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**Sunday
May 16**

**Gulfside
City Park**



**Barrymore
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theatre**

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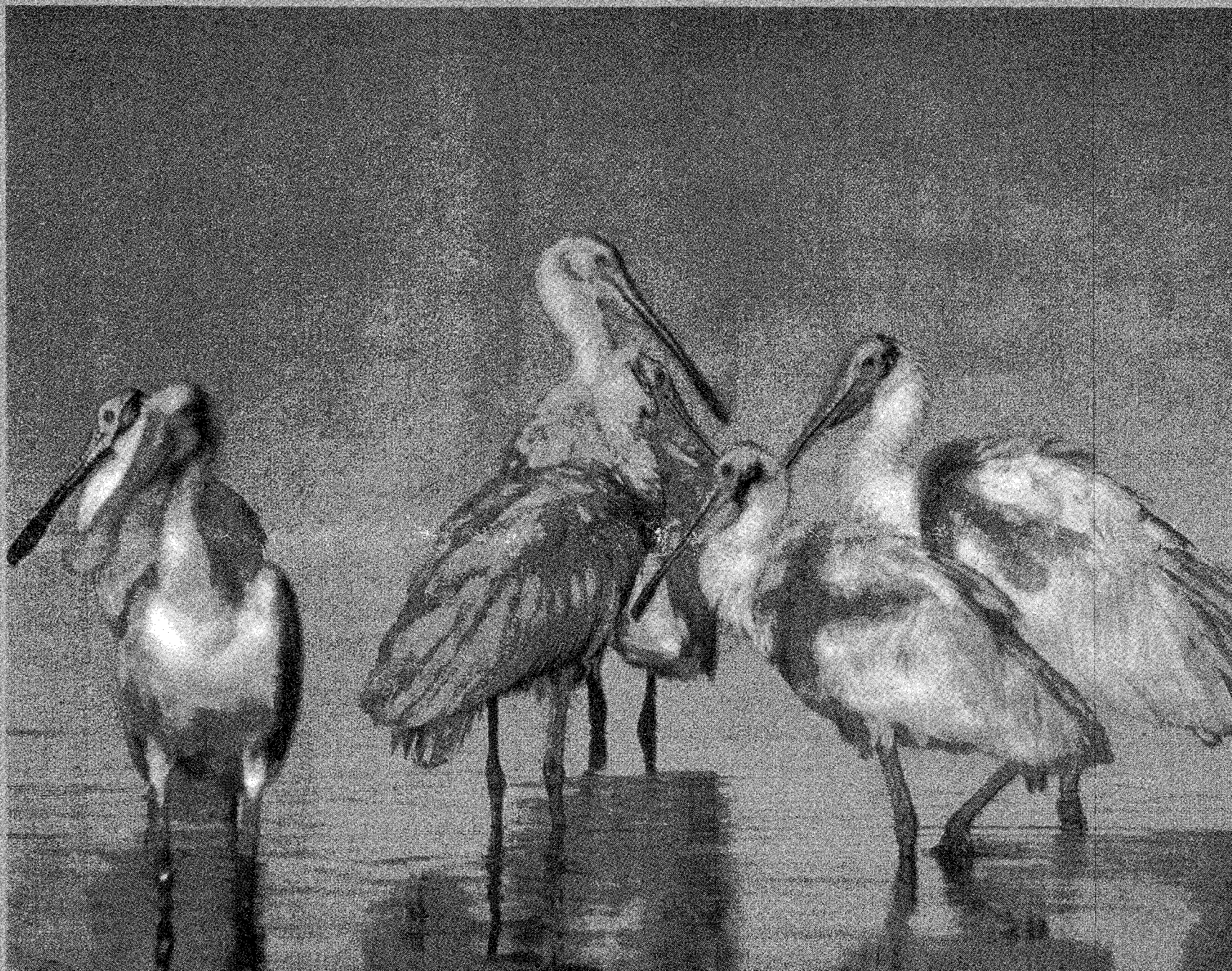



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The 2005 Sanibel-Captiva Nature Calendar is available. Notes Publisher Jim Fowler, "Sanibel's bird - the beautiful, ugly roseate spoonbill" is featured this year (photo above). See story on Page 13.

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Forks at full mast: It's time to taste!

The 24th Annual Taste of the Islands is a reality this Sunday, May 16 from noon to 6 p.m. at Gulfside City Park here on Sanibel. The event, the island's biggest and best party, is an annual event to support CROW, the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife. More than 10% of the organization's annual budget is raised by sponsors and taste-goers from this yearly event.

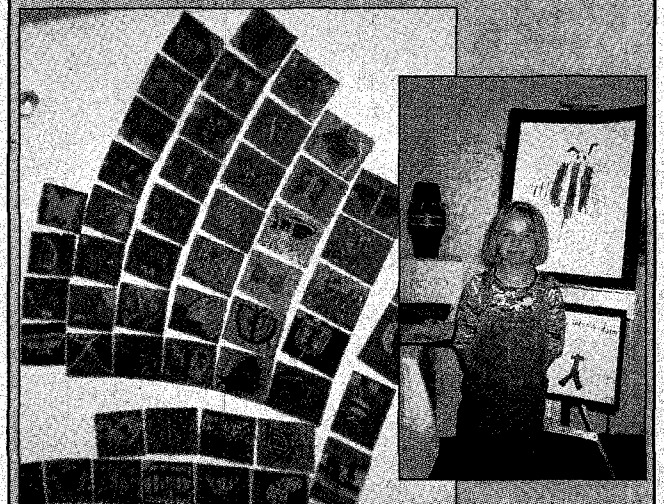
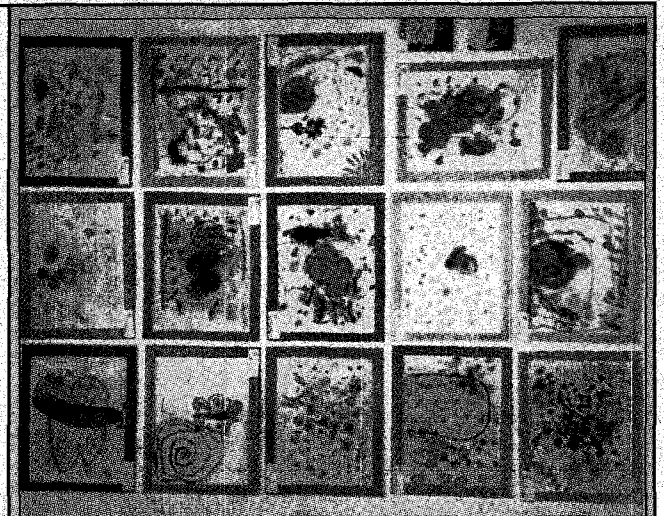
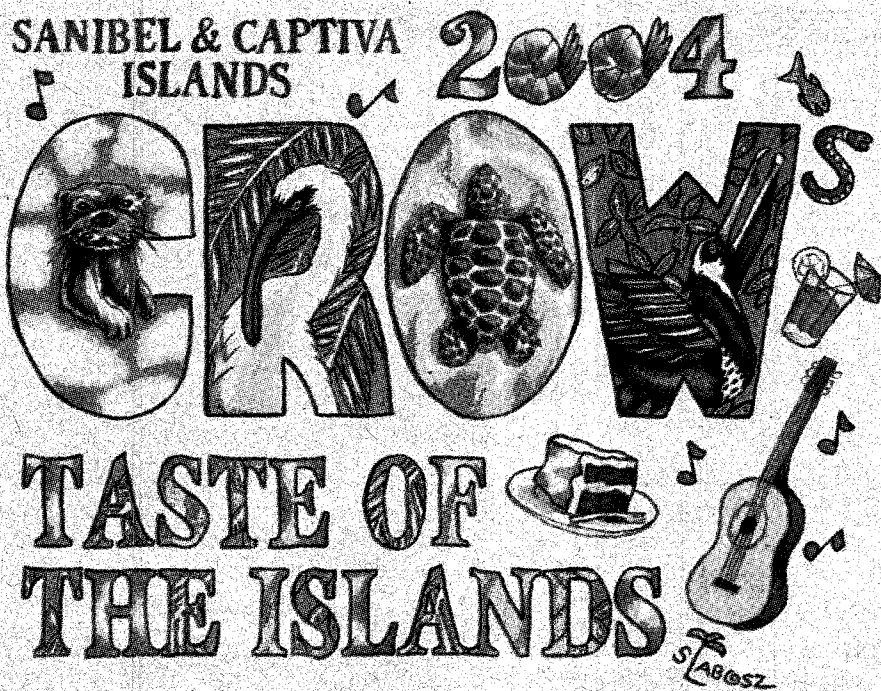
Nineteen restaurants devoted to this cause, will be cooking and competing to not only stir up monies for CROW, but will be trying their hardest to secure either one or more of nine special food category awards or two

major awards as the competition heats up. The fabulous food items this year can't be beat thanks to The American Legion Post 123, Chadwick's, Doc Ford's, Ellington's, Gramma Dot's, Greenside Grille/Dunes, Johnny's Pizza, Matzaluna, McT's, Pinocchio's, Rosie's Deli, Sanibel Grill, Sanibel Produce, Thistle Lodge, The Seafood Factory, Timbers, Tropical Temptations, Lazy Flamingo and East End Deli.

Adding to the fun of the day will be three bands covering the noon, mid-afternoon and late afternoon shifts... The Blind Pass Steel Drum Band from noon to 1:30, The John Gaar Band all the way from Austin, Texas 2 - 4 p.m., and Marty Stokes' Blues Water Band from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Come by car, bike or boat and bring a chair if you'd like. T-shirts, boasting the beautiful 2004 Taste design by artist Heather Slabosz, and beach towels with the CROW logo will be sold on premises. Attendants will lead you to a parking locale where a transport will meet you and deliver you directly to the site. A \$5 donation opens the door to all the fun... kids under six free. No alcoholic beverages or coolers are allowed... margaritas, beer, wine, soda and water are sold on site! Purchase your food and beverage tickets on the property after you enter.

So come out and support this great fundraiser for CROW and all of our Lee County sick and injured wildlife.



Sanibel students' artwork from the Sanibel School's BUGWORKS project and from BIGARTS AfterSchool Studio are now on view in the Phillips Gallery at BIGARTS. See story on page 26.



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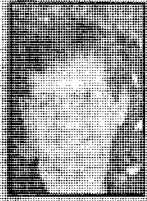
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— FRIDAY, MAY 14 —

Kayaking with the
Conservation Foundation

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, in cooperation with Captiva Kayak Company, will be offering naturalist-led kayaking outings in our local estuarine waters. We will discuss the importance of our Back Bay estuary as we paddle in and around Buck Key, a unique island within the Pine Island Sound Aquatic Preserve.

The next kayaking adventures will be on Friday, May 14 and Thursday, May 27 at 9:30 a.m. These tours will help fund the Conservation Foundation's environmental education programs, while educating participants about the natural and cultural history of Pine Island Sound.

No kayaking experience is necessary for these excursions, just a sense of adventure and a willing spirit. We will be using very stable kayaks and paddling instruction will be provided.

The cost for this outing is \$35 per person. Space will be limited so reservations are required. Reservations and additional

information can be obtained by calling the Conservation Foundation at 472-2329.

— SATURDAY, MAY 15 —

SWF Addiction Services
fundraiser

The "Tie One On for SWFAS" fundraising event will be held tomorrow, Saturday, May 15, at the Elks Lodge, 1900 Park Meadows Drive, in Fort Myers, with a "mocktail" reception with non-alcoholic beverages, buffet dinner, and dance as well as a silent auction, featuring dozens of items.

Tickets are priced at \$25 each or \$200 for a table of eight and may be purchased at SWFAS, 2101 McGregor Boulevard, or at SWFAS' Vince Smith Center, 2450 Prince Street, in Fort Myers. Sponsorships also are available, starting at \$200.

Attire for the event is "creative tie."

Auction items include airfare for two; Bridgestone tires w/ alum rims; mini-vacations at South Seas Resort & Yacht

Harbour and at 'Tween Waters Inn; golf packages; theatre tickets plus lots more.

SWFAS is the region's largest and oldest comprehensive substance abuse treatment and prevention program, treating more than 5,000 people per year from ages 9 to 90, with detoxification, outpatient, day treatment and residential programs offered from six locations throughout Lee County.

For more information about the auction, call 338-2306.

M*A*S*H B*A*S*H

There will be a M*A*S*H B*A*S*H on May 15 from 5 - 10 p.m. benefiting the American Red Cross. Evens will include games, raffles, prizes, send a soldier on R&R, Hot Lips kissing booth, Bedpan Golf and a USO Show.

The party, with dinner from 5 - 8 p.m. and a cash bar, will be held at A&C Aviation at 325 Danley Drive, Page Field Airport. Tickets are \$30; call 278-3401, visit any Riverside Bank location or check online at www.leemashbash.com.

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— MONDAY, MAY 17 —

Chamber AfterHours

Chadwick's Restaurant at the entrance to South Seas Resort on Captiva will host the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce monthly AfterHours on Monday, May 17 from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Reservations must be made by Friday, May 14, before 5 p.m. for all attending. There is a \$5 charge for guests; at the door without reservations, the charge is \$8. Please call 472-1966 or email your reservation to: office@sanibel-captiva.org.

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

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

More Island Scene on page 4

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ext 225. For directions to Chadwick's, call 472-7575.

Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society meeting

The Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society meeting on May 17, 1:30 at the Episcopal Church, 2304 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel will close the orchid meeting season until October. The meeting will feature an orchid show, Show and Tell and two special programs. John Bralove will discuss how to purchase orchids over the Internet, including the best prices, varieties and shipping details. He has compiled a number of valuable resources for the orchid hobbyist.

Faye Granberry will discuss diseases of orchids that will include a ten-minute film presentation from the American Orchid Society. The meeting is open to guests to enter their orchids into the judged and ribbon awarded orchid show. No reservation is needed. Members, free;

guests, \$2.50.

— WEDNESDAY, MAY 19 —

Music that stirs the soul

Come sing hymns and songs of praise from the Taizé community and from Iona, Scotland, as well as familiar hymns of this country, on Wednesday evenings at Saint Michael and All Angels (Episcopal) Church at 2304 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

On Wednesday, May 19 at 6 o'clock we sing favorite hymns and songs of praise. The Rev. Liz Farrow of the Scottish Episcopal Church will celebrate the Iona (Scotland) Eucharist.

Local candidates at Democratic Club

The next meeting of the Democratic Club of the Islands will feature local candidates. Speakers and the offices they seek include Clyde Bowles, County Commission; Frances Culver, Lee County Sheriff; Judith Piesco and Jane Kuckel, School Board; and Robert Neeld, a businessman who is running for Porter Goss's seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19, at the Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way. The public is welcome. For more

information, call Robin Krivanek at 395-0927 or Charlotte Kowitch at 395-7637.

— THURSDAY, MAY 20 —

Second Annual Softball Coaches "No-Star" Game

Here's an opportunity for the kids to see what their coaches are made of. Coaches representing all Little League and girls softball teams will team up and play 12 innings on May 20, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Sanibel ball field.

The coaches? Who else but Dick Muench (The Commish) against Mike Fitz (Lazy Flamingo vs. the Beached Whale) and reaction from the coaches and kids has been phenomenal!

Last year's game was a huge success, so don't miss the Second Annual Coaches Game which promises to be the big fun event of the year for the Sanibel/Captiva community. Each team will hit the fields for practice after the major league games Saturday, May 15.

Rosters for the two teams are:

Sanibel Slugs: Dick Muench (coach), Vince D'Amico, Tom Rizzo, Dave Blaesing, Tracy Mitchell, Danny Mitchell, Scott Hall, Mitch Moore, Larry Thompson, Jim Harlow, Rick Hill, Edwin Ambert, Patrick Kilgore, John Chenciner, Nancy Earl, Carolyn Cooper, Yvonne Rider, Kirk Williams, Trish Phillips and Matt Fannon.

Sanibel Snails: Mike Fitz (coach,

CORRECTION


In last week's *Islander*, *Barrymore*, now playing at the Periwinkle Playhouse on Sanibel, was incorrectly identified as an Out of the Box production. Clement Valentine, who also stars, produced *Barrymore*. Michael McNally directed *Barrymore* and plays Frank. See review on page 17.

Tony Dibiasi, Todd Wolter, Gary Greenplate, Dan Budd, Patrick Hagen, Denny Baer, Karen Cooper, Brian Brewer, Paul Cummins, Rob DeGennaro, Mike Anderson, Matt Hall, Ron Rosen, Ray Goas, Colleen Baur, Sherri Feagans, Tom Traught, Brian Baur, Beaver Stasi.

Free hurricane seminar at Captiva Library

The Lee County Library System and Lee County Emergency Management have teamed up with local television weather personalities for free Hurricane Seminars at Lee County libraries, including one at Captiva Memorial Library on Thursday, May 20.

These programs are free and will provide valuable information for area residents on how to protect their homes, pets and families in case of a major storm. Speakers will also discuss hurricane weather facts, understanding forecasts, hurricane hazards and how Lee County



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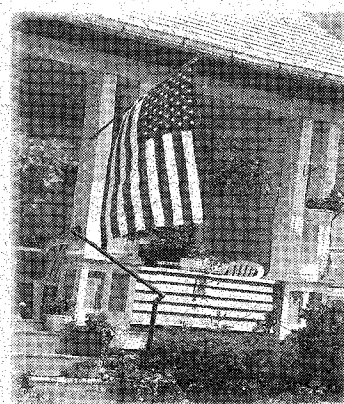
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Emergency Management can help residents. Each session includes a question and answer session.

Get the answers to your questions about Hurricane Preparedness with officials from Lee County Emergency Management and weather teams from local television stations, WBBH NBC-2, WFTX FOX-4, WINK-TV 5 and WZVN ABC-7. Each program features one local television weather personality and one member of Lee County Emergency Management.

- Captiva Memorial Library - Thursday, May 20 at 2 p.m.

11560 Chapin Lane on Captiva. For more information or to register call 472-2133

Additional locations and dates are as follows: Fort Myers-Lee County Public Library on May 8 (call 239/479-4635); Pine Island Public Library on May 11; Bonita Springs Public Library on May 12; Rutenberg Branch Library in Fort Myers on May 13 (call 433-5000); East County Regional Library on May 14 (call 461-7300); South County Regional Library on May 20 (call 390-3200); Riverdale Branch Library on May 25 (call 461-3130); North Fort Myers Public Library on May 27 and Cape Coral-Lee County Public Library on June 3.

Tamiami Tale Tellers

"A special place" will be the theme at the meeting of the Tamiami Tale Tellers (TTT) on Thursday, May 20 at 7 p.m. at The Grand Court, 8351 College Parkway in Fort Myers.

Everyone has memories of an unforgettable spot, according to TTT spokesperson Bert MacCarry of Sanibel. "Those memories will be shared as stories by TTT members and visitor-guests. Other stories may also be told — folktales in which a place has special meaning to the characters or the plot," MacCarry said. "The story of 'The Fisherman and his Wife,' comes to mind with the theme focus on a house."

TTT meetings are held the third Thursday night of each month from 7 - 9 p.m. and are free and open to the public, ages 5 to 95. Both tellers and listeners are welcome. For information, call 472-1781.

Second ACT Boutique 50% off sale

The Second ACT Boutique and Thrift Store located in Royal Palm Square at 1388 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers will hold a 50% off sale on everything in the entire store on Saturday, May 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All clothing for women, men and children, shoes, purses, belts, books, furniture, bedding, small appliances, dishes, glassware, jewelry, toys and much more will be at half-price.

If you bring in your old cell phones in the month of May, you will receive a coupon good for 50% off of one day of shopping at Second Act. This offer cannot be used in conjunction with other sales promotions.

Proceeds help benefit Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc., a non-profit agency established to provide shelter, counseling and education to victims of domestic violence and their families, and survivors of sexual assault, serving Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties.

Recycle for literacy

Recycle any phone directory and help raise money for adult literacy in the community. Sprint Yellow Pages will donate \$1, up to \$5,000, to Literacy Volunteers of Lee County, Inc., for each directory collected on Saturday, June 5 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Collection points are in the Sam's Club parking lot at 5170 Cleveland Avenue in Fort Myers, and the Coralwood Shopping Center parking lot at 2301 Del Prado Boulevard in Cape Coral.

Independence Day Community Picnic planning

Once more, the Sanibel community is coming together to plan a great Independence Day that celebrates civic pride and our nation's independence. The Independence Day Community Picnic will again be held at the Sanibel Community Association, 2173 Periwinkle Way, immediately following our traditional parade. This year, inasmuch as July 4th falls on a Sunday, the Sanibel Independence Day celebration will be held on Saturday, July 3.

Participation is open to all service and civic associations as well as Island volunteers. The schedule for the coordinating

meetings will be held on Thursday mornings at 8 a.m. on the following dates: May 20 and 27, June 10, 17, 24, and July 1.

All Coordinating Meetings will be held at the Sanibel Community Association at 8 a.m. Members of the community wishing to become involved, contribute to, or volunteer for the Community Picnic are invited to attend the Coordinating Meetings or contact the City Manager's office at 472-3700.

Sanibel Kindergarten registration

Families who live or work on Sanibel and have children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2004, and who plan to attend The Sanibel School in the Fall should contact the school prior to May 25 for enrollment.

Families are invited to make an appointment to visit the school from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Tuesday through Thursday. They will have an opportunity to visit the kindergarten classrooms as well as the rest of the campus.

Parents must have original copies of the following forms in order to register their child:

- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Health Examination form which has been completed by a doctor within the last twelve months
- Florida Certificate of Immunization
- Proof of Residence (lease agreement, mortgage acceptance, or electric bill)
- Proof of Custody if the student does not live with both natural parents

We are looking forward to meeting with you and your child and to providing your child with a quality education at our community Blue Ribbon School of Excellence!

Sundial Tennis Tourney

The Sundial Beach Resort will kick off its 2004 tennis tournament season June 11 - 13 with the 21st annual Sundial Open. Divisions will include men's and women's singles and doubles in the open, 35, 45 and 55-and-over age groups. This tournament is USTA sanctioned and is a designated event which carries more points towards a sectional ranking.

All divisions will compete for prize

Sanibel Little League

- May 20 6:30 p.m.
All coaches softball game
- May 21 6 p.m.
All Star Games - Minor Boys & Girls
- May 22 10 a.m.
All Star Games - Senior Boys & Girls

money and singles entrants will receive a commemorative T-shirt. In addition, complimentary beverages will be served courtside throughout play.

Deadline for entry is June 8 at 5 p.m. Phone entries will be accepted with a major credit card. Starting times will be available June 10 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sundial Beach Resort will offer discounted accommodations to tournament players. To sign up, to obtain starting times (on June 10) and for more information, call 395-6016.

Women's Softball League Calling All Ball Players

The City of Sanibel's Recreation Department is currently looking for all interested female teams and individuals wanting to participate in a woman's softball league.

League play will be at the fields at the Sanibel Recreation Complex by the school. The projected date for beginning the league is June 1 and it will run throughout the summer. Any team interested in joining the league, or individuals looking to be placed on a team, please contact Nick Brown at 472-0345 and let him know you want to play ball.

Sanibel Youth Soccer registration continues

Registration for the 2004 season of Sanibel Youth Soccer continues this week, during youth baseball and softball games at the Sanibel Recreational Complex on Sanibel-Captiva Road.

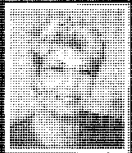
Children ages 4 through 14 can participate in the league, which begins practice in September. For more information call Mike Neal at 395-9638 or visit the group's web site at: sanibelsoccer.org.



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OBITUARIES

Dawn Marie Hickey

Dawn Marie Hickey, 30 years, died on Mother's Day, May 9, 2004 at home in Sanibel. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio, the daughter of Richard and the late Michelle Moodle and moved to Sanibel and met her husband Tim eleven years ago.

Dawn is survived by her husband Tim and daughter, Amanda, her father Richard Moodle of Cleveland, Oh., two brothers, Dan of Marina Del Ray, CA., and Dale of Cleveland, Ohio.

A celebration of life service was conducted at Saint Isabel Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her name to the Children's Center of the Islands, 350 Casa Ybel Rd., Sanibel, FL., 33957.

Merrel H. Kennedy

Merrel H. Kennedy, 85 of Fort Myers, FL. died Sunday, May 9, 2004. He was born in Marion, IL. on May 1, 1919, the son of Ray C. and Esther Kennedy of DuQuoin, IL. Mr. Kennedy had served in the United States Air Force as a Captain,

was past president of Mensa of Atlanta, GA. He retired from Job Corp. in 1974. He enjoyed tennis, swimming, golf, jazz and was an avid reader. He also was active in Shell Point Community social projects and Democratic Club. When he lived on Sanibel at Blind Pass, he was very active in the movement to prevent the removal of the towering Australian Pines from Bowman's Beach.

He is survived by his wife of 13 years, Jane Kennedy, of Fort Myers, FL., two sons, Michael Kennedy of Gettysburg, PA. and Patrick Kennedy of Marietta, GA.; two stepsons, Floyd A. Thompson, III, and William B. Thompson, stepdaughter, Deborah A. Thompson-Melvin, several grandchildren and step-grandchildren.

A celebration of life service was held at Shell Point Woodlands Commons. Memorial donations may be made to Hope Hospice Foundation, C/O The Legacy Foundation at Shell Point, 15010 Shell Point Blvd., Fort Myers, FL., 33903.

Host families needed for students arriving from Spain

Twenty students, age 13 - 17 arrive from Spain on June 27 for a four week stay through the Global Fellowship Program. The students have agency insurance and their own spending money. They are accompanied by an experienced escort who also serves as translator when necessary. Each child requires his/her own Host Family.

The students will be attending English classes three mornings a week on Sanibel, learning about the cultural aspects of Florida, and having the experience of living with an American family. There will be one major excursion each

week, i.e. Disney/Epcot, Billie Swamp Safari, and the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum and Seminole Indian Village, etc. Host families are encouraged to participate in these trips.

Admissions to all parks/activities are at greatly reduced "Student Group" rate, and there is no charge for the air-conditioned coach transportation. If you would like to invite a foreign student into your home for either two or four weeks, please contact Sanibel residents Terri Ray, phone: 472-6210 or Global Friendship Area Coordinator, Aline Coutu at 239-652-1202.

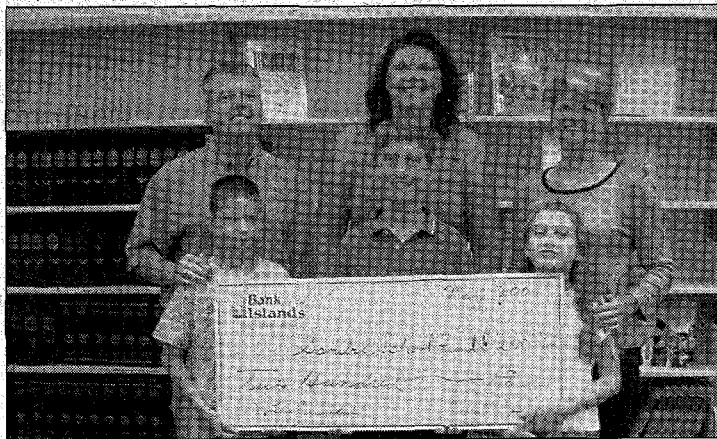
Sanibel School Fund receives Bank Of The Islands gift

Congratulations to Carol Allen, the most recent winner of the "We Love Our Islands" promotion sponsored by Bank Of The Islands. Carol was spotted with a "We Love Our Islands" decal on her car. She won the right to select which local non-profit cause would receive a charitable contribution of \$200 from the Bank Of The Islands.

Carol chose For Kids' Sake, the Sanibel School Fund's Capital Campaign, to receive the Bank's donation.

"This gift to For Kids' Sake marks \$10,400 we have placed in the hands of 18 worthwhile island charities through this promotion," said Bank Of The Islands Manager Rob Lisenbee.

One of the changes made possible by the Sanibel School Fund was opening of the school's new Sanctuary Library. In addition to new shelving for more books, the Sanctuary Library also features a separate classroom area for instruction. The library's fantastic new Super Wide Screen



(From left): Bank Of The Islands Manager Rob Lisenbee and son Dakota, Sandy Zahorchak and son Rudy, and Carol Allen and daughter Chloe. Photo was taken at the Sanibel School's new Sanctuary Library.

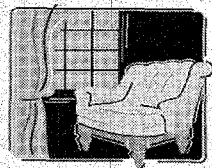
projection system with audio enhancement allows students to hear or see books as they are being read or discussed.

"The improvements provided to the school by the Sanibel School Fund Capital Campaign are greatly enhancing the education of island students," said Lisenbee.

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



Celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Sanibel-Captiva local AARP chapter are past president Hazel Amon and chapter founder, Henry Shelton. The San-Cap AARP chapter celebrated the occasion on April 30.



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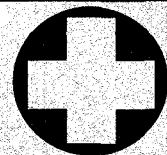
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Kiwanis: Hope at the End of the Rainbow

Submitted by Bob Wimbush

The rainbow logo comes from Barbara's lifelong love of the song from the Wizard of Oz. Barbara lost her fight with breast cancer at age 36 but her legacy, Barbara's Friends, the Children's Hospital Cancer Fund founded by Frank and Betty Haskell, is helping many children in Southwest-Florida win theirs.

Steve Brown (who is so much more fun and relaxed now that Marty Harrity is mayor) stood. He had asked if he could personally introduce Kiwanis speaker, Frank Haskell, chairman of Barbara's Friends. Frank and Steve have a lot in common. They are united in sadness, in compassion, and in action: Both have lost a daughter to cancer. Both have raised substantial monies to provide cancer treatment for other people's kids at The Children's Hospital at Health Park. Both efforts are named for their daughters. Frank had come to tell us more about Barbara's Friends.

Childhood, for a child with cancer or blood disorder, is quickly replaced by blood tests, chemotherapy, radiation, doctors, hospitals, do not resuscitate orders, and surgery. Sometimes treatment is as difficult as the disease itself. And, although 80% of children who receive chemo survive, we still lost six here last year. One child's cancer affects the whole family physically, emotionally, and financially. It's a tough, courageous story, and the pictures in Frank's presentation are even tougher and more courageous. All of us have heard it.

Over the past nine years, Barbara's Friends, has raised over \$4,000,000 in

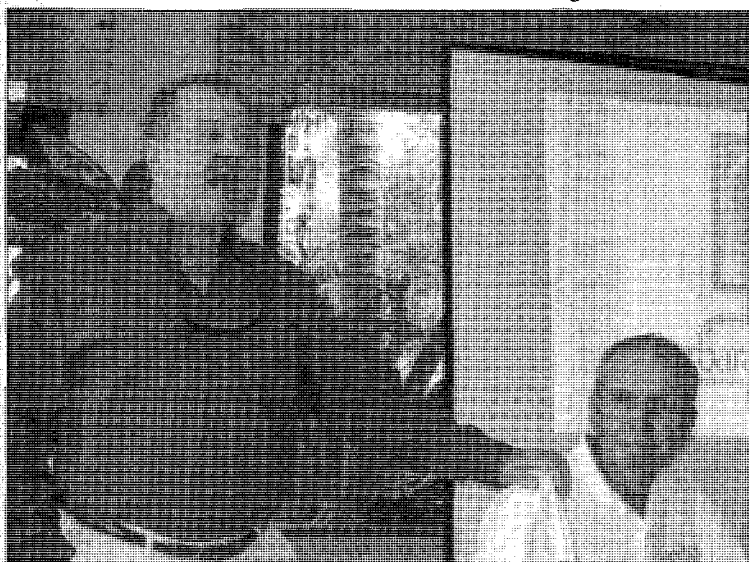
support of childhood cancer treatment (\$5.5 million if you count the \$1.5 million raised by the Browns in memory of their daughter) and created a \$1.9 million permanent endowment. Their efforts have helped build and equip The Barbara's Friends Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Outpatient Center (it treated 250 kids with cancer and more than 1,500 with blood disorders last year), a pediatric pharmacy (it takes special ventilation systems to safely handle the substances released when they brew stuff that gets injected into a kid with cancer), a medical library, a therapeutic playground, the Yawkey Children's Counseling Center, and a sperm and egg bank (with the thought of restoring normalcy to the future lives of kids receiving chemo and radiation). The Yawkey Center, which will open in July to provide psychological assistance for kid cancer patients and their families, is one of two in Florida.

Barbara's Friends is a Restricted Pediatric Cancer Fund and The Lee Memorial Health System Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt organization, manages all donations. One hundred percent of donations are applied to the cause and no public money is involved. Large contributions are, of course, welcomed, but each of us can make regular small contributions and help the environment by dropping used inkjet and toner cartridges off in the distinctive container at Bank of the Islands.

Jetscape, located on Kenwood Drive in Fort Myers, will remanufacture your spent cartridge, resell it at a substantial savings over manufacturer's prices, and

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You can fill up with Kiwanis at 7:30 on Tuesday mornings at the Dunes.



"Loving, caring and generous people take time to do special things". Steve Brown and Frank Haskell have both lost daughters to cancer.

Rotary Gears Up for CROW's Taste of the Islands

Submitted by Chet Sadler

Rotary is paying up, cleaning up, and signing up for CROW's Taste of the Islands fund raising event. At Friday's Rotary meeting, John Carney showed off the new 2004 poster for the Taste and thanked the club for becoming a sponsor this year. Members with businesses then took the poster to display in their windows. County Commissioner Bob Janes even took one to display at the County Building, off Island.

John Bellino (New Rotary VP) put out the call for Rotary members to join the "road chain-gang work detail" to show up Saturday morning at 8 a.m. to pick up litter on Summerlin (the first mile before the causeway). Ten volunteers in orange vests (not green County Jail overalls!) collected 16 bags of litter! The crew knew that they had to do an especially good job this time with their section of Adopt-a-highway program because CROW's big Taste event is this weekend, when thousands of people come to enjoy food, music, and fun and support this world-renowned wildlife clinic.

Don Schwartz (Community Service Chairman) also put out the call to all the members for volunteers to help park cars at the Taste. Don received 10 Rotary hands to stand and direct traffic in and out of the parking lots, rather than eating, drinking, and having fun watching the bartenders and waitresses compete. It was a hard sell but Rotary members came through.

Rotary is proud to be one of the sponsors of CROW's Taste of the Islands this year. CROW does an incredible job and is a tribute to what our islands are all about. Thanks for allowing us to help you help Island wildlife.



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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 e-mail her at Margie@MargieDavison.com.

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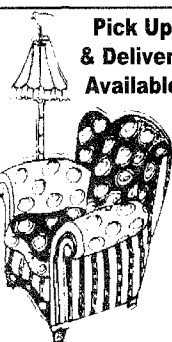


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The Barber of Sanibel

By Art Stevens

By now readers of the Islander are familiar with the columns of Little Joe Micale, hair stylist to the stars. I'm in such awe of Hollywood movie stars that I booked an appointment with Little Joe recently to get a hair cut and be regaled with his reminiscences.

It's not typical for one Islander columnist to write about another one but in this instance I'll waive those unwritten rules.

Joe's shop is called Beverly Hills Hair Design and it's in the Village shopping area on Periwinkle. His assistant and booking agent is his wife Ginny, a specialist in the popular corn row hair style.

I've been to Joe's a number of times now and I've never met an individual who loves his work as much as he does. Joe can turn a sow's ear into a silk purse - which is what he did with me. In my case he turned the hair of a Frankenstein monster into the coiffure of a raffish rake. Quite a feat.

Before landing at Little Joe's door I hadn't had much success with barbers or hair stylists. My hair is in the category of a frizzy mop. It has no shape, life or substance. Whenever I approached a barber shop a sign would suddenly appear in the window that would say "Out to lunch. Will return when Stevens leaves."

I was never a before and after hair model. I was always before and before. And then I read about Little Joe in the Islander. When I went to him for the first time he did something that no other hair stylist I ever went to did. He didn't laugh out loud. In fact, he took photos of my hair before he started and afterwards in the event my wife no

longer recognized me and thought about calling the police.

Joe looked me up and down and sighed deeply. "Give it to me straight, Joe. Can you do something - anything - with this sorry looking mop growing on my head?" I pleaded.

Joe frowned, grimaced and said, "Well the first thing we can do is get rid of that Liberace style haircut you're wearing and give you something more current." Joe was being kind. Most people compared my hair style to that of overcooked spaghetti.

"Whatever you say, Joe", I said. "I'm tired of mothers hiding their children behind them whenever I enter a room."

Joe agreed to take me on but asked me to sign a waiver not holding him responsible for my being accosted by rabid movie fans who might mistake me for Tom Cruise after my hair cut. I admired his confidence in his abilities and quickly signed on the dotted line.

Before becoming a client of Little Joe's, getting a hair cut was like going to a dentist. When I was a kid I couldn't tell a barber from a dentist. The chairs were the same and so was the white sheet they put over you. I couldn't tell the difference between the barber's clippers and the dentist's drills.

I did calm down as time went by but the trauma stayed with me. Until Little Joe.

"So, Little Joe, tell me more about Frank Sinatra. What was he really like? Come on, Joe, tell me more," I pleaded as he worked on my mop.

And as Joe worked wonders on my mop I began to relax in his chair and soaked up his stories about the stars. Thank you, Joe, for your stories and for making a silk mop out of a weed patch.



Art Stevens

USPS news

USPS class: turn your PC into a PO

The U.S. Postal Service is hosting FREE training classes to show postal customers how they can save time and money by printing their postage at home. A two-hour class offered at the FGCU Small Business Development Center demonstrates how to turn a personal computer into a Post Office. The next scheduled class is May 20; call 239-277-3313 to register.

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Hope Hospice joins study of massage therapy

Hope Hospice has been selected to participate in a study to determine if moving touch therapy, also known as massage therapy, reduces the burden of symptoms of patients in advanced stages of cancer. The National Institutes of Health has awarded a \$1.2 million grant to the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center to conduct the study.

The researchers anticipate that the three-year study, the largest of its kind ever done, will demonstrate that massage therapy decreases pain, improves quality of life and reduces physical and emotional symptom distress among patients with advanced cancer. Nationwide, 440 patients will be enrolled in the clinical trial, including patients at Hope and eleven other hospices.

"Hope Hospice has offered massage therapy to our patients for years, and the feedback has been positive, even during advanced stages of illness," said Samira K. Beckwith, Hope Hospice president and CEO. "We expect the data from this study to confirm that those who receive massage therapy will experience a better quality of life and enhanced comfort during end of life care."

Beckwith said that in addition to satisfying the need for nurturing touch, the benefits of massage therapy include increased flow of oxygen to the tissue and the release of endorphins, the body's natural painkillers.

Cyberknife begins treating pancreatic cancer

CyberKnife Center of Miami announced it will begin treating patients with pancreatic cancer, after clinical trials at Stanford University showed CyberKnife's robotic, image-guided system of delivering radiation would benefit most patients.

Using a robotic arm and missile guidance technology, CyberKnife delivers targeted doses of radiation to often inoperable tumors with sub-millimeter accuracy. The center in Miami, the only one in the Southeast United States, treats tumors and cancer in the brain, spine, lungs, liver breast, head, neck and now pancreas. Treatment is covered by major insurance carriers and costs 20 to 45 percent less than conventional surgery.

"The Stanford study is important because the present alternatives for locally advanced pancreatic cancer leave a lot to be desired," said Dr. Mark Perman, a Miami radiation oncologist trained to use the CyberKnife. "Using conventional radiation therapy at full dose is not always well tolerated. Patients frequently experience unpleasant side effects. Because the CyberKnife is able to target lesions more precisely, we avoid some of these temporary symptoms, control the growth of the tumor and relieve the pain associated with pancreatic cancer quickly."

Pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States. Each year approximately 30,000 people are diagnosed. The normal treatment for this often inoperable tumor is external radiation and chemotherapy, delivered over weeks to months. Most patients die by the end of the first year, and less than five percent survive five years.

In the Stanford study, all patients successfully tolerated their robotic radiation treatment, delivered in a single day. Practically no toxicity was encountered. The clinical trials were so successful that protocols for lower radiation dosages were discontinued so that all patients in the study could benefit from the optimum dosage with the CyberKnife.

More than 7,000 patients worldwide have been treated by the CyberKnife stereotactic radiosurgery system at 16 centers worldwide. Developed by a Stanford University neurosurgeon, it is the only robotic image-guided radiation system that enables the precise targeting and treatment of tumors anywhere in the body. The CyberKnife Center of Miami is an independent, free-standing center and is open to select community physicians who have been trained and credentialed in CyberKnife radiosurgery. For more information, call 800-204-0455 or visit www.cyberknifemiami.com.

Proponents believe that with massage therapy, advanced cancer patients do not suffer from the side effects their medications can cause. The medications are used to treat pain, fatigue and decreased appetite. If the nationwide study confirms that patients do experience a better quality of life with massage therapy, it could become a standard component of patient care.

For more information on Hope Hospice, go to the web site www.hopehospice.org.

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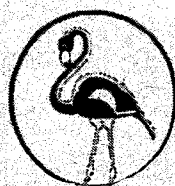
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Superman's Mom helps launch Living Proof

Barbara Johnson is delighting in the active life she was denied in her youth. At 72, she is a competitive rower with an impressive list of awards for sculling and sweep-oar rowing in eights, fours and singles. The pride of her medal collection is a first place in the prestigious Head of the Charles race.

Living Proof, a project of States United for Biomedical Research and the National Institutes of Health, is an educational history campaign designed to document the amazing role medical research has played in the lives of all Americans. Says Living Proof spokesperson Gale Davy: "Senior citizens are living proof of the value of medical research. Their lives are testaments to the pain and suffering so many have endured. But their experiences can also teach us how medicine has changed, offering health and hope to so many."

Johnson's strength, stamina, and courage are remarkable — but not altogether surprising considering that she is Superman's mother. That is, the real-life mom of Superman actor Christopher Reeve. And Johnson's story — one of hope for the future — is the centerpiece of Living Proof, a national educational campaign for senior citizens.

Johnson's life was profoundly and forever changed nine years ago when Christopher fell from his horse during an equestrian competition. The accident made him a quadriplegic. It also transformed him from American movie idol to the nation's leading advocate for neurological and spinal cord research. And, it has moved his mother to tell her own story publicly, for the first time, in an effort to encourage other senior citizens to do the same.

As a youngster growing up in New York and Connecticut during the depression, Johnson was exposed to tuberculosis. Her nurse died of the con-

tagious respiratory disease and Johnson was sent away for several months to a sanatorium in South Carolina. When she returned she began to experience asthma attacks, and again she was sent away from her family, this time to a school in Arizona where she lived for four years. The separation from her family was agonizing for her.

In high school and college, Johnson often was left out because of her illness. "I couldn't run or play field hockey with the other girls," recalls Johnson. "Cold affected me, and the slightest illness would go to my lungs. But I always tried to participate."

Medicine finally caught up with Johnson's determination when asthma inhalers were introduced 30 years ago. Today, many new medicines are available to help control this increasingly prevalent respiratory illness.

"I'm telling my story not just for me or for others who suffer from respiratory illnesses," explains Johnson. "I'm hopeful for the future of medicine because of research. And I am well aware of the need for research. Yes, I'm sharing my story for myself and for Chris, but also for my father, who died of Alzheimer's and for my son with diabetes, and for the members of my extended family who have suffered from Lou Gehrig's (ALS) and Parkinson's. All of these stories should be told and I encourage other seniors to share their experiences through Living Proof."

Senior citizens are invited to participate in the Living Proof project online at www.Living-Proof.US or by sending their stories in the mail to: Living Proof, PO Box 360, Milwaukee, WI 53201-0360. Stories will be archived and available to the public on the website.

Barbara Johnson rowing near her home in Princeton, New Jersey



Holistic Health Notebook: Tomatoes and lycopene

By Carol Simontacchi
Special to the Islander

With a last name like mine, you know I have an association with tomatoes. Though my birth heritage is northern European, my tomato sauce (hence, lasagna and eggplant parmesan) ranks right up there with the best Italian cooks. I think my in-laws would agree.

As a nutritionist, that's great, because research is now verifying that this luscious fruit is very, very good for the body.

In twenty-one case-control and cohort studies, the risk of prostate cancer among raw tomato consumers was reduced by eleven percent compared to those with a non-frequent dietary intake. If participants enjoyed cooked tomato products, the reduced risk was nineteen percent.

Tomatoes contain a variety of phytonutrients including lycopene and other carotenoids, natural vitamin E, and probably thousands of other compounds that work synergistically to decrease the proliferation of human cancer cells and support cardiovascular health.

These phytochemicals reduce free radical stress, one of the common causes of aging and many disease processes. The combination of antioxidant carotenoids including lycopene, phytoene and phytofluene that are naturally present in tomatoes has been clinically shown to decrease cancer risk.

Lycopenes are what make tomatoes red. One cup of tomato juice provides about twenty-three mg. of lycopene, and this is one case where it is better to consume the cooked product rather than raw. Lycopene from raw vegetables is the transconfiguration form, which is poorly absorbed.

A review of seventy-two epidemiological studies performed by Dr. Edward Giovannucci from Harvard Medical School found that fifty-two of the studies pointed to the role of tomatoes and tomato-based products in reducing the risk of a variety of cancers, particularly prostate, lung, and stomach. Data also indicated a benefit for cancers of the pancreas, colon and rectum, esophagus,

oral cavity, breast, and cervix.

Tomatoes may also help reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease. One of the common risk factors is oxidized LDL cholesterol that makes it sticky and builds up in the artery wall, resulting in blockage of blood flow. An Israeli study confirmed the effects of a natural tomato extract containing lycopene and other phytonutrients on LDL and found evidence that it rendered LDL 90% more resistant to oxidation.

Tomato extracts of lycopene may also help lower blood pressure in hypertensive patients.

Pizza is not a dietary supplement

Sorry, this is not a prescription for pizza. Tossing a generous handful of grape tomatoes onto your organic salad is a good idea, however. To obtain the beneficial amounts of tomato phytonutrients, we suggest incorporating six to seven servings of cooked tomatoes or tomato products in your weekly diet.

If you can't enjoy that much sauce, we recommend that you supplement your diet with a lycopene formula. To decrease the growth of prostate cancer, 15 mg. of lycopene twice daily has been used. For reducing the risk of prostate cancer, at least 6 mg. of lycopene per day from foods is recommended. To reduce the risk of lung cancer in non-smoking men, at least 12 mg. of lycopene per day is needed; women require about 6.5 mg. of lycopene daily to achieve the same benefits. For preventing exercise-induced asthma, 30 mg. of lycopene daily has been used.

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

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Sea Tow and Boaters World will co-host An Evening with the Experts on Wednesday, May 19 from 5 - 8 p.m. at Boater's World in Fort Myers.

Sea Tow professionals will be on-hand to conduct demonstrations on critical on-water issues such as the proper use of a VHF and GPS, how to choose the right PFD, proper docking and anchoring techniques, key boating do's and don'ts and much more. Boater's World is also extending discounts on safety equipment and related products to all who come to the event.

"Our captains have been in almost every on-water situation conceivable, so we know the importance of boating safety and awareness," explains Captain Joseph Frohnhoefer III, vice president of operations at Sea Tow Services International.

The boating safety and awareness event is being held in recognition of National Safe Boating Week, which runs from May 22 - 28 (www.safeboating-campaign.com).

Boater's World in Fort Myers is located at 12001 South Cleveland Avenue, about one mile south of Page Field. The phone is 278-5500.

News from the Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron What Does the Power Squadron Do?

By Jim Strothers
Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron

This is a question that is asked many times. The Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron is an organization dedicated to promoting safe boating. This is accomplished based upon our fraternal triangle, which is self-education, civic service and fraternal boating club.

Many of you are familiar with the public Safe Boating Course, which the Squadron teaches during the year. This is the beginner course that enables one to join the Squadron and continue to take various courses that are offered to the members. These courses start with Seamanship and go up to Navigation. There are also many elective courses including Weather, Engine Maintenance, Marine Electronics.

The Power Squadron also provides many civic services to the community. One of the services is the Cooperative Charting Program. I am sure many of you reading this know nothing about this program. However, I am sure you all use the results of this program as a safe boater.

The Cooperative Charting Program is a joint effort by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the United States Power Squadron to keep the local charts of the area waters updated. The program is administered through the National Ocean Services. As a participant in this program the Sanibel-Captiva Sail &

Power Squadron has "adopted" local charts 11427 and 11426. By adopting these charts the Squadron is committed to maintaining the accuracy of these charts. Members of our squadron act as field observers for NOAA by providing NOAA with information that enables them to keep the charts current. Our members are uniquely suited to this task because of the outstanding education and training that is available through the Squadron.

How big is our civic effort? It has been estimated that each year Power Squadron members contribute an estimated value of service to the government of between \$15 and \$20 million of effort through the chart updating information. This figure could increase with staff and budget cuts made by the government. This figure could also increase as the requests for our services only grow as the NOAA resources shrink or are deployed in other areas.

So to answer the opening question, the Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron, along with all other members of the U. S. Power Squadrons, are dedicated to safe boating. While it is true that our major and most well-known effort is through our Public Boating Course, our commitment to safe boating goes well beyond this effort.

For Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron membership information, contact Bob Morain at 481-4798.

Jim Strothers is chairman of the Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron's Cooperative Charting Committee. He also serves as U. S. Power Squadron, District 22 chairman of Cooperative Charting, overseeing 19 squadrons in South Florida.

agencies in the Economic Crimes Unit in Cape Coral. Prior to that he was Director of the White Collar Crime Division on the island of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands.

Sprotte graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University and received his J. D. from Franklin Pierce Law Center in New Hampshire. He was a municipal prosecutor in New Hampshire for five years.

May 22 - May 28 is National Boat Safety Week

Although the Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron held their boat safety week February 1 - 7, National Boat Safety Week is scheduled for May 22 - May 28. The Sanibel-Captiva Safety Officer is currently working with the United States Coast Guard on a program called "You're in Command. Boat Safely!" This program is the U. S. Coast Guard's new national outreach safety initiative, which was designed to unite boating safety messages, help change the behavior of recreational boaters and reduce accidents on the waters.

The "You're in Command. Boat Safely!" program has the Coast Guard's full commitment for a minimum of five years, so we are just getting started. The success of this program will depend heavily upon the participation of the United States Power Squadron and the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary members. The Coast Guard feels, with their help, "You're in Command" will become as familiar to the boating public as "Buckle Up for Safety," "Just Say No to Drugs," and the slogans of their national behavioral change programs.

Members of the Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron will be at Jerry's on Tuesday, May 25 from 10 a.m. to noon and at Bailey's on Thursday, May 27 from 10 a.m. to noon, handing out Safe Boating brochures describing "You're in Command. Boat Safely!"

Asst. State Attorney Sprotte on identity theft

"Identity Theft" is the topic Assistant State Attorney, 20th Judicial Circuit of Florida, Douglas J. Sprotte, will discuss at the 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 18 meeting of the Sanibel Captiva Sail & Power Squadron at the Sanibel Community Center.

For the past three years Sprotte has been working with other law enforcement



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BoatU.S. and West Marine: All GPS are not equal

A BoatU.S. and West Marine funded study found that all Global Positioning System (GPS)-equipped 406 MHz emergency beacons are not created equal. In a recent test of six beacons from three manufacturers, the GPS location function of one manufacturer's products routinely failed when tested under other than ideal conditions. An equally important test finding was that the international standards to certify the GPS-enabled 406 MHz beacons fail to take into account the real-world conditions that often exist when beacons are activated. These beacons are used by outdoor enthusiasts, boaters and aviators to summon help in an emergency.

The test was conducted by the Equipped to Survive Foundation, an independent reviewer of survival equipment, and funded by BoatU.S. Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water and West Marine. The beacons were specifically tested for their GPS functionality, or their ability to "self-report" their location to Geostationary (GEO) satellites which can relay the location information nearly instantaneously to rescuers.

All of the six tested beacons primarily use the 406 MHz distress alerting frequency in conjunction with the COSPAS-SARSAT system of Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellites and Doppler principles to provide position information. The report did find that all of the tested beacons successfully allowed a Doppler location to be derived — a minimal acceptable level of distress alerting. However, the purpose of GPS-enhanced 406 MHz beacons is to save precious rescue time by supplying much more precise location information via their own GPS-derived location through GEO satellites — ever present in the sky — rather than waiting for an orbiting satellite to appear in view and then obtain a less accurate Doppler computed location.

Equipped to Survive Founder Doug Ritter said, "Unfortunately, in the testing of the off-the-shelf McMurdo, Ltd. 'Precision 406 MHz GSP EPIRB' (also known as G4 406 MHz GSP EPIRB) and the McMurdo

Ltd. 'Fastfind Plus 406 MHz Personal Location Beacon' (also known as the Fastfind Plus 406 MHz PLB) both failed to reliably acquire a GPS location 'fix' under operational 'real-world conditions.'

"The tests revealed that purchasers of these GPS-EQUIPPED 406 MHz beacons — who paid a premium for the added GPS technology in the hopes of potentially shortening rescue response with faster location information and increased location precision — are apparently not getting what they paid for and are operating under false expectations. This lack of GPS data could result in tragedy that might have otherwise been prevented," continued Ritter.

The evaluation was divided into three distinct phases: Baseline, Maritime and Inland. Within each of the latter two phases, a series of tests was designed to replicate real-world conditions, with variables such as sea state, limited horizon, forest canopy, mountains and the number of GPS satellites in view.

BoatU.S. Foundation President Ruth Wood said, "Emergency beacons are often called up to send an alert during inclement weather or less than perfect conditions. We tested the six beacons aboard a life raft, floated them in the water tethered to an inflatable or held by a swimmer in moderate one to eight foot swells, the study showed clearly that not all these beacons operated equally," she said. Inland performance was mixed, with McMurdo's PLB failing to acquire a GPS fix where handheld GPS receivers had no difficulty acquiring a location.

Additionally, the study identified other factors that could impact a 406 MHz beacon's GPS performance, as well as some generic 406 MHz beacon flaws worthy of note. Beacons that rely on an external GPS source are entirely dependent on the performance of that external GPS source and the quality of GPS receivers varies significantly; submerging the base of some PLBs' antenna in water can adversely affect this ability to successfully

transmit an alert under some conditions or to provide an effective 121.5 MHz homing signal.

"If there is a man overboard situation," said Ritter, "It's not a stretch to assume that their Personal Locator Beacon could also be partially submerged and rescue potentially compromised." The Equipped to Survive Foundation issued 17 specific conclusions and 23 critical recommendations for action based on the test results.

A detailed summary of the 200+ page report is available on the Equipped to Survive web site at: <http://www.equipped.org>.

In response to the test results, West Marine announced that it will provide a full refund or exchange of the affected McMurdo products while it works with McMurdo to resolve the issues noted in the Foundation report.

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.

The Wilderness Medical Society (WMS) is the world's leading organization of medical professionals dedicated to advancing clinical practice, research and education in wilderness medicine.

The cost for the five-day session is \$1620 per person, double occupancy in a South Seas Harborside room for the Learn to Sail or Performance Sailing course, conducted on Colgate 26 sailboats, and \$1820 for Bareboat Cruising Preparation, conducted on a brand-new Hunter 36-foot yacht. The medical course portion is an additional \$495. The Wilderness Medical Society designates this continuing medical education activity. The cost covers tuition, US SAILING certification, textbooks, medical course syllabus, room taxes, service charges and social functions. Rooms are limited at this price, and non-sailing spouses are \$725 each. "This course is not just for doctors and nurses," Jacobs said. "Partners and guests are

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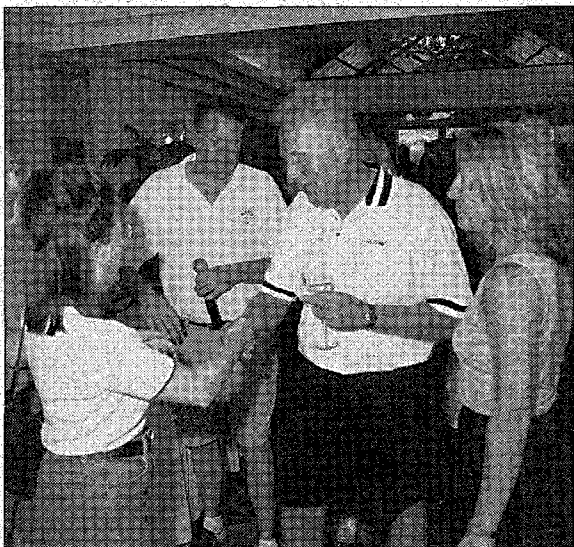
Realtors® end-of-season social

The Sanibel & Captiva Islands Association of Realtors® signaled the end of season when over 150 Realtors®, affiliates, family members and staff gathered for the annual end-of-season social, fondly called "Over the Hump," at the Dunes Golf & Tennis Club on Tuesday, May 4. Members celebrated with a 9-hole golf tournament and a round robin tennis tourney, followed by wonderful food during the social hour.

REALTOR® dignitaries included the President of the Florida Association of Realtors® (FAR), Russell Grooms of Jacksonville; FAR Treasurer, Nancy Riley of St. Petersburg; National Association of Realtors® Director Liz Paul of Fort Myers; FAR District 5 Vice President, Al DiNicola, along with his wife Mary and John Rothell, FAR staff member from the Realtors® Political Action Fundraising Department in Tallahassee.

A Silent Auction was held during the social hour and a Live Auction followed with Auctioneer Scott Robertson of Pine Island. A tremendous number of auction items were donated by local members, affiliate members and local merchants that were sincerely appreciated. Thanks to Colby and Bradley Congress of Bradley's Fine Jewelers who donated a beautiful 1.25 kt. diamond-and-gold slide for our RPAC major event drawing. Proceeds from this social event, over \$17,000, will be sent to the Realtors® Political Action Committee of the Florida and National Associations of Realtors®.

Many thanks to all who helped make 2004 such a tremendous success!



Alligator safety

The City of Sanibel Police Department issued the following letter regarding alligators to all licensed landscapers, tree service companies, service workers and contractors, attaching a brochure on alligator safety. Copies of the brochure can be obtained from the Sanibel Police Department and the information applies to all of us who share space on this sanctuary island with the native wildlife:

Over the past two and a half years, we have experienced three incidents on Sanibel Island involving aggressive alligators. One of these incidents resulted in the death of a Sanibel resident, and the other two incidents resulted in severe injury.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of the serious potential threat that the act of feeding alligators creates. Equally important, we are also seeking your assistance in reporting to the Sanibel Police Department any persons and locations you observe [concerning] the illegal offense of feeding alligators. Failing to report illegal feeding of alligators may contribute to an unsafe working environment for you and your employees.

The act of feeding alligators may appear to many to be a harmless interaction between humans and alligators. This activity will ultimately result in an alligator becoming desensitized and unafraid of humans, and even the perception that humans will give them food or will be looked upon as food. Feeding alligators is an extremely dangerous practice.

We are taking this matter very seriously. The Sanibel Police Department is on heightened alert to detect the violation of feeding alligators. The consequences for the violation is up to a \$500 fine, 60 days in jail and could ultimately result in the loss of your privilege to receive an occupational license from the City of Sanibel.

I recommend you train any new employee about alligator safety who subsequently joins your workforce.

If you have any questions regarding alligator enforcement or to report or provide information on violations, please contact the City of Sanibel Police Department at (239) 472-3111.

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SWFIA news

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Night-time runway closures

As planned in November 2003, night-time runway closures have resumed until construction work is complete in June. The runway will be closed 1 a.m. until 5:40 a.m. six nights a week as construction work to connect the airport's runway to the Midfield Terminal Complex's new taxiway progresses.

The closures are expected to have no impact on the traveling public unless late-evening flights are delayed beyond their scheduled arrival times. While this project is in progress, those meeting late-evening flights are encouraged to confirm arrival times with the airlines and ask how the airline is handling the flight if it has been delayed.

Federal Aviation Administration regulations prohibit construction work near an active runway, necessitating the nightly shutdowns. The shutdowns ensure the safety of the construction crews as well as the arriving flights. These closures have been coordinated with the airlines serving SWFIA.

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2005 San-Cap Nature Calendar

The 17th edition of The Sanibel-Captiva Nature Calendar is now available.

The 2005 Sanibel-Captiva Nature Calendar features a group of roseate spoonbills photographed in the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Inside are twelve more stunning photographs including an osprey, a pileated woodpecker with chicks in their nest cavity, a pair of bottlenosed dolphins, a white ibis and cattle egret in breeding plumage and an underwater shot of two colorful porkfish.

Publisher Jim Fowler notes that "this edition of the calendar features Sanibel's bird — the beautiful, ugly roseate spoonbill!" The front cover, July centerfold and the rear cover are all difference images of this unique water bird.

Photographs in this year's calendar are by Cliff Beittel, Charlie Heidecker, Bob Lindholm, Len Messineo, Clair Postmus, Charles Sleicher, Lorraine Sommer and Lillian Stokes, with photo narratives by islanders Betty Anholt, Charles LeBuff and Bev Postmus. Each month features a shell sketch by the late Sue Stephens and, during sea turtle nesting months, a turtle graphic.

Fowler says, "It is the only calendar that truly represents what Sanibel and Captiva are all about — nature!"

"Created from an idea that took seed during my island experiences since I first came to Sanibel in 1972, I have tried every year to put together a calendar that truly shows the natural beauty of the islands. It continues to be my goal each year to pub-

lish a calendar that not only is beautiful and useful, but also promotes wildlife conservation through interest, information and education."

Features include narratives by experienced nature writers accompanying each photo; printing (since May 1990) on recycled paper (and now on chlorine-free paper). The inside photos are not coated with an extra varnish, just the bare ink, which is part soy (the cover photos are coated with a water-based film).

Consumption and waste are reduced by using thinner paper and calendars are not shrink-wrapped with wasteful stiffeners and pre-boxed. Instead, the calendar is available, upon request, with a shipping envelope made from trash — the make-ready sheets from the printing press set-up were saved and used to create custom-fit mailing envelopes.

Each fall, a portion of the publisher's proceeds is donated to a regional conservation organization (to date, \$10,289.25 has been donated by the publisher to conservation organizations in Southwest Florida).

The calendar retails for \$12.95 and is sold throughout Southwest Florida in fine book stores and gift shops. To order by mail, send \$12.95 (plus \$2 S&H) to: Sanibel-Captiva Nature Calendar, P.O. Box 356, Sanibel, Florida 33957. There will be a custom Blind Pass Tide edition available this fall for \$15.95 (plus \$2 S&H). For information, call 800/254-4261.

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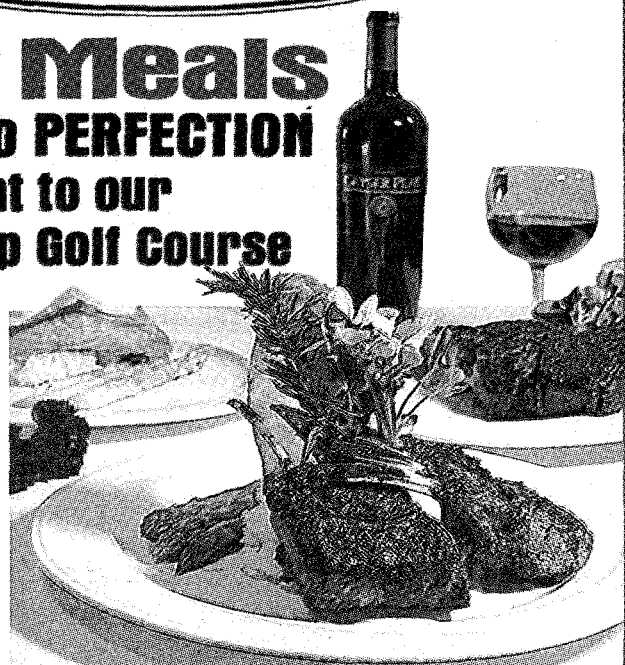


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With the increase in the number of people vacationing and moving to Southwest Florida comes an increase in the number of wildlife patients at the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) on Sanibel, including sea turtles.

Shortly after releasing their 110-pound loggerhead sea turtle ("Belle") in March 2004, CROW received another endangered sea turtle, a Green Sea Turtle just over five pounds. The juvenile green sea turtle had been seen floating around a Collier County marina, weak and unable to dive. The turtle came to CROW because of their reputation of successfully rehabilitating all species of native and migratory wildlife, including sea turtles. After approximately six weeks in rehab at CROW, the young turtle regained strength, diving and capturing its meals with ease. Staff veterinari-

an, P.J. Deitschel, determined it was time for release.

Before releasing the turtle, the staff slowly dropped the water temperature in the tank to match the temperature in the area where they planned the release. It is the policy of CROW to release patients where they were found, or as close as possible. On May 4, the green sea turtle patient was successfully released in the 10,000 islands area.



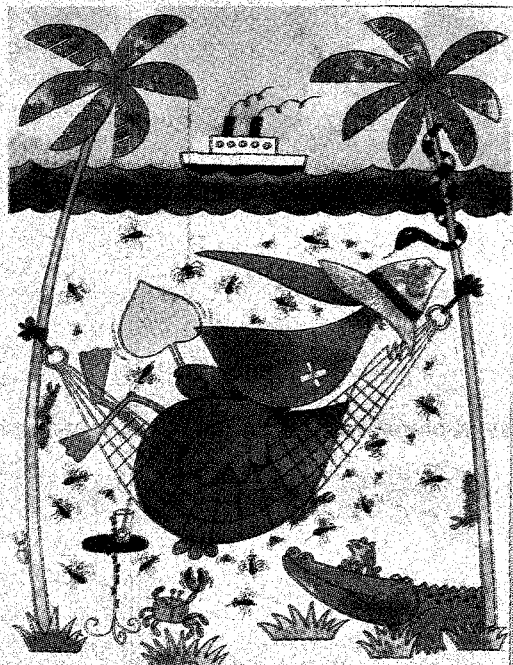
"The captain was very knowledgeable of the area, and we felt it was important to scout several loca-

**CROW release,
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Left: Student fellow, Jesse Waite and Captain Max preparing to place the turtle into the water; Above left: the turtle swimming away.



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Endangered greens in St. Joseph Bay

The waters of St. Joseph Bay, in the Florida panhandle, are a home to a previously unknown feeding ground for endangered green turtles, University of Florida researchers have discovered.

A large number of young turtles come to the bay to feed on sea grass and bulk up for the rigors of adult life, and the area's growing human population could pose a threat to the feeding ground, the researchers say.

"With more people using the bay for fishing and other recreational purposes, there's some cause for concern," said Erin McMichael, a graduate student in interdisciplinary ecology at UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. "We know that turtles can be injured by boat strikes and fishing lines, and increased use of the bay could damage the sea grass beds that provide a food source for the turtles."

McMichael and Ray Carthy, a researcher at the Florida Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit have spent the past three years studying the use of coastal habitats by green turtles along the coast of the Florida Panhandle, a study that included use of satellite transmitters to track the turtles' movements. The research unit is a cooperative effort jointly funded by UF, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the United States Geological Survey. The researchers presented their studies at the International Sea Turtle Symposium in Costa Rica earlier this year.

Once plentiful in tropical and subtropical oceans around the world, green turtles have been decimated by centuries of human activity. The docile reptiles, which can grow to weights of more than 200 pounds, were once widely hunt-

ed for their meat and leathery skin. They still face a number of environmental threats, including pollution, fishing-related injuries and development of beaches used as nesting grounds. Though green turtles are still found in the world's warmer climes — including the U.S. Atlantic and Pacific coasts and all of the Gulf of Mexico coast — the turtles are now considered threatened throughout much of their range, and are listed as endangered in Florida.

In their early years, green sea turtles ride ocean currents for hundreds of miles in seaweed mats, feeding on smaller animals and fish eggs. As they approach maturity, the turtles settle in shallow waters near coasts, where they feed on sea grass. Full-grown turtles spend their lives in various coastal feeding areas, returning to the beach to lay their eggs.

In early 2001, Carthy and McMichael planned to capture and tag green turtles in St. Joseph Bay to track their movements, look at their use of habitat and measure their growth upon recapture. While the researchers were awaiting permits to conduct the captures, nearly 400 green turtles, stunned by the cold, washed up on the shores of the bay. Small numbers of stunned turtles routinely turn up on Florida shores during cold spells, but this was one of the largest cold-stunning events ever recorded in the US.

Most of the stunned turtles were rehabilitated, tagged by state wildlife officials and released into the Gulf of Mexico, where the water is warmer. Carthy and McMichael have since recaptured 43 of the turtles in St. Joseph Bay. "We have been presented with an amazingly rare opportunity to examine the effects of cold-stunnings on green turtle growth and behavior," McMichael said.

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.

The researchers say the bay is a temporary home for turtle "teenagers" — juveniles between 5 and 15 years old that live in shallow coastal waters and feed off sea grasses while growing to maturity. One reason for the attraction, the researchers say, is the relatively undeveloped nature of St. Joseph Bay, which is just now beginning to see the kind of development boom that has lined much of Florida's coast with resorts and neighborhoods.

"There aren't many feeding grounds that are left undisturbed," Carthy said and the UF researchers' finding is a first for the relatively undeveloped northwest Florida coast.

"Nobody had any idea that the Panhandle had such a large assemblage of juvenile green turtles, but this study confirms that it does," Foley said.

CROW release, from page 14

tions, as the captain had seen a number of sea turtles in the area," said Jesse. "As we were beginning to release our patient, a very large green sea turtle, more than five times the size of ours, popped its head out of the water next to the boat, so we knew we had picked the right spot."

"This is what CROW is all about," said Ann Moran, president of CROW's board of directors. "We have people and organizations in this area dedicated to the vital work of preserving natural habitats, and at CROW we are working to help preserve the species that live within those habitats."

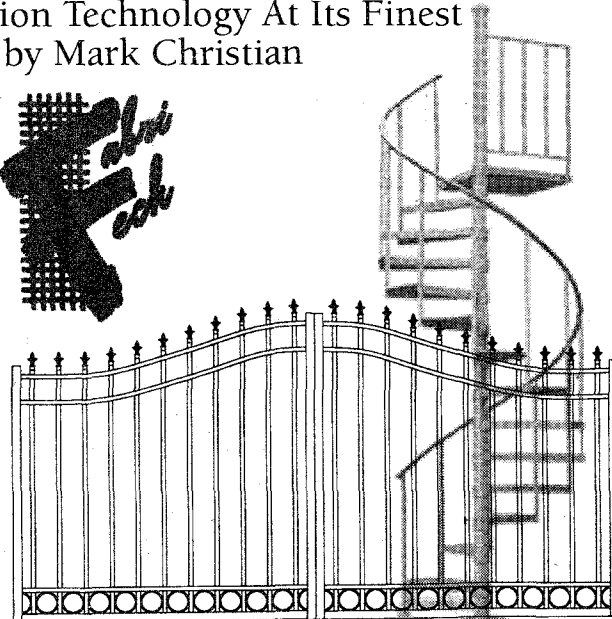
"It's always exciting to be part of a patient release," said volunteer Tony Contino, "knowing that our patients are back where they belong."

CROW relies exclusively on private donations to operate and the number of patients received by CROW continues to increase. Financial contributions are very important, noted Birgit Vertesch, director of development for CROW. Gifts can be mailed to CROW at PO Box 150; Sanibel, FL 33957. For more information about CROW, contact at 395-5358 or 472-3644.

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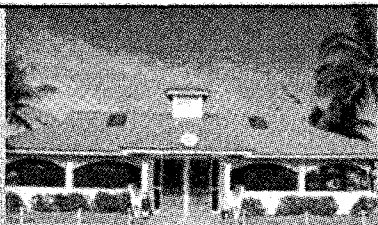
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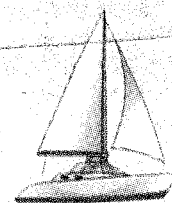
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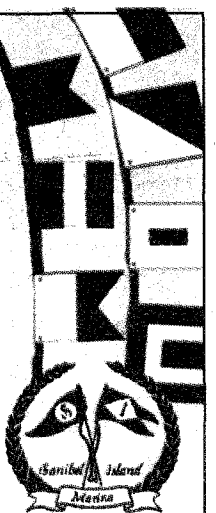
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Pat St. Cyr – Assemblage/Sculptor

by Nancy Santeusanio
Special to The Islander

Pat St. Cyr, owner of I Spy in The Village for eighteen years and Toys Ahoy in Periwinkle Place for fifteen — and with these same seasonal stores in Michigan — decided it was time for a change. “I have loved creating stores, the teaching of art and now it’s just right to spend time working in my studio. This is like an artist’s dream come true.” For a long while St. Cyr has been intrigued by an old art form called assemblage, which she explains is a “building up” rather than a “carving out” process.

Her dress has changed from businesslike attire to her studio look: a basic black museum shirt layered with a canvas

apron, accessorized with suede work gloves and accented with safety goggles and, sometimes, ear plugs. You have to remember that St. Cyr must use her favorite electric band saw, drill press and sander as her three basic mechanical tools.

Sometimes she needs a hand saw because she “plugs” a lot of her work rather than nailing it. “I use whatever works best and more than once I’ve been called the Queen of Glue.”

She has a drawing table with lighting and a top priority is lots of counter space. “I need lots of room because I always have more than one thing on which I am working. The glue might be

drying on a clamped piece. Sometimes, the work is waiting for the right piece of wood or one piece might be waiting for a little more inspiration.”

To provide resources to “build up” her very unusual creations — and continually spark her imagination — St. Cyr has her own personal lumber yard composed of drawers filled with loosely



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Above: St. Cyr in her studio; Clockwise from below: Trolley, Joe's Fish House, Up and Away.

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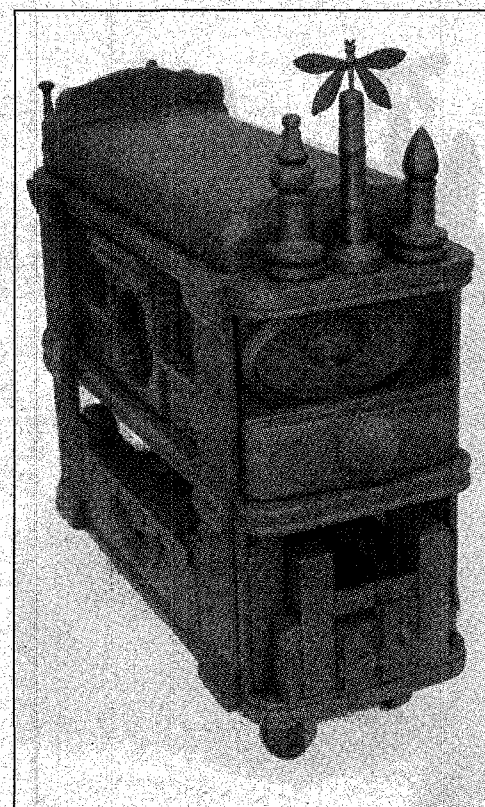
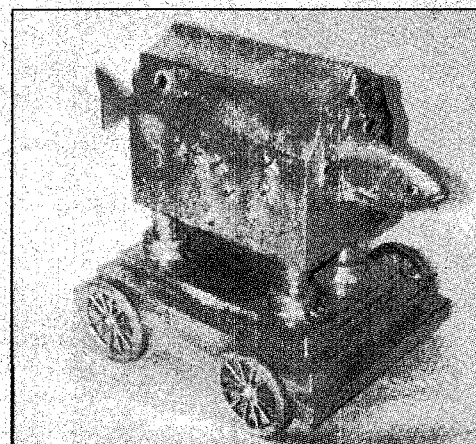
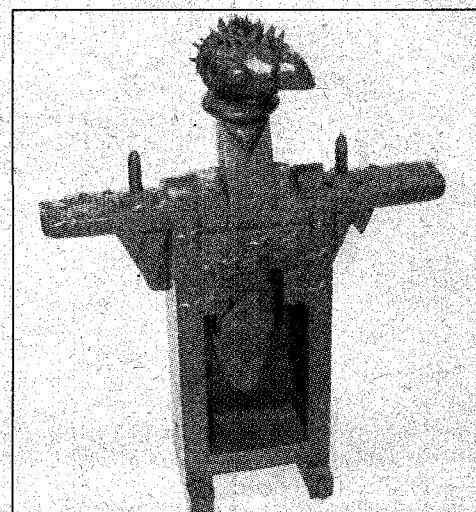
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Barrymore is a triumph

by Karen Nelson

Live theatre is a fragile creation, with actors as conjurors who work in complicity with the audience each night as they spin a newly created world from the electric connection between doer and viewer. It's a delicate balance, requiring skill and the willingness to risk from those on stage, and empathy and the willingness to believe from those in the audience. While a bad production cheats the audience, it is far more painful to see an excellent production soaring over empty seats — and Clement Valentine's production of Barrymore is an excellent production.

Now playing at the Periwinkle Playhouse, Barrymore casts the audience as the third player in what is, essentially, a one-man show. Clement Valentine stars as the legendary John Barrymore. The play takes place in a rundown theatre in 1942, about a month before his death, as Barrymore is running lines for a production of Richard III in a futile attempt to "try to get the old bastard on his feet again." An off-stage character named Frank (played by Michael McNally, who also directed Barrymore) serves as his prompter and foil, and by evening's end, Barrymore realizes that this comeback attempt has failed.

It's an evening of pure theatre as Valentine alternately harangues and accepts rebuke from Frank while keeping up a running flow of reminiscences and humorous asides to the audience. He seamlessly slips from present to past and back again, keeping the pace brisk, albeit with some slowdowns where appropriate. There is a well of sadness underlying the evening but the play ends on an upbeat note, and what could be a somber study of talent and dissolution is enlivened by Barrymore's sardonic wit.

The language of the play is wonderfully literate. Shakespearean monologues highlight key moments but, more importantly, Barrymore reveals himself to be an intelligent, well-read and incisively witty

man. From the start, the audience is engaged in a lively conversation as the actor surveys his life, his wives, his career, his triumphs and his lapses.

Dismissing his talent as being merely part of "the family business," he recounts, with a touch of wonder, how a young playwright saw his potential and guided his career. Barrymore is a man who can't believe in himself enough to accept the acclaim given his acting; he is a man who seemingly can't stop expressing his inner self-contempt by behaving badly. Referring to his legendary drinking and womanizing, Barrymore quips, "I've had one hell of a life for a man who's been dead for 15 years."

This self-indulgent actor reviewing the wreck he's made of his life redeems himself in our eyes because he doesn't flinch from honest self-evaluation. He quotes Louella Parsons bitterly but attacks himself at least as harshly. Self-deprecating humor serves as both scalpel and shield as he probes his wounded life with witty objectivity yet without healing.

Valentine is by turns spritely, with a charming twinkle in his eye; lofty and Shakespearean; or world-weary, his inner pain clearly evident. To those familiar only with his loose-limbed comedic work, Barrymore is a revelation. Valentine pre-

sents a suave man of two worlds — the gifted actor immersed in the sublime language of Shakespeare and Francis Thompson; the sloshed bad boy drunkenly singing silly ditties at 4 a.m. while watching a Florentine sunrise.

McNally has done an excellent job of staging and the momentum never flags. This play takes risks, walking a fine line between

comedy and tragedy, and McNally keeps the two poles perfectly balanced. Someone looking for a light evening at the theatre will be happy with the abundant humor; someone looking for a deeper play can dwell on the darker, deeper, sadder portrait of Barrymore that also emerges.

The production is very simple. There is one set: a stage in a dark theatre, with a costume rack, a mirror, a couple of chairs and Richard III's red-and-gold throne (plus a couple of discreetly hidden libations). Frank, the soul of supportive exasperation, is never seen as he prods, supports, listens and — briefly — quits. The lighting and sound, designed by Todd Sherman, are both understated and complement the production.

This is a production that should be seen, as Valentine and McNally bring vivid life to a wonderful play. On Friday, May 7, there were less than 20 in the audience yet Valentine never flagged. As befitting the great Barrymore, one would have believed that Valentine was playing before a full house.

Barrymore is playing at the SCA Periwinkle Playhouse at 2200 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Performances are Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m.; tickets are \$20. The Box office phone is 472-0324.



CENTER STAGE

New York, New York, it's a wonderful town... Balanchine birthday bash

The reason for my recent New York return was the celebration of Mr. Balanchine's 100th birthday and a gala gathering of the New York City Ballet's Alumni held on May 1st. It was quite the swell-e-gant, elegant affair. Since I hadn't seen my Company friends in 50 years, the event was fraught with both high hopes and fears. Would I recognize my friends? would they recognize me? how would I stack up compared to them? Well, I wasn't about to take any chances, so the first thing I did on arriving in The Big Apple was to make an appointment with my favorite makeup artist Kathy at the Makeup Center for a full glamour "do." Needless to say, at the end of one hour's worth of overhaul, I looked mighty good, false eyelashes and all. Ah, vanity, thy name is Marsha Reynolds (my stage name). My date (daughter Lisa — also glamorized) and I were ready to pour ourselves into our black slinky gowns, spike heels, and jewels. Gotta say we looked mahvelous, dahlings!



Marsha Wagner

The performance was being held at the State Theatre in Lincoln Center, the home of NYC Ballet. The joint was jumpin' with 200 alumni air kissing, waving and hugging each other. At first I didn't recognize anybody, until at last I spotted the very distinctive face of Melissa Hayden, who still looks like herself. I kept asking Lisa if so and so looked like Barbara or Kay or Anne or whoever... to each one of which Lisa immediately replied, "Gosh Mom, I don't know; I wasn't around." The dumb fact was nobody wore a nametag, a prerequisite in my estimation for such an event.

I eventually bumbled myself through a few... "Are you Barbara? Kay? Anne?" ...and made contact with all three of the Barbaras, Kay and Anne, each of whom looked a lot different from when I knew them as teenagers. Funny, but the guys in the Company didn't age well at all... they are still skinny but without lots of hair, their noses and ears appear larger, and they now strongly resemble gnomes —

though my one pal, Jacques d'Amboise, is still very discernible, in spite of sporting a mop of gray hair. He still has the same twinkle in his eyes and bubbly effervescent personality.

It was great fun catching up on the lives we lead after NYCB and what we are doing now. Most of us are still working; most of us teaching dance at colleges, ballet companies, or studios of our own. Most of my friends married and had children; some, like me, brought their grown children to the gala. It was in these younger faces that I viewed the people I so well remembered from years past. The girlfriends I had in the past would still be my friends today; that much hadn't changed. The fun girls are still fun;

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the standoffish ones are still the same.

What intrigued me was how I remembered the one "older" girl who, as a teen, I admired and wanted to emulate in dance, dress, makeup, and hairdo. She is now a senior living in London and as beautiful and elegant as ever. Her name is Pat McBride, and I had the courage to go up to her and tell her how much I had admired her in her youth, then tell her how beautiful she is, even now. When I grow up I still want to look like Pat McBride.

And how did I make out? Well Lisa and I knocked 'em dead, if I may say so myself — makeup and basic black always works.

The performance was yet another matter. Why they presented an evening of Balanchine ballets to all German composers was, to say the least, bizarre. Balanchine was best known for his ballets to Stravinsky and Tchaikovsky's music. The opening piece was Kammermusik No.2 by Paul Hindemith, followed by Liebeslieder Walzer, music by Johannes Brahms, and for the finale the Brahms-Schoenberg Quartet.

All I can say it was a very long evening of very esoteric, technically well danced, but sterile ballets. But it did serve to remind me why I had left NYCB in the first place. At age 19 I determined that this was not the right company for me. I needed to have more joy and razzle-dazzle in my dancing career and, for me, Broadway was the answer.

All in all, it was a very revealing and very enjoyable evening of memories, and I'm glad I attended. Do I have to do it

again? ...hmmm, not sure. The rest of the trip was filled with the usual New York must-dos and must-sees, including a ticket to see Hugh Jackman starring in The Boy From Oz before his contract is up. Keep reading — that review is next.

Boy from Oz a huge hit!

High on my big to-do list the few days I was in New York was to make sure and see Hugh Jackman in The Boy From Oz, before he left the production in June when his contract is up. So off I zoomed to my favorite TKTS booth to purchase a fab Box seat at the price rate of \$51... Ouch! Got to tell you, bottom line, it was worth every penny. Hugh Jackman is quite simply fantastic. This handsome dude is a huge Broadway star, he's a major matinee idol with high voltage charm, who can sing, dance and shake his maracas like nobody I've seen in a long time.

Boy From Oz is a musical based on the life and music of Peter Allen, an Australian performer discovered by Judy Garland who signed him as her opening act. Soon after arriving in the States he met and married Judy's daughter Liza Minnelli. The marriage was short-lived and ended in divorce when Liza found out about Allen's gay life style. Shortly after the divorce Allen catapulted to fame by becoming the Jet Set's Disco Darling after headlining the Copacabana Night Club in NYC, then topping that success by selling out the 6,000 seats at Radio City Music hall for two solid weeks. His short but flashy life ended when, at age 48, Allen died of AIDS.

The show started from Allen's humble

beginnings, with a pint-sized fireball of energy named Michael David Federan playing the young Peter Allen at the top of his career, in Tenterfield, Australia. Judy Garland (vividly and hilariously brought to life by Isabel Keating) meets Allen at the Hong Kong Hilton, singing a Chinese version of "Waltzing Matilda" and asks him to be the opening act for her one woman show. Judy's daughter Liza (engagingly played to the hilt by Stephanie Block) meets and falls in love with Allen. As her career takes off his falters. Allen's description of his married life in the Garland/Minnelli household got a huge laugh, "...Imagine the Waltons in sequins." Act 2 opens after the divorce. Allen has come out of the closet, donned a sequined Hawaiian shirt and become the undisputedly gay disco darling. This is the point where this show really takes off and becomes a flash, dash, high camp and kitsch Broadway razzle-dazzler that some of us know and love.

I can only vote my assent right along with the other critic's accolades in praising the awesome performance delivered by Jackman. Here are some of those quotes:

"One of the greatest musical stage performances you have ever seen or ever will see" —WOR Radio

"Hugh Jackman is the real McCoy: A Huge Broadway Star" —Clive Barnes NY Post

"Hugh Jackman is electric" —NY Times

The Boy From Oz is great Broadway entertainment! Hugh Jackman is a huge talent! You sense his magic as soon as the lights come up on him at the piano. Immediately the house is his." —NY Daily News.

All I can add to that is that Jackman has a huge voice that can cut glass with its brilliance. His six-foot-something frame is solidly packed with talent, with enough energy to lift the roof off of the Imperial theater when the audience applauded the final curtain call. The slam-bang finale of "I Go To Rio" all by itself is well worth the price of admission.

So, if you find yourself anywhere near New York City before the first of June, zip on over to TKTS and get your ticket to see Jackman before he leaves. I cannot imagine the show without him.

When you go, give my regards to Broadway, and tell 'em Marsha sent you.

Orpheus Players Art of Survival

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Dick Piston, Hotel Detective is back

It was a steamy, hot and rainy Florida afternoon when HE appeared at the Theatre Conspiracy office. He stood there, reeking of Lucky Strikes and stale coffee. Obviously this man had faced his share of dames and demons. It was Dick Piston, Hotel Detective, back to start the summer off with a bang and conclude our 10th Anniversary season.

Back by popular demand, Theatre Conspiracy is presenting an encore presentation of its hilarious comedy, The Adventures of Dick Piston, Hotel Detective: Prague-nosis at the Foulds Theatre, May 20 - June 5.

Some very valuable family jewels have come up missing and it just so happens that a glamorous Czech movie star, an international jewel thief, a clairvoyant lounge performer and a man with no pants are all stirring up trouble at the Lakeview Hotel. It is one man's job to get to the bottom of their hijinks and recover the family jewels — and that man is Piston, Dick Piston. This gumshoe is a surly sleuth who will work tirelessly to be sure that good prevails and bad "Czechs" out in a hurry.

This show harkens back to the classic black-and-white detective stories of the big screen, and comic metaphor and innuendo abound. There is also stereotypical internal monologue and moody music to further induce fits of laughter.

This hilarious take off on film noir detective tales features a who's who of Theatre Conspiracy favorites. Artistic Director Bill Taylor (Barrymore, Murderer) hits the stage as the prickly yet persistent Piston. Lisa Marie (House of Blue Leaves, Sylvia), Clement Valentine

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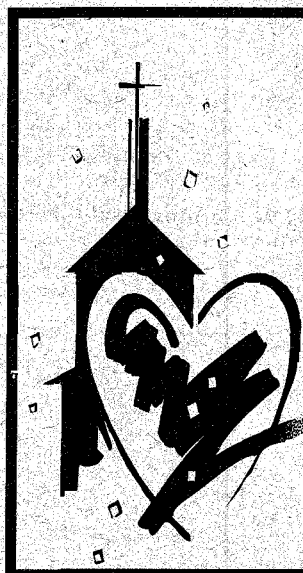
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Poetryfest

By Michael Hannan
Staff Writer

In celebration of National Poetry Recognition Month, island poets and others from around the state came together at BIG ARTS' Philips Gallery to read their work at Poetryfest 2004. Sanibel poets included Don Brown, Claudia Burns, Belle Deutscher, Debora Dearborn, William Highsmith Tanya Hochschild, Marilyn Koren, Barbara Finkelstein, Joe Pacheco — who also served as host — and Sid Simon. The regional poets included Jim Brock, Jill Drumm, and Jesse Millner.

The program was divided into four parts: first was the reading of persona poems in which the poet assumes the role of another character, real or mythical, living or dead. The personae included Midas, who wanted everything; a doll who "is not a doll" but longs for GI Joe who wouldn't complain about her aging as her non-reflective, coach-potato husband Ken does; Eve, who reminds humanity that while Adam blamed her for the lost of paradise, he, too, was responsible; Icarus and his fall from the sun (testosterone and wax will only get you so far); a Spartan warrior's last letter to his mother before falling in battle; Leda, and Zeus' betrayal of her, and the resulting issue, Helen, who launched a thousand ships; the Godfather with double entendre references to a Mafia Don and God the Father, and Gabe who assumes the role as listener, but then turns out to be the Angel Gabriel; and finally Joan of Ark who has become a suburban housewife. Curious, all.

The next section focused on ars poetica, a reference to both Aristotle's and Horace's theories of the art of poetry. Devices ranged from sound devices, such as rhyme, assonance, consonance and onomatopoeia, where words convey their very sound; to a parody of Hamlet's "to be or not to be" soliloquy; to understatement and "things left unsaid;" to images, both visual and tactile; to mythology and Jungian archetypes that used the European cave paintings as inspiration; to demi-urge, a reference to a Robert Frost poem about a spirit deeply rooted in the earth; to an amalgam of M's: metaphor, the Muse, memory, music, meaning, and magic; to story telling.

Dr. Jim Brock of FGCU began section three with a poetic rendering of a Matthew Barney movie that used the trappings of a football game: cheerleaders and blimps and media people and Miss Goodyear, but curiously, grapes seemed to become the central metaphor rather than the contest.

Jill Drumm, an FGCU graduate who is now working on a Master's of Fine Arts in Miami read a poem about her travels between the two coasts from school to home, and a mirrored trip by a classmate,

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(Vampire Lesbians of Sodom, The Turn of The Screw), Jim Yarnes (The Play about the Baby, Sylvia) and Leanne Braman (Death Defying Acts) are all hilarious as the strange and mysterious inhabitants of the Lakeview Hotel.

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who reverses her journey when he comes to visit. The poem was rich in South Florida images. She read two other poems, one having to do with an absent mother and another that used the birth metaphor to describe artistic creativity.

Jesse Millner, also from FGCU, read a long, albeit unfinished, poem about a conversation with a security alarm-system repair guy that involved poetry and evoked images of Mississippi, its pine forests, the river, and small town diners, all of which offer chocolate pies.

One FGCU student wrote about "mom's irrational anger," which centered on kitchen accidents and her mother's emotional response to them. Another student wrote a sestina, a verse form first used by the Provençal troubadours, consisting of six six-line stanzas and a three-line envoy. The end words of the first stanza are repeated in varied order as end words in the other stanzas and also recur in the envoy. This poet lightened the rigidity of the form by having for its subject key lime pie. Still another FGCU student wrote a sestina on a fancy: packaging himself as mail, so that he could travel around the world.

Barbara Finkelstein wrapped up Poetryfest 2004, reading The Darkroom: a poem about the loss of a photographer friend. It was written as a ghazal (a Persian poetic form of long line couplets loosely connected to each other, very popular nowadays among American poets).

While Finkelstein may have wrapped up the Fest, Joe Pacheco rapped it up:

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Don't think it a crime
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Remember this day
And how we all dug
What poets had to say

So before the reception
Let every poet stand
As we thank them all
With a great big hand.

Pacheco added, this time in prose: "What made this year's celebration so special was the participation of FGCU faculty and their student poets. They not only considerably lowered the average age of the participants but proved that the torch of poetry is 'burning bright' among the two generations behind us."

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Drew Sterwald of the Fort Myers News-Press said of the 2001 production, "One of those rare shows I would enthusiastically go back and see again."

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organized shapes. One drawer might have strips of wood; another, angles; another, circular shapes; and then the inevitable drawers of odd pieces. "Actually I'm indebted to many of my friends for their scraps of wood, bits of picture frames and bags of invaluable stuff which they label 'junk' but become my palette and treasure. People often say, 'I can't bear to throw this away. I'll give it to Pat who never says NO.'"

When she created her assemblage, "Casey an Irish Wolfhound," St. Cyr couldn't find the right pieces to represent his distinctive shaggy coat but that didn't stop her. She went over to Beachview Golf & Tennis Club, her nearest source, and kept buying bags and bags of natural golf tees, cutting off the top and drilling them into the dog to make all the "shag." The Beachview staff never guessed but kept wondering what St. Cyr was doing with those bags and bags of natural golf tees.

In her assemblage called "Joe's Fish House," which she dedicated to her husband, the architect and fisherman, St. Cyr is indebted to a friend for this assemblage ever being finalized. This time it was the iron wheels on which the assemblage sits and rolls with which she brought it to completion. Every piece counts and St. Cyr is delighted to find a perfect fit for each of the assemblages she creates.

St. Cyr considers Mobile Eglise (or Mobil Church) to be her first important assemblage/sculpture. Here she had to think about dimensionality and this was her first time relating this process to wood. "I wanted to see it from every angle because I needed to relate one side to another."

When she is creating, St. Cyr never thinks about how much time she spends working on each piece. "The most important thing is that I get new ideas and, on most pieces, I try to include a mirror. I like the idea of the viewer looking and becoming a part of the piece."

"Ideas come in different ways," she explains. "When I create my assemblages, I usually have an idea of what I want to do. On a rare occasion, a piece of

wood will suggest an idea but most often I have the idea already." The idea for her assemblage "Up and Away" is an outgrowth of the numeral four. "To this day, that has been my son's favorite number and many important events in his life revolve around four."

St. Cyr mentions that, apart from her assemblages, she is creating a series of reliquaries, which are best described as small boxes or receptacles for relics of inestimable value, honoring different personalities. Right now, she has an ongoing series of ten which, in a different venue, can be compared to the preservation of valuable memorabilia in a hall of fame.

"I have always been working on something creative. In the second grade, I made a studio under the basement stairs of my parent's home in Michigan. Art supplies were always the first thing on my gift list. I never thought I would do anything else."

When St. Cyr was twelve, she won a contest with a major department store in Detroit. The prize was a series of art lessons, which she was invited to attend along with the other winners. She remembers taking a bus down to the big city by herself and riding in an elevator to the twelfth floor of this huge department store. There, amidst all of the props and window construction, the classes were held. This is where all the props were built and the students were taught to draw and set up with the professionals.

Over and over again St. Cyr reiterates, "I'm doing exactly what I want to do and now I can take the time to build my assemblages." Among her assemblage/sculptures displayed exclusively at the Ikki Matsumoto Gallery in The Village is Casey was a Good Dog, Joe's Fish House, Trolley - a 3-dimensional assemblage, Black Knight, Lady Bird, Up and Away and Mobile Eglise.

When St. Cyr moved to Sanibel in 1981 to pursue a career in retailing, her penchant for the creative arts kept increasing and part of her life plan was to retire in September 2003 and resume full-time studio work." In her words ... "I'm loving it!" and her clients keep on saying, "We love your work!"

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Special Edition: Kid's Environmental Literature

by Nola Theiss

So here you are, a parent or grandparent of young children who live or visit this fantastic place and you want to make them aware of the pleasures and responsibilities of living with nature. This month, I am reviewing four books and guarantee that at least one of them will be a hit with a kid and will not bore you, either. One is by a local author, Dr. Robin Brown, an expert in Calusa crafts, another is about the entire Gulf Coast, including this area, and two have the goal of teaching more generally about environmental issues, using parrots and orangutans as their main instructors.



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The Crafts of Florida's First People by Dr. Robin Brown, published by Pineapple Press, might already sound familiar to you. If you ever had an earache while he was practicing in Fort Myers, or if you read his very well-researched and written book, *Florida's First People*, or taken the recent Renaissance Academy course on the Calusas, you may know his name.

He has been fascinated with the Calusas for a long time and has taught himself how to reproduce their crafts by studying the artifacts that archeologists have discovered around here. He asked himself the question, "How did they do it?" and figured out the answers.



The book is written for children ten and up and requires adult supervision to do most of the crafts. This is the good news because what he describes sounds like fun. He tells

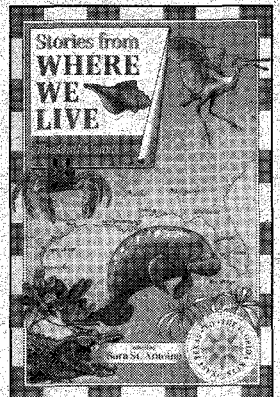
the reader how to do the crafts as authentically as possible, but also gives options for modern substitutes: Can't find pine tree resin for glue? Use Elmer's instead. When making cord out of sabal palm leaf fibers, he suggests using your toe to loop the cord around, but this may lead to toe cramps.

Instead, you can hold the cord in your mouth, but this leads to drooling so he suggests using a stick and holding it down with your foot. Now that is practical advice any kid would love! There's lots of Calusa history and much respect for their ingenuity and understanding of the local ecosystem, and his writing style is great. As a former writer of craft instruction books, I can tell you it is not easy to write instructions for any craft, much less ones which require multiple skills. He does a great job technically and is readable, too, and he includes a list of references for further reading.

Stories from Where We Live: The Gulf Coast, edited by Sara St. Antoine, published by Milkweed Editions, is part of a series which will eventually cover all of North America. The area covered by this one starts in East Texas and goes around to The Keys. It has stories, poems and essays, some by well-known authors, like Marjory Stoneman Douglas, Zora Neale Hurston and John James Audubon and other less known authors. All entries are listed by area. There are two from our area although they are not the strongest pieces in the collection.

The works are categorized as "Adventures," "Great Places," "Reapers and Sowers" and "Wild Lives."

Like any good anthology, there is a real range of material. One of the best parts is the Appendix: Ecology of the Gulf Coast which answers questions like "What is an ecoregion?" and describes habitats and animals and plants. You, as the adult, should memorize this section so you sound really smart to the kids. It also lists national parks and preserves by region and has a list of recommended reading. This book is identified as appropriate for readers nine and up and most adults will find that they happily fit in that category as well.



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| A Flight | Score |
|---|-------|
| 1st Place John Ford, Don Weymouth, Bill Arthur | 50 |
| 2nd Place Dick Jones, John Hendricks Earl Sawin, Bob Louwers | 51 |
| 3rd Place Hank Humphrey, Andy Wood, Bill Hotchkiss, Rich Meyer | 53 |
| B Flight | Score |
| 1st Place Bob Rohl, Bill Keefer, Phil Pilibosian, Hal Tray | 50 |
| 2nd Place Tony Burke, Bruce McLaughlin, Clem Werner, Erhart Becker | 51 |
| 3rd Place Jim Bradford, Fred Brodersen, Stan Hirschfeld, Ev Bowie | 53 |

Season ends for DWGA

The season ended on the same high note on which it had begun. Marcia Cohen, outgoing President bade farewell to a wonderful season at the group's closing luncheon before handing over the gavel to the incoming President, Jana Stone.

Tournament Chairman, Bonnie Byrne reported on the year's successes and especially mentioned two outside tournaments in which the membership participated. Two of the five teams from the Dunes in the Patty Berg Tournament were winners. They are Judy Wellons, Debbie Fairbanks, Joannie Secrest, June Muench, Joan Eschert, Judy Leeder, Sally Knaub and Barb Bornhorst.

Winners in The Southwest Ladies Amateur were Betsy Cox and Becky Ciriello.

The success of the team who played in the Lee Island Coast Interclub was reflected in the beautiful low net trophy displayed on the table, the smile on Bryne's face and the camaraderie of the team - Captain Donna Griesbaum, Debbie Fairbanks, Pam Brodersen, June Muench, Jodi Cochran, Greta Christensen, Becky Ciriello, Karen Hendricks, Bonnie Byrne, Joannie Secrest and Nancy Greenberg.

Have a wonderful summer. See you next season.

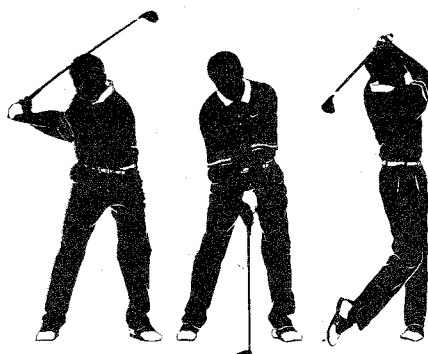
Dunes Men Golf Association

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Carded Off for Place - 47 Players

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| | Score |
|---|-------|
| 1st Flight | |
| 1st Place Jim Bradford, Dick Hopkins | 61 |
| 2nd Place Gib Warren, Dick Jones | 61 |
| 3rd Place Dewey Tate, Wilf Mannion | 62 |
| 2nd Flight | |
| 1st Place Bob Davison, Doug Tudhope | 60 |
| 2nd Place Roy Brodersen, Dick McNeill | 60 |
| 3rd Place Jim Laramie, Don Weymouth | 62 |
| 3rd Flight | |
| 1st Place Jack Trautwein, Dick Smith | 57 |
| 2nd Place Fred Gobel, Stan Hirschfeld | 59 |
| 3rd Place Greg Jennings, Andy Wood (B.D.) | 63 |
| 4th Flight | |
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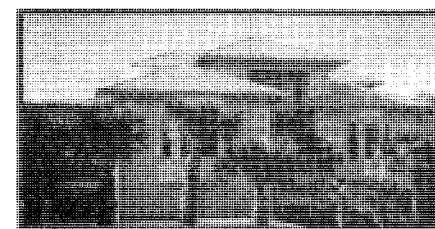
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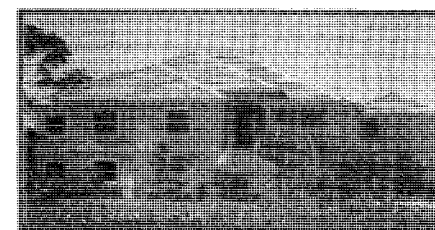
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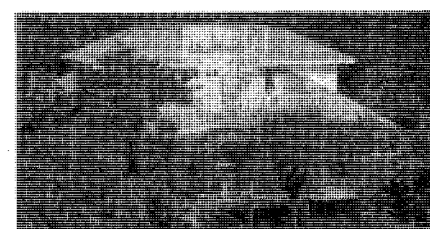
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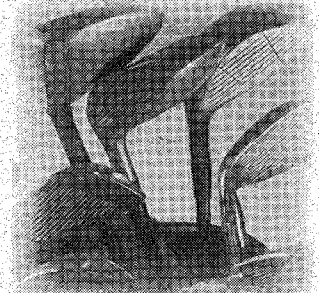
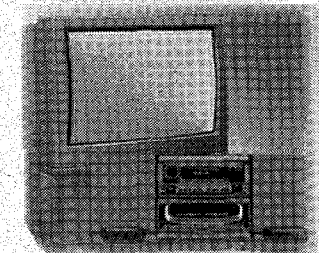
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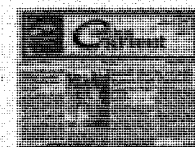
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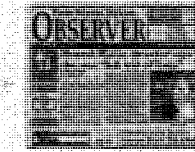
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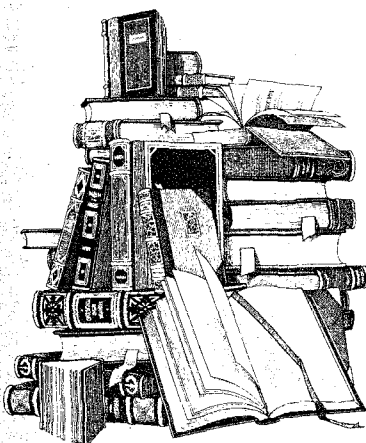
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Sanibel students' artwork at BIG ARTS

BUGWORKS

"BUGWORKS represents the artwork of each of the over 300 students who take art at The Sanibel School," relates their teacher, Suzanne Skinner. "The children were so excited and showed a great deal of pride in the results of their work when they returned to school after seeing their pieces displayed in Phillips Gallery at BIG ARTS.

"I am so pleased that the children could participate in an exhibit in such a beautiful gallery, right here on Sanibel... Usually only a few pieces are hanging in school hallways or on bulletin boards or on refrigerators at home and there are not a lot of viewers. This type of exhibit is an example

to the students that by doing their schoolwork in a disciplined, creative and academic manner they can reach goals that increase affirmation, confidence, self-esteem and knowledge." There are colorful sculptured bugs, clay sculptures by second graders and clever drawings of "palmetto bugs doing people things."

"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up."

AfterSchool Studio

The BIGARTS AfterSchool Studio program lead by instructor, Mary Ann Czarnecki, was a new offering at BIG ARTS this year, providing an alternative to traditional after-school recreation and daycare. Students arrive at BIGARTS directly from school. In art classes the children

have been working in a number of mediums including papier mache, clay, and pastels as well as the more traditional, drawing and painting. Their lessons include not only hands on projects, but also art history and biographies of artists as well. Ms. Czarnecki notes, "These students have worked very diligently in the studio and have made solid improvements in their abilities in their art... The arts help to make learning multi-dimensional and can greatly improve an individual's ability to discover creative new solutions academically as well as artistically."

The combined exhibits will continue through May 21 and can be seen weekdays from 1 to 4 p.m in the Phillips Gallery at BIG ARTS. For more information on this exhibit or the many other artistic opportunities and experiences available at BIG ARTS, please call 395-0900.



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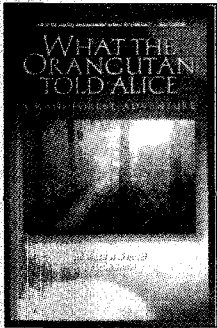
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Chapter, from page 20

The next two books were written by Dale Smith, and each uses the author's daughter Alice, as the main character. *What the Parrot Told Alice* and *What the Orangutan Told Alice* are published by Deer Creek Publishing. The first is illustrated by John Bardwell in a style reminiscent of old-fashioned children's books, and the second book uses photographs.



In both novels, Alice is given the power to communicate with animals and thus is able to understand the conditions which affect them. She also learns about biodiversity and threats to the environment. You will know more about how parrots are captured and brought to this country than you probably want to know, especially if you own a parrot as I do. You will become very aware of the threats to orangutan habitat in the second.

What I really like about these books is the author's understanding and knowledge of the environmental issues, but especially his understanding and knowledge of how his

daughter is thinking and being affected by her own environment and stage of development as reflected by her age. The first book is written in a simpler style suitable to the younger age of Alice (nine) and suggested readers. The second book is set in Borneo and the story is more complex, suitable for Alice's advanced age of 14. In both books, the message is the same: humans must become more aware and more responsible for the earth and all the creatures in it. The glossaries at the end of each book define terms which may not be familiar to the young reader. The combination of fantasy and facts will appeal to young readers and may interest their parents as well.

When our girls were young, we used to present each of them with an "End of the Year" book when school let out for the summer with a summary of their accomplishments and major events of the year written on the inside covers. These books would be good candidates for such a gift from their parents or grandparents who have already given them the gift of living on or visiting Sanibel.

Letters home: Live fire training

May 5, 2004

Hey, you guys!

Today we threw grenades. I was really scared, but I got expert on them. When they go off, they're really loud, and the ground and air shake.

Tomorrow we're doing the saw (M249) and the MK19. Monday we're going to FTX (the field) and it's going to suck. We can't shower for four days and we have to march nine miles out with 40 lb. packs and six miles back.

Oh, I also forgot to tell you, when you send stuff make sure it's no bigger than a small shoe box cause we'll get in trouble. We only have 1-1/2 weeks left until we're real soldiers and then we have eight weeks of police school. I hope time will go by faster after we're done with basic

combat training. We will get our Class A uniforms in about two weeks, also.

Anyways, I have to go for now. I hope to hear from you soon.

Love always,
Ashley

Ashley would love to get mail from home. Her address is:

PV2 Ashley Lundgren
A Company
795th MP, BN 2nd PLT
Unit 15
Fort Leonardwood, MO 65473

Islander Ashley Camomilli left for U.S. Army Boot Camp in Fort Leonardwood, Missouri on March 17. After completing Boot Camp in July, Ashley and her husband, Darian Lundgren, will reside on base in Texas.



Below: Live Fire — a tube launched, optically tracked, wire-guided (TOW) missile hurtles out of its launcher mounted on a Humvee.



WEEKEND FORECAST FOR MAY 15th & 16th

| SATURDAY | | SUNDAY | |
|---|------|---|------|
| A.M. | P.M. | A.M. | P.M. |
| | | | |
| Partly sunny today with scattered showers during the evening. | | Sunshine and clouds mixed today with a few showers developing later on. | |

WEEKEND TIDES

| City | Sat. High | Sat. Low | Sun. High | Sun. Low |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Cape Coral Bridge | 2:50 a.m. 5:36 p.m. | 11:26 a.m. 10:17 p.m. | 3:22 a.m. 6:42 p.m. | 12:13 p.m. 10:41 p.m. |
| Captiva at Redfish Pass | 12:40 a.m. 3:26 p.m. | 8:10 a.m. 7:01 p.m. | 1:12 a.m. 4:32 p.m. | 8:57 a.m. 7:25 p.m. |
| Fort Myers | 3:43 a.m. 6:29 p.m. | 12:08 p.m. 10:59 p.m. | 4:15 a.m. 7:35 p.m. | 12:55 p.m. 11:23 p.m. |
| Matlacha Pass | 2:18 a.m. 5:04 p.m. | 10:52 a.m. 9:43 p.m. | 2:50 a.m. 6:10 p.m. | 11:39 a.m. 10:07 p.m. |
| Pineland | 1:16 a.m. 4:02 p.m. | 9:50 a.m. 8:41 p.m. | 1:48 a.m. 11:19 a.m. | 5:56 a.m. 6:25 p.m. |
| Point Ybel | 9:49 a.m. 11:09 p.m. | 4:28 a.m. 5:17 p.m. | 9:48 a.m. 10:20 p.m. | 4:18 a.m. 4:47 p.m. |
| Punta Rassa | 10:38 a.m. 11:58 p.m. | 4:21 a.m. 5:10 p.m. | 10:37 a.m. 11:09 p.m. | 4:11 a.m. 4:40 p.m. |
| St. James City | 12:15 a.m. 11:09 a.m. | 4:56 a.m. 5:45 p.m. | 12:29 a.m. 11:08 a.m. | 4:46 a.m. 5:15 p.m. |

PORT CHARLOTTE
87/66 Sat
86/65 Sun

PUNTA GORDA
88/66 Sat
87/66 Sun

BOCA GRANDE
83/72 Sat
84/71 Sun

PINE ISLAND
87/68 Sat
87/68 Sun

CAPTIVA ISLAND
84/72 Sat
84/71 Sun

SANIBEL ISLAND
83/72 Sat
83/71 Sun

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

CAPE CORAL
88/66 Sat
87/66 Sun

FORT MYERS
90/67 Sat
88/67 Sun

BONITA SPRINGS
91/68 Sat
89/68 Sun

FORT MYERS BEACH
84/70 Sat
85/70 Sun

MARCO ISLAND
86/72 Sat
86/72 Sun

LEE COUNTY

LEHIGH ACRES
90/65 Sat
89/65 Sun

ESTERO/SAN CARLOS
90/68 Sat
89/68 Sun

Gulf of Mexico

BOATING FORECAST

Wind: East 10 mph
Seas: NA
Bay & Inland: NA

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STATE FORECAST-SATURDAY

| CITY | LOW/HIGH |
|-----------------|----------|
| CAPE CORAL | 66/88 |
| DAYTONA BEACH | 62/84 |
| FT. LAUDERDALE | 70/83 |
| FT. MYERS BEACH | 70/84 |
| GAINESVILLE | 62/85 |
| JACKSONVILLE | 65/86 |
| KEY WEST | 75/86 |
| KISSIMEE | 63/88 |
| MIAMI | 70/83 |
| ORLANDO | 63/88 |
| PANAMA CITY | 64/85 |
| PENSACOLA | 62/85 |
| SARASOTA | 64/85 |
| ST. PETERSBURG | 86/67 |
| TALLAHASSEE | 63/90 |
| TAMPA | 67/87 |
| VERO BEACH | 83/65 |
| WEST PALM BEACH | 70/83 |

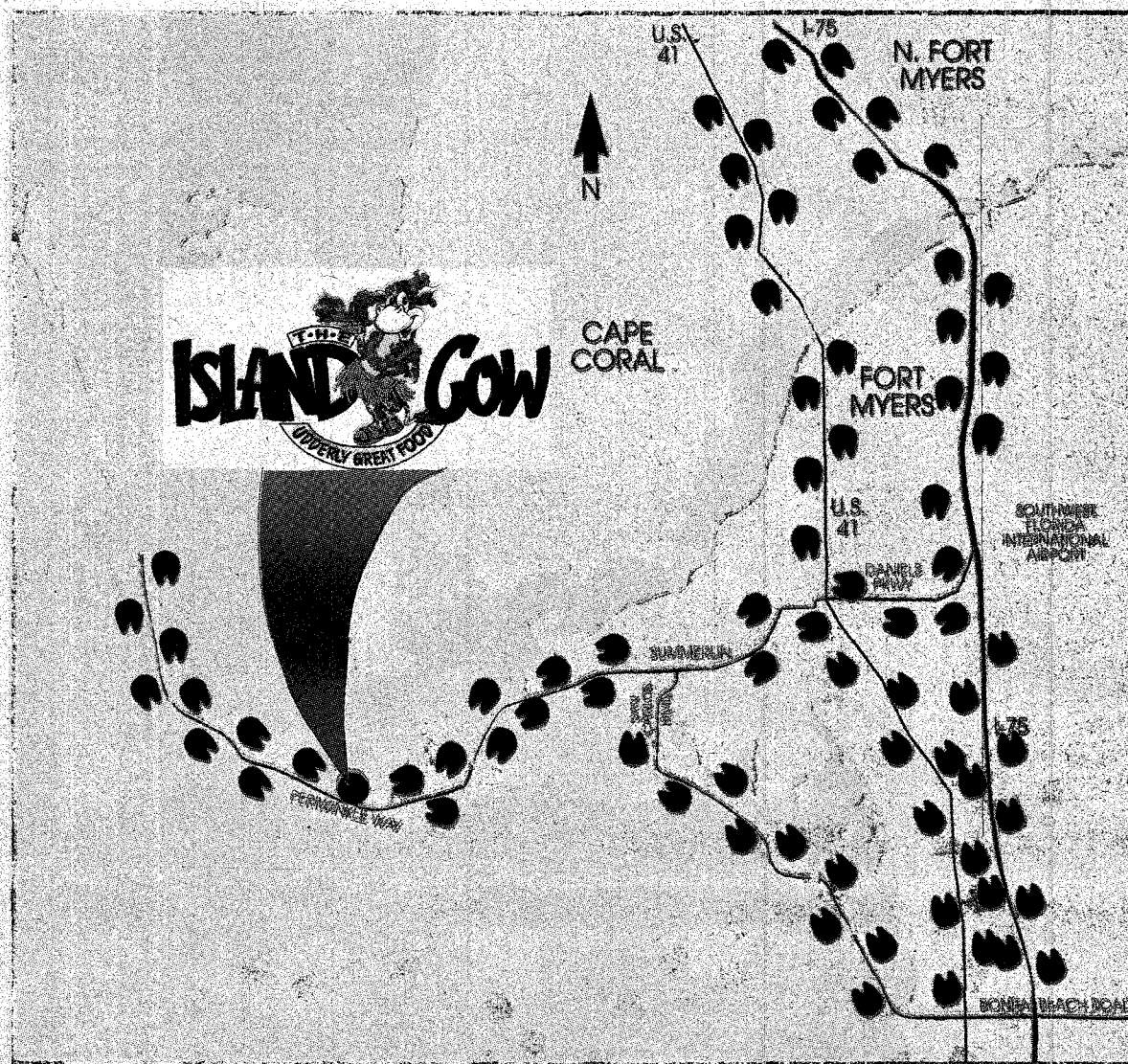


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SATURDAY
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