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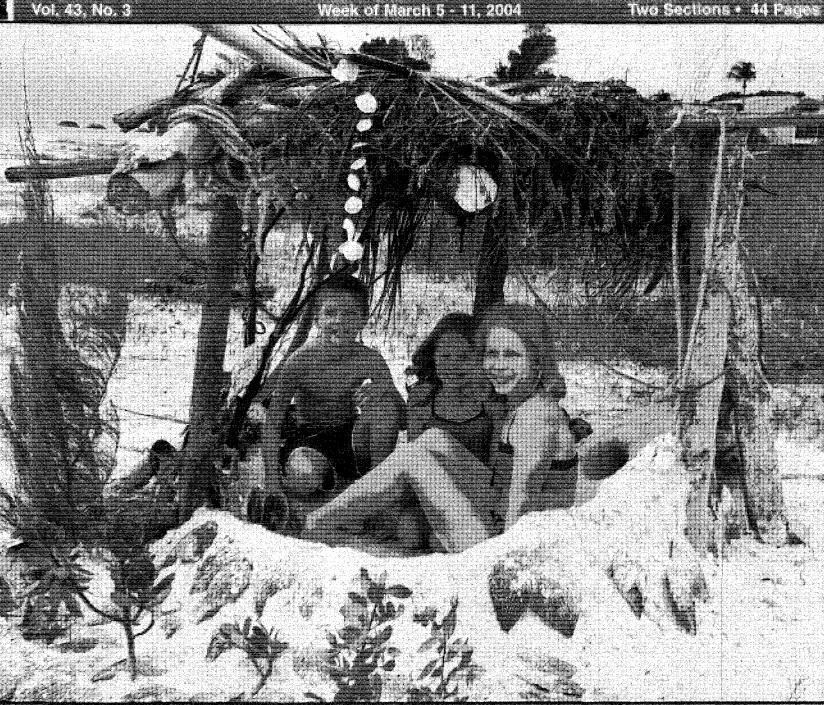
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Ryan, Lauren and Kristyn Brindley, from West Virginia, spent their Sanibel vacation with Grandmother Nancy Currens making a beach but. "Every year when we come, we try to do something," said Ryan. Philosope Real Meaning Alendarys

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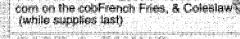


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Elinor Eschman Dunham

A life of warmth and love was fulfilled with the death of Elinor Dunham at age 87 on Feb. 25, 2004 in Cypress Cove Lodge.

The Granville, Ohio School System provided secondary education, prior to her enrollment at Denison University in the Class of 1938. At Denison, she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Mortar Board honorary, and Delta Omicron, music honorary. She played cello in the annual Messiah performances directed by her father, Karl Eschman, in the Licking County Symphony and in other groups. For 18 year she was an elementary vocal music teacher in both in Granville and Jacksontown, Ohio. Elinor was a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church of Granville where she was baptized, married,

and a member and director of the choir for a decade or more.

A resident of Periwinkle Park for almost 20 years, she was active in the Sanibel Congregational Church, FISH of Sanibel, Audubon and P.E.O. Until she gave her cello to a young relative, she continued to play it for fun and loved participating in informal (and formal) chamber music concerts.



Elinor Dunham

Elinor started a Sunday night singalong in the park that eventually drew 30 or more participants to sing old favorites, a few pop songs and some "camp songs" written by one of the group's members just for these events. Visiting (and resident) guitarists and other instrumentalists often lent accompaniment to the Sunday night gatherings, occasionally even being persuaded render solo numbers or duets; and visitors from other countries would bring songs from their native lands to share. On Christmas Eve the group would go caroling through the Park.

We've been friends for 30 Kathleen Lerner mused. (The Dunhams actu-

ally got to Sanibel via Abe and Kathleen Lerner, convenors of FISH and 'almost' family members... Kathleen shares a grandchild with the Dunhams.) "Elinor was so dear and sweet and gentle... But I was also privileged to know the wonderful and wild Elinor that was underneath — so open and uninhibited, such a delight."

'Elinor was an absolute love," her friend Anne Bellew said. "I considered her my second mother. She and Hal 'adopted' me years ago when we were all campers. Among her other talents, she was a superb seamstress and could manage to keep my clothes fit-

ting me, despite my eating habits!"

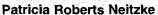
The Dunhams became permanent residents of Sanibel in 1986, after selling the home they had lived in for 43 years in Granville, and, sensibly, having their kids convene and claim whatever they wanted from it before the house went out of the family. "That was the house they grew all the way up in," she said. "That's pretty unusual now — first, to have four kids and, second, to have all four of them go all the way through school in their hometown.

Elinor is survived by her husband of 65 years, Harold J. "Hal" Dunham of Sanibel; five children — Thomas, and his wife, Barbara Davis Dunham, of Prospect, Ky.; and his wife, Mary Eaton Dunham, of Troutdale, Ore.; Sarah, of Berkeley and Martha June, of Pleasant Hill, Calif., and Rose Tanner, of Springfield, Ohio; one brother, Donald and Dorothy Nelson Eschman, Ann Arbor, Mich.; five grandchildren — June and her husband, Michael O'Connor, of East Lyme, Conn.; Sylla, and her husband, Peter Zarov, of Madison, Wisc., Ted Dunham and Jordan Lazovic of San Francisco; Yarrow Dunham of Cambridge, Mass.; and Anastasia Dunham of Parker, Calif.; five great- grandchildren — Samuel Dunham and Ethan Thomas Zarov, of Madison; and Evan Harold, Anna Elinor and James Thomas O'Connor, of East Lyme; and 14 nieces and nephews.

Elinor was preceded in death by her parents, Karl and Agnes Eschman, and two sis-- Barbara Eschman Rounseville, of Newton Center, Mass.; and Alice Eschman Rankin, of Portland, Ore.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 6, at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ on Periwinkle

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to FISH of Sanibel, Post Office Box 854, or to the First Baptist Church, 115 West Broadway, Granville, Ohio 43023.



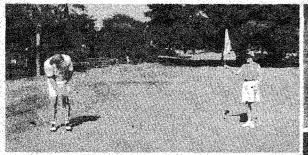
Patricia Neitzke, 69, died peacefully at home in her sleep from heart failure on Feb. 24. 2004. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio on Nov. 3, 1934, Pat was the daughter of the late Henry Baker Roberts and Helen Watson Roberts of Kalamazoo, Mich.

Pat graduated from Michigan State with honors in 1956. During her years there she served as campus and national president of American Women Students, was a proud member of Sigma Kappa Sorority and earned a degree in English. She and Edwin met there and were married in 1956.

After marriage Pat and Ed

Neitzke, see page 4

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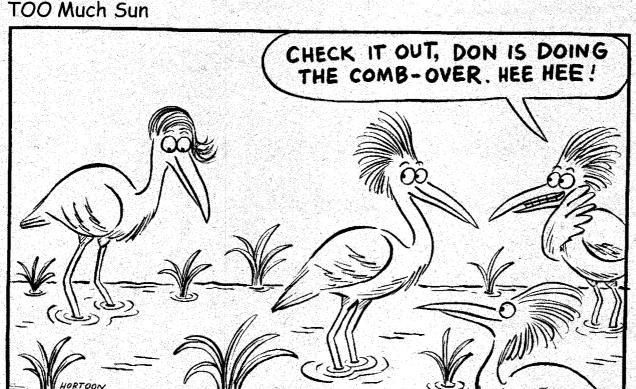
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HAPPENINGS

For items to be included on these pages, they must be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday, one week before publication date.

Coming up this week —

Friday, March 5

67th Annual Sanibel Shell Show & Fair

The 67th Annual Sanibel Shell Show and Fair will be held at the Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Island, opened yesterday and continues Friday, March 5 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Saturday, March 6 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m).

Co sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club and the Sanibel Community Association, the event features a juried shell show (with scientific and artistic exhibits) inside the Community Center and outside tents with local shells and shellcrafts for sale. There will be tables with authors signing books, specimen shells and award-winning shell art, including Sailor's Valentines.

Outside tents will feature local shells and shellcrafts for sale; food and drinks will be available. There is also a live shell exhibit manned by Sanibel School students, who are eager to share their knowledge about the live shells and sealife in the tanks (outside the Community House).

Raffle tickets are available with the drawing on Saturday afternoon, and you need not be present to win one of the seven great prices, including a week's vacation for two on Captiva.

There is a suggested donation for the inside Shell Show of \$3 and monies raised go to the Shell Club's Educational Grants, awarded to recipients studying to further the Interest of conchology. The monies raised by the Sanibel Community Association from the sale of shells and shell-crafts go to maintaining the grounds and buildings.

The event is listed as one of Florida's top attractions, drawing residents and visitors from around the world and it's featured in the March Issue of Coastal Living Magazine.

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 Herbal Gardening at ECHO

ECHO in North Fort Myers will host a three day herbal gardening celebration on March 5 - 7. The weekend will begin on Friday, March 5, with a tour of the ECHO farm at 10 a.m. The ECHO farm is a demonstration and experimental farm designed to develop techniques for family gardens and farms in the third world. Farmers, missionaries and others working in third world countries train at ECHO. At 1:30 on Friday, the ECHO staff will conduct an "Edible Landscape Workshop" demonstrating trees, shrubs and plants that can be used in the South Florida landscape to produce food as well as beauty.

The main event for the weekend will occur Saturday. There will be guided tours of the extensive herbal gardens at ECHO and demonstrations on creating container herbal gardens, building nature gardens, propagating with cuttings and transplantings, growing and using gingers and cooking with herbs. A silent auction and question-and-answer session will conclude the day's events.

Those who attend workshop sessions on either Friday or Saturday will be invited to a Sunday tour of Betsy Burdette's acre-and-a-half tropical yardscape on the Orange River. Betsy will identify the many tropical and subtropical plants and trees in her landscape and explain their uses, needs and designs in her very organized, informal yard.

Cost for the Friday Edible Landscape workshop is \$15. Cost for the Saturday events is \$25 which includes an herbal lunch and a goodie bag. Advance registration is required. Please call 543-3246 for more information or contact www.echonet.org. ECHO is located on Durance Road in North Fort Myers, one mile east of exit 143 on I-75.

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ECHO stands for Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization. It is a Christian farm where plants, trees and animals are grown to gather seeds and information to send to third world countries. ECHO also offers training and education to people interested in helping improve the lives of people in those countries and ours.

11th Annual Garage Sale

Faith United Methodist Church will hold their 11th Annual Gigantic Glory-fied Garage Sale on Saturday, March 6, starting at 7 a.m. There will be appliances, furniture, antiques and collectibles, bikes, tools, sports equipment, dishes, clothing and more. There is a live auction at 9:30 a.m.; a one-half price sale at 11 a.m. and, at noon, a "buy-the-box" sale (buy a box for \$3 and fill it up with your choice of items).

There will be a bake sale and breakfast and lunch will also be available. Proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity, mission work and community outreach. The sale will take place rain or shine. For more information call 466-9668 or the church office at 482-2030. Faith United Methodist Church is at 1560 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.

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OBITUARIES

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moved to various places across the country collecting friends along the way. They lived in Chicago, Ames, Iowa, Omaha, Skaneateles, N.Y., and Mt. Laurel, N.J., finally retiring to Sanibel in 1990.

Since moving to the island, Pat has been active in several organizations—on the board of Big Arts, as past president of Shell Islands Garden Club, and on the board of Sanibel Beautification. She was also active with her church and enjoyed the time she spent working with senior citizens on Sanibel.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years. Edwin J. Neitzke, her son and daughter-in-law Kent and Julie Neitzke, and her grandchildchildren, Lauren and Justin Neitzke, all of Mt. Laurel, New Jersey.

A memorial service was held at the Sanibel Congregational Church this past Sunday, Interment will be at the Chapel by the Sea Cemetary on Captiva Island at a later date.

Pat was a proud survivor of breast cancer (twice), and the family requests that memorial donations be sent to the National Breast Cancer Foundation or to the local Partners for Breast Cancer Care at 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers 33908.

Jean Bradley England

Jean England passed away in her home on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004. Born on March 13, 1936 in Zanesville Ohio, she moved to North Fort Myers in 1973. England was preceded in death by her husband, Robert L. England. She is survived by her children — Robert D. England, and his wife, Susan, of Fort Myers Beach, Elizabeth Morrissey, and her husband, Robert, of Lakeland, and Margaret L. McCurry, and her husband, Richard, of Sanibel; and six grandchildren — Rebecca, Brad, Katie, Kayla, Billy and Kelley.

Visitation will be held Saturday at 1 p.m., at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home & Cemetery at the end of Summerlin, with services following at St. Hilary's Episcopal Church on McGregor.

Willie Goliszeski

Twenty-eight-year-old Willie Goliszeski, a cook at Timbers for eight years and the only son of Melba Goliszeski, died suddenly Sunday morning, Feb. 29, 2004.

Memorial services will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home & Cemetery.

Mary Elizabeth Stephenson Rogers

Libby Rogers was born in Salem, Ohio on July 10, 1918 to James Byers and Edna Bush Stephenson. She grew up in Pittsburgh, the second of three girls. While a coed at the University of Wisconsin, a certain Dude Rogers spotted, pursued her and married her in 1939. Back to Madison for Dude to finish school, then Army duty in California and Arizona.

The couple settled in Sioux Falls after



Libby Rogers

the war, where they shared a wonderful life. As Dude went about the business of running a dairy with his parents, Esther and Ralph Rogers, Sr. Libby also flour-ished. Her tender love and fierce devotion to Dude and their daughter, Jan, was the focus of her generous spirit. Her talents and interests were legion. Every challenge was met with grit and grace, from biking against the wind up Minnesota Avenue hill to swimming the most miles ever in the YWCA pool.

Libby loved to serve and accomplish. She had been a trustee and on the session of the First Presbyterian Church in Sioux Falls, served as YWCA president, Red Cross board secretary, on the Children's Home Society Board President of her PEO chapter, state tennis champion, South Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame member. Mrs. South Dakota in 1958, and national Singer sewing champion. She also had a wonderful artist's eye and hand.

Libby cultivated and tended both her friendships and her gardens with great care. Her winter home on Sanibel was a warm and welcoming haven where she especially enjoyed being Gaby to her darling grandsons. Trueheart and Stephenson. Libby's sister, Florence, and her family also enjoyed those same warm beaches. Libby and her sweet dog, Angel, in her bike basket, were a familiar sight on the paths of Sanibel.

Throughout Libby's life, the thread of her Christian faith was strong, but, in her later years, her devotion and rededication to Christ gave her boundless comfort and purpose. Libby was a gallant, lovely and sincere woman. She fought to stay with us, but is grateful to be home.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 13, at 1 p.m. at the Sanibel Community Church. Please, no flowers or black dresses... and only bright ties. Memorials in Libby's name may be directed to the Sanibel Community Church Mission Program.

M. Dudley Burton

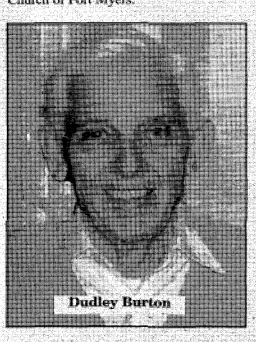
Dudley Burton of Sanibel, Florida died March 2, 2004 after a short illness.

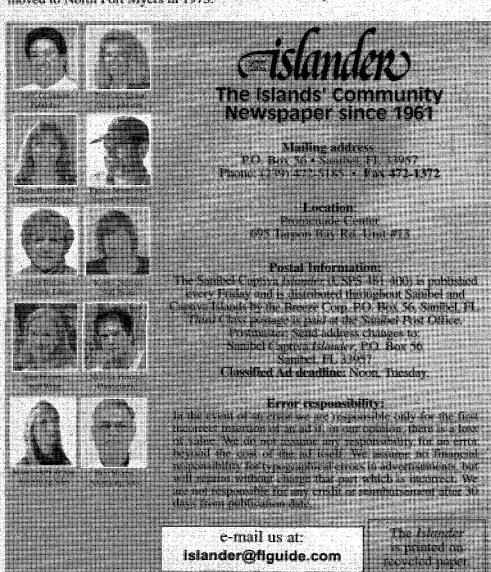
A native of Nashville, Tenn. and a 1948 graduate of Vanderbilt University Law School, Burton was an attorney who practiced in Fort Myers. He began his legal practice in Miami FL following service as a lieutenant commander in the US Navy during Worle War II. He was a member of McGregor Baptist Church, The Florida Bar Association and the Reserved Naval Officers' Association.

Burton's legal experience included many contributions to the Florida legal community as an innovator in workers' compensation law. He served as Chair of the Florida Bar Association Workers' Comp Committee, the Dade County Bar Worker' Compensation Committee, and President of the Florida Bar Workers' Compensation International Association. Burton was editor of the Workers' Compensation Section of the American Trail Lawyers Association and was an author of many articles and legal opinions published in local, state and national legal iournals. He also served as a part-time instructor at the University of Miami Law School.

Burton is survived by his wife Valois; three children — Byrn Byron of New York City, Sarah Cadwell of Sarasota, and Sandra Kerry of Douglasville, Ga. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial services are being held on Friday, March 5 at 1 p.m. at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens. Visitation is from 10 a.m. to 1 p. m. Interment will follow in Fort Myers Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, contributions be made in Burton's honor to Hope Hospice, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers 33908 or The Children's Home at the McGregor Baptist Church of Fort Myers.





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Tuesday, March 9

Chamber Box Lunch

The Sanibel-Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce will holds its monthly Box Lunch on Tuesday, March 9 from 11:30 until 1:00 p.m. at the Sanibel Community Center, 2173 Periwinkle Way. Gully's of Sanibel will provide the lunch.

George Cohan, Management and Quality Service Trainer will be the featured speaker.

Tickets for the lunch are \$10 and you must register by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 5. After that date and at the door, the cost is \$14. Call 471-1966 for reservations or email your reservation to: office@sanibel-captiva.org.

The Chamber hosts the monthly Box Lunch on the second Tuesday of every month. If you would like to help cater the luncheon at future dates, please call Ava at 471-1080, ext. 225.

Shell Islands Garden Club

"Its Raining African Violets" is the subject of the next meeting of the Shell Islands Garden Club on March 9. Lois Giles of south Fort Myers, will give a presentation on African Violets. She is a recipient of an award of merit from National Association of Garden Clubs. She has judged African Violet competitions in eight states and in 2002, was invited to judge at the Florida Council of African Violets, a major show in



Lois Giles

Orlando. She will identify different varieties and demonstrate how to start new plants. Lois will also have some plants for sale.

The Club is very proud that Faye Granberry, one of our most prominent members, won the Designers Choice Award at the Edison Festival of Light

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flower show. Always busy, she is currently coordinating the upcoming flower show at the Sanibel Historic Village.

Special thanks are in order to Jane Morgan of Captiva Island for the delightful presentation and slide program she gave at the February meeting. Jane is a noted Ikebana instructor and she provided technical advice and creative inspiration for our members and guests.

Libby Frankwich, Corresponding Secretary of Shell Islands Garden Club has graciously made her home available for our March meeting. Seating is limited. Hostesses are Di Saggau, Mona Backes, Rosalie Smith, and Lucille Dickinson.

If you have an interest in gardening, floral arranging, or horticulture, consider becoming a member. For information please call President Glenda Campbell at 472-8994.

Thursday, March 11

Women's Club to meet

The next meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Christian Women's Club will be on Thursday, March 11, at Sundial from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The lunch will feature Carol Hagerman showing and discussing her work. Betty Blackwell will speak on "Florida Sand in her Shoes and Salty Situations," music will be provided by T. Shea, and a bake sale will benefit Stonecroft Village Missionaries.

The lunch costs \$15 including tip. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Jean Wilson at 472-2017 or Eva Barbour at 4544-6948. Confirmed reservations must be paid for.

Upcoming —

F.I.S.H. Volunteer Appreciation

FISH (Friends In Service Here) will host a Volunteer Appreciation gathering on March 27 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Sanibel Community Association. All volunteers are invited to attend. Come meet your president, board members and other volunteers as well as enjoying some refreshments. Anyone interested in becoming a FISH Volunteer is also invited. Please RSVP to Virginia Green at 472-9709 by March 15.



Junque and Treasure Sale

The chairmen of the annual Junque and Treasure sale at the Sanibel Congregational Church take a break from sorting and pricing donations that will be for sale on March 13 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church, 2050 Periwinkle Way. For more information, call the church at 429-0497.

Photo right, from left: Ginny Arthur, Nancy Ake, Margaret White and Dee Hunter

Lawn and Yard Gardening Class

On Thursday, March 18 from 1 - 4 p.m., you can learn the nine principles that will help you to keep or create a beautiful and healthy lawn and yard at the Lawn & Yard Gardening Class of Lee County Extension:

There will be information on irrigation, recycling, suitable plants, planting techniques and more.

The fee is \$5 and the class will be held

at the Riverside Community Center at 3061 East Riverside Drive in Fort Myers. To register, call Lee County Extension/Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Office at 461-7514.



Chamber AfterHours

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation will host the Sanibel-Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce monthly AfterHours on Monday, March 15. The Foundation is located on 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road, approximately at mile marker 1. Doc Ford's Sanibel Rum Bar and Grille will provide the food.

Reservations must be made by Friday, March 12 before 5 p.m. for all attending. There is a \$5 charge for guests; at the door 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.

Save Our Bay open meeting

On Monday, March 15, Save Our Bay will hold an open meeting to share facts of the recent Sanibel Causeway hearing and joint meeting between the Lee County Commission and the Sanibel City Council.

Bridge experts will offer their opinions that the Sanibel Causeway drawbridge can be safely rehabilitated and that rehabilitation would be cheaper and quicker than building a new bridge. Attorney Ralf Brookes will offer a legal update.

Save Our Bay President Marie Gargano notes that, "Our experts cost many thousands of dollars to do their job to help us. Be sure to bring your checkbook to donate! Our goal is \$50,000."

The Save Our Bay Meeting will be held Monday, March 15, at 7 p.m. at The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum on Sanibel at 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Please car pool, if possible, as parking is limited! For further information, see www.saveourbay.net.

P.E.O. Reciprocity luncheon

The Lee County P.E.O. Reciprocity Spring Luncheon for members of ten Southwest Florida P.E.O. Chapters, as well as Canadian, European and winterresident P.E.O.s and their guests will be held on Saturday, March 20 at 11:30 a.m., at the Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club, 3251 Sabal Springs Boulevard in North Ft. Myers.

The board meeting at 10:30 a.m. will precede the luncheon. For reservations call 332-3986 before March 16.



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Island Seniors Bazaar

Join the Island Seniors for a fun day at the last Bazaar and Bake Sale of the season. Saturday, March 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the corner of Palm Ridge Road and Library Way. Crafts and collectibles will be for sale, such as hand-painted furniture, shell decorative items, bromiliads, hand sewn and painted clothing, calamondin marmalade, homemade salad dressings, household decorations, European soaps, a Trash 'n Treasures table and much more. There will also be a delicious array of baked goods, hot dogs, soda and coffee for sale. Shop the treasures and enjoy a leisurely lunch in the beautiful native garden... and take dessert home for later. Tables are available for rent at \$15 for Seniors members and \$20 for non-members. For more information, call Vivian at 472-8925.

The 15th Annual Caloosa Catch & Release

The Fifteenth Annual Caloosa Catch & Release will be held on June 3 - 6 at South Seas Resort, presented by Yamaha & The Maverick Boat Company

The Caloosa Catch & Release is the most prestigious single site flats tournament in Florida. Due to space limitations, the tournament field will be limited to 120 teams...no exceptions. All entries will be time stamped — first come, first served! Your paid entry will guarantee your registration into the tournament AND will guarantee and reserve a boat slip.

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- Cash will be given in "fun" categories
- All competing anglers will receive an invitation to fish The Caloosa Grand Championship
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- There will be poolside games and con-
- Two breakfasts ... three dinners ... open bars ... lunch and drinks provided for boats each day
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- Net proceeds will fund athletic scholarships at Florida Gulf Coast University and Redstart

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Island Crafts Demonstrations At Three Crafty Ladies

Free crafts demonstrations are held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

On Monday, March 8, learn about fabric applique and snippets fabric art and on Wednesday, March 10 learn about shadow stamping, an elegant stamping technique.

Three Crafty Ladies is in Heart of the Island at 1620 Periwinkle; phone 472-

At The Shell Net -

On Friday, March 5, Shell Net shellcrafter Carol will be showing how she makes shell flowers, baskets, magnets and baskets. She will be in the Shell Net in Bailey's Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. While you're there, don't miss the Sidewalk Sale in Bailey's Center on Thursday, Friday and Saturday,

Sexual Violence Symposium

The 4th Annual Sexual Violence Symposium, sponsored by Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc., and Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida, Inc. will be held on Thursday, April 22, 2004 at Sanibel Harbour Resort and Spa.

The keynote speaker, J. Eric Gentry, L.M.H.C. is a practicing psychotherapist from Tampa who specializes in treating Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and he will be speaking on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in Survivors of Sexual Violence.

Other topics include Rape Prevention-Ways to talk to Children, Understanding Offenders: Predators vs. Abusers, Sexualization in Teen Dating and Club Drugs, Juvenile Offender Treatments, Living with Victims of Trauma, Working with Families, HIV and Sexual Violence, Sexual Violence and Substance Abuse, Play Therapy for Child Survivors of Sexual, Cultural Diversity: Who you are Determines Your Response to Abuse, Ages and Stages of Sexual Abuse.

Nursing contact hours, Mental Health CEU's and Addiction Professional CEU's will be provided. NCE 3295, BAP618 EXP.3/05, CAP#99a

The cost for the symposium is \$50 and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Please call 939-2553 to make reservations by April 10, 2004.

HAPPENINGS

SCCF's 12th Annual Tennis Tournament & ... Alaska?

What does Alaska have to do with SCCF's tennis tournament (taking place April 2, 3, and 4)? How about eight-day cruise, exploring the hidden fjords and glaciers of Alaska's Inside Passage! Once again, through the efforts of Patricia Noonan, Clipper/INTRAV has generously donated a trip for two on this Signature Cruise for the silent auction.

Cruise in a category 3 outside cabin on the Promenade Deck, while enjoying the included meals, welcome and farewell cocktail receptions with the Captain, and transfers to and from the ship. When the humidity is at its peak on Sanibel, you could be enjoying the cooling breezes of the glaciers and fjords. Embark on August 28 from Alaska, with visits to Elfin Cove, Glacier Bay National Park, Skagway, Haines, Sitka and Tracy Arm. Disembark at Juneau eight days later. Experienced naturalists will be available to answer your questions and join shore excursions. This outstanding trip is valued at over \$6,000 and will go to the highest silent auction bidder at the 12th Annual SCCF Tennis Tournament.

The tournament will be held at the Dunes on April 2 - 4 and it is recognized as the premiere tennis event in the surrounding area. Over 100 players will enjoy challenging tennis and will participate in the many special activities, available only at this tournament. Watch for further details about the '50s theme cocktail event sponsored by Bank of America, the bountiful repasts provided by South Seas Resort, the excellent support of the staff at the Dunes, and of course the fine pieces of glass art provided by island artist Luc Century.

Place a bid for the dream cruise to Alaska by calling Marti Bryant at 472-2329.

Volunteers needed

Southwest Regional Medical Center and Gulf Coast Hospital are in immediate need of volunteers to assist in their gift shop. Shifts needing coverage include 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. evenings 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. and on weekends. Please call the Friendship Volunteer Resource Center at 275-4427 for details.

The Department of Children and Families is having an **Easter Egg Hunt** on April 3 and is in need of a group of volunteers to fill 1,000 plastic Easter eggs with candy. All volunteers will be helpful, but this is a great opportunity for a group or company. No time limits other than they have to be finished at least a day before the hunt. Call the Friendship Volunteer Resource Center at 275-4427 for details.

Church news

Chapmans at Sanibel Community Church

Songwriters, singers and conference speakers Steve and Annie Chapman return to Sanibel Community Church for a weekend of fun, song and encouragement. On Saturday, March 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Chapman's will conduct an all-day Marriage Enrichment Seminar. Continental Breakfast and Lunch are provided for the event. Child care is available. Registration is required; the cost is \$50 per couple and you can register at the church office or the Carpenter's Shop.

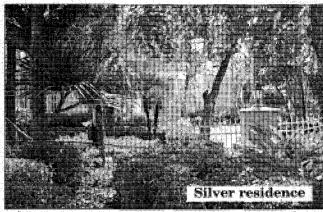
On Saturday evening at 7 p.m. the Chapman's will perform a concert for the whole community (seating is limited). On Sunday, March 21, Steve and Annie will sing and speak at all three worship services: 8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Dr. James Dobson of Focus on the Family has called Steve and Annie Chapman, "musical ambassadors to the family."

Sanibel Community Church is at 1740 Periwinkle Way. For more information call the church office at 472-2684 or visit online at sanibelchurch.com.

Peek at the Unique

March 13 is coming up fast — there are only a few days left to buy tickets to "Peek at the Unique" on a tour of four amazing homes on Sanibel. Peek at the Unique is organized by the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva; call 936-7497 for reservations and more information. The cost is \$40, with the money raised to be used for women in need in the Lee County area.

Nora Price Interiors sponsors the Silver residence, a gorgeous compound tucked into gardens which border the Gulf. Unusual and fabulous wall treatments are a special treat here.





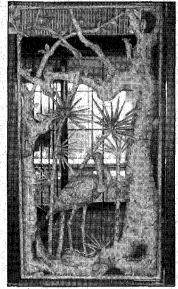


The White Heron house, sponsored by Sanibel-Captiva Trust Co. and Bob Wigley, traveled by barge from its original home on Captiva to where it now sits, on Clam Bayou. The house has undergone renovations, but always within the parameters of historic preservation.

Barrier Island Title Services sponsors Katie Gardenia's cottage. Katie is a local artist with international fame, and

from the moment you approach this house, you'll be in a magical world, not unlike the realm of her art.

George Parker Inc. is sponsoring "Clam Song", located on Clam Bayou. This home blends in with its surroundings, using unusual and replenishable materials. The front door of the home was custom made to celebrate the local flora and fauna. There will be a speaker at each home, to help guide you through the facets that make each home so special.



Local Red Cross chapter needs support

For the past 86 years, the Lee County Red Cross chapter has been serving the Lee County community. Government officials across the nation are proclaiming March 2004 American Red Cross Month. This year, the mission and message of Red Cross Month is preparedness.

In the last two years the world has seen the face of disaster change dramatically. The 2001 terrorist attacks and the elevated threat of future acts, armed conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq, and the increasing severity of natural disasters have made people more cognizant of danger. Even though awareness has risen, preparedness is still a concern. The Red Cross warns Americans to be diligent in taking steps to prevent, to prepare for, and to cope with the unexpected.

According to a study commissioned by the American Red Cross in September 2003, approximately half of those polled felt either "confident" or "very confident" about being prepared at home in the event of a natural or manmade emergency situation, but at the same time the majority of Americans have neither a disaster kit nor an emergency plan in place for their home. Confidence in workplace preparedness was another issue of concern, with the majority responding indicating they were "not confident" or "didn't know" about workplace emergency plans or procedures.

Last year there were 516 tornadoes across the Midwest and Southeast, Hurricane Isabel, mudslides, and wildfires in Southern California. In addition, there were tens of thousands of residential fires that didn't make the evening news.

Red Cross Month is a fitting time to recognize the efforts of the Lee County chapter. Since a group of Fort Myers citizens banded together to form a branch of the Red Cross association on April 24, 1917, the chapter's programs have benefited the entire community and Lee County's support is important. The Lee County chapter

has only six full-time staff members; 99 percent of the workload is performed by volunteers who give freely of their time and talents. In 2003, nearly 400 volunteers donated over 15,790 hours, providing \$253,430 in services. Each year, the Red Cross chapter provides services to more than 35,000 Lee County residents (1 out of every 14 people).

Local volunteers provide emergency aid to approximately 200 area residents annually who lose their homes to fire and feed more than 550 firefighters and other emergency personnel during fire season. Local volunteers provided emergency communication services to 269 local military families last year by verifying family emergencies and sending emergency messages to U.S. military members all over the world. The Lee County chapter educates thousands of area residents each year on important topics such as CPR, water safety, hurricane preparedness, pet first aid, and babysitting safety skills. It will be the Red Cross that provides shelter to thousands of people should they be needed during hurricane season.

Local services have increased by 226% within the last five years, but donor contributions have increased by only 25%. The local Red Cross chapter receives funding from three major sources: private donations, product and service fees, and the United Way. There is no government source of funding. One hundred percent of money raised for local projects is used exclusively for local projects.

We can all honor this organization and recognize its proud heritage of service by taking the pledge to prepare, in addition to supporting the chapter by donating generously. All Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money. For additional information about the Red Cross and the assistance it provides, making donations, or volunteering, call 278-3401, or log on to arclec.org

NURONMENT

Water levels to be lowered during shorebird migration

Thousands of shorebirds — dunlins, willets, and short-billed dowitchers; least, spotted and western sandpipers; black-bellied and semipalmated plovers; ruddy turnstones; grea ter yellowlegs; whimbrels; and red knots — have begun their annual migration north. Many of these birds will travel from the tip of South America to the Arctic Circle. Along their journey, they will use wildlife refuges as rest stops to feed and replenish fat reserves which give them energy for the long flight. The J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge is one of the first rest stops for the birds after flying over the long Caribbean Sea and therefore, is an important resting and feeding site.

In March, the refuge will be lowering water levels in the two areas of impounded waters along Wildlife Drive to periodically expose the mud flats and provide a place for short-legged shorebirds to feed. The refuge's two impoundments, covering 800 acres, are controlled by seven water control structures. These structures are left open to tidal influence for the majority of the year, but during peak migration, will be closed (with the exception of one structure in each impoundment) to simulate a low tide — yet still allow for minimal tidal flow. During this closure, the refuge biologist will monitor the salinity and dissolved oxygen levels in the impoundments to assure the draw down does not adversely impact fish and other marine

The mosquito control dike through the refuge, better known as Wildlife Drive, surrounds the two impoundments. It was originally constructed in the early 1960's to help control mosquitoes on Sanibel. Managers kept the water levels high during the summer in order to cover the mud flats so the salt marsh mosquito couldn't lay its eggs in the mud. However, keeping the water levels high compromised the health of the refuge by degrading water quality and reducing the birds' ability to feed in the higher waters. Today, management keeps the impoundments open to tidal influence to mimic the natural tidal estuary for much of the year. This benefits many native plants and animals which are dependent upon the tidal cycle, and

Water, see page 18

Seagrass Wading Trip

The shallow waters between Sanibel and Fort Myers are home to a wide variety of fascinating critters. This estuarine environment, where the freshwater of the Caloosahatchee meets the salt water of the Gulf, is one of the most productive places on earth. The seagrass beds in shallow waters provide nursery grounds and feeding areas for many species of fish and other marine life.

Come explore the wonders living below the surface of San Carlos Bay with a naturalist from the Foundation.

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You will learn about the ecology of seagrass habitats and find out what is being done to protect these valuable nurseries of the sea.

Seagrass Wading Trips are at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 9 and at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 20. The program, sponsored by the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program, is free and open to the public.

Space is limited to 16 people so reservations are required; call 472-2329 or 395-4617. Directions will be given upon reservation; the location is subject to change due to weather conditions. Wear old clothes or a bathing suit, water shoes and sunglasses and bring a towel.

SCCF resident orientation

Sanibel and Captiva residents and business people can learn more about the islands through the Resident Environmental Orientation offered by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. In March, there will be afternoon sessions on March 8, 22 and 29.

These free, four-hour sessions are open to island residents, property owners and businesses to teach them more about the area's natural systems.

Participants meet at the Foundation's Nature Center for an introduction and then travel by trolley and boat, courtesy of Captiva Cruises, to Pine Island Sound.

Space is limited and advance registration is required. For more information or to sign up, call 472-2329.

Wonderful world of warblers: program and book signing

Want to become a better birder and learn how to identify small warblers? Brightly colored, small, and active, warblers are often called "butterflies of the bird world." They are so small that most people may fail to even notice them at all! Come listen to Don and Lillian Stokes, world renowned bird experts and authors of "The Stokes, world tenowhed ond experts and addition of The Stokes field guide series" speak on this commonly misidentified group of songbirds. This exciting program will be held at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge Education Center on Tuesday, March 16 at 1 p.m. Following the program Don and Lillian will be signing their new Field Guide to Warblers, available for purchase



. Darling Wildlife Society Bookstore. Everyone is welcome to attend. For any questions please call the refuge, 2 3 9 / 4 7 2 -1100.

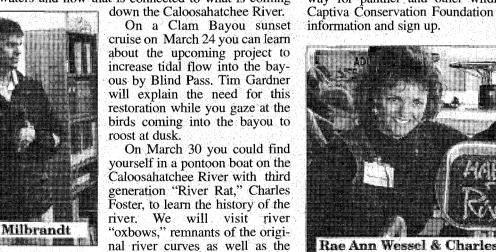
Get up to your ears on a watershed adventure

Without even getting your feet wet, The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation invites you to get up to your ears in the Caloosahatchee and Pine Island Sound watersheds. Join Watershed Adventures to visit the areas affecting the quality our back bays as well as of the water which laps our beaches.

On March 17, Erick Milbrandt, research scientist from the Conservation Foundation's Marine Laboratory, will lead a pontoon boat trip into Tarpon Bay to discuss lab research projects to measure the continued health of our area waters and how that is connected to what is coming

Franklin Locks. Leading the trip will be Rae Ann Wessel founder of the Caloosahatchee Citizens Association and a conservation Foundation board member.

Following the river cruise, you could continue on to the 90,000 Acre Babcock Ranch for an overnight in the lodge, The lodge is located on Telegraph Swamp which flows into the Caloosahatchee River. The privately owned Babcock Ranch is now the subject of negotiations for preservation by the State of Florida and both Lee and Charlotte counties for its important watershed qualities and as part of a greenway for panther and other wildlife. Call The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation at 472-2329 for more







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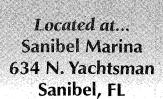
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Whooping cranes subject at next Audubon

On March 11, the fascinating account of the whooping crane project now under way in Florida will be the subject of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society's Thursday night program at the Sanibel Community House. Jack and Pat Casselberry, long-time volunteers for the project, will speak on this remarkable venture.

The whooping crane had come perilously close to extinction, reaching a population in 1941 of only 16 wild birds in the original flock migrating from north-western Canada to the southeast Texas coast. Five more were in captivity. Various methods to augment their numbers were tried with little effect. It wasn't until the late 1980's that Dr. Richard Urbanek, in cooperation with Ohio State University, the International Crane Foundation, and Michigan's Seney NWR proved the success of isolation-rearing cranes with puppet "parent" costumes. Following that mile-

stone, Canadian Bill Lishman, who had successfully reared and trained geese to follow his ultra-light aircraft, became interested in applying the technique to the faltering whoopers. The project evolved into "Operation Migration" headed by partner Joe Duff, who is in his third year of leading whooper flocks from Necedah NWR, Wisconsin to Chassahowitzka NWR, near Homasassa, Florida. It is a story unlike anything ever heard, and entails nothing less than Herculean effort on the part of Operation Migration.

The Citrus County Audubon program "Saving the Whoopers" won the Audubon of Florida education award in 2002 and has been presented throughout the state. Jack and Pat, the president and vice president of the Citrus County Audubon Society have been involved with the Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership (WCEP) project since its beginning in

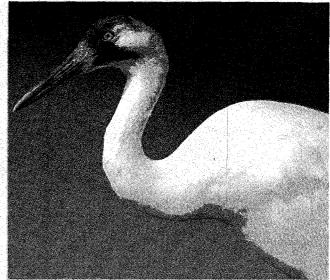
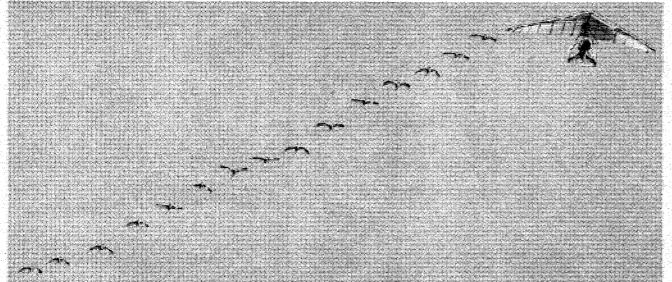
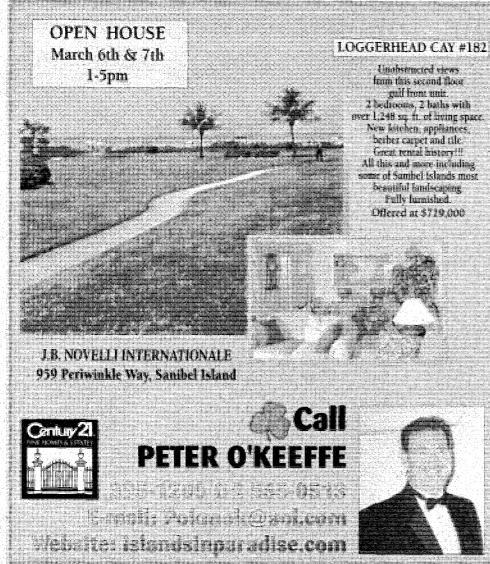


Photo of whooping cranes flying with ultra light by Matt Beck, Citrus County Chronicle. Whooping crane close-up by Takako Hashimoto.

2000, when an experimental flock of sandhill cranes was led on this migration route as a test species. They helped build an observation blind and the holding pen at the site for the first flock of whooping cranes. For two years Pat has emceed the flyover event at the flock's arrival from their 1200 mile journey. Jack dressed in the costume and helped monitor and care for the cranes.

The program will begin at 8 p.m. at the Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. Suggested donation is \$4. Parking is available on the grounds and across the street in the Periwinkle Playhouse lot (please use the pedestrian crosswalk. Please contact Jean Reuther at 415-0935 with any questions.









2004 starts with record-setting traffic at SWFIA

January was the 14th month of recordsetting passenger traffic at Southwest Florida International Airport. More than 591,000 passengers traveled through the airport, 9.5 percent more than during January 2003, which had been the busiest January in the airport's history. The halfmillion-passenger milestone has been surpassed only three times during January: in 2001, 2003 and last month.

The Air Transport Association reports that January passenger traffic declined 1.1 percent nationwide.

"More passengers are good for tourism and the region's economy overall," said Robert M. Ball, A.A.E., executive director of the Lee County Port Authority. "The increases we've seen during the past 14 months reinforce the need for the Midfield Terminal Complex." The new terminal, being built south of the airport's runway, will open with 28 aircraft gates; the current terminal has 17. Construction

is scheduled to be completed in spring 2005

Air freight volume also increased during January by more than 13 percent for the month. More than 3 million pounds of air freight were moved through the airport. For more information, log onto www.SWFIA.com.

Freddy the Alligator is busting out

Freddy the Alligator is on the road making surprise appearances throughout Lee County. The image of the South Florida Water Management District's mascot is riding free of charge on the backs (and sides) of 10 LeeTran buses, and lucky drivers who wind up face to face with the comical caricature may even forget the frustrations of seasonal snarls on area roads. But they won't forget Freddy's message - "Water Wisely ... Conservation Starts in Your Backyard!"

The slogan is the theme of the SFWMD's recently introduced program

that expands water conservation measures from a winter-only exercise to a year-round standard. The campaign has a dual focus safeguard water supplies and help homeowners grow healthy, beautiful landscapes with less water.

It's Freddy's job to spread the message to area residents and LeeTran volunteered to help. Lee County's public transportation department is donating the premium space, and Freddy will hop off a bus only if a paying customer makes application for an advertising panel.

Historically, limits on landscape watering would go into effect from November to May, the dry season with little rainfall. It's also the high demand time, when visitors and seasonal residents arrive and food crops need irrigation.

"Residents often believe the abundant summer rains from June through October signal the time of the year that conservation isn't necessary," said SFWMD conservation officer Bruce Adams. "Actually, we rely on the summer rains to replenish our water reserves. That hasn't been happening, and summer is the time of the year when

water conservation is virtually effortless."

Shutting off sprinklers during and after rainfall helps prevent mold, damaged roots and other landscape woes. Using a broom instead of a hose to "sweep" sidewalks and driveways saves otherwise wasted water (and Freddy says it adds a bit of healthy activity to life).

Check the area for hardware stores, nurseries, landscapers and libraries that have partnered with the SFWMD and are distributing brochures with tips about how to nurture landscapes by reducing the amount of water used.

For more information about SFWMD's landscape irrigation measures, conservation information and water-saving tips, visit sfwmd.gov on the Web or call (239) 338-2929.





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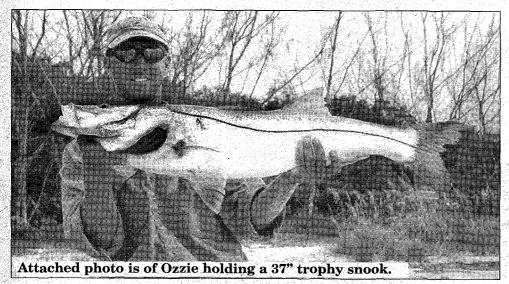


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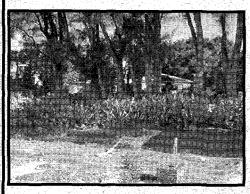


This coming Tuesday, March 9th, 2004, the Sanibel Island Fishing Club will be holding its monthly meeting. The meeting will began at 6:30 p.m. at the Sanibel Island Community Center located at 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL. This month, s featured speaker is Captain Ozzie Lessinger. His presentation will begin shortly after 7:00 p.m. in the main auditorium. The presentation is free and the fishing public is welcome to attend.

Captain Lessinger has been a professional guide for the past 10 years. He currently fishes out of McCarthy, s Marina and focuses his skills on light tackle fishing for snook, redfish, trout and tarpon. He and his anglers have won the Caloosa Catch and Release Tournament an unprecedented three times and places second several times over the past few years. He has also won the Redsnook Series Tournament out of Punta Gorda, and finished 4th in the statewide Pro Redfish Tour, 2002. Ozzie is considered by many local anglers to be one of the top ten fishing guides currently active in all of Lee County. To contact Ozzie for charters please call him directly at 472-9074.

His presentation on March 9th will focus on the spring activities of redfish, snook and tarpon. He will demonstrate the various techniques he uses to catch up to 43" snook and 28" sea trout. For those Islanders interested in learning more about championship inshore fishing this will be a program that you will not want to miss! The Sanibel Island Fishing Club meets monthly and has fishing seminars, outings and other social events throughout the year. If you are interested in joining the club, please drop us a line at The Sanibel Fishing Club, P.O. Box 1121, Sanibel, FL 33957 or call Charles Sobczak, President, at 472-0491.

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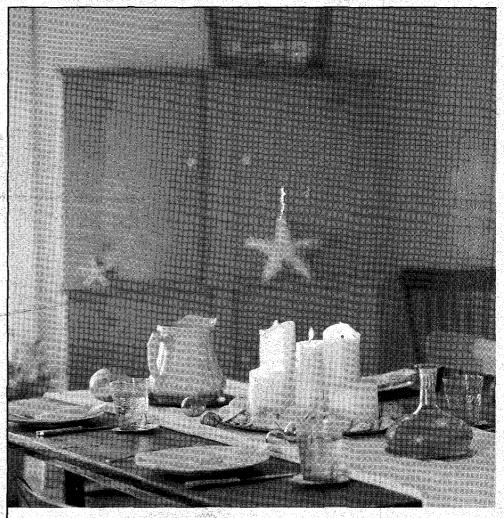


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SERVICE CLUBS

Kiwanis

Submitted by Bob Wimbush

Ed. note: See page 11B in the "B" section for a preview of the upcoming San-Cap Revue, the Kiwanis' annual variety show. It's playing tomorrow, Saturday, March 6.

To see Kiwanis up close, visit a meeting. The club breakfasts every Tuesday at the Dunes.

There will be a Blood Drive on March 23 - details to be announced.

Kiwanis scholarships

Any Sanibel or Captiva resident or full time island worker or worker's immediate family member who attends or has been accepted to attend one of Florida's public universities or colleges is eligible to receive \$1,500 per year for four years from Kiwanis. There are no age restrictions. Two of the five scholarships currently awarded by the club's foundation have been fulfilled and will be re-awarded this year. One was awarded last year. A select — and anonymous — committee of non-Kiwanians chooses recipients.

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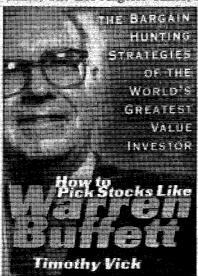
Nationally known investment analyst joins The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company Board

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company is pleased to announce Timothy P. Vick has been confirmed as the newest member of its Board of Directors. Vick also serves as a portfolio and investment advisor to The Trust Company 's Investment Team as well as the senior investment analyst for Arbor Capital Management.

"Tim's investment expertise has earned him a national reputation of the highest caliber," said S. Albert D. Hanser, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company. "1 believe his continuing contributions to our wealth management services have greatly benefited our clients and their portfolios."

Vick is a nationally known investment analyst and valuation expert. He is considered one of the leading authorities on value investing and the methods of Benjamin Graham and Warren Buffett. His recent book, How to Pick Stocks Like Warren Buffett, is a best selfer. His returns for clients rank in the top 1% of all U.S. managers since 1999.

Vick has appeared on CNBC and CNN and has been quoted by The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post,



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Barron's, The Chicago Tribune, as well as numerous newspapers financial тадаzines, Mr. Vick holds a master's degree in management from Pardue University and an undergraduate degree in history and economics. Prior to joining the securities industry, he was an award winning business government, and investigative journalist in Chicago.

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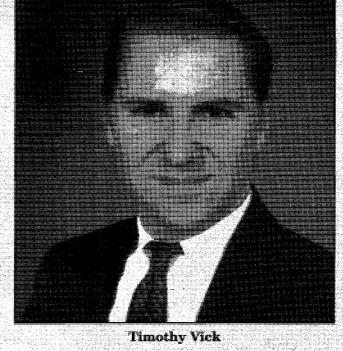
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From the Sanibel Police...

Residential burglary security tips

Traveling criminals are currently within our area. Be alert and careful to suspicious persons in your neighborhood.

On Feb. 23, a residence in Beachview Estates was burglarized. The criminal(s) stole \$100,000 worth of jewelry. The home was accessed through the rear sliding glass doors that had been left unlecked.

On Jan. 23, the Sanibel Police Department responded to a complaint of illegal solicitors in the Beachview Estates community. The solicitors were located and issued notice to appear for violation of City Ordinance. During the field interview the defendants identified themselves as members of a criminal organization known as the "Gypsies."

Here are several crime prevention tips that should prove helpful:

- Lock all doors and windows
- Engrave valuable household items with specific identification and video or photo
- Keep bushes and trees trimmed
- Never hide keys outside your home
- Let a neighbor know when you are out of town and let them know who should and should not be at your home when you are gone
- Install and maintain good lighting; use timers to turn lights on and off

- Install deadbolt locks, solid doors, security hinges and striker plates
- · Secure glass sliding doors with pins
- · Look around as you approach your
- Close your overhead garage door before exiting your vehicle
- Never open your door to a stranger. If they claim to be representing a business, call to verify that they do in fact work for that business. Have them produce identification
- Make sure your alarm system is on when you are home, or away from home
- Organize a neighborhood watch program, if there is not one in place
- Contact Sanibel Police Department for dark house/vacation checks.

If you observe any suspicious activity at your home or your neighbors, contact the Sanibel Police Department at 472-3111 as soon as possible.

Spring Break starts March 15

The Sanibel School will be closed for Spring Break from March 15 - 22; classes will resume on Tuesday, March 23.

We urge everyone to enjoy the time off, but be mindful that children will be out and about. Caution should be used at all times but most particularly in the evenings. Have a safe and happy Spring

Ask your Sheriff

By Rod Shoap

Americans are bombarded daily with information and, unfortunately, not all of it is true. This information comes to us via the Internet, e-mails, TV, radio, telephone, U.S. mail and newspapers - even chatting around the office water cooler.

Intentional misinformation become criminal when it is used to defraud people and coerce them into buy-

ing products, goods or services. Hoaxes include chain letters, sympathy scams, product warnings, file giveaways, health scares. false investment opportunities, product boycotts. nonexistent rebate offers. credit-repair and credit-card offers as well as low-interest loans. Often times the sender will request a dona-

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Rod Shoap

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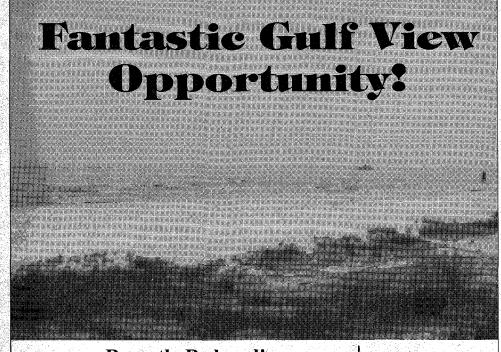
The key to reducing and eliminating a fraud, hoax or misinformation is to verify the information before you

repeat it.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office works in partnership with our community. We have crime prevention specialists that can speak to you or any group to which you belong about this and other safety topics.

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Fit'n'Trim: G is for Glycemic Index

by Claudia Burns Special to the Islander

Type 2 (adult-onset) diabetes is epidemic in the United States today. Even children are developing this potentially life-threatening disease.

What causes this condition and why is it so widespread in our country?

Experts agree that the culprits include Over-consumption of processed carbohydrates and the sedentary lifestyle that many Americans fall into.

They also concur that diet and exercise can counteract this type of diabetes. Avoiding simple and starchy carbohydrates plus increasing activity levels can actually halt and reverse type 2 diabetes and eliminate the necessity for insulin supplements.

Here's where the glycemic index comes in. This fairly new nutritional tool is a measurement of how quickly foods turn into glucose (blood sugar) after they enter the digestive tract.

Starchy vegetables, sugar, and processed grains are high on the glycemic index because they convert rapidly to glucose. Whole grains have a somewhat lower glycemic index because their fiber slows down the digestive process. Nonstarchy vegetables have such a low index, you may eat them without compunction. Protein and fat have little or no effect on blood sugar.

The highest glycemic index is 100, the rating for glucose. White potatoes earn a 95 — almost at the top of the chart — whereas sweet potatoes rate a 55, which is considered moderate. White bread is right

up there with white potatoes at 95 — but whole grain breads are down around 50, and 100% whole grain breads are even lower. Sugar and honey come in at 75, while fructose (the sugar found in fruit) is only 22. White rice gets a 70 and brown rice a 55. Many cereals are up in the 70's, except for oatmeal, which rates a moderate 55. Fruits are rich in fiber and nutrients but they contain sugar, so many fall in the high 60's. Nonstarchy vegetables, which have little or no sugar, but are also full of vitamins, minerals, and fiber, rank from 0-15.

Doctors and nutritionists are starting to advise their patients that high-glycemic foods are probably the chief cause of obesity because they stress the body's insulin system. I'll be talking about insulin in a future article, but for now, if you're trying to manage your weight, just avoid high-glycemic foods such as starchy vegetables, sugars and processed grains and fill up on protein, healthy fats and nonstarchy vegetables.

By the way, there are a number of books at the library that discuss the glycemic index, including the Sugar Busters! series, and there is ample information, plus charts, on the internet. Happy surfing!

Fit'n'Trim, Weight Management from A to Z, meets for a half hour each Friday at 11:30 a.m. in Heron Hall at the Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way (across from Periwinkle Place shopping center). Doors open at 11 a.m for weigh-in. \$5 suggested donation per meeting.

Paintball causing eye injury increase among children

In just two decades, paintball has quickly established itself as one of the fastest growing and most exciting outdoor participation sports. However, as enthusiasm for the sport increases so have the number of injuries directly related to the game. The United States Consumer Products Safety Commission's National Electronic Injury Surveillance System, a division that monitors incidents seen in 100 hospital emergency rooms across the United States, reported that in the last two years, 64 children were treated at emergency rooms with paintball related eye

injuries. With the increasing number of children playing the sport, ophthalmologists at Nemours urge parents to pay special attention to making sure their children have and wear proper safety headgear.

One of the primary catastrophic paintball injuries includes serious damage to the eye, in some cases, resulting in blindness - an outcome that is preventable if appropriate safety headgear is worn. By exercising common sense and following safety rules, paintball can be a safe sport - but the dangers remain. "Paintball eye

Holistic Health Notebook: Dem Bones Part II

By Carol Simontacchi Special to the Islander

According to the US government, up to 80% of all health problems could be avoided if we made simple lifestyle changes. Wow, that is good news, isn't it? Maybe not. It means we have to make changes — and we hate change.

"Simple lifestyle changes" can certainly help prevent osteoporosis. The specter of breaking bones and a dowager's hump sends a chill through most of us women. We would like to be fully upright as we walk through our senior years.

Outside of diet, the most important thing we can do to help prevent bone loss is exercise (the dreaded "E" word). And not just any type of exercise. The best forms of exercise for the bones are "bone-jarring" activities like walking, tennis, jogging, dancing, and weight lifting, preferably several times per week. Luckily, Sanibel provides many opportunities to work out, with miles of walking trails, several workout facilities and numerous personal trainers who do house calls. Other than a bad case of ennui, what excuse do we have?

Secondly, get some sleep. Bones are remodeled at night during deep sleep cycles. Unfortunately, Americans are chronically sleep deprived by 1-1/4 hours per night.

Inadequate sleep robs the bones in several ways. Bones have less time to rebuild. Insomnia increases the release of stress hormones, which further depletes the body's ability to build and repair, because cortisol is a "break-down" hormone, not a building hormone. Chronic fatigue causes sugar and caffeine cravings, and we learned last week how damaging sugar and caffeine are to the health of the bones.

Retire each evening prior to 10 p.m., make your bedroom totally dark to

injuries may now be the most common cause of blinding eye trauma treated at our clinics, more common than BB gun injuries. Paint ball ocular injuries are usually quite painful, and are challenging to manage," said Robert W. Hered, M.D. Chief of Ophthalmology at the Nemours Children's Clinic-Florida.

enhance the release of melatonin, and enjoy eight hours of deep, restful sleep each night.

Medical Issues In Osteoporosis

If you have several risk factors for thinning bones, it would not hurt to get your thyroid checked. Because the thyroid gland controls the metabolic rate of the entire body, the ability of the body to rebuild bone is impaired if the thyroid is not operating at peak efficiency.

Women, if you are in the perimenopausal or menopausal period of life, ask your doctor to check your estrogen, progesterone, and testosterone levels. Testosterone is a building hormone, and while women don't normally produce very much, they do need to maintain low levels of testosterone to help maintain muscle and bone density. Just as low levels of estrogen can be supplemented, so can testosterone. Holistically minded physicians are now looking at testosterone supplementation as a means of improving overall energy and health.

One more thing: Osteoporosis is really a juvenile disease. Not that children and teenagers are diagnosed as osteoporotic but that bone loss can begin in the early years, given the typical American diet.

The two favorite "food groups" of the average American teenager (sugar and soft drinks) rob the body of bone-building nutrients during those years when the bones are supposed to be the strongest. Poor nutrition sabotages bone mineralization during childhood and adolescence, so when they (as adults) approach menopause, their bones will not be dense enough to carry them through to the end of their lives. Start now! Prevent and build!

For more information, contact Carol Simontacchi at the Island Nutrition Center (472-4499).

Dr. Hered's counterpart in Wilmington, Delaware, agrees, "Paintball markers are not toys," reminds Sharon S. Lehman, MD, Chief of Ophthalmology at the Nemours Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, who additionally maintains faculty positions at

Paintball, continued right

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Crime down in Lee County

Crime in unincorporated Lee County fell 6.8 percent in 2003, reflecting a downward trend started in 2002. Total reported major crimes in unincorporated Lee fell by 819, from 12,090 to 11,271.

The crime rate of 3.57 crimes per 100 residents is the lowest in over a decade.

"I attribute the decrease to the hard work and dedication of the men and women of the Sheriff's Office and to the partnership and support of the Lee County commissioners, residents and the business community." said Sheriff Rod Shoap

community," said Sheriff Rod Shoap.
Shoap said he was pleased with the 12.7 percent reduction in violent crimes.

Leading the decline was a 39.1 percent reduction in murder, from 23 in 2002 to 14 in 2003.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement records seven major crime categories, and Lee's numbers fell in all but burglary:

Murder: 39.1 percent decline
Aggravated assault: 14.2 percent

Robbery: 10.5 percent decline Motor vehicle theft: 9.9 percent

Theft: 8.5 percent decline

Forcible sex offenses: 8.1 percent decline

Burglary: 1.4 percent increase

Despite the decrease in reported crime, sheriff's deputies made 4.4 percent more arrests than the prior year.

An Excel spreadsheet of the statistics will be forwarded to members of the

Media inquiries can be directed to Public Information Office at 477-1340.

Crime Categories	2000	2001	2002	2003	Difference (2002 - 2003)	% Difference (2002 - 2003)
Murder	13	11	23	14		
Forced Sex Crimes	235	214	236	217		
Robbery	340	348	382	342		
ggravated Assault/Stalking	655	815	859	737		
Burglary	2448	2762	2924	2964	40	1,4%
Theft	6142	6644	6379	5838		
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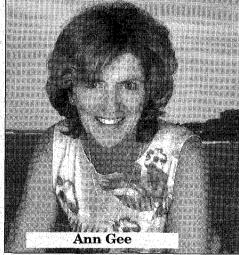
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Top Sales Agent at John Gee

Ann Gee was the top sales agent with John Gee & Company for the month of January

She has been successfully selling real estate for John Gee & Company for nearly two years. Ann prides herself on customer service and prompt response to phone and email inquiries. She specializes in Gulf front condos and homes on the island and in Fort Myers.







Paintball, from below left

both Jefferson Medical College and the Wills Eye Hospital in Pennsylvania. "Paintballs can deliver an incredible amount of force and cause serious eye injuries that can lead to permanent visual loss," said Dr. Lehman.

What is Paintball

Paintball is a gelatin sphere, filled with a water soluble non-toxic dye that measures 17mm in diameter and weighs 3.5 grams. A paintball can travel at velocities of up to 205 mph!

According to statistics from the Sporting Goods Manufacturing Association (SMGA) International's 2003 Superstudy of Sports Participation, paintball has grown 47.5% from 5.9 million players in 1998 to 8.7 million in 2002. In the process, its has become a \$370 million market. Nearly 90% of "frequent" paintball players are aged 12-24 years, while the average age is 17.9 years. The study defines a "frequent" participant as somebody that plays an average of 15 days a year.

Protecting your eyes from a direct paintball hit

Children playing paintball should be wearing a specially designed paintball mask made to withstand the impact of a

paintball. Most come with face shields and eye armor that offers further protection by covering the forehead, ears and jaw.

"If parents are going to allow their children to participate in this sport, they must supervise them to ensure that they wear the proper safety equipment at all times," said Dr. Lehman.

Nemours tips to playing paintball safely:

- Parents must ensure that their children know the masks are not an option but rather an important protective necessity
- Purchase eye protectors that conform to the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) F1776 (1997) or carry the Protective Eyewear Certification Council's (PECC) certification seal
- Make sure your children never remove their goggles for any reason while playing paintball or cleaning their markers
- Make certain all persons in the vicinity of the paintball marker are wearing protective eyewear because of the potential for inadvertent discharge
- All children should be well versed

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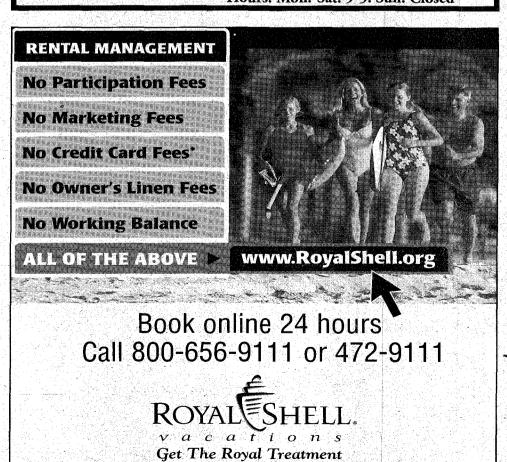
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allows fish and other aquatic species to use the mangrove-rimmed impoundments as a breeding ground and nursery.

The common wildlife management practice of seasonally manipulating water levels will not compromise the health of the fisheries or mosquito control objectives because peak mosquito breeding season and spawning fish use the impoundments at different times of the year

Providing habitat for migratory birds is a common responsibility of the National Wildlife Refuge System and the primary reason the "Ding" Darling NWR was established. The refuge's water management reflects the ecosystem approach by providing shorebird habitat during peak migration, allowing fish access to the impoundments to use as a nursery and breeding grounds, and maintaining water quality for all species.

Telephone number portability

Among the promises of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 was the creation of an environment in which consumers - business and residential - would not only have choices about service providers, but would have the ability to change carriers without interrupting service.

With the advent of local portability, consumers may begin to see the promise of open competitive telephone markets come to fruition.

Local number portability refers to the ability of a consumer to change telephone service providers without having to change phone numbers, providing the consumer remains within the same geographic area. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) determined that forcing customers to change phone numbers each time consumers changed carriers could serve as a deterrent in a competitive market place. The FCC reasoned that for residential customers, notifying family, friends and key providers such as physicians of changes

in a phone number might prove to be reason enough to stay with a carrier. For businesses, switching carriers could involve far greater expense, including changing stationery, business cards and notifying clients on a regional, national and international basis.

To make the transition from one carrier to another smoother, the FCC mandated number portability for wireline carriers first. In Florida, the three largest telephone service providers (BellSouth, Sprint and Verizon) implemented number portability in 1999. These carriers were permitted by the FCC to impose a monthly charge for five years to finance the upgrades to their networks to make number portability possible. That charge will disappear from Sprint customers bills in February, 2004, from Verizon bills in March, 2004 and from BellSouth bills in May, 2004.

More recently, the FCC imposed the same number portability requirements on wireless carriers in the nation's 100 largest metropolitan areas, and outside of those 100 metropolitan areas in six months. This means that by the middle of 2004, consumers should have the ability to change from one wireless carrier to another or change wireline service to a wireless carrier and keep their existing phone number. The transition may come with a price tag because wireless carriers are permitted to charge a fee to cover their costs and these fees may vary

The FCC advises that for a wireless-to-wireless transfer, your phone number should work within a few hours of changing providers. For a wireline to wireless transfer the transition may take several business days to

(Note: The Metropolitan Statistical Areas in Florida where wireless-to-wireless number portability is mandatory immediately are Tampa, St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Miami, West Palm Beach, Boca Raton, Jacksonville, Orlando, Fort Lauderdale and Sarasota-Bradenton,)

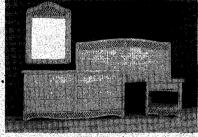
For consumers considering a switch, some thoughts to keep in mind:

- Call the carrier to which you are considering switching your telephone service and advise them of your intention. The prospective new carrier should begin the process with your existing carrier.
- Do not terminate service with your existing carrier without initiating service with a new carrier.
- Consumers are responsible for any early termination fees that are included in a contract with an existing carrier.
- For consumers moving wireline service to a wireless carrier, do not assume your existing long distance service moves with you. Check with the prospective new carrier about long distance service before initiating a change.

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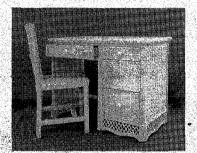
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in proper safety techniques, for example using a plastic insert - called a barrel plug — that prevents paintballs from accidentally being discharged while players are not involved in an

Nemours provides institutions and services to improve the health of children. Employing 400 subspecialty physicians and surgeons, Nemours cared for more than 233,000 children during more than 883,000 patient visits in 2002, making Nemours one of the nation's largest pediatric subspecialtygroup practices. The most visited health care Web site online for children and teens, www.kidshealth.org is a project of Nemours. Additional information can be found www.nemours.org

Community Foundation presents annual grant awards

More than 100 guests gathered at the Sanibel Community Association on Feb. 25 to celebrate the Community Foundation's Annual Charity Grant Presentation.

Board Members Liddy Johnson and Brenda Harrity presented 12 non-profits and the City of Sanibel with grant awards totaling \$67,270. The Sanibel School Fund received the largest award, a grant in the amount of \$25,000.



Marjorie Madden, County Commissioner Bob Janes and Community Foundation Board President John Madden.



from Sanibel-Captiva Company and Rudy and Sandy Zahorchak.

"It is with great pride that we support these organizations that make Sanibel a unique and caring place for all," said Johnson. Contributions from individual and business members of the Foundation's Bailey Society made these grants possible.

The Foundation also announced an allocation of \$10,000 to the foundation's Good Neighbor Fund. Francis Bailey, board member and long-time supporter of the Community Foundation said, "The Good Neighbor Fund is a very important resource for our community. It was created to provide one-time emergency assistance to Island residents and workers in need.

Board President John Madden thanked the Foundation's Board of Directors and Bailey Society members for their support. He encouraged everyone to give, even those who are part-

time residents. "Although I never made any money in this town, it would be inconceivable for me not to leave any money here — given how much time I have spent on these Islands and how much I have enjoyed every minute." Madden also spoke about the Community Foundation's ability to work with donors to establish dif-

ferent types of funds to benefit the charities or causes of their choice.

The evening was sponsored by Bank of the Islands, Sanice.
Company Sanibel-Captiva Henderson Franklin Starnes & Holt, P.A. Entertainment was provided by Maureen Steger and David McGrath.

Since its inception in 2000, the Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva has awarded more than \$253,000 in grants to non-profits serving the Islands. The Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva is an affiliate of the SW Florida Community

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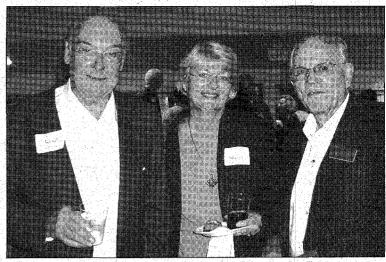
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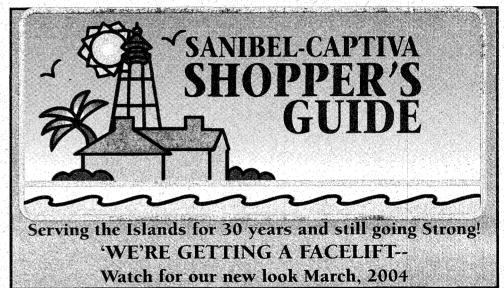
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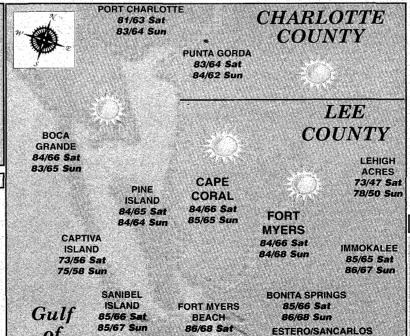
oundation which has current assets of \$32 million.

With an annual contribution of \$150 for individuals and \$250 for businesses, you too can join the Bailey Society and help support the important work being done in your community. For more information, please call the Foundation at 274-5900, or visit the Foundation's Web site at sanibelcommunity.com.



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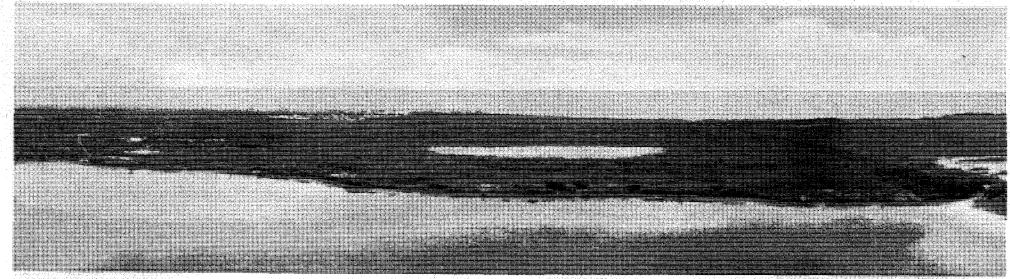
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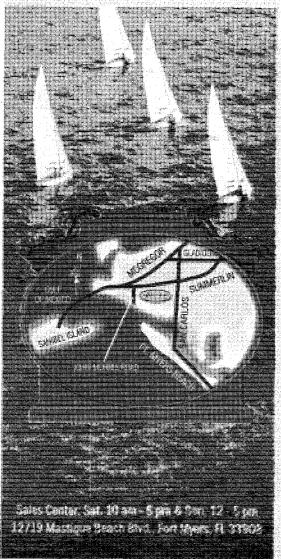




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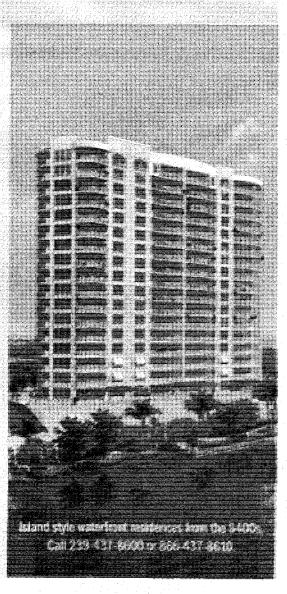




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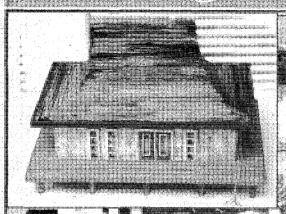




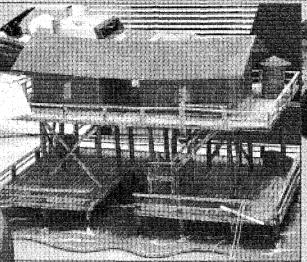
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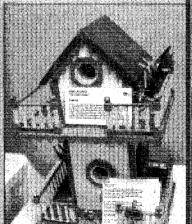


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this coming Monday, March 8th, is everyone's chance to swing to the inusity of the Larry Elgari Orchestra and the persuasive sounds of auctioneer Warren Schwab at the Swing Like A Bird fundraiser for the intern programs at SCCF and BIG Arts.

This first-of-its-kind joint fundraiser includes a full evening of silent and live auction fun as well as delicious food, drink, and music. Hand-made, origi-

delicious food, drink, and music. Hand-made, original birdhouses of all shapes and sizes have been created and donated by local artists for this event. Some
will be included in the allent auction, while others
will be auctioned live at the event by Schwab.

One of them, a masterpiece built by Dean
Skaugstad, Chief PooBah of the Hammerheads and
immediate past president of SCCF's board, and painted by Laurel Ball of the Sambel Post Office (that place
just breeds artists!) is Doc Ford's Bilogical Supply Co.
and Home. Two "Doc Fords" were constructed—one
was donated by Skaugstad to Rarely Wayne White,
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White has on display at Doc Ford's Rum Bar on
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fundraiser; and White will sign the structure for the len birker next week.

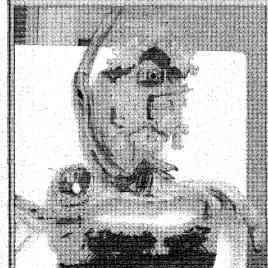
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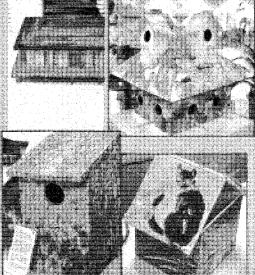
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The evening is sponsored by "Tween Waters Ian and Bank of the Islands, Tickets are \$40 with all proceeds benefiting the intern programs of both BIG Arts and the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. Make reservations by calling 395-0900.







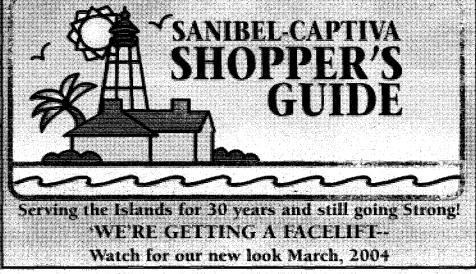


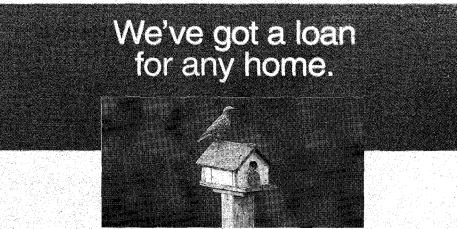


Potpourri



For the month of March, Hirdie Girdie Gallery is featuring the work of islander Jo Mullen. There will be a reception for the watercolorist on Monday, March 8th, from 5 to 8 p.m. Mullen has designated PAWS as the charity to benefit from the sale of artwork that evening





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Show at the Sanibel Library

The Sanibel-Captiva Art League and the Sanibel Public Library invite the public to visit the Library and see over 150 works of art. The League artists' works include watercolors, acrylics, oils and hand-pulled prints, woodcuts, collages and batiks. Styles range from traditional to abstract. Florida themes as well as subjects from all over the world are in this large and interesting exhibition.

Although the show is not juried, Douglas Flynt, M.A., M.F.A. will judge the entries and award 10 prizes ranging from \$25 to \$200. A reception will be held on Monday, March 8th, from 5 to 7 pm in the Ground Floor Meeting Room of the Library. Awards will be presented at that time.

The Library is open from 9 am to 8 pm on Mondays and Thursday, and from 9 am am to 5 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

Most of the paintings are for sale with 20 percent of the sale price donated to the library. This donation and Florida Sales Tax are included in each price. Buyers may phone the artists to arrange the sale and shipping, if necessary.

The league sponsors an Open Portrait Studio at BIG Arts every Tuesday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. during January, February, and March. Models will wear a variety of costumes appropriate to both indoor and outdoor sessions. All local artists are welcome; there is a charge of \$4 per session. Call Eleanor Gause for additional information at 472-5267.

Each Thursday the League also sponsors outdoor painting sessions. Any artist, amateur or professional, is welcome to participate. These sessions begin at 9 a.m. and break for a brown-bag lunch and friendly critique at noon.

March 4 — Castaways, San-Cap Road just before Blind Pass Bridge

March 11 — Castaways March 18 — SCCF, San-Cap Road, Mile Marker 1

March 25 — SCCF

Call Joan Bitzer at 472-0935 for more information.

String Band concert

The City of Fort Myers String Band, and the City of Fort Myers Recreation Division will present a free concert, Sunday, March 14th, at 2 p.m. in the Hall of 50 States ballroom, 2254 Edwards Drive in downtown Fort Myers.

The March concert will have an all-Irish theme, featuring Sue Groskreutz as recorder soloist on Sailor's Hornpipe and Irish Washerwoman, in addition to assisting in directing the band.

Groskreutz is a college music teacher from Chicago, Ill. and has been in the area for three years. She is the national president of the American Recorder Teacher's Association and has a Master's in Music Education from the University of Illinois with major in piano and violin. Currently, she is a violinist in the Charlotte Symphony in Southwest Florida. Also, she plays in a trio using chamber music composed between 1400 and 1700.

Saxophonist Ed Melton, will perform on all of his instruments — tenor, alto, soprano and baritone saxes.

For further information, call 334-3330 or 338-2287.

Concerts at Shell Point

Shell Point Retirement Community will host two more concerts in the month of March.

Sunday, March 7th, 6 p.m. — Matthews Brothers

In sacred and classical music, Ron and Gary Matthews are one of the most gifted and dynamic duets in North America. Their combined talents feature vocals, piano, organ and trumpets, making their performances rare and uplifting experiences in music and worship. This concert is part of the Village Church Season of Praise and is free of charge. Tickets available at the door the evening of the concert. Please call 454-2147 the day of the concert to ascertain ticket availability.

Sunday, March 28th, 6:00 p.m. — C y n t h i a

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and proclaiming the Gospel, ranging from television appearances to onstage with the Billy Graham Crusades. Her creativity, wide range, and incredible voice make her a singer's singer and an inspiring concert performer. This concert is part of the Village Church Season of Praise and is free of charge. Tickets available at the door the evening of the concert. Please

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The Village Church in Shell Point Retirement Community is located on Shell Point Boulevard, just



Cynthia Clawson

before the Summerlin and McGregor intersection in Fort Myers, approximately two miles after the Sanibel Causeway.

Rehearsal open to public

The Southwest Florida Symphony, in conjunction with The City of Fort Myers Recreation Division, will offer a free musical evening and other arts activities during Art Soup, Wednesday March 24. This final event of the Art Soup season series will take place from 5:30-8 p.m. at Riverside Community Center, 3061 East Riverside Drive in Fort Myers. This Art Soup event will also have an exhibit and

sale of children's art created by students at Renaissance Montessori School.

The Maestro Paul Nadler will discuss the upcoming classical concert, Grand Creations, during "Concert Insights" at 6:15; open rehearsal will commence at 7 p.m. In addition, live art demonstrations, refreshments, and a sunset dinner for a nominal fee are also part of the Art Soup tradition.

Reservations are required for dinner; call the Recreation Division at 338-2287.

Dana Paul to appear

From Thursday, March 25th, through Saturday, March 27th, island favorite and one of Florida's leading jazz vocalists Dana Paul will be joined by "Mr. 88s," Joe McCormick, from 8 p.m. to midnight at Dolce Vita on Periwinkle Way.

A major player in the Florida music scene, Dana Paul was selected 2001 Florida Music Awards Best Jazz Artist and, in 1999, was voted Reader's Choice Best Local Jazz Performer. Dana is also featured vocalist with South Florida's most extraordinary big band, the Peter Graves' Atlantean Driftwood Band, which was host band of the annual Sanibel Jazz on the Green festival.

His greatest live musical moment and memory—trading scat solos with the perfecter of art of jazz vocalese, John Hendricks, at Jazz on the Green.

"Dana is simply a great scat singer," says Scott Siler, producer of Jazz on the Green. "He's also a real bluesy

singer with a deep, rich soulful sound."



Born on Nantucket Island, he grew up in a musical family — his dad in demand as a tenor sax man in the Boston area, and his mom the manuscript copier of arrangements for society gigs. By the time he was 13, Dana's family had moved to Miami and he began playing trumpet in the junior high school band. As the saying goes, the rest is history.

Whether you're listening to Paul's rendition of "You Don't Know What Love Is" with his subtle, drop-dead bluesy phrasing and vocal range, or the breakneck speed lyric and extraordinary vocal percussion solo on his original vocal version of Chick Corea's "Sicily," you know he's right where he belongs. You're just glad you're along for the ride!

Paul's latest CD is Dana Paul Live — Land of Make Believe, released in 2000.

Reservations are recommended for Paul's performances at Dolce Vita — call 472-5555.

Pulitzer play at Canterbury

On Thursday and Friday, March 18th and 19th, Canterbury School will present *You Can't Take it With You* by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman with the curtain goingup at 7 p.m. in the school's Performing Arts Center.

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 does not take the audience long, however, to realize that, if the Sycamores are crazy, then the rest of the world is even crazier!

Thomas Avery, a sophomore, plays Grandpa Vanderhof. Sanibel resident Jessica Ogden, a senior, plays Penny. Other cast members are Maya Osterman as the girl in love, Alice, Neil Curiel as Tony, James Niroumand as Paul, Abby Dosoretz as Essie and Chris Pellecchia as Ed. Jason Kolesa will perform as Kolenkhov, Kevin Petroff as Mr. Kirby, Marissa Tolep as Mrs. Kirby and Brad Smith, another islander, as DePinna. Rounding out the cast will be Emily Spear as Rheba, David Frantz as Donald, Stephanie Hon as Olga Katrina and islander James Sprankle as Henderson. Sharing the role of Gay Wellington will be two more

islanders, Amanda Reapsummer and Lindsay Torpey-Cross. Raheen Bush, Jason Kolesa, Matt Haase and Brianna Grantham play the government agents. Karen Goldberg directs the play, Jennifer Dolence is technical director and the stage manager is Christine Avery.

For ticket information, call 481-4323. Canterbury is located at 8141 College Parkway in Fort Myers and is an independent, college prep school, accredited by the Florida Council of Independent Schools and a member of the National Association of Independent Schools.

Spring Juried Show opens

The Fort Myers Beach Art Association will hold a reception for its Spring Juried Art Show on Sunday, March 14th, from 2 to 4 p.m. Judged by Carl Schwartz, the exhibition will hang in the Main Gallery from March 7 to April 2. The Town of Fort Myers Beach and the Gulf Shore Grill are sponsoring this year's show and over \$1,000 will be awarded to the winners on March 14.

Studio 2 Gallery features Ackert

Lee Ackert, a favorite Beach artist and teacher, is exhibiting her works in the Studio 2 Gallery at the Art Association until March 17. The exhibit includes her recent paintings in several categories — plein aire paintings of local scenes, paintings of New England as well as from recent trips to Arizona, Mexico, Spain and Portugal. Ackert enjoys painting on location in a somewhat impressionistic manner and working in her studio employing glazing and negative painting techniques. She teaches watercolor classes at the Art Association and has won numerous awards in local and national art shows.

The **Outdoor Painters** will be gathering at Bowditch Point Park on the Beach this Wednesday, March 10, and then at Hidden Harbor on San Carlos Island Wednesday, March 17. The group meets at 8:30 a.m. and breaks at noon for a friendly critique. For further information, call Fred Bushnell at 463-6220.

Coming up in two weeks on Saturday, March 20, the Art Association will hold its annual Clothesline Art Sale & Bazaar from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All work for sale is unframed — an opportunity to pick up a painting by your favorite artist at a great price. Art materials, books and crafts will be sold inside. All monies from the Bazaar go toward the scholarship fund which awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to study art in college or at an art school.

The Art Association is located at corner of Donora & Shell Mound Boulevards just behind the Fire Station at the blinking light on the Beach. The hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 4 on Sunday. For information on all activities, one can call the Art Association at 463-3909 or check out the Web Page at www.fortmyersbeachart.com.

When I'm Sixty Four to open

In honor of his 64th year, Yoko Ono and the Third St. South Association will open an exhibit of John Lennon's artwork during the weekend of March 19th through 21st. This exhibit will feature the largest collection ever displayed of original drawings and signed albums with drawings done by Lennon from 1964 through 1980, the year of his death. His powerful message of love and life is candidly and tenderly portrayed through the over-100 pieces he created. Among them are rare works from the original *Bag-One* suite signed by John in 1969, Beatle song lyr9ic mauscripts by John from the Beatles years and his solo years following, and Real Love children's drawings Lennon did for his son Sean in the last year of his life.

The exhibit has been one of the highest-attended art showings in America for the past 10 years and has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for charities throughout the world. In Naples, the show will be raising money to beneift The Harry Chapin Food Banks of Southwest Florida. At \$2 donation at the door is suggested.

When I'm Sixty Four will be on display in the second floor gallery above Ridgeway Bar & Grill at 1300 Third St. South at 13th in Old Naples Friday, March 19th, from 5 to 9 p.m., Saturday, March 20th, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday March 21st, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information and/or directions, call (239) 434-6533.

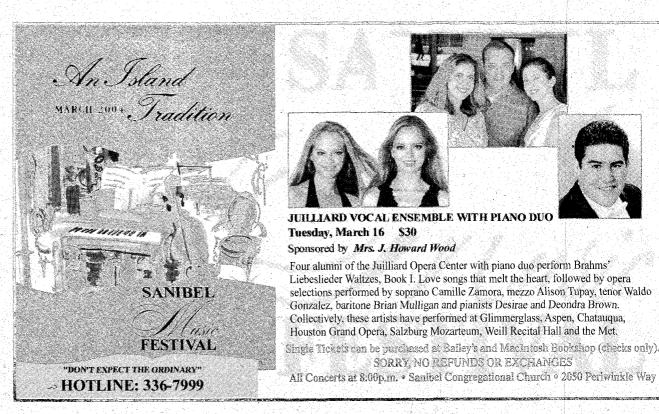
Captiva Gallery features three

Mimi von Litloff, Sissi Janku and Beth Colette — all three island artists — will be featured at a reception on Friday March 12th, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Seaweed Gallery in Celebration Center on Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva

Litolff, using gold and silver leaf, works in a medieval style — her ethereal angels are very popular; Janku is known for her shuttered, light-filled seascapes that allow one to feel as if one were gazing out a window; both also paint furniture. And Colette, working with fused glass, creates jewelry and small suncatchers.

Seaweed is open seven days a week with galleries located in The Village on Sanibel and a baby gallery in a corner of Captiva Island Inn.





THE MUSIC SCENE

A repeat performance by three musical practitioners of early jazz — pianist and clarinetist, Butch Thompson, pianist and vocalist Terry Waldo, and vocalist, Ruth Brisbane — featured blues, stomps, rags and other assorted early jazz genres before a full house at Schein Hall on Monday, Feb. 23rd. The event was sponsored by Fifth Third Bank and law firm of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes and Holt.

The first selection, "Pineapple Rag" by Scott Joplin, was an up-tempo rag played by both pianists which had Thompson at the nine-foot Steinway and Waldo at the nine-foot Baldwin. Individually, both pianists have achieved impressive accomplishments -- Thompson concertizing in Europe and performing Off Broadway

with the Obie-winning show, Jelly Roll! The Music and the Man. He has recorded many CDs and spent 12 years gaining national exposure as house pianist on Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion." Waldo's impressive credits include his award-winning book, This Is Ragtime, and appearances at Michael's Pub in New York City and on the Tonight Show. He was lauded by the legendary Eubie Blake. However, collectively, their accomplishments did not aid their performance as their pianistic precision was very ragged and out of sync, perhaps due to a lack of performing with each

The second selection, "How Long Blues" performed and written by Thompson was a slow and simplistic 12bar blues with the usual tonic, dominant and sub-dominant progressions, but the feeling communicated was bland and devoid of any real emotion. The mood changed with a bit more energy as Butch played a Jelly Roll Morton, Latin-tinged, minor-key "Momma Muta." Waldo performed his own composition, "Proctology Rag," with abundant syncopation, accents and musical pauses. His facial expressions, complete with Liberacetype winks and raised eyebrows, effectively endeared him to the audience. His admiring explanations of the legendary Eubie Blake — especially his Broadway Show, Shuffle Along — served as a prelude to performing Blake's "I'm Just Wild About Harry" as originally intended, a waltz seguing into an up-tempo one-step.



Thompson, Waldo and Brisbane in concert

Harold Lieberman

With Waldo at the Steinway and Thompson at the Baldwin, guest artist Ruth Brisbane — a star on Broadway appearing in One Mo' Time and Black And Blue — sang the old Bessie Smith standard, "Yellow Dog Blues." Brisbane exudes warmth and joy and was most effective in her soulful rendition of "Am I Blue? Clarinetist Thompson added nice fills behind the vocal in spite of conflicts with the piano accompaniment. His solo on the first 16 bars was tastefully played with a nice warm sound.

The two pianists tore into Joplin's "Maple Leaf Rag" the same lack of precision as previ-

ously exhibited. The two simply did not play well together and produced rhythms and phrases that were in steep conflict with each other. After intermission, Butch played piano and Terry pleasantly sang and played "Everybody Loves My Baby." Butch's stride solo was impressive as his left hand deftly moved from low to high with ease and accuracy. Terry also showed his ability to perform stride as he sang and accompanied his vocal rendition of "Lover Come Back To Me." With quaintly amusing humor, he performed "12th Street Rag," complete with an exaggerated slow tempo and Victor Borge-type antics then suddenly seguing into a rip-roaring fast tempo. Even with a few wrong chords in the accompaniment, Butch was able to play a mellow and soulful clarinet solo on the classic "Sleepy Time Down South."

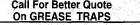
The two and one-half hour concert also featured compositions by Willie "The Lion" Smith along with Jelly Roll Morton's "Smokehouse Blues." Brisbane made her final appearance with a gritty tendition of Fats Waller's "Ain't Misbehavin" followed by the double-entendre version of Bessie Smith's "Empty Bed Blues." The concert closed with the classic New Orleans spiritual "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" — complete with audience clapping on beats 2 and 4. The musicians obliged the standing ovation with a moderate tempoed interpretation of 'Runnin' Wild'

Based on the applause from the full house, the concert was entertaining very entertaining. I wish I could have shared this enthusiasm; however, I found the performance to be lacking in energy, precision and superior musicality.

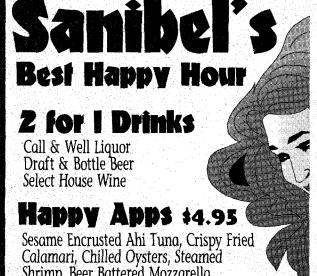




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Brava Steffanie! Bravo Sergei! Bravo Cesar! Brava!Bravo!Bravo!!!

Deafening storms of admiration and gratitude swept over the prison ramparts, threatening to engulf the singers and drown the orchestra!

What caused all this ecstatic enthusiasm?

It was Tosca, the Teatro Lirico D'Europa production of Puccini's tragic opera, triumphantly brought to Mann Hall on Feb. 24th by the Fort Myers Community Concert Association. And it was wonderful!

The veteran Teatro's towering new sets (final scene, the prison ramparts) and elegant costumes took the audience to Rome in 1800 for a performance that shook up the house. Extraordinary voices blended with skillful acting to create this operatic feast.

Seasoned and tyro opera-goers alike were enthralled by the beautiful Flora Tosca, the handsome Mario Cavaradossi and the evil Baron Scarpia. There was a cast of 40, all of whom were totally absorbed in their roles. No flaw blurred the story — which, by the way, was easy to follow since important lines translated from the Italian were printed on a screen high above the proscenium.

The 50-piece orchestra was note-per-



fect, playing with heart and appreciative understanding of Puccini's intent. The courtly Eugene Kohn conducted with a sensitive baton.

It was announced before the first curtain that the title role of Flora Tosca would

be sung by understudy Steffanie Pearce, a native of Naples, Florida. Cheers! from a delighted audience.

Pearce's performance was breath-taking — beautiful voice, slender appearance and a wide range of acting ability. Corroboration of her talent wasn't necessary, but we heard that she is "internationally known as a distinguished singing actress, noted for her portrayals of tragic heroines." Favorites among them are Violetta in *La Traviata*, Mimi in *La Bohême* which Pearce sings often when touring the USA and Europe with Teatro Lirico or singing with other opera companies and festivals.

Tenor Cesar Hernandez, as Tosca's ill-fated lover Mario, and baritone Sergei Moskalkov, as the terrifying Scarpia, gave performances of top-flight caliber. Born in Brooklyn in 1970, Hernandez already has considerable worldwide experience. The Russian Moskalkov, born a year later, obviously has a great future as a singer/actor to add to his European engagements. Tosca is his most auspicious USA debut.

There were effective shorter roles (Angelotti, Spoletta, the Sacristan), a church chorus, various servers and crowd members. Every one of them was in character at all times, knowing what to contribute — or not — to the scene.

This tremendous Tosca was an evening to remember, and for this the Fort Myers Community Concert Association must be given a standing ovation oftheir own. Brava! and Bravo! to each and every person involved in thisffective 54-year-old group. Program sponsor Madeleine R. Taeni, seriesunderwriter Barbara (Mrs. J. Howard) Wood and moving spirit Barbara Mann deserve special bows.

Look for the next Community Concert star presentation on Sunday, March 7, at 2:30 p.m. in Mann Hall — the Russian National Ballet presenting a full-length *Carmen* and *Paquita*. 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.

Although she retired last year, she has been active in the theatre for a long time. Among other venues, she was in Charles Coburn's stock company, The Mohawk Drama Festival, for three years — and she has participated in community theatre wherever she has lived.



BlueGrass Festival Expands

A mountain is coming to Florida, and it looms bigger and better than ever. Eleven bluegrass bands are slated to perform at the second annual Florida Mountain Bluegrass Festival, scheduled for April 2nd, 3rd and 4th. The annual event is held at the Lee Civic Center in North Fort Myers and this year it expands from two to three days, featuring twice as many bands as last year.

The Festival kicks off at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 2nd. Bands perform for four hours on Friday, nine straight hours on Saturday, and another four hours on Sunday — 17 hours of music over three days. Admission is \$6 per person for Friday, April 2nd (6-10 p.m.); \$10 for Saturday, April 3rd (1-10 p.m. with admission \$6 after 6 p.m.); and \$6 for Sunday, April 4th (noon-4 p.m.). Advance weekend tickets for all three days are \$15. Admission is free for children under 13 accompanied by a paying adult, and parking at the Civic Center is \$2 per vehicle. Both RV and tent camping are available.

Because the bands will be playing in a covered pavilion, the show goes on, rain or shine! There will be food, drink & beer concessions on-site and games for kids, along with pony rides and special fun things to do. There are bleacher seats, but lawn chairs are good, too. No coolers are allowed in the concert area.

Scheduled performers are Borderline Bluegrass, Bluegrass Central, The Bluegrass Miners, Curt Dunn & Company, The Hartliebs, The Lazy B Pickers, Mahogany Hammock, The Peace River Band, The Sawgrass Drifters, Telegraph Creek and Up the Creek. Acoustic musicians are invited to bring their instruments to the festival and join in various jam sessions.

The performance line-up can change without notice. The festival is sponsored by the Acoustic Music Society of Southwest Florida in conjunction with the Lee Civic Center.

To get to Lee Civic Center, take I-75 to exit 143 (Bayshore), go east three miles to left turn on Old Bayshore and follow signs to the Bluegrass entrance.

The campground will be open on Thursday, April 1st: 96 RV campsites with 50 amp electric, water and sewer and 50 RV sites with 30 amp and water. There is a dump station on the grounds. Rough camping and shaded tent camping areas are also available. Special rates are being offered for this event. Small pets are allowed in the campground area only.

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Phil Johnson of Île Crocodile ~ A distinguished Renaissance gentleman of the islands

by Nancy Santeusanio Special to The Islander

When you ask Phil Johnson what he likes best about Sanibel, exuberantly he replies, "This is a small town and I feel like I know a great number of the residents. I

love the fact that people call me by my first name, pop their head into lle Crocodile and announce their return to Sanibel or — when the shop is closed in September — leave a note under the door."

Reflecting on the island's natural beauty, "I love the quiet of the island and returning in darkness, I love the afternoon summer rains when they come on schedule, I love the single great blue heron that stalks the lone fisherman. I love the flock of ibis who walk

on the beach in unison like chorus girls. I get a kick out of walking the beach as the sun is rising and I like the fact that you can tell when spring and fall are on the island, although very few people recognize the siens."

After college, Johnson went to work in Atlanta. "I loved Atlanta and the experience was incredible. I was hired by Rich's Department Store as a graphic designer, but they discovered that I had other talents

so they let me do almost anything that I wanted." With such a carte blanche opportunity. Johnson designed sets for large interiors, sets for fashion shows and model rooms for furniture displays. "Ultimately they gave me the title Creative Events

Designer and I was designing import shows and making many trips to Europe. It was like working for Disney, almost magical, I drew. something on a piece of paper and two weeks later it was in production. The whole thing was phenomenal and the final productions looked exactly like what I had drawn. The department was working full-time from my drawings and creating things for display and visual merchandising."

Macy's in New York discovered Johnson's

talent and recruited him as Vice President of visual merchandising and store design for their Bamberger division in New Jersey. When he and his late wife moved from Atlanta to New Jersey, Eddie told him that she was willing to go North for ten years. Twefve years later the Northern winters weren't getting any warmer, they were both native Floridians and Johnson knew it was time to move. Unexpectedly, they sold their house in three days and Johnson actually

walked into the president's office and quit. The president went into a tailspin, made Johnson an offer he couldn't refuse and flew Johnson and his wife from Fort Myers to New York for over a year to complete and begin new projects at Bamberger's.

The Johnsons had vacationed on Sambel since 1959 and knew that this was the place where they wanted to live. Fortunately, three years before their permanent move to the island, they had bought a small cottage. In 1979 the Johnsons spotted a space on an "unbuilt corner" of Palm Ridge Road where construction had just begun. This was the perfect spot for their new shop which opened a year later in 1980 but what were they going to choose for its name? They wanted a name that would relate to the island, brainstormed all kinds of environmental choices and put post-it notes with possible choices all over the kitchen walls. Johnson had spotted two native American crocodiles on the island. "What a wonderful name and so much better than alligator," he decided, "but let's be a little more chi-chi and spell it lie



"This is the best picture anyone ever took of me... just look at that hair!"

Crocodile," People still ask him how to pronounce the store name and he replies, "eel krokodeal or you can say I'll crocodile."

Being a part of the community has always been a high priority with Johnson. About fifteen years ago, he helped to create the annual Luminary Trail for retailers. In the early '90's he used his talents to arrange opening night parties at the Pirate Playhouse. Planning creative events, whether they be the sets for a three-ring circus or an old Havana night club, have been attiong Johnson's most recognized and valued accomplishments. To his repertoire, he adds four major benefit extravaganzas arranged with Victor Mayeron benefiting American Cancer Seciety. Johnson bas worked with Ginger Parker to produce major gala fundraisers for the Florida



The '60s, perhaps?

Repertory Theater and the guests who attended the hilarous 2003 "Tina and Tony's Italian Wedding Party" are still talking about that magnificent evening. Right now, he's looking forward to "Urban Cowboy." Johnson's ability to put his talent into lively action in the sets and scenes he creates is his true gift to the community.

Johnson talks about some of the island people he has known over the years. "I'm sorry that we have lost some very talented personalities including people like the late David Stark and Frank Wagner. Then there was the unforgettable Evelyn Burbank, who liked to pay her total bill in change and I could never refuse her. There's still the marvelous and witty Grace Whitehead, who lives on the island, not to mention the veritable patriarchs, Francis and Sam Bailey.

Whether you find Phil Johnson at an August croquet invitational wearing his straw skimmer, white shirt and black tie or visit him at Ile Crocodile with his new "spiked" do, don't miss your chance to greet one of Sanibel's most distinguished renaissance gentlemen.

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Festival presents Jerusalem String Quartet, Juilliard Vocal Ensemble

One of the most dynamic and exciting young quartets performing today, The Jerusalem Quartet will appear at the Sanibel Music Festival Saturday, March 13th. 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 and Dance, the quartet gave its first concert in 1993. They were awarded first prize at both the



Franz / Schubert Chamber Music Competition and the Music of the Century music Competition in Graz Austria in 1997. The previous year they were also awarded 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. During their Sanibel concert they will perform Haydn's Quartet in D Major Op 64/5, The Lark and Ravel's String Quartet in F Major. Still modern after 100 years, this work is Ravel's only quartet and was composed while he was at the Paris Conservatoire.

The Jerusalem Quartet are regular visitors to the United Kingdom where they serve as Leverhulme Chamber Music Fellows at the Royal Academy of Music. They were selected by the BBC Network to be part of its New Generation Artists scheme during 1999-2001 and received a Borletti-Buitoni Trust Award in 2003 which enables them to undertake a European tour with Mitsuko Uchida this coming September.

The gifted artists from the Juilliard Opera Center who make up the Juilliard Vocal Ensemble ensemble will bring their splendid voices to the Festival the following Tuesday, March 16. This ensemble represents a new and exciting addition to the Sanibel Music Festival.

They will perform Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes Book 1, a set of waltzes for piano duet and solo vocal quartet. These 18 lush romantic love songs, which Brahms composed in 1869, were first presented at the Sanibel Music Festival in 1990. This year they will be performed by 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. Brahms later wrote a second set of *Neue Liebeslieder*, op. 65 in 1884. In addition to the waltzes, the artists will perform operatic duets from *Tales of Hoffman*, *Cosi Fan Tutte*, *L'Amico Fritz*, and *La Bohême*.

The Juilliard Opera Center is a program that accepts singers who have already completed their formal training and who demonstrate noteworthy potential for a career as an operatic performer. The program offers singers performance experience and an intensive course of practical study. The artists perform major roles with the Juilliard Orchestra in the Center's

American soprano Camille Zamora has performed throughout the United States, Latin America, Europe, and the Middle East. A graduate of The Eastman School of Music and the Juilliard master's program, she is currently a student of Marlena Malas in the Juilliard Opera Center.

Tupay was awarded second place in the 2000 Metropolitan Opera New England Regional auditions; she was a 2001 New York district winner in the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions. She completed her undergraduate degree at Boston University and is a graduate of the Master of Music program at Juilliard.

Gonzalez is a 1998 graduate of both Oberlin and the Oberlin Conservatory of Music where he was a recipient of the Dean Karen Wolff Scholarship for outstanding talent and artistic promise. A recent graduate of Juilliard, Gonzales currently lives in Nashville which he is working on his first recording project.

Mulligan, who has studied at Eastman, Juilliard and Yale, spent this past year as a special participant of the Lindemann Young Artists Development Program at the Met. He was named a winner of the 2003 George London Prize and was a 2003 recipient of a Sara Tucker Grant from the Richard Tucker Music Foundation.

The Browns have performed both as piano soloists and duo pianists in concerts throughout the United States. They have been featured along with their family on national broadcasts such as CBS's 60 minutes II, ABC's



Oprah Winfrey Show and National Public Radio. The sisters completed their master's degrees at Juilliard where they received intensive training in the two piano genre as well as in instrumental and vocal collaboration.

Tickets to The Jerusalem Quartet concert may be purchased for \$25 each and to The Juilliard Vocal Ensemble concert for \$30 each by phone by calling 336-7999. Tickets are also available in person at Bailey's and MacIntosh Bookshop, payable by check only. The Juilliard Vocal Ensemble is being sponsored by Mrs. J.

The Sambel Music Festival, celebrating its 18th season, presents world renowned artists during the month of March at Sanibel Congregational Church on Periwinkle Way. All concerts start at 8 p.m. Incorporated in 1987 as a non-for-profit organization, the Festival's mission is to present classical music of the highest standard at affordable prices and to promote the careers of young artists through performance opportunities.



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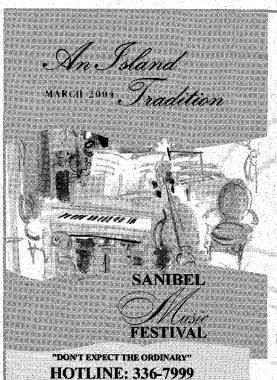
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There was standing room only at Ellington's Jazz Bar & Restaurant. Guests were pampered with fine wine and food while over 30 items were put on the auction block.

The excitement came when the winning key opened the Mel Fisher Treasure Chest.

The following morning golfers came from as far as Tampa, under clear skies, to the Beachview Golf & Tennis Club. It proved to be a most enjoyable day of challenging golf with the added fun of all of our volunteers working the betting and refreshment holes.

The Awards Banquet at the Beachview Restaurant went off without a hitch. While enjoying the gournet buffet, everyone waited with anticipation for the announcement of the winning teams. Executive Title and Bailey's General Store took home the trophies. A big thank you to all the volunteers, celebrities, and supporters who indeed are the true winners — FRIENDS OF YOUTH.

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In Amy's View, David Hare (who wrote the Academy Award-winning film, The Hours), writes a stirring, complex story that follows a mother-daughter relationship over the course of 16 years. The mother is Esme Allen (Carol Lawrence), a brilliant British stage actress whose strong and imposing personality complements her rather reserved daughter, Amy (Rachel Burttram), but whose lifestyle clashes with Amy's theatre-bashing fiancé, Dominic (Greg Longenhagen). By the end of the play, Esme has lost everything once dear to her, with the exception of her life in the theatre. She lives when the curtain goes up; otherwise her life has become mere existence. There will be a post-show discussion with the director and leads on Thursday, April 1.

The actress first became acquainted with Florida Rep when she visited Naples in March of 2003. Lawrence — who's also known for her festive Italian cooking (she hosted shows on the Food Network's popular Chef du Jour series where she shared recipes from her best-selling cookbook) — attended Florida Rep's opening night performance of Proof. After thoroughly enjoying the Florida Rep production, Lawrence expressed a desire to appear in the Rep's 2003-2004 season.

Amy's View, originally written as a star vehicle for Dame Judi Dench, is the perfect match one of America's best-known stars, Carol Lawrence. Florida Rep Producing Director Robert Cacioppo says, "David Hare is one of the freshest playwrights

writing today. I know Carol will shine and I'm sure our audiences will love this play."

Lawrence, who has enjoyed a long and multifaceted career as an actress, dancer, singer and television host, gained overnight stardom as the original Maria in the Leonard Bernstein classic, West Side Story. Carol went on to star in numerous. other Broadway productions including Saratoga, Subways are for Sleeping, Nightlife, I Do, I Do, and Kiss of the Spiderwoman. These and other performances earned Carol a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame — the first ever for the category of Live Theatre. Carol, a Tony and Grammy Award nominee, received the Los Angeles Drama Critic's Circle Award for her heartrending performance of Esme in the Los Angeles production of Amy's View.

Lawrence has described the role of Esme as "a female King Lear," saying that "Amy's View is a role of a lifetime." In a Los Angeles interview, she said, "I've been acting for 40 years, so I recognize this character. When you're an actress, you live emotionally."

Amy's View opened to critical acclaim at the Royal National Theatre in London in 1997 and moved to Broadway in 1999, where the New York Times described it as "a diffuse, incisive, funny, moving, difficult, fascinating play from a major dramatist."

Directed by Michael Michetti, an award-winning Los Angeles director and producer (whose varied credits include David Mamet's A Life in the Theatre, starring Hal Holbrook at the Pasadena



Playhouse), Florida Rep's production of Amy's View includes, in addition to Carol Lawrence, a top-notch cast. Southwest Florida audiences will be delighted to see Burttram again (Proof, The Mousetrap, Amelia Earhart) once again on the Florida Rep boards. She says, "It is such an honor to perform opposite Carol Lawrence, one of the truly great legends of our time. This is a beautifully written play with tons of wit and charm. Carol just brings it all to life"

Longenhagen is another Florida Rep favorite, most recently seen as George in All My Sons, but well known for his work in Rumors, Sideman, and ART, among

many others. Broadway and television veteran John Newton (Sly Fox; Inherit the Wind) and local favorite Betty Madonna (The Mousetrap, Social Security) round out the cast along with Florida Rep newcomer Ryan Gilreath.

Audiences who viewed Florida Rep's 2003 opening production of *Rumors* will remember Jim Hunter's pristinely spectacular set design. They will be treated to another of Hunter's magnificent creations in *Amy's View*. Lighting Designer Ann-Marie Duggan (*Master Class*) and resident costume designer Jennifer Ables (*All My Sons, Absurd Person Singular*) once again produce their radiant designs.

To see Carol Lawrence in Amy's View, call the Florida Rep box office at 332-4488 or toll-free at (877) 787-8053. Florida Rep is located in the historic Arcade Theatre in downtown Fort Myers, between Jackson and Hendry Streets. Limited free parking is available at the theatre's entrance on Bay Street. For more information, please visit Florida Reponline at www.floridarep.org.



San-Cap Revue... This is the Week!!!

By Bob Wimbush

Islander and Kiwanian Lee Derleth cut his artistic teeth running the water company and this week his blood pressure must be reaching a new high. That's no big deal. It's just "another opening, of another show" producer Derleth states dismissively. Lee produces a show every year. It sells out every year and, still, folks keep coming back for more.

This Saturday, Kiwanis San-Cap Revue follows hot on the heals of last Saturday's Spaghetti dinner (no, not "heels" — like most Kiwanis functions it takes a while to recover), but this Saturday the comedy is intentional. For the fourth year running, previously soggy Derleth — somewhat saddened that he did not win an Oscar again this year — promises another big hit. He is unbowed, not discouraged and oblivious to the fact that he will never win an Oscar because the San-Cap Review is a contagiously alive stage show and not a movie.

This year's show is a doozy, and it mixes the top amateur and professional talent that abounds on these islands. Quite frankly, you can't get this experience anywhere else. Shows like this used to occur in many communities but seem to be dying off as people get too busy, or the spirit of fun disappears. Not so here. Good acts, thunderous applause, a show stopper or two and at the end everyone unites to sing "God Bless America." It doesn't get any better. Kiwanis won't make much money — the single performance only accommodates 400 seats, adult tickets are

only \$10 and kids under 10 are free — but, boy, is it fun! Some things you do for the joy of it.

There's a magician, dancers, singers, a barbershop quartet, a story teller, an audience participation night club act, a brass band, the BIG ARTS Community Band and matching Chorus, a Belly Dancing Troupe, a singing cop, the performing group from the school and a scene from the first production of the quietly forming community theatre, and that's not even a complete list.

So get your tickets today by calling BIG ARTS 395-0900. Don't ask your local Kiwanian though - they can't be trusted with money.

The show is at BIG ARTS this Saturday, March 6th at 8 p.m. Kids are free and must arrive with an adult, and everyone must have a ticket. It's \$10 per adult or 2 for \$20.







Meyers, area theatre professionals, will perform a scene from *Dearly Departed* which opens March 24 at the Periwinkle Playhouse

AT THE THEATRE -

Run of show extended



J.T.Smith, artistic director of the Old Schoolhouse Theater, has announced the extension of Moe Arko's Falling to Pieces-A Tribute to Patsy Cline. The musical tribute, which has been praised by audiences and critics alike, will now play through March 27th (one week longer than scheduled), Mondays through Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Smith says the extension is bittersweet. He is thrilled with the success of the show but deeply saddened by his recent termination by the Old Schoolhouse Theater Foundation. The theater has run with a high degree of success under his artistic vision for the past 13 years. Stating concern for the Maestro's health, the

Foundation announced last week it will not renew his contract for the next season and has cancelled the last two shows of the season — Come On, Get Happy! and the female version of The Odd Couple.

Call now for tickets to Falling to Pieces at 472-6862 or stop by the box office at 1905 Periwinkle. All tickets are \$25.

Off Beach still auditioning

The Off Beach Players is still in search for actors for the comedy We Blew Up the Bridge, Didn't We? Performances are April 8th through 17th at the Periwinkle Playhouse. Rehearsals are on Sanibel several nights a week in March.

This play was written and is being produced with the permission of Mike Fuery, the playwright. Needed are one male to play a wild-and-wooly character named Firecracker, plus townies and several protesters. This play is definitely local-flavored entertainment that is accessible to aspiring theater lovers. Everyone at any level of expertise is welcome.

Off Beach Players believe that community theater should be of, by, and for the people and have been producing theater on Sanibel since 1984. Stop by and sign up for backstage, props, costumes, make-up and/or set building if you can't face being on stage! Please come out and support real community theater on Sanibel. For any additional information, you can call producer June Koc at 472-5400.

Marry Me A Little opens

Opening night for Synergy Productions' musical, Marry Me A Little, tomorrow evening, Saturday, March 6th, at the Periwinkle Playhouse. The show is a musical conceived and developed by Craig Lucas and Norman Reno with a score by Stephen Sondheim.

It focuses on the lives of one young man and woman who have to address their struggles with life as they sit alone in their New York City studio apartments on a Saturday night. It is a journey of self-discovery and awakening. This is a revue compiled from Sondheim songs written between 1954 and 1973 but, unlike many revues, a true complete story is told dur-





ing the course of the evening. The man and woman have both just moved into their shabby studios, proud tenants of their first homes in New York. He lives on the floor above her, but we see their apartments merged as one, functioning as his, hers, both. They never meet, but they serve in each other's dreams and recollections and in counterpoint to each other.

Directed by Andrew Kurtz, who also acts as musical supervisor, the show features New York -based actors Allan Snyder and Julie Ellis. Ellis has been seen in the first two Synergy shows to great critical acclaim, first as Woman #2 in I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change and then Sonia Walsk in They're Playing Our Song. Synder was a member of the final Broadway cast of Les Miserables, where

he performed the roles of Babet and Enjolras. His many theatre credits include Curly in *Oklahoma!*, Lt. Cable in *South Pacific*, and Tony in *West Side Story*. Douglas Reed serves as music director and pianist for the production. Husband and wife team Eric & Jennie Carosiello are the set and costume designers, and Periwinkle Playhouse General Manager Todd Sherman is the lighting designer.

Todd Sherman is the lighting designer.

Performances are Mondays and Wednesdays through Sundays at 8 p.m. through March 20th with 3 p.m. matinees on Sunday, March 7th, and Wednesday, March 17th. Tickets are \$25. There will be two preview performances on March 4th and 5th at 8 p.m. Tickets for the previews are \$15. For reservations, call 472-0324 or visit the Playhouse box office.

Andrew Kurtz is the music director of the Gulf Coast Symphony, and Artistic Director of the Center City Opera Theater in Philadelphia. He made his directorial debut in January with I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change and also directed Synergy Production's last hit, They're Playing Our Song. He is also Program Director of OperArezzo, which is a new summer opera training program in Italy. Kurtz's training and background covers a wide spectrum of music and theater with degrees from both the Peabody Conservatory and the University of Virginia.

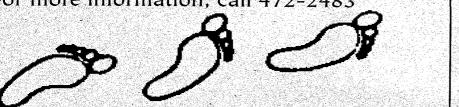
Rep scores another premiere!

Florida Repertory Theatre is presenting Broadway, film and television legend Carol Lawrence in the Southwest Florida premiere of David Hare's heartwarming new play, *Amy's View*, from March 19th through April 11th. The production has been generously sponsored by Northern Trust, Oswald

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ARLO'S CLINE IS RADIANT! -

It may have been an icky, yucky, rainy might last Wednesday, but inside the Old Schoolhouse Theater there was a warm sunny reception for Moe Arko's homage to Patsy Cline entitled "Falling To Pieces." This was a right-on tribute to this wonderful country singer's songbook and her vast, versatile body of work. The show itself was anything but "falling to pieces" — it was a well conceived and tightly woven together, well performed, well sung accolade. Arko proved to be a hail and hearty, good ol' girl in western gear, MAARSHA WAGNER opening the evening's entertainment with a big grin and a "Hey y'all!" welcome to a

country cabaret. A trio of talented musicians - Michael Baer, piano, Jeff Wolf, drums, and Bryan Mays, guitar accompanied Moe for the evening's outing. Patsy Cline's popularity has never waned since her untimely death in 1963 — she still holds the record for having continuously sold more country singles, and no one, to date, has topped her posthumous 1967 album featuring Cline's Greatest Hits.

"Honky Tonk Merry-go-round," which opened the show, was the big rock-a-billy hit that launched Cline's illustrious career. "I Love You, Honey," which followed, was her country version of "Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend." A rock tune take off of the rock tune, "Shake Rattle and Roll" turned out to be a cute Cline rendition called "Stop Look and Listen." According to Arko, Cline steadily fought both her agent and manager's advice to accept and record some of the pop tunes other recording artists were having such success with. When she finally relented it was with a pop crossover that put her right at the top of the charts, a catchy little tune titled "Walkin' After Midnight." Arko's phrasing in this one was pure



Patsy with the bent notes, the growled notes, and the typical twanged tones we all know and love. Like Patsy this talented singer knows no bounds... she just "wails," whether it's country, rock-a-billy, ballad, blues, or gospel. Her powerful "If I could See The World Through the Eyes of a Child/Just a Closer walk With Thee" brought down the house, and her rendition of Cline's signature song, "Come On In," which opened her weekly TV show, knocked what was left of our socks right off. "Lovesick Blues" may have been a Hank Williams tune, but in Patsy's song book à la Moe Arko, it was definitely a very commanding Cline interpre-

tation. Another high point in this musical tribute was when Mays' guitar lamented a bluesy "There He Goes" followed by Baer's topping it off with his low-down and dirty, honky-tonk piano playing. Patsy always disliked all of her hit ballads. The title tune "I Fall to Pieces," country music's #1 hit single for Patsy, ended the first half of the program.

'Stupid Cupid" swung us into high gear as the opening of the second half of the program, followed by many more hits from Patsy's amazing, but relatively short career. Some of the high points were "Back In Baby's Arms," "Anytime," the country classic, "Blue Moon of Kentucky" and a no-holds-barred "Bill Bailey" for a finale.

Falling To Pieces, Moe Arko's wonderful tribute to a great talent, will thrill all the Patsy Cline devotees; as done by this fine talent, it certainly thrilled this viewer. "Falling To Pieces" will be on the boards of the Old Schoolhouse Theater till March 30th. Call 472-6862 for times and tickets. Remember to tell 'em Marsha sent ya, and y'all go and have a fine time, y'hear?

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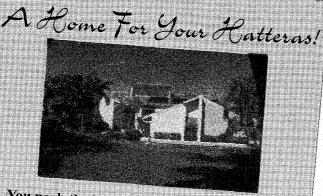
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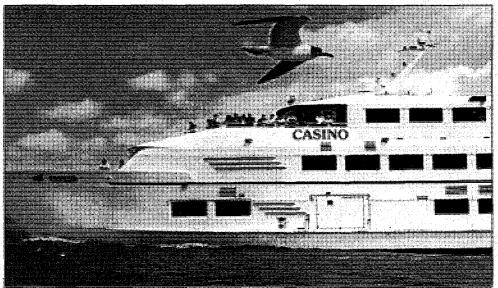
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Whiling the night away... at sea for the evening

By Kate Thompson

Whether you're a big fan of gambling or not, you can have a lot of fun sailing on the Big M Casino boat from Fort Myers Beach. But, be duly warned, if it's not warm outside, wear layers of warm

Everyone, from the valets parking cars (it's free) to the waitresses aboard the boat, is friendly and cheerful, wishing passengers luck as they board. Everything

is spotlessly clean.

Security is visible from the start. All passengers are required to show photo identification and pass through a metal detector. The security staff goes through purses and bags to insure they know what's being brought aboard. They also periodically search passengers at random as they board — but they aren't intrusive and it's nice to know you're safe.

As you enter the boat, there's music on the top deck with Jmassk (pronounced Jay-mask) — two guitars accompanied by a computer backup. They cover a huge range of music from Garth Brooks to Motown with virtually everything in between, and they do it all well. They were easier to listen to from the bow of the ship, where their music is audible because they're quite loud inside but everyone seemed to enjoy it. A few people danced during their first evening set as the boat left its dock at Moss Marina. They play for the first hour or so as the boat travels out the nine miles or so until it's offshore and the gambling can begin.

Unfortunately, they don't play again until the gambling is over, so merely enjoying the cruise, dining and dancing without gambling isn't encouraged.

As we sped out to sea, we traveled past Fort Myers Beach, Bonita Springs and Naples. The sunset off to the west was beautiful and then the stars overhead were bright. After dark, travelers can see shrimpers off in the distance and the passage of the Leisure Lady, Fort Myers Beach's other casino boat. The Sanibel lighthouse blinked cheerfully in the distance behind us, seeimingly, no matter how far away we got from shore.

The captain operates the ship from a forward cabin with windows on three sides so he can see where he's headed. If you're not looking for him, you might miss it. But you'll hear from him or the crew several times during the ride. First, there are the safety instructions, and he also notifies everyone when he's making course changes so they can remain seated as the boat rocks more vigorously.

The boat rocks gently throughout the trip — but that motion seems more pronounced on the upper decks. Although the seas weren't particularly high that night - they cancel the cruise if they are few people were uncomfortable. Most people, however, were having too good a time to care.

On the second deck, there's a dining room with a buffet featuring a wide range of food, all of it good. With plenty of salads, fruit, pasta, chicken, turkey, beef and fish, as well as several choices for dessert, diners were happy. Only drinks cost extra, and tips weren't included. The dining room also has an à la carte menu with a range of sandwiches and desserts which people took advantage of later in the evening.

There's no smoking in the dining room, or inside the boat until it reaches international waters. But there are several places for smokers throughout the cruise. And once gaming begins, smoking is permitted in the casino on the lower deck.

By the time everyone is done with dinner or the first set of music on the top deck, the boat has reached international waters and gambling can begin. If you aren't a gambler, you can enjoy the first set of music before heading in to dine, but the buffet does close relatively soon after the gambling begins.

There is a full range of games in a variety of price ranges from nickel slot machines to blackjack tables with much higher minimum bets. Lots of people on board won; others, including me, played with what we could afford to lose and then walked away.

When the boat returns to state waters, gambling ends and everyone has to cash in their chips. But Jmassk starts its second set of music and people began dancing in earnest. In this second set, they played a few more slow songs, as well as plenty of tunes with strong beats to get everyone out of their seats.

By that time of night — about 10:30 it was fairly chilly on the bow, but those who had dressed warmly enough watched the stars and the boat's progress back to dock. It was also chilly on the top deck, although about two-thirds of it is enclosed.

The boat returns to the dock at 11:30 and during docking the Coast Guard requires that stairwells remain clear. So those who are out on the bow can't come inside to get warm. Fortunately, the docking procedure doesn't take long. Anyone in a wheelchair or requiring assistance is allowed to exit first, and everyone else follows.

The crew and staff of the Big M greet passengers as they disembark and head for their their cars which they retrieve for themselves. Although you may find your vehicle sandwiched between several others, it takes very little time before you're on your way.

Most days, there are two cruises — one at 10:30 a.m. and the other at 6 p.m. On Mondays, there's just one cruise during the day. If you plan to go this weekend, be sure to check the schedule — the Bridge closure for The Shrimp Festival parade requires altering of some cruise times. For reservations or more information, call the Big M at 765-7529.



ABC Auction brings \$42,000+

By Amy Fleming Arts Editor

The Captiva Civic Association's annual ABC sale and auction was by all accounts a success, even with a departure from the age old tradition of an a.m. nummage sale. This year's event was chaired by Chris van der Baars, South Seas Resort's general manager, who characterized the evening as "About Building Community."

Things got rolling at 5 p.m. with cocktails, it buffet, raffles, and a silent auction. The highlight of the night though was the voice auction, with some 200 bioders filling the civic rentire to granding more party.

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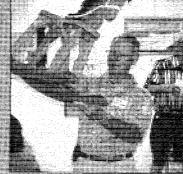
By the end of the evening, approximately \$43,000 had been raised, with an even \$5,000 going to the Sanifel School.

People were there from all over the island, "said Paul Garvey, CCA executive director. "They had a really good time."

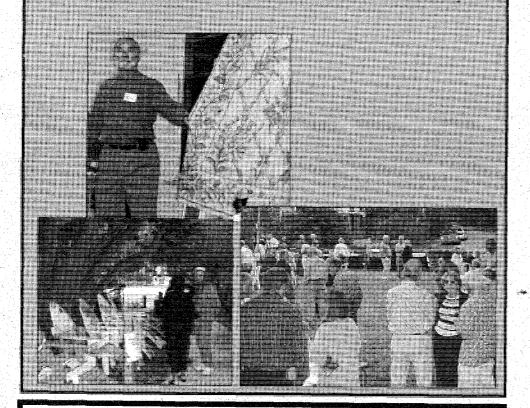
Construction on new buildings at the school is nearing completion, including a Captiva art room, funded in part by praceeds from the auction.

Warren Schwab, everyone's favorite auction-

warren Schwab, everyone's lavorite auctioncer, went down the list of 51 stems, ranging from gift certificates to jewelry, sailing and fishing lessons, furniture, dinner for two, and more Budders watching their waistline went for an athouse South Beach Diet dinner for four. There was even a one hour tennis match with Ted



Koppel. You had to be careful about making any movements though—Bill Ferniman nearly bid \$750 on a trip to Steamboat Springs just by scratching his head. The auction centerpieces, six Adirondack chairs, went from \$600 to \$1,800, even sparking the occasional bidding war.





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An Evening with Goldie Hawn

Goldie Hawn, Academy Award-winning Actress and Producer, will appear in Words From The Leading Lady: An Evening With Goldie Hawn on Wednesday, March 16, at 8 p.m.

Known as "Hollywood's Sweatheart," Hawn's Academy Award -winning roles and lasting impressions have gained her adoring audiences worldwide. A woman of many talents. Hawn is not only a gifted actor and "superstar," but also a creative director, savvy producer, flourishing entrepreneur, respected CEO and loving parent. Perseverant by nature, Hawn made her behind-thescenes debut in 1980 — the beginnings of over two decades of entrepreneurial success. She has produced and starred in critically acclaimed films such as Overboard and Private Benjamin and has most recently starred in movies such as The Out-of-Towners and The First Wives Club. Today, Hawn is a principal in Cosmic Entertainment, a production entity created with Kurt Russell and children Oliver Hudson and Golden Globe winner and Academy Award nominee Kate Hudson.

Hawn's many accomplishments illustrate that she has a solid grasp on what it takes to be an effective leader. An advocate for the position that our strengths come from within and a firm believer that we are responsible for our

own happiness, Hawn has dedicated herself to enlightening others and encouraging the interconnectedness of society. Drawing her wisdom from a unique lifetime of experiences, Hawn maintains that complete wellness requires a balance of mind, body and spirit.

Believing that laughter is the best medicine and that humor is highly infectious, Hawn teaches that we all are capable of healing ourselves by embracing the joys in life. Her contagious energy and enthusiasm have already begun to make a difference with her Bright Light Foundation, which is dedicated to research efforts and teaching programs that target children, helping them to reach their full potential.

With endless optimism, Hawn welcomes a new stage in her life. Her current endeavor has her touring in a onewoman show that reflects her philosophy and outlook. Topics include "Words From the Leading Lady — Learning When to Lead and When to Follow," "Changing the World One Mind at a Time," "Wellness — Body, Mind & Spirit," "The Great Balancing Act — Managing Multiple Roles as a Working Parent," "Laughter is the Best Medicine" and "Human Potential" and is highlighted by a question and answer session with audience participation. Her gracious appeal has earned her respect not only as an actress, but also as a grounded and approachable human being.

Ticket prices for Goldie Hawn range from \$30 to \$50 with a limited number of Golden Circle patron tickets, which include a cocktail reception with Hawn prior to the show, available for \$175.



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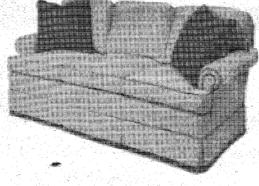
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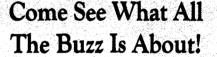
Doobie Brothers to town

The legendary Doobie Brothers will perform on Thursday, March 25, at 8 p.m.

Truly one of Americas most loved rock and roll bands, The Doobie Brothers have earned a fanatical loyalty for their high-energy shows. Over the years, their music has evolved from a country blues base into a sound emphasizing both R&B and jazz elements — from guitar-fueled rockers like "China Grove" and "Long Train Running" to





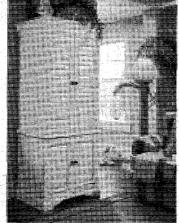


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the folksy chart topper "Black Water." The secret to their success has been and is their diversity ... a success that has sold more than 50 million records. Their 2000 release Sibling Rivalry is a testament to this diversity. This essentially self-produced album reflects all the facets that have come to be known as Doobie Brothers Music and defy any single label. Throughout personnel changes, a constant thread has remained which has given rise to a stellar 30-year career.

Few American rock and roll groups have been able to sustain the level of success that The Doobie Brothers have two Grammy's, 27 chart singles, 16 Top 40 hits (including two #1s), 11 multiplatinum albums, 13 Gold albums and, the most rare of distinctions, The Diamond Award, for the sale of 10 million units of a single title, Best Of The Doobies. Volume I.

Just who are The Doobie Brothers? Tom Johnston on guitar and vocals. Patrick Simmons on guitar and vocals, Keith Knudson on drums and vocals, John McFee on guitar, strings and vocals, Guy Allison on keyboards, guitar and vocals, Michael Hossack on drums, Skylark on bass and Mare Russo on saxophone. Tickets are \$30, \$38, \$45 and \$60.

Riverdance rescheduled for December

Riverdance, the international phenomenon, previously scheduled to perform June 15-20, has been rescheduled for December 7-12. Patrons who are already holding tickets will need to contact the box office at 481-4849 to exchange those tickets for new ones for the same seating.

Performance dates will be Tuesday. Dec. 7 through Thursday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 10, and Saturday, Dec. 11, at 8 with a 2 p.m. matinee as well on Saturday; and Sunday, Dec. 12, at 1 and

Ticket Prices range from \$39 to \$59.

Styx returns

By popular demand, Styx returns to Mann Hall Thursday, April 8, at 8 p.m. with Ricky Phillips replacing departing bassist/vocalist Glen Burtnik. Phillips, though probably best known as the bass player for Bad English and The Babys, has also done touring and/or session work with the likes of Jimmy Page, Joe Cocker, Roger Daltrey and Jeff Beck. He joins Styx on the heels of their highly successful summer arena tour, The Main

Styx lead vocalist/guitarist J.Y Young id, "We're sad to see Glen leave. We wish him well, and I'm looking forward to introducing to the world only the 10th person to ever be a part of Styx, bass player extraordinaire Ricky Phillips.

T've known Ricky and enjoyed his work since we toured together in the 70s," stated lead vocalist/guitarist Tommy Shaw. "We're pleased to welcome him to the Styx family.

Burtnik's amicable departure was based on a personal decision. "I've enjoyed performing onstage with this talented group of musicians, and I greatly value the friendship and warmth shown to me by the band, the crew, the staff and the fans. It's time for me to get back to spending more quality time with my family." Burtnik first joined Styx in 1991, replacing lead vocalist/guitarist Tommy Shaw on Edge of the Century. Shaw returned in 1996. Burtnik rejoined in '99, stepping in for original bassist Chuck Panozzo, who remains on personal leave, but continues to make occasional appearances with theband. Drummer Todd Sucherman has been a full-fledged member since just before the untimely death of original drummer John Panozzo in 1996. Keyboardist/vocalist Lawrence Gowan enjoyed a successful solo recording career in Canada, with three platinum and five gold albums to his credit, before joining Styx in 1999.

Styx continued their touring schedule through the remainder of 2003 in support of their latest CD release, Cyclorama, A new CD/DVD package, 21st Century Live was released last fall. 21st Century Live incorporates live selections from Stvx's rich musical history all the way up through the present day Cyclorama.

Tickets are \$35, \$45 and \$65.

Kenny Rogers is back

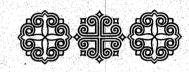
One of country music's biggest crossover successes, Kenny Rogers, will be at Mann on Wednesday, April 14th, at 8 p.m.

A true American icon, there are few artists of Rogers' stature. In 1999, Rogers returned to the top of the charts with his back-to-back hit singles, "The Greatest" and his 22nd #1 hit, "Buy Me A Rose." Both songs captured the #1 slot on CMT's Top 12 Video Countdown and propelled Rogers' She Rides Wild Horses album to platinum status. Fall of 2001 marked the release of Rogers' 60th album, Live By Request, the first live performance recording of his career. Televised live on A & E's Live by Request interactive concert series, the album features 17 of Rogers' greatest hits including two duets with Linda Davis and 13 number one songs.

In the span of nearly five decades, Rogers has recorded 60 albums, which have sold over 105 million records worldwide. In March 1999, the Recording Industry Association of America awarded him the prestigious Diamond Award celebrating sales of more than 10 million albums for Kenny Rogers' Greatest Hits. His numerous accolades include four Grammys, 11 People's Choice Awards, 18 American Music Awards, eight Academy of Country Music Awards and five CMA Awards. In addition, he was named Favorite Singer of All Time in a PM Magazine/USA Today poll in 1986 and, in '89, readers of People Magazine voted Rogers Favorite Male Vocalist.

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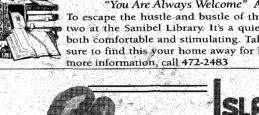
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The exciting, hard swinging pianist Benny Green d the sophisticated, versatile guitarist Russell Malone will be on stage at Schein Hall on Thursday, March 11th, at 8 p.m.

These two young lions of jazz are friends whose rapport and joy in performing are palpable. Green and Malone have been holding an ongoing musical conversation since their first onstage summit in the Netherlands in 2001. The two have numerous recording and playing credits with some of the world's finest jazz musicians including Betty Carter, Freddie Hubbard, Ray Brown, Oscar Peterson, Diana Krall, Wynton Marsalis, Harry Connick Jr., and Jimmy Smith. Their latest CD isJazz at the Bistro, an album which references Coltrane, Monk, Carter and Adderley.

Malone is from Albany, Ga., and much of his early

music experience came from the church where, at four, he became entralled with the guitar. The gospel tunes of the Dixie Hummingbirds were the sound-track of his youth. A sophisticated and versatile guitarist, his influences range from swing to R & B. Malone first made his mark with Jimmy Smith's band in the late 1980s. Over the past decade, he has maintained a successful dual career as a solo artist and a valuable session player for a host of high-profile players.

Green grew up in Berkeley, Calif. and got his early training on piano in the local school system which had a jazz department. A student of classical piano from the age of seven, Green devel-

oped a taste for jazz through the influence of his tenor sax-playing father. He played in school bands and, while still in his teens, filled the piano chair in a quintet co-led by trumpeter and saxophonist Hadley Caliman. After various gigs, performing, recording and learning with some of jazz's most respected, Green really came of age with his Blue Note Records debut, Lineage, earning international respect and a reputation as one of the label's most exciting new stars.

Tickets are \$25 and available at BIG Arts, 395-0900.

Florida Chic/Florida Kitsch

Mark your calendar and buy your tickets now for the BIG ARTS 2004 Film Festival, Florida Chic/Florida Kitsch. A weekend of film, not to be missed, begins Thursday, March 11th, at 3 p.m. at the Island Cinema and

runs through Sunday, March 14th. In keeping with this year's theme, this outstanding series of films, all set in Florida, will explore the diversity of the Florida experience from the backwoods of the panhandle to the resortominium community and lifestyle of retirees living on a Florida barrier island... with 1940s Palm Beach and contemporary Cuban Miami in between.

All shows in the festival will be followed by dinner at a local restaurant or a themed party with live entertainment, music, dancing and prizes for dressing for the theme of the afternoon or evening. Tickets for all afternoon shows are \$5 and evening shows, which include the film and theme party, are \$10. Advance tickets are available at BIG Arts, 395-0900.

The festival kicks off with the 3 p.m. showing of Ulee's Gold at Island Cinema March 11th. Starring Peter Fonda as a beekeeper in the Florida panhandle, this film by Florida director, Victor Nuñez, is a celebration of the human heart, courage and persistence. A discussion of the film and dinner will follow at the Island Cow Restaurant on Periwinkle Way.

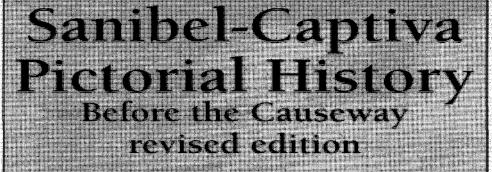
The festival's location moves Friday, March th, to Schein Hall for a 7 p.m. showing of the 1942 classic, The Palm Beach Story, featuring Claudette Colbert, Rudy Valley and Mary Astor. A classy, yet zany comedy by the award-winning screen writer, Preston Sturges, the refers to Fort Myers in ways you wouldn't believe!

Following the film viewers are invited to attend a party with refreshments, music and dancing in the style of 1940s Palm Beach. Come dressed in your pearls or black tie... and feel free to be creative about what else you wear with them. Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed, including a chance to win a car in BIG Arts' BIG Red Car Raffie!

On Saturday, March 13th, the film will also be in Schein Hall at 7. The Perez Family, a bright and brassy comedy/drama about Cuban Miami starring Angelica Houston, will be the evening's entertainment. Have some black beans and rice with your berring and sour cream afterwards at a party in the eclectic style of Miami. Come in tourist kitsch, South Beach Cool or Miami Latino—but be prepared to enjoy music and dancing. There will be prizes for dressing creatively, including another chance on the BIG Red Car.

The festival will wind up Sunday, March 14th, at 3 p.m. with a screening of Sunshine State back at the Island Cinema. This is director John Sayles' take on a Florida barrier island resort community of retirees, long stuck in its ways and, suddenly, the target of a big development corporation that wants to turn it into a high-rise resort community. Immediately after the film there will be dinner and a discussion at the Twilight Café.

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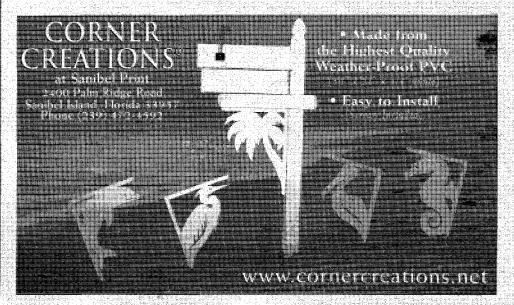
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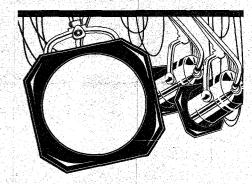
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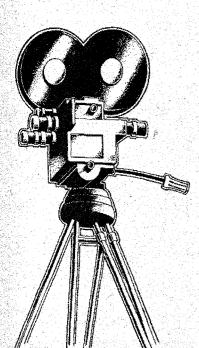
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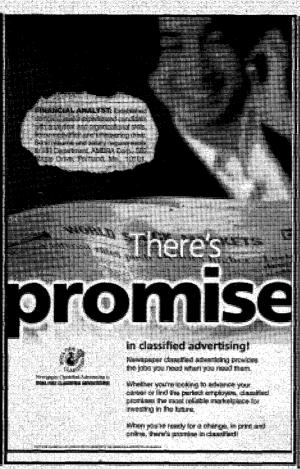
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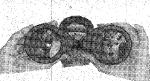
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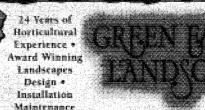
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