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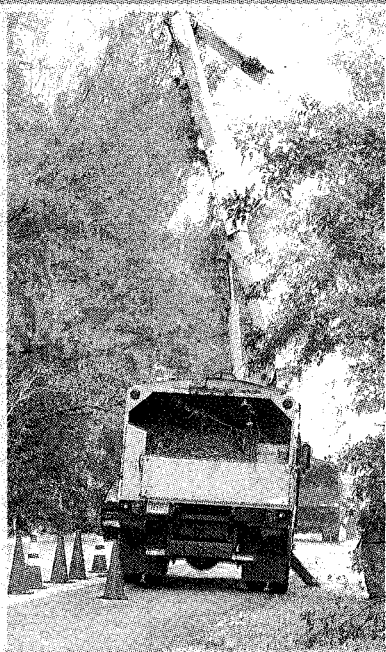


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Getting ready for summer storms: A 12-man tree-trimming crew from Alabama has been working on- and off-island for the past two months. Above, while working on Tarpon Bay Road last Wednesday, James Small from Selma checks behind him as he moves the cherry picker. William Robinson from Montgomery (top left) was collecting the branches. The crew returns home in a week or two.

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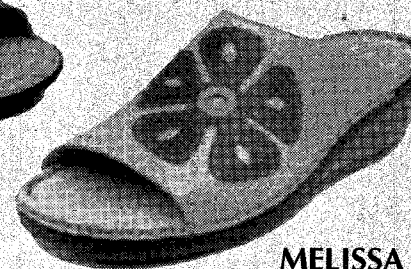
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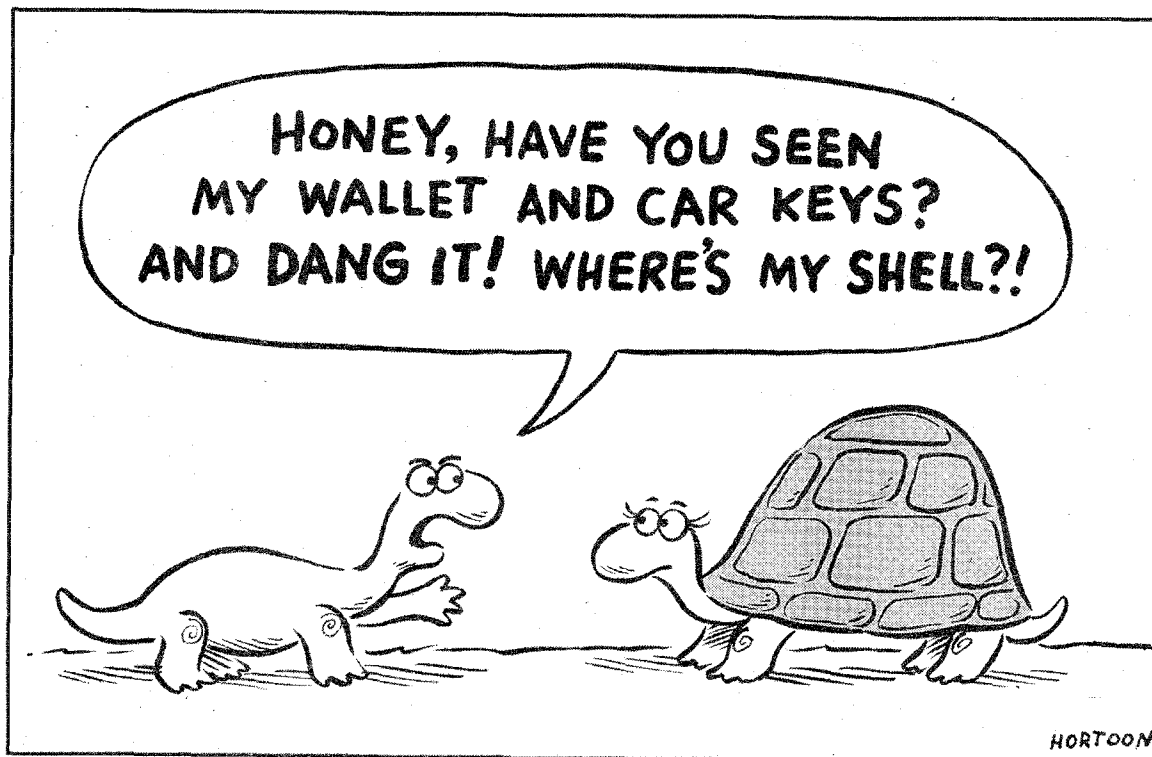
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ISLAND SCENE

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— FRIDAY, APRIL 30 —

Sanibel-Captiva AARP Celebrates 20 Years

Come and share in our chapter's recognition from the national AARP for 20 years of service to this community. Learn with us a brief history of our island AARP, the establishment of the organization and the efforts of all concerned in its early stages. This special combined April/May meeting will be on Friday, April 30 at 1:30 p.m. at the Island Senior Center on Library Way off Palm Ridge Road.

Everyone is welcome to attend, regardless if you belong to this chapter or to the National AARP. We plan to have a "celebration cake" and our usual refreshments and fellowship after the program. If you have any questions, call 395-3372.

Young Artists 2004 at Alliance

The Opening Night Reception for the Alliance for the Arts Young Artists 2004 exhibit will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, April 30. This annual exhibition is open to the public and displays artworks created by students in Lee county public and private schools.

Sponsored by LAEA: Lee Art Educators Association, Young Artists 2004 consists of two separate art student exhibits. The first, an exhibition of Lee High School students' artworks, arranged by LAEA member, curator Steve Frank, launches with the April 30 Opening Reception and remains on view through May 11.

The second exhibit, arranged by LAEA member Young Artists 2003 award-winning Painting "Smile" by James Milne



Carolyn Gora, is a show featuring works by Lee elementary and middle school students. The Elementary/Middle School show debuts with its own Opening Reception, 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, May 17 and remains on public display through May 24.

This year, as in prior years, the "Young Artists" exhibit showcases more than 500 artworks created by Lee County public and private school art students, with numerous prizes and ribbons awarded in various categories.

This year again, in addition to the LAEA awards that will be presented, the high school student artist winning the "Best of Show" award will also receive a once-in-a-lifetime trip to France. The gift covers food, lodging, and arts instruction in France, including daily closed-to-the-public painting sessions inside Claude Monet's famed garden at the internationally celebrated ArtStudy/Giverny Program founded and directed by Gale Bennett. Bennett, a renowned Cape Coral artist is an Alliance member. The published fee for attending one of Bennett's sessions is over \$3,100, and Bennett's offer includes 50% of the same costs for an accompanying guardian if the winner is less than 18 years old.

Currently in Giverny, Bennett believes, "Of all the kinds of support available to young emerging artists, I'm

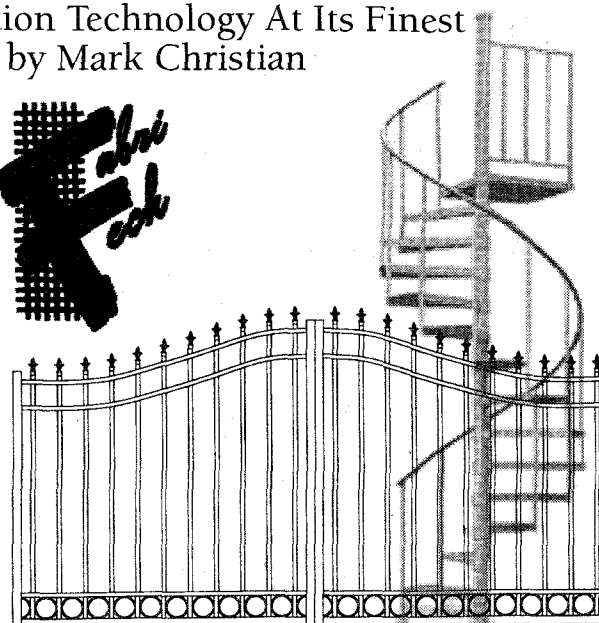
convinced that the most beneficial are those providing both personal inspiration and professional instruction. Which is why I'm so pleased to make this offer to the winner of the Alliance's "Young Artists 2004" high school exhibition. No one can visit Monet's garden and home and town without being creatively energized. Most people in the world only get to quickly pass through this place for about an hour or so. This year's winner will be able to absorb and revel in all the positive vibrations that abound here while working at her or his art. He or she is about to have a wonderfully exciting and overwhelming cultural and professional experience!"

Admission is free to both Opening Receptions for the "Young Artists 2004" exhibitions at the Alliance. The hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact the Alliance at 939-2787 or visit www.artinlee.org for any additional details.

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— SATURDAY, MAY 1 —

Spring aquatics at the Rec Center

The following classes will be offered at the Sanibel Recreation Complex. Please note that all courses require advance registration and payment at the City of Sanibel Finance Department at 800 Dunlop Road. Call Coby at the Rec Center at 472-0345 for information.

Baby & me swim classes

Infant and toddler with parent: This course is designed for children 6 months to 3 years old, who are accompanied by an adult in the water. The basic goals of this program are for your child to be at ease in the water, develop self-confidence, earn respect for the water and provide fun and laughter in the water. Infants must wear plastic pants or swim diapers. Regular diapers are not permitted. Saturdays, May 1, 8, 15 and 22. 9 a.m. (half hour sessions). \$5 per class (come to one or all classes, materials included). Pre-registration and payment required at the City of Sanibel Finance Department.

Pre-school swim lessons

Designed especially for 3 to 5 year olds. This class emphasizes water adjustment, safety and techniques to help orient the child to water. Saturdays, May 1, 8, 15 and 22, June 5, 12, 19 and 22. 1:30 p.m. (half hour sessions). \$24 for 8 lessons. Pre-registration and payment required at the City of Sanibel Finance Department.

Beginner - primary skills

Designed for children ready to learn the progression of locomotion skills and to develop confidence in those strokes learned thus far. Saturdays, May 1, 8, 15 and 22, June 5, 12, 19 and 26. 2:30 p.m. (half hour sessions). \$24 for 8 lessons. Pre-registration and payment required at the City of Sanibel Finance Department.

Advanced beginner - stroke development

Designed for children to improve their aquatic skills and increase their endurance by swimming familiar strokes for longer distances. Saturdays, May 1, 8, 15 and 22, June 5, 12, 19 and 26. 3:30 p.m. (half hour sessions). \$24 for 8 lessons. Pre-registration and payment required at the City of Sanibel Finance Department.

Advanced skills

The objective of this level is to perfect strokes and develop good fitness habits. May 1, 8, 15, 22, June 5, 12, 19 and 26. 4 p.m. (half hour sessions). \$24 for 8 lessons. Pre-registration and payment required at the City of Sanibel Finance Department.



— MONDAY, MAY 3 —

Gulfshore Ballet Auditions

Gulfshore Ballet, the area's only non-profit classical ballet school, will hold placement auditions for interested new students ages 5 - 17 during the period May 3 - 8. Gulfshore Ballet offers training at seven different levels, and auditions are required in order to determine which level of study is best suited for each student. Fall semester classes are scheduled to begin on September 7.

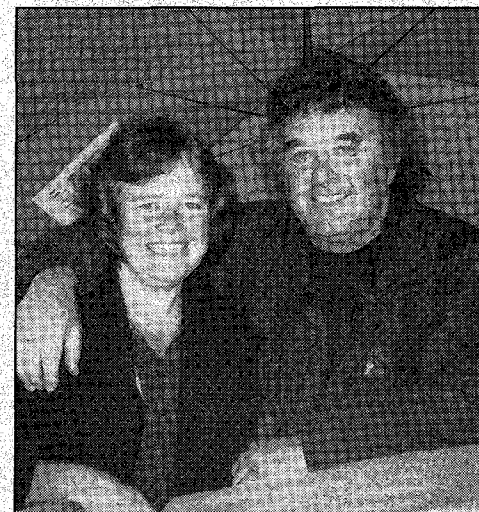
Gulfshore Ballet students have the unique opportunity to study with the most experienced classical ballet teaching faculty in Southwest Florida. Faculty members include: Melinda Roy, former Principal Dancer, New York City Ballet; Lucena, former Ballet Mistress, Miami City Ballet. Artistic Advisors for the School are Olga Kostritsky, the School of American Ballet, New York City and Jock Soto, Principal Dancer, New York City Ballet.

Auditions are by reservation only, and may be scheduled by calling Diana Espie at 590-6191. She will suggest the day and time most appropriate for each student based on their age and previous dance experience. The audition fee is \$20. There are only limited openings at some study levels, so call today to schedule your audition.

Gulfshore Ballet is a nonprofit educational institution whose mission is to provide high quality classical ballet instruction to the children in Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties and to raise the level of awareness of and appreciation for classical ballet as an important part of the cultural mix of this community. The studios are conveniently located in South Fort Myers, just off U. S. 41, one block south of the Daniels/Cypress Lake intersection and 2 miles north of Alico Road.

Northern Irish author to speak on Sanibel

Brendan and Angela McCauley of Downpatrick, Northern Ireland, will be visiting in our area next week. They have served in the Irish reconciliation movement for three decades, helping to bring signs of peace in the midst of conflict there. They are raising 14 children, one of whom, their son Aaron, lived and worked here on Sanibel as part of a three month work-study program with the University of Dundee in Scotland.

Angela & Brendan McCauley

Brendan has also ministered several times in India. He and Angela recently returned from there. He has just completed a book about the life of three generations of an Indian Christian family in the city of Goa. Their grandfather's conversion came when the daughter of William Booth (of the Salvation Army) simply picked up and embraced an untouchable Indian toddler who was wailing. As a high caste Indian, he was aghast, then deeply affected to see her walk away in her sari with him in her arms to find his Mommy. When she returned, he left his friends and hammered her with questions about her God. This life-touching book is meant to be a fundraiser for this mission.

During their visit, the McCauleys will be ministering at several churches and prayer gatherings. On Monday evening, May 3, their hosts, Erik and Chris Jorgensen, plan to open their home at 7:30 p.m., when Brendan and Angela will speak regarding their experiences with the reconciliation movement plus what they have learned of important cross-cultural issues there and in India. They will welcome questions and also requests for prayer for healing, encouragement and direction.

For more information, call the Jorgensens at 472-2189. They live at 1870 Farm Trail in Island Woods, just west of Jerry's and Sanibel Community Church.

— TUESDAY, MAY 4 —

BIG ARTS Hosts Young Artists' Exhibits


BIG ARTS is pleased to announce the arrival of two highly impressive art exhibits created exclusively by young, local artists!

These shows are quite extensive and a joy to behold. Each includes several hundred pieces of artwork in a wide variety of media. Both shows can be viewed weekdays from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Phillips Gallery at BIG ARTS Center, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. The shows will run from May 4 through May 21. The public is invited to the artists' reception which will be followed by a special musical presentation by The Sanibel School students on May 13 at 5 p.m. Come support our many talented young islanders.

For more information on these exhibits, or other fine events and classes offered at BIG ARTS, please call 395-0900.

BIG ARTS AfterSchool Studio Students Exhibit

At the end of each school day a group of tired kids jump off the bus in front of BIG ARTS. After another tough day of school they are ready for something different — something that allows them some freedom and self expression! That's just what they get until 5 p.m. as they participate in a very special art program called AfterSchool Studio. This program is made possible through a grant from the The L.A.T. Foundation. Students not only participate in visual arts classes, but may also choose from the variety of performing arts classes that are offered afternoons at BIG ARTS. Now, after months of hard



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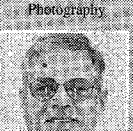

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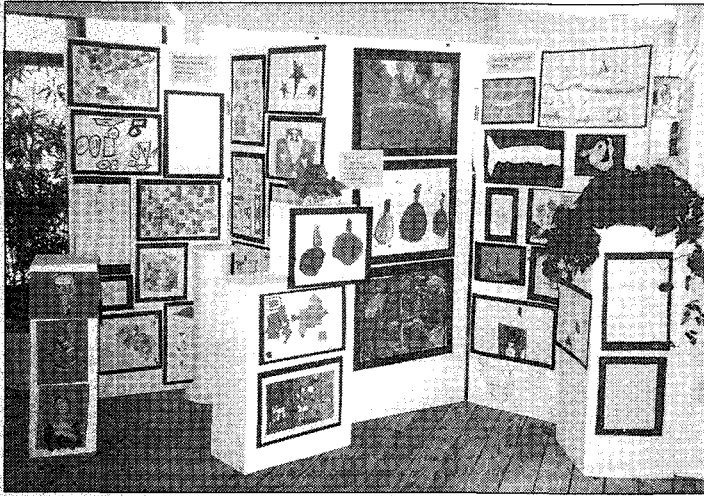
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work, these young artists are ready to show the community some of the amazing things they have accomplished.

The AfterSchool Studio Students' Exhibit will demonstrate the many skills and talents these young island artist have been working to develop over the current school year. Ably led and inspired by professional artist and art teacher, Mary Ann Czarnecki, the students, aged 6 to 14, are very enthusiastic about how far they have

come and how much they have done. "Art is important for a child's healthy growth and development," says Czarnecki as she watches the quiet concentration of some of her students drawing in the sketch books they have been keeping all year as an ongoing project.

With a quick look through a couple of sketch books, it's immediately obvious how much these students have experi-

enced and developed in AfterSchool Studio. They have learned about Seurat, Gauguin and Klee. Their sketch books, paintings, and dimensional art demonstrate their developing knowledge of Realists, Cubists and Surrealists, sculptors and printmakers — a huge range of styles and influences are clearly evident.

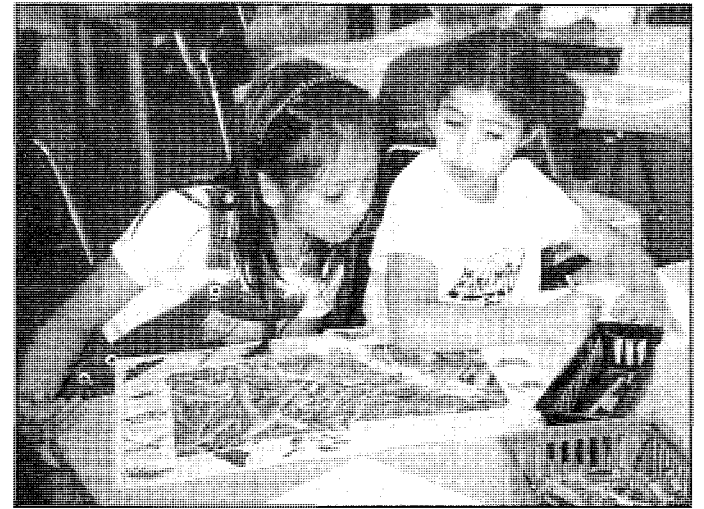
When asked, each student has a different take on what was the hardest medium to work with or the most fun. "Working on the wheel (clay) was the most fun and exciting," said a 5th grader. "I had to learn to be patient, though. It can be complicated!" Others felt that creating their papier mache circus animals was the most challenging project. All agreed that in each different medium it was "cool" to see what they could create when they followed Mrs. Czarnecki's advice, as explained by one first

grader. "To do, like, our own thing!"

• BUGWORKS at Sanibel School

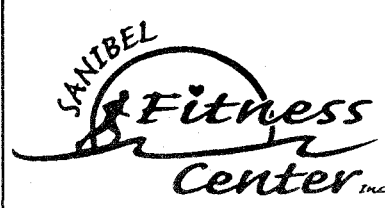
The students of Sanibel Elementary School are busy putting the finishing touches on their BUGWORKS exhibit, where every bug takes on a personality of its own and no two are alike!

Each grade has used a variety of materials and followed academic guidelines in creating interesting visual images while developing



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OBITUARIES

Michael James 'Ferd' Hardenbergh

Michael James 'Ferd' Hardenbergh, 43, of Sanibel, died on April 21, 2004.

Born in Cleveland, OH to Mark H. and Tina Hardenbergh, he moved to Florida in 1981.

He worked at South Seas Plantation, Sunshine Cafe, Beachview Steakhouse, and was most recently assistant banquet manager at the Sun Dial. He also worked at the Sanibel Bookstore and was an avid Cleveland Browns and Indians fan.

Ferd is survived by his parents, Mark and Tina Hardenbergh of Burton, OH; his brother Stephen of Portland, OR; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Laura and Wayne Gifford of Bethesda, MD, and Holly and Ray Binder of Cleveland Heights, OH; and a niece, Julia E. Binder; as well as by many loyal friends.

A memorial service celebrating Ferd's life was held on Algiers Beach on Sunday, April 25. Memorial contributions may be made to Lee Memorial Health Systems, Health Park, c/o Intensive Care Unit E, or a charity of one's choice.

Clarence Nelson

Clarence Nelson, 79, of Yorktown, and a former resident of Highland, Indiana and Sanibel Island, Florida passed away Wednesday evening, April 21, 2004 at Ball Memorial Hospital.

He was born September 4, 1924 in Chicago, the son of Frida and Willgot Nelson, grew up there and graduated from Calumet High School. Clarence was a metallurgical engineer for Republic Steel Corporation for 35 years. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church; the Sanibel Island Lions Club and a Melvin Jones Fellow. Mr. Nelson was a WWII Army combat veteran, serving in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. He fought in the battle of Luzon and received



Clarence Nelson

three Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Anne Nelson; one daughter Frida Cannon (husband - Tom), Muncie, three grandchildren, Margaret Cannon Bloomington; Patrick Cannon, (wife - Lori), Fishers; and Elizabeth Cannon, Indianapolis. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Alfred W. Nelson in 1998.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Ed Kacena officiating, with entombment in the Elm Ridge Cemetery Mausoleum.

Memorials may be directed to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 2300 W. Jackson, Muncie, In. 47303 or to Hospice, c/o Ball Memorial Hospital, 2401 W. University Ave., Muncie, In. 47303. Online condolences to the family can be sent to meeksmortuary@sbcglobal.net.

Dr. Treadway C. Parker

Dr. Treadway C. Parker died unexpectedly on Sanibel Island, Saturday, April 24, 2004. Dr. Parker, an industrial psychologist, was retired from the American Management Association in New York City.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Alanna, and his three children: Rebekah Rowe, Jonathan Parker and Elizabeth Parker, and six grandchildren.

Since his retirement from AMA, Dr. Parker, along with his partner, founded a consulting firm, Breakthrough Enterprises. He also co-authored many training programs for Ideal Health and other national organizations.

Tread was most loved on Sanibel Island, his residence for the past one and one half years, for his devotion to nature and the environment. He was a volunteer for C.R.O.W. and a member of the Sanibel Wildlife Committee. Tread recently per-



Dr. Tread Parker

formed in the Off-Beach Players production of "We Blew Up The Bridge, Didn't We?"

A memorial mass was held at St. Isabel's Church, of which he was a member, on Tuesday. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name may be made to St. Isabel's Church or C.R.O.W.



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dexterity skills and orderly decision-making skills that can be transferred to other disciplines. Viewers will be delighted and inspired to see the expressive quality of these mosaics, collages, sculptures, three-dimensional and hand-painted clay pieces, watercolors, and mixed medial works of art. Bring your family and friends to see this special show that will delight you and leave your head crawling with youthful ideas.

The variety of creatures on exhibit includes butterflies and spiders with very imaginative renderings that emphasize design elements like color, texture and line. In some of the classes the students observed realistic images of insects and spiders and then used their creative skills to innovatively produce uniquely original and impressive artwork.

Visual Arts Committee member and BUGWORKS show chair, Carol Rosenberg, was thrilled to see the colorful layered work of the fourth graders. The children were given instructions from their teacher, Suzanne Skinner, to "have palmetto bugs doing people things." Rosenberg said, "One of the benefits about thinking creatively is that it allows artists, even young artists, to view the world from their own perspective and then share that information with others. As children mature academically and emotionally, they begin to integrate their knowledge and communication skills. This includes visual communication along with what they have been learning at home and at school. Later they may have opportunities to apply their education in positive, productive, practical and aesthetic endeavors. BIG ARTS is very pleased to help support the development of this next generation of artists and to provide them a venue for sharing their art with the public."

—THURSDAY, MAY 6—

National Day of Prayer

Sanibel will celebrate the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 6 at City Hall, starting at 11:45 a.m. This year's theme is "Let Freedom Ring," and all are invited to bring a bell from home, which can be rung at appropriate times indicated on the program.

Musician Jerry Frantz will begin playing at 11:45 a.m. as people quietly enter and at 11:55, young Justin & Abbey Valiquette will read key quotes from the Founding Fathers and U.S. Presidents.

Promptly at noon, Pastor Ed VanderHey of Sanibel Community Church will issue a call to worship and organizer Jean Wood will welcome those attending, offer reflections on the historic Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, and lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The anthem, "My Country 'Tis of Thee", follows, including the phrase, "Let Freedom Ring," which is this year's theme.

Leading prayers will be Mayor Marty Harry; County Commissioner Bob Janes; Captain Rob Popkin of the Sanibel Fire & Rescue Department; Officer Kurt Schulte of the Sanibel Police; 1st Lieut. Harry Bertossa, U.S. Army; LaVerne Phillips of BIG ARTS; Mary Miller of the Christian Science Church; David Hoggatt of A Touch of Sanibel Pottery; Ellen Lai of Colonial Bank & St. Michael & All Angels Church; Scott Martell, columnist & editor of "Expressions" Magazine; Leslie Fischer of St. Isabel Catholic Church; Steve Greenstein of our Chamber of Commerce & Bat Yam Temple of the Islands; Toni Primeaux, Moms in Touch; and special guests Brendan & Angela McCauley of Northern Ireland, praying for "One Nation and One World Under God." Opera Singer Paco will offer a stirring prayer-hymn and lead in all singing, accompanied by Jerry Frantz.

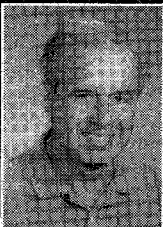
The service will end with a "Grand Ringing of the Bells." Come early to savor every minute of this "ringing" service of the people of Sanibel and Captiva — privileged to be part of the United States of America, Land of the Free!

RV Super Saver Show at Lee Sports Complex

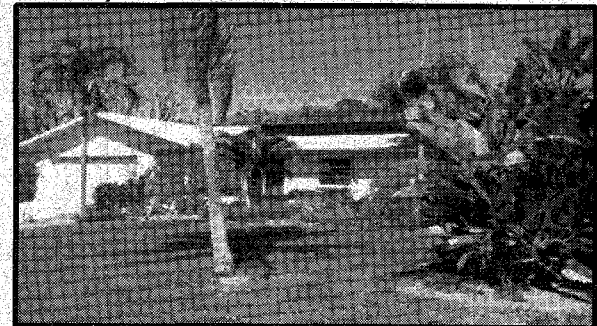
Region One of the Florida RV Trade Association returns for its ninth annual admission-free recreation vehicle show at the Lee County Sports Complex in south Florida Myers, May 7, 8 and 9.

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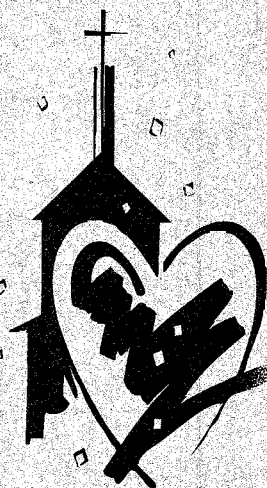


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dealers from throughout Florida's Gulf Coast displaying a wide selection of new, used and leftover recreation vehicles of all styles, brands and price ranges. This includes motor homes, travel trailers, fifth wheels, park models, van campers and pop-up campers. RV suppliers also will be on hand. The admission-free recreation vehicle show will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. all three days. To reach the Sports Complex from I-75, take exit 131 (Daniels Parkway) and go west for 5 miles to Ben Pratt-Six Mile Cypress Parkway and turn left. The Sports Complex is on the right on Ben Pratt-Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

Greater Fort Myers Dog Club to Hold Spring Show

The Greater Fort Myers Dog Club will be hosting its 62nd and 63rd consecutive shows, with an anticipated 1,100 exhibitors coming from throughout the southern United States for this American Kennel Club (AKC) sanctioned event.

The show will be held at the Lee Civic Center located at the junction of State Road 31 and 78 in North Fort Myers, Florida, on Saturday, May 15, and Sunday, May 16, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. There will be a \$2 per car entry fee, a \$4 per person admission fee, \$3 for senior citizens, children under 12 are free. For info, contact Linda Brown at (239) 267-0782 or Ann Meyer at (239) 945-2776.

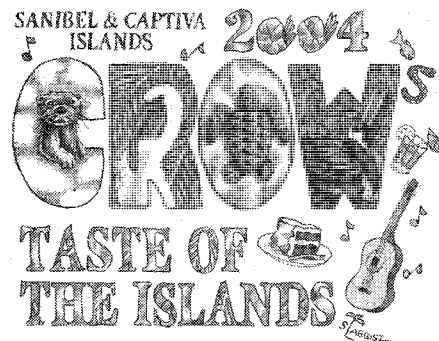
Bridge Class at SCA

Susan Vorhees is back and will be starting an intermediate bridge class in May at the Sanibel Community House at 2173 Periwinkle Way. This a four-week series is geared to modernize your game, with an emphasis on bidding. Together we analyze final contracts, spruce up defense and improve declarer play. Pre-registration and pre-payment is absolutely required as class size is limited (minimum of 12 people). The deadline for registration is Friday, May 14. Please call the Sanibel Community Association office at 472-2155 or stop by to make reservations (Visa/Master Card accepted).

Classes will be held on for four weeks on Tuesdays, 9-11:45 a.m. on May 18 and 25; and June 1 and 8. The cost for SCA members is \$50; for Non-members, \$57.

Susan is a native of New England; she raised her family in Connecticut and

Massachusetts. Social bridge was a favorite of hers until she moved to Fort Myers when the game became a serious challenge. Subsequently she became a Life Master and began teaching beginner and intermediate bridge at the McGregor Point Bridge Club (currently the Bridge Place). She now teaches at a number of locations around Lee County as well.



Taste of the Islands: CROW's Biggest Fundraiser

Gulfside City Park once again will play host to the biggest party on the Islands... the 24th annual Taste of the Islands. The annual event was started almost a quarter of a century ago to benefit the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife. From noon to 6 p.m., delicacies will be dished up from over fifteen restaurants who are not only trying to please the crowd, but take the awards for the best in ten food categories.

Eight different categories are offered for restaurant entry along with two additional special awards. The eight varied categories are Best Appetizer, Best Salad, Best Meat, Best Fish/Seafood, Best Pasta, Best Vegetarian, Best Dessert and Best Booth Presentation. The People's Choice award and the Taste of the Taste (judges' choice) award were won hands-down last year by Gramma Dot's Seaside Saloon and Thistle Lodge respectively. Both restaurants are coming back to defend their titles while also competing in the eight other food category groups.

The great restaurants cooking for CROW to date are The American Legion Post 123, Chadwicks, Doc Ford's, East End Deli, Ellington's, Gramma Dot's, Greenside Grille at The Dunes, Johnnys Pizza, McT's, Pinocchio's, Sanibel Grill, Sanibel Produce, The Seafood Factory,

Thistle Lodge and the Timbers. If more great Island restaurants have not yet signed up, the time is now.

CROW is always thankful to its sponsors for helping to fund the event. To date, thanks are due to Michelob Ultra, Pepsi, Barrier Island Title, Bank of the Islands, Barefoot Charley's, Coral Veterinary Clinic, Cool Breezes of Key West, Dan Hahn Custom Builder, On the Marc Entertainment, Sanibel-Captiva Island Association of Realtors, Sanibel Harbour Resort, Southern Wine and Spirits, South Seas Sanibel & Captiva Properties, Tween Waters Inn, Linda Gornick, Lifeline Designs and The Islander newspaper. If you'd like to become a sponsor and reap big rewards or be an event volunteer, call 472-3644 to sign up. So... mark May 16 on your calendar to have the time of your life at Taste of the Islands.

Chico Fernandez at Backwater Fishing School

J. M. "Chico" Fernandez, world-renowned fly fisherman and author, is joining the Genmar/Evinrude Backwater Fishing School faculty and will headline an advanced fly fishing school for four three-day/four night sessions this year.

The four classes, June 20-24, Sept. 19-23, Oct. 17-21 and Nov. 14-18 are being limited to four students each session "to ensure each student individual and personal attention," says Gordon Houser, director of the school.

The regular Backwater Light Tackle School is held contemporaneously with the stand-alone advanced Flyfishing ses-

sions. Students will share common dining room hours to build camaraderie.

Students arrive Sunday and leave after breakfast Thursday. Monday morning classroom study covers fish biology, safety/first aid and basic electronics. After lunch, students go to breakout technique and equipment sessions with Chico and the school faculty. Tuesday and Wednesday are spent on the water with the certified flyfishing instructors Dr. Aaron Adams and Capt. Merrily Dunn. Each teaching vessel has a maximum of two students and an instructor. Students for this class will bring their personal fly fishing equipment.

The school is located at the 77-year-old Tarpon Lodge on Pine Island, just off Boca Grande Pass and Pine Island Sound.

Chico Fernandez has fished for 55 years and fly fished for over 45 years. He has broken several world records: the largest redfish taken with a fly rod (42 pounds, five ounces), and he was one of the first anglers to land a white marlin on a fly rod. He has written many articles, currently writes a column in Saltwater Fly Fishing Magazine and has just finished a book on bonefishing, due out this summer.

The tuition, including accommodations, meals and instruction is \$2,795 plus 6% Florida sales tax. This includes everything except air and ground transportation to and from Tarpon Lodge and student incidentals. The school web site is www.genmarbackwaterfishingschool.com. For information and reservations, call 800-755-1099, ext. 490 or email backwaterfishingschool@genmar.com.

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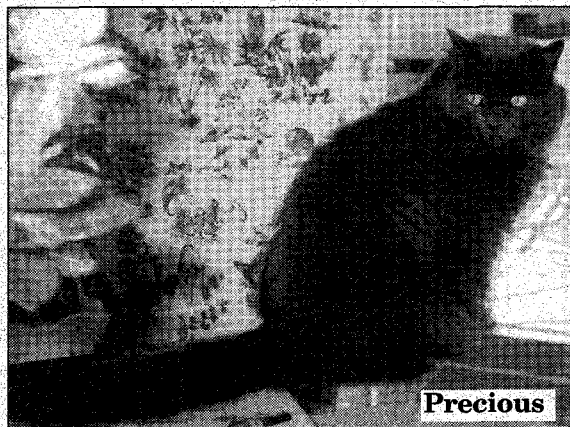
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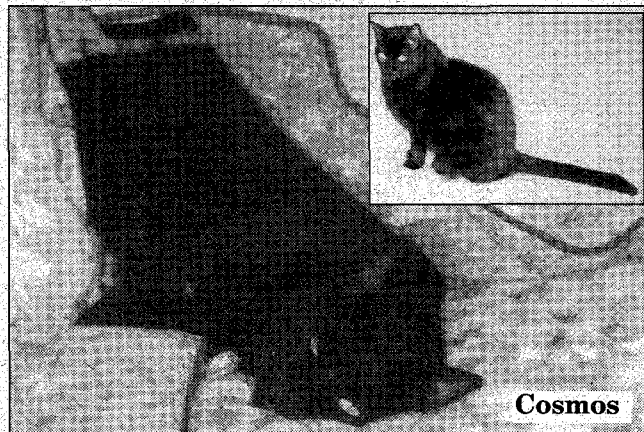
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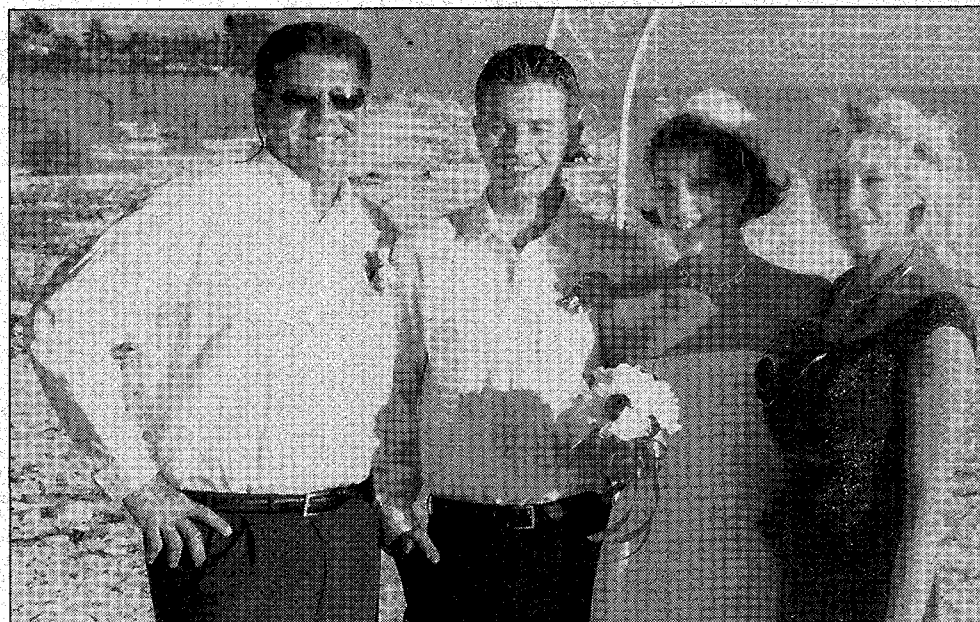
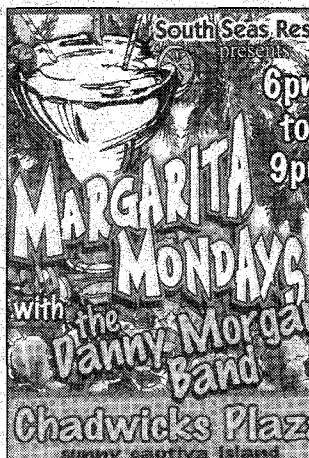


Cosmos

Margarita Mondays at Chadwicks

If your Mondays need a boost, celebrate Margarita Mondays with the Danny Morgan Band on the first Monday of every month at Chadwicks, at South Seas Resort.

Margarita Mondays will be from 6 - 9 p.m. For more information, call 472-7668 (Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)



Camomilli - Lundgren wedding

Dave Case and Laurie Wyngard would like to announce the January 25th, 2004 wedding of their "daughter," Ashley Camomilli to Darian Lundgren.

She wanted to get married "barefoot on the beach" and the wedding was performed by long-time island resident, David Horne, at sunset. Cpt. Dave Case gave away the bride. A small gathering of well wishers joined them for dinner at the Riviera on Sanibel.

Ashley grew up on Sanibel, went to the Sanibel School and Cypress Lake High. Ashley Camomilli (now Lundgren) graduated in December with honors six months ahead of her senior class. She is currently in boot camp at Ft. Leonardwood, Missouri, Military Police

Division. She has just been made troop leader of her squadron. Darian completed nursing classes in Wisconsin and is currently completing his licensure, while she is away. After boot camp in July, the couple will reside on base in Texas for further training. Ashley plans to work for the FBI or in police work when her five-year tour of duty is completed. She has given permission to print a few of her letters [Ed: look for them in next week's Islander] and asks for encouraging letters from "home."

Her address is:

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I want to thank all the folks involved in our Sunday, April 25, 3:30 p.m. 911 call for help when my husband, Don Barrus fell in our Spanish Cay parking lot. Everyone was so polite and organized in making sure he was comfortable and in the best care and in the

fastest manner. The helicopter taking him from Beachview Golf Course to Lee Memorial Hospital was right there and the Lee Memorial Trauma Team Unit took care of him immediately and perfectly, proving — again — our living in Paradise.

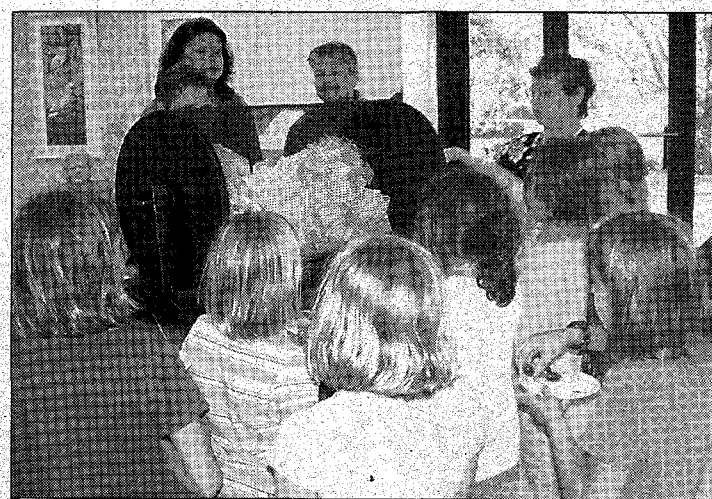
*Thank you all,
Betty Barrus*

Sanibel School Fund Raffle winners

On Friday April 23rd the winning ticket for the Sanibel School Fund Car Raffle was drawn at the Bank of the Islands.

First prize winner Susan Estep of Sanibel has her choice of a 2004 VW Beetle Convertible, 2004 Jeep Wrangler or \$20,000 cash. Second prize went to Evon Salvit of Sanibel and third prize to John Nicholson of Fort Myers.

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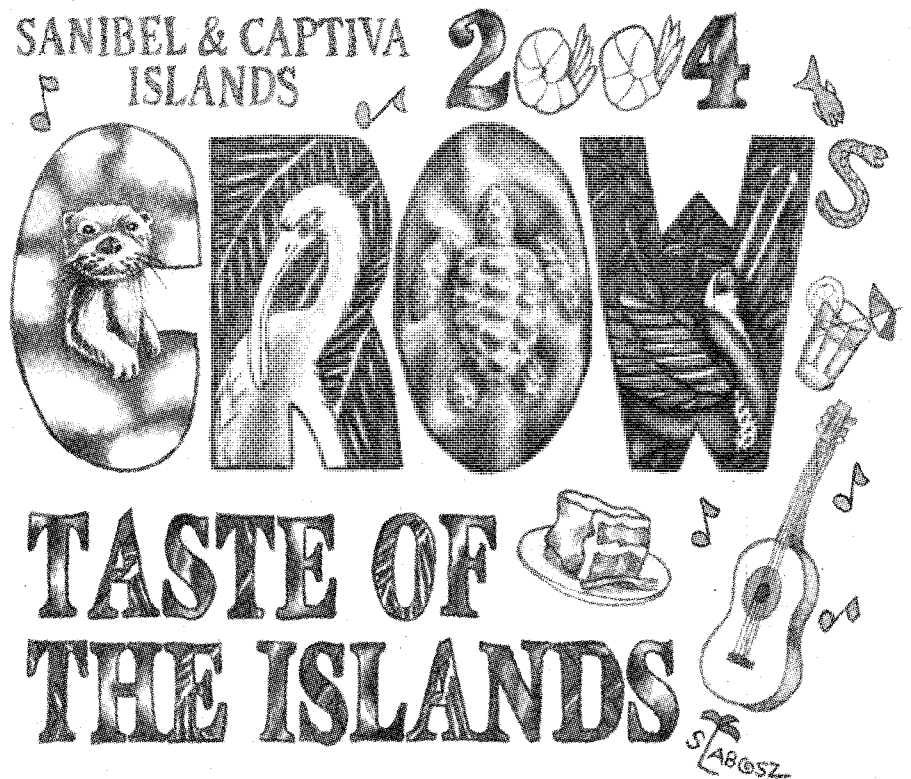


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POINT OF VIEW

by Rabbi Murray Saltzman

A TV talk-show host recently criticized Senator John Kerry for waffling. He explained that Americans could forgive politicians for many things. But not for waffling. He urged the presidential candidate to assert where he stood on a yes or no basis. Against or for, either way, but with no exceptions or conditions or reservations.

Abortion, yes or no; war, yes or no; tax cuts, yes or no; and on from these to every issue that distinguishes Democrat Kerry.

I fear such an approach. Absolutes and certainty are the simplistic cravings of the extremist ideologue and theologian. No to nuances. No to changing circumstances which require new approaches. No to

shifts in attitudes brought about by honest reflection and self-criticism.

If history teaches us anything it reveals that changing historic conditions alter past responses. At one time Republicans were opponents of foreign involvement. They were called isolationists in those days.

Democrats, in contrast, supported American internationalism. Especially in response to the tyrannies prior to World War II. Now it seems the two major parties have almost switched their positions. The Republicans have become nation builders, a policy that not too long ago President Bush chastised. And the Democrats seem

to be edging toward abandoning a once cherished position on free trade.

So it goes.

Absolute positions are dangerous to the nation's future. They do not allow for new insights, the advances wrought by science, the skepticism prompted by discovery of new truths or insights born of new facts. Adaptability gives birth to hope where once only despair prevailed.

America is a great nation because it experimented with diversity and political possibilities unknown before. It was willing to explore directions and institutions that allowed for thoughtful

ambiguity and growth. Amendments to our Constitution have confirmed new directions, such as an end to slavery.

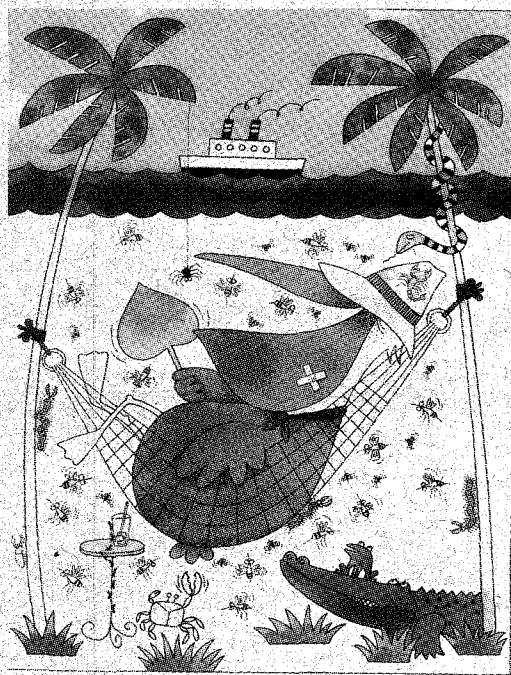
Our talk show host had better reflect a little more on whether or not changing one's mind is always a sign of weakness. A dollop of uncertainty is good for the righteous soul. Sometimes it may be the measure in life of maturity and growing wisdom.



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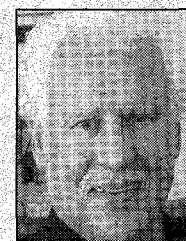
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POETIC LICENSE

The Night Kiwanis Books Expired

(To the tune of The Night That Paddy Murphy Died)

By Joseph Pacheco



Joe Pacheco

O, the night Kiwanis books expired I never shall forget.
The locals went on an eating binge, some ain't recovered yet;
The one thing that they did that night that filled my heart
with fear,
They tried to trade the "two for ones" for fish and chips and beer.

Chorus

That's how they showed their respect for Kiwanis coupons,
That's how they showed what their bargains had inspired;
They said it'd be a sin and shame to not use every twofer
And fill up every restaurant on the night the books expired.

O, the restaurants on Sanibel when they tried to close that night
Found that the locals stopped the clocks to order everything in sight.
And what they had no room for they boxed in Styrofoam
To get them through high season when they're forced to eat at home.
(Chorus)

On Periwinkle and Gulf Drive, in groups of six and eight,
They tried to use each coupon before its time was late,
And one unnamed establishment accepted them for wine
But when they went to pay the check — they'd left the books behind.
(Chorus)

For all of winter season since the night of twelve nineteen,
There's not a single resident in a restaurant's been seen.
They've been spotted tasting at Costco's and at Early Birds on shore,
But the likes of local diners some thought they'd see no more. (Chorus)

But now tis end of season and the northern crowd is gone.
New coupon books are ready — the tradition will live on.
They'll dine out every evening, every restaurant they'll pack
With groups of hungry locals, Kiwanis Coupon Club is back! (Chorus)

Epilogue

From Periwinkle to San-Cap to Andy Rosse Lane,
They're boxing what's left over and drive the help insane;
No appetizer's two-for-one, but no entrée is too high,
It's just thirteen off at Timber's — but few remember why.

That's how they'll use up all the Kiwanis coupons,
That's how their bellies will fill and then conspire
To make sure that they empty every Kiwanis booklet
And fill up every restaurant on the night the books expire!

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Kiwanis: Richter on Real Estate... The Word is "Good"

Submitted by Bob Wimbush

"Retire here? Scores of lucky couples have. Land is still cheaper here than at most other Florida resorts. For \$2,250 you can buy a spacious lot with beach and dock privileges and for \$12 per square foot you can build an elaborate home... Older 2-3 bedroom homes on or near the beach sell from \$12,000. Occasionally homes can be rented from \$75-100 per month on a year around basis... Beachfront lots 600 feet deep, ideal for resort properties can be had for \$175-\$250 a foot front, bay front lots \$60 a foot front."

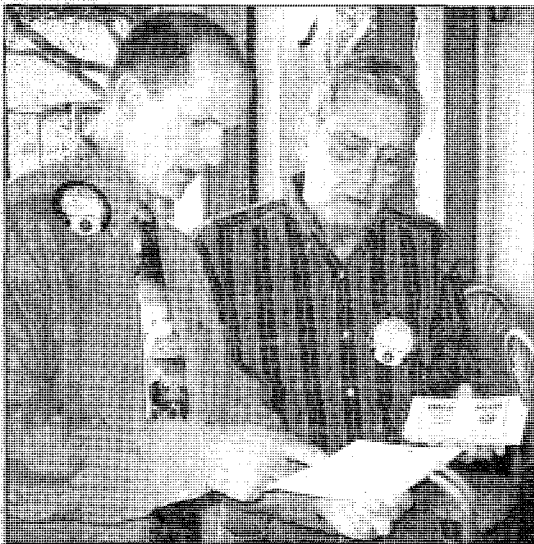
That was Sanibel, all right, but Kiwanian Jay Richter, who manages a group at Coldwell Banker on Sanibel, was quoting from Utopia is an Island from 1963. As in past years, his annual Real Estate update snapped most Kiwanians back to the present.

Real estate on Sanibel is, in a word, "good." Last year in February there were 28 sales on the Island. This year there were 71. As he always does, Richter asked, "what do you think performed best?"

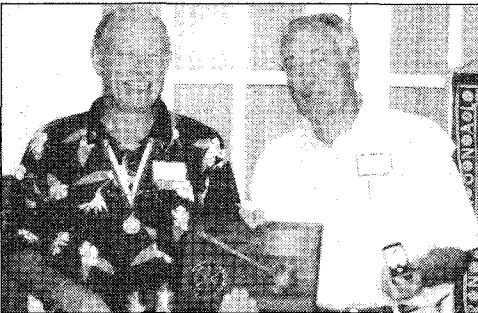
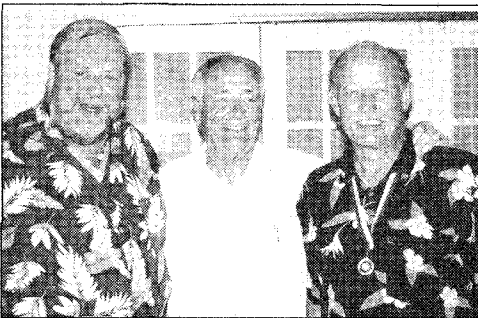
Lots were in last place. Units were up a paltry 23%, but the average price went from \$365,000 to \$644,000. Why? There aren't many left. Expensive ones are selling. "A lot on Sanibel, in fact, is getting to be an old house." Just like Captiva.

Condos were in second place with a 35% increase in units over last year. Gulf fronts were at \$700 per square foot, and the average sale price \$692,000. There is a good supply of expensive condos for sale. Rentals aren't great; taxes are up. A judge in Key West recently ruled in favor of allowing weekly rentals. Will it spread here?

Residential was the big winner with



Rotary: Meet the new Board of Directors



Top: Three Rotary presidents (from left): John Carney, President Elect; Bill Currise, Past President and Chet Sadler, President

Above: Incoming President Chet Sadler presents awards to outgoing President Bill Currise.

unit sales up 71% over last year with the average residential sale on Sanibel-Captiva at \$908,000. Canal front lots are at a premium, and as Cape Coral prices explode, more of their buyers are looking here. Essentially there is nothing good here in the \$400,000 range. Jay's group sold 15 properties over \$1,000,000 in February.

Even Captiva is looking good. Four or five old listings just sold. Unit sales are up 26%, and the average sale there is \$2.6 million.

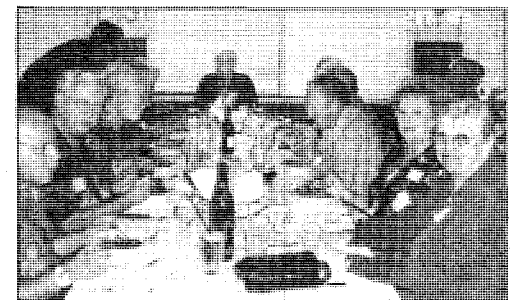
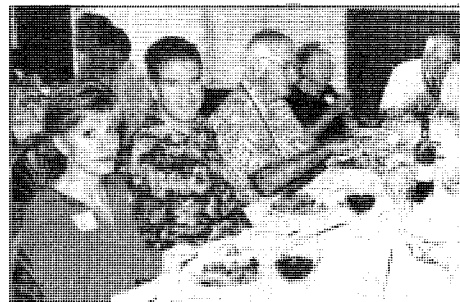
Off-Island sales are up, with condos leading lots and residential sales. A downtown project sold out in just three weeks. 30% of Sanibel-Captiva Real Estate Board's sales are off-island.

Marco has been outperforming Sanibel 3 to 1, but that doesn't mean things are bad here. Nationally, appreciation is running 4-4.5%. Florida is at 12%, and Sanibel may go as high as 26%. There is still a decent supply. Southwest Florida still leads the country in building permits issued.

The number one reason people buy is family (a lot of second homes), but climate, boomer demand, environment and investment are also strong factors.

Kiwanian Jay Richter doesn't sell real estate himself, but he manages a Carl Deitz (r) questions Jay Richter about real estate.

The 2004 Board of Directors for Rotary. Back row (from left): Frank Hagan, secretary; John Carney; John Bellino, vice president; J.B. Novelli, Board member; Allen Myers, Board member; Chet Sadler. Front row (from left): Arthur Cramer, treasurer; Don Russell, sergeant at arms; Don Schwartz, Board member.



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New Zonta Members

Three new Zonta members, Connie Clancy, Peggy Newell and Denise McEnroe became Zonta members at The Dunes on Wednesday, April 21.

Dr. Connie Clancy is a well-known author, public speaker and therapist on the islands. She has a private counseling, consulting and coaching practice at Healthpark

of the Islands and Healthpark in Fort Myers. She has focused much of her postdoctoral studies on mind/body medicine and stress management and speaks locally and nationally on health and wellness. She is also a local newspaper

columnist and a regular contributor to the NBC-2 news reports. She has produced a guided relaxation CD and is the author of *Surviving Stress with a Healing Heart*.

Peggy Newell is the daughter of long-time Sanibel resident Sterling Newell. She is a writer, copy editor, researcher and storyteller. Some of her best stories, she says, come from her experiences as an intern with *Saturday Night Live*, her job at Lucasfilm with George Lucas, the year she spent traveling around the world by herself, ("The World Tour") and the year she spent house-sitting around the country ("The Domestic Tour"). Originally from Cleveland Ohio, she lived many years in California and moved to Florida last year.

Denise McEnroe is owner of the McEnroe Gallery, featuring local artists and full custom picture framing. Born and raised in New Jersey, Denise moved to Sanibel nine years ago, to join her parents, Ray and Cathy McEnroe. She opened Island Framing upstairs in The Tower Gallery in 1997, opening a second location, on the corner of John Morris and McGregor in Fort Myers, a few years later. The McEnroe Gallery, her latest venture on Sanibel was opened three years ago on Palm Ridge Road. Denise and her fiancé Corey Reeves, like to scuba dive, ride Harleys and fix up their new house.

The Sanibel chapter of Zonta, an organization working to improve the lives of women, meets at the Dunes at 7:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

ABWA Poker Pedal a success

The women of the Sanibel-Captiva Chapter of the American Business Women's Association would like to thank everyone who attended our second annual Poker Pedal held on Sunday, April 18 for helping to make this fund raiser a huge success. This year, we had 148 pedalers, increasing last year's participation by 50%. As a result, \$6,604 was added to our scholarship funds.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to the 15 local businesses who supported us: Bailey's, The Beach House, Congress Jewelers, Copikats Accessories, Curves, The Island Cow, Islander Trading Post, Kirby Rambo Collections, Lazy Flamingo, Lucky Dog, Macintosh Bookstore, Mel Fisher's Treasure, Sanybel's Finest, Schnapper's Hots and She Sells Sea Shells. Special thanks also go to Billy's Rentals for the bikes and bottled water, Island Graphics

for the printing, and especially to our major sponsor, Bank of the Islands, for supplying the great T-shirts.

Our grand prizes were won by Candy Heise, Theresa Louwers, Gail Zepf and Sherry Gentry. The 50/50 raffle was won by Harold Law, who went home \$334 richer. Many thanks to all the businesses who contributed prizes — your donations made it possible for us to help many deserving young women realize their dreams of a college education.



Photos clockwise from top: Billy's Rentals provided the Duet wheelchair bicycle for Harold Law and guest to pedal in the event; ABWA members Sarah Ashton (left) and club president Fay Carney working registration at Bank of the Islands; Billy's Rentals provided a surrey for ABWA pedalers Claire Harris (left) and Salli Kirkland.

Turtle Tracks at SCCF

Come join us for Turtle Tracks at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Nature Center at 9 a.m. on Thursdays. This interpretive program will delve into the life cycle of the sea turtles that nest on our beaches. We will start at the turtle exhibit and marine touch tank in the nature center and then go to a beach site to hopefully view a sea turtle nest and other fascinating marine life.

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation monitors the Sea Turtle nests on Sanibel and Captiva. The cost is \$3/adults, free for children and there is a beach parking fee of \$2/car. Reservations are not necessary. If you have any questions about the Turtle Tracks program or our Sea Turtle Research Program, call the Conservation Foundation's Nature Center at 472-2329.

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Economists are saying that the housing market could defy expectations this year. The chief economist for the National Association of Realtors projects that home sales are going to decline slightly, but that home buying and selling continues for now at exceptionally high levels. This is due largely to historically low mortgage interest rates that are enabling millions to obtain affordable mortgage loans.

If interest rates persist in this low holding pattern, home sales will probably sustain these record levels, at least until the second half of 2004, when rates are expected to rise. The fact that the demand for housing from a growing population is greater than the current supply of homes should keep prices competitive and sales dynamic, even if mortgage rates increase.

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

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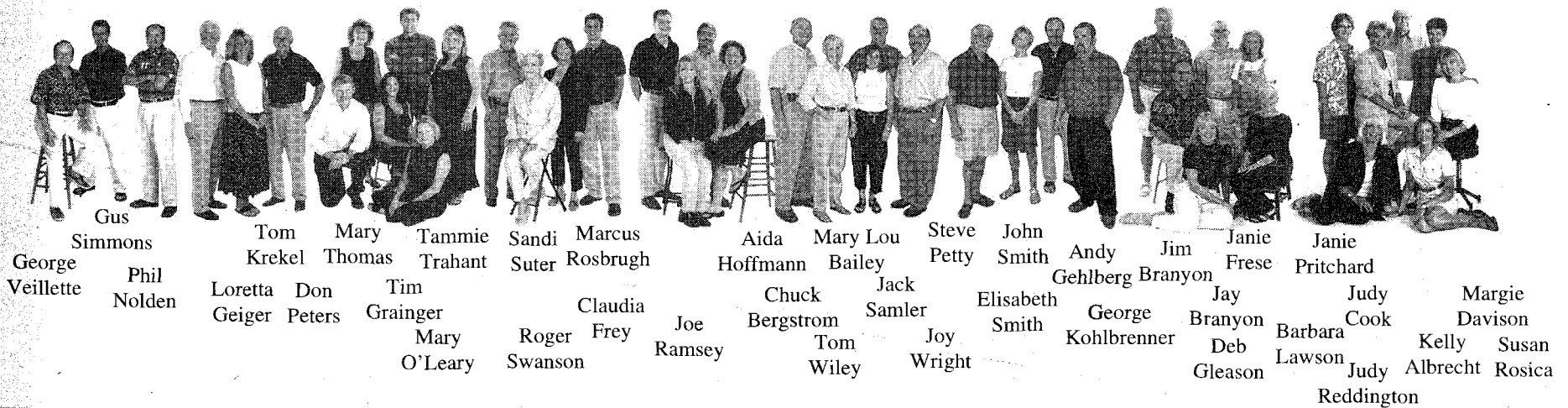
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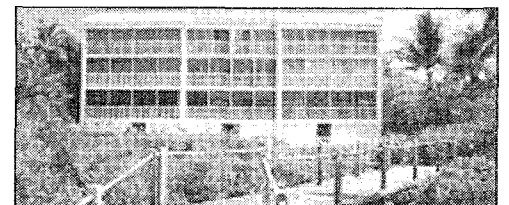
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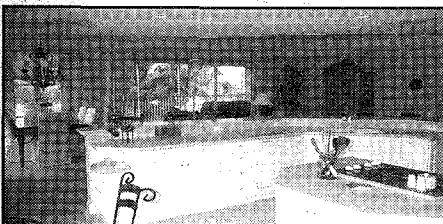
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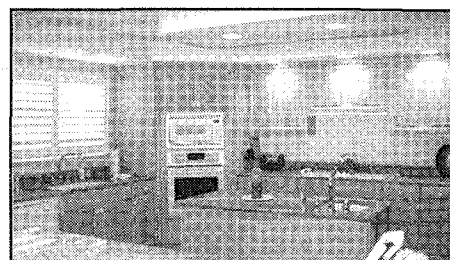
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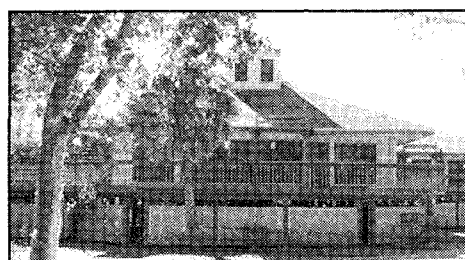
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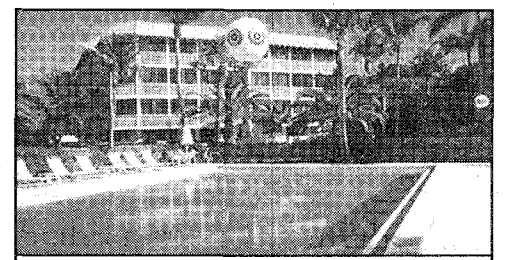
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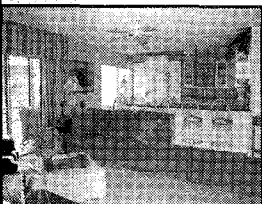
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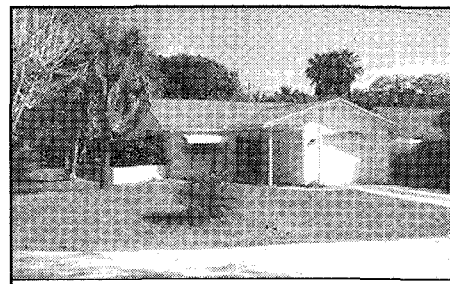
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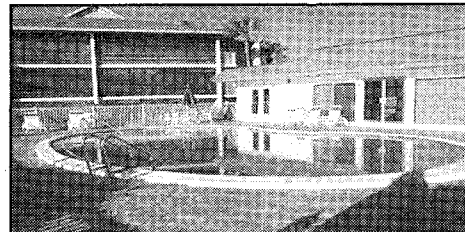
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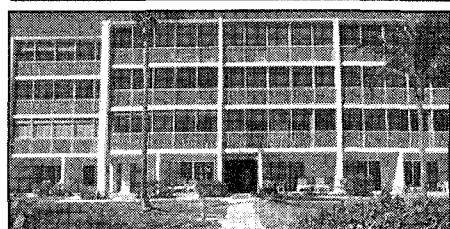
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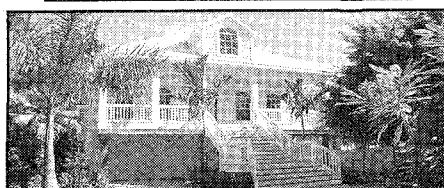
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Most people enjoy the traditional "three squares" a day. They eat a lot of food at one sitting, and may find themselves feeling peckish between meals. Grazing, on the other hand, helps keep stomachs from growling.

The hunger feeling is your body's way of signaling that your blood sugar is low. Carbohydrates (vegetables, grains, fruits, sugar) convert quickly into glucose, or blood sugar, once they enter your system. This rise in glucose stimulates the production of insulin, which rapidly suppresses your blood sugar. And when your glucose dips below the minimum that your body needs, you feel hungry.

By eating frequent, small meals, and including protein and fat as well as carbohydrates each time you eat, you can reduce the amount of insulin your body secretes, and keep your blood sugar stable. You may wind up eating the same amount of food as you would in three large meals, but rationing portions through the day helps control your hunger and the tendency to OVEReat if you're ravenous by mealtime.

One of the guidelines of the Fit'n'Trim

weight management program is to eat when you're hungry. Perhaps the best way to manage hunger is to graze. This takes planning, of course, as you need to have plenty of snacks on hand that won't sabotage your weight management efforts. You might try some raw veggies with dip, a handful of nuts, soy crisps with a dollop of tuna or chicken salad, or peanut butter on rye krisps or celery stalks. Also try to eat slowly, stop eating when you're no longer hungry, and save the rest of your meal for when you get hungry later.

If you divide your "three-squares" into many mini-meals, you'll keep your blood sugar even and provide your body with a steady source of energy. As a result, you'll manage your weight more successfully — and you'll be praising grazing!

Hope Hospice Support Groups

Mending Steps is adult grief support for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. For more information please call 239-489-9149. On Sanibel, *Mending Steps* meets in the afternoons on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 1:30 - 3 p.m. at Sanibel Congregational Church.

Additional support groups and sessions are available that go beyond traditional *Mending Steps* meetings. Some are in-depth group sessions, offered as needed and strengthening sessions for families are also available. To find out more about these opportunities and if one might be right for you, please call 239-489-9149.

Healing Hearts

This group is for those who have experienced a loss through suicide. Evenings, 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Fort Myers office.

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In honor of Healthy Vision Month this May, EyeCare America, the public service foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, encourages seniors to take advantage of its Diabetes EyeCare Program. This year-round program offers eye exams and up to one year of treatment at no out-of-pocket cost to qualified patients. To see if you, a loved one or a friend, is eligible to receive a referral for an eye exam and care, Call 1-800-272-EYES (3937), 24 hours, seven days a week, year round. All eligible callers receive a referral to one of Florida's 412 EyeCare America volunteer ophthalmologists.

"A significant percentage of the millions of patients with diabetes are at risk of losing their eye sight," stated C. P. Wilkinson, MD, Committee Chairman of EyeCare America's Diabetes EyeCare Program. "Those with diabetes can prevent blindness through annual dilated eye exams. I am honored to be part of a program that helps provide access to important medical eye care to people in need."

Facts About Diabetes and Eye Disease:

- Everyone with diabetes is at risk for developing diabetic retinopathy, the most common form of diabetic eye disease.
- People with diabetes are 25 times more likely to lose vision than those without the disease.
- The longer a person has diabetes, the more likely is he or she to have retinopathy.
- In its early stages, diabetic retinopathy usually has no warning signs. Over time, however, the vision blurs and everyday tasks become more difficult. Vision loss cannot usually be regained.
- With timely treatment, 95% of those with significant diabetic retinopathy can be saved from substantial vision loss.
- Twenty five percent of blacks between the ages of 65 and 74 have diabetes.
- Hispanics have three times the risk of developing type-2 diabetes as whites, and they also have a higher risk of complications.

EyeCare America's Diabetes EyeCare Program is designed for people who:

- Have diabetes
- Are U.S. citizens or legal residents
- Are age 65 and older
- Have not seen an ophthalmologist in three or more years
- Do not have eye care insurance through an HMO or the VA.

Medicine for Mariners program at Offshore

Offshore Sailing School has joined the Wilderness Medical Society to offer an exciting and unique way for doctors and health professionals to earn continuing medical education credits while learning to sail. Health professionals from around the country will gather at South Seas Resort on Captiva, November 14 - 20 for "Medicine for Mariners." Offshore Sailing School will offer a choice of three courses for participants: Learn to Sail, Performance Sailing or Bareboat Cruising Preparation.

While continuing medical education (CME) credits are offered to medical professionals, the conference is open to everyone. This unique medical program will emphasize the nature and treatment of common injuries, illnesses and medical emergencies associated with sailing, scuba diving and snorkeling. Some of the topics discussed include hypothermia and cold water immersion, solar injury, drowning, hazardous marine life, on-board medical improvisation, marine medical kits, water purification, trauma management and seafood toxidromes. Safety at sea considerations will be interwoven into the medical curriculum. There will be a demonstration on how to launch and board a life raft and how to use the emergency

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Drs. Michael Jacobs and Howard Donner, both experts in the field of wilderness medicine, will teach the course. Dr. Jacobs, a U.S. Coast Guard licensed captain and practicing internist, has lectured at Safety at Sea seminars and Marine Medicine programs around the world. He is author of articles and chapters on Medicine for Mariners and Survival at Sea. Dr. Donner has lectured at many Wilderness Medical Conferences and Wilderness Medicine Adventure Travel Courses. He is the co-author of Field Guide to Wilderness Medicine and a NASA consultant.

"This is an outstanding educational opportunity for anyone interested in developing more self-reliance at sea. Whether you deliver professional medical care to boaters, fishermen and divers, or simply want to care for your own crew, this course is for you," said Jacobs.

"This course is not just for doctors and nurses," Jacobs said. "Partners and guests are strongly encouraged to join. It's broad enough in scope so that laypersons will get a lot out of it."

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ARTIST PROFILE

Beth Collette's fused glass artistry

by Nancy Santeusanio
Special to The Islander

"I love glass," exclaims Beth Collette and she has chosen to work in fused glass, the art of "glass forming," which is believed to have originated around 2000 B.C. with the Egyptians and Romans. The technique of "glass fusing" involves joining together by the application of heat. "I cut the glass, stack the pieces next to and on top of each other, fire them in the kiln. I am never sure what the piece will look like until it is cool and I remove it from the kiln. That's the real excitement. Each

time brings a new design and a new adventure." She adds, "Mistakes are only minor detours on my

path of creativity."

After graduation from Oswego State University in Oswego, New York with an emphasis on graphic design, jewelry, metals and photography, Collette headed right to New York City where she began her career in graphic design. During her first four years she worked in a private studio as an assistant to three prominent designers and then spent another two years as a graphic designer for the record company, Def Jam. With her artistic talent, entrepreneurial skills and passion for jewelry making, Collette spent her off-time establishing her own jewelry business, using beads as her

medium. Shops from New York to Florida were placing orders and her jewelry was featured in photo shoots and videos for recording artists.

Ready for a warmer climate and closer proximity to her family, Collette moved to Southwest Florida in 1994 and experimented with something new. "I wanted to make my own beads." She studied



Above: Beth Collette beside a case displaying her fused glass jewelry in the Captiva Seaweed Gallery. Far left: Some of Collette's watches and Collette at work.

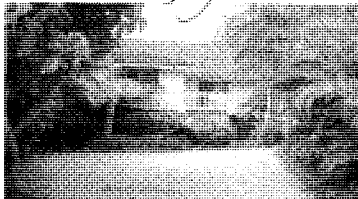
glass fusing, was intrigued with the process and decided, "That's for me." Collette started creating her fused glass jewelry and displaying it on the island. She acknowledges that "The Seaweed Gallery and Linda Boltrek gave me my real start."

As the demand for her fused glass jewelry has been increasing, Collette has expanded her studio space. She is now spending more time creating her unusual pieces, and new designs keep popping into her head. The first

Collette, see page 16



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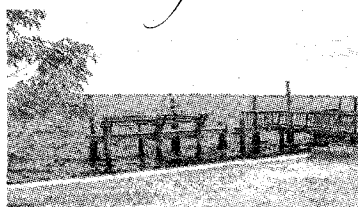
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Collette, from page 15

pieces she designed were her pendants. "I started with a couple of colors and a couple of ideas." As the popularity of her three-tiered glass pendants increased, more and more ideas kept popping into her head. She started making bracelets, earrings, then watches and even miniature dishes. The demand for her fused glass designs has continued to increase, and her new colors now range from amber to cobalt to char- treuse, grey, lavender, periwinkle blue and scar- let red. "I'm constantly experimenting with new color combinations and no two pieces are alike."

"Many people like matching sets," explains Collette. The demand for special orders has escalated and requests for bracelets or a pendant with a cross are



gaining interest. One lady ordered a pen- dant for herself and three more as gifts. Today's trend is to buy the pendant sepa- rately and then choose a thin round omega chain or beaded or leather cord for a more casual look. One of her most striking pieces is a large amber pendant with black leop- ard spots which was sold before it could be displayed in a showcase. Collette remembers the large, light teal cabochon ring she was wearing on Captiva: it made such a hit that a woman placed a spe- cial order for a similar cabochon and a pair of earrings to match!

Her newest creations are her very simple, open geometric- shaped pendants in a variety of col- ors, ranging from the palest to the very deepest colors. These may be worn on silk cord, organza ribbon or thin leather and they allow you to accessorize and create your own look with the same pen- dant but different chains. Collette explains that one of her best selling pen- dants — and one of the few pieces that she duplicates — is "Moon Over the Water" using a cobalt blue background.

Often she chooses dichroic glass which is produced by vacuum depositing multiple thin layers of exotic materials onto a supporting piece of glass. The magic here is that dichroic glass reflects

Collette, see page 21



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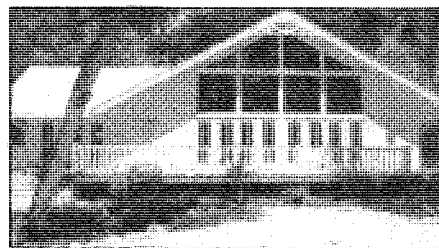
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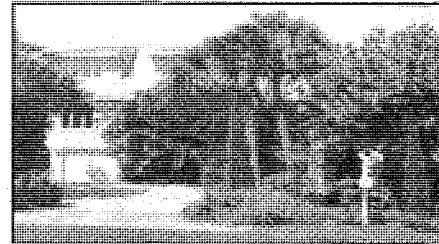
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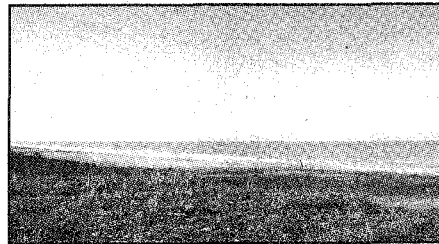
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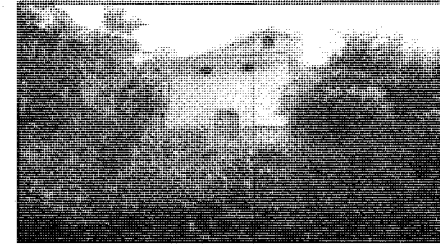
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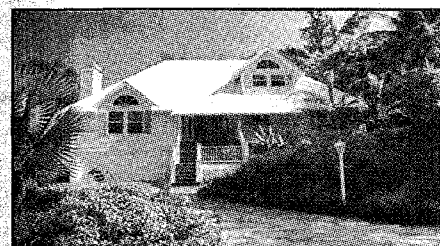
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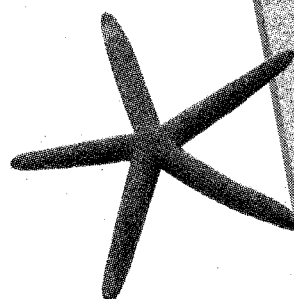


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by Nancy Santeusano
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Customers at Over Easy Café started asking to buy things on display in the Café, so last January, Amy opened Something Special and started selling the merchandise her customers had been requesting. The shop has "Something for Everyone," from Amy's Over Easy T's, sweats, mugs and signature "rooster" salt and pepper shakers, plus candleholders and trays, imported teas and a special pancake mix. Sanibel Island "glow in the dark" clay critter magnets are great "kid" gifts.

The Chandelier Room features opulent chandeliers in crystal, ivory and brass, as well as replicas of old tiffany lamps, including new sealife (and rooster!) designs. Amy says that "The mermaid tiffany was an immediate sellout. Mermaids always go fast!"

A curio cabinet displays unusual beer steins and teapots. Porcelain fairies and mermaids made by Flossie Maranuk of "Show-Stoppers" are big sellers. Sheer ladies' handkerchieves are making a comeback, plus there are decorated tea towels and vintage handpainted "cigar box" pocketbooks.

The main room features selected and rare items from fine estate sales, including a whole section of imported and domestic antique dishes from the forties, vintage glasses and even rare pieces of Limoges fine china.

A neat and easy decorating idea Amy has on display is three different-sized old bottles with differing amounts of colored water, creating a monochromatic, shimmering look. "There's so much you can do with a number of limited pieces just by using your own creative artistry," points out Amy.

Dawn, one of the shop's knowledgeable salespeople, warns, "Don't wait too long. Many things barely hit the floor and they're out of here!"

You'll never know what you may discover until you visit Amy's Something Special in the lower level of historic Olde Sanibel at 630 Tarpon Bay Road. That's why it's such fun!

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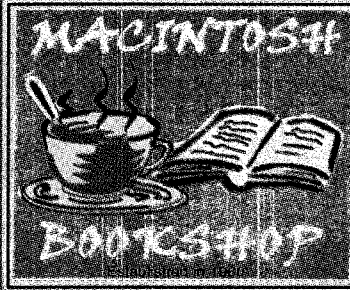
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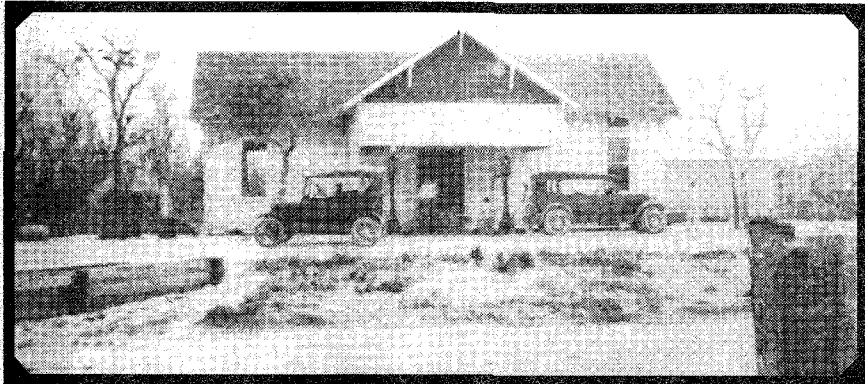
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CENTER STAGE

A thriller in a thriller... with laughs!

Florida Repertory Theater's production of Ira Levin's *Deathtrap*, currently playing at the Arcade Theatre, walks the fine line between building suspense and twisted comedy. The play vacillates deftly between these lines and comes up as a crackerjack thriller. Producing/Director Robert Cacioppo originally directed *Deathtrap* in 1990 at the Old Schoolhouse Theatre. Then, as now, the cast consisted of Carrie Lund and Michael Marotta as Sidney and Myra Bruhl. The ensuing 15 years have served these two actors well in playing their roles... whereas, 13 years ago, they needed makeup and gray hair color to portray age, they are now perfectly cast, emotionally stronger, more mature and natural. This recent revival is a far superior production to the original (which was itself first rate). According to Cacioppo's statement ... "audiences are intrigued by this play because it is like a game. It keeps the audience guessing and re-guessing right up until the final curtain." The other characters are well served by new members to the cast Ryan Gilreath as Clifford Anderson (the part originally played by Maurice Schlaffer), Carol Provonsa playing Helga ten Dorp (originated by Dianne Spencer), and John Newton as Porter Milgrim (can't recall who that was in 1990).

The minute you enter the Arcade, you know you are indeed looking at a really fine *Deathtrap* set, this one designed by Ray Recht. The set is crowded with vintage and

antique guns, knives, maces, handcuffs, crossbows — even a couple of battle axes — all hanging on the walls. Under Cacioppo's clever direction Levin's comic mystery is done justice, even though the cast is having a lot of fun with this thriller which makes fun of thrillers while still being thrilling.

The action is set in suburban Connecticut in the home of the Bruhls. Sidney Bruhl (Marotta) is a once-successful playwright who's gotten a case of writer's block. Since he can't write, he uses his past fame to get jobs teaching aspiring mystery playwrights his craft. He makes it clear that he is none too fond of his new role or of his students, at which point one of them, Clifford

Anderson (Gilreath) sends him a script that has potential to be a sure-fire hit. He jokes with his wife Myra (Lund) that he plans to murder Clifford and steal his script. Is he joking or is he not, Myra suggests collaboration instead. The student playwright is invited over and we're off. As the play progresses after the characters meet, they realize that what's happening to them would make a great play. So they wind up writing something that closely resembles what we're watching, except they don't have an ending for it, because it hasn't ended yet. So how will it all end? Well, that's the reason you have to go to Fla

Deathtrap, see page 19



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Rep's production and see for yourself... my lips are sealed.

Marotta's Sidney Bruhl delivers all of the opening expository dialogue with so much sophistication and aplomb that his Bruhl would make a formidable opponent for any homicide detective. It would be hard to say who has more ice-water in his veins in this interpretation, the actor or the character at the center of these murderous events. Marotta achieves the emotion and intent of each scene drives all of his speeches, rather than the other way around. We realize we are watching one heck of a fine actor at work here. Bravo, Michael!

Lund plays Myra Bruhl with kindness and innocence. She makes her character truly sweet and down-to-earth, by playing

it straight with a tender layer of pathos and a sense of urgency to put an end to the possible conspiracy. Gilreath brings a youthful energy to the role of Clifford. Although he is most affable in the role with an eerily brilliant smile and increasingly mischievous streak, he somehow lacks the worldly edge and maturity necessary for the role. Provonsa brings comic relief as the neighborhood psychic, ten Dorp, and Newton is suitably repressed as Milgrim, Bruhl's uptight lawyer.

Cacioppo has kept this play extremely suspenseful and surprising. The unforced pace and subtlety allow each surprising turnaround to pop up quite unexpectedly, even if you see them coming or recognize some of them from past productions.

Cacioppo kept us, as promised, guessing and re-guessing.

So if you're ready to be scared into sitting at the edge of your seat, call the Arcade Theatre's box office 332-4488. Deathtrap plays till May 16 and is the last of the winter season's productions. Don't forget to tell 'em Marsha sent you.

(Florida Rep's summer repertory starts on June 4 with Lost in Yonkers.)



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Ruppert

THEATER NOTES

By Sidney B. Simon
Special to the Islander

Only rarely do I see an amateur actress so good, that I think "she could play Meryl Street." Steel Magnolias, now on stage at the Periwinkle Playhouse, has such a star. She is Christine Shirley from the Out of the Box Theater Company. Christine plays M'Lynn Eatenton, the mother who contributes a kidney to her daughter, a young mother of a 13-month-old baby, a mother who has been relegated to dialysis while waiting for a donor kidney.

There is no sentimentality in Ms. Shirley's creation of the role of the mother of that young mother. She has a monologue in Act II that is one of the finest pieces of acting I have seen all season — and there have been good actresses giving us stellar performances this year. We have had the brilliance of Lauren Drexler twice; a solid Carrie Lund in All My Sons; a sharp-edged professional job by Carol Lawrence in Amy's View, and will anyone ever forget Tamara Flannagan in Syringa Tree? And there have been others I haven't room to mention.

But I would give the Simon Actress of the Year Award to this amateur who lifted Steel Magnolias right out of just another

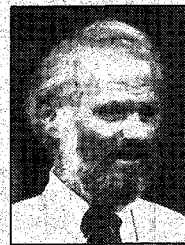
community theater romp.

Shirley gave a new poignancy to what are, yes, some very good lines written by Robert Harling, the playwright. She was totally believable in her agony, in her compassion for her daughter. There was such range to her performance. She brought to life a vast continuum of emotions. And she played them without milking them, performing them in ways that are beyond most amateurs. There was such integrity in what she did that she held that stage for what I guess was 20 minutes of total enthrallment.

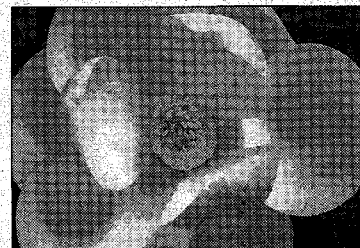
I urge you to go see Steel Magnolias for yourself and just try to be indifferent to what Christine Shirley does in that second act. Then, come argue with me about where you have seen a better, more deeply moving, and, if you will, more Meryl Streepish, performance. And this from a woman who makes her living as a server, follow spot operator (and sometime actor) at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater.

My hat's off to you, Christine, even my brown football helmet is off to you. Congratulations. It was a job worthy of anyone's top award.

Steel Magnolias runs at the Periwinkle until May 2, with performances at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. for the Sunday matinee. Call the Box Office at



Sid Simon



Steel Magnolias

Off Beach Players auditions

Off Beach Players will be holding auditions for their next Community Theater Production, "A Little Murder Never Hurt Anybody," at the Periwinkle Playhouse on Sanibel. The auditions will be held Saturday, May 8 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Periwinkle Playhouse on Sanibel. We are in need of two couples: an older male (range 45-65) & female (range 45-65); and a younger male (range 25-35) and female

(range 25-35). We will also be meeting and greeting for future productions if you would like to stop by. We will provide material for you to read. We welcome everyone who wants to be in theater — we will teach. This production will be in rehearsals three to four nights a week in June and the production will be various dates from July 1 thru July 17. Call June Koc 472-5400 with any questions. See you at the auditions!

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Collette, from page 16

light of one color and transmits light of other colors. "I am never really sure what the piece will look like until it is cool and I can remove it from the kiln." This gives the glass a shimmering appearance which actually moves as you turn it and produces a very exotic and almost mesmerizing look. One of the great fascinations is watching dichroic glass change its color and form.

Collette designs sterling silver cuff bracelets with a single glass cabochon on top, unusual cabochon rings. Her most recent innovations are fused glass bracelet watches, each with highly individual appeal. "What I make depends on my

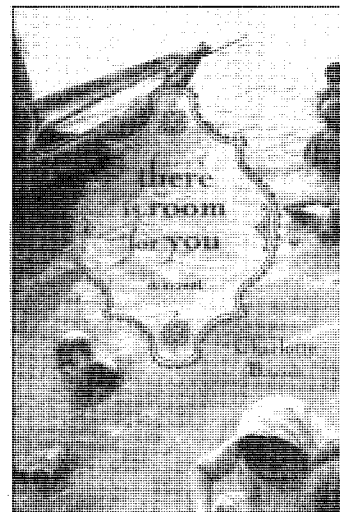
mood." Lilli, her whippet puppy, spends the day in her studio. "She thinks that I'm a stay-at-home Mom. The truth is that I'm so busy I can hardly keep up with my orders." Collette's work is on display at The Seaweed Gallery on Sanibel, Captiva and Anna Maria, Florida. She has representatives in other states who are placing her work in fine shops and galleries throughout the country. "The endless possibilities in working with glass keeps the creative wheels in my brain turning and my passion for the art of jewelry design flowing." There's no question: Beth Collette loves glass — and you'll love her irresistible fused glass jewelry.

THE NEXT CHAPTER

by Nola Theiss
Special to the Islander

The past is always with us and this month I am reviewing two books which illustrate that idea. The first is a story of a woman trying to understand her mother's past in order to determine her own future. In the second novel, the author uses geography to show how memories of the past can help us understand the present and I added a non-fiction book in which a woman's hometown inspired her life's work in trying to combat the effects of pollution.

There Is Room For You by Charlotte



Bacon, published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux, is a beautiful story of two women and two cultures: a mother and daughter and India

of her marriage. In order to do that, she travels to India, the birthplace and childhood home of her English mother, Rose. Rose raised her two children with a certain distance and, while Anna knew of India's importance to her, Rose never really shared her childhood with her children. Rose is not anxious for Anna to visit India, but when she insists, she gives her papers in which she has written about her own life there. Anna reluctantly takes the papers and goes off to India to try to figure out what to do with the rest of her life. Through her mother's papers, she discovers unexplored territories of her mother's life which explain her mother and her own childhood in ways she never expected.

The book is beautifully written, filled with descriptions which capture both the essence of India and the personal relationships of the family. Anna's story is juxtaposed with her mother's story which places two distinct time periods next to each other. This gives depth to Anna's experience in India by showing the reader how some things have changed and others have maintained an almost eternal aspect of "India-ness". This quality is also balanced by Anna's and Rose's remembrances about their lives in America. There are times when Bacon could take an easy way out to tie up ends or make her characters more likeable, but to her credit, she doesn't. For Anna, her trip to India is a real growth experience. At first, she is taken by the tourist's overwhelmingly sensual impressions of India and its

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Chamber Annual Meeting

On Tuesday, April 20, the Chamber of Commerce held its annual meeting at the Sundial on Middle Gulf Drive. A large turnout of members heard Chamber President Ann Joffe and Executive Director Steve Greenstein review the accomplishments of the past year and recognize some who have made considerable contributions to the community. Also recognized for their special efforts were the staff and volunteers who received warm and sustained applause from an appreciative membership.

Four awards have been made regularly each year to recognize members for certain contributions, and a fifth award was added this year. This year's winners are:

Walter Klie Lifetime Achievement Award - Erick Lindblad

How many people do you know who race cars (and repair them), roller-blade, drive snowmobiles, windsurf, install (and repair) electronic gear, run a ski-lift at 11,000 feet, serve as a scuba instructor and address such subjects as the growth patterns of plankton, fire control, sea turtle nesting habits and habitats and interior wetlands restoration?

Among the more familiar figures around these islands is Erick Lindblad, executive director of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation for the past 18 years and, at the recent Chamber annual meeting, Erick Lindblad was awarded Sanibel and Captiva's most honored award, the Walter Klie Lifetime Achievement Award. Devoted to the protection of wildlife, Lindblad has been instrumental in the acquisition of more than 1,190 acres of land on and around Sanibel and Captiva for wildlife preserve areas.

He arrived here in 1986 in response to a message left on his desk at Newfound Harbor Marine Institute at Seacamp on Big Pine Key where he was the director. He and his wife, Ellen had been married 10 years and had two kids about ready to start school in a system that, at the time, wasn't the greatest. After working his way to the top of the heap at Big Pine, he felt his job had lost some of its challenge. He came for an interview, he returned for a second interview, this time with Ellen... and the rest is history, as they say.

Erick often represents Sanibel at regional and national seminars concerning development and its relationship to natural systems. "Some of the most fun I have is at conferences where someone asks me about Sanibel or I'm supposed to talk about Sanibel," he said once. "People listen in disbelief when I talk about volunteers doing water quality testing or building boardwalks, landscaping our public places or teaching courses. Everyone else pays staff to do those things. They are stunned when I talk about The Sanibel Report, the city's stated goals and its adherence to those goals. It really makes me feel good about being from Sanibel."

He is also extraordinarily active and dedicated within the larger community in many capacities — on the City of Sanibel Wildlife Committee (two years as chairman), the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge Conservation Council almost since its inception, the City Budget Review Committee, the board of the International Osprey Foundation and the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program Technical Advisory committee.

He is a member of the Caloosahatchee River Citizens Association, the Lee County Conservation Lands and Stewardship Advisory Council, serving on the Land Management sub-committee, and Sanibel-Captiva Rotary, where he was treasurer of the Rotary Trust Fund Board.

Ellen and he have been married now for 28 years and she serves as executive director of the CREW Land & Water Trust. Their two children — Lars and Jenny — are now 24 and 20, respectively.

Islands of the Arts Award - Maurice Oshry

Long-time islander, Maurice Oshry, retiring Sanibel Music Festival's PR man par excellence, was awarded the Chamber of Commerce's Islands of the Arts volunteer award for 2003/4. Since he planned to leave for the summer before the Chamber's Annual Meeting, he was presented his award at the Festival's final concert.

"Maurice was a very innovative marketing director who worked tirelessly for the Festival for 18 years," former Festival President Nancy Clark said. "He developed our beautiful brochures and advertising, got us recogni-



After the awards were presented, Steve Greenstein took the podium to recognize the staff and the volunteers and to introduce retiring board members with the new ones elected to take their places. Retiring Board members: Dick Muench; Sam Bailey; Stan Kucaba. New Board Members: John English - Sanibel Spirits; Bill Waites - Aborigines; Art of the First Person; Sandra Stilwell - Key Lime Bistro, Latte Da, Captiva Island Inn

tion in the papers, both on the island and area-wide - even The New York Times... all Maurice's doing!"

"He is a tireless, persistent and creative marketing and public relations person," said former Festival Artistic Director Mary Jaqua, who worked with him for the entire span of the Festival. "An idea man - it just doesn't stop!"

"Maurice simply doesn't take 'No' for the final answer. He appeals to people with great charm and aplomb - charisma, if you will - and has a gift for making people comfortable enough to see the value of signing on."

Jaqua who also had served as Festival president, continued, "The connections he makes are legendary - an amazingly productive person."

"He told the board 12 years ago he wanted to take the festival national ...to which we said, 'C'mon, Maurice, how are you going to do that?' Well, it was his resourcefulness that made it possible for the concerts to be broadcast by NPR all over the country. He did it with his phenomenal creativity and the linkages he, personally, established. Maurice sees a possibility and makes it a reality."

A native of Cincinnati and a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, Maurice served in the Air Force in World War II, then worked for an advertising agency for 25 years where, as he puts it, "I learned the creative end of PR and marketing." Oshry has had a life-long interest in antiques, particularly Russian icons and art, and English furniture and, in the '60s and '70s was a partner in the hugely successful Wilmar Antiques in Hyde Park, Ohio.

After visiting Sanibel a couple of times, in the early '80s he built a house in Tradewinds, which he eventually sold, and has rented "winter quarters" on the island ever since.

In addition to his fall and winter (and summer, actually) commitment to the Festival for close to 20 years, he has served as a volunteer with the Cincinnati Art Museum, chairing countless special events and receiving numerous commendations. He also volunteers with the Playhouse in the Park and, prior to the Cincinnati Museum, devoted his energies to the Taft Museum. This spring he was elected to a three-year term on the board of the Cincinnati Chamber Music Society which is celebrating its Diamond Anniversary this coming season.

"They are very fortunate," Jaqua added. "All of his attributes make him a very valued player in any organization."

Islands of the Arts Award - Danny Morgan

Singer, songwriter, visual artist, bandleader — when it comes to the arts, Danny Morgan has it all covered. Morgan began as a visual artist, winning an award for drawing in the first grade. Throughout his school years, music and art remained his primary focus. He played in a band throughout high school, and enjoyed enough suc-

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cess with his music to enable him to enroll in Eastern Kentucky University's arts program. Morgan was able to support himself throughout his college years with his music, playing at a number of the major midwestern colleges. He graduated top in his class in 1969, and won the "Who's Who" in American Colleges award for art.

This led to a teaching post with the Cincinnati public school system, and gallery representation in the city's 4th Street arts district. Morgan's days were spent teaching, with weekends devoted to painting and music. In the early 1970's, a summer job playing every week night in Colorado led to a priority shift, with music becoming the paramount occupation.

Morgan's move to Florida has resulted in opportunities for both music and painting. His tenor voice can be heard at many island events, and he's one of the most sought after musicians for local weddings. He has three CD's out, with "Beach Life" ranking as the most popular.

His paintings were featured in a solo exhibition at BIG Arts in October of 2001, in a recent group show at the Captiva Civic Center, and at Art Miami this past January.

"I'm very thankful for all the support all of the locals and visitors have given me through the years," Morgan said. "I feel very blessed, and very lucky. This is a tremendous community — I love this community, you just couldn't live in a better place. It's a great place to be creative."

Citizen of the Year - Robbie Roepstorff

"You don't do it to be recognized, you just do it," was Robbie B. Roepstorff's response when asked why she contributes so much time and effort to a number of organizations throughout Lee County.

Roepstorff was honored Tuesday as the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

Overwhelmed by the honor, Roepstorff

said she would have never dreamed of even receiving a nomination for the honor. "It takes you back when someone does say you really are doing the right things for the community," Roepstorff said. "That's where the 'feel good' comes in, but I assure you we don't do it to be recognized."

Roepstorff is no stranger to community service on the islands. Since moving to Sanibel in 1993, Roepstorff has continuously involved herself in countless community projects and fund raisers. One major project Roepstorff has been involved in is the "We Love Our Islands" campaign. The campaign sponsored by Bank of the Islands, where Roepstorff is president, raises funds for many island organizations that may not have the resources or staff to hold fund raisers. The program gave these organizations the opportunity to let residents know the exist, Roepstorff said. This year the "We Love Our Islands" campaign reached its \$10,000 mark.

In addition to the "islands" campaign, Roepstorff also serves as director of the Community Foundation of Sanibel and Captiva, director and treasurer of the Sanibel Community Association, business representative for the Sanibel School Advisory Council and director of Edison-Ford Winter Estates Foundation.

"The first thing you think of when you get an award like this is 'I could be doing more'," Roepstorff said. "You think there is more to be done."

However, despite everything she does for the community, Roepstorff said she is not alone in receiving this honor.

"I have to say I don't like the recognition...I don't want it to be about me," Roepstorff said. "I give a lot of credit to our staff to do the wonderful things for the community that we do. The staff was just so happy to see this, but it really makes

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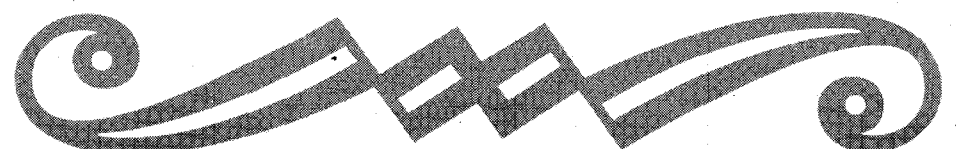
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you stop and say how much more could I be doing."

Born in Florence, Alabama, Roepstorff has lived in SW Florida since 1977. Her husband, Geoffrey, is the CEO of Edison National Bank. Their son Matthew, is a graduate of Bishop Verot High School and is completing his freshman year at Jacksonville University.

Sue Rosica Gray Award - Volunteer Bill Waites

Bill Waites brings years of experience in the advertising industry to his volunteer role as chair of the newly formed Chamber Marketing Committee. "Under Bill's guidance and leadership, the Marketing Committee is helping the Board of Directors to market and promote Sanibel and Captiva as a first-class destinations in a manner that will pay dividends to all Chamber members," noted Greenstein.

Waites first visited Sanibel and Captiva in the '60s, when his parents moved to the Fort Myers area. Shortly

thereafter, he and his wife purchased a unit in a Gulf front condo and they had a number of vacation homes on the islands before relocating to Fort Myers year-round in 1989: they purchased Seahorse Cottages, traded the cottages for a home in Gumbo Limbo, bought and sold a Santiva home and sold the Gulf front condo.

Over the years, they moved from Cleveland to New Jersey to Detroit to Australia and Chicago, visiting Sanibel and Captiva from all of these places and they "came to think of Southwest Florida and the islands as our 'home.'"

When he retired from advertising in 1989, they moved to Fort Myers year round, and in 1990, opened their tribal art gallery, Aborigines: Art of the First Person, in the Village. They joined the Chamber at that time.

In 1994, Waites opened a new advertising agency on the mainland and built it into one of the top agencies in Southwest Florida. He retired (for the second time) in 2002.

With his marketing background and three decades working in major advertising agencies, Waites felt that he

could be most helpful to the Sanibel and Captiva community and its businesses by volunteering his services in that field.

President's Choice Award - Sam Bailey

This year marks the first year the President's Choice Award is made. Chamber president Ann Joffe made the presentation to a man who is something of an island institution, both by himself and in conjunction with his family.

Sam Bailey was surprised as well as visibly moved by the recognition and took some pains to give much credit to his father and his brother for all he has been able to accomplish. His love of the island and the community were evident as he reflected fondly on the support he has received for such public endeavors as Island Night at the Miracle baseball game each year.

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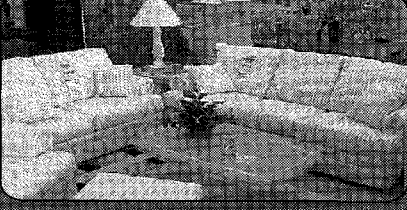
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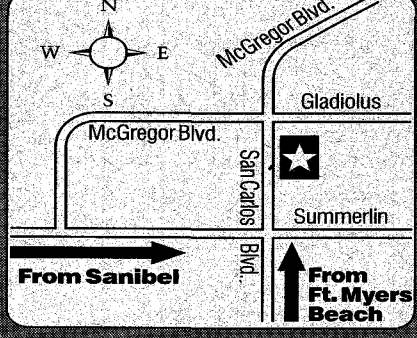


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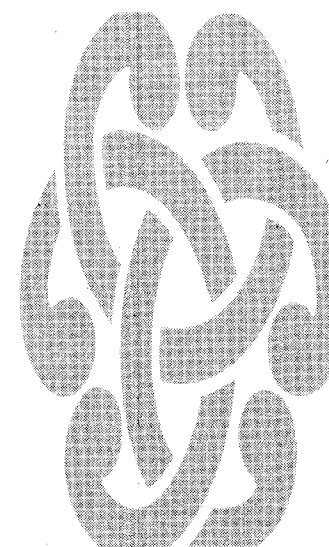
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Bike Club safari

By Darla Letourneau

Eighteen members of the Sanibel Bicycle Club and 350 other bikers from around the country participated in the annual Bike Safari April 17-22 in northern Florida. The six-day event is sponsored by the Florida Freewheelers Club in the Orlando area. Harris Gilbert, a member of both bike clubs, convinced a group of local Club members to join him again for the Safari. This year was perfect riding weather — a real treat after last year's Safari weather of rain, cold, and wind!

Northern Florida (Madison, Hamilton, Suwannee, and Columbia counties) is known as the best biking area in the state for good reason. The area is sparsely populated yet has an extensive network of paved rural roads — ideal for biking — left from the bygone logging era. The daily rides started in Live Oak for the first half of the trip, and then in Cherry Lake for the last half, with the group riding into southern Georgia on the fifth day. Each day riders could choose from several routes of varying length (typically 40-70 miles). There were also two century (100-mile) rides for the brave. Only club member Joe Letourneau



Sanibel Bicycle Club members enjoying the evening festivities after a hard day of riding. Pictured here: Doug Dietrich, Jean and Doug Lowe, Joe and Darla Letourneau, Marj and Fred Nordstrom, Jan and Max Koletzke, Susie and David Kentner, Gail Daneman, and Bob Fesq.

did the century ride — not once, but twice.

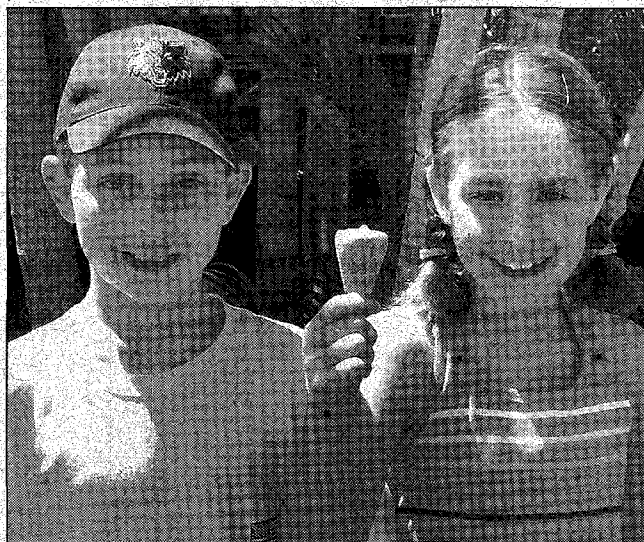
The group had a great time and came home tired but injury-free and in better shape. Those weekly Saturday morning rides will feel like a cake-walk for this seasoned crew!

The Sanibel Bicycle Club is a group of bicycling enthusiasts who socialize and bike together. All bikers, as well as non-bikers, are welcome to join the Club. The Bicycle Club's mission is to expand enjoyment of island bicycling and to work with government to improve bicycling safety and infrastructure. For more information about the Club and for a detailed schedule, visit its website: www.SanibelBicycleClub.org.

Sanibel Bicycle Club members (from left) Fred and Marj Nordstrom; and Doug and Jean Lowe, on the beautiful rural roads of Suwannee County.



Cone shells found...



Maddie La Qua (pictured with brother, Max) from Minneapolis, MN found an alphabet cone on Saturday, April 24. They were in front of Sand Pointe in the afternoon, with a low tide and Maddie was up to her knees in the water when she saw the shell. Maddie (who is 8) and Max (who is 10) each found two live alphabet cones each, but left them in the water. They also saw a large 5-inch live tulip. "They know lots and lots about shells," noted their mom. "When they get back home, they put together a big display for their class." They've been shelling for about 7 years.

Leanna Green from Greenville, Ohio, found a beautiful cone shell on Sunday, April 25. She was shelling just before sunset by Sanibel Moorings and a wave washed the shell up over the shell ledge, pretty much at her feet.

While she thought the shell was beautiful, she didn't realize that it was so rare until a lady who has been shelling for 28 years, four to five hours a day, saw it and told her how special it was.

She and her husband, Kenneth, have been coming to Florida for years, making day-trips out to the islands. This was the first time that they spent their whole ten-day vacation on Sanibel — and the island gave them a special souvenir.



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sights, sounds, smells and tastes, but as her eyes clear and her mind is filled with knowledge of her mother, she understands herself and India. For readers, it is a similar experience as they get to know the souls of the characters and the country.

The second novel, *Useful Girl* by Marcus Stevens, published by Algonquin Books, also tells a story of existence on two planes. Erin is a seventeen-year-old girl who has recently lost her mother. She and her father try



to figure out a way to live together around the hole her mother's death has created. When the bones of a young Cheyenne girl are found on a road building site supervised by her father, Erin's life changes as she and a young Cheyenne worker try to give the bones the respect they deserve. Erin finds her grandfather's old journals which tell the story of his adventures as a Captain in the Army that destroyed the remaining Cheyenne after Little Big Horn. Meanwhile she and Charlie White Bird, the young worker, fall in

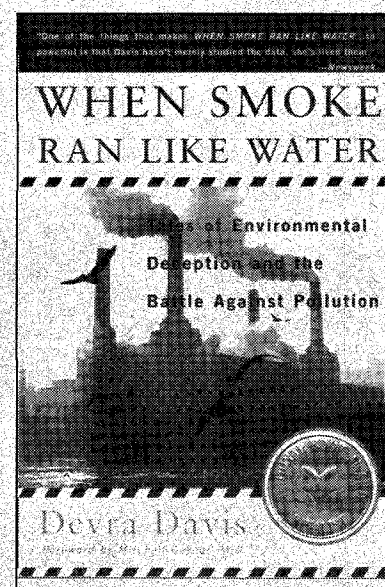
love and she becomes pregnant. Rather than facing her father or the baby's father, she runs away. Soon the parallels and confluences of her life and the dead Indian girl become more intense. The author is able to run the threads of the two stories together until it becomes clear that the present must resolve the issues of the past. Through Erin's child, there is a chance that that might happen. As in the previous book, this novel is filled with physical details of its location, giving the reader an understanding of the plot which could not happen anywhere else in the world.

In both of these novels, the authors use a journal or writings to give the women an understanding they would not have had without them. Although the settings and the plots are very different, the message is the same. One must understand the past to create a future.

As an addendum, I recommend the book *When Smoke Ran Like Water* by Devra Davis. It is an extremely readable book about the threats of pollution to our world. Davis is a Ph.D. researcher and Public Health expert who has been involved in national and international boards on environmental threats to our health and future. Her family lived in Donora, Pennsylvania during one of the worst air pollution events in history and her scientific work has

lead her to fight against environmental pollution on a very broad scale. She writes about how lead additives to gasoline have caused untold numbers of deaths, how CFC's have depleted the ozone layer, how mercury has caused birth defects, how global warming is affecting us all, how chemicals have caused breast cancer and how industry and government have either ignored warnings or subverted attempts to rectify

the situation. Because she has been involved on a personal, political and scientific level, what she says rings with truth. Like the message of the fiction I reviewed, this book cries out that one must understand the past to create a future.



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