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(left to right) Melissa Congress, Elaine Adler, Linda Mondelli, and Marianne Ravenna display some of the wood sculptures up for auction at the Sanibel Cares' 4th annual Celebration of the Arts. The sculptures were cut by Bishop Verot shop teacher Mike Gill and painted by Ravenna.

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## PBS documentary "Gulf in Peril" showing & panel discussion on April 5

On Monday, April 5, at 7 p.m. at the Shell Museum, ECOSanibel will screen the PBS documentary "Deep Trouble: The Gulf in Peril," followed by a panel discussion with guests Gary Burris, Naples Daily News city editor Allen Bartlett and reporters, and regional Sierra Club president Bobbie Lee Hasty.

Last year, the Naples Daily News published an extensive investigation entitled "The Gulf in Peril." Filmmaker Gary Burris and WGCU Public Media then created an eye-opening, 50-minute documentary, based on the series, which aired last fall.

Burris is a former commercial fisherman who became an environmental advocate in the 1980s, in part as a result of his experiences fishing in the Gulf off Galveston, Texas. His body of work includes a 1985 CNN series called "Coastline Crisis" that won seven major awards, including a Golden Globe. He is founder of the Survival of the Sea Society, Seaguard and Public Eyes Television.

"Deep Trouble: The Gulf in Peril," with a script and narration by WGCU's Amy Tardif, includes dramatic footage of the ecological decline of the Gulf of Mexico from the Florida Keys to the Yucatan peninsula, and interviews with commercial fishermen, environmental scientists and others. In an interview published in the November 2003 issue of "Expressions" magazine, Burris said that rivers flowing into

the Gulf are the most obvious source of harm to the ecology, but we should also consider atmospheric conditions such as automobile pollution and smoke haze.

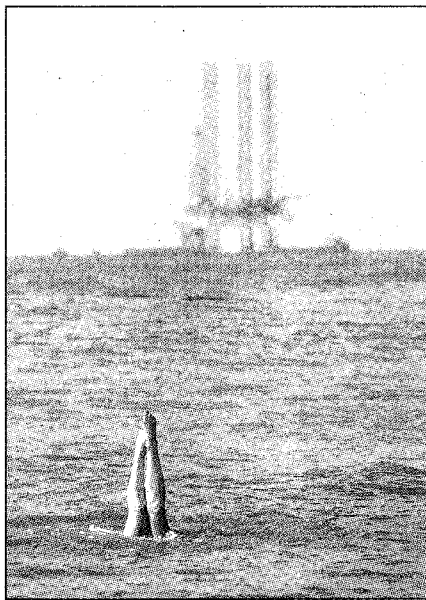
In an effort to raise further awareness about these critical issues in our island community, Naples Daily News will have copies of their 15-part series available at this event.

The screening is co-sponsored by the Sierra Club (Calusa Group), and is open to the public. A donation of \$5 is suggested. Please note that parking at the Shell Museum is limited (parking on San-Cap road is not allowed) and those who attend are urged to carpool. The film follows ECOSanibel's annual general meeting, which begins at 5 p.m.

ECOSanibel (Earth Charter of Sanibel) is an island-based organization dedicated to studying, promoting and upholding the spirit and aims of the Earth Charter, particularly as they apply to the sanctuary island of Sanibel. The Earth Charter is a declaration of fundamental principles for building a just, sustainable and peaceful global society in the 21st century.

### Mobile oil rig

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### Fish from San Perdido Bay

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For further information, please call (239) 472-8998.

### Horticulture and Tea Society Finale A Big Hit

Every seat was filled at the season's final program of The Horticulture and Tea Society of San-Cap (HATS). Purple tablecloths and orchids adorned every table while guests were treated to a special tea, finger sandwiches and a huge, decorated cake.

NBC-TV Anchor Jessica Stilwell, who spoke about her career in television, while hat decorator to the stars, Bernice Cartier, presented a mini-fashion show of magnificent chapeaus, beautifully modeled by Fran Kieling, Mo Dalton, Linda Gornick and Joanna Bowers.

Author and photographer Connie Bransilver, world renowned expert on wild orchids, treated everyone to a presentation of never before seen orchid species, some smaller than a penny. She also presented a special segment on tea in Uganda. The magnificent orchids of Marilyn Burpee of Marilyn's Exotic Orchids were available for sale.

Next (HATS) season starts in November. Find out what is happening by visiting [www.hatssan-cap.org](http://www.hatssan-cap.org).



(from left:) Bernice Cartier, Barbara Ganz, Connie Bransilver, Jessica Stilwell, Marilyn Burpee



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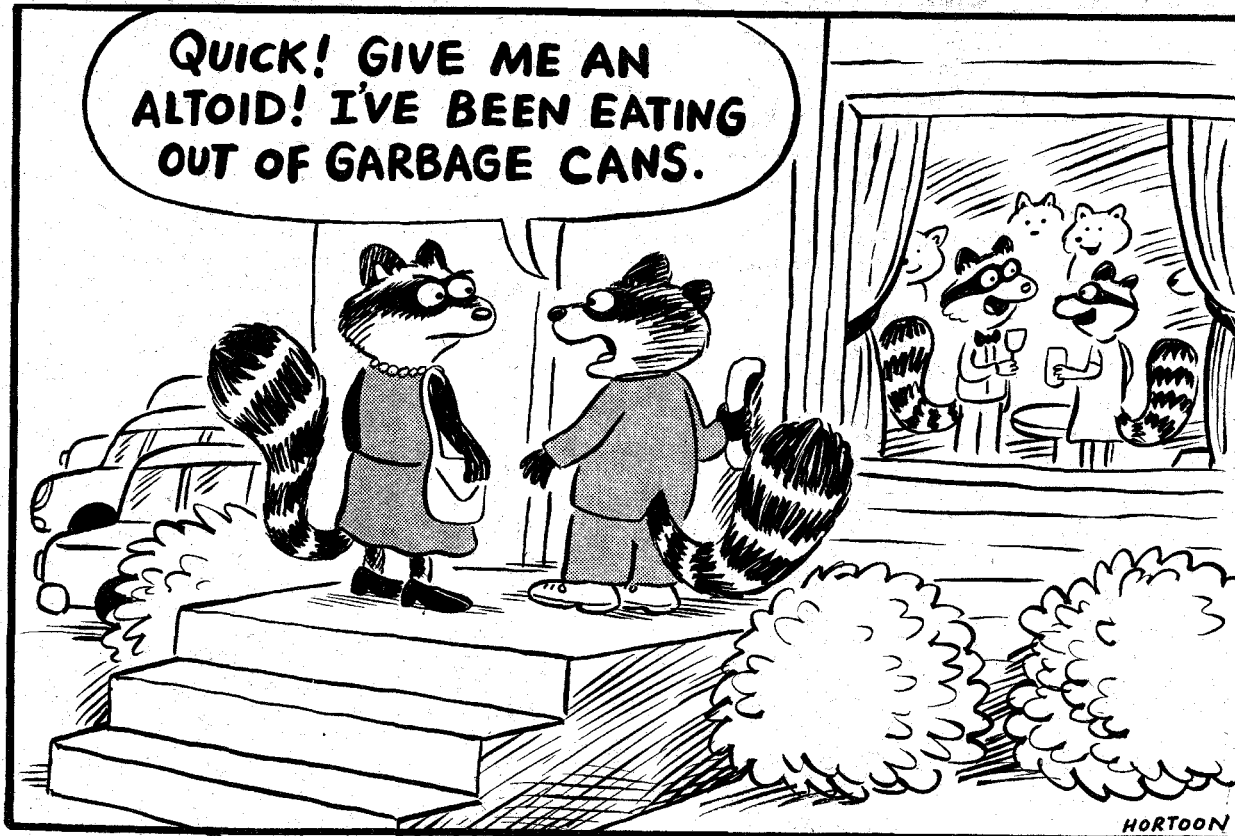
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**ISLAND SCENE**

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**Coming up this week —**

— FRIDAY, APRIL 2 —

**SCCF Tennis Tourney this weekend**

The 12th Annual Tennis Tournament benefiting the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation begins festivities tonight with a terrific Fifties-themed cocktail party and auction. Then, one of the islands' premier tennis takes place on April 3 and 4. Many thanks to Bank of America and South Seas Resorts for once again sponsoring this event.

Non-players can get into the action with the Friday night raffle and silent auction. For the second year, Intrav/Clipper Cruise Line has donated a fabulous 8-day trip for two to Alaska's Inside Passage aboard the 138-passenger Yorktown Clipper ship — rated one of the world's best small-ship cruise lines by readers of Conde Nast Traveler. The raffle includes an outstanding glass creation by treasured artist Luc Century and a variety of island vacations donated by South Seas Resort, Priscilla Murphy Realty and VIP.

Proceeds will benefit the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's general operating fund. The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of natural resources and wildlife habitat on and around Sanibel and Captiva. For more information please call Marti Bryant at the Conservation Foundation at 472-2329.

— SATURDAY, APRIL 3 —

**Sanibel Cares auction & public preview**

The public is invited to preview the 2004 Sanibel Cares Island Celebration of the Arts auction on Apr. 3 at Sanibel Community House from noon to 2 p.m. Admission is free-of-charge and attendees are welcome to place bids on auction items.

Among the more than 70 pieces of juried artwork, guests can get an early peek at the sculpture of featured artist Jim Sprankle, a one-third-sized maquette that Sprankle created as a model for his full-sized American bald eagle sculpture. The so-called "American Freedom Fighter" is now on permanent display in the White House as a gift from the citizens of Sanibel and Captiva.

Other artwork includes paintings, fine art prints, sculpture, jewelry, glass, furniture, and more. Values



Above: Sanibel Cares featured artist Jim Sprankle (left) with the Sanibel Cares eagle and son James; below: Melissa Congress with a piece up for auction at the Sanibel Cares' 4th annual Celebration of the Arts.



range from \$30 to more than \$20,000. In addition, several non-art items will go on the table as an "Art of Fine Living Auction."

The Fourth

Annual Island of the Arts gala event begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Sanibel Community House with martini bar, gourmet buffet, silent auction, and the music of Danny Morgan. A live "Art of Fine Living Auction" follows at 8:30 p.m. Featured among the fine living auction items will be an epicurean dinner with wine for eight guests, catered by Blue Pepper Gourmet Market of Fort Myers directly to the winner's home or a selected beachfront home.

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company is master sponsor of the 2004 Island Celebration of the Arts.

**CEC Spring Festival at Periwinkle Place**

The 10th Annual Children's Educational Center of the Islands Spring Festival at Periwinkle Place gets underway at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 3 with an Egg hunt by age groups. The cost is \$10 per child for unlimited fun.

There will be a raffle for an Easter basket for a boy and one for a girl, as well as a silent auction for adults. Activities will include a Daddy dunk tank, face paint, giant slide, bounce house, arts and crafts, games and contests and the festivities last until noon. Kids can also have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny for a \$5 fee. Extra parking will be available thanks to the Sanibel Congregational Church across the street.

**Audubon outing on April 3**

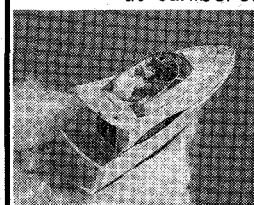
The next Sanibel-Captiva Audubon birding outing will take place on Saturday, April 3 (tomorrow) at the Sanibel Lighthouse. Meet at 8 a.m. in the parking lot; parking is \$2/hour.

All birders are welcome. These outings are open to the public and the suggested donation is \$2. Call Malcolm Harpham at 395-3804 for other details.

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— SUNDAY, APRIL 4 —

## Unitarian Universalists of the Islands

The next meeting of the UUs of the Islands will be on Sunday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way.

Rev. Kenneth Hurto, minister of the UU Church on Shire Lane in Fort Myers will be our speaker. Rev. Hurto has a Master of Divinity from Harvard University. He has served parishes in the east and mid-west and he has chaired or served on numerous UUMA and UUA task forces, committees, conferences and workshops. He is a faculty member for the UUMA Leadership in Ministry training program.

The UUs of the Islands meet the first Sunday evening of each month from November through April. The public is invited. Please come and bring a friend.

— MONDAY, APRIL 5 —

## "SWAT" swim team

The Sanibel Recreation Complex is having sign-ups for those interested in becoming part of the Sanibel "SWAT" Swim Team. Kids from kindergarten through eighth grade are eligible.

If interested, please contact Coach Holly or the Sanibel Recreation Complex at 472-0345. We will be offering a water-conditioning program starting Monday, April 5. Practices will be held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 3:15

5 p.m., for those children that are interested in improving their condition for the upcoming swim team season. Our first Jamboree swim meet will be held in mid-May. We are looking forward to a great new season. Any questions please contact the Sanibel Recreation Complex at 472-0345.

The Sanibel Recreation Youth "SWAT" Team is asking the general public for donations to assist in the funding for the 2004 swim team season. If interested, please contact the Sanibel Recreation Complex at 472-0345 and ask for Coach Holly or Coby.

Thank you to all who have contributed in previous years. All future donations will be greatly appreciated!

## U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary sailing course

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering an eight-hour, four-chapter course, beginning on April 5. Let's Go Sailing combines the training programs of the American Sailing Association and the Coast Guard. It is designed for the individual who wants to begin sailing in a small boat or one who desires to hone his/her sailing skills.

The course is taught by experienced Auxiliarists and will include:

1. Beginning to sail - the wind, sailor's language, parts of the boat, terms, how a sail works and sail care

2. Let's go sailing — rigging, launching, your first sail, points of sail, safety considerations

3. Safe sailing — capsizing and righting the boat, heavy weather sailing, man overboard and retrieval, hypothermia

4. Advanced topics — crewing, planning your sail, tides and currents, steering and sailing rules, docking, mooring, knots and lines

The course will be followed by a written 25-question, multiple choice examination entitling those that successfully complete it to be awarded a certificate of completion, a wallet card and entitlement to a reduction in their boater's insurance premium. The course is conducted by Flotilla 9-10, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, an agency of the U.D. Department of Homeland Security.

The classes will be offered from 7 - 9 p.m. on Monday, April 5; Thursday, April 8; Monday, April 12; and Thursday, April 15. Classes will be held at Edison College, 8099 College Parkway, Building J, Room 203 in Fort Myers. The cost is \$30 per person, including all course materials — students need to bring a nautical chart of the area. There is no charge for the actual instruction.

To register, call the Edison College Registrar's Office at 489-9235.

According to the U.S. Coast Guard's latest statistic (2002), Florida — the fourth largest state in registered recreational vessels — has the most boating

accidents and the most boating fatalities of any state. Over 88% of accident victims have had no boating instruction. Lee County has the ninth largest rate of accident in the state, with the number one cause cited as carelessness.

— TUESDAY, APRIL 6 —

## Lee County Chamber network lunch


The Lee County Chamber of Commerce Network Lunch will be on Tuesday, April 6 at Bennigan's Grill & Tavern at U.S. 41 and College Parkway. The lunch will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; cost for the complete lunch is \$13 per person. RSVP to 931-0931.

## April Guild Meeting

The St. Isabel Women's Guild is holding its last meeting of the season on Tuesday, April 13. It will be a spring luncheon held at the Beachview Steakhouse & Seafood Restaurant at noon. Reservations are necessary by April 6, and can be made by calling Kay Liptak at 395-8839. The luncheon is \$15, payable at the door. Your reservation must be honored or call to cancel by April 9. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend this final meeting and bring their friends.

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## OBITUARIES

### Donna Kay Mowder Congram

Sanibel resident, Donna Congram, age 71, formerly of Peoria, passed away Thursday, March 18, 2004 at Hope Hospice in Fort Myers.

Donna was born to Harold and Kathryn Mowder in Havana, Ill. on October 15, 1932. She was educated in Havana and then attended St. Francis School of Nursing in Peoria, graduating as an RN, and worked as a public health nurse and with the bloodmobile.

Donna married Samuel Richard Congram, who survives her, on November 18, 1955 in Peoria. She is also survived by her daughter, Amy and her husband, Jay Naples, of Carlinville, Ill.; a son, Samuel Richard Congram, III of Fort Myers; five grandchildren — Sarah and her husband, Gregg Rookey, Molly, Jayme, Joey and Kristin and one great-grandchild, Shelby Rookey, all of Carlinville. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A celebration of her life was requested by Donna in lieu of funeral services, the date of which is pending.

Memorials in Donna's name may be made to Hope Hospice, 9470 Health Park Circle, Fort Myers, 33908.

### Marlene H. Mueller

Marlene H. Mueller, 71 passed away on Saturday, March 27, 2004 at her Sanibel home. She is survived by her loving husband, Robert, two daughters, Terri and Kris, her son, Robert Jr., a sister, Linda Breeding and grandchildren, Claire, Charley, Calvin and Esm'e.

A native of St. Louis, Mo., she spent most of her life in St. Louis raising her three children and being a devoted wife to her husband of 47 years. While in St. Louis, she was a member of the Woerner Music Club. She and her husband moved to Sanibel in 1987 and very often, she could be found strolling the beaches of Sanibel in search of the perfect shell.

A private memorial service was held by the family.

## ISLAND SCENE

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— WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7 —

### Take me to the river

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

Kids will have the opportunity to learn about the fascinating aspects of wetlands by exploring and investigating Sanibel's interior wetlands. This interpretive program will be geared for ages 5-12 and will take place on Wednesday, April 7 and April 14 at 9:30 a.m.

An adult must accompany kids, so kids, parents and grandparents, please come to the Foundation's Nature Center and Take Me to the River. Space is limited so reservations are required. The program is free for kids and \$3/adult. Call the Foundation at 472-2329 for additional information and reservations.

### Upcoming —

#### April pool school

It's not too late for individuals to enroll in the April 19-30 Pool School being offered by the Lee County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Registration is open to all individuals. Instruction will be provided in lifeguard training and for water safety instructors. CPR/AED for the professional rescuer challenge is also available. Pre-registration must be completed by Monday, April 12.

The two-week intensive training program is intended to provide a "pool" (no pun intended) of certified lifeguards and water safety instructors from which area businesses can fill job vacancies. Classes will be held evenings and Saturdays following a written exam and pre-course testing to determine swimming proficiency and class eligibility on Monday, April 19.

Specific requirements for the various classes, length of each class, required fees, registration procedures, and class locations and dates may be obtained by contacting Diane Austin, American Red Cross, 239-278-3401, or log on to [arclcc.org](http://arclcc.org).

Graduation ceremonies and a job fair will be held on Saturday, May 1, at 10 a.m. at the Fort Myers Aquatic Center, located on the corner of DeLeon and Matthews Dr., Fort Myers. Certificates of completion will be presented at this time.

### Susan Bluehs at ABWA

Susan Bluehs of Susan Bluehs Health Care Services will speak at the April 13b meeting of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA). Bluehs, an RN, received a phone call at a critical juncture in her career which provided the inspiration to offer a variety of services to elderly, home-bound and/or disabled people on Sanibel and Captiva. The meeting will be held at the Sundial Resort. Social hour at 5:30 p.m. in the lounge; dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. If you would like membership information and would like to attend the April meeting, please call Lisa Cochrane at 246-8876. Reservations required: ABWA members call Trudie Kohlbrener at 466-3892.

### MOAA meeting

The Sanibel/Captiva Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) will meet Tuesday, April 13 at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club on Sanibel. The meeting starts at noon with cocktails, followed by lunch, \$12.50 per person, and then a presentation by Jim Burgess, Lee County Mosquito Control District. Jim will discuss the methods and operations of one of the most advanced mosquito control programs in the country. All current and former military personnel and spouses are welcome. Membership is open to any military officer. Reservations are required and must be made NLT Friday, April 9 by calling Dewey Tate at 239-395-3904.



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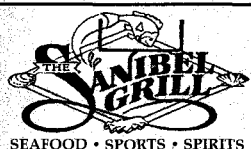
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## Kiwanis: Interventional Radiology

Submitted by Bob Wimbush

"Does anyone know what an interventional radiologist does?" was Dr. Marc D. Kaye's first question. One hand went up — Kiwanian Marty Arnowitz. "And what do you do?"

"I'm a trial lawyer."

"Oh...."

"...Does anyone else know what an interventional radiologist is?"

"Yes," answered one member's Kiwanian daughter and guest. "My child has cancer."

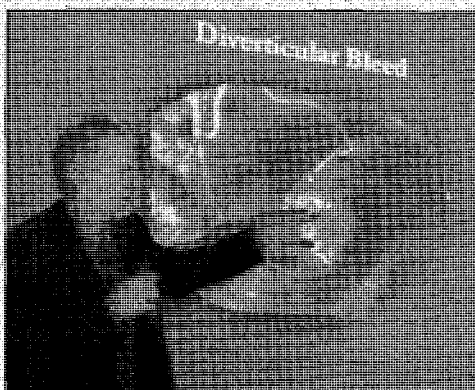
Kaye is an impressive physician from the Cleveland Clinic and a pioneer who is making interventional radiology "an integral part of all phases of medicine." He is developing the art of using highly sophisticated imaging devices to guide probes and

applications onto their targets from outside the body. And he's so good at it they "don't do exploratory surgery anymore."

Their two principal machines are MRIs, which don't use radiation, and CTs, which do. And the pictures he showed us from both are pretty amazing. So is the technology. Ten years ago a CT scanner would take four "slices" in 26 seconds. Today's machines take 832 and have become so fast they can literally stop a heartbeat. Formerly, only the doctor's bill could do that.

Certainly, the curative applications of being able to specifically identify and then reach internal targets are impressive, but emerging diagnostic and predictive applications are even more so. It is not uncommon for a physician to detect conditions potentially more harmful than the one he was looking for in the first place. It's sort of like

**Below left: Interventional Radiology at work; Below right: Mike Robison welcomes Jim Gorman into Kiwanis**



that free or bargain oil change and tire rotation. You get an oil change. The shop gets to start and drive your car, look under the hood and then inspect it on their lift with all the wheels removed.

They're looking at brakes, alignment, ball joints, exhaust, suspension, belts, hoses. The mechanic can test the AC, spot any leaks, and even know if the radio works by the time he's through.

CTs are at least that thorough. A skilled physician can spot tumors, masses, cancers, problems with arteries. CT can detect a 1-2mm (.08 inch) lung tumor while conventional X-rays are doing well at a half-inch. As technologies advance, physicians can more closely assess and differentiate between specific conditions — calcified vs. non-calcified plaques, for instance. A skilled interventional radiologist can tell cysts from tumors and many problems, detected early, are infinitely more curable. And, relax... physicians at the Cleveland Clinic (unlike your friendly, neighborhood mechanics) are all salaried.

Is CT the answer to everything? Not yet. Kaye still recommends mammograms and advocates checking your PSA. The group groaned in unison as he urged the continuation of digital exams. The virtual colonoscopy is not yet ready to replace the good old-fashioned kind and, if the virtual finds anything, you still need the other.

A CT scan currently costs about \$1,600, the same as a free oil change and tire rotation, but getting insurance and Medicare coverage is more like a colonoscopy.

*Kiwanis breakfasts on Wednesday at the Dunes, and reminds you that the Fort Myers Beach Kiwanis Thrift Store at 454-8090 picks up unwanted, but serviceable, furniture and appliances on Sanibel and Captiva*



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## ISLAND SCENE

## Seagrass Wading Trip

Did you know that the shallow waters between Sanibel and Fort Myers are home to a wide variety of fascinating sea life? The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program are sponsoring a Seagrass Wading Trip on Wednesday, April 14 at 9 a.m.

This estuarine environment, where the fresh water of the Caloosahatchee River meets the salt water of the Gulf of Mexico, is one of the most productive ecosystems on Earth. Here the seagrass beds act as a nursery and a feeding ground for many species of fish and other marine life.

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

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

Full directions will be given upon reservation since the location is subject to change due to weather or other uncontrollable conditions. The trip is free to children and adults and space is limited to 16. Reservations are required; please call 472-2329 or 395-4617.

You need to bring old clothes and/or bathing suit, closed-toe water shoes, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and a towel.

## Florida Heritage Month

Celebrate Florida Heritage Month — a time for residents and visitors to experience the rich history of our state — by visiting the Southwest Florida Museum of History.

The museum offers permanent exhibits on Paleo Florida, Seminole and Calusa Indians, the history and culture of Fort Myers and, currently, the Treasures of Eden.

Group tours are available at a discount

**More Island Scene on page 7**

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with reservations. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$9.50 adults; \$8.50 seniors (65+); \$4 children.

The museum is located in downtown Fort Myers at 2300 Peck Street, one block south of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard at Peck and Jackson Street. Phone (239) 332-5955.

### ... also at the museum

Learn the art of cartooning from the News-Press cartoonist, Doug MacGregor. Macgregor will present a cartooning workshop at the Southwest Florida Museum of History of Friday, April 9 from noon to 2 p.m. Supplies will be provided by the museum. Museum admission will be free for children 12 years and under when accompanied by an adult. Adults: \$9.50; Senior: \$8.50

### Sewing guild meeting

The next meeting of the Southwest Florida Chapter of the American Sewing Guild will be held on Saturday, April 24, at the Lee County Extension Service in Terry Park, 3406 Palm Beach Boulevard. "A Day with LaFred" is the program. A Meet-and-Greet will run from 9:30 to 10 a.m. with the program running from 10 to 4 p.m. Bring a Brown Bag Lunch; coffee, iced tea and dessert will be provided.

Fred Bloebaum (a woman with a man's nickname) is a highly regarded sewing instructor from the San Francisco area, where she is a regular instructor at The Sewing Workshop. Fred specializes in fashion-conscious sewing classes focusing on designer techniques, figure flattery, tailoring and special fabrics. Fred is a frequent contributor to Threads magazine and has recently released her own line of patterns, Clothing Designs by LaFred — elegant, classic attire, simple to construct with contemporary lines.

The American Sewing Guild is a national non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of home sewing. Membership is open to all that would like to learn more about sewing. Chapter meetings are held the fourth Saturday of each month. Dues are \$40 per year, and include the chapter newsletter and special discounts from local merchants. For further information, call the Club President, Diane Stramel at 458-2858.

### Travel with the Renaissance Academy

FGCU's Renaissance Academy is offering several European tours:

- Brazil — April 16-29. Visit Rio de Janeiro, Paraty and Iguassu Falls
- Ireland — July 16-27. Visit Dublin, Waterford, Cliffs of Moher, Connemara
- Tuscany, Italy — Sept. 20-28. Visit Florence, Pisa, Siena, Lucca, San Gimignano.
- Sorrento, Italy — Sept. 28-Oct. 5. Visit Sorrento, Capri, Naples, Pompeii, Amalfi Coast.

For more information, call 239/590-1095.

### Holy Week Worship Schedule at Sanibel Community Church

Palm Sunday, April 4 services are:

- 8 a.m. Traditional with Holy Communion
- 9 a.m. Contemporary
- 10 a.m. Traditional with Choir
- 11 a.m. Contemporary

On Monday, April 5, there will be a Passover Seder meal, interpreted by Jews for Jesus at 6 p.m. On Maundy Thursday, April 8 at 7 p.m., Handel's "Messiah" will be presented by the Chancel Choir with Holy Communion being served. On Good Friday, April 9 at 8 p.m., a special "Tenebrae" service, the "Service of Darkness." Bible characters come to the cross and reflect upon the final seven statements of Jesus.

### Easter Sunrise Service on the Causeway

Sunday, April 11 at 6:30 a.m. Message by Dr. Daryl Donovan, with music and Youth drama. Bring a lawn chair. An offering will be received for Teen Challenge.

Worship services at the church are:

- 8 a.m. Traditional with Holy Communion
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Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way, next to Jerry's. For more information call 472-2684.



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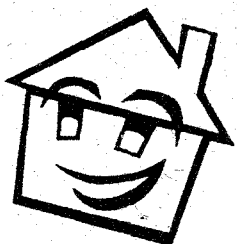
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## Adventure Sea Kayak

In last week's story on Adventure Sea Kayak, the phone extension for reaching Brian and John Houston at Tween Waters Inn was incorrect. The phone number is 472-5161, ext. 4. There are trips scheduled for 9 and 11 a.m. and for 2 and 4 p.m., but Brian notes that they "offer all trips, including custom full moon and other tours."

## Sanibel-Captiva AARP April - May Program

Because the date of the Sanibel-Captiva AARP April program falls on Good Friday, April 9th, and many people will be out of town, it has been decided to change the date of the meeting and to combine the April and May program. Consequently, the next AARP meeting will be Friday, April 30th.

Watch your island papers for the program on this date, which will be announced later. As a reminder, this will be our last program until October.

The San-Cap AARP chapter meets the second Friday of every month at 1:30 and everyone is welcome to attend, regardless if you belong to this chapter or to the national AARP. We meet at the Island Senior Center on Library Way off Palm Ridge Road and there is always refreshments and fellowship after the program. If you have any questions, call 395-3372.

## Beta Sigma Phi Founder's Day

The Fort Myers/Cape Coral Council of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority will celebrate the 73 anniversary of the sorority's founding on Saturday, April 24, 2004 at Heron's Glen in North Fort Myers. All Beta Sigma Phis are invited. The event begins with a social hour at 11:30 followed by lunch at 12:30. Women of the Year from each chapter will be announced. New

council officers will be installed. The theme for 2004-2005 will be announced.

For information and reservations call Founder's Day Chairman Hazel Vieneau at 731-0999. Beta Sigma Phi is a social, cultural and service organization. Local service projects include ACT, LAMP, Nations Association.

## Cape Coral 50+ Softball

Cape Coral 50+ softball has openings for players. Applications for the summer league, which plays on Monday and Thursday nights at 6:45 and 8:00 pm are available now. The games are played at the Cape Coral Sports Complex in Cape Coral. (On Trafalgar Parkway west of Chiquita). The summer league starts May 3, 2004 and goes until August. (30 games scheduled).

The league is 28 years old, plays year round and has players ranging from 49 to 73 years of age. Players come from Naples, Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Lehigh, Sanibel, Pine Island, North Fort Myers, Bonita, Estero and Punta Gorda. Players are eligible if they will be 50 by December 31, 2004. The cost for this season is \$45. In order to be drafted you must attend a practice at the Cape Coral Sports Complex on either Thursday, April 22 or Monday, April 26 from 5:30 - 7 pm. In order for the managers to be able to see where you might be best suited in the draft to be picked. There will also be practices each Monday and Thursday evenings starting on April 8 at 5:30 pm. The deadline for applications is Monday, April 26 and the draft will be held Tuesday, April 27, 2004.

For more information or to receive an application call Pete Cecchini, at 239-540-2150.



## Bank of the Islands gifts benefit three

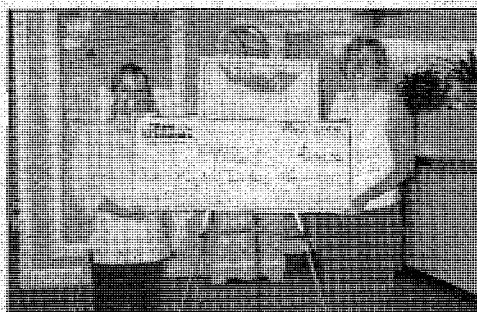
Congratulations to Moni Arnowitz and Susan Holly, the two most recent winners of the "We Love Our Islands" promotion, sponsored by Bank of the Islands. Both Moni and Susan were spotted with "We Love Our Islands" decals on their cars. Each won the right to select which local non-profit cause would receive charitable contributions from the Bank of the Islands.

Moni chose to have P.A.W.S., the animal rescue and welfare organization, to receive \$200. Susan chose the Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva to receive a \$100 contribution from the bank. With these donations, the "We Love our Islands" promotion has placed \$9,800 in the hands of 18 worthwhile island causes.

"We are so pleased that islanders are participating in the bank's campaign to support good causes on Sanibel and Captiva," said Bank of the Islands Manager, Rob Lisenbee. "It's one of the ways we try to show our customers and neighbors how much we appreciate being your island bank."

All islanders are invited to stop by the bank at 1699 Periwinkle Way to get a free "We Love our Islands" decal and details on how you and your favorite charity can become our next lucky winners.

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



(From left): Kathy Boone for P.A.W.S. with Moni Arnowitz.

## Power Squadron new members

Ten new members were inducted into the Sanibel Captiva Sail and Power Squadron at the March meeting. New members are Lindsay and Hans Meisner-Jensen, Jack Chappell, Bill and Gail Bachman, Gabe Fede; Alex and Beryl Flesh and Dianne and Bill Hayes.

Squadron certificates of appreciation

Congratulations to Jack David, the most recent winner of the "We Love Our Islands" promotion, sponsored by Bank of the Islands. Jack, who was spotted with a "We Love Our Islands" decal on his car, won the right to select which local non-profit cause would receive a \$100 gift from the Bank of the Islands.

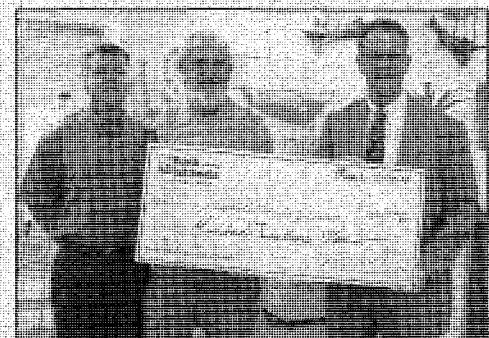
Jack chose the LOGOS Children's Program of the Sanibel Community Church.

"We are so proud to be able to help all these worthy causes while generating a little fun at the same time," said Bank of the Islands Manager, Rob Lisenbee. "This is a great way to tell everyone how much we appreciate being your island bank."

"It's just wonderful Jack chose our LOGOS Program to receive the bank's gift," said Sanibel Community Church Pastor Daryl Donovan. "We are very proud of this outreach to our young people, and are grateful whenever gifts like this one help us to defray the costs."

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From left: Bank Manager Rob Lisenbee, Jack David and Pastor Daryl Donovan.

were awarded to Officer Jane Cechman, Sanibel Police Department; Tim Barrett and Ron Ritchie, Sanibel Fire Department; Nancy McDole, Sanibel School; Lewis Irvine, Tarpon Bay Explorers and Kevin Godsea and Cindy Anderson, J. N. Ding Darling Wildlife Refuge.

For membership information in the Power Squadron, call Bob Morain at 481-4798.

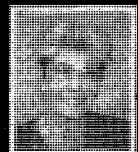
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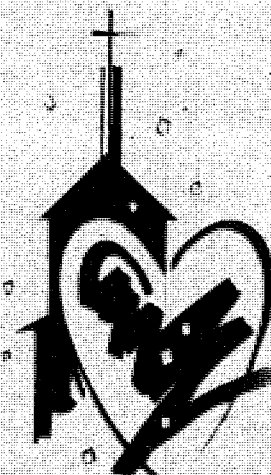


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# What environmental legacy are we leaving our grandchildren?

By Michael Hannan  
Staff Writer

On Thursday evening, March 25, St. Michael's & All Angels was the site of the first of the Rachael Carson Distinguished Lecture Series, sponsored by Florida Gulf Coast University's new Center for Environmental & Sustainability Education. The inaugural offering was The Ethics of Sustainability, which focused on "How our ethics and values can guide our relationship with the environment."

Rachel Carson is generally credited with launching the environmental movement with the publication of Silent Spring in 1962. In that work, Carson, a marine biologist, wrote "The 'control of nature' is a phrase conceived in arrogance, born of the Neanderthal age of biology and the convenience of man." Continuing in that vein, Carson said, "The road we have long been traveling is deceptively easy, a smooth superhighway on which we progress with great speed, but at its end lies disaster. The other fork of the road — the one 'less traveled by' — offers our last, our only chance to reach a destination that assures the preservation of our earth." That thought

of Carson's serves as the Vision Statement for the Center.

Before the program, Center Director and FGCU Professor of Environmental Studies Peter Blaze Corcoran — who is involved in a wide range of environmental education activities both locally and internationally, and lives in Sanibel — debuted the new environmental program, which focuses on an appreciation of nature through art. It engages critical issues involving the western Everglades and the barrier islands and brings to light the unprecedented environmental impacts that humans have made on Earth in the last century.

Mary Evelyn Tucker, a professor of religion and the coordinator of the Forum on Religion and Ecology at Bucknell University, was the first guest speaker. Dr. Tucker posited that the challenge of world religions is to re-envision our roles as citizens of the universe and to redefine our niche as members of the Earth community. Her theories are rooted in a Confucian cosmology. Confucianism is a quasi-religious system of ethical precepts for the management of society, based on sympathy or "human-heartedness," as shown in one's relations with

others and demonstrated through a combination of etiquette and ritual.

Her thesis was "What can be more religious than the future of the Earth?" especially since we are in the sixth extinction period — similar to the period that saw the extinction of the dinosaurs — where 10,000 species a year become extinct.

She related a story about two students, one in her class and another in her husband's. One student, when learning of the deterioration of the Earth's ecosystems pondered the problem for a full day and emerged from his analysis asking what he could do to help. The other student said, "Hey, I'm on the fast track to a career in New York... what do I care if 10,000 species a year march into oblivion?" She likened the juxtaposition of attitudes as "grief vs. greed."

Tucker quoted the famous psychologist Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi (pronounced chick-saint-ma-hi) who maintains that "the simplest goal of life is its continuation. How then," he challenged, "are we going to evolve when

the basis of evolution is the continuation of life?" which we are threatening daily. Evolution "requires that all self-interests be united?"

Alison Hawthorne Deming, a direct descendent of the author's and professor of creative writing at the University of Arizona in Tucson, was the second speaker. She emphasized that the further we remove ourselves from the natural world, the further we are removed from our spiritual center.

She read five short essays she had written. The first had to do with a figurine of a cormorant, carved 30 thousand years ago, that was discovered in a cave in Germany. Deming said that art is the essence of humanity and that the beauty of animals calls us to be creative in an attempt to explain the mystery of nature and our relationship with it.

The second essay dealt with her grandson's fascination with T-Rex. She suggested that the imaginative identification with animals was not unlike the shamanism, totems,

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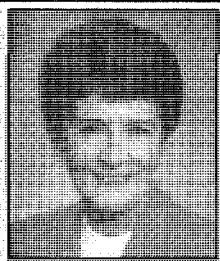
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and talisman of aboriginals. We've just gotten a little more sophisticated, she said, naming our athletic teams the Bears, the Lions, the Marlins, the Dolphins, the Panthers.

Her third reading had to do with the recent phenomenon of mountain lions straying into western communities like Boulder and Tucson. Many people are calling for their extermination, but Deming argued that she accepts the risk of living in mountain lion habitat, much I suspect as we on Sanibel have accepted living in alligator habitat. While we may feel vulnerable, Deming said, because life is precious, we need to know so too is it for the mountain lion. The fourth she entitled "Woman," essentially an autobiographical piece in which she sought to connect with nature — with its solitude and rhythm — by going out into the woods before the first light. She spoke of the sounds and the smells and the sights, of her watching coyotes and bob-

cats and rabbits, and later being watched by them. She mused whether a mountain lion ever took notice of her.

The final essay concerned the "rabbit on Mars." The reference was to a fuzzy image downloaded from the Mars probes. Obviously, it wasn't a rabbit but, how curious, she thought, we might think it was.

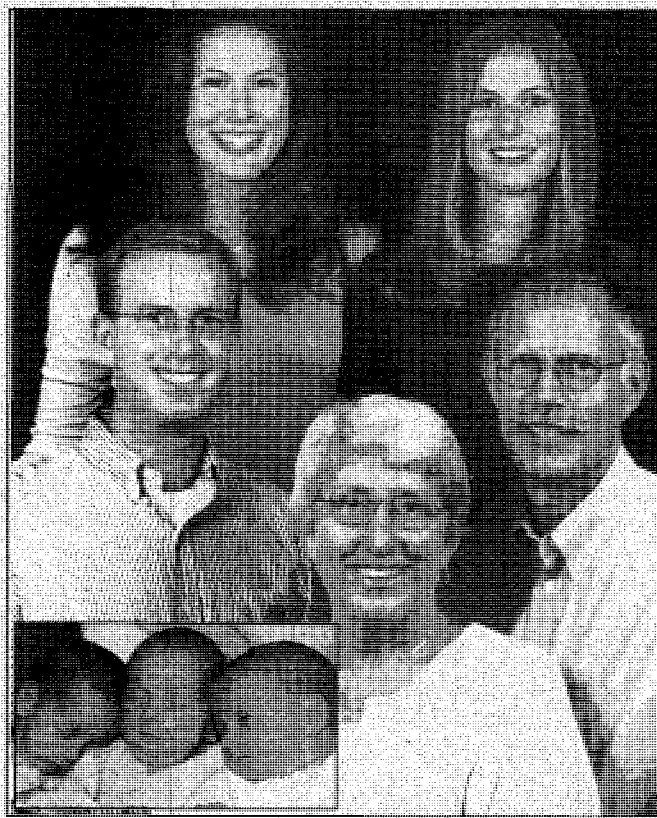
While the two speakers approached the "ethics of sustainability" from different angles, their premises were the same: the more we allow the planet to be diminished, the more we diminish ourselves as a species.

**About the Center**

A number of islanders, in addition to Corcoran, have been involved with the Center's founding and now serve on its Advisory Board, among them, Armand Ball and Carolyn Gray, FGCU's Dean of Arts & Sciences, both of whom are on the board of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. At present the Center, while partially supported by the University, is raising funds to eventually support itself. On the agenda for the first three years are research, professional and pre-professional education, public education and partnerships with other organizations, in addition to the so-called "housekeeping" details of administration, development and funding.

The Center's goals include providing opportunities for administrators, faculty, staff and students from across the campus to engage in activities related to environmental and sustainability education; advancing educational research methodologies and pedagogies in environmental and sustainability education; helping to create an ecologically literate citizenry and advancing civic engagement in the critical environmental issues of the Western Everglades and Barrier Islands; and providing professional development for educators in environmental education and education for sustainability, especially to university administrators and faculty and in-service and pre-service teachers.

During this inaugural period, gifts will be matched by the Humane Society of the United States which has made valuable contributions to the planning and establishment of the Center through its higher education program, University Leaders for a Sustainable Future. To lend support to this important new force in the community, please contact Dr. Corcoran at 590-7166 or 472-8998; or send donations to the Center for Environmental & Sustainability Education/HSUS at the College of Arts & Sciences, 10501 FGCU Boulevard South, Fort Myers 33965-6565. Gifts are tax-deductible.



One year ago this weekend, long-time Sanibel residents John and Debbie Friedlund announced the arrival of their first grandchildren on April 3, 2003. Their daughter, Tara Geissinger, and her husband, Mark, of Fort Myers are the proud parents of (L-R) Owen, Jack and Kaia.

April 3rd is also John and Debbie's 33rd wedding anniversary!

In the family portrait, Tara and Mark Geissinger are on the left, Megan Friedlund, Tara's sister is on the right, and Debbie and John are in front.

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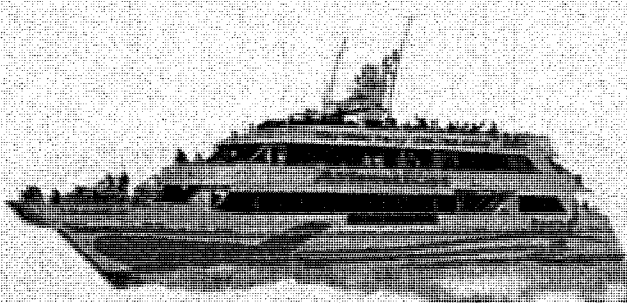
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### Thanks from Junior Optimists

The Junior Optimists of Sanibel-Captiva and the City of Sanibel Parks & Rec Department co-sponsored a dance on March 26 at the Sanibel Community House.

We, the Junior Optimists, would like to thank the City of Sanibel and Parks and Rec for co-sponsoring our dance. We also give a special thank you to the Sanibel Community House for the auditorium, Bailey's General Store for their continued support and for the chips. The kids had a great time!

The next dance will be held at the Sanibel Community House on April 23. This will be the last dance of the season for fifth to eighth graders, and a way to send off our eighth grade with style.

Hope to see you there!

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#### Confusing Carbohydrates — Are They Good or Bad?

By Carol Simontacchi  
Special to the Islander

It all depends. If the media spin on carbohydrates sounds much too confusing, don't feel badly. After all, didn't carbohydrates get Adam and Eve into trouble? That fruit was organic and it still caused a lot of grief!

Putting the humor aside, however, we really are confused about carbs. Are they good? Bad? Does it matter?

Carbohydrates are an essential part of the diet, just like protein and fat. Carbohydrates are a critical source of energy, and our bodies require a constant source of beneficial carbohydrates to fuel the energy-hungry mitochondria, the energy "factory" of the cell. Carbohydrates are digested down into simple sugars, then metabolized in an extremely complex series of biochemical steps into ATP, or adenosine triphosphate — cellular energy.

The brain has a voracious appetite for carbohydrate energy. It feeds on glucose, or simple blood sugar, and because the activity of the brain never ceases, maintaining a constant level of blood sugar is very important for the health and vitality of the brain.

In the absence of adequate amounts of blood sugar, the body is forced to use other sources of energy such as protein and fats. High protein diets may produce some benefits in terms of weight loss but the benefits are generally fleeting, because the body will convert lean muscle mass into carbohydrates if necessary, just to maintain blood sugar. As lean muscle mass is reduced, metabolism is slowed, making it more difficult to maintain long-term lean weight loss.

#### The Problem Is...

If carbs are so important, why are we afraid to eat them? Will we get fat if we eat them?

Carbohydrates have gotten a bad rap in the media over the past few years because frankly, we have not done a good job with them in our diets. We are addicted to sugars, breads, pastas, pastries, and soft drinks. We binge on cookies. We load our plates with pasta because we are convinced that fat is dangerous.

I don't like to point fingers but in an attempt to synthesize very complex biological/health information into 10-second sound bytes, the media provided wrong dietary advice. "Get the fat out of the diet," became the media mantra. We obeyed and substituted highly processed carbohydrates for fats — and in the process, became fatter and unhealthier. We simply cannot remove one whole food group from the diet and expect to be healthy. We certainly cannot substitute highly processed foods for natural foods and expect to be healthy. But that is what happened in the backlash of the "fat phobic" generation. Instead of eating greasy hamburgers and French fries, we eat plates of pasta, with a net result of high weight, high serum cholesterol, high triglycerides, insulin resistance, and increased C-reactive protein, a highly specific marker for cardiovascular disease.

#### The Good Carbs

• We should avoid most of the grains and all processed sugars but we should freely indulge in vegetables and moderate amounts of fresh fruits. If you struggle with high cholesterol, triglycerides, or weight challenges (especially weight in the upper body), limit starchy vegetables to one small serving per day.

- Avoid all forms of artificial sweeteners.
- How many vegetables? At least five to seven servings per day. Does that sound like a lot? It really isn't difficult, once you get used to chopping, peeling, mincing, dicing, and slicing.

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

#### AARP speaker available

In order to help Lee County Medicare beneficiaries understand changes to Medicare, AARP Florida has trained speakers who can give presentations about "Medicare changes that could affect you."

### Fit'n'Trim: N is for Nutrition Facts Labels

by Claudia Burns  
Special to the Islander

About ten years ago, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) started requiring food manufacturers to supply statistics for the ingredients of their products. Prior to 1994, food marketers made any claims they wished — without substantiation.

Nutrition Facts labels, which now appear on the packaging of all processed food in America, provide important information for conscientious consumers — especially those who are trying to manage their weight.

Although food labels are fairly easy to interpret, a few tips from a chronic label reader couldn't hurt. The first thing I look at is Serving Size. A package may contain several servings, but all Nutrition Facts are based on the size of one serving. I also determine the number of Servings Per Container, rather than assume that I may consume the entire package for the nutritional data listed.

Not too long ago, I focused on the Total Fat content of a processed food. Now that I've learned it's not fat that makes us fat, but starchy carbohydrates and sugar, I check the Total Carbohydrate listing first, then its subheadings: Dietary Fiber and Sugars. I still pay attention to the Saturated Fat and Cholesterol counts, of course, as I want to avoid foods that are high in these categories, which can cause health complications.

Another helpful feature of Nutrition Facts labels is the Percent Daily Value

column for each nutrient category. If you are watching your sodium, for instance, you can see what percentage of the Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA) a serving of the food in the package provides.

Nutrition Facts labels help diet-conscious consumers make healthy choices, but I carry it a step further by also perusing the Ingredients list on food packages. Experience has taught me to distrust the dietary declarations of food manufacturers, whose objective, after all, is to sell their product. They have been known to "stretch the truth" in their marketing claims. For instance, if the Nutrition Facts label says the Total Fat content is 0, I check the Ingredients list — manufacturers sometimes make the Serving Size smaller than the minimum amount required for reporting ingredient categories.

If you want to manage your weight by making healthy food choices, do as I do — study Nutrition Facts labels and Ingredients lists before you buy and consume processed/packaged foods.

Please feel welcome to join us at Fit'n'Trim, Weight Management from A to Z, which 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. 472-5133, [infinitrim@msn.com](mailto:infinitrim@msn.com).

Group leaders who want to schedule a presentation may arrange a speaker by calling AARP Florida toll free at 1-866-595-7678.

Presentations focus on the details of the new changes, as well as what AARP would still like to see improved in the program.

Clarke Dahlgren was selected as a trainee so that he could be a local resource and spokesperson. "We all have a stake in the future of Medicare," he noted.

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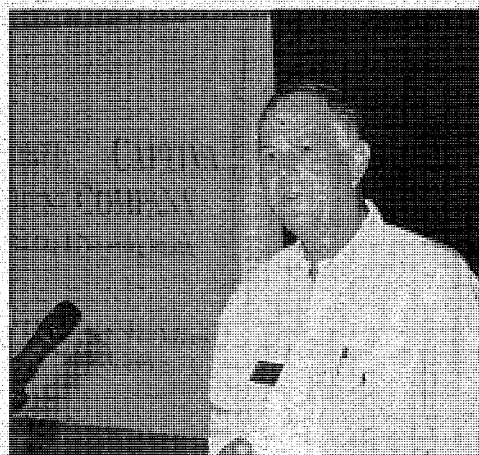
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## Financial experts speak

The shareholders of The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company received market perspectives of several financial experts during their recent annual meeting. Following his opening remarks, S. Albert D. Hanser, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, introduced the company officers. Among those speaking were Richard Pyle, CFA, Chief Investment Officer & Senior Vice President, as well as two members of the board — Timothy Vick, the Trust Company's Portfolio & Investment Advisor, and a nationally known investment analyst and valuation expert, and Chip Lesch, who chairs the Investment Committee and is a former chairman of Indiana Federal Bank and Vice Chairman of Pinnacle Banks.

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## Successful Launch of the Renaissance Academy Program on Sanibel

The Renaissance Academy of Florida Gulf Coast University has completed its Inaugural Winter Program on Sanibel. While a few classes had been held previously on Sanibel, this was the first session of a program meant to cover a gamut of courses which are taught at University level, but without tests or papers.

These courses ranged from a course on the Calusa Indians which included an announcement of new research which revealed the discovery of records which may lead to the identification of surviving descendants of Calusa natives in Cuba. A variety of environmental issue courses, including Everglades restoration, natural life in SW Florida, and sustainability — bringing in local and national experts as instructor and speakers — were offered. Current issue courses, such as the impact of religion on culture in the 21st Century, and propaganda and the media, memory loss and the early history of quantum physics, were also enjoyed by participants. There was even a course on the history of Roman Baths and the current state of the spa industry which included free use of Sanibel Harbour Spa facilities for the day.

None of these courses would have been successful without the cooperation of local organizations and businesses which provided facilities for the classes: SCCF, "Ding" Darling National Refuge, The Bank of America, and Sanibel Harbour Resort and Spa.

Local residents with impressive academic backgrounds, like Carla Brooks Johnston, Rev. Ran Niehoff, Thor Holm and Deborah Butler, shared their expertise along with professors from FGCU, the memory expert at Shell Point, and the coordinator of the Randell Research Center. Nola Theiss, a planning coordinator for the Renaissance Academy said, "We have had a terrific response from the participants and unstinting cooperation of local organizations and businesses. As a

result, FGCU has agreed to 'grow' the program on Sanibel even more."

Three courses are being planned for the Summer Session which begins June 7 and continues through July. Carla Johnston will teach a course in Campaign 2004 and the Media; Dan Trescott of the SWFL Regional Planning Council and a FGCU professor will talk about Global Warming and Sea Level Rise: A Global and Local Perspective, and Sanibel Harbour Resort will host a class on Ecotourism: Successful Businesses and the Community Vision.

Course ideas for the Fall and Winter Sessions are now being considered. To receive an upcoming brochure, you may call FGCU at 590-1095 or e-mail a request to [renaissance@fgcu.edu](mailto:renaissance@fgcu.edu). If you are interested in participating in the planning sessions or would like to suggest a course idea, contact Nola at [nolasanibel@yahoo.com](mailto:nolasanibel@yahoo.com) or 395-1737.

## New Intra-Florida fares from Delta

Delta Air Lines has announced a new simplified fare structure for customers traveling within Florida. The new fare structure offers customers in Ft. Lauderdale, Ft. Myers, Miami, Orlando, Tallahassee and West Palm Beach four new fares that do not require a minimum stay and range from \$60 to \$175 each way based on distance traveled and advance purchase.

Travel from Fort Myers to Orlando is covered under the new structure; tickets begin at \$60 each way for a seven-day advance purchase ticket and top out at \$120 for a refundable, no-advance purchase ticket. The drive time to Orlando is three hours and ten minutes; it's a 50-minute flight. Additional taxes/fees/restrictions apply.

"We're offering customers clear, simple, low fares for travel within Florida," said Harlan Bennett, Delta's vice president - Revenue Management. "We believe our customers will be excited about this new simple fare structure, and this will spur an increase in intra-Florida air travel. Why drive when you can fly for as little as \$60 each way?"

The new fares are divided into four simplified categories: seven-day advance purchase, three-day advance purchase or two walk-up fares. The higher of the two walk-up fares is refundable, while the other fares are nonrefundable.

"With these new fares, the decision between driving or flying is much easier," said Bennett. "With this new structure, a business traveler from Miami can affordably travel to Tallahassee and back in one day, rather than facing a 16-hour drive and a night away from friends and family. And the leisure traveler can get to their vacation quickly and affordably."

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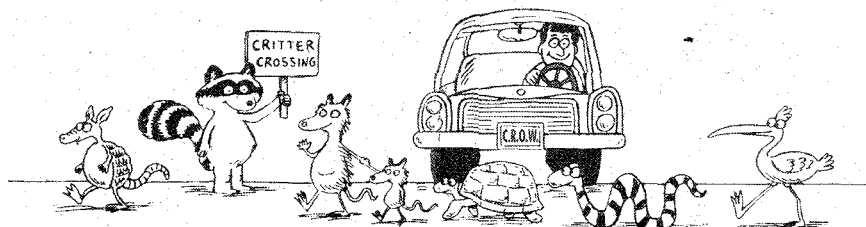
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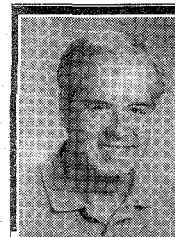
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## Shell Point honors its volunteers

Shell Point Retirement Community honored its many volunteers on March 22. More than half of all 1,700 residents participate in some form of volunteer activity, working in the library, the United Parcel Service area or at greeter's desks in several locations; driving those who can no longer operate a vehicle; serving as AARP tax aides or teaching other residents in arts programs a variety of skills with clay, glass, paint and wood. Stamp room volunteers have raised over \$250,000 for printing textbooks for missionary schools by recycling thousands of used postage stamps donated to their cause.

Residents of the Pavilion, Shell Point's skilled nursing, Alzheimer's, and hospice center, reap the rewards of the ministrations of the Pavilion Auxiliary group, several hundred resident men and women who volunteer to do everything from helping residents eat, assisting with their menu selections, an outside walking program, visitation for the lonely, and much more.

Once a year, Shell Point honors its volunteers with an elegant luncheon set in the Village Church and served by the Shell Point management team. This year's theme, Volunteers Make a World of Difference, honored more than 500 resident volunteers from all walks of life at Shell Point. The church auditorium was decorated in the colors and images of several countries. The lobby

### Shell Point, continued right

## Fridays are dry in Southwest Florida

Friday is the week's stay dry day when no landscape irrigation is allowed, according to the South Florida Water Management District. The District's water conservation measures have expanded from a winter-only exercise to a year-round standard in Lee, Collier and southern Charlotte counties, and Dry Friday is on the District's landscape irrigation schedule of watering guidelines.

SFWMD's campaign slogan, "Water Wisely...Conservation Starts in Your Backyard!" defines the mission of the District's campaign to make sure everyone understands why Dry Friday conservation is one of the area's permanent and mandatory measures.

"Winter conservation helps reduce pressure on our underground water supplies during low-rain, high-demand times, but if we are to avert a crisis, we must also let summer rains replenish what we use and prepare for the dry season," said Bruce Adams, SFWMD conservation officer.

Dry Friday has always been part of the winter watering schedule, so it's easy for residents to carry through for 12 months a year what they may have done previously only during the dry season from November through May because of water shortages, said Kurt Harchlerode, SFWMD's spokesman in Fort Myers.

It may have a humorous sound to it, but Dry Friday is serious business.

"Dry Friday as an irrigation day of rest, in the summer months, can actually help homeowners grow healthier landscapes and lawns," said Nik Nikolich, the Mobile Irrigation Lab coordinator for the Lee Soil and Water Conservation District. "Too much water often does more damage than too little water. It promotes mold, can damage roots and leaves landscapes vulnerable to pests, so

taking a day off plus limiting summer watering to only times when the natural rainfall isn't enough is one of the best measures to promote healthy landscapes."

"An adequate water supply is crucial to maintaining a quality of life we expect in south Florida," Adams said. "Conserving water today helps protect our future water supply, and we want everyone — resident, business owner, visitor and homeowner — to know that they can make a difference."

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

### When to water

Every landscape may be irrigated up to three times a week as needed. Addresses with odd numbers may water on Mondays and/or Wednesdays and/or Saturdays. Addresses with even numbers may water on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays and/or Sundays.

The approved hours for watering are midnight to 10 a.m. or 4 p.m. to midnight on the proper day. The best time to water is just before sunrise when the temperatures are cooler, preventing evaporation and allowing the water to reach the plants' roots.

Watering is not allowed between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, nor anytime on Friday.

Irrigation with well, lake or canal water is included in the schedule. "Low-volume" hand-watering is allowed at any time. Some local communities have passed ordinances that have additional watering restrictions. Please check with your city or county government to ensure you adhere with all local restrictions.

## 18th high-traffic month at SWFIA

The number of passengers traveling through Southwest Florida International Airport during February increased by 18.3 percent — more than 110,000 people — over February 2003. With more than 710,000 passengers, this February was the busiest in the airport's 21-year history, and the 18th consecutive month to set a record.

"This is only the fourth time that more than 700,000 passengers used the airport in a single month and the first time it occurred in February," said Robert M. Ball, A.A.E., executive director of the Lee County Port Authority. "The previous three times were all in March — 2001, 2002 and 2003 — which always has been our busiest month of the year."

"We hope that Southwest Floridians will spread the word among their visiting friends and relatives that the congestion in the current terminal is temporary. The new terminal building that is under construction will provide plenty of space and a wonderful ambience when it opens in 2005," said Ball.

Passenger traffic surged nationwide, up 6.3 percent compared to February 2003 and 2.5 percent year to date, according to the Air Transport Association. Traffic is up 14 percent year-to-date at Southwest Florida International Airport.

Last month also was the airport's busiest February to date for air cargo, with a 4.87 percent increase for the month and a year-to-date jump of almost 9 percent.

Southwest Florida International Airport has accommodated more than 5 million passengers annually since 2000. To learn more, log onto www.SWFIA.com.

### Shell Point, from left

featured the colors of Mexico, complete with a performing Mariachi band to welcome guests.

Once inside, visitors found themselves surrounded by the images of many countries, and dining entertainment featured a guest pianist playing classic and popular songs from around the world, and concluded as The Lee County Pipes and Drum bagpipe group paraded through the hall playing everyone's favorite, God Bless America.

"The sum total of all volunteer activity greatly enriches life at Shell Point," said Bob Corley, a resident who volunteers in the United Parcel Service area. "In particular, it provides the volunteer with constructive activity and a chance to 'give back.'"

During the event, several speakers gave tribute to the joys that volunteering brings and to the benefits that it adds to the quality of life for everyone who lives and works here at Shell Point. Perhaps Volunteer Coordinator Lisa Sbuttoni's words summed it up best when she said, "There is one unspoken language prominent here at our community, and that is the language of the heart — it is called volunteerism."

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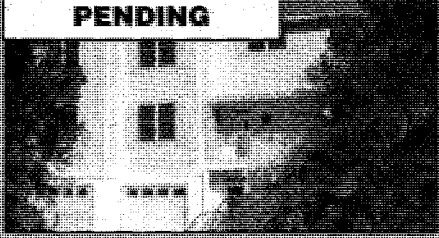
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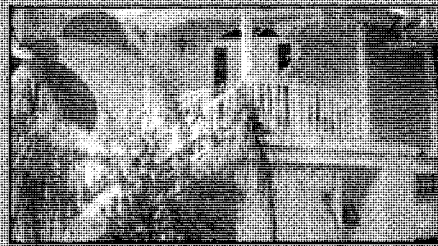
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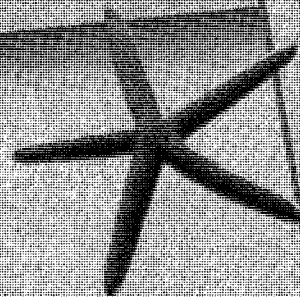
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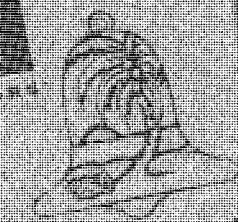
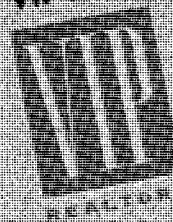
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## News from Hope Hospice

## Hope Hospice Rainbow Trails

Special camp helps youth who have lost a loved one

Rainbow Trails campers experience all the fun of summer camp, plus something special: they learn to deal with grief, as they have all lost a loved one.

Each year, Hope Hospice hosts the camp for any youth, ages 6 through 16, who have had a death in the family in the past year due to any cause. The goal of Rainbow Trails is to provide:

- A safe weekend camp experience with recreational activities
- An understanding of the grief process
- Skills to cope with grief and loss
- An opportunity to memorialize and say goodbye to their loved one

"We created the Rainbow Trails Camp because we want to have a special place for children to interact with others and to understand their feelings," said Samira K. Beckwith, Hope Hospice president and CEO. "We know from experience that our trained counselors can help each child to have a positive and helpful experience in a fun environment."

This year, the Rainbow Trails Camp will be held Friday, June 11, through Sunday, June 13. Rainbow Trails is free of charge to campers.

Donations are appreciated. For applications and more information, call (239) 430-0149.

**Accessing Hope Hospice care is simple, easy**

**by Samira K. Beckwith**  
**President & CEO - Hope Hospice**

In our 25 years of service at Hope Hospice, we've seen that people often don't know a great deal about accessing end-of-life care. Of course, many don't like to think about end-of-life issues, but when it becomes necessary, it's easier to get help than you might think.

A person is eligible for hospice care after being certified by a physician as having any life-limiting illness. The person may be of any age. Services are covered by Medicaid, Medicare and many types of insurances, although Hope Hospice provides services regardless of the person's ability to pay. We work closely with patients and families in making these arrangements and never turn anyone away if they don't have coverage for care.

Everyone, including a family member, friend, physician, and clergy can refer someone to Hope Hospice. Most patients are referred by their physician or other health care professionals, although anyone can inquire.

Early referrals can enable the patient and family to immediately begin receiving all of the benefits of Hope Hospice care. We begin by embracing the individual as a person with individual needs, not a "patient" that must be fit into a standard system. We develop individualized plans of care that are designed to ease the patient's physical and emotional pain. We provide emotional support so that the

patient and family can "put their lives in order" and make the last chapter of life meaningful and filled with quality.

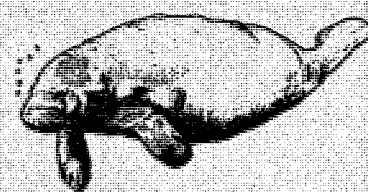
Hope Hospice care allows patients and their families to experience life's final journey together, in the setting most comfortable for them. In most cases, the person remains at home, close to family and friends while under professional care and supervision. However, as some people live alone or with family members unable to provide care, Hope Hospice also provides services in a number of other settings, including facilities in Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Shell Point, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and hospitals.

For more information, call (239) 482-46743 or (800) 835-1673 or visit online at [www.hopehospice.org/](http://www.hopehospice.org/)

Because the process is simple, immediate and open to everyone, there is no reason not to access Hope Hospice care when facing the end of life.

Hope Hospice and Palliative Care is a not-for-profit, 501 (c)(3)-status community-based health care agency serving people of all ages facing end of life issues. Hope Hospice provides services regardless of a patient's ability to pay. The Hope Hospice Care Team includes physicians, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, personal care specialists, specially trained volunteers, chaplains, homemakers, bereavement counselors, and other therapists as needed to care for the individual needs of each person and family.

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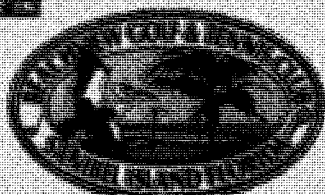
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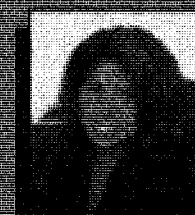
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## Arts & Leisure

### CURTAIN GOING UP

#### World premiere for Maxeiner play

Join The Company and BIG ARTS On Stage in Phillips Gallery on April 2nd at 8 p.m. for *Still Time!* The Company's premier reading of Bob Maxeiner's new play. An exciting, contemporary love story of the golden years, *Still Time*, features the talents of Marsha Wagner and The Company's newest member, Max Jacobs. Directed by John Bartis and produced by Charlotte Heimann, Maxeiner's insightful dialog invites the audience to participate in a meaningful and touching look into the lives of two complex characters and their attempts to recapture lost love.

Maxeiner has written multiple scripts for The Company for performance at BIG ARTS, including the annual Christmas programs and evenings devoted to Robert Frost, Carl Sandburg and others. He has two works of fiction in island bookstores, *Transplant*, a novel, and a collection of short stories entitled *Innocentia* and has completed five play scripts, but *Still Time* is his first live presentation. Bob and his wife, Patricia, have lived in Sanibel since moving from Minneapolis in 1987.

Tickets for this performance are available at BIG Arts for \$15. The box office is open from 9 to 1 Monday through Saturday — 395-0900.

#### Off Beach is ba-a-ack!!!



Islander columnist and local fishing/shelling guide Mike Fuery's comedy, *We Blew Up the Bridge, Didn't We?* opens next Thursday, April 8th, at the Periwinkle Playhouse. Long out of production (well, actually, since the last big bridge "flap" in the late '80s), this revival by Off Beach Players is produced by islander June Koc, directed by Vince Kelly (who was involved in the previous production), and features performers ranging in age from 23 to 91.

Basically a farce, the play is about northern developers with grandiose plans for developing a large resort/bedroom community on-island versus the island's residents who want to keep life simple and protect their home's unique environment. Originally written 20-some years ago, all the characters are purported to be fictional with no resemblance to anyone living or dead and/or known to members of the audience.

The five main characters are played by Peter Sterns,

Ernestine McKay, Laurie Pickens, Mark Sauer, and Dave Yudowitz — all of whom either live or work on Sanibel except Sauer who lives in Cape Coral and is a physician at Naples Community Hospital. "These people are doing this as part of their daily lives," Koc said, "people with regular jobs who just love to do theatre, community people doing community theatre — what Sanibel needs. The whole idea is to support fun, community theatre on the island and support the Sanibel Community Association the way it, in turn, is supporting community theatre."

Off Beach will be doing another play in July at Periwinkle Playhouse — *A Little Murder Never Hurt Anyone*.

#### Blondes and Broadway opens tonight

Fort Myers Beach's Orpheus Players is presenting *Blondes and Broadway* starring soprano Sheryl Ruppert and pianist, Mary Ann Van Poelvoorde. The show includes a wide selection of Broadway favorites — songs from *Camelot*, *My Fair Lady*, *Carousel*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Les Miserables*, *Showboat*, *West Side Story* and *Cats*.

Performances will be at the Holmes House Restaurant, 2500 Estero Boulevard in Fort Myers Beach. Show dates are Fridays and Saturdays, April 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th, 30th and May 1st. Tickets for the show only are \$15; for the 6 p.m. dinner of fine Southern cuisine followed by the show at 8, \$35. For more information and reservations, call 463-5519.

#### Shakespeare at FGCU

FGCU is mounting Diane Stewart's adaptation of *As You Like It*, Shakespeare's wonderfully accessible comedy about — what else — mistaken identity April 5th thru 18th. Tickets are only \$5, but you'll have to make reservations since their shows nearly always sell out.

#### Fascinating old/new show at Foulds

*The Turn Of The Screw* is the next offering by Theatre Conspiracy, playing from April 15th through May 1st at the Foulds Theatre in Fort Myers.

"The best stories begin in the garden. A man, a woman, a forbidden fruit, the loss of innocence..." Theatre Conspiracy proves Henry James' theory in its upcoming production, *The Turn of The Screw*.

*The Turn of the Screw*, originally a series of classic Victorian novels by Henry James, tells a rather haunting ghost story. This adaptation by Jeffery Hatcher breathes new life into the old story, blending elements of the psychological, the sensual and the supernatural into a full, frightening and fascinating evening of live theatre.

An inexperienced country parson's daughter takes a position as governess to a mysterious wealthy bachelor's orphaned nephew and niece. She assumes her charges at Bly, a secluded and stately English manor. Once there she encounters the housekeeper, the children, the lovely lake and gardens, and two very unwelcome and unexpected guests. By the end of seven "spirited" days and nights, the strength, truth and very souls of all within the manor will be tested. How will you fare?

This show is a true masterpiece of the theatre. Its psychologically seductive plot twists and turns, leading one's imagination on quite the tumultuous ride. Beautifully rich dialogue relays every precious nuance of this classic story-turned-theatre-experience.

Although there are many characters in *The Turn of the Screw*, only two artful and highly talented actors bring them to the stage. Lauren Drexler (*Kathy and Mo*, *Becoming*

*Eleanor*) portrays the governess around whom the tale unfurls. Clement Valentine (*Vampire Lesbians of Sodom*, *Dick Piston: Hotel Detective*) gives a tour-de-force performance serving as narrator and playing multiple roles ranging from dowdy housekeeper to a manipulative bachelor and even a mysteriously mischievous little boy.

The production features direction by Jamie Carmichael, with a wonderfully unique set designed by David Utz and constructed by Bill Taylor.

Don't miss this elegantly haunting production of Hatcher's interpretation of James, although the show may be a little bawdy for the youngest ones ('tho nothing compared to what they see on TV or in video games). You'll get a glimpse of old European dynamics as viewed by the great American traveler/writer.

Performances run Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., with matinees the first two Sundays at 2. Seating is reserved, so reservations are suggested. Tickets are \$16, \$7 for students. For reservations and more information, call 936-3239.

#### Auditions at Florida Rep

Florida Repertory Theatre will hold open auditions for its 2004 Neil Simon summer season on Saturday, April 24th, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The company is looking for all types, shapes and sizes but, specifically, for two young men who can play 13- and 16-year-olds.

Both Equity and non-Equity local and Florida actors are encouraged to submit pictures and resumes to Summer Casting, Florida Repertory Theatre, 2267 First Street, Fort Myers 33901. Applicants will be called to set up audition appointments. Please, do not call in.

All roles in these Simon Summer 2004 plays need to be cast:

*Lost in Yonkers* (directed by Robert Cacioppo). Rehearsals begin May 11th; performances are June 4th to June 27th.

*Fools* (directed by Bari Newport). Rehearsals begin June 15th; performances are from July 9th to August 1st.

*Biloxi Blues* (directed by Cacioppo). Rehearsals begin August 17th; performances are from Sept. 10th to Oct. 3rd.

Florida Rep is located in the Arcade Theatre on Bay Street, between Jackson and Hendry, in downtown Fort Myers.

#### Ice Cream Theatre brings back School House Rock, Live!



Naples Dinner Theatre Artistic Director Michael Wainstein is pleased to announce a "revival" production of the hit off-Broadway musical based on the popular Saturday morning TV cartoon series *Schoolhouse Rock, Live!* playing weekend, Monday and Tuesday lunchtime matinees through April 24th. Call (239) 514-7827 for info.



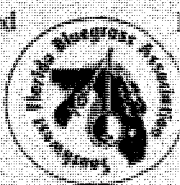
## BlueGrass Festival Expands

Eleven bluegrass bands are slated to perform at the second annual Florida Mountain Bluegrass Festival this weekend at the Lee Civic Center. The annual event is held in North Fort Myers and this year marks an expansion for the festival from two to three days, featuring twice as many bands.

The weekend kicks off at 6 p.m. tonight, April 2nd, for four hours. Bands will perform nine straight hours on Saturday and another four hours on Sunday — counting Friday's performances, that's 17 hours of music over three days. Admission is \$6 per person for Friday (6-10 p.m.); \$10 for Saturday, April 3rd (1-10 p.m. — \$6 after 6 p.m.); and \$6 for Sunday, April 4th (noon-4). 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, but no coolers are allowed in the concert area.

Scheduled performers are Borderline Bluegrass, Bluegrass Central, The



Left, Peace River Band; right, Up the Creek

Bluegrass Miners, Curt Dunn & Company, The Hartliebs, The Lazy B Pickers, Mahogany Hammock, Oppoknockamee, The Moonshiners, The Peace River Band, The Sawgrass Drifters, and Up the Creek. Acoustic musicians are invited

to bring their instruments and join in 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 Civic Center.

To get to Lee Civic Center, take Ben Pratt/Six Mile Cypress to I-75 to exit 143 (Bayshore); then east three miles to left turn on Old Bayshore and follow signs to the Bluegrass entrance. Going up US 41, cross the Caloosahatchee Bridge, continue to Bayshore (Pine Island Road on the left); turn right to left on Old Bayshore (5-6 miles) and follow signs.

The campground opened yesterday: 96 RV campsites with 50-amp electric, water and sewer and 50 RV sites with 30-amp and water; rough camping and shaded tent areas; dump station; small pets allowed (campground only); special rates for this event.

For additional information and/or campsite reservations, call 543-7469. Website: [www.leeciviccenter.com](http://www.leeciviccenter.com). Email: [swffair@ilne.com](mailto:swffair@ilne.com).

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### Johns featured at gallery



Sanibel artist Carolyn Johns is Hirdie Girdie Gallery's artist of the month for April. A retired art teacher (she often lends her talents to face-painting booths at the refuge and other spots) and watercolor artist, Johns is particularly interested in the rendering of detail and the use of color.

The gallery, which is at the corner of Library Way and Tarpon Bay Road, will host a reception for the artist on Monday, April 12th, from 5 to 8 p.m. Ten percent of the evening's sales will benefit the Sanibel School art program. Call 395-0027 for more information.

Johns is also one of the over 60 members of the Sanibel-Captiva Art League who will sell their art works in the annual Clothesline Sale at the Sanibel Community Center this Sunday, April 4th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — a perfect opportunity to buy great art at a significant savings! Art works will include mixed media pieces, watercolors, oils, acrylics, collages, prints, notepaper, drawings and fabric painting displayed by the artists both outside and inside the Community Center. Come early and find a treasure.

### PoetryFest 2004 at BIG Arts

Tomorrow, April 3rd, from 1 to 4 p.m. poets, young and old, from all over Florida will gather at Phillips Gallery to celebrate National Poetry Month. The event is sponsored by Florida Gulf Coast University, BIG Arts and the Islander.

Inaugurated by the Academy of American Poets in April 1996, the annual celebration brings together publishers, book-sellers, literary organizations, libraries, schools, and poets around the country to celebrate poetry and its vital place in American culture. Thousands of businesses and non-profit organizations participate through read-

ings, festivals, book displays, workshops, and other events.

Sanibel's third annual event will feature nationally celebrated poets Jim Brock, Jill Drumm, Jesse Millner and Enid Shomer in addition to several locally well-known Sanibel poets. Other writers and members of the public are invited to participate by reading either their own piece or a favorite poem by another poet.

A reception sponsored by the Islander will follow the readings. Admission to the event is free. For further information, please call Joe Pacheco, 472-1280.

### Bergsma at Sanybel's Finest



Nationally known artist Jody Bergsma will be appearing at Sanybel's Finest on Wednesday, April 7, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Bergsma has been painting professionally from the age of 15, peddling her watercolors at local art shows.

"I found I could make more money in one weekend than I ever believed possible. The money I made ended up paying for much of my education."

She studied engineering in college but dropped out close to graduation to pursue art, her first love. With a \$2,000 investment, she printed 10 lithographs of her early paintings and sold them at art shows. Her company, Bergsma Illustration, was born.

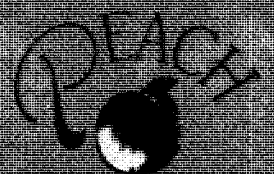
Retreating in creative seclusion for six months of the year, she creates more than 75 new works each year. She works in two recognizable styles: Dream Keepers (celebrating family, friendship, parenthood and love) and Natural Elements (inspired by her love of the natural world).

### Arts for ACT gallery reception

The opening reception for *Past, Present, Future Tense* — an exhibit of Fort Myers artist Pat Collins' artwork — will take place this evening from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Arts for ACT Gallery, 2265 First Street, Fort Myers.

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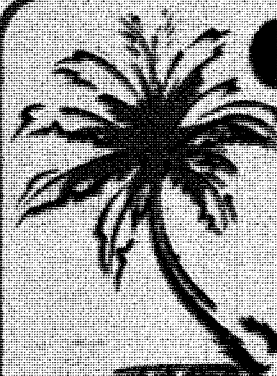
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**CLOTHESLINE SALE** with the members of the Sanibel-Captiva Art League, at the SCA. April 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CRAFT GUILD** 19th Annual Exhibit of Excellence at Phillips Gallery in April. Opening reception April 4, 4:30 - 6:30.

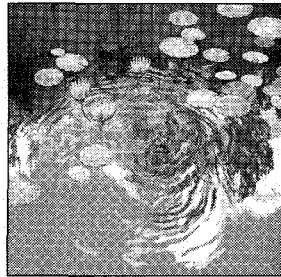
**MATSUMOTO AND ST. CYR** at Matsumoto Gallery in the Village Shops. Original paintings and sculpture. 472-2941

**LITTLE CREATURES** art exhibition at FGCU Arts Complex. Through April 16.

**KATIE GARDENIA AND CARL SCHWARTZ** New work at the Captiva Civic Association. Opening reception April 7, 5-7 p.m.

**5 FABULOUS FEMALES** at the Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd. New work by JoAnn Bedient, Jean Dean, Mary Keogh, Pat LaVigne, and Elizabeth White. Reception April 2, 5-7 p.m.

**L, One of Katie's mermaids;  
R, Carl's "Reflections..."**



When Collins makes a painting, it's a process of layering materials and imagery. Visuals such as graphics, words, objects or figures are layered in acrylics and oils, sprayed or imprinted with stencils and/or drawn with oilsticks. Imagery is derived or appropriated from the world around her, often inspired by a dramatic sky or the barrage of billboards/signs encountered while driving. In this series of paintings and prints the history of Southwest Florida has been as much an inspiration as the landscape.

Proceeds from the reception and the gallery benefit Abuse Counseling & Treatment, Inc. a non-profit agency that assists victims of domestic violence and survivors of sexual assault. For additional information, call 939-2553.

**Craft Guild Market Day**

Next Saturday, April 10th, the Southwest Florida Craft Guild's annual Fine Craft Market Day will be held at the Sanibel Community Association from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A raffle during the day of artwork donated by guild members and participating artists is the major fundraiser for the Guild's scholarship program for students of fine craft at Edison College and Cypress Center for the Arts. The awards are presented at the schools' student exhibits in March and April.

**Final Art Night for season**

Crossed Palms Gallery at Bokeelia has announced that Kimberley Adams will be the featured artist for the final Art Night on Pine Island of the 2003-2004 season, on

Friday, April 9, from 4 until 9 p.m.

Adams makes her home in Hendersonville, N.C. with her husband and two children. After years in the corporate world, she wanted to find a more creative way to spend time with her family. She took her first glass bead class over 13 years ago and has been busy with her jewelry business almost from the beginning. She is currently writing a book for Lark Books on glass bead making that will be available in 2005. Adams is an active member of the Southern Highlands Craft Guild and has been showing at Crossed Palms for several years. She will be demonstrating the art of glass bead making during Art Night... come meet her, ask questions, watch an artist at work and enjoy refreshments and the beautiful view of Charlotte Harbor.

The gallery is located on the north end of Pine Island in Bokeelia. The gallery is open daily from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. For more information or directions, call 283-2283.

**Gulf Coast Symphony party**

Drag out those tie-dyes and bell-bottoms and join the Gulf Coast Symphony and Friends for a trip back to the wild and hip sixties. A night full of mystery theater presented by Out of the Box Productions, live and silent auctions and wonderful food awaits participants in this all-retro fundraiser which starts at 6 p.m. tomorrow night at the Helm Club at the Landings.

Reservations should already be in, but you might luck up and get a seat if you call right away. Tickets are \$65 per person, which includes dinner and an open bar. Call 472-6197 or e-mail auction@gulfcoastsym

**on stage**

**TURN OF THE SCREW** presented by Theatre Conspiracy, Fould's Theatre, Alliance of the Arts. April 15-May1. 936-3239

**CAROUSEL** at the Broadway Palm. Through April 11. 278-4422.

**LETS GO TO THE MOVIES** at the Off Broadway Palm. Through April 25.

**STILL TIME.** World premiere of local playwright Bob Maxeiner's new play starring Marsha Wagner and Max Jacobs.

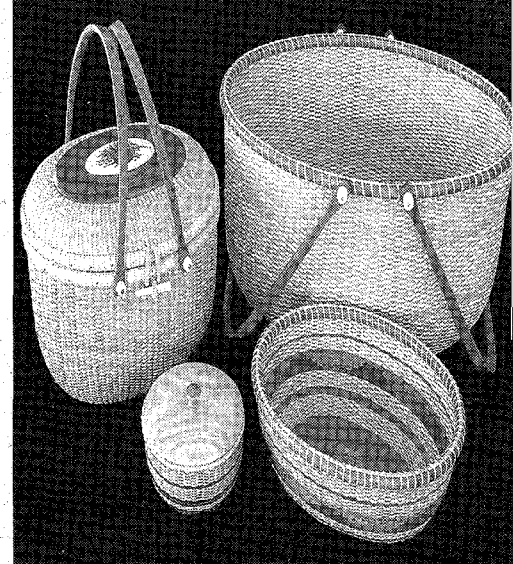
**BIG ARTS** on Stage. April 2. 395-0900

**AMY'S VIEW** at the Florida Rep, in the historic Arcade Theatre downtown Fort Myers. 332-4665

**DEARLY DEPARTED** at the SCA Periwinkle Playhouse. Through April 4. 472-0324.

**CLEVELAND DUO** at BIG Arts, featuring James Umble. April 3, 8 p.m. \$25. 395-0900

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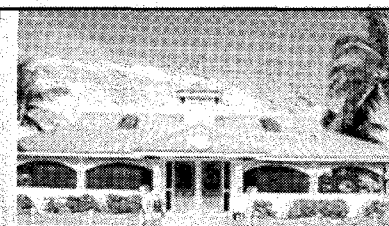
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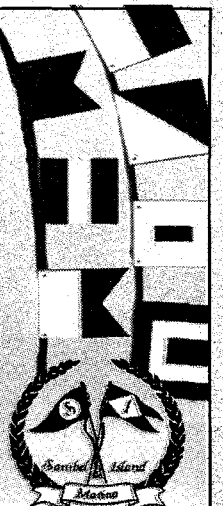


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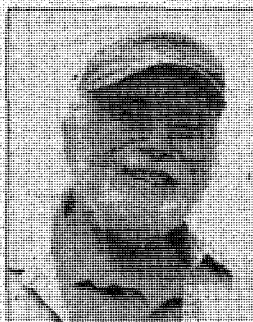
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### A Lloyd Webber and Sondheim Spectacular

**S**outhwest Florida's only non-professional community orchestra, The Gulf Coast Symphony, presented *An Andrew Lloyd Webber and Stephen Sondheim Spectacular* before a full house at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall on Sunday, March 21. Conducted by Music Director Dr. Andrew M. Kurtz, the 50-member orchestra performed music by England's most

famous composer of musicals, Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber, and his American counterpart, Stephen Sondheim. Sponsored by American Airlines' American Eagle, the program featured vocalists Ravil Atlas, Amanda Winfield, Ann Marie Wilcox and Julie Ellis. Maestro Kurtz introduced each song with a synopsis of the plot from which it came as well as interesting information about the composers... Did you know, for example, that March 22nd is the birthday of both Webber (3/22/48) and Sondheim (3/22/30)?

The program began with a Sondheim medley performed by the orchestra. As might be expected from non-professional musicians, there were many problems of intonation, rhythms and cracked brass notes, but they did not dampen the enthusiasm of the players. Nor did they detour Kurtz from keeping his cool and holding the group together from start to finish. And, in fact, the orchestra sounded much better as they accompanied the vocalists. Amanda Winfield sang a "red-hot mama," Mae West rendition of Sondheim's "Broadway Baby." She is an excellent actress with a myriad of facial expressions and a well-placed voice that clearly projects. Next was a moving and well received interpretation of Lloyd Webber's soulful ballad, "Whistle Down The Wind," followed by another of the composer's songs, "On This Night Of A Thousand Stars," sung by Atlas. Atlas is most comfortable on stage and communicates his confidence with excellent mannerisms and a grand Mario Lanza type voice. The use of electric bass added a nice touch to the bolero rhythm. A great rendition of "Don't Cry for Me Argentina" was performed by Julie Ellis. She is a fine actress and singer and her depth of feeling as Evita was quite dramatic.

The first half included Sondheim's songs "Miller's Son," a song about a woman looking for love that sounds like an Irish lullaby sandwiched into a fast 3/4 tempo, and two more Sondheim songs about women and love — "In Praise of Women," by Atlas and "Losing My Mind," a slow ballad of lost love and emptiness rendered with great feeling and dynamics by Wilcox. Adding to the melancholy mood was a beautifully played, sultry alto sax solo.

The Bernstein-Sondheim collaboration, *West Side Story*, produced "Maria," "Tonight" and "America" with Atlas displaying an impressive, superbly controlled pianissimo high note at the end of "Maria." What was especially amazing was not so much the fine singing and acting by the three female singers performing "America" but the way in which the orchestra handled Bernstein's odd meter of 6/8, 6/8 and 3/4. I speak from experience as I was a professional trumpet player who subbed in the original Broadway show many years ago and had great difficulty playing this odd meter correctly.

After intermission, the orchestra performed the overture, "Comedy Tonight," and continued the same format of Sondheim and Lloyd Webber songs. Sondheim's "Barcelona" featured Winfield and Atlas singing in bed together (Given the climate of today's television, it's a good thing that the concert was not televised!). His "The Boy From..." with only piano accompaniment and "Sooner or Later," a torch song belted out by Ellis who humorously attempted to seduce the electric bass player, were next. Winfield, Atlas and Wilcox showed off their acting talents in Lloyd Webber's "Getting Married Today." The full orchestra then performed "Jellylic Ball" from *Cats*. Two more Sondheims — "Being Alive" and "Another Hundred People" — were up next, with the lat-

ter enhanced by the orchestra's sustained, in-tune, lower brass adding a welcomed, in-depth, timbre. Lloyd Webber's "Unexpected Song" followed and led into Sondheim's "Anyone Can Whistle," another slow ballad sung tastefully by Atlas with just solo piano accompaniment. The night's show-stopper, "Send In The Clowns," was beautifully captured by Wilcox and enhanced by a well-played clarinet solo as Kurtz conducted the many rubatos with flexible accuracy. The two concluding numbers were Lloyd Webber's "Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again," a slow and emotional ballad delivered quite mournfully by Winfield, and the ever-popular "All I Ask of You" from *Phantom Of The Opera*, powerfully and convincingly sung by the duo of Atlas and Winfield.

It was a gigantic assignment to produce a program of this magnitude as well as a tremendous service to the community. Even though the sound amplification was distorted — annoyingly too soft in the first half and too loud and harsh in the second half — Kurtz, the musicians, vocalists and stagehands with effective lighting designs, deserved the thunderous "Bravos" that the standing ovation bestowed upon them at the conclusion of the two hour and 40-minute concert.

### The Artis String Quartet in concert

The Sanibel Music Festival's third presentation of outstanding string quartets (the previous two being the Ying and Jerusalem) featured the Artis String Quartet on Tuesday, March 23rd. Sponsored by Oswald Trippe & Company, Inc., and SMF Friends of Chamber Music, the famed Viennese quartet performed works from the classic, romantic and late romantic eras. This was a repeat performance for the ensemble as the quartet first appeared in Sanibel in 1996.

The musicians — Peter Schuhmayer and Johannes Meissl, violin, Herbert Kefer, viola and Othmar Muller, cello — are graduates of the Musikhochschule in Vienna and have been together since 1980. They have won many awards at international competitions, toured extensively throughout the world and produced over 20 discs which have also won distinguished awards. They were joined by violist, James Griffith, in the Brahms *Quintet in G Major*. Griffith has recorded for major labels and is a member of the Naples Philharmonic, a co-founder and faculty member of the Gulf Coast Music School, and the founder and current executive and artistic director of Florida Arts, Inc.

Meissl came out first and introduced the three works on the program. The other three then appeared, wearing black tunics and holding their rare and prized instruments which were on loan from the collection of the Österreichischen Nationalbank. First violinist, Schuhmayer, plays a 1727 Domenico Montagnana, second violinist Meissl, a 1690 Andrea Guarneri, Kefer a 1784 J.B. Guadagnini and Muller a 1573 Andrea Amati. Both violinists and the vio-



list prefer to stand when performing as they feel more comfortable and believe that "the sound has more projection than when sitting."

The first selection was "Quartet in D Major, K. 575" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. From the very first opening note, the timbre of sound was sweet and tasteful. I felt that this must have been the sound that Mozart heard in the late 1700s. Perhaps their ancient instruments contributed to this classic-era sound but, more likely, it was attributable to their mature conception of sound and fine command of bowing technique. Their superb phrasing permeated all four movements and produced moments of sheer elegance.

The next work was "Quartet No. 4, Op. 25" by Alexander von Zemlinsky. The composer, born in Vienna, was a successful conductor and opera composer and was influenced by Schoenberg's disciple, Alban Berg. This quartet's style is late Romantic — a precursor to Modernism. Its tonality is not atonal but has strong leanings in that direction and takes traditional tonality to its limit. Restless emotionalism is evident in the different contrasts of homophonic and polyphonic textures that Zemlinsky incorporates. The piece is a suite in six movements, alternating between slow and fast tempi. Rhythms are aperiodic and the tonal effects are shimmering. It was amazing to hear how the strings' fuller tone and more pronounced vibrato had changed from that heard in the Mozart. In 2000, the Artis recording of the Zemlinsky Quartets No. 3 & 4 won the German "Echo Klassik 2000" Award for the best chamber music recording of the year in the 20th century category.

The last work was "Quintet in G Major for two violins, two violas and cello, Op. III" by Johannes Brahms. Although Brahms was a late Romantic composer, this four-movement work is really an example of Conservative Romanticism with its highly charged yet restrained emotional lyricism. The addition of the extra viola adds more fullness and Griffith played as if he has been performing the part with this ensemble for the past 20 years.

The members of the Artis String Quartet have that rare ability to adapt their sound to fit the style they are performing. This was clearly evident as they masterfully exhibited their mature interpretation of music from the Classic, Romantic and Late Romantic eras.

### Christopher Taylor, pianist extraordinaire

On Saturday, March 27, the Sanibel Music Festival presented its final PianoFest program of the season showcasing the talent of pianist Christopher Taylor. Festival President Nancy Clark, happily back from a brief illness, announced that the evening's concert would be one of those included in the series to be sent out over 360 NPR stations. She thanked all of the volunteers for making the concert series a huge success and acknowledged the Yamaha Corporation of North America for providing the excellent concert grand heard tonight and in previous concerts.

And, on behalf of the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce, she also presented Vice President and Publicist Supremo Maurice Oshry with The Islands of the Arts Award for his very special contribution to the world of the arts.

Tonight's concert, sponsored by Mary Lee Dayton, featured the extraordinarily gifted pianist Christopher Taylor, in his third appearance in Sanibel. Truly a highlight of the season, this young musician displayed complete mastery

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of the piano — exquisite tone, phenomenal technique and impeccable musicianship — in complex and technically demanding works, all from memory. Taylor has taken first prizes in the William Kapell International Piano Competition and the Gilmore Young Artist Award and the Bronze Medal at the Van Cliburn Competition. He graduated summa cum laude with a degree in mathematics from Harvard and holds a master's degree in music from New England Conservatory. An assistant professor of piano at the University of Wisconsin/Madison, he has performed as a soloist throughout the U.S. and in Europe, Asia and the Caribbean. He has appeared with numerous orchestras including the St. Louis, Atlanta and Houston symphonies, the National Symphony, the Boston Pops and the Seoul Philharmonic. He records on the Jonathan Digital label.



has that rare ability to transcend any technical obstacles to clearly and perfectly communicate his high level of musical brilliance.

Taylor introduced the next work, *Vingt Regards sur l'Enfant-Jesus* by the French composer, Olivier Messiaen, pointing out that the composer's principal instrument was the organ and that he was compositionally inspired by the French and German masters of his time. The 1944 work exceeds two hours and

Taylor performed the last four movements — "The View of Silence," "The View of the Terrible Unction," "I am Sleeping, but my Heart is Awake" and "The View of the Church of Love." Messiaen was a devout Catholic and this work consists of twenty "regards" or "contemplations" of the infant Jesus. Sometimes referred to by musicologists as an "ultra rationalist" composer whose every note is pre-determined thus leaving no margin of chance, Messiaen's musical language consists of modal harmonies, dissonance, metrically complex meters based on Hindu and Greek rhythms, bird calls and thickly textured cluster chords — all within a huge range of different and varied moods. Taylor's performance was simply breathtaking in every respect. Even the staging could not have been better — the piano was situated right in the chancel beneath the cross thus transforming Messiaen's religious feelings to an even higher level.

During intermission, I spoke with a somewhat confused concert-goer who did not care for the Messiaen, and I'm sure she reflected others who perhaps (or probably) felt the same way. We all feel secure with the familiar but, perhaps with more exposure to the different and wonderful characteristics of modern music, one can develop a taste for it — just like foods from different cultures that we did not like at one time but now enjoy.

The concluding work was *David's bundlertanze, Op. 6* by Robert Schumann. Taylor explained that the music's title translates to Dances of the League or

Brotherhood of David. Schumann, the quintessential Romantic pianist, composer and writer of his era, endured a life fraught with obstacles and created works that reflected his tumultuous inner life and, in this piece, created two alter-egos that he used as contrasting themes. One is the dreamer, "Eusebius," reserved and searching for the meaning of life, and the other, "Florestan," an ebullient man of action. These two personalities (themes) interact with each other creating conflict and tension and Taylor most convincingly and masterfully communicated these two emotions.

A standing ovation enticed Taylor to offer a complete change of pace in his encore, the "Queen Of Sheba," by American composer William Albright. Taylor made the vernacular, idiomatic jump most convincingly as he played in a completely different style from any of those heard previously. Like those of Scott Joplin and Joseph Lamb, Albright's composition is a rag with a goodly portion of blues and pop thrown in. And, like the great Rag performers, Jelly Roll Morton and Max Morath, Christopher Taylor "strutted his stuff," even using his heels as a percussion instrument.

It was truly an evening of sublime piano mastery by an artist surely destined for world recognition and greatness. Special thanks to the Sanibel Music Festival for presenting to our community, what is perhaps the best musical season yet.

When an audience emerges from a concert with smiles broadening every face, it's a sure sign that the music was happy and inspiring. In its lively, buoyant style, the Empire Brass Quintet gave a rousing five-star performance recently (March 24th) at Mann Hall. This exceptional evening was presented by the Fort Myers Community Concert Association, as the finale of their sparkling 2003-2004 series. Without a doubt, it was a stirring conclusion.



CHARLOTTE HEIMANN

The international reputation of the Empire Brass is mind-boggling. The five musicians, all of whom have held leading positions with major American orchestras, perform over 100 concerts a year in cities such as New York, Boston, Chicago, Washington, London, Zurich, Tokyo...

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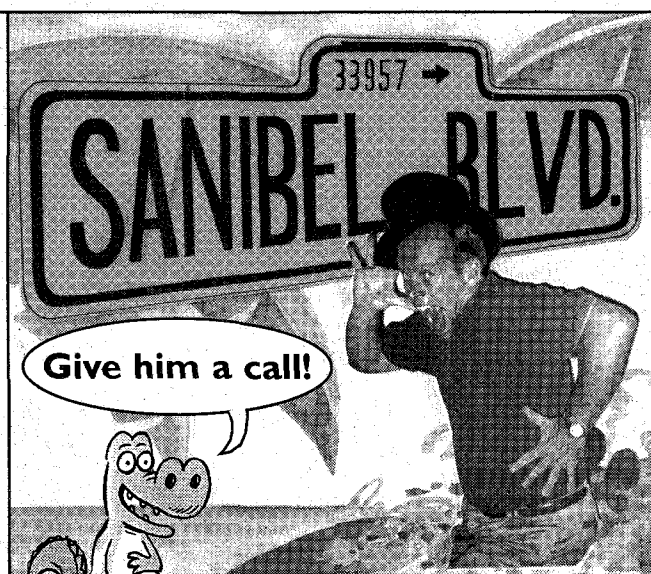
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## Victor's newest a HIT! at the Off Broadway!

For fun, fun, fun, go see *Let's Go to the Movies*, Victor Legarreta's zany new musical revue currently playing at The Off Broadway Palm Theatre. This breezy new musical tribute to everyone's favorite movies was written, directed, choreographed and performed by the talented Legarreta and a fine cast consisting of Erik Hogan, Ken Johnson, Danielle Vetro, and Hannah Zold with William Hedge at the 88s. The show opens with film clips of Charlie Chaplin from his most famous silent films, blending into an introduction of the cast singing the title tune, along with a Busby Berkley tap number, including stylized hat and cane patterns, very effective for recreating that 1930s movie musical look. The show zips along with Danielle and Hannah dressed to the nines in red gowns with tons of feathers in a Dolly Sisters take off singing "Sisters." Ken and Erik singing "Accustomed to Her Face/ Pretty Girl Is Like A Melody" served as an intro to the fabulous faces, with close-ups of Hollywood's movie queens.

The MGM songbook got the star treatment with some fine harmonizing of "The Trolley Song," "That's Entertainment," "San Francisco" and "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," to mention but a few. The



MARSHA WAGNER

Oscar-winning segment of the musical tribute began with some hot dance moves to "I've Had the Time of My Life" by Erik and Danielle from *Dirty Dancing*. Ken and cast sang an Oscar-winning weather report (complete with yellow slickers, umbrellas and appropriate film clips) — "Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head and 'Singin' in the Rain."

Writer/Director Legarreta tickled our funny bones in a hilarious section about movies "that should be redone as musicals." Imagine Star Wars with Yoda and Chuo Baccu singing "Puttin' On the Ritz," in their own inimitable style. Or the shark from *Jaws* performing a toothy rendition of "I've Got the Sun In the Mornin'." How about Freddie Kruger from *Nightmare On Elm Street* teamed with Jason from *Friday the 13th* in a bloodthirsty treatment of "Toot-Toot-Tootsie, Goodbye?" Or what if Superman and Batman, older and fatter, got it together, remembering the good old days and hamming it up in "The Later Years."

Act II, featuring the Top Ten Blockbuster Movie Musicals, was done as a spoof — a runaway laugh riot. Starting with *West Side Story* starring Victor as Maria, in a pink tulle prom dress, complete with wig, beard, hairy chest, squalling "I

Feel Pretty" ...what a hoot (just picture it, you'll start laughing)! Erik donned Orphan Annie's red dress, added her curly red wig, dangled a cigarette from his lips and blared a far-out version of "Tomorrow." The *Sound of Music* featured Danielle and the three guys in nun's habits doing a soprano interpretation of "How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria?" ... Victor's Mother Superior had me on the floor laughing. I kid you not. Then the three, done up in prison drag, vamped, tramped and camped through "The Cell Block Tango" from *Chicago*.

"Supercalifragilistic-expialidocious" from *Mary Poppins* had one surprised audience member lead a sing-along, much to everyone's delight. The rest of the act barreled along to the finale, and a reprise of "That's Entertainment." The title of that last song says it all — the show, the music, the fun and the cast have got what it takes to proclaim, "What a great evening at the Off Broadway Palm... That's [real] Entertainment!"

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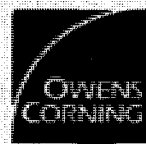
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## THE MUSIC SCENE, FROM PAGE 21

from Telemann to Mozart, from Prokofiev to Gershwin, from Ellington to Copland. Add to that, works by Dvorak, de Falla, Albinoni, Tchaikovsky — that's a program of immense range! What a night it was — Mann Hall resounded with obviously young voices cheering over a strong vocal bass of adult appreciation.

Who are these musical magicians who inspired such a response? The program gave no information. The *Islander* did some research and hereby offers a printed individual standing ovation to each Empire Brass virtuoso.

The handsome Rolf Smedvig, first trumpet, is a founding member of the ensemble. In addition to his busy international touring schedule, he's an accomplished arranger/composer with hundreds of recorded and published works. One critic wrote, "Smedvig's playing is absolutely spectacular, with hair-trigger control and high-wire acrobatics aplenty." His seemingly ad-lib comments on and introductions to much of what was to be played were informally at ease and always interesting.

Tall, dark-haired Marc Brian Reese, trumpet, joined Empire Brass in 1996, recorded with it for Telarc and with the Boston Pops for Sony. He has appeared on *Good Morning, America* and *Evening at Pops* as well as on NHK television in Japan. Reese currently lives in Boca Raton, where he is on the Artist Faculty of the Conservatory of Music at Lynn University.

The slender blonde, Michelle Perry on French horn, is a native of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, an alumna of Arizona State and a Fulbright Scholar. She has traveled extensively, with concerts across the USA, Southeast Asia, Europe, South America and the Far East. One of her prestigious guest engagements was as principal horn of the Malaysian Philharmonic in Kuala Lumpur.

Clearly an artist in love with his instrument is Mark Hetzler, born in Sarasota in



1968. He's been playing the trombone since he was 12. With a tremendous background of recitals and solo appearances internationally, Hetzler is also a talented arranger for trombone quartet and brass quintet. He has just recorded two exciting new CDs on the Summit label — *Serious Songs*, *Sad Faces* which feature his arrangements of songs on the topic of sorrow, loss and consolation. He, too, is on the

Artist Faculty at Lynn as well as at Florida International University.

The tremendous silver-shining tuba is nimbly operated by Kenneth Amis, born and raised in Bermuda. He took up the tuba when he entered high school. When he was only 15, his composition "A Suite for Bass Tuba" was published. Later, he earned a Master's in composition from the New England Conservatory. Amis has been a soloist with orchestras worldwide, and now — in addition to his booming artistry with Empire Brass — he's a performing artist for Gesson tubas, a composer for Boosey & Hawkes, and holds the International Brass Chair at the Royal Academy of Music in London.

All together, now, from the Boston Globe: "They simply have no competition when it comes to the beauty and clarity and accuracy and balance and interaction of their playing — the first phrase of any Empire Brass performance alive or on recording sends a thrill of pleasure through your nervous system."

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### Music Festival salutes volunteers



Festival President Nancy Clark and Marie Luise Bauer

This past Monday, March 29th, the Sanibel Music Festival board hosted its volunteers and supporters at a delicious Breakfast at Thistle Lodge — worth every one of those capital letters because it was so-o-o good (imagine — scrambled eggs

in a chafing dish that were not *a.* hard as soft rocks or *b.* green) and mercifully free of long, hard-to-hear speeches. To emphasize the Festival's appreciation, a board member was seated at every table to personally express their thanks.

## Jump out of the box... again!

A Slice of the South will be served up at the Periwinkle Playhouse on Saturday, April 24th. Tourists

and residents alike will get the opportunity to spend some time with the ladies of Chinquapin, Louisiana when Out of the Box Productions and the Playhouse present *Steel Magnolias*. As part of their continued commitment to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Making It On Purpose project, the Playhouse and Out of the Box are assigning all proceeds from the performance to this unique mentoring project... which gets its sole financial support from events such as this.

Making It On Purpose is a pilot project for the nation. It is designed to provide love and support to young women transitioning from foster care to life on their own and to inspire and encourage them, as they enter the independent living stages of their lives, to recognize their own personal power. It will provide the tools of empowerment needed to enable the young women to make positive choices and reach their highest potential — transforming dysfunction into leadership and productivity.

The festivities on April 24th begin at the Sanibel Community House, across the street from the theater, with an exciting blend of gourmet food and delicious wines, live music and art. You will be introduced to the Making It 2004 Gallery

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Visit [www.makingitonpurpose.org](http://www.makingitonpurpose.org) for additional info on the mentoring project and to view some of the artwork in the auction.



Above, Dick Riley (center) of Northern Trust as well as the Festival Board talks with Frank Glodowski and Carol Hagerman.

Below, Bill and Jone Schlackman talk with Toby Lieberman, the *Islander* music critic's wife



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Nancy Carlile	3/3 - #15
Sally Gillett	3/3 - #4
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- Volunteer Sign-Up -

**You Can Help CROW by being a volunteer at "Taste of the Island"**

#### SATURDAY, MAY 15TH

##### 9:00AM

- ☐ Set fencing around sea oats and dunes
- ☐ Assist with tent set-up
- ☐ Assist with restaurant table set-up
- ☐ Pick-up plants/canopies on island as needed (trucks helpful)

##### 2:00PM

- ☐ Open, bag and distribute garbage boxes & butt buckets
- ☐ Prepare raffle ticket packets
- ☐ Distribute wine cases and supplies to beverage tent
- ☐ Hang signs (Gates and Tents)

#### SUNDAY, MAY 16TH - DAY OF THE EVENT (3 1/2 HOUR SHIFTS)

##### 9:00AM

- ☐ Volunteer check-in
- ☐ Assist with Sponsor Arena set-up and decorating
- ☐ Assist with Tee Shirt folding and set-up

##### 11:00AM

- ☐ Sell Tee-Shirts
- ☐ Entrance Gate Ticket Takers
- ☐ Main Beverage Tent
- ☐ Remote Beverage Tent
- ☐ Food and Beverage Ticket Sales
- ☐ CROW Information Table
- ☐ Raffle Ticket Sales Table

##### 6:00PM

- ☐ Fold & stack tables and chairs
- ☐ Remove signs
- ☐ Clean up gate area and butt buckets

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## Beachview Women's Golf Association

**Results: March 24**

The March winds roared in like a lion on Wednesday, March 24, when the ladies of the Beachview Women's Golf Association met for individual play. Prizes were awarded for low gross, low net and fewest putts.

**Event: Individual play**

18-Hole Low Gross	Score
<b>1st Place</b> Kandi Sanger	91
<b>2nd Place</b> Diane Metz	94
<b>Low Net</b>	
<b>1st Place</b> Kathy Krause	66
<b>2nd Place</b> Peg Royse	68
<b>Fewest Putts</b>	
<b>1st Place</b> Lenora Hoffman	29
<b>2nd Place</b> Jill Bugby	32
<b>9-Hole Low Gross</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>1st Place</b> Ginny O'Neil	44
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<b>Low Net</b>	
<b>1st Place - score card playoff</b> Mel Deming	32
<b>2nd Place</b> Doris Weaver	32
<b>Fewest Putts</b>	
<b>1st Place</b> Mary Jane Keys	13
<b>2nd Place</b> Molly Johnson	17

## Dunes Men's Golf Association

**Results: March 24**

**Event: 4 Man, 2 Best Balls**

**18-Hole, mixed HCP.**

**84 players, ties carded off**

<b>1st Place</b> Dick Hopkins Bruce Noble Mike Funk Dave Jones	<b>Score</b> 119
<b>2nd Place</b> Tony Burke Jim Laramie Roy Brodersen Ev Bowie	119
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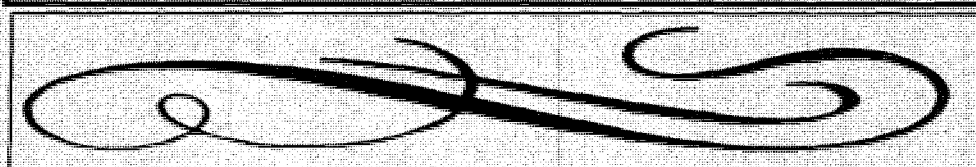
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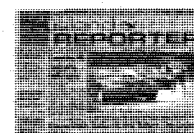
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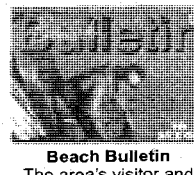
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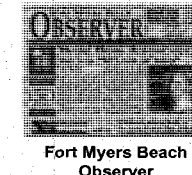
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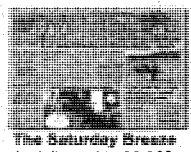
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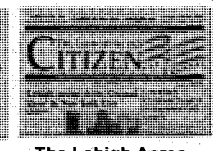
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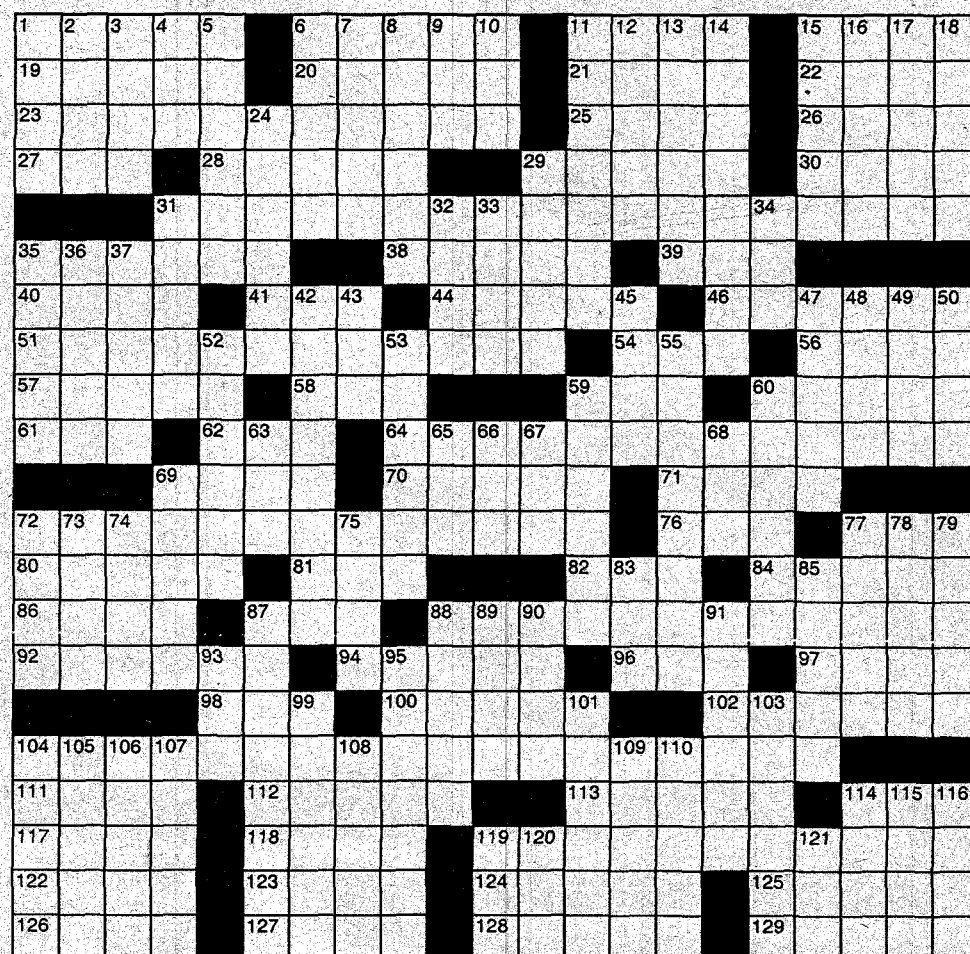
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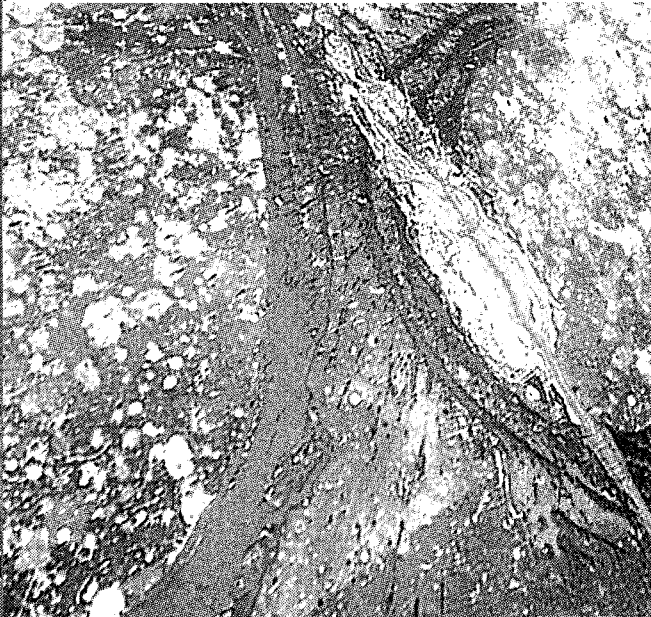
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|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                                     | <b>46</b> Follower of Job                        | <b>94</b> Like some apples                         | <b>DOWN</b>                           | <b>35</b> Sally Field's Emmy-winning role | <b>78</b> Lint-attracting fabric |
| <b>1</b> Knock the socks off                      | <b>51</b> Critiques of Atlanta ball games?       | <b>96</b> Suffix with schnozz                      | <b>1</b> "Mamma Mia" group            | <b>79</b> Shady area                      |                                  |
| <b>6</b> Monastery church                         | <b>54</b> Suffix with lion                       | <b>97</b> "Othello" villain                        | <b>2</b> Period ere noon              | <b>83</b> Boxing win                      |                                  |
| <b>11</b> Thin coating                            | <b>56</b> Castle trench                          | <b>98</b> Nile reptile                             | <b>3</b> Desertlike                   | <b>85</b> "Par —" (air-mail stamp)        |                                  |
| <b>15</b> Blue hue                                | <b>57</b> Urge forward                           | <b>100</b> Early name in arcades                   | <b>4</b> Move erratically             | <b>87</b> Lavatory                        |                                  |
| <b>19</b> Cleansing powder                        | <b>58</b> Male in a meadow                       | <b>102</b> One talking in a mono-tone voice        | <b>5</b> Breathe out                  | <b>88</b> Software test versions          |                                  |
| <b>20</b> Colonial diplomat                       | <b>59</b> "Malcolm X" director                   | <b>104</b> Acting contrary to the court's verdict? | <b>6</b> Second President             | <b>89</b> Starring role                   |                                  |
| <b>21</b> Thought                                 | <b>60</b> —                                      | <b>111</b> Sitarist Shankar                        | <b>7</b> Picasso's cap                | <b>90</b> Concerning                      |                                  |
| <b>22</b> Hoopster's maneuver                     | <b>61</b> Oahu wreath                            | <b>112</b> Enjoys a mystery                        | <b>8</b> "And God Created Woman" star | <b>91</b> Lowest points                   |                                  |
| <b>23</b> Neon direction indicator?               | <b>62</b> — Jima                                 | <b>113</b> Like xenon                              | <b>9</b> Ambient musician Brian       | <b>93</b> One of pop's Hanson brothers    |                                  |
| <b>25</b> Pugilist's weapon                       | <b>64</b> Fan speed?                             | <b>114</b> Snooker stick                           | <b>10</b> Evergreen                   | <b>95</b> Ann or Andy, e.g.               |                                  |
| <b>26</b> Pueblo Indian                           | <b>69</b> "B" — boy                              | <b>117</b> Open a bit column style                 | <b>11</b> Restaurant tip              | <b>99</b> "Cavalleria Rusticana" composer |                                  |
| <b>27</b> "Your point being . . . ?"              | <b>70</b> Classical talk show host's hair?       | <b>118</b> Director Preminger                      | <b>12</b> "Chew the fat," e.g.        | <b>101</b> Least cordial                  |                                  |
| <b>28</b> Dangerous partner?                      | <b>71</b> Give tip to                            | <b>119</b> Deals out mixed cards?                  | <b>13</b> Wound                       | <b>103</b> Take turns?                    |                                  |
| <b>29</b> Unemotional one                         | <b>72</b> Style a radio talk show                | <b>122</b> Miami — County                          | <b>14</b> Direct confrontations       | <b>104</b> Slender nails                  |                                  |
| <b>30</b> Mayberry lush                           | <b>76</b> Original Beatle                        | <b>123</b> Paperless exam                          | <b>15</b> Like some committees        | <b>105</b> Indian prince                  |                                  |
| <b>31</b> Algonquian-speaking tribe's wild party? | <b>77</b> "This — stickup"                       | <b>124</b> Former TV talk host                     | <b>16</b> Salesperson's goal          | <b>106</b> Give the slip to               |                                  |
| <b>35</b> Put in reserve                          | <b>80</b> Heart line                             | <b>125</b> Mousy                                   | <b>17</b> Remove, as a brooch         | <b>107</b> Televised                      |                                  |
| <b>38</b> Resort lake near Reno                   | <b>81</b> A Stooze                               | <b>126</b> Place for tools                         | <b>18</b> Sealed with —               | <b>108</b> Birth-related                  |                                  |
| <b>39</b> Fanatic                                 | <b>86</b> Fair                                   | <b>127</b> Gangster's girl                         | <b>24</b> Wall Street employee        | <b>109</b> Bellybutton variety            |                                  |
| <b>40</b> Pair of oxen                            | <b>87</b> Try to win over                        | <b>128</b> Late bloomer                            | <b>29</b> TV fare                     | <b>110</b> Passover meal                  |                                  |
| <b>41</b> It may be easily bruised                | <b>88</b> Action word like "twinkle" or "gleam"? | <b>129</b> Depleted                                | <b>31</b> Short-vowel mark            | <b>114</b> Tent-pitching place            |                                  |
| <b>44</b> Sunups                                  | <b>92</b> Poem part                              |  | <b>32</b> Lose color                  | <b>115</b> Condo division                 |                                  |
|   |  |  | <b>33</b> Spring event                | <b>116</b> Circular current               |                                  |
|   |  |  | <b>34</b> Part of TGIF                | <b>119</b> Lingerie buy                   |                                  |
|   |  |  |                                       | <b>120</b> — Altos, CA                    |                                  |
|   |  |  |                                       | <b>121</b> That guy                       |                                  |



## Exhibit Update: Chihuly Across Florida: Masterworks in Glass at the Orlando Museum of Art

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The Chihuly-designed Steinway piano, "Olympia," will arrive in April to complement the *Chihuly Across Florida: Masterworks in Glass* exhibition currently on view in the Orlando Museum of Art Museum and the Museum of Fine Arts in St. Pete through May 30. First shown at the 2002 Winter Olympics, the piano's features include a clear glass piano desk and translucent Plexiglas top — the first ever designed for a Steinway — showcasing an original drawing by Chihuly.

The regional presenting sponsor in Florida is the Progress Energy Foundation. These simultaneous, site-spe-

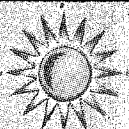

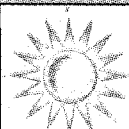
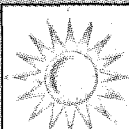
cific exhibitions constitute the largest presentation ever of Chihuly glass and the first time two major art museums have collaborated to show his work at the same time.

"It speaks to the strength of the arts in Florida," says Bill Habermeyer, president & CEO of Progress Energy Florida, "that an exhibition of such magnitude has been developed specifically for shows in St. Petersburg and Orlando. We look for this ambitious project to enrich the lives of area residents and attract visitors to both communities."

Chihuly designed the exhibitions to complement the very different architectural styles of each museum. The

OMA's building blends classical elements with contemporary detailing and provides an open, expansive environment while the Mediterranean style of the MFA provides a traditional and intimate setting with indoor gardens. The museums have joined with the Chares Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art in Winter Park which holds a significant Tiffany collection to create a statewide celebration of glass art, providing a unique cultural opportunity for Florida residents and tourists. Chihuly Across Florida will bring national and international attention to Florida as a "state of the arts."

### FORECAST FOR April 3 & 4

SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
			
Sunny and warm with some breezy conditions both day and night.		More sunny skies and windy weather.	

### WEEKDAY TIDES

City	Wed. High	Wed. Low	Thu. High	Thu. Low
Cape Coral	5:18 a.m.	-	6:28 a.m.	3:54 a.m.
Bridge	-	2:53 p.m.	-	10:54 p.m.
Captiva at Redfish Pass	3:08 a.m.	-	4:18 a.m.	12:38 a.m.
Fort Myers	6:11 a.m.	-	7:21 a.m.	4:36 a.m.
	-	3:35 p.m.	-	11:47 p.m.
Matlacha Pass	4:46 a.m.	-	5:56 a.m.	3:20 a.m.
	-	2:19 p.m.	-	10:22 p.m.
Pineland	3:44 a.m.	-	4:54 a.m.	2:18 a.m.
	-	1:17 p.m.	-	9:20 p.m.
Point Ybel	2:13 a.m.	-	3:23 a.m.	12:40 a.m.
	-	11:39 p.m.	-	7:49 p.m.
Punta Rassa	3:02 a.m.	-	4:12 a.m.	12:33 a.m.
	-	11:32 p.m.	8:38 p.m.	11:57 p.m.
St. James City	3:33 a.m.	-	4:43 a.m.	-
	-	12:07 p.m.	9:09 p.m.	1:08 p.m.

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81/60 Sat  
81/58 Sun

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82/60 Sat  
82/59 Sun

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80/66 Sat  
80/66 Sun

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82/62 Sat  
82/61 Sun

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82/59 Sun

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83/61 Sat  
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**LEHIGH ACRES**  
83/59 Sat  
83/59 Sun

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85/55 Sun

**BONITA SPRINGS**  
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FT. LAUDERDALE	82/67
FT. MYERS BEACH	81/61
GAINESVILLE	80/55
JACKSONVILLE	78/55
KEY WEST	80/70
KISSIMMEE	80/59
MIAMI	82/67
ORLANDO	80/59
PANAMA CITY	78/59
PENSACOLA	72/62
SARASOTA	81/60
ST. PETERSBURG	80/61
TALLAHASSEE	80/50
TAMPA	80/60
VERO BEACH	77/62
WEST PALM BEACH	80/65



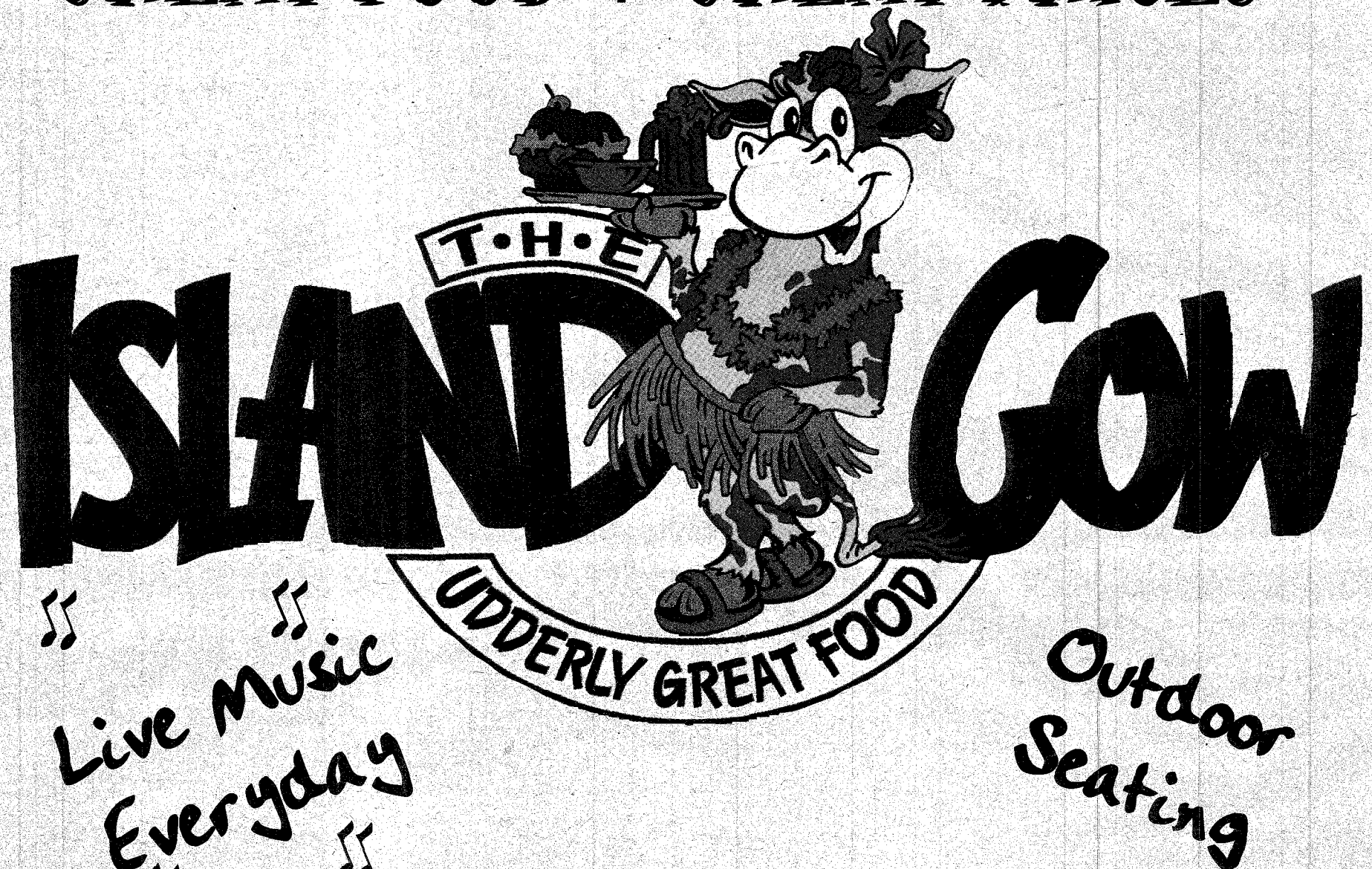
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