music Jazz/Contemporary

If it Swims in Florida Waters, We Serve It.

The JACARANDA

239.472.1771

1223 Periwinkle Way - Sanibel

EVERGLADES DAY SAFARI Florida's Finest Ecotour



Full Day and Half Day Adventures include:
AIRBOATS, ALLIGATORS and MUCH MORE !

Mention this ad when making reservations to receive a 10% DISCOUNT

239-472-1559

ecosafari.com

CREWS SEPTIC SERVICE 24 Hr. Emergency Service

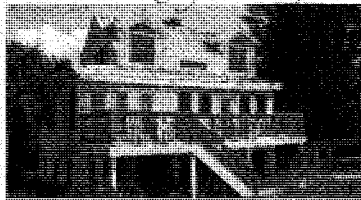
Septic Tanks • Grease Traps
Lift Station Pumping
Sanibel-Captiva:

Sanibel \$275 per 1,000 gallons
Captiva \$305 per 1,000 gallons

Call For Better Quote
On GREASE TRAPS

BUS. 731-5868 Voice Pager: 335-8920

New Luxury Cottage



- Direct beach front, incredible views
- Incredible quality, woodwork, mouldings
- 2 fireplaces, fully furnished, wood floors
- Nothing like this available on Captiva

\$4,500,000 (104021)
Jim Hall • 472-5187 x 215

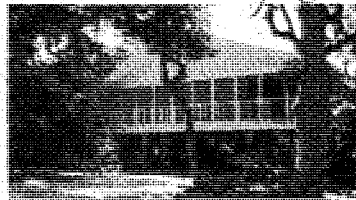
Exceptional Dunes Home



- Custom windows & French doors
- Huge garage with room for golf cart
- Caged and heated pool
- Great view of lakes and fairway

\$880,000 (103909)
Jim & Penny Hetmanek
472-5187 x 219/202

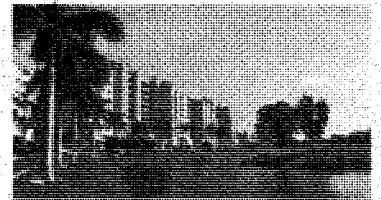
Near Beach Duplex



- Beautiful near beach in Captiva's "Village".
- 2 bedroom 1 bath on each side
- Shared pool & hot tub, large screened porch
- Short stroll to the beach, shops & restaurants

\$895,000 (103989)
Karen Bell • 472-7800 x 270

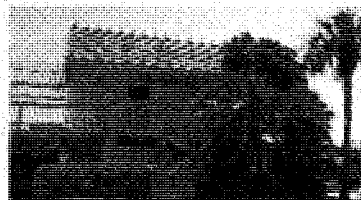
Poshy Palmas Del Sol Condo



- Spacious 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath
- Gorgeous view of the river
- Your own 2 car garage on 2nd floor
- Popular Castille floor plan

\$749,000 in Ft. Myers (103180)
Mike McMurray • 472-5187 x 250

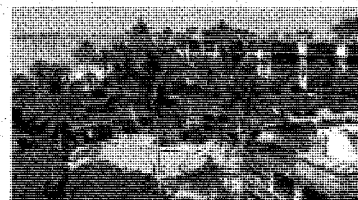
Mariner Pointe



- Furnished 1 bedroom with income
- Deep water boating, fishing pier
- Well maintained and renter friendly
- Canal side deck, bay front pool & tennis

\$328,500 (103468)
Susan Andrews • 472-5187 x 251

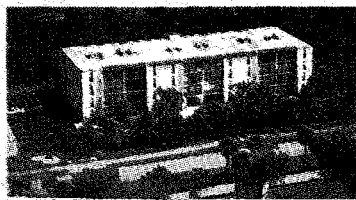
Awesome Pointe Santo



- 2 bedroom, 2 bath penthouse
- Completely remodeled kitchen & baths
- Spectacular Gulf views
- Fully furnished with new furnishings

\$1,200,000 (103472)
David Schuldenfrei • 472-5187 x 227

Hard to Beat at This Price



- 2 bed, 2 bath + den, ground level, near beach
- Never been rented, owner given TLC
- White tiled lanai with hurricane shutters
- Tiled floors and Berber carpeting

\$399,000 (104187)
Ruth Hamann & The Gerasins
472-5187 x 235/236/232

Lots

Sanctuary Home Site

- Exclusive country club living
- 20,000 sq. ft. clubhouse
- Equity membership, pool & tennis
- Sanibel's only private golf club

\$299,000 (104213)
Robert Cronin • 472-5187 x 225

Affordable Sanibel Lot

- Quiet neighborhood
- Near beach
- Cleared lot
- West Gulf location

\$189,000 (104200)
Eric Pfeifer • 472-5187 x 259



VIP Realty Group, Inc.
 1560 Periwinkle Way
 (239) 472-5187 (239) 472-0966 Fax
 (800) 553-7336 (866) 472-5187 Int.
 14970 Captiva Drive
 (239) 472-7800 (239) 472-7861 Fax
 (866) 472-7800
VIPREALTY.COM

We bring you closer to home



FORECAST FOR FEBRUARY 14 & 15

SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Partly sunny today with scattered showers in the evening.		Another partly cloudy day with showers likely later in the day.	

WEEKEND TIDES

City	Sat. High	Sat. Low	Sun. High	Sun. Low
Cape Coral Bridge	5:18 a.m.	2:53 p.m.	6:28 a.m.	10:54 p.m.
Captiva at Redfish Pass	3:08 a.m.	11:37 p.m.	4:18 a.m.	8:44 p.m.
Fort Myers	6:11 a.m.	3:35 p.m.	7:21 a.m.	11:47 p.m.
Mattacha Pass	4:46 a.m.	2:19 p.m.	5:56 a.m.	10:22 p.m.
Pineland	3:44 a.m.	1:17 p.m.	4:54 a.m.	9:20 p.m.
Point Ybel	2:13 a.m.	11:39 p.m.	3:23 a.m.	7:49 p.m.
Punta Rassa	3:02 a.m.	11:32 p.m.	4:12 a.m.	11:57 p.m.
St. James City	3:33 a.m.	12:07 p.m.	4:43 a.m.	1:08 p.m.

PORT CHARLOTTE
78/59 Sat
76/60 Sun

PUNTA GORDA
79/60 Sat
76/61 Sun

BOCA GRANDE
75/66 Sat
75/66 Sun

CAPE CORAL
79/60 Sat
76/61 Sun

PINE ISLAND
78/62 Sat
76/63 Sun

CAPTIVA ISLAND
75/65 Sat
75/65 Sun

SANIBEL ISLAND
76/65 Sat
75/66 Sun

FORT MYERS
80/61 Sat
77/62 Sun

ESTERO
81/62 Sat
78/63 Sun

BONITA SPRINGS
81/62 Sat
78/65 Sun

LEHIGH ACRES
80/58 Sat
76/60 Sun

IMMOKALEE
84/55 Sat
80/57 Sun

FORT MYERS BEACH
75/66 Sat
75/65 Sun

MARCO ISLAND
81/66 Sat
79/65 Sun

NAPLES
81/64 Sat
78/64 Sun

Gulf of Mexico

BOATING FORECAST
 Wind: Variable 15 Knots
 Seas: 1-3 Feet
 Bay & Inland: Moderate Chop

FOX 4 NEWS
 WFTX • CAPE CORAL • FT. MYERS • NAPLES
 AT 10:00
 GET YOUR FORECAST FIRST ON FOX.
 WATCH FOX 4 NEWS at 10:00

STATE FORECAST-SATURDAY

CITY	HIGH/LOW
CAPE CORAL	79/60
DAYTONA BEACH	72/58
FT. LAUDERDALE	82/67
FT. MYERS BEACH	77/66
GAINESVILLE	68/42
JACKSONVILLE	62/48
KEY WEST	75/66
KISSIMMEE	68/55
MIAMI	82/67
ORLANDO	72/58
PANAMA CITY	57/44
PENSACOLA	58/40
SARASOTA	70/57
ST. PETERSBURG	70/56
TALLAHASSEE	58/44
TAMPA	70/55
VERO BEACH	75/62
WEST PALM BEACH	80/67

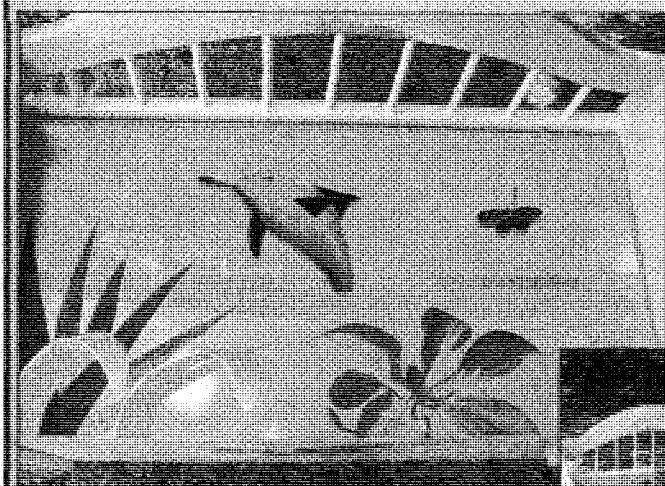
SATURDAY SUNRISE
6:53 AM

SUNDAY SUNSET
5:46 PM



Meet Captiva artist Laurie Kaihlanen

By Karen Nelson



Since coming down this year, artist Laurie Kaihlanen has been "really very busy" on Captiva. Lisa Brooks asked him to paint children's furniture for the ABC Auction and he has been asked to illustrate a series of three children's books, which is something he "always

"Anything I start, I finish," even when problems arise on a piece and it becomes a question of problem-solving. Sometimes he feels like "ripping it up, but I never have."

His "first memory as a child is drawing and painting" and he also loved sports, so he would copy the pictures from "Sports Illustrated." He played sports all through high school, keeping quiet about his artistic aspirations since the two worlds didn't comfortably meet.

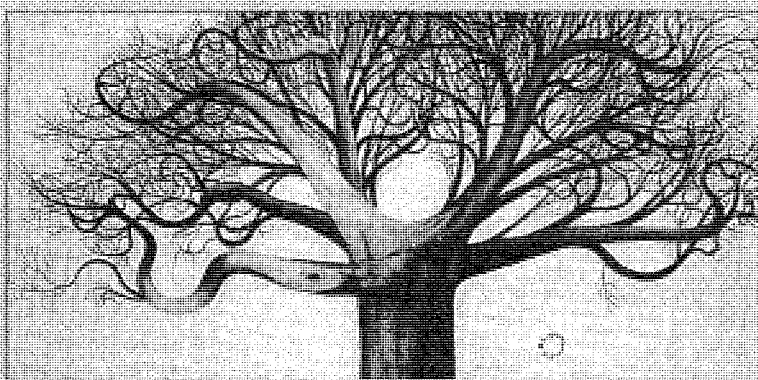
He got his BFA from the Massachusetts College of Art in Boston and taught middle school for three

years, which was "the only real job I've ever had." It was while teaching that he met his wife, Anne, who was a music teacher.

On weekends and during the summer break, he did shows all over New England. His first animal character was an octopus Dad, playing tennis, golf and being a lawyer as well — all at

the same time. He would take space in a mall in December and at Father's Day, selling prints of "Dad" running, playing golf. "For a quick-sell item in a mall, they were good to me."

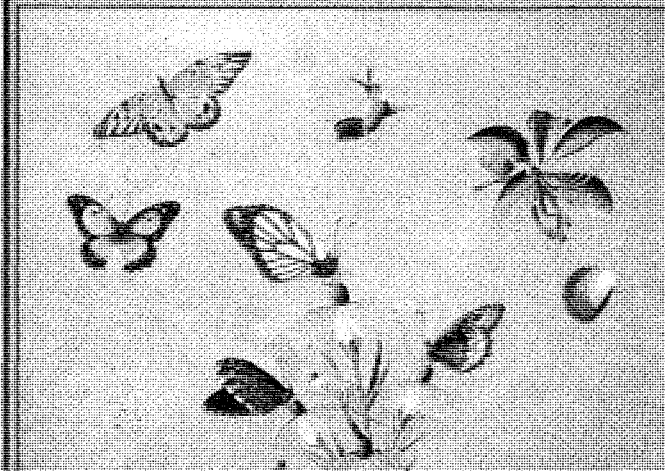
He began getting into his multi-toned animals, including a multi-toned zebra for a card company, 25 years ago, then started adding new animals to his "zoo" — elephants, giraffes and three-headed dragons. He now has 30 individual creatures. At first, he sold only originals but began adding prints; he still sells



ele. He loved the idea and tried it. He now has several other characters on bikes — a frog, turtle, pelican, all "having a great race."

In his gallery in Rockport, Mass., paintings cover two whole walls, from his whimsical three-headed dragons to his little characters tooting along on their bikes. "I enjoy my gallery so much. I have people, maybe 10 families a day, coming back (every year). I like people." There is a common bond "you build with people through your artwork. People ask, can we take a picture of you and the kids." They send him the pictures, which pleases him.

Kaihlanen works in a variety of styles and, business-

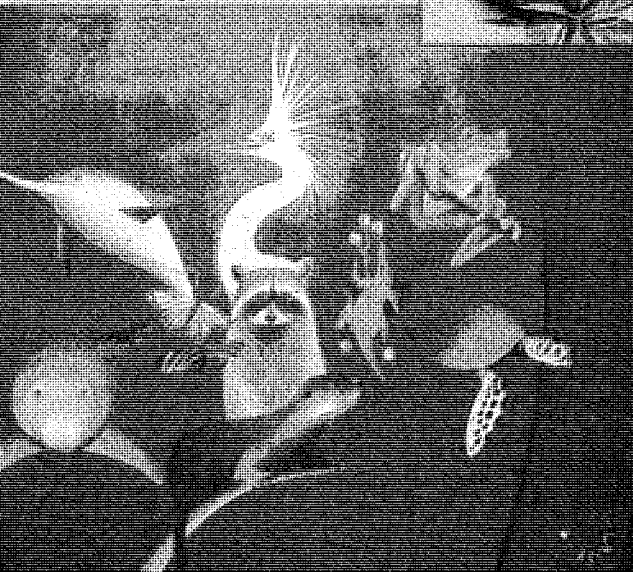


wanted to do but never had the opportunity."

His red-bellied woodpecker birdhouse will be auctioned in the SCCF/BIG Arts Swing Like a Bird joint fundraiser — it has a yellow ring around the entrance "so they can see it at night," he says, tongue in cheek.

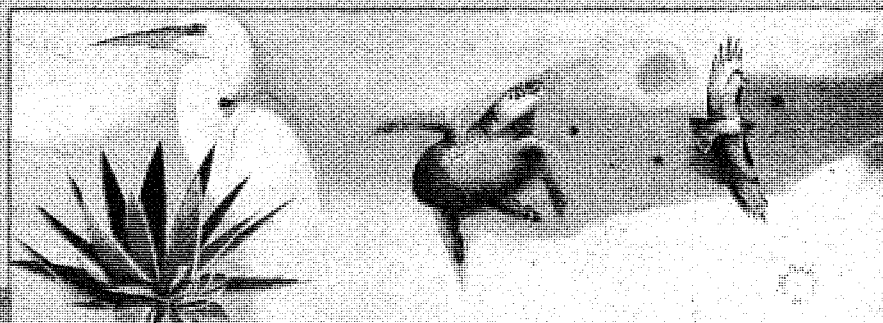
His new work will be displayed in a one-night show on Friday, Feb. 20, at the Captiva Civic Association. Two black-and-white paintings of winter trees are a departure from his trademark vibrant colors. The trees are imaginary, with elegantly curving branches; they draw the eye up into the branches; it's "almost spiritual, as you look up into the branches."

His new Butterflies was done about six weeks ago. He generally does the background first in all of his paintings. After completing this softly colored background, he wanted things to appear to float individually in the painting, so he came up with butterflies... and he's pleased with the effect: instead of picking his work apart, this painting is "growing on me."



both originals and prints of many of his paintings. "I love the fact that at reasonable [prices], I sell a lot."

His "raccoon on a bicycle" is one of his best known on the islands. He had custom-painted some bicycles (real ones) when friend Sheila Turner approached him and asked him if he could do a painting of a raccoon on a bicy-



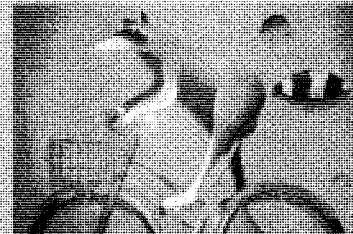
cle. He loved the idea and tried it. He now has several other characters on bikes — a frog, turtle, pelican, all "having a great race."

He's "still doing my little stuff. It makes a lot of people happy, I guess."

His new character painting is a "rock band." The first Captiva trash container to have wildlife painted on it has his rock band and he'd like to do a chamber music version for Anne.

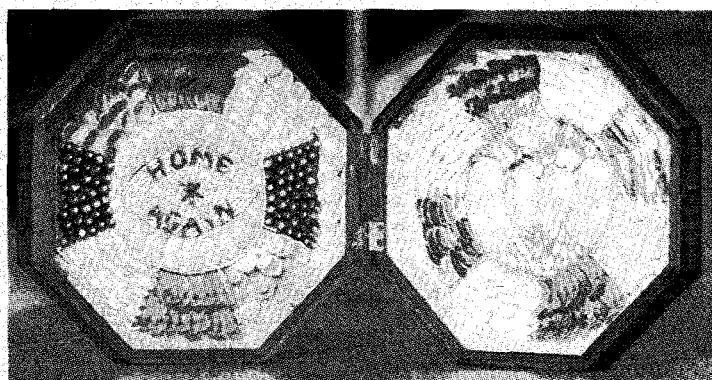
"I feel lucky — I love the freedom and independence — to do well enough to make a living... I have stuff all over the world..." Anne's sister was in a park in Berlin and got to talking with a woman from the U.S. who, it turned out, had brought five of Laurie's paintings to Germany with her and had them in her Berlin home.

"When I'm gone, it will be pieces of me left, handed down to the next generation. It's a great feeling."



Shell Museum part of international virtual exhibit

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, in collaboration with the Virtual Museum of Canada, invites islanders, their guests and vacationers to visit the virtual exhibit, Valentine's Day: Love and Romance Through the Ages, which is now available at www.shellmuseum.org/exhibits or www.virtualmuseum.ca/Exhibitions/Valentin.



collections related to various facets of the Valentine's Day celebration.

Images of the five sailors' valentines at the Shell Museum are featured in on-line exhibit. Sailors' valentines are a shell art form developed in the early 19th century and, contrary to popular understanding, were not made by sailors in order to pass time at sea but were usually assembled by women residents of Barbados and other Caribbean ports.

The images include "Home Again," an antique sailors' valentine made in the 1850s in Barbados by an unknown artist, and "Untitled," a double

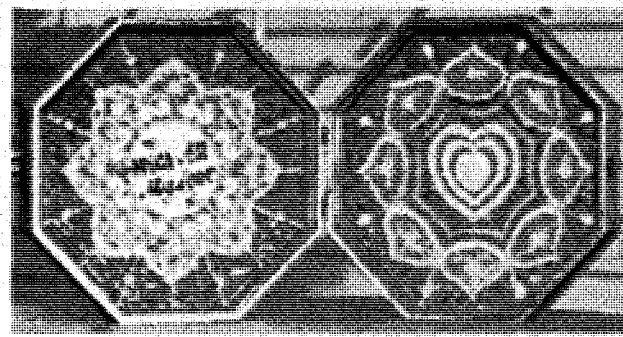
sailors' valentine made in the mid-1970s by Bert Porreca, who lived for many decades on Sanibel and died last year at age 104.

Also shown are another "Untitled," a sailors' valentine table made in 1988 by Helen Nemirow Beck, and "With All My Love," a double valentine made in 1993 by Mrs. Beck, who divides her time between Long Island, N.Y., and Sanibel. "It Had To Be You" is also a double sailors' valentine made in 1995 by Sandi Blanda, who is a resident of Long Island, N.Y., and vacations during the winter on Captiva.

Valentine's Day: Love and Romance Through the Ages features post cards, greeting cards, heart-shaped objects, love letters, and sheet music. Audio renditions of romantic

music and poetry as well as three-dimensional Valentine cards and objects are exciting additions to the site. Visitors can even send electronic Valentines to their loved ones through an interactive E-card component.

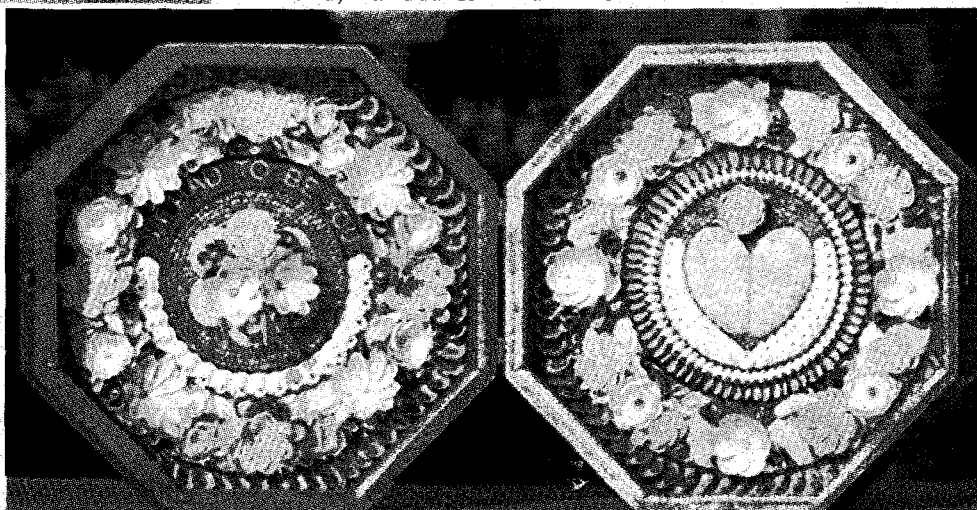
In addition to The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, the following institutions



[tialmuseum.ca/Exhibitions/Valentin](http://www.virtualmuseum.ca/Exhibitions/Valentin).

The brand-new virtual exhibition introduces visitors to a rich tradition with a multi-faceted history, from its origins in Ancient Rome to modern-day celebrations. This exploration of the history of Valentine's Day and its celebration around the world is done through museum and archive collections from throughout Canada, The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum and the British Museum.

Valentine's Day: Love and Romance... is in English and French and is designed to be accessible to individuals with disabilities. The exhibit, which is expected to stay online for at least five years, encourages the discovery of Canadian and international

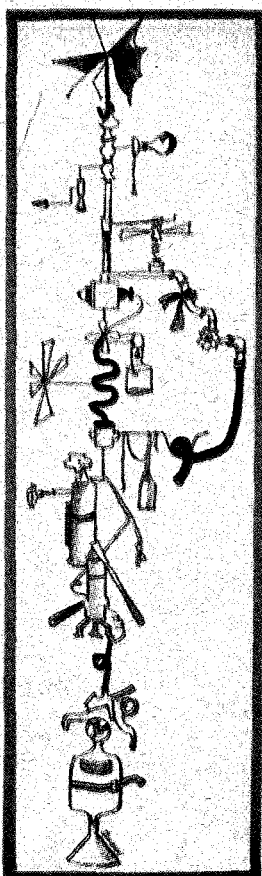


present important contributions from their collections in this exciting virtual exhibition — The Provincial Museum of Alberta, Maison St. Gabriel, Cupids Museum, Fanshawe Pioneer Village, Musée Colby-Curtis-Société historique de Stanstead, Doon Heritage Crossroads, St. Marys Museum, and the British Museum in London, England.

The Virtual Museum of Canada was created by the Department of Canadian Heritage, in collaboration with other government agencies, educational institutions, the private sector, and more than a thousand museums. Since its launch in March 2001, it has gained international attention and the site has recorded nearly 10 million visits.

Mrs. Edison's Bequests

By Amy Fleming ~ Art critic



The life and times of Thomas Alva and Mina Edison proved to be a goldmine of

ideas for area artists. In Mrs. Edison's Bequest, now on display at the Alliance for the Arts, artists were invited to exhibit work around the theme of Fort Myers' favorite inventor.

Much of the show consists of watercolors of Edison's home and antique cars, and there are at least two versions of the Rachel at the Well statue that stands at the entrance gates. Other artists were intrigued by the estate's enormous banyan tree, recording the curves and hollows on film and canvas.

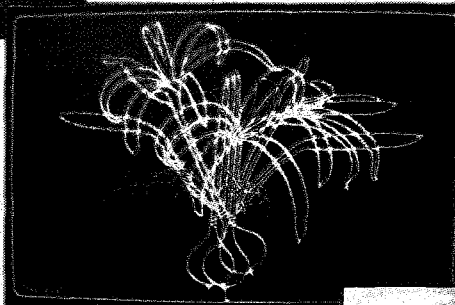
Some were drawn to the lab-

oratory and the inventions that emerged, others to the grounds' unique landscape and the wildlife that call it home. There are works that refer directly to Mina Edison, and one to their friend, Henry Ford.

"Ford Home," one of three paintings by Daniel Ruke, is a wonderfully meticulous piece depicting Henry Ford's front yard... Talk about manicured lawns — in this, as in all three of Ruke's paintings, not one blade of grass, not one

leaf or shadow is out of line. Just as in Ford's and Edison's machines, every component has its place.

Now,



imagine if Rube Goldberg and Edison had collaborated on an invention. Apparently Deborah Causey did, and came up with a humorous pen and ink drawing "Found In Mr. Edison's Reject Pile." Her line work traces gears and gadgets that are all linked



together into one fantastically useless machine.

Two artists, Lynn Russell and Rick Russell, found their source material lying on the ground. Using wood and vegetation either gathered from the estate or of the same type found on the Edison grounds, they

each fashioned their materials into bowls. Lynn's

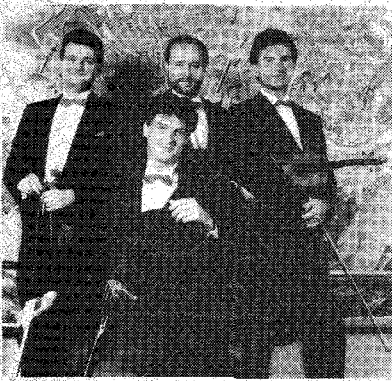
"Remembrance Vessel" has a substructure of copper wire, a reference to an element frequently used by Edison, interwoven with various types of vines. "Earwood" is a broad, flat container made by turning on a lathe. Rick's use of a simple form highlights the natural modulated tones in this unusual wood.

Carmine Ballorino's "Electra Lily" is a day-glo nod both to Edison's laboratory and his garden. Ballorino uses even, curved lines to mimic a neon sign, a reference to electricity and its application to advertising.

Mrs. Edison's Bequests is an Edison Festival of Lights event and runs through Feb. 21st. The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor in Fort Myers. There is no charge for admission.



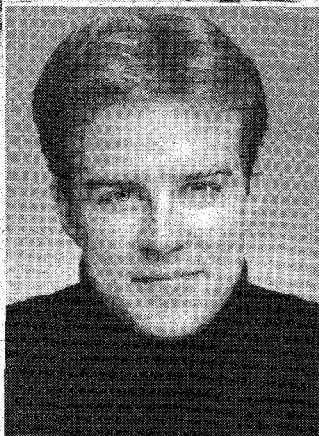
The 18th Season ~ 2004 Sanibel Music Festival



The Sanibel Music Festival, an island tradition, will begin its 18th season of outstanding repertoire and artists entertaining and stretching one's musical experience on Saturday, March 6. Artistic Director Mary Jaqua has skillfully selected a variety of special artists to perform "Must Hear" repertoire such as Ravel's gorgeous Introduction and Allegro, Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes Book 1, Brahms' orchestral Viola Quintet Op. 111, and Messiaen's dramatic Vingt Regards sur l'enfant Jesus.

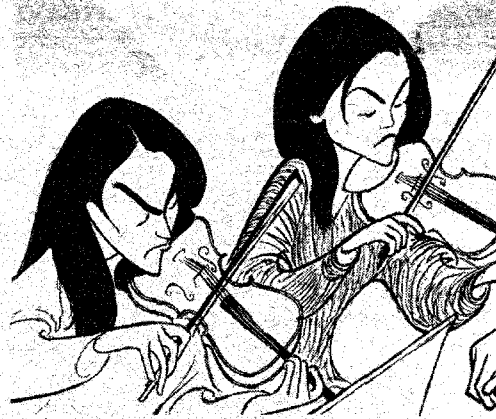
This year, for the first time, a PianoFest — a mini-festival within the festival — will showcase the versatility and technique of three dynamic young pianists. Throughout the month of March 2004 on Tuesdays and Saturdays, concerts will be performed at 8 p.m. in the intimate setting of the Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way.

Opening the season will be the Ying Quartet, resident artists at Harvard and Eastman School of Music and the first all-sibling professional string quartet in more than a generation. They bring their extraordinary talent to the Sanibel Music Festival Saturday, March 6. Natives of Chicago, the Yings began their career as an ensemble in the farming town of Jesup, Iowa (pop. 2,000), in 1992 — the first recipients of a National Endowment For the Arts grant to support chamber music in rural America. The Yings, who last appeared at the Festival in 1996, will perform with harp, flute and clarinet Maurice Ravel's Introduction and Allegro. They will also play allegro movements from Mozart's works for flute and clarinet and Tchaikovsky's Quartet in D Major No. 1 Op. 11.



Bryan Wallick, a two-year recipient of a Sanibel Music

Festival Young Artist Scholarship, is the first of three exceptional artists appearing in PianoFest. He will perform Tuesday, March 9. In his twenties, Wallick has already created an impressive career path as a Gold Medalist at the Vladimir Horowitz International Piano Competition



in Kiev, Ukraine and as a recipient of the Associated Board International Scholarship at the Royal Academy of Music in London where he finished his post-graduate residency in 2003.

Wallick will perform Sonata No. 1 by Australian composer Carl Vine, who wrote theme music for the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, the Bach/Busoni Chaconne in D Major, Mozart Sonata in D Major, Ravel's Mirrors, and the Liszt/Horowitz Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2.

One of the most dynamic and



exciting young ensembles performing today is The Jerusalem Quartet who will appear at the Sanibel Music Festival Saturday, March 13. Founded within the framework of the Young Musicians' Group of the Jerusalem Music Centre and supported by Isaac Stern's America-Israel Cultural Foundation in cooperation with the Conservatory of the Jerusalem Rubin Academy of Music & Dance, they gave their first concert in 1993. They were awarded first prize at both the Franz Schubert Chamber Music Competition and the Music of the 20th Century music Competition in Graz, Austria in 1997. The previous year they had taken first prize at the Jerusalem Academy Chamber Music Competition.

In their mid-twenties, the quartet members include Alexander Pavlovsky, first

violin; Sergei Bresler, second violin;

Amichai Grosz, viola; and Kyril Ziotnikov, cello.

The Juilliard Vocal Ensemble with Piano Duo will perform Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes, Book 1, on Tuesday, March 16. These 18 lush romantic love songs, presented by SMF in 1990, will be interpreted this year by Juilliard Opera Center Artists soprano Camille Zamora, mezzo-soprano Alison Tupay, tenor Waldo Gonzalez and baritone Brian Mulligan. Twin sister duo pianists Desirae and Deondra Brown will provide the piano accompaniment as well as perform other piano duets. The program will also feature arias from several operas.

Pianist Wu Han, the second PianoFest artist, is one of today's most talked-about classical artists. A dynamic recitalist, concert pianist, chamber player, and educator, she brings her splendid technical and interpretive finesse to the Festival Saturday, March 20.

Winner of the Andrew Wolf Award for pianists making a significant contribution to the world of chamber music, Wu Han has performed at New York's Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center and with ensembles such as the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, the Orchestra of St. Luke's and the Grammy Award-winning Emerson String Quartet, to name but a few.

She is married to David Finckel, the Emerson Quartet cellist who appeared at the Festival in 1997 and, in the summer 2003 they launched Music@Menlo, a chamber music festival in Silicon Valley. This new festival has attracted widespread attention and international acclaim for its innovative programming and roster of word-class artists.

United Christian Giving First Annual Auction

Presented By:

The Bonita Bay Group

Thursday, Feb. 26th at Harborside Event Center

New Ford Expedition, New 18 ft. Actioncraft Flat Boat with 115 Yamaha and Boat Master Trailer, New Polaris 330 4x4 ATV, New XL 700 Yamaha Wave Runner, Exciting Trips and More.

**Tickets are \$50 per person including dinner
Doors Open at 5:00pm**

Call 418-0077

PERIWINKLE PLAYHOUSE

2200 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel FL 33957

THE SYRINGA TREE

2/13 - 2/15

A Tour - De - Force
with Tamara Flannagan
Playing all 24 roles

THEY'RE PLAYING OUR SONG

PREVIEWS 2/18 & 2/19 @ 8pm - \$15.00

2/20 - 2/29 @ 3 & 8pm - \$25.00

A FUNNY, ROMANTIC MUSICAL

An evening with Oscar nominated singer and song stylist

Jane Oliver

2/17/04

Playhouse Fund Raiser \$75

Sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company
Her Voice and Presence have been compared to Streisand and Piaf, it will fill every crevice of the Theatre

BOX OFFICE: 472-0324

POTPOURRI

Young people recognized

Several young people whose names, known to islanders for their performances at the former Wood Theatre, with Florida Rep and with other area theaters, will be recognized for their talent by the Edison Youth Theatre Awards at an awards ceremony at the Broadway Palm later this month.

Receiving one of the awards in the Contemporary Voice category is Elise Benzing (one of a family of actors/singer/performers, she played Annie at one of the local venues) and in the Classical Voice division, Leslie Newport and Jessica Hicks — all students at Cypress Lake Center for the Arts. Erin McBride, also at the Center for the Arts, took an award for Drama; and another Center student, Mandi John, received recognition both in the Contemporary Voice category and the Writing division. McBride and John are both featured in the Cypress Lake Center for the Arts' upcoming production of the Moss Hart/George Kauffman production, *You Can't Take It With You*, on Feb. 27th and 28th. For tickets or more information, call 481-2233.

Canterbury School is also presenting *You Can't Take It With You* on Thursday and Friday, March 18-19. The Pulitzer Prize winning comedy explores the happy madness of the kooky Sycamore family as their young daughter falls in love with a boy from a stuffy Upper East Side family. At first, the Sycamores seem crazy. It doesn't take the audience long, however, to realize if the Sycamores are crazy, then the rest of the world is even crazier!

Several Sanibel students are featured in this production.

Call for fine craft artists

The Southwest Florida Craft Guild is inviting local artists of fine craft to display and sell their work on Sanibel island at Fine Craft Market Day on Saturday, April 10th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The deadline for applications is March 10th. Contact Barbara Luck at 283-3984 for applications and additional information.

Photography exhibit opens

On Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, the Matsumoto Gallery will present an exhibition of photographs, Images of the Islands by Florida photographer and master boat builder, John Whiticar.

As an additional attraction, Dennis Clark of Ampersand Graphics in Stuart, Florida will demonstrate silkscreen printing on fabric using a design by Ikki Matsumoto. The opening and printing demonstration will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. on Feb. 14th. The photo exhibit will continue through March 15.

Fifty-three-year-old John Whiticar, a third generation Florida native, was born in Stuart into a boat-building heritages started by his great-grandfather.

Addison A. Whiticar, a commercial fisherman known as Capt. Add, arrived in Stuart from Fortescue, N.J. in 1917. Curt Whiticar, John's father, was 6 years old. With the eventual rise in Florida tourism and the demand for charter boat fishing, Capt. Add along with his three sons Jack, Johnson, and Curt progressed from commercial fishing and started the Whiticar Sportfishing Fleet.

Curt started building boats when he was only 14 and, later, on built boats for his father and both brothers. When boat building became a full time job, Curt gave up charter fishing and created Whiticar Boat Works in 1947. John now heads up Whiticar Custom Boats, a division of the original Boat Works, and is finishing Hull #63, the company's largest project to date. The 76 ft., 125,000 lb. enclosed bridge sportfisher is scheduled for its first splash this summer. For additional information on the Whiticar Group, check out their website: www.whiticar.com.

John's father gave him a camera at age 12, just before John took off for summer camp. A shutterbug at heart, John took photography courses in college and has never put the camera down. Even though he received awards in several amateur photography exhibits, his main interests are



his wife and two boys as well as carrying on the family's boat building tradition.

That first camera was a Brownie; it was followed by a manually-set viewfinder 35mm and then several 35mm through-the-lens reflexes. He has dabbled in medium format but recently has settled in with a 5-mega-pixel digital camera from Minolta. The island theme images chosen for the Matsumoto exhibit include prints from 35mm, medium format, and digital images printed on an Epson 7500 with archival inks that rival the longevity of the best photographic medium.

San-Cap Art League All-Member Show

All members of the Sanibel-Captiva Art League are invited to submit two works for the all member show to be held March 1st through 30th at the Sanibel Public Library and pieces must remain at the library until March 30th.

Works cannot exceed 22 by 28 inches. All members are guaranteed at least one space in the show, but it may be possible to have more than one work hung. One or two works may be entered for a \$10 fee. Computer art, sculpture, giclée and iris prints, photography and crafts will not be accepted.

Each participant is expected to donate 20 percent of the purchase price to the library if a work sells and should include that percentage plus sales tax in the purchase price. Work should be brought to the ground floor meeting room at the library for judging on March 1 between 9 and 11 a.m.

The show's judge, Douglas Flynt, will award ten prizes, ranging from \$25 to \$200. He will critique the exposition at 2:30 p.m. March 1 in the meeting room with a reception to follow from 5 to 7. Call Neil Glaser at 395-4683 with questions about the show.

Flynt holds a BFA and MFA from Florida State and the New York Academy of Art as well as a BA in Art History and Criticism. He believes that his most valuable education was under the tutelage of Edward Jonas, a portrait artist and sculptor of Tallahassee and an apprentice to Jacob Collins at the Water Street Atelier in New York City. Flynt, who is teaching this month at BIG Arts, believes his strongest work is in portraiture because it illustrates his use of sculptural elements as well as traditional techniques.

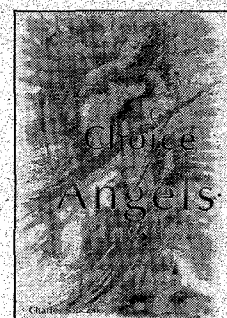
League Meeting

Everyone is welcome at the Feb. 19th meeting of the local Art League, at 1:30 p.m. at the Sanibel Community Center. The presenter this month is Anita Putnam, a long-time Sanibel resident who now lives at Shell Point. Putnam's subject is Painting People — Enjoying the Process.

Putnam's "past life" was as an Assistant Vice President of Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company in Hartford, Conn. Her "new" life includes her paintings which have been in Big Arts Shows, at the Alliance for the Arts and Edison Community College. Last year she had a one-person show in the small gallery at the Alliance.

Using acrylic and pastel paintings, she will explain why she chooses the people she paints as "painterly objects." Putnam believes in painting the same person many times over, as have many other fine artists have done.

Sobczak signing



Sanibel Island author Charles Sobczak will be signing copies of his critically acclaimed novel, *A Choice of Angels*, at a special Valentine's Day book signing at CW's Market & Deli near the entrance to South Seas Resort on Captiva tomorrow, Feb. 14th, from 4 until 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Sobczak will also sign copies of his previous works, including *Six Mornings on Sanibel*, currently in its fifth printing, *Way Under Contract*, winner of the 2001 Patrick Smith Award, and *Rhythm of the Tides*.

His latest novel, *A Choice of Angels*, received a starred review in Booklist, the official review publication of The American Library Association. Set in Atlanta and Istanbul, the story focuses on the relationship and marriage between the son of a Southern Baptist minister and a Muslim girl from Turkey. Addressing religious intolerance in a world growing smaller, the book can be described as a love story for our times.

In celebration of Feb. 14th, CW's will also be giving away a Valentine's Day gift basket immediately after the signing. The gift basket will include champagne, chocolates and a signed and numbered hardcover first edition of *A Choice of Angels*.

Tellers cancel stereotypes

Stories about strong, courageous girls and women and/or tales about kind and sensitive boys and men will be told at the Thursday night, Feb. 19, meeting of the Tamiami Tale Tellers (TTT) at 7 p.m. at the Grand Court, 8351 College Parkway in Fort Myers.

Tellers and listeners will be focusing on folk tales, personal and family stories, or historical tales about those role models who stand out because they have broken the stereotypical mold, according to TTT spokesperson Bert MacCarry, of Sanibel. "These are usually the unsung heroes and heroines of real life or folk tale characters who dared to challenge their age-old assigned gender roles."

Storytellers must dig a little harder in folk tale collections, but it's not too difficult to find family members, friends or historical characters who risked criticism to step outside the usual boundaries of

Donations Needed

**St. Vincent de Paul
Super Thrift Store**

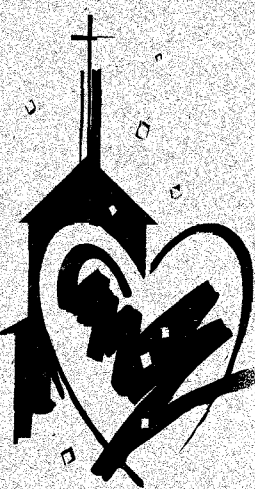
11799 South Cleveland

941/274-0660

Free Furniture Pickup

Tax Deductible

**We Need Your Help
Help Us... Help Others!**

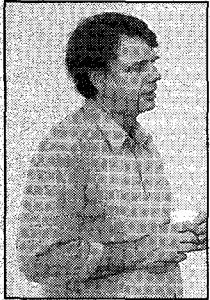


POTPOURRI

behavior and achievement, MacCarry explained.

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

Biolchini demonstration



Local award-winning artist, Greg Biolchini will hold a Portraiture in Pastel Demonstration at the Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd. Fort Myers, next Friday, Feb. 20th, at 6 p.m. Working with a live model, Biolchini will

present an intensive, interactive, information-packed creative session in which he shares his simple and direct ways to compose and block-in (imprimatura) portraits, achieve a likeness, mix colors, etc. Admission is \$10 per person, or \$5 if already enrolled in the Feb. 21st and 22nd Portraiture in Pastel Workshop (\$110 for members, \$125 for non-members) at the Alliance.

Biolchini has been awarded Master Pastellist status by the Pastel Society of America. He is well known for his figurative, portrait, landscape, and nature subject matters. Nationally his work has been shown many places including the Arts for the Parks Traveling Exhibitions 2002-2003, and regionally, at BIG Arts and the Museum of Florida Art and Culture in Avon Park.

For more information about the demonstration, or the Portraiture in Pastel Workshop call the Alliance at 939-2787, Ext. 27.

Classical Jazz launches series

Classical Jazz — a program performed by Geoffrey Day, violin, Richard Bosworth, piano, Kevin Mauldin, bass, and William E. Peterson III, drums — will kick off the fifth season of the UU Performing Arts Society concert series this Sunday, Feb. 15. The concert is



Richard Bosworth,
pianist



**The UU
Performing Arts
Society**

scheduled for 3 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Unitarian Universalist Church at 13411 Shire Lane, off Daniels Parkway east of I-75 in Fort Myers.

Tickets for the three-concert series are \$36 per person. Admission for Classical Jazz is \$13 in advance and \$15 at the door. Student tickets are \$8 each per concert. For advance tickets or information, please call 275-2640.

Classical Jazz will include Claude Bolling's *Suite for Violin and Jazz Trio* and works by Gershwin, Joplin and Ravel. The performers are symphony professionals from the Southwest Florida area.

"This is our first venture into the jazz medium, and both the program and the performers are outstanding," said Jean Stone, one of the series' organizers. "Everyone is invited to a post-concert reception where the performers and audience members can meet and discuss the performance. During our past four seasons, audiences have been enormously impressed with the excellent acoustics and visual beauty of the concert setting."

The concert series also includes the celebrated Philadelphia Piano Quartet, making one of its first-ever Fort Myers appearances on Sunday, March 7th, and The Florida Wind Quintet of Sarasota, which performed in 2002, closing the series on Sunday, March 21st.

The UU Performing Arts Society was established in 1999 to promote the fine performing arts in Lee County. Its concerts feature quality programming, the best Southwest Florida professional musicians and affordable ticket prices.

Music on Pine Island

Music on Pine Island is excited to announce a schedule of four quality concerts of highly talented artists for the 2004 season. The performances are held at Fritts Park, located about five miles north of the Pine Island Road intersection, left off Stringfellow Road.

Now in its 12th year, sharing the success of MOPI is a priority. In 1997, an endowed scholarship fund was established with Edison Community College Foundation, Inc. MOPI has its 501(c-3), is a federal tax-exempt organization and makes its annual contribution to the Fund for the benefit of a music scholarship (preferably, to a student from Pine Island).

The concert dates are as follows:

Feb. 15: Blue Angel

Traditional blend of bluegrass and gospel.

Feb. 29: Acoustic Eidolon

A mixture of folk, blues, popular, bluegrass and classical.

Mar. 14: Kraichy Duo

Classical violin and harp.

Mar. 21: Don Irwin

Classical, pop, contemporary pianist
(Held at Pine Island United Methodist Church on Pine Island Road).

All concerts start at 3 pm at Fritts Park (except where noted) or, in the event of inclement weather, when they will be held at the Fishers of Men Lutheran Church, on the left side of Stringfellow, just south of

the four-way intersection.

Tickets are \$10 per person over 12 years old, and season tickets are \$35 and may be purchased or ordered through the Crossed Palm Gallery in Bokeelia on Pine Island — 283-2283.

Festival stadium show

Spectacular fireworks and classic big band favorites will kick off this year's Edison Festival of Light Stadium Show. The show will be Saturday, Feb. 21st, at Fort Myers High stadium. BJ's Big Band will play, along with performers from Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, in a Medley of the Decades. Bandleader Bill Jarboe (BJ) said, "This show is two hours of big band classics that includes guest vocalist Katt Hefner from Disney World. The songs in the show are a patriotic salute to the brave men and woman in uniform."

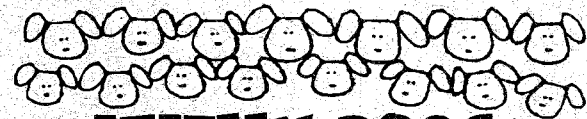
Stadium Show chairman Frank Mann, Jr. said, "This will be one of the best shows in years. In addition to the pre-parade show, the Fort Myers High stadium is a wonderful venue for watching the parade. There's lots of parking and the show seats are reserved."

The stadium show, Medley of the Decades, begins at 5 p.m. Fireworks begin at 7, and the parade arrives at the stadium at 7:30. Tickets to the stadium show are \$15 and may be purchased at the Edison Festival of Light office at 2254 Edwards Drive in Fort Myers. For more information, call 334-2999.

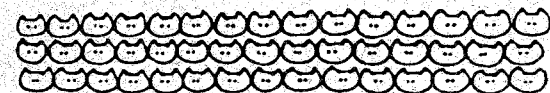
15 DOGS, 45 CATS, AND YOU



FOR EVERY PERSON THAT IS BORN,



FIFTEEN DOGS



AND FORTY-FIVE CATS ARE ALSO BORN.

Pet overpopulation is a **BIG PROBLEM** as these statistics show. In order to keep up with the current flood of puppies and kittens, every person would have to own two dogs and six cats during their entire lifetime (assuming that people live for 75 years, and dogs and cats for 10). A household of five would have to harbor ten dogs and thirty cats! Adoption alone is obviously not the answer; altering is.

PLEASE SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR DOGS AND CATS

"There aren't enough homes for them all.

Please spay or neuter"

CALL YOUR LOCAL VET OR HUMANE SOCIETY

JULIE

SANDY

MATRIX PAUL MITCHELL

Discover The Experience

#1 Salon in the Sanibel / Captiva Area

OPEN 7 DAYS!!

MONDAY thru SATURDAY 'til 9 PM

Open SUNDAY 11AM - 6 PM

Call now for your free color & style consultation by one of our professional stylists

472-2005

Located in the Sanibel Tanger Factory Stores Suite 61115

REDKEN NIOXIN

frames! GOLDWELL

HONEY

LINDA

O.P.I

AVEDA

NEXUS

CENTER STAGE

Parallel Lives: The Kathy and Mo Show is back by popular demand to help celebrate Theatre Conspiracy's 10th Anniversary. Kathy Grey and Lauren Drexler make this third re-creation of their 18 roles the best yet. They slide into their various male and female characters as easily as slipping on a pair of well-worn jeans — totally relaxed onstage and in no rush to deliver each perfectly devastating punch line without ever going overboard for a laugh. Grey has mastered the art of mugging, yet is never tempted to go over the top. She has fine-tuned her comic skills to the point that she can have you aching with laughter one instant and

misting over the next. Drexler also exhibits her enormous acting ability and versatility throughout the evening. Her defining moment comes in the "Three Sisters" sketch where she convincingly plays two totally different characters (sisters) at the same time, in another scene "Silent Torture" she perfectly mimes the hellish ritual women put themselves through every morning. Drexler moves easi-

Parallel Lives: The Kathy and Mo Show

ly as well as seamlessly from character to character, blending one into the next.

This 1988 Off-Broadway show written by Kathy Najimy and Mo Gaffney consists of a series of hilarious

skits based on female issues as well as some universal ones. The script, which won the writers an Obie Award, lines up joke after joke like the shot glasses piling up on the bar of "The Hank and Karen Sue" vignette. *Parallel Lives*, delivers quality laughs at a machine gun pace. The laughs begin right at the top of the show when "The Supreme Beings Create the World." This divine sketch is a clever heavenly opener. Two angels try and figure out how the newly created humans will procreate and what roles to assign to men and women: the guys get EGOS in capitol letters, while the women get the benefits of womanhood, childbirth and the menstrual cycle. Next the Beings decide what colors should people be — red, yellow, brown, beige and white... Leaving them to ask this question, with all the beauty in the world, will white people feel inferior? "Period Piece" is an skewers feminine hygiene products, and looks at how guys would handle "the four week flow." Give up? Why, in typical guy fashion with a game of tampon football and a keg party to celebrate the event. "Three Sisters" gives a comic view of a not-so-funny topic, death. The laughs derive from the stupid fights that arise between family members, from the "oh how nice you look... are you putting on a little weight?" remarks to the overall thrill of trying to explain the funeral arrangements to folks who are about ready to kick the bucket themselves.

One of the funniest bits in the whole show, sets up Grey and Drexler as feminist performing artists putting on a show called "Sister, Woman Sister," in which every feminist sisterhood cliché is delightfully put on a spit and roasted.

But, underneath all the funny shtick lie some real substance and dramatic themes, giving the script validity as well as importance. In one scene a prostitute shares the stage with the Southern Belle immortalized in the Kenny Rogers love song "Lady." In

the hands of playwrights Gaffney and Najimy and actresses Grey and Drexler the moral message is rendered without a hard sell. It is simply tossed out as titillating parallel lives for the viewers to evaluate and ponder. Director Bill Taylor has kept a firm hand in dealing with the integrity of the script. He has mined every bit of gold for possible laughs, and gotten all of the audience's attention throughout this two-hour long magical performance.

Since *The Kathy and Mo Show* only plays tonight, tomorrow and Sunday, you need to phone 936-3239 today. Don't forget to tell 'em Marsha sent you.

Pssst, here's a Center Stage whisper for you. In case you haven't noticed, there was a sign at the Periwinkle Playhouse that read Sold Out Performance Tonight for a terrific show titled *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*. This comical commentary dealing with the rise and demise of modern romance, was presented by Andrew Kurtz, Producing Artistic Director for Synergy Productions of Sanibel. Kurtz, making his stage directing debut, gave the show the just right crisp, smart, simple staging along with expert musical direction (which he has done successfully before) and surrounded this fine production with an extraordinary, multi-talented, vivacious cast of four. Sweet voiced Sarah Lamb, an Old Schoolhouse veteran, song and dance funny man Erik Hogan, and the talented island native, Drew Stern, in his first local professional outing, make up this remarkable, wellchosen cast. *I Love You...* proved to be an audience favorite, celebrating the never-ending dating/mating game.

So, if you love live musical theatre and you missed this one, get on the stick and call the box office now at 472-0324 for tickets to the next two Synergy Productions. — from Feb. 20th to 29th, *They're Playing Our Song*, Neil Simon's oh-so-delightful book set to Marvin Hamlisch music, and *Marry Me a Little*, a delightful musical review with music by Steven Sondheim, from March 6th to 20th.

Support the Periwinkle Playhouse and the island's new Synergy Productions by buying tickets and attending all of their upcoming productions.

MARSHA
WAGNER



BIG ARTS



presents
CYNTHIA ADLER
starring in

downloaded and in denial

Playing a host of characters "DOWNLOADED" is a scathing and satirical one-woman show that looks at contemporary America from Ms. Adler's perspective as an environmental activist.

February 18 • 8:00 PM
Call 395-0900 • Tickets \$20
900 Dunlop Road • Sanibel, Florida

Sponsored by
Congress Jewelers
and Benchmark General Contractor, Inc.



2nd Annual "ELVIS IS COMING" BLOCK PARTY

Sunday, February 15th
1pm until 5pm

Sponsored By:



Revonda's

Consignment
Central



VALERIE'S
Lounge & Liquors

FREE
Entertainment!
FEATURING:

- Joe McCormick and Bonnie
- ELVIS (Michael King) will be back to get you "SHAKEN BABY!"
- FREE FOOD & DRINKS Come have a blast!
- Cash Bar at VALERIE'S
- For More Information Call... 239-437-1126

17264 San Carlos Blvd. (Indian Creek Plaza) Extra bonus before traffic line to beach

SANIBEL & CAPTIVA ISLANDS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

OUR MISSION: TO PROMOTE BUSINESS PROSPERITY AND PRESERVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

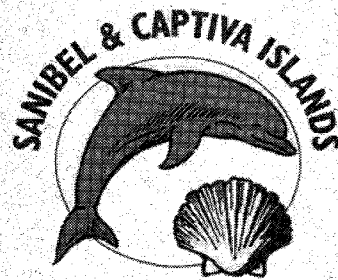
By Anne Joffe, She Sells Sea Shells

At no time in the Chamber's history has there been a greater need for unity and cooperation between business, residents and government to ensure that the road to our future is paved with opportunity.

The Sanibel Causeway is the lifeline of our existence. It needs to be a safe and efficient means of transportation both onto and off of the islands.

The ongoing disagreement regarding the Sanibel Causeway threatens our area's economic health and the quality of life in our community. We can not afford the time, expense and risk associated with continued delay in the process.

We have continued confidence in the wisdom of our City and County officials and hope they can quickly find a solution that will best serve the interests of all who live, work and visit here.



Chamber of Commerce
Business ♦ Community ♦ Government

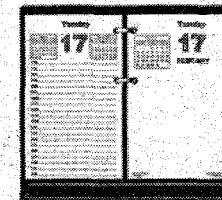
OUR VISION STATEMENT

The Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce will facilitate communication and cooperation between businesses, residents and government to enhance the economic health of our community.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Chamber of Commerce maintains a Community Calendar where you can register your non-profit community related event. It is also a great tool in planning for the future to find out what is already planned for a date you may have in mind for your event.

We invite everyone to log on to our new website at www.sanibel-captiva.biz where you can access the Community Calendar. For ongoing activities and entertainment please refer to our www.sanibel-captiva.org Entertainment Page.



www.sanibel-captiva.biz

FLORIDA STATE FAIR

The Florida State Fair will be celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Held in Tampa, from the 5th to the 16th of February, the Fair is a chance to reach thousands of Floridians with a message about our area.

The Chamber will man a booth in the Florida Living Center, an exhibition hall that features the economic diversity of our state.

There will be a special "Celebration of the Century" display area honoring the handful of businesses in Florida which have been in continuous existence during the 100 years of the State Fair. We are proud that one of the honorees is our own Bailey's General Store.

DID YOU KNOW?

That the Chamber was originally organized in 1954 and chartered as the Sanibel-Captiva Business Association to promote commercial and civic enterprises.

The name was changed in 1961 to the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce.

Throughout its history, the Chamber has always played a leading role in island affairs and today, nearly 50 years after its inception, is still dedicated to improving the quality of life for all that live, visit and work on the islands.

BOARD ELECTIONS

The following 10 candidates will be seeking office for the 5 Board seats up for annual election:
(in alphabetical order)

Michael P. Arnheiter, *New York Life Insurance Co.*
Anne Bellew, *Sanibel Captiva Islander*
Mark Dickson, *South Seas Resort*
John English, *Sanibel Spirits*
Wendy Erler, *Tarpon Bay Explorers*
Liz Fowler, *B.I.G. Arts*
Karen Pratt, *Arden Courts*
Barb Rich, *South Seas Sanibel & Captiva Properties*
Sandra Stilwell, *Captiva Island Inn*
William Waites, *Aboriginals: Art of the First Person*

GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE CANDIDATES

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES



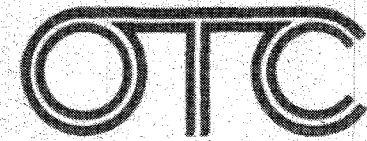
Phone (941) 656-2207 • (800) 282-1643, Ext. 207
Fax (941) 995-7651 • aruth@lce.com

4980 Bayline Drive • North Fort Myers, FL 33917-3998
Post Office Box 3455 • North Fort Myers, FL 33918-3455



P.O. Box 1227
Sanibel, FL 33957
e-mail: adsales@toti.com

Phone: 239.472.0205
Fax: 239.395.2125
Cell: 239.246.6282



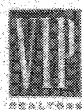
OSWALD TRIPPE AND COMPANY, INC.
WE ARE AN E.S.O.P. COMPANY

P.O. Box 60139 • Fort Myers, FL 33906-6139
SCOTT P. GREGORY, C.I.C. CRM
ASSOCIATE



OSWALD TRIPPE AND COMPANY, INC.
WE ARE AN E.S.O.P. COMPANY

P.O. Box 60139 • Fort Myers, FL 33906-6139
MICHAEL J. GADALETA
ASSOCIATE



Marlene Donaldson
REALTOR®, CRS, GRI



1560 PERIWINKLE WAY
SANIBEL ISLAND, FLORIDA 33957
OFFICE: (239) 472-5167 EXT. 242
CELL: (239) 470-3469
TOLL FREE: (800) 553-7338 EXT. 242
FAX: (239) 472-0996
EMAIL: MARLENE@DONALDSON.NET
WWW.SANIBELISLANDREALESTATE.COM

**Aboriginals:
Art of the
First Person**



A Gallery of Fine Tribal Art from
Africa, Australia and Native America

2340 Periwinkle Way | Sanibel, FL 33957 | 239-395-2200
www.tribalworks.com sanibelart@earthlink.net

THE MUSIC SCENE

The Takács — a joy to hear at Schein Hall

Last Friday's Great Performers Series concert in Schein Hall featured the Takács String Quartet in a performance sponsored by Serine Bonnist. And what a performance it was! Most audiences, if moved to do so, will rise with a standing ovation at the conclusion of a concert. Not so with the Takács. The audience hooted and hollered, clapped and stomped their feet at the conclusion of each of the three works presented.

The musicians — Edward Dusinbeere, violin, Karoly Schranz, violin, Roger Tapping, viola, and Andras Fejer, cello — have been together for the past 29 years and play with impeccable lyricism, intonation, technical fluidity and gorgeous sound. They are four virtuosi who blend so perfectly together that their sound resembles that of a four-part organ.

It was fitting to open the program with Franz Joseph Haydn's *String Quartet in C Major, Op. 54 No. 2*, as it was Haydn who wrote more than 70 string quartets and modernized this genre with substance that included counterpoint, folk music and an expansion of the role of the cello. *Opus 54, No. 2* consists of four movements — Vivace, Adagio, Menuetto and Finale — and the Takács presented a polished and highly musical performance. The daz-



HAROLD LIEBERMAN

zling Vivace led into the slow and somber Adagio in which the classic esthetic seems somewhat compromised with a highly romantic and passionate violin obbligato played over the somber three-part ensemble. However, it quickly segued into a most elegant and stately Menuetto in the characteristic three meter, played with sensitive phrasing and dynamics. The dynamic range of the

Takács, with its subtle sonic graduations, is truly impressive, from its softest pianissimo to its commanding fortissimo.

Who better than the Takács to interpret the next work, Bartok's *String Quartet No. 5*? In 1998, their recording of the Bartok Quartet Cycle on London/Decca was awarded Gramophone's Chamber Music Recording of the Year. In addition, in 1999 and 2000, their recordings were nominated for Grammys. Bartok's *Quartet No. 5* is in five movements: Allegro, Adagio molto, Scherzo, Andante and Finale.

Bartok, using elements of Hungarian folk music, wrote his highly complex music with atonal and polytonal dissonance, irregular rhythms, odd meters, complex contrapuntal lines and exploited each instrument's musical capabilities to its maximum limit. Extra musical devices

are abundant as the players obtain various effects by plucking the strings, varying the pitches by sliding their fingers on the strings and even using the bow's wood on the strings. The furious last movement contains a fugal development of short motifs and ends suddenly after a long coda.

The final piece on the program was the five-movement, *String Quartet in a minor, Op. 132* by Ludwig van Beethoven. This work was written two years before the composer's death and includes the great third movement subtitled "Holy song of thanks to God from one who is unwell." Beethoven asks the musicians to play "with the most intimate feeling," and the Takács' performance certainly fulfilled this request. It was somber and organ-like in balance with great feeling, sensitivity and emotional undertones.

The members of the Takács String Quartet work together as a great team. They listen to and communicate with each other at the highest level using meaningful eye contact and body language. They play with energy, passion, sensitivity and most important, musicality. It was indeed an extraordinary delight to witness a musical ensemble of this

magnitude.

Harold Lieberman is a Professor of Music emeritus at Ramapo College of New Jersey, has also taught at Manhattan School of Music, played solo trumpet with the CBS Symphony Orchestra and for Benny Goodman, Arthur Godfrey and many other well-known band leaders.



Synergy Productions of Sanibel

Andrew M. Kurtz, Producing Artistic Director

Don't miss Neil Simon's Musical Comedy!

They're Playing Our Song



Playing February 18-February 29.

A musical written by Neil Simon, and you know what that means - laughs galore! Music by Marvin Hamlisch. Lyrics Carole Bayer Sager.

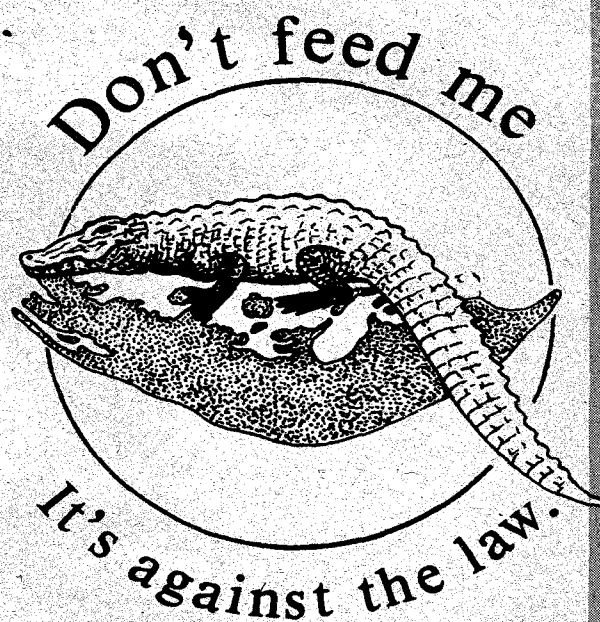
Periwinkle Playhouse

2200 Periwinkle Way Sanibel Island

Tickets \$25/\$15 previews 239-472-0324

www.synergyproductions.org

Sanibel's New Professional Musical Theater Company!



When you feed an alligator you are training it to approach humans and are creating a life threatening situation... especially for our children.

Feeding alligators is a criminal act punishable by fines and/or imprisonment.

City of Sanibel Ordinance 75-29

Florida State Statute 372.667

Code of Federal Regulations

50 CFR 27.51

THE MUSIC SCENE

Artie Shaw... One more time...



**HAROLD
LIEBERMAN**

Thanks to the West Wind Inn, the Artie Shaw Orchestra, led by clarinetist Dick Johnson, blew into Sanibel last Saturday and presented a night of nostalgia to a sold-out Schein Hall. The 16 musicians, using many of the original arrangements from the 1940s, recreated 21 hits made famous by the famous Artie Shaw Orchestra. Johnson, like many of the sidemen and women, is from the Boston area and told me that his first task, when he took over the band in 1984, was to order 16 music folders labeled with the name Artie Shaw Orchestra. He ordered the folders by phone and, because of his thick Boston accent, they were delivered with the unusual name, Ottie Shaare...!

The opening selection on Feb. 7th, composed and arranged by Shaw, was his theme song, "Nightmare." If you have read his autobiographical book, *The Trouble with Cinderella*, it is not difficult to understand why he gave the composition that name. Although this talented, sensitive and creative musician followed a carefully planned path to early fame and fortune, haunting memories of his troubled childhood limited his ability to enjoy his musical success and led

to the failure of eight marriages. From his point of view, life was indeed a "nightmare."

The theme song was followed by his 1938 classic, "Back Bay Shuffle." Johnson allowed his soloists great latitude to improvise and, like a good leader, smiled and encouraged their contributions. The 1941 arrangement of

"Moonglow" was next and featured a cleanly phrased sax solo. This was followed by Shaw's arrangement of "Softly As In A Morning Sunrise" and featured Johnson on clarinet, Chris Overholz on trombone and a very tasteful flugelhorn solo by Kerry McKillop. Pianist Paul O'Day improvised some jazz, and Bronek Suehanek was heard in a bass viol solo. Fours (four bars each) featuring drummer Mark Holunia and clarinetist Johnson led into a nice out-chorus with a clean balance and blend by the ensemble and also a brief jazz solo by tenor sax Matt Koza.

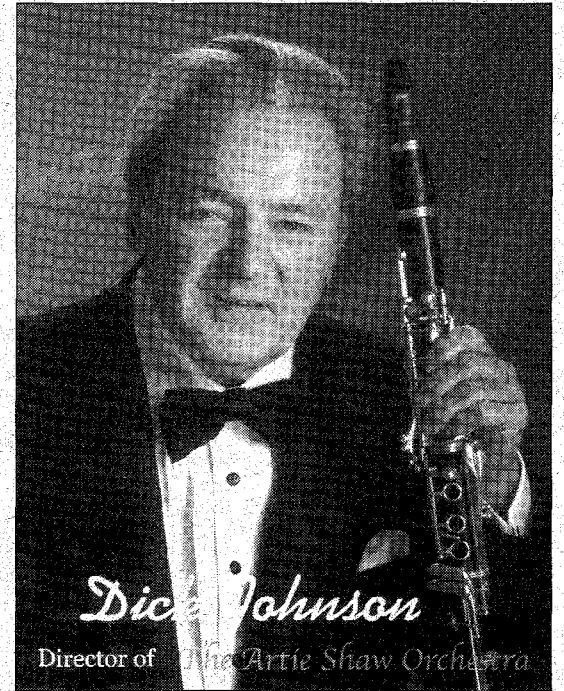
"Stardust," one of Artie Shaw's huge hits, was performed with lead trumpeter Jay Daly playing, note for note, the solo made famous by Billy Butterfield. Other verbatim solos were created in this Hoagy Carmichael classic with Johnson playing Shaw's famous clarinet solo as well as trombonist Overholz playing the solo performed by Jack Jennings.

Much to the audience's delight, trumpeter Phil Person added comic relief impersonating Louis Armstrong by singing (com-

plete with gravel voice) and playing "What A Wonderful World." The band performed an arrangement of "Grabtown Gattle" that Artie wrote for one of his many wives (Ava Gardner, in this instance). The blockbuster hits were scattered throughout the concert and included "Carioca" (complete with Buddy Rich's shouts), the 1946 arrangement of an uptempo, "I Get A Kick Out Of You," "Frenezzi," "Begin The Beguine," and an extended work written by Shaw, titled "Concerto for Clarinet," which also featured O'Day in a well-crafted solo improvisation that ranged from Boogie Woogie, Swing and BeBop to Avant Garde.

A special treat was served up (especially for me) when guest artist, trombonist George Masso appeared for two numbers — "The Nearness Of You" and "Tangerine." I have worked many, many concerts and record dates with George, but it has been at least 10 years since we last met. I was thrilled to see and hear him again — he is truly one of the great jazz trombonists.

Johnson does, to a degree, capture Shaw's sound and style. However, his solos, especially cadenzas heard at the end of "Every Thing Happens To Me" and "Concerto for Clarinet" were much too long, redundant and self-serving. The ensemble playing, although fairly clean and

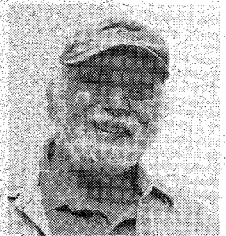


Dick Johnson

Director of The Artie Shaw Orchestra

balanced, did not have the necessary energy and excitement that it might have had. Solos were adequate but not awe-inspiring. It was pleasant to wax nostalgic with the Artie Shaw hits of the past, but the overall concert did not swing the way a polished swing-band intuitively swings.

Symphony on Sanibel



**HAROLD
LIEBERMAN**

The Southwest Florida Chamber Orchestra — key players drawn from the Southwest Florida Symphony — presented an aptly named *Twisted and Stirred* program at Schein Hall on Feb. 8. The concert was conducted by Musical Director Paul Nadler and generously sponsored by Tween Waters Inn, Century 21 J.B. Novelli Internationale and the Friends of Sanibel and Captiva.

The opening work, *Hipocondrie*, by Baroque composer, Jan Dismas Zelenka (1679-1745) is written in three movements — "Grave," "Allegro" and "Lentement" — and is scored for 13 strings, one bassoon, two oboes and continuo, quite characteristic of this period. Similar to Bach and Telemann, the work is contrapuntal in texture with a complex double fugue in the "Allegro." Like Bach, Zelenka

places severe demands on his players, especially the bassoon. ...Not to slight the other players, however, they too had difficult technical phrases to conquer and met the challenges skillfully. At first, most noticeably in the "Grave," there were some minor intonation problems among the winds but they vanished as the piece developed. However, the overall sound was not in keeping with the Baroque tradition — it was too bold and heavy. (This was especially noticeable in the Stravinsky and Schubert as the French horn bells pointed directly at the hard glass, which created a "bounce" effect and greatly magnified their sound.) Perhaps the curtain in the back of the stage should be drawn to absorb some of this.

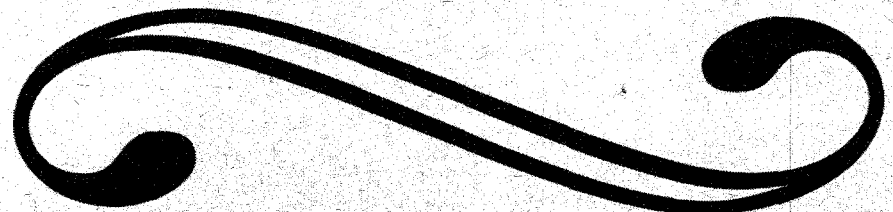
The next work was *Concerto in E flat*, also known as *Dumbarton Oaks*, by Igor Stravinsky. To celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary, Robert Woods Bliss and his wife, who lived on an estate near Washington, D.C., commissioned the composer to write a concerto for chamber orchestra. The work was inspired by Bach's Brandenburg concertos, particular-

ly the third. It is a concerto grosso in which all of the 15 instruments (10 strings, two French horns, clarinet, bassoon and flute) are treated as soloists. The first movement, "Tempo giusto," is polyphonic in texture with motifs that form a fugue. The second movement, "Allegro," is most elegant in the classic style and grows to a dazzling texture while the last movement, "Con moto," is marchlike in character and fugal in texture. It is somewhat difficult to hear all of these musical ingredients in just one, as Stravinsky masks these characteristics with polytonality, odd meters and aperiodic rhythms. But the vitality and energy of his writing comes through boldly.

Closing the program was *Octet in F Major*, Op. 116/D. 803 by the Austrian composer, Franz Schubert. Written in 1824, it was commissioned by Count Ferdinand von Troyer, himself an amateur clarinetist. The composition is scored for five strings, bassoon, French horn and clarinet. That last instrument plays a very prominent role in this six-movement work since Count Troyer was to play the clar-

inet in the first performance. The first movement, "Adagio allegro," is written in sonata form and the second movement, "Adagio," opens with a lyrical clarinet solo beautifully played by Michael Forte. The third movement, *Allegro vivace*, is written in a stately, minuet form and the fourth movement, "Andante," a theme and variations form, featured a beautiful violin solo by Concertmistress Reiko Niiya. Her solo was echoed by the complimentary sound of the clarinet. The fifth movement, "Menuetto allegretto" was in the scherzo format and tasteful solos were heard by the french hornist, Cheryle Naberhaus, and bassoonist, Michael Ellert. The last movement, "Andante molto allegro" was in sonata form and was introduced by a cello tremolo prior to the final Allegro — a majestic and grand conclusion to a wonderful piece of music.

Special thanks should be given to Dr. Elwood Smith, emeritus professor of Music at Northwestern Illinois University and director of music at the Sanibel Congregational Church for his scholarly and clearly written program notes.



I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

By Claudia Burns ~ Special to the Islander

Relationships have always intrigued me — especially those between males and females. They start out sweet but all too often turn sour.

So I thoroughly enjoyed Jo DiPietro's smash hit, *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, which spoofs the tension between sexes and emphasizes its poignancy through incisive scenarios and brilliant lyrics. All the characters in this play are likable because

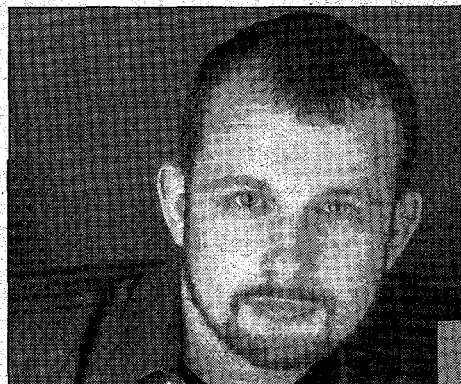
they all suffer human foibles that the audience can relate to, one way or another.

The Synergy Productions presentation of *I Love You...* at the Periwinkle Playhouse ran from Jan. 29th through Feb. 8th with many sold-out houses. Four players skillful-

long list of artistic credentials. In addition, he performed with the small combo that provided background music for and accompaniment to the actors/singers.

Another local, Drew Stern, son of islanders Jerry and Lynne Stern and a graduate of New England Conservatory, Tufts University (*cum laude*) and New York University, is no stranger to the stage, but he made his professional Sanibel debut in this production. Periwinkle Playhouse audiences were not only impressed with Drew's versatile talents but also expressed hopes of seeing him perform here again.

The success of this and other productions this season at Periwinkle Playhouse



Above, Erik Hogan; right, Sarah Lamb

ly performed more than 60 roles in under two hours, with ingenious (as well as expeditious) costume and set changes. The characters aged as the play progressed, which lent the vignettes of the second act a bitter-sweet tone in contrast to the hilarity of the first. Playwright DiPietro would have been gratified to hear the laughter at the Playhouse, I'm sure. Everyone loves a local hero, so we were especially pleased to have several of "our own" involved in this production. Long-time Sanibel resident Andrew Kurtz, music director of the Gulf Coast Symphony and artistic director of the Opera Theater of Philadelphia, as well as an accomplished violinist, is the brains behind Synergy Productions. With this production of off-Broadway's longest running hit musical, Kurtz added theatrical director to his



Above, Islander Drew Stern; below, Julie Ellis.



Artistic Director of Synergy Productions, Andrew Kurtz

largest audience. Just as a chef learns what his customers crave by offering daily specials, so a theater manager determines what a community will support by presenting a variety of short-run productions. Todd Sherman, the Playhouse's general manager (aka chief cook, bottle washer, lightbulb changer and box office manager!), has done a stellar job in attracting and booking numerous well-received performances and productions.

And kudos to Maestro Kurtz, who applies his classical training to his penchant for musical theater. His newly-formed Synergy Productions will present two more shows at Periwinkle Playhouse this season, including Neil Simon's hilarious comedy *They're Playing Our Song* from Feb. 20th to 29th and *Marry Me a Little*, a revue of Stephen Sondheim's music, from March 6th to 20th. We're hoping he'll choose the exceptionally talented performers of *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* for future productions as well.

RENTAL MANAGEMENT

No Participation Fees

No Marketing Fees

No Credit Card Fees*

No Owner's Linen Fees

No Working Balance

ALL OF THE ABOVE ► www.RoyalShell.org



Book online 24 hours
Call 800-656-9111 or 472-9111

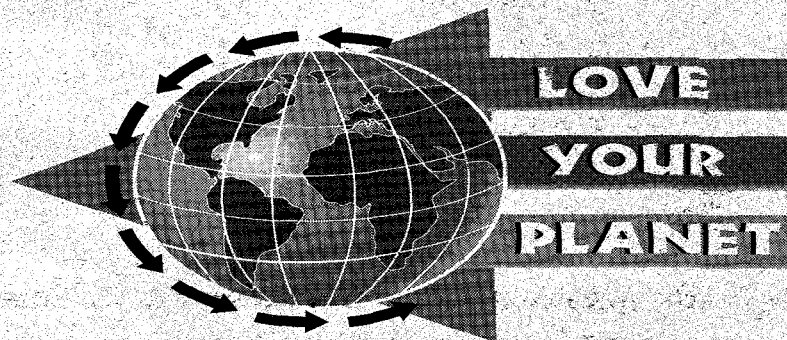
ROYAL SHELL
vacations
Get The Royal Treatment

1200 Periwinkle Way #3 • Sanibel & 14970 Captiva Drive #4 • Captiva

*on Royal Shell bookings

Waste Reduction and Prevention Begins With You

- ✓ Pass on what you no longer need to charities, schools, friends, etc.
- ✓ Save scrap pieces of paper and used envelopes for writing notes and grocery lists on.
- ✓ Reuse plastic containers for food storage and glass jars for nails, paper clips, screws, etc.
- ✓ Choose the brand that uses the least amount of packaging.
- ✓ Buy items in bulk quantities.
- ✓ Bring along your own shopping bag.



COMMUNITY CONCERTS



The Fort Myers Community Concert Association
(A Volunteer Non-Profit Organization)

A musical puzzlement

By Charlotte Heimann ~ Special to the Islander

How to comment on the Fort Myers Community Concert Association's second offering in their 54th season? Four internationally-known musicians, who whimsically call themselves Quartetto Gelato, appeared at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

Their program sponsor was Barbara B. Mann herself, about whom one of the artists said from the stage, "I'm very happy to be here in a building named for someone who is so alive and charming!" From her traditional box seat, Mrs. Mann acknowledged this — and the resulting applause — with a wave of a sparkling black-and-gold-clad arm.

Reactions to the performance seemed to vary from fervent enthusiasm to indifference to downright dislike. There's about the talent displayed. Each artist is a master of the particular instrument involved — violin, cello, oboe and accordion — surely the

only quartet of its kind ever assembled. Actually, if one counts the double participation of the violinist as a soaring tenor vocalist, there are five performers.

That dual role is filled with constant movement by co-founder (in 1994) Peter DeSotto. Dressed in unrelieved black, DeSotto unleashed a gamut of mostly comic emotions and postures while he did technical wonders with his fine violin. Add to that the most effective use of what the program calls his "natural, Italianate tenor." He was an audience favorite.

Co-founder Cynthia Steljes is an amazing virtuoso on the oboe (widely known as "an ill wind nobody blows good.") In Steljes's hands, however, that complicated instrument seemed simple to play, even in the most difficult passages. She is a true professional, with dignity and serious regard for her music.

Cellist Kristine Reiko Cooper was invit-

ed to join Quartetto Gelato in 2002. She clearly has a prodigious musical memory to complement her spectacular technique. Her bowing, her fingering, pizzicato and plucking were always right on. Like the fabled cellist Jacqueline DuPre, Cooper tends to toss her head for frequent emphasis. She's a delight.

Alexander Sevastian, also a quartet member since 2002, played — or underplayed — his shiny black accordion so well that even the most negative listener couldn't help but admire him. The excellent arrangements were done with unusual skill to make use of the accordion as a friendly and unobtrusive background. That worked very well indeed; Sevastian's considerable talent was showcased by his Bach solo.

This Quartetto Gelato ("Ice Cream Quartet") evening was in sharp contrast to the powerful symphonic all-Tchaikovsky experience presented a week earlier by the Fort Myers Community Concert Association.

Composers represented on the Quartetto program were as diverse as Ravel, Handel, Leoncavallo and Kreisler, with songs by Piaf, Lehar and DiCapula ("O Sole Mio"). The generous encore was an atypical but quietly touching "Danny Boy."

Yes, Quartetto Gelato was an unforgettable musical experience. And, yes, pleasantly puzzling.

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, the next Community Concert will be a full production of Puccini's Tosca, with star soloists, a chorus of 40, and a 50-member orchestra. For information, call 939-3236.

Charlotte Heimann is a well-known local actress who was the Islander arts critic before the late Frank Wagner joined the staff. She has been active in the theatre for a long time and she done community theatre wherever she has lived.

SANIBEL

An Island Tradition Music FESTIVAL



"DON'T EXPECT THE ORDINARY"

MARCH 2004

MARCH 2004

Ying String Quartet
with Harp, Flute & Clarinet

Saturday, March 6 \$25.00

Pianofest
with Bryan Wallick

Tuesday, March 9th \$25.00



The Artiss String Quartet

James Griffith, Viola

Juddard
Vocal Ensemble
with Piano Duo

Tuesday, March 16
\$30.00

Pianofest
with Christopher Taylor

Saturday, March 27, \$25.00

PianoFest
with Wu Han

Saturday, March 20, \$30.00



The Jerusalem String Quartet

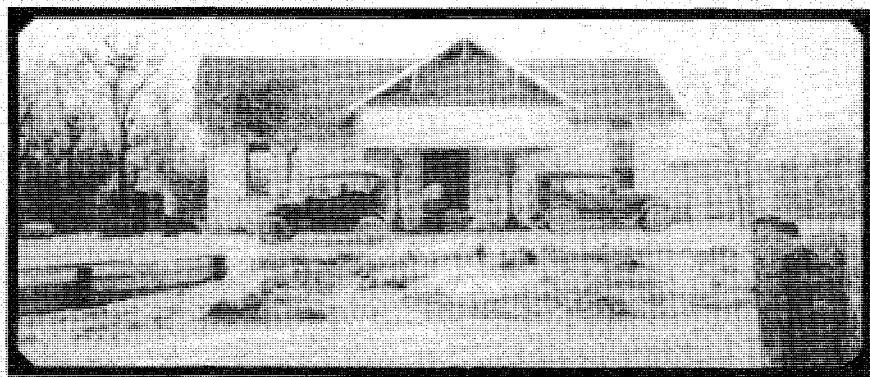
Saturday, March 13, \$25.00



336-7999

Single Tickets Available at Bailey's General Store & MacIntosh Bookshop - (Checks Only)

Sanibel Captiva Pictorial B.C. History Book Revised Edition



AVAILABLE NOW

THIS IS A LIMITED EDITION PRINTING

Our local heritage has practically vanished...a life-style alive only to the memory of our citizens. Now we have the opportunity to safeguard the history of our people through photographs from our files and those submitted by our neighbors.

This 120 page book, with more than 300 photographs such as the one above submitted by a neighbor, will be of library quality, printed on archival paper and bound with a beautiful hard cover.

**Pick up your copy at our office or
send in completed order blank to
receive your copy by mail.**

ACT NOW!

Clip this coupon and return with your order Today!

Please enter my order for:

____ copy(s) of A Pictorial
History of Sanibel Island,
Florida, @ \$40.00.

I am enclosing payment in full.

____ Please mail my book(s) to
the address at right. I have
enclosed an additional \$5.00
for each book to be shipped.

Charge-Visa/Master Card _____

Exp. Date _____

Make checks payable to Island Reporter

NAME _____

STREET _____

APT. NO. _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

PHONE _____

MAIL TO:

**Island
REPORTER**

• In "The Village" 2340 Periwinkle Way
• Sanibel Island, Florida 33957
• (239)-472-1587 Fax (239) 472-8398
• email: sancapnews@flguide.com

AT BIG ARTS

James Sewell Ballet returns



It's a night of celebration and one not to be missed, when the James Sewell Ballet returns to Schein Hall on Saturday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m.

The dance troupe received huge accolades last month at the Joyce Theater... "Mr. Sewell has developed into one of American ballet's most inventive choreographers... A polished gem of a chamber dance troupe with a classical approach, wrapped in surprises... Both fun and sophisticated, weaving the classical idiom into dazzling and dissolving patterns by way of highly mobile bodies." —The New York Times, January, '04

Sewell began his career in New York City, dancing as a principle performer with the Joffrey Ballet before forming his own company in 1990. Three years

later the James Sewell Ballet relocated to his home territory, St. Paul, Minn. The company has blossomed there, becoming the center of a very active cultural community. The Sewell Ballet continually tours the country annually in St. Paul, Rochester, St. Cloud, and throughout the United States.

James is married to dancer Sally Rousse. Together, in a unique partnership, they run the company, sharing artistic and business decisions. Their relationship is one of choreographer/muse, coach/student, dance partners, and parents of their young daughter, Mona.

This performance is generously sponsored by The Ferguson Foundation. Tickets are \$30, \$15 for students. Call 395-0900.

Special workshops this week

This Monday, Feb. 16th, BIG Arts' own gifted artist/instructor, Lois Ferguson, will teach a one-day workshop Birdhouse Painting. Make one for yourself, to give as a gift to a bird lover you know or to donate to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation/BIG ARTS to be joint auction/fundraiser, *Swing Like A Bird*. Come ready to paint and learn all you need to know to paint a one-of-a-kind original that you will be proud of and your little feathered friends will be thrilled to call home!

Swing Like A Bird takes place on March 8 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at BIG Arts. A full evening of silent and live auction fun as well as delicious food, drink and music to swing by from the Larry Elgart Band is being planned for this special event. All proceeds from both the silent and live auctions will go to the internship programs of the two

organizations.

Call BIG ARTS to sign up for Birdhouse Painting now, \$15. Tickets for *Swing Like A Bird* will be available at BIG Arts, the Sanibel-Conservation Foundation and Bank of the Islands for \$40. Don't hesitate, get your tickets for this great event today.

The next two days, Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 17th and 18th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., visiting artist, Yvonne George, will teach a special two-day course on Tilemaking. This unique course will include the making of several simple tiles, various ways of decorating tiles with underglazes and textures, and several ways of making three-dimensional tile. Tiles will be fired when dry for students to pick up later. The cost for the two days is only \$90. Please call BIG ARTS now to reserve your spot, 395-0900.



Bravo Broadway!

A benefit concert for Gulfshore Ballet will feature Broadway legend and nine-time Tony Winner Tommy Tune and the acclaimed singing, tap-dancing trio, Manhattan Rhythm Kings, in what the Chicago Tribune referred to as "A splashy, stylish song and dance revue, pure Broadway, completely irresistible." Sponsored by Edison National Bank and Bank of the Islands, White Tie and Tails features a 16-piece on-stage orchestra along with Tune and the Rhythm Kings in an unforgettable, song-and-dance celebration of favorites from Berlin to The Beatles, the Gershwins to Kander & Ebb.

Tune — dancer, singer, choreographer and director — is the winner of nine Tony Awards, and the only person in theatrical history to win in four different categories and to win the same two Tony Awards two years in a row. Variety refers to him as "the last genuine song-and-dance man."

Born Feb. 28, 1938 in Wichita Falls, Texas, Tune danced onto the Broadway scene in the chorus of *Baker Street* in 1965 and hasn't stopped since. He worked in the chorus of *A Joyful Noise* in 1967 and *How Now, Dow Jones* in 1968. He garnered raves and his first Tony Award (Best Featured Actor in a Musical) in Michael Bennett's *Seesaw* in 1973.

Branching out, he directed his first show, the off-Broadway production of the ground-breaking feminist musical, *The Club* in 1976. *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* was his next venture followed by *A Day in Hollywood, A Night in the Ukraine* and his second Tony (Best Choreography). He returned to off-Broadway in 1981 to direct his highly acclaimed and controversial production of Caryl Churchill's *Cloud 9*.

1982 brought *Nine* and his third Tony (Best Direction of a Musical). Tune pulled double duty in *My One and Only* and was rewarded with his fourth and fifth Tonys (Best Choreography, Best Actor in a Musical). He received his next two Tonys with *Grand Hotel* (Best Choreography, Best Direction of a Musical). The following year brought *The Will Rogers Follies* and his next two Tony Awards (Best Choreography, Best Direction of a Musical). Not satisfied to remain stationary, Tune returned to the stage in his acclaimed one-man song and dance extravaganza, *Tommy Tune Tonite!* first on Broadway and then touring nationally and internationally.

In addition to the long, long list of Tunes awards, he was also named to the Top 10 International Best Dressed List of 1992!

Andy Warhol once said that Tommy Tune "exudes a cultivated serenity and a genuine love of life." And, of his unique talents as a director/choreographer, the New York Times proclaimed, "Mr. Tune has reshuffled the elements of



the old-style musical into state of the art." Variety said, "The 6'6" Texan has been a fixture on Broadway since leaving Houston, where he began tap, acrobatics and ballet lessons at the age of 5. He majored in drama at the University of Texas and the University of Houston. Drama critic John Simon described him "as long on talent as on legs," a sentiment echoed around the globe by critics and audiences alike.

Tune has shied away from Hollywood, appearing in only two films early in his career. He played Ambrose Kemper in the movie version of *Hello Dolly!* directed by Gene Kelly and starring Barbra Streisand; and, after working as assistant choreographer for *The Dean Martin Show* on television, he was featured in Ken Russell's *The Boyfriend*, starring Twiggy. The two were reunited on Broadway in *My One and Only*. Tune also toured the United States and Canada in the musical classic, *Bye Bye Birdie*, directed by Gene Saks.

November of 1997 brought the release by Simon and Schuster of Tommy's memoir, *Footnotes*, as well as his first solo CD, *Slow Dancin'*, a collection of romantic ballads on the RCA/Victor label.

Known for their polished performances of American popular music from the '20s, '30s and '40s, the Rhythm Kings — Hal Shane, Marc Kessler and Brian Nalepka — have gained a large and enthusiastic following across the country. While frequently compared with such musical greats as the Mills Brothers and Paul Whiteman's Rhythm Boys, the trio has established a unique character of its own with a combination of close harmony singing, virtuosic instrumental work, and spectacular tap dancing. They started performing together on the sidewalks of New York in 1980, soon graduating to some of the Big Apple's top nightspots.

It was their sparkling combination of song and dance that first attracted Tune's attention and, in 1984, he asked the trio to help him assemble an act based on songs writ-



ten by Fred Astaire. Their collaboration continues today and the act has performed together in venues as diverse as Carnegie Hall and Atlantic City's Trump Plaza — plus a tour of the former Soviet Union, where they commanded standing ovations in Moscow, Tbilisi, and St. Petersburg.



AT THE THEATRE

More unique one-person shows

On the heels of the very well-received *Unlaunch'd Voices: An Evening with Walt Whitman*, two other critically acclaimed one-person nights out are on the schedule for Schein Hall Sanibel in February. Wednesday, Feb. 18, will be an evening with actress, Cynthia Adler — excerpts from her one person show, *Downloaded-and in Denial*, followed by a close-up look at how her socio-political experiences helped create this show.

Adler is one of the top voice-over talents in America. Her *Downloaded-and in Denial* lays bare the lunacy of modern American life with a zany romp through dys-



function. Adler's characters have been compared to Whoopi Goldberg and Lily Tomlin and embody her work as a socio-political activist and focus on a society overloaded with media and advertising.

Adler will be followed some 10 days later by the ever-popular Will Stutts in his much acclaimed one-person show, *Tallulah!*, based on the life of famous actress Tallulah Bankhead, on Saturday, Feb. 28th.

Except for Hal Holbrook, Will Stutts has worked longer and more in the genre of one-person plays than other actor. For more than three decades, Stutts has appeared in well over 1,000 single engagements before audiences estimated to total more than one million. Among productions he has written



or devised, and starred in are *Mark Twain's*

America, Journey Through the Mind...Edgar Allan Poe, and Noel Coward at the Café de Paris, to name a few.

Stutts' second cousin was the legendary actress Tallulah Bankhead. She was a brilliant comedienne and dramatic actress whose seductive beauty and natural talent galvanized a war-weary and jaded audience. Among the glamour girls of the Golden Age of Hollywood that included Greta Garbo and Marlene Dietrich, Tallulah in her heyday was described as "a blonde stick of dynamite with the mind of a race car engine!" Her private life has been called "irrepressible, unpredictable and shocking." She was indeed a star.

Tickets for *Downloaded and in Denial* are \$20, for *Tallulah!* \$25. For more information or to purchase tickets, call BIG Arts at 395-0900, or visit the office, 900 Dunlop Road, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, or 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Patsy lives...!



"You really should see this," Jeffrey Searles, the new managing director of the Old Schoolhouse Theatre, said over the phone earlier this week. "Moe Arko's *Falling to Pieces* — The music of Patsy Cline is just unforgettable!"

Falling to Pieces is a collection of the most beloved country/pop hits of all time, plus some swingin' rockabilly numbers and a few less-

er known gems from Cline's songbook. Arko's vocal interpretation is "so authentic, you'll swear she's lip-synching! You have to hear it to believe it!" Supported by a superb on-stage band, Arko opened Monday night with the show running through March 30th — 8 p.m. every night except Sunday (no matinees this time). You won't want to miss this amazing concert-style performance! Tickets are \$25, and the box office is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Call 472-6862 for reservations.

"...Cline... soars on the supple voice of star Moe Arko... her voice, carriage and personality beautifully translates the singer's idiosyncratic style"

—The Star Tribune, Minneapolis /St. Paul

Ongoing, coming up at Playhouse

Pamela Gien's *The Syringa Tree* is being staged at the Periwinkle Playhouse by The Neighborhood Theatre Company for five performances only through this Sunday. It stars New York actress Tamara Flannagan.

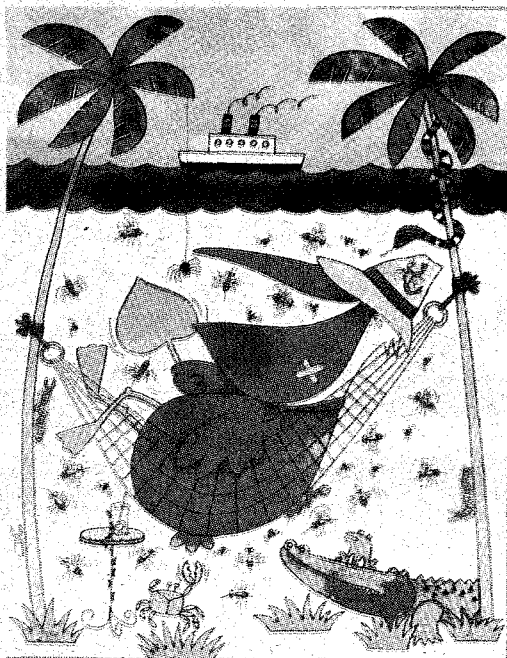
NTC is a new Equity professional company, which opened its doors last year in North Naples with an evening of three one-acts, and will take *Syringa Tree* to the same venue when it closes on the island. At the helm is Artistic Director Steven Ditmyer



who currently lives in New York City and works with Tony Randall's National Actors Theatre. He is also an acting teacher at the Neighborhood Playhouse School of Theatre, as well as various other venues around the country. He has in the works, in addition to *The Syringa Tree* and a couple of other projects, a reading of a new play — *Ctrl-Alt-Delete* — for Randall right now.

He and his wife, Flannagan, started the Company with their two best friends Domenic and Michelle Costantini (two former NY actors who now make their home in Southwest Florida). Members of both Ditmyer's and Flannagan's families are in Florida as well. With the success of their sold-out inaugural production last year of *By the Sea, By the Sea, By the Beautiful Sea* — three chewy one-acts by established playwrights Joe Pintauro, Lanford Wilson

Ahhh Tropical Paradise!



Ahhh Tropical Paradise!

FREE PRINT

with each subscription

Be first with the latest news and happenings on Sanibel and Captiva. Subscribe now to the Islands best, award-winning newspaper

The Island Reporter...#1

Pick up your poster at our office or add \$3 postage & handling and we will mail it to you.

Ahhh Tropical Paradise!

ISLAND REPORTER • IKKI MATSUMOTO

"FRAMING SPECIAL" ONLY
\$52.00!!

ANY ISLAND REPORTER POSTER!

MATSUMOTO GALLERY & FRAME SHOP
2340 PERIWINKLE WAY VILLAGE CENTER 472-2941

Subscription Special

NAME	ADDRESS
CITY	STATE
PHONE	
<input type="checkbox"/> PAYMENT ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> BILL ME <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MASTERCARD <input type="checkbox"/> Please Mail Order to: Periwinkle Playhouse & Handling	
ACCOUNTING: _____ OPERATIONS: _____ MAILING: _____	
MAIL TO: ISLAND REPORTER • P.O. Box 657 • 2340 Periwinkle Way • Sanibel Island, Florida 33957 • 472-1561	

AT THE THEATRE

and Terrence McNally — and their recent production of *ART* (also in Naples), NTC is opening its second season at The Periwinkle Playhouse.

This 2001 Obie Award winner for Best Play, *The Syringa Tree* is a personal, deeply evocative story of an abiding love between two families, one black, one white, and the two children that are born into their shared household in early 1960s South Africa. In addition to the Obie it received a Drama Desk award and awards from the Drama League (NY) and Outer Critics (LA).

Syringa Tree will be performed by Flannagan and directed by Ditmyer. This is another of those performances where the actress performs a whole range of characters — spanning over four decades of history and four generations.

"The changes are created by means of my physicality — voice, dialect, facial expression," Flannagan says. "There are no props and no costume changes — just changes in who I, physically, am. We started learning the show two months ago, and I'm really looking forward to taking people on this journey."

Tamara and Steve are the parents of Callan Pate Ditmyer, an eight-month-old to whom Flannagan finds herself singing African lullabies. "It's almost as if I'm watching two babies," she says, "one in the play, one at home."

When the run is over in Naples, they go back to New York for a vehicle called The "A" Train Plays, opening March 2nd at The Neighborhood Playhouse. It, too, sounds fascinating. The "A" Train Plays are 15-20 minute pieces that are written overnight — while the playwrights are riding the run of the A train — and delivered to the actors at 11 a.m. The actors then have until 1 o'clock to get off the book and go public with complete sets and all at the usual curtain time of 8 p.m. The Flannagan/Ditmyer team have done this about 10 times with different directors and different actors. "It actually started in our home about six years ago over a poker game!" Steve said.

At press time, a few *Syringa Tree* tickets were still available for \$20 each by calling the box office 472-0324.

In order to continue the community's support of the continuing efforts of the general manager and SCA Periwinkle Playhouse to bring the Sanibel community the types of great entertainment the community seems to want at this theatre, on Feb. 17th a fund-raising benefit concert starring Academy Award and Oscar-nominated songstress Jane Olivor is being mounted. Sponsored by Sanibel/Captiva Trust Co. the event will start with wine and hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m. and be followed by the concert at 8. Dessert and coffee will be served at the end of the concert. Benefit tickets are \$75. Call 472-0324 for more information and reservations.

Opening on Feb. 20th and running through the 29th is *They're Playing our Song*, another Synergy production. Based on premise that sold-out performances of *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* are a pleasant omen, one should, perhaps, make sure to purchase tickets ahead of time.

Auditions tomorrow and Sunday

The Off Beach Players will be holding auditions for the comedy *We Blew Up the Bridge, Didn't We?* on Feb. 14th and 15th at 2 p.m. at the Periwinkle Playhouse. Sought are two lawyers, a female Florida landowner, a mayor and an assistant mayor, townies and protestors and a wild character named "Firecracker" — many parts for both old and young at any level of expertise.

Off Beach Players believes that community theater should be of, by, and for the people. This play is definitely locally-flavored and accessible to aspiring theater lovers. Stop by and sign up for behind-the-scenes duties, if you really think you can't be in the spotlight — backstage, props, costumes, makeup, set building. Off Beach has been producing theater on Sanibel since 1984 and urges everyone to come out and support real community theater on Sanibel. Hopefully, several shows can be cast from these auditions. For additional information, call producer June Koc at 472-5400. Show dates for *We Blew Up the Bridge* are April 8th to 10th and 13th to 17th.

The Players are also looking for an old coke machine for a set piece... even just the door would be perfect!!!! And, they are also in need of rehearsal space — if any one has an extra space around 20 X 30 feet, please call June.

Miller and Wade star in *I'm Not Rappaport*



Broadway veterans Niels Miller and Adam Wade open tonight in Herb Gardner's much loved, Tony Award-winning comedy, *I'm Not Rappaport*, at Florida Repertory Theatre. The opening night performance is sponsored by Tween Waters Inn and the production runs through March 7th.

Florida Rep Producing Artistic Director Robert Cacioppo directs this story of unlikely kinship between two octogenarian men — Midge, a half-blind African-American building superintenden and Nat, a lifelong radical and Jewish kibbitzer. Sitting in a secluded spot in New York's Central Park, these two men, like Don Quixote and Sancho Panza, fight impossible fights against injustice, indignity and, ultimately, against time. Together, they cope with the denizens of Central Park, relive their glory years and dream the dreams of younger men.

Cacioppo says, "This play pays homage to our human potential for greatness. Gardner shows this to us in everyday people, characters we may pass on the street.

Though their bodies are frail, living life is still very important to these two men. Their nobility grows from their willingness to fight against terrible odds for the respect of a beautiful young woman or, more importantly, to preserve their own dignity and independence."

I'm Not Rappaport opened on Broadway at the Booth Theatre in 1985 after a successful run Off-Broadway at the American Place Theatre. The original cast starred Judd Hirsch and Cleavon Little and ran over 800 performances. In addition to the 1985 Tony Award for Best Play, *I'm Not Rappaport* won the Outer Critics Circle Award and was adapted by Gardner into a film starring Walter Matthau and Ossie Davis. In 2002's well-received Broadway revival, Hirsch recreated the role of Nat, opposite Ben Vereen as Midge.

"If I had a magic wand, I couldn't have created a better cast than this one," Cacioppo commented. "Niels Miller and Adam Wade are flawless."

Southwest Florida theatre-goers are already familiar with the versatile and popular Florida Rep stage presence, Niels Miller. Miller's first professional production was in 1948 when he appeared on Broadway in *Crime and Punishment*, starring John Gielgud and Lillian Gish. Since then he has acted and directed at many stock and regional theatres in Massachusetts, Bermuda, Nantucket, Hedgerow in Pennsylvania and The Phoenix Theatre in New York City, among others. His teaching of acting took him to Amsterdam for eight years. Niels has done over 30 productions with Robert Cacioppo.

Though Adam Wade is a Florida Rep newcomer, audiences should immediately recognize him from his extensive work on television, radio and stage. Wade most recently was cast as Ben Vereen's understudy in the Broadway revival of *Rappaport*.

He was the first black man to MC a network game show, when he hosted *The Musical Chairs* on NBC in 1975. Starting his career as a singer in 1960, his hit records include "Tell Her for Me," "Ruby," "Take Good Care of Her," "The Writing on the Wall" and "As If I Didn't Know. His stage credits include *Staggerlee* with Ruth Brown, *Same Time Next Year* with Della Reese, *Black Girl* with Leslie Uggams, *Comfortable Shoes*, ...*Rappaport*, *Hamlet*,

Macbeth and *A Lesson Before Dying*. Wade is the recipient of the Audelco, Cleo, Billboard & Cashbox Awards.

I'm Not Rappaport also includes Carrie Lund (*All My Sons*; *Absurd Person Singular*) as Nat's daughter Clara, a role Lund also played in Cacioppo's successful 1990 production of *I'm Not Rappaport on Captiva* (also sponsored by Tween Waters).

The cast is filled out by company member Zolan Henderson (*All My Sons*; *The Foreigner*) as The Cowboy and also includes local favorite, Mitch Haley. Jane Roy-Bachman and Ryan Mellske join Wade in Florida Rep debuts.

Florida Rep audiences will be treated to another spectacular set by Richard Crowell (*Proof*; *The Mousetrap*; *Noises Off*). Resident lighting designer Dave Upton (*All My Sons*; *Absurd Person Singular*) and resident costume designer Jen Ables (*All My Sons*; *Absurd Person Singular*) again produce radiant designs.

I'm Not Rappaport plays Tuesday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Wednesdays, Sundays and selected Saturdays at 2, through March 7th. There will be a post-show discussion of the play on Feb. 26th.

Tickets range from \$15 to \$32 with student and group discounts available and can be reserved by calling the Florida Rep box office at 332-4488 or toll free at (877) 787-8053.

The Florida Repertory Theatre is located in the historic Arcade Theatre on Bay Street between Jackson and Hendry Streets in downtown Fort Myers. Visit Florida Rep on the web at www.floridarep.org

Kids Conspiracy presents...

The thrilling sequel to last year's hit space show blasts off when *Kids Conspiracy presents Lucky Hightops and the Cosmic Cat Patrol: Attack of the Crab Nebula* by Lane Riosley. Part the second of this hilarious, campy series begins when Space Patrol sends Lucky and her cat cadets to the Crab Nebula to investigate the disappearances of Planetary Exploration Team (PET) members.

Lucky, Cirrus and Rufus must use all their talents, courage and wits to rescue the missing Team explorers, avoid any intergalactic incidents and resourcefully solve the

See Opening Nights, page 16

CORNER CREATIONS

at Sanibel Point
2400 Palm Ridge Road
Sanibel Island, Florida 34187
Phone (239) 472-4592

• Made from the Highest Quality Weather-Proof PVC
(10' x 12' x 1/2" thick)

• Easy to Install
(Tools not included)

www.cornercreations.net

OPENING NIGHTS, FROM PAGE 15

menacing mystery of the Crab Nebula. The show is a zany salute to the melodramatic space shows of the 1950s, has lots of laughs and concludes with a valuable moral about respecting other species.

Lucky Hightops... Attack of the Crab Nebula will be presented tomorrow, Feb. 14th, at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Feb. 16th at 11:30 and 1, Feb. 21st at 11:30 and 1, and Feb. 22 at 2 and 7.

The Lee County Library's bookmobile will be on site on tomorrow, Feb. 14th, with extra books about astronomy. After the Feb. 22nd performance at 7 p.m., members of the Southwest Florida Astronomical Society will have telescopes on hand for free viewings of the winter night-time skies.

All performances are in the Foulds Theatre at the Lee County Alliance of the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard. As always, there is free, convenient parking and, for those who want to enjoy the outdoors, there are picnic tables available to make this a fun afternoon. And there will also be face painting and balloon sculptures after each show. Tickets are \$5 with group rates available. Call 936-3239 for reservations.

Even though audiences have grown over the past year, they still need help in keeping quality, affordable children's theater alive in Southwest Florida. The Southwest Florida Community Foundation grant, which paid for buses to bring in children participating in the subsidized after-school program with Childcare of Southwest Florida, has been spent and they too are scrambling to find funds. The large gift KC received from Mrs. J. Howard

Wood in 2000 is just about gone, so outside support is more important than ever. Business as well as individuals, for example, can participate on several sponsorship levels. There is also help needed with publicity, costumes and grants. (Founder/director Shawn Holiday is even forfeiting his director's fee this time just to keep the program afloat.)

In other news, Kids Conspiracy performed *Don Quixote* for all the students at Alva Middle School last month. There are several more schools scheduled for the winter and KC will be offering *Don Quixote* again to schools in the fall. The cost is only \$2 per student — only a little more than lunch money for a live, theatrical performance, study guide and an important message about the value of books. No corporate sludge, no belly buttons and no lasers. Contact Holliday if your school is interested.

Kids Conspiracy, founded in 1999, is the children's theater division of Theatre Conspiracy Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit theater company and the resident theater company of the Foulds Theatre.

Final weekend for show

Orpheus Players present their final performances in the extended run of *Agnes of God*, a play written by John Pielmeir, this weekend. This psychological drama is about a psychiatrist and a Mother Superior who try to help a young nun, Sr. Agnes, regain her memory of a mysterious night of horror which resulted in the murder of a

newborn baby. The final shows are Feb. 13th and 14th starting at 8 p.m. at the Holmes House Restaurant, 2500 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach. Show only is \$15; dinner (starting at 6 p.m.) and show are \$35. For reservations, call 463-5519.

Carousel at Broadway Palm

The most glorious of the Rodgers and Hammerstein productions, *Carousel*, plays at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Feb. 19 through April 11. *Carousel* is a story about sorrow, hope and redemption. It's the bittersweet love story between a smooth-talking carnival barker and a naive mill worker.

For *Carousel*, Rodgers and Hammerstein created songs ranging from tenderness and compassion, to rousing choruses, to comic gaiety, to a finale with a climactic hymn. The score includes "You'll Never Walk Alone," "If I Loved You" and "June is Bustin' Out All Over."

Performing the role of Billy Bigelow, the arrogant carnival barker is Aaron Lake. He has appeared in Broadway Palm productions of *Here's Love* and most recently *The Pajama Game*. The role of Julie Jordan, the gentle mill worker is played by Tracy Lake. Tracy has performed in Broadway Palm's *Camelot*, *Funny Girl*, *Here's Love* and *Show Boat*. Tracy and Aaron are married in real life and add a heartfelt romantic element to the production.

Carousel is directed by M. Seth Reines, Artistic Producer for Broadway Palm West, in Mesa, AZ. His directorial credits include *Camelot*, *Show Boat*, *Some Like It Hot*, *Singin' in the Rain* and *My Fair Lady*, and he has directed over 350 productions for regional, stock, dinner theatre and public television.

The run of *Carousel* is from Feb. 19

through April 11. Performances are Tuesday through Sunday with selected matinees. Prices range from \$21 to \$44 and may be purchased by calling the box office at 278.4422, by visiting the website at www.BroadwayPalm.com, or by stopping at the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

Man of La Mancha opens

The musical, *Man of La Mancha*, starring Cheryl Ruppert as Aldonza/Dulcinea, opens tonight at Cultural Park Theatre, 528 Cultural Park Boulevard in Cape Coral and plays weekends through Feb. 29th. James Recca, who plays Don Quixote, has a voice that "will make you melt," according to Ruppert, "and makes the trip to the Cape well worth the trip, I promise!" Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays through Sundays at Cultural Park Theatre in Cape Coral located 528 Cultural Park Boulevard. We open this Friday the 13th and continue with shows every weekend till Feb. 29, including 3 matinees on Sundays. Tickets are \$15, \$14 for seniors, and can be reserved by calling 772-5862.



ANTIQUE SHOW ON SANIBEL ISLAND THIS WEEKEND - FEB 14 & 15

SANIBEL ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

2173 Periwinkle Way

MANY NATIONAL DEALERS

Everything Priced to Sell

SHOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Saturday • 10 AM - 5 PM

Sunday • Noon - 5 PM

Wide Range of
Fine Antiques
& Collectibles
for the Home
and Office

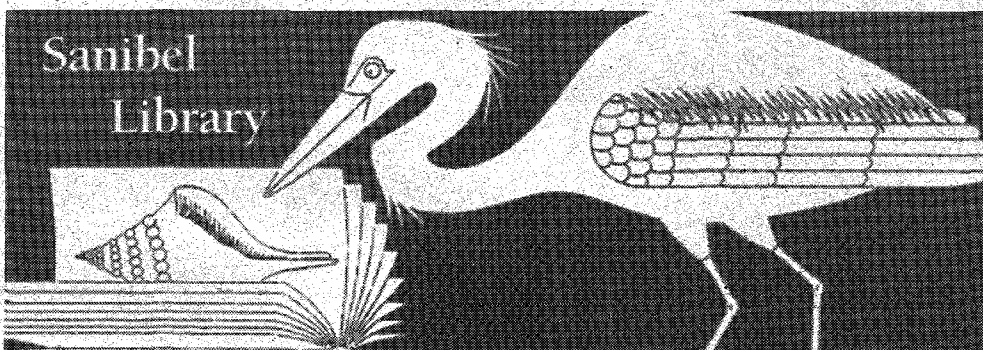
ADMISSION \$4 - GOOD BOTH DAYS

ONLY \$3 WITH THIS AD

FREE
PARKING

A Silver Chest Show by Pete Clapp

(813) 228-0038 (813) 287-1835



LEAVE ONLY TAKE ONLY
 YOUR FOOTPRINTS MEMORIES

THE STOCK EXCHANGE

4000 Sq. ft. showroom of unique upscale consigned
furniture & home furnishings



15660 San Carlos Blvd., Gulf Points Sq.
(Corner of San Carlos & McGregor Bldgs.)

Down from Pier 1

Ft. Myers, Florida 33908

(239) 437-4333

New Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9-5; Sun. Closed

Chamber Feb. 10 lunch

By Karen Nelson

In Chamber News:

- The booth at the Florida State Fair won second place again this year and it was an excellent way to reach the "summer drive market."
- Executive Title Insurance Services, Inc., is sponsoring a presentation by Ted C. Jones, Ph.D., senior vice president and chief economist with Stewart Title Guaranty Company at BIG ARTS on Monday, March 1 from 1 to 3 p.m. He will be giving a 2004 Economic Forecast, and the program is free. Please RSVP to Elaine Burya at Executive Title at 427-8228.
- Ginny Fleming introduced Jeffrey Searles, who has been the managing director of Encore Productions at the Old Schoolhouse since Jan. 1. Searles thanked the community for its support and noted that "J.T. is alive, he is well, he is kicking and he is healing."
- Dian Eddy has joined Island Inn as director of sales & marketing after 17 years with Tween Waters Inn. "I'm not jumping ship," she explained, "I'm just changing docks."
- The Chamber will be starting a new program, Eggs & Issues, in March. Members of the board and executive committee will invite members from membership categories to breakfast at the Island Inn to discuss how the Chamber can continue to be of help.

Chamber Executive Director Steve Greenstein then introduced D.T. Minich, executive director of the Lee County Visitors & Convention Bureau. Minich said that the redcent campaign name change, from the Lee Island Coast to the Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel, has been receiving "phenomenal name recognition." They printed 220,000 of the new 110-page visitors book and they're aiming for a soft launch of the new web site next week, with the official launch on March 1.

The new award-winning ad campaigns



Ginny Fleming introduced Jeffrey Searles, the new managing director at the Old Schoolhouse.



D.T. Minich, executive director, Lee County VCB

— print and TV — focus on beach, sunshine and ecology, and the "different kind of Florida experience we are, different from Florida and different from other parts of the country."

He's expecting a good year, with a rebound in retail and restaurants, although not up to 2001 levels. They had expected to reach the two millionth visitor mark in 2001; it has taken two years to catch up after 9-11.

The "coming Summer and Fall are looking good from Europe." There has been no negative affect from the recent spate of flight cancellations due to terrorist fears, and those originally planning trips to the Far East are rebooking to "more secure, safe destinations" after the flu fears in Asia. The weaker dollar is also helping with the European market.

Water quality has become a major Tourism Development Council concern, with the recent red algae and increase in red tide incidents. SFWMD will be attending the next TDC meeting on March 5 to make a presentation on the impact of the freshwater releases through the Caloosahatchee. Minich noted that Lee County is considering hiring a lobbyist/attorney to attend the SFWMD meetings (these last one to two days and the Florida East coast has someone in attendance at all meetings).

Lee County was hoping for \$1.5 - 2 million in Federal beach renourishment dollars; the Federal budget allocated \$60 million to go to Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Illinois; no monies for Florida or California.

The Lee County VCB is actively promoting the uniqueness of the area, which has a minimum of what marketing terminology is now dubbing "generic." To that end, they are fighting the six additional WalMart stores that "are on the table" in order to "keep the unique businesses in business."

Congress Jewelers opens in Naples

Congress Jewelers will celebrate the opening of their new store in Naples with a rare personal appearance by world-renowned jewelry designer Bez Ambar during this weekend. The new store is located at 601 Fifth Avenue South.

Ambar — best known for inventing the Quadrillion Diamond — has designed a special creation just for the Congress Jewelry grand opening, estimated to be worth more than \$1 million. Along with Ambar Diamonds, also on display will be the newest creations from JB Star, Color Master, Giovane and others.

The grand opening event will also benefit the Conservancy of South Florida and their Sea Turtle Monitoring Program, with a percentage of sales of the "Sealife by Congress" line as well as the proceeds from a special silent auction.

"We are extremely pleased to be helping a very important Southwest Florida cause, while showcasing our spectacular new store," said Scot Congress, company President. "We have always looked for ways to better serve the communities in which we work and our partnership with the conservancy of South Florida speaks volumes to that commitment." Congress Jewelers also sponsors the Naples Town Hall Speakers' Series, as well as habitat for Humanity and other charities and projects throughout Southwest Florida.

Congress Jewelers is also the title sponsor for *Evening on Fifth*, this year designated as "Fall in Love on Fifth" for the Valentine's Day weekend. "It's the perfect fit for Fifth Avenue's newest store," said Debra Newman, executive director of the Fifth Avenue South Association. "Congress Jewelers is a great addition to our neighborhood."

The 5000 square foot store will join the other Congress Jewelers locations in Sanibel Island, Bonita Springs and Key West to mark the fourth location in the company's market growth. Established in Sanibel Island in 1985, Congress Jewelers was founded by Larry and Dee Congress. The business grew and flourished and was sold to sons Scot and Doug in 1996. "We are proud to continue the tradition of elegant, high quality jewelry combined with sincere, professional service," says Doug Congress, company Vice President. "We pride ourselves in our long-term relationships with our clientele. That tradition will continue with the Naples store."

The opening event will be ongoing through tomorrow evening at 9 p.m. and will include hors d'oeuvres, prizes and great entertainment. Perhaps Scot Congress puts it best when he says, "It will be just like an elegant party with your friends in their new home."



BIG ARTS
a home for all the arts

Great Performers

celebrating 25 years!

James Sewell Ballet

Saturday, February 21, 2004 • 8:00 \$30 (students \$15)

Returning to BIG ARTS for the 25th Celebration

"a classical approach, wrapped in surprises...both fun and sophisticated, ...Sewell weaves the classical idiom into dazzling and dissolving patterns by the way of highly mobile bodies."

The New York Times
January 2004



For tickets
395-0900

900 Dunlop Road
Sanibel Island

Sponsored by The Ferguson Foundation

real guitars www.real-guitars.com **1611 Fowler St., Downtown Ft. Myers & 110 Herald Ct., Downtown Punta Gorda, Florida**

The Guitar You Always Wanted is Here Today!

C.F. Martin, Fender, D'Angelico, Gretsch, Guild, Gold Tone, Robin, Dean, National Resophonic, Hofner, Rodriguez, Tradition, Brian Moore, Laney, etc. New, Used & Vintage. Great Prices, Trades, Buying, Repair, Lessons & SERVICE!

Ft. Myers (239) 334-4638 • Punta Gorda (941) 575-9979

islander CLASSIFIEDS • (239) 472-5185

ADVERTISE LOCALLY

Reach readers of The Sanibel Captiva Islander, which is mailed each Friday to every address on Sanibel and Captiva.

\$5.00
and up
per week

28 WORDS - 1 ITEM \$21-\$100

REACH YOUR TARGET CUSTOMER IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PUBLICATIONS:



Sanibel Captiva Islander
Delivered on Friday to every home and business on Sanibel & Captiva



Island Reporter
Sanibel's official city newspaper with a paid distribution of 4,000+



Captiva Current
Delivered to consumers in the Captiva area every Friday



North Fort Myers Neighbor
Home delivered to 8,500+ every Wednesday



Beach Bulletin
The area's visitor and entertainment newspaper delivered every Friday



Fort Myers Beach Observer
A circulation of over 14,000 in the San Carlos Island and Estero Island area every Wednesday



South Lee Messenger
A circulation of 15,000 from Bradenton to Estero every Wednesday



Cape Coral Daily Breeze
Reaching homes in the Cape Coral Community daily



The Saturday Breeze
is delivered to 38,000 homes in Cape Coral every Saturday morning



The Lee County Shopper
Home delivered every Wednesday with a circulation of 165,000



The Pine Island Eagle
Pine Island's only community publication with a distribution of over 7,000



North Fort Myers Neighbor
Home delivered to 8,500+ every Wednesday



The Lehigh Acres Citizen
Reaching 7,000 every Wednesday



Gasparilla Gazette
Reaching over 4,000 homes in Boca Grande and Gasparilla Island



Charlotte Shopping Guide
Published every Wednesday in Port Charlotte & Punta Gorda

TARGET SELLER PACKAGE

Your 28 word classified ad can run in The Islander, the Lee County Shopper, & your choice of any 8 papers listed in the publication list to the right.

*Business Ads start at \$59.00

\$41.50*

REACHES
OVER 150,000 HOUSEHOLDS!

SUPER SELLER PACKAGE

Your ad will appear in ALL of the Breeze Newspapers in Lee & Charlotte Counties, with circulation in Pine Island, Cape Coral, Ft. Myers, N. Ft. Myers, Lehigh, Sanibel, Captiva, Ft. Myers Beach, Boca Grande, Port Charlotte, Punta Gorda, Estero & San Carlos Park

\$53.00*

REACHES
OVER 250,000 HOUSEHOLDS!

*Business Ads start at \$85.00

PHOTOS BRING RESULTS!

Get the advantage and reach your target customer fast with the addition of an eye catching photo! Only \$13 additional charge per week!

\$13.00
PER WEEK

CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB!

Reach the world! Your ad will appear on the world wide web at www.figuide.com

PLACING A CLASSIFIED AD IS FAST & EASY!

Contact us by phone or fax.

Monday - Friday 8:30am-5:00pm

PHONE: (239) 472-5185 • FAX: (239) 472-5302 • 695 Tarpon Bay Road #13 • Sanibel, FL 33957

PERSONAL SERVICE

ADOPTION - Pregnant? Meet Adoptive Parents by Phone - Try it Free 1-800-823-6781

ADOPTION * SURROGACY *****
Living Expenses Paid, Medical & counseling assistance. Choose a Loving, Financially Secure family for your child. Caring & confidential. (24 hours/7 days). Attorney Amy Hickman, (Lic # 832346). Website: adoptionzone.com 1-888-812-3678

ARRESTED? Criminal Defense
State, Federal, Felonies, Misdemeanors, DUI, License Suspension, Parole, Probation, Domestic Violence, Drugs, Protect Your Rights. A-A-A Attorney Referral Service (800) 733-5342 24 HOURS

ARRESTED? Criminal Defense
State, Federal, Felonies, Misdemeanors, DUI, License Suspension, Parole, Probation, Domestic Violence, Drugs, Protect Your Rights. A-A-A Attorney Referral Service 1-800-733-5342 24 Hours

"ATTENTION FLORIDA" Transport your vehicle Anywhere. Call us now 1-800-407-4408 Includes Insurance & bond. Mention this ad and get many of our Discount Programs

PERSONAL SERVICE

BANKRUPTCY • DIVORCE \$95.00
1-Signature or Missing Spouse. Divorce, includes Child Custody, Support & Property. Also Wills, Adoption, Name Change & Incorporation. Free Info! 1-888-705-7221

BATHTUB REFINISHING... Renew/Change Color, Tub, Tile, Sink & Chip Repair. Commercial & Residential. 5 yrs. Warranty. Quick Response. Licensed & Insured. Serving Florida over 10 yrs. "Florida's Tub Doctor." 1-888-685-9005

DIVORCE \$175-\$275. COVERS
children, etc. Only one signature required! (Excludes gov't fees). Call Toll Free 1-(888) 986-8888, ext. 600. (8am-8pm) Divorce Tech. Established 1977

EXPRESS LONG DISTANCE
Moving to New York, New England & all states in between. Customer rated A+. Air ride trucks. Free estimates & friendly service. Relocation Specialists (Lic #MC 299338) 1-800-941-3787

Your Affordable Alternative to Expensive Legal Fees Divorce \$195, Adoption \$295, Incorporation \$195. Phone 800-303-1170 E-Mail: rodpros@adl.com. Not Available in Arizona, Texas, and Tennessee

PERSONAL SERVICE

FLORIDA CORPORATION \$99.95
Includes State Fees, Corporate Book & Seal. Free information packet: www.amerilawyer.com or call Miami-Dade (305) 854-6000; Broward (954) 630-9800; Tampa (813) 571-5499; St. Pete (727) 442-5300. Toll Free (800) 603-3950. Spiegel & Ultera, P.A., L. Spiegel, Esq., Miami

HOME PHONE SERVICE! \$19.99.
Get Reconnected Fast! Or Call Before Disconnection. BeltSouth Region from \$19.99/mo., Elsewhere from \$29.99/mo. No Deposit, Guaranteed Approval. 1-888-950-TONE (8663). American DialTone, Connecting Customers Since 1999!

INTERNET ACCESS \$4.95/mo Fast & Reliable. No Contract! Sign Up Today! Call 888-248-7239 OR www.netpenny.net

MOVING Weekly Trips to Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and All States Between. Professional, Licensed, Insured. Before you rent a truck or trailer call SAVE \$\$. 1 Piece, Household, 1-800-248-2806

WANTED 20 Homes to Show Off
Our New Lifetime Exterior Paint. Call Now to See if Your Home Qualifies 1-800-672-7114 (Lic# CBC 010111)

SCHOOLS/INSTRUCTION

ADULT HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
at home in 6-12 weeks. Nationally accredited Christian school since 1971. Total tuition \$399 easy payment plan. Free brochure. 1-800-470-4723. American Academy, visit our Website at www.diplomathome.com

EARN YOUR DEGREE - Online from home. Business, Paralegal, Computer Specialist and more. Financial Aid, job placement assistance and computers provided. Call Free (866) 858-2121 or www.TidewaterTechOnline.com

FINANCIAL SERVICES

"Call Me First, For Your Mortgage" Don't Lose Your Home to Foreclosure
• Bankruptcy! Get the Cash you need! "We Can Help!" Nationwide Mortgage Lic. Mtg. Bnk. Bus. Call - Mike Today (888) 633-0022 (239) 633-0022

CAN'T GET A BANK ACCOUNT?
We Guarantee you a second chance at banking. No Credit Checks / Turndowns / Minimums. "Debit Card with ATM Cash Withdrawal \$200 Overdraft Privilege Call 1-800-811-0015"

CASH \$5 Cash Now for Structured Settlements, Annuities and Insurance Payouts. (800) 794-7310 J.G. Wentworth Means Cash for Structured Settlements Now!

FINANCIAL SERVICES

CASH!\$ Immediate Cash for structured settlements, annuities and insurance payouts. (800) 794-7310 J.G. Wentworth. J.G. WENTWORTH MEANS CASH NOW FOR STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS

CREDIT CARD DEBT? Free Info on Debt Consolidation. Lower Payments • Reduce Interest • Stop Fees! Member BBB, Licensed, Bonded. Florida Non-Profit Agency Delray Credit Counseling 1-877-329-5572 Ext. 106 www.delraycc.org

FREE GOVERNMENT Grants. No Credit Check. Home Repair/Purchase, Education, Business. Free Info, \$5,000-\$500,000. 1-800-306-0873; 1-888-384-9608; 1-800-416-0712 www.capitolpublications.com

Send self-addressed envelope: Government Publications, 1025 Connecticut Ave. NW, Ste. 1012, Washington, DC 20036

FREE GRANTS Never Repay. Results Guaranteed \$500 - \$500,000. Homes, Repairs, Education, Business, Emergencies, non-profits, Widows. Live Operators 9am-8pm 1-800-613-5447 Extension #9013

\$\$\$ FREE MONEY \$\$\$ * PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT.** Government/ Private grants available now! Guaranteed Success, free info. Call (800) 573-8555 Dept. J1435 8AM- 11PM/ 7 Days

FINANCIAL SERVICES

HOME REFINANCE 100%! Regardless of Credit! All Situations Considered! Great Low Rates! Cash in 10 Days! Statewide Mortgage Programs. Apply Online! Free Credit Report! WestshoreMortgage.com (813) 854-2300 Call Ray extension 12. Westshore Mortgage, Lic. Mtg. Broker

Mortgages, Refinance or Purchase. No money down. No income check, low rates. All credit considered. (Higher rates may apply) NO MOBILE HOMES (888) 874-4829 or www.AccentCapital.com Licensed Correspondent Lender

STOP FORECLOSURE! Save your home! Our guaranteed professional service and unique, low-cost system can help. Call 1-888-867-2840. See actual case results online at www.unitedfreshstart.com

Want Lump Sum Cash Call Tom at (239) 573-6282

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

ALL CASH CANDY ROUTE Do You Earn \$800. in a Day? Your Own Local Candy Route. Includes 30 Machines and Free Candy, all for \$9,995. CALL 1-800-998-VEND AIN# B02000033

ALL CASH CANDY ROUTE Do you earn \$800 in a day? Your own local candy route. Includes 30 Machines and Candy All for \$9,995. (800) 998-VEND. AIN# B02000033

A NEW Vending Route Coke - Pepsi - M&M - Frito-Lay 1-866-823-0286 Investment Req. \$5495. 1-866-823-0264 (7 days) AIN# B02410

ARE YOU TIRED Of making someone else rich? Earn what you're really worth. A realistic \$3,000 - \$5,000 per week potential. 24 hour message. 1-888-378-2263

AUTHENTIC \$2,000-\$7,000 per week income potential for you. 7/24 recorded message. 1-800-570-2125

CURB KING - The Leader in concrete landscape edging equipment seeks potential business owners. No money down financing. Quick payback. Lifetime tech support. Start working for yourself Today! 1-800-YES-CURB / 1-800-937-2872 www.curb-king.com

Furniture & Mattress Store. Retail & Wholesale. Can be an excellent family operated business. Earn \$1000+ per week. Call Mr. Cole for the formula. (239) 567-3459

International communications co. Full/part time. Call 24 hour info. Hotline. 1-888-634-5852 or visit www.zeheteam.

National Company looking for dealers for pet fencing industry. Excellent territory. \$10,000 investment. Immediate income. Terms available. 1-800-224-6924 www.dogguard.com

OWN A DOLLAR STORE 1-800-227-5314 Minimum Cash Required \$20K Plus Equity www.dollardiscount.com

PHILLYCONNECTION - Fastest Growing cheese steak sub franchise in the U.S. Franchise sites & financing available. Call Louis at 1-305-401-0512 or toll free 1-800-886-8826 www.phillyconnection.com

VENDING ROUTE! Coke - Lays - Mars - Water. Professional income and equipment, financing available w/ \$7500 down. Call 877-843-8726 no hype! BO 2002-037

WELL ESTABLISHED International Natural Health food Nutritional Company is EXPANDING to your area. We are looking for self motivated business people interested in owning a health food business and wholesale buyers club in your area. CALL (352) 795-1353

ADULT - CHILD CARE

Child care worker needed for Sanibel Community Church. Be available to work mornings. Call Dee at 472-2684, ext. 18.

Day care provider for 7 year old girl, variable dates between 4/1 and 4/9, 2004. Strong swimming skills and car necessary. Call (970) 453-6266 collect, or email drinab970@aol.com

GENERAL HELP WANTED

ANNOUNCEMENT ***** Hiring For 2004/ Postal Positions Federal Hire, \$15.50 - \$39.99 +/hr. Full Benefits/ Paid Training and Vacations. No Exp. Necessary (866) 317-0558 Ext. 105

ANNOUNCEMENT ***** Hiring for 2004/ Postal Positions Federal Hire, \$15.00 - \$39,000 +/hr. Full Benefits. Paid Training and Vacations. No Exp. Necessary 1-866-317-0558 Ext. 225 (Mon. - Sat.)

GENERAL HELP WANTED

★★★★★ NEWSPAPER CARRIERS WANTED

SINGLE COPY AND HOME DELIVERY

LOOKING FOR PART TIME WORK?

WE NEED WILLING RESPONSIBLE AND DILEGENT CARRIERS TO DELIVER OUR PAPERS IN

SANIBEL AND CAPTIVA

2510 DEL PRADO BLVD., S.

ONE BLOCK SOUTH OF VETERANS OVERPASS, CAPE CORAL. COME TO OUR OFFICE TODAY TO FILL OUT AN INDEPENDENT CARRIER INFORMATION SHEET.

NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE

★★★★★

"2" AD BUILDERS NEEDED ATTENTION TO DETAIL ESSENTIAL!

Must be familiar with Quark Express, Adobe Acrobat, Photoshop, MultiAd Creator a plus. Must be familiar with Apple Computers. Must be deadline oriented!

FAX RESUME TO:
Attn: Dave Warren
Breeze Corp.
(239) 574-3403
No Calls Please
2510 Del Prado Blvd.
Cape Coral, FL 33904

ANNOUNCEMENT: Now Hiring for 2004 Postal Positions. \$14.80/ \$38 + / Hr. No experience necessary. Entry Level with Full Benefits. Paid training. Call 7 days for info toll free (888) 826-2513 Ext. 611

Boat Manufacturer relocating to Cape Coral: Management, Laminators, Systems Riggers, positions available. Fax resume: (360) 674-7119 or mail: Human Resources 5611 Imperial Way SW Port Orchard, WA 98367

BOOKKEEPER/ ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SANIBEL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Full Time. Working knowledge of QuickBooks required; knowledge of Word, WordPerfect, Excel preferred. Excellent benefits.

Send resume to Kathleen Teaze
Sanibel Public Library
770 Dunlop Road
Sanibel Florida 33957
or call
(239) 472-2483

CAREER POSITIONS Earn \$12-\$48.00 an hour. Full Benefits, paid training on Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Wildlife, Clerical, Administrative and More. 1-800-320-9353 Ext 2528

CAREER POSITIONS U. S. Government Jobs Pay up to \$48.00 an hour. Full Benefits, Paid Training on Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Wildlife, Clerical, Administrative and More. (800) 320-9353 Ext 2905

GENERAL HELP WANTED

DRIVERS LCT wants you! Immediate Processing for OTR drivers, solos or teams. CDL-A/HAZ required. Great benefits! 99-04 Equipment. Call now! 1-800-362-0159, 24 hours

eBay - Opportunity! \$11-\$33/hr. Possible. Training Provided. No Experience Required. For More Information Call 1-866-621-2384 Ext. 5004

Federal Postal Jobs** To \$43,000/yr. Free Call. No Experience Necessary. Now Hiring/ Full Benefits. 1-800-842-1622 ext. 11

GOVERNMENT and POSTAL JOBS * PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT.** Now hiring from \$12-\$48/hr. Full/ Part positions. Benefits and training. For applications and info. (800) 573-8555 Dept. P-335 8AM- 11PM/ 7 Days

GOVERNMENT JOBS! WILDLIFE / POSTAL \$13.51 to \$58,000 per hour. Full Benefits. Paid Training. Call for Application and Exam Information. No Experience Necessary. Toll Free 1-888-269-6090 ext. 425

Hiring for 2004 Postal Positions * \$14.80 - \$36.00/HR * Federal Hire with full benefits * No experience necessary * Green Card OK. Call 1-866-317-0558 Ext. 375

JOIN THE NAVAL RESERVE You Still Inspire Your valuable job skills can be brought to bear by serving part-time in the Naval Reserve. Salary, Education, travel, & insurance benefits are detailed for you on our website navalreserve.com or call 1-800-USA-USNR 1-800-872-8767

NATIONAL * CASTING SEARCH Earn \$200-\$600 / day As a Movie Extra / Actor. All Looks, Types & Ages Needed. TV, Video, Film, Commercials. Extras on call. 1-800-260-3949 ext. 3527

NOW HIRING For 2004 Postal Jobs \$16.20-\$39.00/hr. Paid Training. Full Benefits. No Exp. Nec. Green Card OK. Call 1-866-895-3696 Ext. 115

PROFESSIONAL THERAPEUTIC FOSTER Parents Needed! Open your Heart and Home to Emotionally and Physically Abused Children. Compensation Ranges from \$14,000 to \$45,000 a Year. Call Foster America, Inc. 1-800-808-9282 www.fosteramericainc.com Sponsored by Foster America Inc. and the State of Florida Department of Children and Families

REPORTER/ PHOTOGRAPHER

Community weekly paper seeks energetic, responsible person to schedule and conduct interviews with local businesses, take photos and write stories.

Layout experience helpful but not essential if willing to learn. This is a full-time job for the right outgoing and congenial individual who can set own schedule.

Call Terri Blackmore
(239) 472-5185
or
Renny Severance
(239) 472-1587

SECRET SHOPPERS NEEDED. Pose as customers for store evaluations. Get paid to shop local stores, restaurants & theaters. Flexible hours. Email Required (800) 585-9024 ext. 6111

TWEEN WATERS INN CAPTIVA ISLAND

RESERVATIONS,
FRONT DESK

Great benefits
Tolls paid
Ask for Don
or Carol
(239) 472-5161
EOE DFWP

MANAGEMENT HELP WANTED

M A N A G E R S New National Health Care Company. Best Paid Plan Guaranteed!! 24 Hour Info. 1-877-771-0261

MEDICAL/HEALTH HELP WANTED

CNA and HHA

Full Time and Part Time Private Duty and Staffing. Call Abby Services at (239) 590-0861.

PROFESSIONAL HELP WANTED

"2" AD BUILDERS NEEDED ATTENTION TO DETAIL ESSENTIAL!

Must be familiar with Quark Express, Adobe Acrobat, Photoshop, MultiAd Creator a plus. Must be familiar with Apple Computers. Must be deadline oriented!

FAX RESUME TO:
Attn: Dave Warren
Breeze Corp.
(239) 574-3403
No Calls Please
2510 Del Prado Blvd.
Cape Coral, FL 33904

PRODUCTION MANAGER SANIBEL ISLAND TO SUPERVISE SMALL NEWSPAPER PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT.

ATTENTION TO DETAIL ESSENTIAL!

Must be familiar with Quark Express, Adobe Acrobat, Photoshop, MultiAd Creator a plus. Must be familiar with Apple Computers. Must be deadline oriented!

FAX RESUME TO:
Attn: Dave Warren
Breeze Corp.
(239) 574-3403
No Calls Please
2510 Del Prado Blvd.
Cape Coral, FL 33904

EDITOR

The Breeze Newspapers seeks Editor to lead weekly newspaper.

Candidates should possess editing experience, be community oriented, and understand page layout and design.

Quark and prior newspaper experience preferred

Responsibilities include pagination, editing, and news coverage of local area.

The Breeze Newspapers offers a good benefits package,

and is part of a community network of newspapers in Lee & Charlotte counties.

Call Robin Calabrese
(239) 765-0400
or send resume:
RCalabrese@flguide.com
fax (239) 765-0846

PROFESSIONAL HELP WANTED

SALES MANAGER

for Established Real Estate Co. Located in the Fort Myers-Sanibel Area. Must be licensed, with Prior Management Experience preferred. Excellent salary and benefits plus incentives. Send Confidential Resume to: Broker P.O. Box 57 Sanibel FL 33957

RESTAURANT HELP WANTED

LINE COOKS
SERVERS
SHIFT MANAGERS

WORK IN THE MIDST OF A TROPICAL SETTING.

MORGAN'S FOREST RESTAURANT
1231 MIDDLE GULF DR.
SANIBEL
(239) 472-4100

SALES HELP WANTED

GREAT OPPORTUNITY!!!

If you are a self starter, outgoing, friendly and Money Motivated, you should contact us today. We are adding to our Sales Department at the Island Reporter and Captiva Current on beautiful Sanibel Island. The candidate will sell & service existing accounts and cold call new business. So... if you have a stable work record and are looking for an exciting and rewarding career, send us your resume today.

Fax: (239) 472-8398
E-mail: tsquibb@flguide.com
or call:
Tonya Squibb
(239) 472-1587

SALES \$5,500 Weekly Goal Potential! If Someone Did It, So Can You! 2-3 Confirmed Appointments Daily! Benefits Available. Call Catherine McFarland. (888) 563-3188

SKILLS & TRADES HELP WANTED

Driver - COVENANT TRANSPORT. Teams and Solos check out our new pay plan. Owner Operators, Experienced Drivers, Solos, Teams and Graduate Students. Call (888) MORE PAY (1-888-667-3729)

Driver - NOW EARN MORE! Increase in Pay Package Contractors & Company Needed. Flatbed - Refrigerated- Tanker. Over-the-road. Some Regional. Commercial Driver's License training. (800) 771-6318. www.primeinc.com

DRIVERS: BEST gets Better! Company up to .45 cents. Teams to .53 cents O/O to .93 cents per mile! New Lease Purchase Plan w/ \$0 Down! Call (800) CFI-DRIVE www.cfidrive.com

DRIVERS Food Grade Tank Company Owner/ Operators & Company Drivers. Class A CDL, 2 Years OTR Experience, Excellent Benefits, Equipment & More. Call Today 1-877-882-6537 EOE Oakley Transport Inc.

SKILLS & TRADES HELP WANTED

OWNER OPERATORS. Top Driver Package. Kitchen Table Time. Weekly Settlements. National Customers. Dependable Mileage. 1 YR. OTR Required. COMTRAK LOGISTICS. The Right Company For Your business. (800) 846-0024

WANTED TO BUY

Looking for Old Paper, Money, 1929 and Before. For my generous offer write to: James Christopher, P.O. Box 16471, Knoxville, TN 37996

WANTED: Purchasing DirecTV systems & Cellular Phones - Find out what your equipment is worth Call toll free 1-800-661-2054 have your model numbers ready - No Primestar or Dishnet

ANTIQUES

Nineteenth & Twentieth Century - Buy • Sell • Appraise Nautical paintings, ship models, antique maritime & decor items. Sequester Nautical Gallery 1306 SE 46th Ln. Cape Coral. Call (239) 541-0066

We Buy Antiques

Always looking for quality antiques: furniture, oil paintings, bronzes, antique dolls, etc. (Please call or send photo). Ask for Nancy, Wooden Horse Gallery, 1622 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, Florida, 33957. (239) 472-3300, (239) 985-7272.

COLLECTIBLES

Coin Collections Wanted. Nations Strongest Cash Buyer. We buy everything. We Travel. American Rareities Coin Company. Free Information Packet. Call Mr. Zivi. (800) 622-5680

Paper Currency Wanted. U.S., Confederate, Foreign, Military Scrip, Other Paper Money Related Items. Highest prices paid. Bob McCurdy: P.O. Box 150495; Cape Coral, FL 33915-0495. Call (239) 574-3583 after 6:00P.M.

WWII - Military Collectibles Biggest in Florida. Shirley Street Antique Mall. 5510 Shirley St. Naples, Florida. Visit all the History. Buy/Sell/Trade - (239) 592-9882 - Mon-Sat - 10AM-5PM

BUILDING SUPPLIES

Commercial/Industrial Roof Leak? A Leak Proof Permanent Solution. A Sprayed in place GE (General Electric) Polyurethane Foam Roof System That Pays for itself in Under 5 Years! "No Leak" Warranty - Florida State Lic. #CCC-1325669. John Anthony 1-877-893-9200

LUMBER LIQUIDATORS HARDWOOD FLOORING from .99 CENTS SQ.FT. Exotics, Oak, Bamboo. Prefinished & Unfinished. Bellawood w/ 50 year prefinish, plus A Lot More! We Deliver Anywhere. 5 Florida Locations. 1-800- FLOORING (356-6746)

COMPUTERS & SOFTWARE

Computer Desktop Windows 98 Intel Pentium Processor 64.0 MB Ram USB Ports 3 1/2 inch Floppy Disk 5 1/4 inch Floppy Disk CD Rom 52X 17" Monitor NEC HP Deskjet Color Printer Connecting cables Price \$175. After 6:00 pm., evenings Sat. 9-12 noon. (239) 542-9131 Cape Coral

TV, STEREO & VIDEO

DIRECTV SYSTEM FREE! professional installation up to 4 rooms included. Say good-bye to cable forever. Plus 3 months Free HBO. W.A.C. For details 1-866-8-FREETV, Directech

FREE DIRECTV MULTI ROOM SYSTEM including installation, 3 months Free HBO. Programming as low as \$33.99 per month for the top 115 cable channels, call direct for details 1-800-352-9992

HOME FURNISHING

A brand new queen pillow-top mattress set \$130, king pillow-top \$240. 5-Pc. bedroom set \$750. 6-Pc. cherry bedroom set \$990. All in boxes, never used! (239) 340-1475.

ALL STILL BOXED, NEVER OPENED! 11-Pc. Cherrywood Heritage Dining Room Collection, 96" Table, Chippendale Chairs, Buffet/Hutch Cost \$7,000... Sell... \$1,450. Cherrywood Sleigh 4-Poster Bedroom, Dresser, Mirror, Nightstand, Cost... \$6K... Sell... \$1,450. (954) 422-9991 (407) 660-1415 (813) 294-0587

Carpet Installer w/many remnants & first quality rolls, great deal 3-rooms installed w/pad \$379. (360 sq.ft.). Buy today, install tomorrow! Laminates, 20 colors available \$1.49 sq.ft. (239) 997-6595.

MEDICAL & HEALTH

A ALL ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIRS "No Cost to You if Eligible" Electric Wheelchairs & Scooter style. Medicare is accepted Florida Statewide Quality Service "We Treat You Right" Call anytime 1-800-835-3155

A ALL ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIRS "No Cost to You if Eligible" Electric Wheelchairs & Scooter style. Medicare is accepted Florida Statewide Quality Service "We Treat You Right" Call anytime 1-800-835-3155

ALL ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIRS - Electric Wheelchairs & Scooter Style. "NO COST To You if Eligible". Medicare Accepted - Florida Statewide Quality Service. Call anytime 7 days. (800) 835-3155

DENTAL PLAN NATIONWIDE!!** \$11.95 Individuals; \$19.95 Family. Free Vision, Prescription & Chiropractic Plan! Includes: * Braces * Cosmetic Dentistry * All Specialist * All Pre-Existing Conditions Covered * No Waiting Period * No Limits on Visits/Services * 1-877-536-4956

Diabetes? Medicare pays for diabetes testing supplies for qualified beneficiaries. Liberty delivers them to your door. No shipping charges. Satisfaction guaranteed. Deductibles apply. Call 800-426-8190

ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIRS - NEW ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIRS at "NO COST" to you if eligible. We come to you. Scooter Type W/ Basket, Pride, Tuffcare, Jazzy, Electric Hospital Beds, Medicare or Medicaid or Primary Ins. Accepted TLC MEDICAL SUPPLIES, INC. (888) 601-0641

HEALTH BENEFITS Full Family Coverage. Hospitalization * Doctor Visits * Prescriptions * Dental * Vision * Chiropractic Services Pre Existing Covered No Claim Forms/ No Referrals Needed. Bonus: 24/Hr Emergency Response Service \$40.00/Mo. 1-888-768-LIFE Ext.13
www.lifesaveremergency.com

HEALTHCARE FOR ENTIRE FAMILY. \$89.95 monthly. No age restrictions, includes dental, vision, pre-existing conditions accepted, unlimited usage, 500,000 doctors, 800-528-4052, limited time offer

Health for entire family, \$89.95 monthly. No age restrictions, includes dental, vision, pre-existing conditions accepted, unlimited usage, 800,000 doctors, (800) 738-1916, limited time offer

MEDICAL & HEALTH

LEVITRA, VIAGRA, MUSCLE RELAXER!!! Order online: PriceBusterRx.com or 1-888-773-6230. FDA approved drug Soma, Tramadol, Carisoprodol, Fioricet, Viagra, Levitra and more! US licensed physicians/ pharmacists. Overnight shipping including Saturday Delivery

NEW ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIRS at "No Cost" to you if eligible. We come to you. Scooter Type w/ Basket, Pride, Tuffcare, Jazzy, Electric Hospital Beds, Medicare or Primary Ins. Accepted. TLC Medical Supplies, Inc. 1-888-601-0641

PRESCRIPTIONS Online. Phentermine, Soma, Ambien, Adipex, Didrex, Carisoprodol, Phendimetrazine, Ultram, Viagra, And More!!! No Previous Prescription Call Toll Free 1-866-438-6656 or www.integraRx.com

SAVE MONEY NOW! Discount Dental Plan, Prescription Savings and Vision Coverage for your entire family. Call us Now 1-800-494-6262

UNLIMITED DRUG CARD No Co-Pays, No Deductibles, No Age Limits. Pays 100% of Brand Names. Members Saved Millions. This is Not a Discount Card. Ask About our Other Benefits. 1-877-822-2974

VIAGRA \$2.90/each Cialis \$4.50/each. Soma \$1.55, Zolof \$0.99, Celebrex \$0.77. We supply over 5000 other meds. Free price list mailed to you today 1-800-790-3181
www.WhyPayMoreRx.com

VIAGRA - LOWEST PRICE Refills Guaranteed \$3.60 per 100mg. Why pay more? We have the answer! Vioxx, Celebrex, Lipitor, more! Prescription Buyers Group. 1-866-887-7283

MISCELLANEOUS

FREE, 4 ROOM DIRECTV SYSTEM INCLUDING INSTALLATION. 3 months FREE HBO (7 premium movie channels) w/ subscription. Access 225+ Channels. Digital - quality picture & sound. Limited time offer. Call now for details, 1-800-223-6290

Gigantic Mirrors: Job site leftovers: 48"x100"x1/4" (7) at \$115. ea; 72"x100"x1/4" (9) at \$165. ea. Will deliver/ will install. Call Free: 1-888-306-9046

Gigantic Mirrors: Job site leftovers: 48"x100"x1/4" (7) at \$115. ea; 72"x100"x1/4" (9) at \$165. ea. Will deliver/ will install. Call Free (888) 306-9046

If you think crime doesn't affect you let us give you the facts! FACT Floridians Against Crime Taskforce, P.O. Box 9235, Glenwood, FL 32722 (386) 801-4740 Fax (386) 740-8330

Live tropical indoor or outdoor plant 5' + tall. Real healthy. \$50. 281-4308

POOL HEATERS - WINTER SPECIALS!!! Solar - Heat Pumps - Gas & Pool Products. Installations or Complete Do-It-Yourself Kits. Factory Direct Prices. License #CWC 029795 - Since 1986. Free quotes 1-800-333-9276 ext. 0211M
www.SolarDirect.com

Slot Machines!! Direct from Casinos. Why go to the casinos, play at home!! Nice gift \$385, fully warranted. Also Dale Earnhardt, Rusty Wallace, 3-Stooges, Coca-Cola Elvis, Soprano's slot machines \$450. (239) 458-3117

SPA! HOT TUB! 5 Person w/ Lounger * 5-HP * Shoulder, Back & Hip Jets * Cedar Cabinet * Underwater Light * Warranty. Retail \$4,295. Sacrifice \$1,650. 1-888-545-9592 * 727-480-0514

WATERLESS COOKWARE - We Stopped Doing Dinner Parties! 17-pc., 7-ply Surgical Stainless Steel Sets Left! Full Lifetime Warranty! Were \$2,000. Now \$695! First 7 Callers Buy Set for \$368! www.vaposeal.com 1-800-434-4628!

MISCELLANEOUS

WOLFF TANNING BEDS. AFFORDABLE * CONVENIENT. Tan At Home. Payments From \$25/month. FREE Color Catalog. Call Today (800) 711-0158

SONY INTEGRATED PHONE / ANSWERING SYSTEM WITH MANUAL, JUST LIKE NEW, \$80/OBO. KYOCERA CELL PHONE, NEW, STILL IN BOX, \$50/OBO. VERY LARGE ROUND MIRROR WITH DRESSER ATTACHMENTS, BLACK LACQUER, \$35/OBO. LA-Z-BOY DOUBLE RECLINING LOVESEAT, VERY COMFY BUT SOME MINOR UPHOLSTERY DAMAGE, \$60/OBO. CALL: (239) 242-2180 Between 2pm-8pm only

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

ELECTRIC KIMBALL ORGAN LIKE NEW FOR SALE \$700/OBO CALL (239) 242-2259

PIANOS - Lowest Price USA - Guaranteed Yamaha, Kawai, etc. FREE wholesale price list. Buy your piano where Dealers Buy Them. American Piano Wholesalers. (800) 456-9378, (407) 330-1805, (904) 714-0141

PETS & SUPPLIES

Doberman pups, AKC, big, bouncing healthy males/females, black/tan. Outstanding bloodlines w/scores of Grand champions & champions. Excellent temperament. Both parents on premises, over 100lbs. Ready to go! (239) 656-5520

German Shepherd Puppies, 5/mos old. AKC registered. Black & Tan. \$500/ea. (239) 731-0546.

SPORTING GOODS

8-FT. PROFESSIONAL POOL TABLE 1" (3pc.) Slates, K66 Speed Rails, Solid Wood, Double Beam, Mother of Pearl, Sights, Hand Carved Legs, Cost... \$5K... Sacrifice... \$1,450. Slot Machine + 200 - Tokens \$250. (954) 422-9991 (407) 660-1415

AUCTIONS & BAZAARS

AUCTION: 11am Sat. Feb. 21st Avon Park, FL. Thirty-Five 10-20 +/- Acre Homesites, EIGHT to be sold ABSOLUTE Owner Financing Available. Higgenbotham Auctioneers ME Higgenbotham CAI, FL Lic #AU 305/ AB 158 * Call (800) 257-4161

GARAGE SALES

Friday, 2/13 and Saturday, 2/14, 8 - 4, old and new furniture, glass, pottery, clothes, books, jewelry, linens and much more... Balsa Ct., Gumbo Limbo, off Dixie Beach Rd.

GREAT GARAGE/MOVING SALE FRIDAY and SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13 and 14 8 am to 1 pm 461 LIGHTHOUSE WAY Sanibel FURNITURE: (indoor and outdoor) MUCH MUCH MORE

DOMESTIC AUTO

Wanted Dead or Alive: Title or no title: Trucks, Cars, Vans, Cash paid for some. Seven days a week. (239) 633-5080. Ask for Chris or leave message.

1999 white Buick Regal LSE, sun roof, leather, new tires and battery. \$8900. (239) 841-2095

SPORTS & IMPORTS

CHEVROLET CAMARO RS, 1996, BRAND NEW TIRES, NEW CD, NEW POWER DOOR LOCKS, NEWLY PAINTED, EXCELLENT CONDITION INSIDE & OUT. CARFAX REPORT AVAILABLE. \$6,000. OBO. (239) 822-5511

SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES

Explorer Sport 2001 Two-door SUV. Fully loaded, all options, leather interior, CD-player, remote keyless entry, PW, PS, cruise control, factory tinted windows, compass, outside temperature gauge, alloy wheels, less than 25/miles on new tires, 3500/lb tow package, 56,000/easy highway miles. Extremely well taken care of. Showroom condition. \$11,900. (239) 542-7315, cell 470-0886

RECREATION VEHICLES

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE SALE through February 29th. FREE Maintenance program WITH RV purchase! SPIN THE WHEEL... WIN Brand - New- 2004 Motorhome - CONLEY RV. (800) 477-9644
www.conleyrv.com

George-Boy, 2000, 35Ft. Class A, freightliner chassis, Alison 6speed, 300HP Cummins. Kitchen/living slide, 24K miles. 6 Year, 50,000 mile warranty. Must sell, health!! \$95,900. (239) 823-0769

POWER BOATS

SHAMROCK, 1995, CENTER CONSOLE, CUDDY CABIN, T-TOP, ELECTRONIC BOX, 351 INBOARD, ENGINE COMPLETELY OVERHAULED WITH LESS THAN 50 HOURS. BOAT LIKE NEW. ASKING \$33,000. CALL (239) 574-1364. WILL CONSIDER TRADE FOR REAL ESTATE.

Tiara 27' 1987 Open Express, twin 270 horse Crusaders, freshwater cooled, 930 hours, nice condition. \$39,500. Call (239) 945-7973.

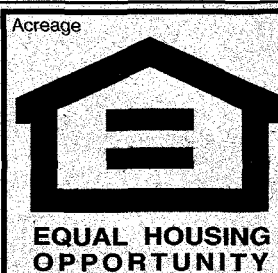
BOAT PARTS & SUPPLIES

Twin 1992 Outboard Mercury engines. 135 horsepower. Good running condition. \$5,000 for both. Call 352-347-2016

LOTS FOR SALE

Cape, direct sailboat access, by owner. Unit 3, block 186. Two building sites, 80ftx125ft, 5 minutes to the river. Seawall and dock, western exposure. \$329,000/each. (618) 939-8485 Capelots@yahoo.com

ACREAGE



EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

All real estate advertised in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention to make such preference, limitation or discrimination. This publication will not knowingly accept any advertisement for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. If you feel you have been discriminated against you may file a complaint by calling The Florida Commission on Human Rights at 1-800-342-8170 or HUD at 1-800-669-9777. For more info please call the Lee County office of Equal Opportunity (239) 335-2267

WATERFRONT LOTS

Cape, By Owner, Gulf Access. Close to Spreader. Just off Veterans Memorial and Surfside. Western exposure. Unit-92 at 2616 SW 24th Ave. Lowest price in area. (239) 542-8836.

Cape Coral Canal lots, 80x125, dock friendly, Unit 59, Lot 24 & 25, 20 NW 38th Place. Owner forfeiting. \$112,000. Call (248) 693-4407.

LAST OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE @ DISCOUNTED PRICE Wide, open view WATERFRONT LOT. Dock. Gulf Access. BY OWNER (352) 383-7110

WATERFRONT HOMES

Amazing, Direct Sailboat Gulf access 3bd/2ba 2,750 + sq. ft. total, under air 1,818 sq. ft. Vaulted ceiling, tiled throughout, fireplace, sprinkler system, city utilities installed and paid, new air conditioning, and appliances, 2 car garage. Located on Cornwallis Parkway. Built 1979. \$250,000 Jeff (239) 573-2721.

By owner, quick gulf deep water access. Seawall, dock, boat basin, CBS home. 2/1/1, Florida room, nice neighborhood, Pine Island. 80x120 lot \$264,900 (239) 283-1137 cell (239) 292-3518

Gulf Access: lowest priced, SW Cape, unit 70, 3/2/2, 2012 sq. ft., plus lanai. All appliances, window treatments. Sprinkler, alarm, tile, carpet. 1 year old, \$259,000. (630) 697-7850

Manatee Bay - 3/2 pool home with extra room for playroom or den. Oversized 2 car garage. Covered boat lift. Great Gulf access!! \$465,000. Call (239) 209-2613.

FOR SALE BY OWNER

Kelly Greens, first floor manor with sunset, lake and golf course views. 2 Br/2 Ba, furnished. (239) 481-0692.

Lovely, like new, 3/2 off Alico Rd. New tile, carpet, paint in/out, fenced, trees, canal, custom shed w/electric. Lg bedrooms, lanai, kitchen, W/D. Friendly neighborhood! (239) 633-1670.

Million \$\$\$ View S.E. Cape ... great location, 146' on freshwater basin ... all assessments paid... CBS 3 BR/2 BA, 2/car.... 2,349 LA, cathedral ceilings... ceramic tile throughout... 430 S.E. 21st Ave.... \$233,000... by appointment only... (239) 242-2300 ... realtor/ owner

Prime location w/panoramic view on canal w/gulf access, 2BR/2BA/2Car Ranch w/Terrazzo floors, A/C and sprinklers, available February, \$265,000. Call (860) 575-0808 or (860) 575-1296.

Sundial, Gulf view, top floor, preferred rental. \$529,000. Call (239) 561-2089.

We Buy Homes! CASH! No Equit - No Problem Stop Foreclosure! www.72houroffer.com (239) 549-9868

GENERAL REAL ESTATE

Do you have a property in Sanibel on canal or within walking distance to a beach? We will be here until February 29, 2004 and are interested in buying or trading. We have property in Southeast Ohio in tracts from 50 to 300 acres. Prime small, game, whitetail, deer, turkey and fresh water fishing. Commercial property also available in fast growing area. Phone (239) 395-2792 or (740) 517-3410 and ask for Brent or Cindy.

FORECLOSED HOMES \$0 or Low Down! HUD, VA, FHA. No Credit OK! For Listings, 1-800-501-1777 Ext. 1618

Gov't & Bank Foreclosures! \$0 DOWN HOMES! HUD, VA, FHA. No Credit OK! For Listings, 800-501-1777 x1601

GOV'T HOMES! \$0 Down! Tax Reposs & Foreclosures! Low or \$0 Down. No Credit OK. For Listings (800) 501-1777 ext. 8371

GOV'T HOMES! \$0 Down! Tax Reposs & Foreclosures! No Credit OK! \$0/ Low Down! Call for Listings! 1-800- 987 -6647 Ext. 8684

HOMEOWNERS! Limited offer - 2.95% Loan Rate. I believe you will find this the lowest rate available anywhere. Limited offer. Nationwide Lender. Any credit. 1-888-593-3328

HOMEOWNERS: REFI TODAY! TODAY! Low rates still available. Refinance with the experts! Cashouts - Hard to Place Loans our Specialty Late payments / BK's/ Foreclosures OK! All credit Considered (Lic# 0400067) Mariners Capital 877-402-1872

\$299k Sanibel home. You are reading it right. 2br/2ba huge garage, water views, close to beach.

Call Wil Compton at (239) 209-6171. Call for list of island properties. RE/MAX of the Islands.

MORTGAGE LATE??? Have an Unwanted Home? You get cash for a fresh start! We take over all your problems. Guaranteed offer! Pickup the phone and call now! (7-days/ 24 hrs) (888) 590-1935 (Joe)

MORTGAGES QUICK CASH! Fast closings, 1st and 2nd. Good/ Bad Credit. Self-employed? No Income Verification. Foreclosure, Bankruptcy all OK. Mortgage Corp. Network. Licensed Correspondent Lender. Call 888-999-8744

UP TO \$10,000 in Free Rent or Mortgage Payments while We build Your New Home. Stable Job and Decent Credit Required. Call to Quality. (800) 707-3998

CONDOS FOR SALE

ATRIUM
FOR SALE BY OWNER
GULF FRONT CONDO
Low Density - 24 Units
Over 2000 sq. ft.
3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths
Den
Newly remodeled kitchen
\$1,495,000
(239) 395-9433
(856) 985-0322

SANIBEL CONDO

By Owner
Completely Renovated
and Furnished.
Two Bedrooms,
Two Tiled Baths
(One Handicapped).
New Maple and Cherry
Hardwood Floors.
Tiled Kitchen and Lanai.
Dockage Available.
READY:
LIVE IN IT —
OR
YOU CAN RENT IT.
\$248,000
(239) 472-2783

SANIBEL GULF FRONT
plus
TOP FLOOR - CORNER
equals
BEACH/WATER/WINDOWS
Two Bedroom/Two Bath
Furnished.
\$797,500
ILLINOIS LIC. REAL EST.
BROKER OWNED
WILL CO-OP
By appt.
(239) 395-2323

Sanibel Island, Florida condo on
Gulf, 2 Br/2 Ba. \$550,000. Phone
(239) 482-4740.

WATERFRONT CONDO

PUNTA RASSA —
With viewfull sunsets.
Two Bedrooms, Two Baths.
Screened Lanai
and
Low Monthly Maintenance.

SANIBEL
HARBOURSIDE REALTY
(239) 466-3313

SANIBEL BIZ —
IT'S WHERE IT IS!

MANUFACTURED HOMES

DIXIE COUNTY Land/ Home Sale.
Several to choose from
Manufactured Homes Each on
2+ acres from \$37,500 Carri-
Anne Powell, Sales Associate
Thompson Group, Inc. C.
Frederick Thompson, II Broker/
Owner
352-378-4814, 352-222-9590
ttgcarri@aol.com
www.NFLAND.com

MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE

Main Street, Fort Myers Beach,
\$14,000. 55+ community. Sleeps
6, breakfast bar, huge glass
Florida room. New air and carpet.
Everything goes!! (419) 345-4567
leave message and number

NFM, Old Bridge Village, 55+
gated community, 48x24,
2Br/2Ba, 10x20 Florida room, car-
port, shed. All furniture included.
Close to River. Clubhouse, pools,
tennis courts. Asking \$20,000.
(239) 573-7721

N. Ft. Myers, river view, 1br/1ba,
central air, new appliances. 16ft
boat & motor included. \$19,900.
Call (239) 656-5702.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY/SALE

ORMOND BEACH Investment prop-
erty. Oceanfront apartment com-
plex, (4) 2BRs, 4 Garages, deed-
ed oceanfront w/new deck. 10
minutes to Daytona! \$1,200,000!
Consider Condo or RV for trade.
423-434-9000
Email for photos
Hdins@planetcc.com

REAL ESTATE DISTANT

All Western North Carolina
Mountain Properties: Homes,
cabins, acreage, farms, creek &
lakefront properties. ERA CAR-
OLINA MOUNTAIN HOMES
REAL ESTATE 5530 W US 64,
Murphy, NC 28906
www.carolinamtnhome.com
Call Toll Free for free brochure
1-800-747-7322 Ext.14

ASHEVILLE AREA Western NC
Mountains large mountain view
properties bordering the beautiful
Catawba River & the Pisgah
National Forest. For maps, prices,
& financing info call 1-888-398-
4479

FIVE AC/ NEW LOG HOME-
\$69,000. NC MOUNTAINS. 1,900
sq. ft. log home package- 5 wood-
ed acres with panoramic views
and beautiful mountain stream.
(800) 455-1981 EXT. 515

FOUR ACRES/ NEW RIVER-
FRONT LOG HOME - \$94,900 -
NC MOUNTAINS. New 2100
sq.ft. log home materials package
& 4 acres with long river frontage
on a trout river. (800) 455-1981,
Ext. 525

GA & NC MTN PROPERTY Bold
trout Stream on 2.74 acres of
woods, \$56,500. MLS # 93876
www.mctaggartrealestate.com
Free Color Brochure.
Louise McTaggart & Assoc. Inc.
1-800-473-2709

KY LAKE * New on Market * 1 1/2
hrs. from Nashville, TN. 1-3 acre
View Sites Starting at \$19,900,
Lake Front Starting at \$54,900.
Hurry! 888-575-LAND
www.northamericanland.com

LAND - \$500 DOWN, OWNER
FINANCING, 1 to 10 Acre Tracts
in North Florida, 30 miles north
of Gainesville, near Suwanee
River. Call for Color Brochure.
1-800-545-3501. Dicks Realty,
Lake City, FL.
www.dicksrealty.com

MURPHY, NC FREE BROCHURE
Investors Realty 1-800-497-3334
Lake Lots \$79,000. New Log
Home On Pond, 1 Ac \$119,500. 1
Ac. Wooded Lots Starting @
\$15,000 Vacation Rentals.
www.investorsrealtyinc.com

New 1,600 sq. ft. Log Cabin shell
with lake access & free boat slip
on 35,000 acre lake in Tennessee
hills. \$89,900. Terms (800) 704-
3154 ext. 537 Sunset Bay, LLC

New 1600 sq. ft. Log Cabin shell
with lake access & free boat slip
on 35,000 acre lake in Tennessee
hills. \$89,900. Terms 800-704-
3154, ext. 536, Sunset Bay, LLC

NORTH CAROLINA Beautiful 1.5 -
10 acre wooded homesites w/
views, streams, woods, rolling
hills & pond. Suitable for horses.
Proximate to Charlotte, Lake
Norman & Hickory. Call 704-483-
1457
www.CountryTyme.com

SOUTH GEORGIA 1,824 acres, 3
miles of river frontage. Prime
investment, managed timberland,
excellent hunting. \$2,200/acre.
Call for appt. Southern Pine
Plantation, 352-867-8018

SOUTH GEORGIA HUNTING PAR-
ADISE 350 acres, both sides of
Satilla River, 175 acres planted
pine, hardwood, 3 ponds, deer,
ducks, quail & turkey \$1850/
acre. 1-912-384-1480

REAL ESTATE DISTANT

Ten Acres, McAlpin, FL. High & Dry,
Wooded. \$495. down. \$339.
month. Jim Jean Real Estate 1-
800-722-5326
www.jimjean.com

WESTERN NC MOUNTAINS.
North Carolina Where there is
Cool Mountain Air, Views &
Stream, Homes, Cabins &
Acreage. CALL FOR FREE
BROCHURE OF MOUNTAIN
PROPERTY SALES. (800) 642-
5333. Realty of Murphy. 317
Peachtree St., Murphy, N.C.
28906
www.realtyofmurphy.com

WINTER SEASON IS HERE. Call
for a Free Brochure on Homes,
Acreage and Investment
Properties. Cherokee Mountain
Realty, Inc. 1285 West US Hwy
64, Murphy, NC 28906 1-800-
841-5868

TIME SHARE FOR SALE

Casa Ybel Resort, 3 consecutive
weeks in December. Time share
for sale. Buy all three at reduced
price, by owner. Call office:
(410) 472-2844 or Florida:
(239) 415-0425.

TIME SHARE REALES Save 60%
- 80% Off Retail!! Best Resorts
& Seasons Call for Free
Catalog! "Financing Available!"
800-496-5294
www.holidaygroup.com

Timeshare Resales! Sell today for
Cash! No commissions or broker
fees. Don't delay. Got to
www.freetimeshare.com
or Call 1-800-640-6886

VACATION RENTALS

ALL 3 DIRECT OCEANFRONT
2 Br/2 Ba Condominiums
Sundial Beach Resort
Villa Sanibel
Coquina Beach
Discounted rates
directly from
owner.
1-800-505-5200
www.sanibeloceanfront.com

Atrium. Lovely 2 Br/2 Ba condo
on the Gulf. All amenities. Two
week minimum. Owner,
(313) 886-4757.

Available March. Sanibel cottage,
2 Br/2 Ba, furnished, half block
to beach, \$3600/month. Call
owner, (206) 545-4170.

3 Br/2.5 Ba, new condo, fully
furnished, over looking marina.
\$800/week or \$1800/month.
(619) 579-0787

Island Retreat. 3/2 home in
beautiful Chateau Sur Mer.
Few steps to beach. Very
private. Available January
through May, 2004. (305)
235-0762, (239) 472-2490.

LOOKING FOR THAT VACATION /
RETIREMENT HOME? Visit us at
www.
homesforsalemagazines.com
or call 1-888-896-2412 for a Free
Real Estate Magazine. In the
Mountains of North Georgia and
Southwest North Carolina

PUNTA RASSA
SANIBEL HARBOUR
HERITAGE COVE
SANIBEL VIEW

One call does it all!

SANIBEL
HARBOURSIDE REALTY
(239) 466-3313

IT'S WHERE IT IS!
SANIBEL BIZ

Sanibel 3 Br/2 Ba home on golf
course with pool, furnished, near
beach and causeway. Monthly and
annually. Owner, (239) 472-7834.

Sanibel (Gulf Pines). Two bedroom,
2bath, furnished house. Private
beach access, clubhouse, pools,
tennis courts. \$2000. month, plus
tax. Available off season only
(239) 542-5627

VACATION RENTALS

SMOKY MTNS. New Log Cabin
RETREAT. Full Amenities. 56
Secluded Acres. INTRO special 4
nites \$299., TIL MAY 1
Visit
LANDSCREEK.COM
(888) 346-9793

SOUTH SEAS RESORT

GULF-FRONT
PRIVATE
LUXURY HOME

POOL-SPA
SCENIC ACREAGE

WEEKS AVAILABLE
FOR ALL-SEASONS

FOR-SPECIAL-RATES
CONTACT OWNER
DIRECTLY

Call: (574) 272-0889
Fax: (574) 273-5973
E-mail: crosscult@aol.com
Web Page: www.pullapillyvil-
la.com

SEASONAL RENTALS

FMB, Looking for nice people to
enjoy our 2/Bdr., 2/Ba home on
water, bay view, sun deck. Close
to everything. Call us, (239) 765-
4470 (local)

West Rocks subdivision. 3 Br/
2 Ba, large screened porch,
lakefront property, completely
furnished, near beach. Monthly
rentals only. Available after
March 1. (513) 232-4634.

DAILY/WEEKLY RENTAL

FMB, Looking for nice people to
enjoy our private single family
home next year. 2/Brd 1/ba. Bay
view, sundeck. Northend, easy
on/off island. Close to everything.
Call us, (239) 765-4470

APARTMENTS & DUPLEXES FOR RENT

Near Sanibel, 2/Bdr., 1/Ba.,
screened porch and laundry
hookup, walkin closet. New car-
pets, very quiet. No pets, annual
\$580 per month (239) 433-2248

ONE & TWO BEDROOM APART-
MENTS, CLOSE TO SCHOOLS,
BUS STOPS & SHOPPING.
WATER, SEWER AND TRASH
PAID. CENTRAL AIR AND HEAT.
POOL AND LAUNDRY ON SITE.
941-275-4587.

VACATION RENTALS

3 BR/2 BA home in
Island Woods.
Tennis,
community pool.
\$1850/month,
furnished
or
unfurnished.

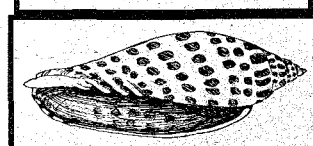
Call Jamie at RE/MAX of
the Islands. 472-5050

GOLF - GOLF - GOLF

Two Bedrooms, Two Baths
PLUS DEN!!!
LEXINGTON COUNTRY CLUB
Golf Privileges.
Annual Lease
\$1,100/monthly

SANIBEL
HARBOURSIDE REALTY
(239) 466-3313

SANIBEL BIZ —
IT'S WHERE IT IS!

**VACATION RENTALS**

Sanibel View
Brand New!
2 Br, 2Ba condos.
Enclosed garage,
pool, fitness center,
Clubhouse.
Gated Community.
2 miles to
causeway!
\$1450/month
Hussey Realty
(239) 463-3178

CONDOS FOR RENT

Condo at Punta Rassa for sale
or rent March and April on Bay,
waterfront view of Sanibel-
Captiva. 2 Br/2 Ba, fully
furnished. Call office: (410) 472-
2844 or Fl: (239) 415-0425.

Kelly Greens. 2Bdr/2Ba, furnished.
Golf transferable. Available
6/mos. April to September.
\$1,000./mo. No Pets. No
Smoking. (352) 382-4935.

Punta Rassa, waterfront gateway
to Sanibel. 2 Br/2 Ba, full utility
room, gorgeous interior, full
amenities. Available from April on.
Direct from owner. (440) 779-1567.

***Sanibel Sunset Villas**
(FM-before Sanibel Bridge)
3-2 Villa, washer & dryer.
\$1,050. annual.
Call Fizer Realty, Inc.
(239) 939-2414
or
910-0916

HOMES FOR RENT

GOV'T HOMES! \$0 Down! Tax
Repos & Foreclosures! No Credit
OK! \$0/ Low Down! Call for
Listings! 1-800- 987-6647 Ext. 8682

NO RENT! \$0 Down! No Credit OK!
Government Foreclosed Homes!
\$0/ Low Down! Call for Listings! 1-
800- 987-6647 Ext. 8681

SANIBEL ISLAND

West Rock, 2/2 w/den,
on lagoon.

Priscilla Murphy Realty
(239) 482-8040

MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

****Mobile Homes for Rent** Weekly**
rent. Children welcome. Includes
water, garbage, pest control, lawn
care. Quiet, safe. 7760 Bogart, N.
Ft. Myers (239) 543-5828.

WINDOW CLEANING

ALL DAY
WINDOW CLEANING
\$3.00 a window.
Residential & commercial
up to 3-Story
10 yrs. exp.
Pressure washing
available
Free estimates.
Reputable, prompt &
courteous service.
Satisfaction guaranteed.
Family owned & operated.
Lic/Ins.
(239) 567-3419

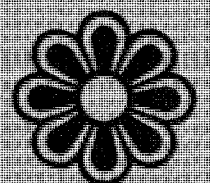
RECYCLE
SANIBEL



Bring recyclables
to the Sanibel
Recycling Center on
Dunlop Road across
from the Sanibel
Public Library.



Please
Do Not
Feed the
Birds
on
Sanibel



Classifieds

Work!

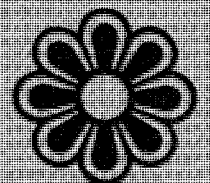
Call Gloria

Today

To Place

Your Ad!

472-5185



"You Are Always
Welcome"
To our Island
Within an
Island

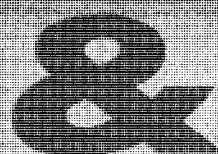
Sanibel
Library



770 Dunlop Road
For more information, call 472-2463

SERVICE

Serving the
Residents of
Sanibel and Captiva



PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY

Build Your Business
For Advertising
Information Call 472-5185

**PLACE
YOUR
AD
HERE**

**CALL
472-
5185**

TREE SERVICE

Lewis L. Phillips, III.
Tree and Landscape Service
A Name You Can Trust

Work - Cell
910-1875

Home
466-0761



P.O. Box 994
SANIBEL, FL. 33957

Licensed and Insured

"I Love Trees and Trees Love Me!"

PLUMBING

Residential Plumbing
Ronald K. Gavin, Inc.
Repairs and Service...

- Kitchen & Bath remodel
- Sinks - Faucets - Tubs
- Showers - Toilets

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Stan Gavin is now heading up the
Residential Remodel Division of Ronald K.
Gavin, Inc. specializing in kitchen and
bathroom makeovers. We work with several
licensed General Contractors who also
specialize in this area. Remember no job is
big or small so give us a call. We'll be
happy to come out and help turn your
dreams into reality.

"A Straight Flush Beats a Full House Anytime!"

437-5366

Lic. #MPP-001429 (Licensed and Insured)

Cleaning Service



"Squeaky Clean"
Cleaning Service

15 Years Serving The Islands

Weekly
Bi-weekly
Monthly
Deep Cleans
Special Requests

TRISH ALVAREZ
P.O. Box 1251
Sanibel, FL. 33957
239-849-1633

HANDYMAN SERVICES

HANDYMAN SERVICE
Home Repairs &
Complete Landscaping
Honesty • Dependability
• Quality with every Job

Call
Mike

454-1294

Licence # 01-05762

GOLF INSTRUCTION

GOLF SIMPLIFIED
Richprangegolf@aol.com

**SAVE
\$15.00
ON A
SERIES
OF 3**

Rich Prange is one of Southwest Florida's most
experienced golf instructors. 15 years with the longest
golf school in the country has given Rich the tools to
simplify your game at whatever level you play.

Individual Instruction: \$75.00
Series of 3: \$200.00
Office and additional golfing equipment
available.
Sanibel Island Golf Center
Call: 472-5185 Cell: 888-2071

TREE TRIMMING

MANGROW
MANGROVE SPECIALISTS



'TIS THE SEASON TO TRIM MANGROVES
Licensed mangrove trimming on Sanibel,
Captiva & anywhere in Florida.

Please call 482-2002

WINDOW & PRESSURE CLEANING

THE CLEAR CHOICE

**San-Cap Window Cleaning
& Pressure Cleaning**

Residential • Commercial Mark Sedlak
Serving Lee &
Collier Counties 472-4400

BUILDERS

CUSTOM HOME BUILDING
AND REMODELING
SPECIALISTS

- Custom Woodworking
- Committed to Excellence
- Phone: 472-5444

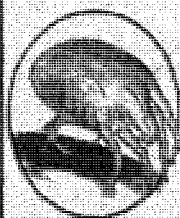


**Mark
McQuade**
GENERAL CONTRACTOR

THE ISLAND'S LONGEST
ESTABLISHED
CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS

Lic. # GGC013441

AIR PURIFICATION



ALLERGIES - DUST
MITES - PETS
SMOKE - MOLD
BACTERIA - ODORS

Home closed ALL summer?
NEW home chemical odor?

You MITE be surprised!

INDOOR AIR is 4-5 times more polluted than outdoor air.
Purifiers for HOMES, BOATS, OFFICE, HOTEL, CLINICS

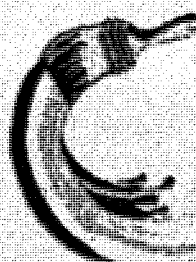
Our patented, filter-less unit will not only
clean...but "sanitize" the air...killing bacteria.

- Only one unit can purify a whole home.
- No other advertised purifiers compare.
- Over 4 million satisfied customers.

USED IN THE PENTAGON

Healthy Homes (239) 357-8105

PAINTING



MESSERY PAINTING INC.

Specializing in:

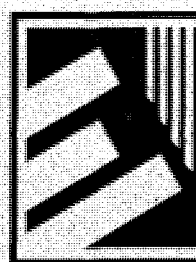
- INTERIOR/EXTERIOR PAINTING •
- POWER WASHING • DECK STAINING
- PAVER SEALING • TILE ROOF PAINTING •
- CONCRETE STAINING.

Free Estimates/ MC & Visa

Phone (239) 481-9532

Fax (239) 481-2525

FINANCIAL



"THE PROFESSIONALS"
EXECUTIVE TITLE
239-472-8228

695 Tarpon Bay Rd, Suite 7 Sanibel

www.executitle.com

gsuarez@executitle.com

visit www.sureclose.com



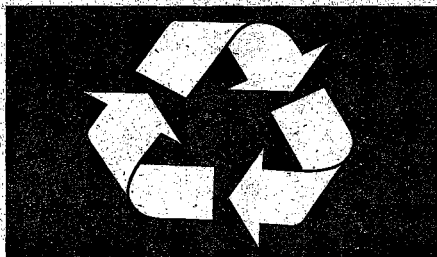
LANDSCAPING



24 Years of
Horticultural
Experience •
Award Winning
Landscapes
Design •
Installation
Maintenance
Tree Work

**GREEN EARTH
LANDSCAPE**

Jim Gould, Owner
Phone (239) 472-1370
Fax (239) 540-7307
3889 Sanibel-Captiva Road
Sanibel Island, FL 33957
greeneearth@earthlink.net

RECYCLE SANIBEL

Bring recyclables to the Sanibel Recycling Center on Dunlop Road across from the Sanibel Public Library.

LANDSCAPE BORDERS

Give her the gift that lasts, the best of time.

Customized Curbing • Landscape Design
Prompt Service • Free Estimates

Serving Charlotte County Since 1993

Residential

941-505-2872

Commercial

941-492-9800

European Magic
Massage Therapy & Day Spa

25% OFF

20% OFF

Tel: (941) 629-9888 • Fax: (941) 629-9888
4456 Tamiami Trail, #A-7 • Port Charlotte, FL 33980

Happy Valentine's Day

We Love Our Islands
We Love Our Customers!

*Happy
Valentine's Day*

**Bank of The
Islands**

Your Island Bank

472-7211

Periwinkle Playhouse

2200 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Island, FL
A Full Year of Exciting Entertainment in Our Intimate
Comfortable Theatre. Call the Box Office for Details.
or Visit Us on the Web at:
www.periwinkleplayhouse.com

An Evening with
Oscar Nominated Singer & Song Stylist

Jane Oliver

2/27/04

Playhouse Fundraiser \$75.00

Olivor's powerful alto voice and presence will fill every crevice of the theatre. Her phrasing and modulation are both impeccable, and her ability to emote has the power to bring tears!

472-0324



VALENTINE SALE Feb. 12-14

15% OFF STOREWIDE!

Including SALE MERCHANDISE!
Largest Selection of Purses on the Island
Including: Debbie Brooks, Timmy Woods & Eiffel

Tahitian Gardens Plaza

395-4040

Come Fly!

With Island Flight
Adventures!

See the Islands From an
ULTRALIGHT!

- Introductory Flights with Instructor
- Flight Training
- Ultralight Sales

Call Now! - For an Appointment and Directions

727-239-3444

jamie@islandflightadventures.com

Pine Island Airport, Inc.

13350 Morningstar Lane • Boca Raton, FL 33427

Happy Valentine's
Day
Palm Tree!

Love,
Leenie & DeDe

Happy Valentine's Day
to All of Our Clients!

EcoPhilia
INTERIOR DESIGN

472-2330

To My Wonderful Wife Jennifer -
Thanks for Your Tolerance!...
So Many Others Do Not!

With All My Love,

Turtle Man

Happy Valentine's Day!

Thank You for Being Wonderful in
SO MANY WAYS

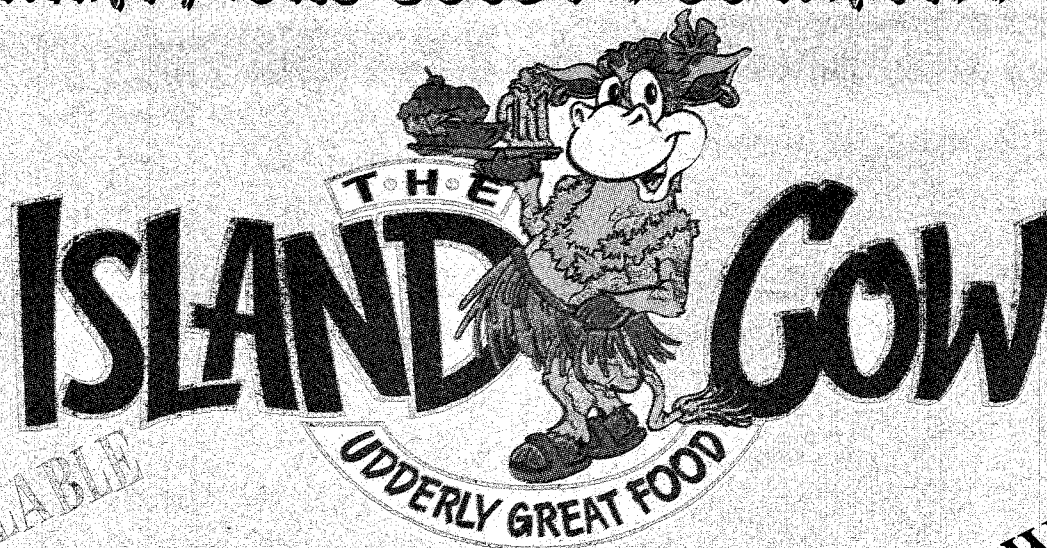
Love,

Sea Horse

COWABUNGA !!! GREAT FOOD ! AFFORDABLE PRICES!

BREAKFAST...LUNCH...DINNER
WHAT MORE COULD YOU WANT??

OUTDOOR
SEATING



LIVE MUSIC

TAKE OUT AVAILABLE

SNACKS ALL THE TIME

Bring The Whole Herd
Call-Ahead Seating

We Proudly Brew



7:00 AM - 10 PM
2163 Periwinkle Way
Sanibel 472-0606