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The early morning sun gilds the Australian pines as someone heads down the boardwalk to the beach.

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## In Flanders field...

The poppies may not have been growing when my family and I visited the Flanders region of Belgium in November, but the sights were breathtaking nonetheless.

After passing through the Menin Gate that serves as a British War Memorial, and entrance to the town of Ypres, we began our tour of the battle fields of Flanders. The Menin Gate honors the nearly 55,000 British soldiers who were killed at the Ypres Salient during the first World War.

Among other flowers, wreaths of pop-

pies line the gate. Patches of graves mark much of Ypres' surrounding lands, including a small American cemetery. The much larger Tyne Cot cemetery serves as the largest British War Cemetery in the world, with nearly 12,000 graves.

The tour then took us to the medical barracks, where Major John McCrae, a Canadian doctor, attended to wounded soldiers, and wrote the famous poem after witnessing the death of a close friend. Poppies, which lie dormant underground for many years, were

flourishing in the battle-torn grounds and newly dug graves at the time.

The poem was eventually published in *Punch Magazine*, and shortly after inspired American Moina Michael to wear poppies to honor the war dead. She conceived of the notion to wear red poppies on Memorial Day to honor the dead and eventually started selling the poppies to raise funds for disabled veterans. The trend spread to France and Great Britain and the poppy was adopted as the flower of remembrance for the war dead of the United States, France, Canada, Great Britain and other Commonwealth countries.

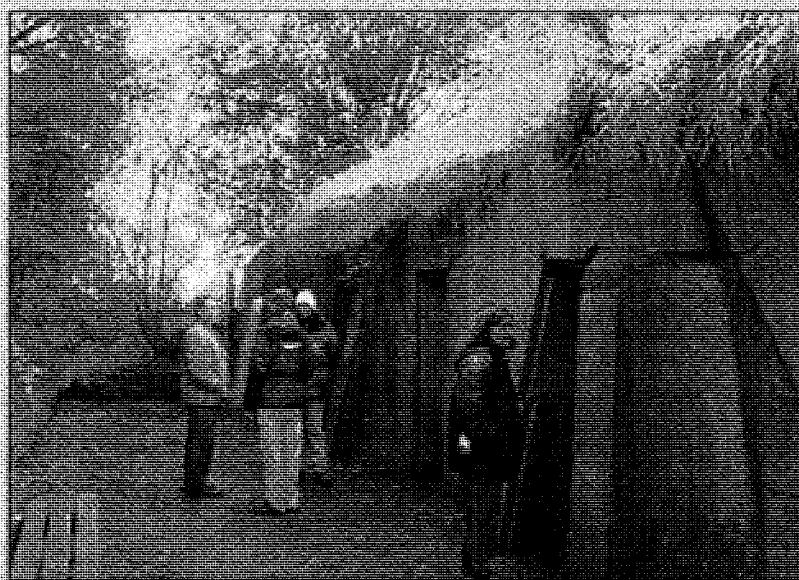
This year with the 60th Anni-

versary of D-Day fast approaching on June 6, and with the many soldiers who have lost their lives and who are still stationed in the Middle East, it is important to remember all those who have served and fought as well as their families.

- Kennedy Family

More about Buddy Poppies on Page 8

Below: The medical barracks where Major John McCrae, a Canadian doctor, wrote the poem.



In Flanders Fields the poppies blew  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place, and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

- John McCrae 1915



## MEMORIAL DAY SIDEWALK SALE!

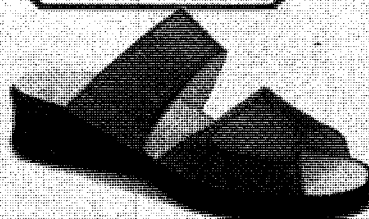
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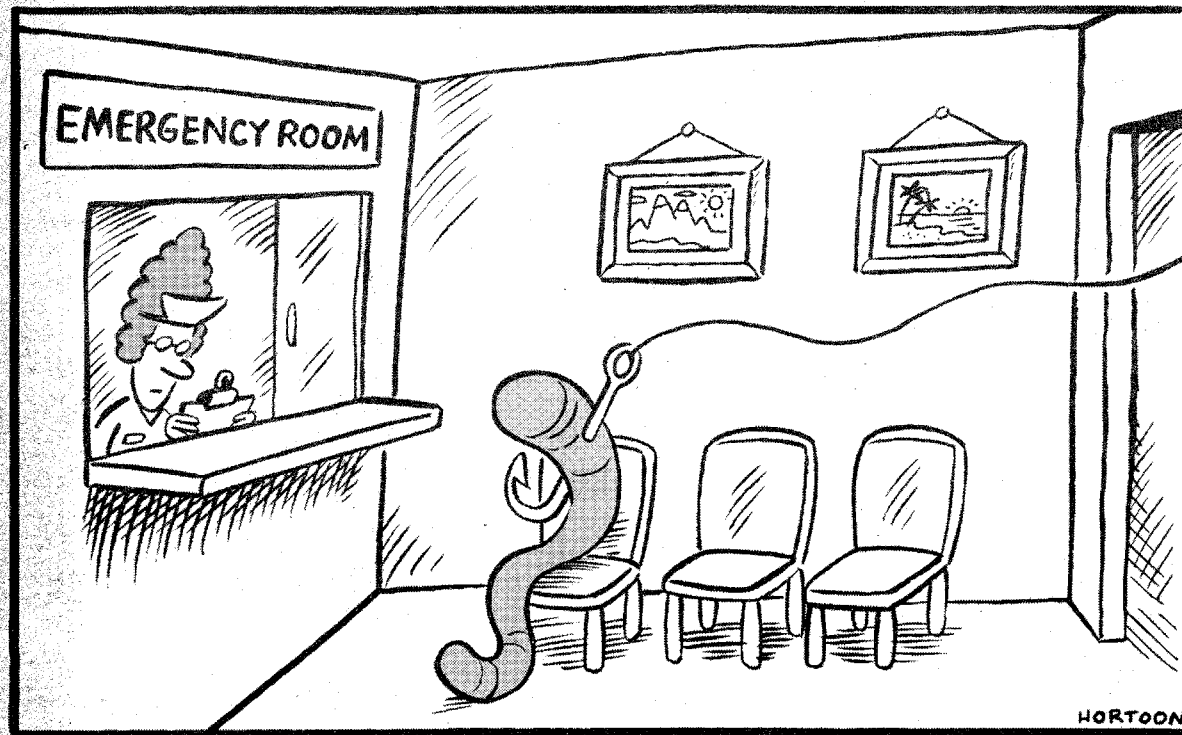
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— FRIDAY, MAY 28 —

**Sanibel Public Library closed thru May 31**

The Sanibel Public Library, which has been undergoing expansion, will be closed through May 31. The Library closed on May 22, as the Library's Board of Directors determined that this one-week closing would ensure the safety and convenience of the public during this stage of construction.

There will be an additional closing period at the end of the project, which will be announced as that time approaches. The Board and Staff appreciate the continued support and patience of the community in this exciting time.

**Sanibel Rec Center pool hours**

The pool at the Sanibel Recreation Center will be closed for several days during the next week:

**Pool Closings:**

- Friday, May 28 and Saturday, May 29 (due to construction) The facility

will reopen on Sunday, May 30 for normal operations from 1 - 5 p.m.

- Holiday Hours - Monday, May 31, Memorial Day 1 - 5 p.m.

— SATURDAY, MAY 29 —

**Memorial Day observance**

The Sanibel Captiva Islands American Legion Post 123 will hold its Memorial Day observance on Saturday, May 29.

Starting at 1 p.m., the American barbecue menu will feature hot dogs, hamburgers, BBQ chicken and more! Local entertainers will provide live music throughout the day.

A highlight will be the presentation of certificates of appreciation to those members of the Post who served during World War II. American Legion Posts across the country will be holding similar ceremonies; presentations will begin at 6 p.m.

Post 123 is located at 4249 Sanibel Captiva Road (mile marker #3) on

We are pleased to announce that Lisa Pierot's column, *The Metastatic Life*, will be back in the *Islander*, starting with next week's issue.

Sanibel. Call 472-9979 for more information.

— WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2 —

**Take me out to the ball game!**

The annual Islands Night with the Miracles is next Wednesday, June 2, at the Lee County Sports Complex on Six Mile Cypress Drive. It's an evening of community spirit and some great baseball... and it's free. You must have a ticket for the game, but tickets are available free at Bailey's or the San-Cap Chamber of Commerce.

The Grand Parade and other pre-game activities begin at 6:30 p.m., with locals singing the national anthem. There will

be Islands Night T-shirts available, 'tween-inning games and contests for the kids, the Island Baseball All-Stars will be presented, and notable islanders will be hawking the hotdogs, liquid refreshments and other typical game food.

All Islands Night proceeds go to charity. Monies raised last year went to Hope Hospice, The Children's Hospital, Sanibel Cares, The Sanibel School and FISH among others.

Come out and join your friends, neighbors and other visitors for a fun evening!

**Nighttime paving in Tradewinds**

The City of Sanibel sewer contractor, E.T. MacKenzie, will be performing

Paving, see page 4

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## Paving, from page 3

nighttime work within Tradewinds subdivision starting on June 2 with completion anticipated by June 5. The paving will start at 1:00 a.m. and is scheduled to be completed by 8:00 a.m.

The nighttime work is necessary due to Lee County's current Causeway weight restrictions. The asphalt for the project can only be transported over the Causeway between the hours of 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.

Jamaica, Tahiti, and Tradewinds Drives will be paved. Traffic will be restricted to one lane. Any paving impacted by rain will be rescheduled for the following day. The contractor is responsible for traffic control.

For further information, please contact the Sanibel Utility Department at 472-1008.

— THURSDAY, JUNE 3 —

## Captiva summer programs

The Captiva Memorial Library offers a terrific variety of programs this summer for teens and children as part of the Summer Reading Team and Teens Read and Win!

First up is SCCF's Environmental Educator, Richard Finkel, talking about Sea Turtles on Thursday, June 3 at 2 p.m.

These events are free, but tickets are required. Please pick up free tickets at the library before each event. These events

are for children ages 6 and older

The Captiva Memorial Library is located at 11560 Chapin Lane in Captiva. For more information, please call the library at (239) 472-2133.

See story on Page 24 for the rest of the summer schedule.

## Families and AD/HD

CHADD of Lee County announces that there will be a presentation for parents, school and mental health professionals on Thursday, June 3 from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Lee Memorial Hospital Auditorium. Speaking will be licensed Mental Health Counselor Glenna Tibbs, M.Ed., M. Div., of Tibbs Counseling Services.

The presentation is free and open to the public. Topics will include family relationships, sibling issues, individual and family stress. There will be sharing of strategies that work and facilitated audience participation.

All meetings are approved for teacher inservice credit by Lee County Staff Development.

Lee Memorial Hospital Auditorium is at 2776 Cleveland Avenue in Fort Myers. For more information, please contact Lynne Lampila at 466-1167 or M. Jean Gavin at 472-9758.

— FRIDAY, JUNE 4 —

## Duo show at Arts for ACT

Join Arts for ACT Gallery at 2265 First Street in historic downtown Fort Myers for the opening receptions of Elements by sculptor Roy Benton and mermaids by christina Wyatt on Friday, June 4 from 7 - 10 p.m. the exhibit runs until June 30.

### Roy Benton - Elements

Fort Myers native Roy Benton comes from a long line of artist/creators and has always loved to build and make things out of wood and metal. His grandfather was a wood worker building beautiful custom homes, mantels and cabinets. His father is in marine construction and created his own equipment and fabricated his own barges and tug boats. Benton's uncle is international artist Darryl Pottorf. Benton has a passion for creating and combines found objects with common materials such as metal, stainless steel, aluminum or weed into three-dimensional sculptures. Benton's creations range from simple to elaborate and all are truly one-of-a-kind originals.

### Christina Wyatt - Mermaids

A native of South Florida, Christina Wyatt was born and raised in Miami, where she spend most of her time fishing in the Everglades or camping under the whispering pines. Her sketch book became a place for her to record her dreams. The outdoors naturally finds its way into Wyatt's art, serving as a catalyst

for her expressions.


Wyatt's formal education was completed at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Fine Art, earning a degree in Painting and Printmaking. Wyatt has spent time, through her work as an artist, seeking a place to call her own, her own voice. Today, her compositions almost always involve the human form and/or tropical elements and may move from decorative to euphoric to surreal. They always have an underlying sense of spiritual warmth, movement and rhythm. Wyatt's works are internationally collected.

Artist statement: "Artwork is dream-work... being on the threshold of a dream is sensually engaging. My intention is to bring to the canvas a sense of connection for the viewer to that place where dreams live and poets speak."

Proceeds help benefit Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc., a non-profit agency established to provide shelter, 24-hour hotline, counseling and education to victims of domestic violence and their families, and survivors of sexual abuse. For additional information contact Claudia at Abuse counseling and Treatment at 939-2553.

For more on Christina Wyatt, see Nancy Santeusano's story on Page 16.





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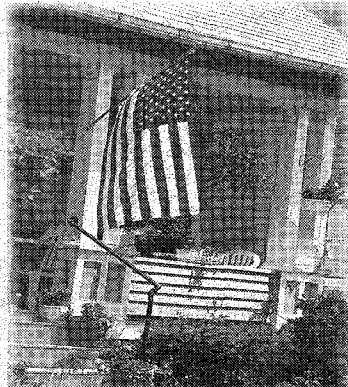
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## Bluegrass bash in June

Finger-pickin' good music is in store for folks who attend the next Basically Bluegrass Concert & Pick-In on Sunday, June 6 at the Lee Civic Center. This event will begin at 2 p.m. and will feature four local Bluegrass bands. Admission to the June 6. Basically Bluegrass Concert & Pick-in is \$5. per person. Admission is free for students under 16.

## At the Chamber...

### Box Lunch

The Sanibel-Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Box Lunch on Tuesday, June 8 from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm at the Sanibel Community Center, 2173 Periwinkle Way. The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club will provide the lunch.

Mark G. Mathosian, State Department of Financial Services, will speak on identity theft. Tickets for the lunch are \$10 and you must register by 5:00 pm on Friday, June 4. After that date and at the door, the cost is \$14.00. Call 472-1966 for reservations or email your reservation to: office@sanibel-captiva.org.

## AfterHours

Colonial Bank, the new branch at the Sanibel Beach Center, will host the AfterHours, Monday, June 21, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. It is located on Summerlin Road across from Tanger Factory Stores.

Reservations must be made by Friday, June 18, 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 reservations to: office@sanibel-captiva.org.

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

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

## Renaissance Academy announces summer courses

Along with less traffic and time to relax, summer brings some new opportunities to learn and discuss important issues through the Renaissance Academy of Florida Gulf Coast University on Sanibel (and just over the bridge.) After a successful Winter Session, the University is following up with three courses offered in the months of June and July.

- *Campaign 2004 and the Media* will be taught by Carla Brooks Johnston, noted professor and author in the area of the impact of modern media on culture and politics. This is a non-partisan look at the ongoing Presidential media campaigns, the anatomy of a campaign, what candidates need to do to win, and the public as voters. This course will be offered at the Bank of America conference room on Tuesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., June 8, 15 and 22. The cost is \$30.

- *Global Warming and Sea Level Rise: A Local Perspective* -

Florida's shoreline has changed dramatically over the past 1500 years and may be doing so again. Dan Trescott of the SWFL Regional Planning Council will discuss the current mapping programs in this region and the efforts to understand and anticipate the effect of sea level rise on SW Florida. Find out what can be done to mitigate or respond to changes in our shoreline. This class will be taught at the "Ding" Darling Refuge on Wednesdays, June 16, 23, 30, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$30.

- *Ecotourism: Successful Businesses and Community Vision* - this course is aimed at both business and residents who, as citizens of Sanibel, are also residents of a Gateway Community at the entrance to a National Wildlife Refuge. Members of the ecotourism business community, officials who have participated in national training for cities and park services, residents who serve as volunteer docents and the department head of FGCU's Department of Resorts and Hospitality will speak. The course will conclude with a panel representing all interested and involved parties, including Dr. Bill Hammond, nationally recognized Environmental Educator from FGCU. This course will be taught at the Sanibel Harbour Resort and Spa on Wednesday evenings, June 28, July 12, 19, and 26, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Register for the classes by phone at 590-1095, by internet at [www.fgcu.edu/racademy](http://www.fgcu.edu/racademy). You may also request a brochure. Those who have participated in the past will be receiving a brochure by mail soon and brochures will be available at the Sanibel Civic Center on Library Way, SCCF, Ding Darling, Bank of America and the Community Center soon. You may also contact Nola Theiss, Planning Coordinator, at [nolasanibel@yahoo.com](mailto:nolasanibel@yahoo.com) or 395-1737 for more information.

## Baby Steps class for parents of infants

If there is a newborn in your household, Sanibel Community Church will be holding a class for the parents. Bring your little one and a baby quilt. You will be directed in activities to help develop the baby's cognitive skills, motor skills, and language.

The classes will be taught by Developmental Specialist, Dee Donalson, Ed.D., at Sanibel Community Church. There is no charge for these classes, which will be held on Monday nights for four weeks beginning June 14 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in room 112. There will be a \$10 fee for materials.

Sanibel Community Church is at 1740 Periwinkle Way, next to Jerry's; phone 472-2684.

## Five-Day Photographic workshop

There will be a five-day summer photographic workshop with Jeff Ripple. Clyde Butcher will be a guest photographer. The workshop will be held on July 23 -27, from 6:15 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Big Cypress National Preserve and Ten Thousand Islands. The cost is \$995 per person and there is limited space. Call (888) 999-9113 for more information or to make your reservation.

## Life saving classes

Life-saving classes are offered on a regular basis to residents of Lee County by certified instructors for the Lee County Chapter of the American Red Cross. All classes are taught at the Red Cross office, 2516 Colonial Blvd. (in the AAA Building), Fort Myers. Each class is for one session only and participants receive a certificate of completion.

- Adult CPR teaches participants to call and work with EMS, care for conscious and unconscious victims, perform CPR and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in adults, and know the role of automated external defibrillation. The class will be taught from 6 -10:30 p.m. on Monday, June 21. The cost is \$40.
- First Aid and Adult/Infant/Child CPR is designed for anyone who cares for children. In addition to the Adult CPR training, it helps indi-

viduals develop emergency action plans and learn how to prevent and reduce hazards in the home and play areas. The course will be taught from 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 5. The cost is \$57.

- First Aid and Adult CPR/AED classes are currently full. Recertification classes are also offered for Adult CPR/AED and Adult Infant Child CPR; participants must have taken the basic class within the last 12 months to be eligible. In addition, Babysitter Training and Pet First Aid classes are available.

Preregistration for all classes is required at least 48 hours in advance and may be completed by paying the fee and filling out the class application form at the Red Cross office. Classes are subject to cancellation because of insufficient participants, holidays, or in times of emergencies and/or disasters.

For additional information about the Red Cross and the assistance it provides, enrolling in classes, making donations, or volunteering, call 278-3401, or log on to [arclcc.org](http://arclcc.org).

## Red Cross Needs Volunteers

Now that summer is here, are you looking for something meaningful to do? Our northern friends and neighbors have left for several months and you may be at

**Red Cross, see page 7**



## Summer Membership

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You need to have the work order for

your car from the repair shop as well as the rental agreement and, hopefully, your LeeWay receipt (they may be able to look you up in the system).

Stop by the toll facility office (on the right, at the toll plaza) to obtain your pass.



From left: Robert and Margaret Peterson, Sanibel Library Director Patricia Allen and Bank Of The Islands Manager Rob Lisenbee.



From left: Robert and Margaret Peterson, CROW's Birgie Vertesh and Bank Of The Islands Manager Rob Lisenbee.

## CROW and Sanibel Library receive Bank of the Islands gifts

Congratulations to Robert and Margaret Peterson, the most recent winners of the promotion sponsored by Bank Of The Islands. The Petersons were spotted with a "We Love Our Islands" decal on their car. They won the right to select which local non-profit cause would receive a charitable contribution of \$200 from Bank of the Islands.

The Petersons decided to split the Bank's donation between the Sanibel Library and C.R.O.W., the Clinic for the

Rehabilitation of Wildlife.

"These gifts mark \$10,600 placed in the hands of 18 worthwhile island causes," said Bank of the Islands Manager Rob 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.

## OBITUARIES

### Earl Howard Johnson

Earl left this world on May 15, 2004. He was born on Sanibel February 20, 1912 to James Hugh and Anna Higdon Johnson. The Johnsons arrived on Sanibel in 1902. He was preceded in death by sister Elizabeth Silcox and half-brothers Captain Belton (of Captiva), Fred, and Ray.

He is survived by nieces Betty Raby and Janette Kidd of Punta Gorda, Beal Hallmark of Merritt Island, Devola Gilliam of Orlando, Laura Poloka of Pittsburg, and Glenda Johnson; he also leaves nephews Amos Silcox of Jacksonville and Mallette Johnson, and many great nieces and nephews.

Earl's long and storied life was filled with adventure though he never rambled far from his birthplace. His lifetime experiences included: completed only seventh grade in school; helped his father farm on Sanibel until the hurricane of 1926 spoiled the land; worked as a fishing guide on Captiva and shook hands with Teddy Roosevelt; delivered telegrams in Fort Myers for a while and met Thomas Edison and Henry Ford (Ford offered to take him to Michigan to work, but Earl preferred to remain on Sanibel.); both Belton and Earl apprenticed at Hansen Boat Ways in Fort Myers under the late Ben Taylor; returned to fishing and making moonshine on Sanibel; made and fished his own cast nets; fished with a stop net crew in Charlotte County while living in Punta Gorda Fish Company building and repairing fish houses from Punta Gorda to Tarpon Bay on Sanibel; worked as a ship's pilot for oil exploration in Charlotte Harbor; located to a fish camp at White Rock (west side of Pine Island) in 1955, fished for scallops in season and developed a market for seahorses and starfish worldwide (written up in National Geographic); moved to Woodring Point in 1960 following Hurricane Donna's destruction of the White Rock fish camp; lived at and worked for South Seas Plantation as a night watchman from 1966 to 1977 with his retirement; from 1977 Earl lived on Woodring Point helping Esperanza with her animals and selling bait at her dock on the bay; remained at Woodring Point until 1999 at which time he moved to an assisted living facility in Fort Myers.

Earl was a special friend to Sam and Esperanza Woodring, and also to Ralph and his family until he drew his last breath. He was an accomplished naturalist and fisherman, and a true gentleman. He loved animals, children and Sanibel Island. His favorite expression was "it's always something!" Sanibel has lost a genuine native son.

### Julius Petrovic

Julius Petrovic, 60, of Sanibel Island, Florida and Boothbay Harbor, Maine died on Monday, May 17. He was fatally shot in a random act of violence at the Yarmouth, Maine tourist information center. At this time, four persons are in custody; the charges and motives are not known.

Julius was born in Slovakia on April 22, 1944 where he became a radio broadcaster while studying music. After moving to the United States in the early sixties, Julius pursued the hospitality field and became best known in the restaurant business.

On Sanibel, Julius joined the staff of the Island Inn, working in the dining room, where he brought his old world charm to every guest and to every table. He had an operatic voice and would serenade the guests on occasion. Prior to working at the Inn, he worked winters in the Cayman Islands and summers in Maine.

In 1998, Julius became the Inn's Maitre'd Hotel and a wonderful addition to the winter family at the Island Inn. He was the "personality" behind the Inn's dining room. He so enjoyed welcoming back the Shareholders and the returning guests as well as welcoming new guests to the Inn. He would spend time getting to know each guest and undoubtedly, they would know someone in common. He was a gem.

He was responsible for bringing the Inter Exchange program to the Island Inn. Students from South Africa and Peru were able to come to the United States to work and learn our culture. The Island Inn will continue to nurture this program in his absence. He made things special.

This past year, Julius was learning to live with his Parkinson's disease. He had great faith that he would be a survivor. He retired from the Spruce Point Inn in Boothbay Harbor Maine last year but had gone back to help "Julius had a heart as large as his smile and he had a grand smile. So many times in life we say that someone can be replaced. Julius is one person that we will never be able to replace. He will be sorely missed," said his dear friend and Island Inn President, Mrs. Pegge Ford-Elsea.

Julius Petrovic is survived by two sisters in Europe. A Memorial service is being held in Boothbay Harbor, Sunday, May 30th at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church and another service will be held in late June on Sanibel Island to celebrate his life. Donations can be made to the National Foundation for Parkinson's at [www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org) <<http://www.parkinson.org>>



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## ISLAND SCENE

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### Red Cross, from page 5

a loss for something to do. Here's an idea: why not become a valued member of the volunteer corps for the Lee County Chapter of the American Red Cross?

In order to fulfill the Red Cross theme of "We'll be there," the chapter is seeking volunteers. "Lee County assisted one in every 14 residents the past year," commented Robin Wingate, Executive Director of the Lee County Chapter. "We are always looking for people who want to give back to their community, and we can use volunteers of all ages. Summer is an especially good time to get involved."

Wingate further noted that as the hurricane season is upon us, the chapter needs to be prepared to open shelters should the need arise. Volunteers need to be trained in advance - and now is the time to get that training. In Lee County, 99.9% of the workforce is provided by volunteers.

"Volunteering is an integral part of the American way of life," says Wingate, "and the Red Cross is an organization which depends on volunteers to provide the emergency help needed. Disasters don't discriminate; we never know when we might be the recipient of aid. Without

volunteers, the Red Cross cannot provide relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies."

In addition to shelter volunteers, the chapter needs individuals who are available for disaster-related work, clerical work, assisting with military calls, health and safety instruction, foreign language translation, and speaking engagements. Every talent and skill can be put to work in some manner - and individuals can volunteer for just a few hours per month or virtually full time.

The Red Cross is dedicated to helping make families and communities safer at home and around the world. It provides training in life-saving skills and mobilizes relief to victims of disasters in addition to assisting members of the U. S. Armed Forces and their families. All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money. Red Cross chapters receive no government support.

For additional information about the Red Cross and the assistance it provides, volunteering, making donations call (239) 278-3401, or log on to arclcc.org.

### F.I.S.H: Friends in service here

F.I.S.H. of Sanibel is a non-profit, non-denominational, association of volunteers for the purpose of making available a range of assistance to those persons who need help. F.I.S.H. went into action March 1982 as a group of "neighbors helping neighbors." The range of F.I.S.H. services available to Sanibel and Captiva residents and visitors include:

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### ECC renamed Edison College

In recognition of Edison Community College's legislative authorization and funding to offer joint baccalaureate degrees with Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU), the Florida Legislature has permanently changed the institution's name to "Edison College" effective July 1, 2004.

"We are extremely pleased with the news, and we sincerely thank Rep. Bruce Kyle and Rep. Jeff Kottkamp for their support and assistance in enacting this legislation" said Dr. Kenneth P. Walker, District President. "The Edison College name will further enhance our Edison University Center, which has partnership with FGCU, International College, Florida State University, Thomas Edison State College (NJ), Charter Oak State College (Ct), Barry University, Nova Southeastern University, Franklin University (OH)."

### Sanibel sixth graders take safe boating class

Twenty seven sixth graders at the Sanibel School took part in a safe boating course that met twice a week this spring. Volunteers of the Sanibel Captiva Sail & Power Squadron, the Sanibel Police Marine Patrol and the Sanibel Fire and Rescue District taught the class.

"Last year we held a one-day boating safety session with children. We received such a positive response from the children and their parents that we talked to Assistant Principal Nancy McDole at the Sanibel School about doing something more comprehensive," said Mary Paige Abbott, administrative officer of the Power Squadron.

"Nancy McDole had implemented a boating safety course for children on the East Coast, and she had also taken the Power Squadron's Boat Smart class," said Abbott. "She knew our squadron's mission is Safety through Education and because her students live on an island, she asked if the Power Squadron would be willing to develop a program for sixth graders," said Abbott.

Tom Lagan, squadron safety officer, initiated the dialogue with students and he explained details of a national safety poster contest. The sixth graders were given the theme "Water Smart + Boat Smart = Fun." Winners of the contest were Christina Rinaldi, 1st, Chris Pavlick, 2nd, and Anna Gele, 3rd. Their posters will be entered into the U. S. Power Squadron's national poster contest.

Mary Paige Abbott led the education sessions and guest speakers included Jim Strothers, Sanibel Police Officer Jane Cechman, Matt Marciano and John

Carney; the class watched a U. S. Power Squadron Boat Smart video.

The class concluded with a field trip to Pine Island Sound to see Capt. Rob Popkin, FF/EMT, Ron Ritchie, FF/Paramedic, Joe Nygaard, FF/EMY, Reitenbach, and Timothy Barrett, Training Officer of the Sanibel Fire and Rescue District demonstrate an in-water emergency rescue operation.

"During one of our sessions, one of the students told the class that he had been fishing, and when it was time to head home his motor wouldn't start. He said he was waving to other boaters, but they just waved back. He wanted to know what he should have done to get help. Officer Jane Cechman told him he should pick up a life vest and wave it. She also told the class they should look closer when they see someone they don't know waving at you," said Abbott.

The Sanibel School has requested the continuance of the boat safety course for next year's sixth graders. The present program will be enriched and will conclude with all students taking the Florida certification exam.

A Florida law in effect since 1996 requires that all persons born after September 30, 1980 obtain a Boating Safety Education Identification Card before operating a boat powered by 10 or more horsepower. The exception is someone operating under the supervision of a cardholder 18 years or older or who is otherwise exempt from the law. In order to receive this card you must pass a state-recognized safe boating course exam.

### New at the library

Right: Carolyn and Martha Sizemore are making sure the newest library user feels at home at the Sanibel Public Library. Mr. Bear was given to the Library by Arundel's Hallmark.





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# The Buddy Poppy

Nothing symbolizes VFW's pledge to "Honor the dead by helping the living" like the Buddy Poppy. The poppy first gained fame as a symbol of hope amid the carnage of war more than 85 years ago when Col. John McCrae, a World War I Canadian veteran, wrote "In Flanders Fields" in 1915. McCrae believed the ideals and causes for which the veterans interred in Flanders fields were fighting and dying must always be remembered.

Anna E. Guerin, subsequently known as the Poppy Lady from France, conceived the idea of selling artificial poppies to help orphans and others left destitute in war-ravaged France. But in 1922, the Veterans of Foreign Wars adopted the poppy as the official VFW flower and, in 1923, formally adopted a plan to have disabled veterans make the poppies (they had previously been commercially made). The organization's leaders envisioned the men being paid for their work, thus providing a practical means of assistance while ensuring a steady reliable source of poppies. The first veteran-made poppies were made in Pittsburgh in 1924 and the name "Buddy Poppy" registered with the U.S. Patent Office. "Buddy" was coined by the poppy makers themselves as a tribute to the veterans who didn't come home and those crippled or scarred for life.

Since that time, millions of the blood-red artificial flowers have been made by disabled veterans — many of them disabled on the same battlefields on which their buddies were killed — and distributed for \$1-or-more donation each (year 'round, but with a special emphasis on veteran's days of remembrance like Memorial Day and Veteran's Day). Today, veterans at 15 locations in 12 states assemble the artificial flowers.

## American Legion Auxiliary Volunteers

The American Legion Auxiliary volunteers will distribute the familiar red, handcrafted poppies honoring America's war dead on May 28 - May 30, designated as Poppy Days by the Auxiliary Unit 123 on Sanibel and Captiva Islands. Our volunteers will be outside Bailey's and Jerry's Markets.

Planned to coincide with Memorial Day Holiday weekend, the annual event pays tribute to those veterans who have died in the last 80 years. It also honors the millions of Americans who have willingly served their country in eight decades. It serves and honors veterans with all proceeds from the distribution invested in local programs for the benefit of veterans and their families.

Each nine piece poppy is made by veterans for veterans in Auxiliary sponsored Poppy Shops to supplement physical and psychological therapy needed by hospitalized and disabled veterans. The Auxiliary provides the materials and the volunteers. The veteran makes the poppies and is paid a small amount for each painstakingly made flower. For some it is his/her only income.

No matter what the cost of maintaining and supplying the Poppy Shops, the memorial poppy is never sold, but given in exchange for contributions.

The poppy program has been part of Auxiliary programming for more than 70 years. It has been estimated that approximately 25 million Americans wear the poppy to honor America's war dead and veterans, contributing over \$2 million for rehabilitation and welfare programs.

## POETIC LICENSE

### Pedrito II

By Joseph Pacheco

In Memoriam

Peter Paul Pacheco (Pedrito)

1924-1944

The cold clammy face and fact of him.

It wasn't at all like the movies.  
There was no last thing for him to tell me,  
No brotherly advice, no dying wish.  
I couldn't sit through the Coming Attractions  
And wait for him to come on again:  
His screen was blank forever.

This was the fact of death  
He made me face for the first time  
In the chill of Rotella's Funeral Parlor,  
Arrayed in his coffin in khaki,  
Soldier hat fitted on  
To cover the wound in the head,  
Killed not in battle but in accident of war,  
Not in glory but in unlucky break.

For a while we all remembered him  
Dearly and clearly, but reminiscence  
Weakened with each resurrection,  
And the relentless fact kept leaving  
Fewer and fewer to share remembrance;  
I kept thinking of him  
Less and less until hardly at all,  
Until almost out of mind.

But he would appear in dreams,  
Often to tell me it was all a big mistake,  
His death had been faked by his superiors  
To allow him to go "undercover"  
And he was sorry he had made us suffer -  
But when could he see his nieces?

Once we sat on my patio  
Drinking Ruppert's beer  
And reminiscing about the old neighborhood,  
He had acquired a wife and two children,  
And we watched the cousins play.

But on the soundtrack of every dream  
A voice like my own kept whispering:  
Whose face was that you kissed in Rotella's?  
Whose grave is that in Pinelawn?

Then for the longest time he stopped appearing  
And in the feverish daylight of waking,  
There were only glints of thought,  
Or occasional wisps of memory  
To remind me I had not always been  
Without a brother.

Now as the deaths keep piling up  
And the distance between us  
Like daylight in winter  
Grows relentlessly shorter,  
He reappears in reverie  
Like the hero in a sequel  
To a movie I once loved,  
To pick up fifty years later  
From where "The End" left off,

And we get to share our manhood  
And talk about women and sports,  
And we are there for each other  
At births, graduations, weddings  
And our parent's funerals,

And on the soundtrack of Pedrito II  
A voice like his keeps saying:  
"That wasn't my face in Rotella's,  
I am not buried in Pinelawn"

But then, in sudden flashback,  
The cold clammy fact of him  
Intrudes in black and white,  
His screen goes blank again  
And there is only present and poetry:

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# Bradley's Fine Jewelers

by Jenny Burnham  
Staff writer

"You know what would look good on you?" asks Brad Congress. "This." Carefully he takes a white gold necklace set with diamond baguettes from a display case and places it around a customer's neck. As the customer turns this way and that in the mirror, Brad says, "It looks better on you than it does in the display."

And he's correct: the warm tan of the customer's skin shows off the sparkle of the diamonds beautifully.

Being right about jewelry comes naturally to Brad, a third-generation jeweler who, with his wife Colbi, opened Bradley's Fine Jewelers at Sanibel Beach Place in June of 2003.

Bradley's Fine Jewelers provides precious gems set in a variety of metals, as well as appraisals, custom work, unusual designer pieces, repair and redesign of antique

jewelry, ancient coins, in-house watch and jewelry repair, and a few surprises as well.

The first surprise comes at the front door, which opens to showcases of brilliantly colored handmade art glass by various U.S. artists. Shades of purple, blue, lime, turquoise, and ginger sparkle in the sunlight. Overhead hangs an abstract multi-color art glass chandelier by artist Ed Pennebaker.

Artwork lines the walls as well, including original oils by Sarah Evans, watercolors by Carolyn MacPherson, Martha Wallace, and Karen O'Neill, and several examples of Colbi's framed photography.

And, oh yes, there's jewelry, too. Colbi says she and Brad choose fashion-conscious,

Bradleys, see page 12



## Pedrito, from left

"Dear only brother,  
Never father, never uncle,  
Too briefly lover,  
Of all who have ever lived  
You are the one most like me.  
Now three times longer un-lived,  
The life you lived still lies  
Embedded in my own,  
And what is left of you will remain  
In whatever is left of me,  
Until I face for myself  
The fact of death  
I first learned to face  
When I kissed you so uneasily  
In Rotella's Funeral Parlor,  
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In commemoration of Memorial Day, the poem *Pedrito II* was read last year on *Latino USA*, a National Public Radio program broadcast to more than 200 stations across the country.

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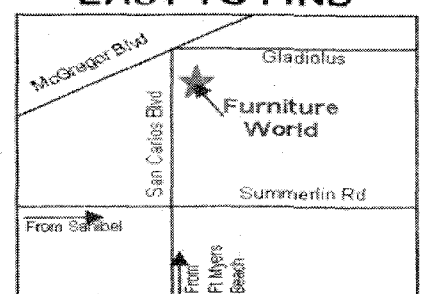
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### Kiwanis Project: Schools Part II

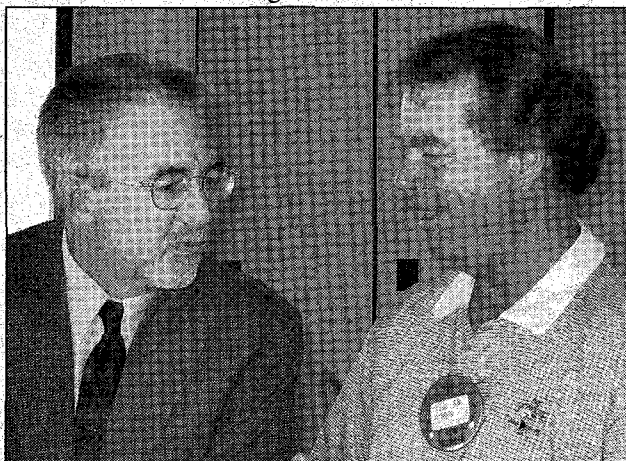
Submitted by Bob Wimbush

In case you missed last week's submission, Tropic Isles in North Fort Myers is Lee County's largest elementary school with 1,200 students, pre-K through 5. It has 900 more students than Sanibel. It is a Title I (Impoverished) School with 42% minority students and 61% Mobility (the percentage of students not at Tropic Isles for the whole year). This Kiwanis Club has been involved with and contributing to Tropic Isles for approximately four years, when we helped start it on its way to becoming a Glasser Quality School. Principal Don Bryant was here to report the return on our investment (ROI).

According to Don, we're beginning to see the results of our work with Glasser Quality. When the state releases its list of School Accountability Grades in the next few weeks, he expects to see an "A" replace an earlier "C" next to Tropic Isles. He expects an overall point total among the top ten in the county. In spite of the seeming hardships outlined above, it appears Tropic Isles improved in every

category measured by FCAT, and it is likely Tropic Isles will be the most improved school in Lee County. Next year, the challenge will be tougher - to become the most improved "A" School in Lee County.

Although I did not interview her for



Principal Don Bryant explains a point to Tim O'Neil

this story, Barbara Von Harten, Sanibel's Principal, will be quick to tell you that Dr. William Glasser, author of the ideas Tropic Isles is following, is one of her heroes, and although Sanibel is not on the track to Glasser Quality per se, they are

definitely impacted by his ideas. Barbara was excited to meet him a year ago when he spent a week working with teachers at Tropic Isles. Tropic Isles admires and benchmarks itself against Sanibel.

About two weeks ago the News Press headline announced



Golden Apple Teacher and future Glasser instructor Cindy McClung: A Rose among thorns.

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### Zonta installs new officers for 2004-05

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva held its annual installation of officers event on Tuesday morning, May 19, at the Dunes Country Club, with Karen Pati acting as mistress of ceremonies.

Past president Esther Saltzman installed the new officers and board members: Darla Letourneau, president; Nola Theiss, vice president; Karen Pati, president-elect; Annie Nachtsheim, treasurer; Sue Denham, recording secretary; Inge Glissman, corresponding secretary; Barbara Cooley, Ruth Wallack, Sally Webber, members at large; Susan Dunn, immediate past president. Committee Chairs are Ginger Parker, membership; Gini Jones, public relations; Sally Webber, finance; Ellis Robinson, status of women.

Retiring president Susan Dunn made her annual report to the membership, announcing that the Club had met her goals of raising \$25,000 in support of efforts to improve the status of women, increase membership, and make the Zonta Club better known in the community. She thanked the board and committee chairs for their work which made the successful year possible.

New president Darla Letourneau outlined her plans for the coming year, focusing on implementing the long term strategic planning process that the Club began this year. As a result of this process, the Club will be more focused, more goal and outcome oriented so that we will know how we are making a difference in women's lives, both in our community and globally; and will have a stronger connection with the international part of Zonta International.

New vice president Nola Theiss closed the meeting, reminding members that we are now in a position to not only help ourselves achieve our own full potential, but to help other women secure their place in the world.

Zonta International is a world-wide service organization of executives in business and the professions. Locally, Zonta provides funds and hands-on service to assist women. Globally, Zonta focuses on strategies to eradicate inequities and violence against women through education and advocacy. Additional information is available at [www.zontasancap.com](http://www.zontasancap.com).



Caption Left to Right: Susan Dunn, Ruth Wallack, Barbara Cooley, Inge Glissman, Karen Pati, Annie Nachtsheim, Nola Theiss, and Darla Letourneau. Sue Denham and Sally Webber were not available for the photo

### Kiwanis, from left

that Lee County might be using multiple teachers in classrooms in order to comply with the class size amendment. As mentioned in the article, Tropic Isles has had multi-teacher, multi-grade classes for four years, and will be adding more. Average class size at Huntington Woods, a Michigan school chosen by the National Education Association as perhaps the best in the nation two years before it attained Glasser Quality School status, uses multi-grade, multi-teacher classes of over 50 students. In Lee County, Tropic Isles is clearly ahead of the curve.

To obtain Glasser training for teachers is expensive. It costs between \$2,000 and \$3,000 to certify one classroom teacher. Over 40 have completed five phases of instruction (purchased from outside the system) and are certified at Tropic Isles. In order to broaden and focus their own progress, Tropic Isles is purchasing training to train their first Glasser instructor who will, in turn, instruct Tropic Isles (and other schools') teachers. The economics are interesting.

Last winter, thanks to the generosity of Iona-McGregor Kiwanian Frank Birely and the Birely Foundation, Tropic Isles Golden Apple Teacher Cindy McClung attended the first half of the first of five phases of instructor training, with the understanding that Tropic Isles would find

matching funds - about \$2,500 - to complete the second half this September. With that complete, she will have invested about \$5,000 and will be certified to instruct teachers in one of the five phases of Glasser training.

Prior to investing in Cindy, Tropic Isles would have paid over \$10,000 to an outsider to conduct the session for teachers. Once Cindy is trained, she will do the job for about \$500 in materials... and will gear her training specifically to the needs of Tropic Isles and Lee County! There will be two teacher training sessions she can teach at Tropic Isles in the coming year, a savings of \$20,000, and a 400% ROI (Return on Investment) the first year! Other instructor training pays the same return.

A "Let's Train Cindy" fund has been created at The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, and we need your contributions. If you like what you see here, and think Lee County can use more of it, write a check payable to the Foundation but mark it for "Let's Train Cindy," and send it in care of Darleen Grossman at The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, Inc., P.O. Box 1608, Ft. Myers, FL 33902. Yes, it's a 501(c)3. All funds will be applied to further Glasser Quality School Instructor Training at Tropic Isles.

Kiwanis meets for breakfast at 7:30 on Tuesday at the Dunes.



## SERVICE CLUBS



ABWA President Fay Carney with a poster of the ABWA Scholarship recipients.

### ABWA Scholarship News

The Sanibel-Captiva Chapter of the American Business Women's Association has awarded over \$7000 in scholarships for the 2003-2004 school year. All recipients have a grade point average over 3.0 and the members of ABWA congratulate them.

The scholarship recipients are Anna KhemKhajon, a Senior in Engineering at the University of Miami; Susanne Knapp, a Senior majoring in Philosophy and Religion at Flagler College; Melissa Fagan, a Junior Veterinarian major at FGCU; Lauren Kohlbrenner, an Elementary Education major and Sophomore at FGCU; Grace Fagan, a Junior at FGCU majoring in Business Management and Patricia

Corcoran who is an Accounting major and Junior at International College.

ABWA also wants to recognize our "Take Stock in Children" recipients, Jessica Hicks, a Senior at Cypress Lakes High School, Jayme Van Winkle, a Junior at Cape Coral High School and Alexandra Sanafeeva, a Sophomore at Cape Coral High School.

We want to thank all of you who have so generously supported the ABWA fundraisers so that we are able to continue providing these scholarships. We couldn't do it without you. The Sanibel-Captiva Chapter of ABWA has helped many deserving young people meet their educational goals and we should all be proud of the part we play in supporting the fundraisers.

### A.B.W.A. lottery calendars

Popular Lottery Calendars are still available from the Sanibel-Captiva Chapter of the American Business Womens Association. This year's calendar (which began in March) gives you a chance to win every day for a year. Each lottery calendar has a three-digit lucky number and a dollar amount for each day. If your number matches the Florida Cash Three Drawing, you will receive the amount posted on your calendar for that

day automatically!

This is a great gift. When you give someone a Lottery Calendar, you will be helping to contribute to a deserving Sanibel or Captiva young person to further their education. ABWA uses their profits for these scholarships. The calendars can be purchased for \$25 at the San-Cap Bank of the Islands, Island Graphics and Sandpiper of Sanibel.

## Rotary makes major donation to Sanibel School

By Renny Severance  
Executive Editor

The Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva met last week at their regular Friday breakfast at the Dunes. Among the invited guests were representatives from the Sanibel School who were on hand to receive a donation of \$50,000 from the club. This is the first installment of a total commitment of \$125,000 to spread over five years, the largest single gift this club has ever made.

The funds have been raised by the club's Board of Trustees over the past year or so and have been earmarked for the school's cafetorium located in the new construction opened recently.

"It's incredibly thrilling to receive this sort of gift," said Barbara van Harten, principal of the school. The funds will be used for enhancements to the cafetorium, a dual purpose room which is both a cafeteria for school lunches and an auditorium.

There are considerable technical upgrades in the plans according to van Harten and funds are not available from the county so Rotary's gift is especially important.

Among the enhancements to the facility will be special wiring to enable computer projections for presentations. In the coming week, the school plans to install sound and lighting systems which will allow the room to be used for performances of various sorts, such as musicals and plays, as well as graduation ceremonies and the like.

It is hoped that the facility can be used as a community meeting place according to the principal, and some of the funds will go toward extra folding

chairs. Additionally, there will be tables and benches just outside the cafetorium which can be used in conjunction with larger events such as an arts and crafts fair.

Rotary's Board of Trustees which oversees this project is headed by Scot Congress and includes Brian Benham, Arthur Cramer, Paul Denhart, Jeffery Garvin, Robert LeSage, Erick Lindblad (treasurer) and Jim Reid.

Schools and scholarships are a particu-



Photo by Renny Severance  
Sanibel School Principal Barbara von Harten says "thank you" to the Rotary Club for their donation for the Cafetorium at the new school.

lar specialty of the Rotary Club and a substantial percentage of the money they raise each year goes in that direction. At present, 35% of their annual giving goes to scholarships assisting five area students who attend University of South Florida, University of Florida, Florida State University, Florida Gulf Coast University, and Florida Atlantic University.

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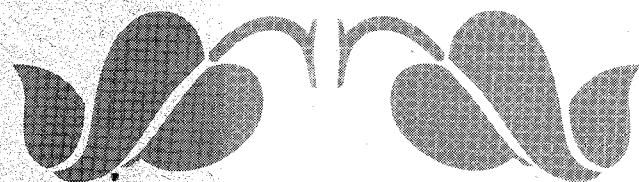
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## POINT OF VIEW

## Abu Ghraib: What now?

Shame is one response. But shame by itself, can be a cover-up for responsibility.

The condemnation of America for events at the Iraqi prison Abu Ghraib will echo around the world. We will be condemned for self-righteousness and deceit, for arrogance and tyranny, for brutality and immorality. And the stark reality confronting us in the images flashed on the screen is enough to make us all sick to our stomach, let alone to suggest that the opinion of us abroad may have merit.

The revulsion with those portrayals of inhumanity casts doubt about who we are. Their impact provokes a sense of humiliation to a degree never before experienced by average Americans.

Some will make the exposed brutality a political football. Their voices will announce contempt for our political leaders. They will charge that those in high office, civil and military, should have acted earlier and more forcefully. And this is probably true.

Some will condemn our culture, claiming that the brutality cannot be dismissed as isolated apples in the larger barrel. I doubt that events at the prison, and in Afghanistan as well, can be rationalized away by blaming the direct perpetrators alone. Violence by teen age stu-

dents against their peers and teachers, brutish hazing on college campuses, are dismissed as rare occurrences when they may reveal a streak of sadism in the nation's culture ignored to a deplorable extent. They are also American youngsters in the images from Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison.

Some will simply deny the importance of what has taken place, believing it is totally out of character with American values. Surely it is out of character with the noblest of American ideals. In our history however, we have seen Americans justify lynching, racial and religious bigotry, indignities and cruelties to which minorities and migrant workers have been exposed. Look at the images from Iraq's Abu Ghraib's torture chambers as a pattern, not a passing exception.

The fact is that every people and every nation can descend to a level of inhumanity, given certain pressures. Intimidation and fear squashed the conscience of decent Germans who acceded to Nazi totalitarianism. A mob mentality can invade a group's psyche and foster the abandonment of standards of behavior, which have governed their lives heretofore. The State of Israel has become susceptible at

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## SWF Community Foundation promotes Flynn

The Board of Trustees of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation has promoted its chief executive Paul B. Flynn to president and chief executive officer.

The announcement was made by former President Susan Bennett, who becomes chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation.

"Paul has served the Southwest Florida Community Foundation well for the past seven years, along with our affiliates in Bonita Springs and Sanibel-Captiva. Under his leadership, assets have more than doubled from \$13 million seven years ago to \$33 million today," Bennett said. "The board felt it was time to reward his commitment with the title change."

In addition to the corporate title changes for Bennett and Flynn, former Vice President Chris Gair becomes vice chairman of the Board of Trustees. Both

the chairman and vice chairman are unpaid volunteer positions, elected by the 29-member Board of Trustees.

Flynn spent more than 40 years in the newspaper and marketing field before entering community foundation work in 1997.

His career included tenure as executive vice president and president of USA Today during its launch in 1983 and 1984. He also has served as president and publisher of the Fort Myers News-Press, Pensacola News-Journal and the Rockland Journal-News in Nyack, N.Y.

Founded in 1976, the Southwest Florida Community Foundation is a public foundation with assets of more than \$33 million that awards grants and scholarships to non-profit organizations and students in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry counties.

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innovative designs, "things you haven't seen before." They concentrate on a one-of-a-kind feeling, hoping to help their customers define their own personalities and character through unusual and distinctive pieces.

One particularly striking jewelry group features a yellow- and white-gold leopard print pave diamond ring with companion earrings and pendant. The ring is finished with tiny pawprints around the interior. Tiger stripe pieces in the same materials are also available.

Among the designers featured by Brad and Colbi is Brazilian designer Bruner, who is new to the United States. His work in yellow and white gold is bold without being heavy, has an exotic flair, and is exclusive to Bradley's Fine Jewelers.

Leila, an Italian designer the store showcases, makes only 12 pieces of any of her designs, then she breaks the mold. She sells just one of each piece per country around the world.

Another eye-catching line is Xen, a German company making contemporary diamond jewelry set in, of all things, stainless steel as well as 18K yellow gold. The sleek modern designs feature black jade as well as diamonds and are remarkably affordable.

"We carry jewelry from \$50 to \$50,000," says Colbi. She and Brad "try to build value in every piece of jewelry we sell," making sure the customer gets a beautiful piece at a reasonable price.

Brad and Colbi encourage their visitors to try on anything that catches the eye, happily pulling pieces from the display cases and urging customers to model the gems. "Jewelry shouldn't just look good," says Brad, "it has to feel good for each individual."

Colbi and Brad also like to persuade their customers to have their jewelry cleaned while they browse and chat. That way, says Brad, he can inspect the customer's pieces and make sure the settings are tight and the gems secure.

With a jeweler right on the premises, Bradley's Fine Jewelers can quickly make just about any repair or customer request.

The store also has a complete gemological lab on the premises, where Brad can perform a variety of tests to distinguish genuine from synthetic gems, assess gem quality, and appraise pieces.

As a gemologist, Brad understands in a technical way what a customer likes in an aesthetic way, and he loves to explain gems to customers. "When a customer sees something as pretty, I like to tell them why." He takes customers into his lab and shows them their jewels under a magnifying scope so he can explain the features of each piece.

"Beauty is not located in the letter or number of a diamond," says Brad. "Diamonds are like people, every one is individual and no two are the same."

Colbi and Brad's customers clearly appreciate their friendliness and enthusiasm. Each time the door opens, an old friend enters, many of them clients for whom Brad has created custom designs.

Shoppers mix and talk, showing off and admiring one another's jewels and the atmosphere is relaxed and cheerful.

As part of the comfortable atmosphere the Congresses provide a seating arrangement of sofas in cornflower blue leather accented with lime green pillows. If you ask, they will treat you with their house specialty, "Bradley's Chocolate Pasha."

"Nobody," says Brad, "leaves here plain or without a good experience."

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## TO YOUR HEALTH

### Aquatic Exercise: Shallow or deep?

by Jane Ranieri  
Special to The Islander

My first introduction to aquatic exercise was at a YMCA in Charlotte, NC about 11 years ago. It was a shallow water class where all the participants stand in 3-1/2 feet to 4-1/2 feet of water. From that experience I realized that exercise didn't have to be all work; it could actually be fun! Yes, I felt fatigued, but there was no major soreness one would expect from performing a series of new exercises for the first time.

The next progression in my enthusiasm to learn and experience more about water fitness was to attend a deep water class.

During a deep water class, every participant wears a flotation belt around his/her waist suspended off the pool floor to shoulder depth. At this depth, 85% of the body is submerged. At 12 times the resistance of air, that's over half of the body that is moving through the water with NO impact to the joints! There is even less compression of the spine.

At this point, I felt I was getting some great workouts and began to question - besides the fun and socialization - what made water exercise so beneficial. I found that:

- A person can burn up to 700 calories per hour of aquatic aerobic exercise improving muscular and cardio respiratory endurance while contributing to health and weight management.
- There is 12 times the resistance of exercising on land, which helps increase muscular strength and

improves body composition.

- Water cools the body so the heart doesn't have to work as hard. A person will have a lower working heart rate than on land.
- There is 0% gravity in water. Blood flows back to the heart with less effort which helps increase circulation.
- Due to the lessened gravitational pull, a person can work through full range of motion which increases mobility and flexibility of joints.

For the majority of people I would suggest a combination of shallow and deep water because of the variety and versatility each offers. The deciding factors in developing a personalized aquatic program depend on any special issues or limitation the individual may have.

Since the aquatic environment offers cardio respiratory fitness as well as resistance training, it is an "all-inclusive" workout. As stated above, the overall benefits contribute to improved health and weight management.

Attaining an excellent, total body workout - efficiently - can be done just by stepping out the back door and into your own personal gym... once you learn the techniques.

*Jane Ranieri is an Aquatic Personal Trainer on Sanibel and will work one-on-one or with small groups. Please call her at 395-3574 for more details regarding a program designed specifically for you.*

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times to this inclination. No less — and sometimes much more — Arab terrorists have abandoned the morality of Islam.

Shame, rationalizations, denial are an escape from responsibility. Our nation must move to mount a constructive effort to alter or transform conditions leading to the blunting of moral sensibilities.

First, justice must be served. Justice is transparent. Justice does not heed position or power. Those at fault, those who were silent or attempted a cover-up, should be removed from positions of influence and authority.

Certainly, when attacked by enemies we have a right to defend ourselves. Still, that right is not absolute. Threats to our security should not be allowed to trump morality and constitutionally guaranteed

rights. Of what profit is our resistance to evil if we are transformed by that resistance into the very evil we assail?

Our American values must compel us: Thus far may we go, even in war, but no farther, lest we become what we seek to oppose. Inhumanity, the debasement of life with gratuitous cruelty, is a line we may not cross. Such spiritual and moral barriers must be erected if we are to avoid atrocity in the name of a greater good.

Let us see to it that our worthiest values, embedded in the Constitution, move us beyond mortification, denial, or mere condemnation of a few scapegoats. Let no one be shamed into silence in this time when our national character is at stake.

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### Holistic Health Notebook: Healthy junk food

By Carol Simontacchi  
Special to the Islander

Is there such a thing? Well, no, there isn't. Healthy food isn't junk. Healthy food is good, through and through.

Over the years, I've been asked hundreds of times, "Is there such a thing as healthy fast foods?" I've consistently answered, "No," thinking of the thousands of fast food restaurants that line our highways and dot the landscapes of our cities and towns. There is no way we can disguise fat- and sugar-laden greasy hamburgers and French fries as healthy.

The American food culture is, however, undergoing a subtle, slow — but real — change. Many restaurants proudly serve organic salads and meats, and use mesclun and other dark greens in salads. Dining out is a real pleasure when I can easily order several types of vegetables, balsamic vinegar and olive oil dressings, and seafood so fresh it is still gasping for breath.

What about packaged healthy food? I've had to decline on this question also because most packaged food is stripped of good nutrition and laced with chemicals I can neither spell nor pronounce, and certainly don't want in my body.

Again, however, a whole new trend is entering the American market. I recently became aware of a national company with a passion for fruits, vegetables, nuts and seeds, minimally processed by freeze drying and blended together for what they call "primary nutrition." What a fabulous idea! They provide soups, fruit and nut mixes, meal replacement bars, and vegetable mixes that are delightful to the palate and absolutely free of additives. Yes, they come in a can or package but they're great for the office or the car. I take them on the plane with me to replace the dreadful stuff airlines euphemistically call "snacks" or "meals."

Grocery stores are getting into the act, as well. If I'm in a hurry for dinner, I can purchase rotisserie chicken to slice on top of my salad, dark green salad and mesclun mixes in packages, fresh hummus and tabouli, and ready-to-munch veggies.

Gourmet stores now provide entrees

that you simply pop into the oven and bake, made from fresh ingredients that sparkle with flavor and nutrition.

The only thing that health food stores and gourmet shops cannot provide is the will to embrace a healthy lifestyle. We still have to do that ourselves.

#### What Do I Eat?

People are always curious about what I eat. I'm a nutritionist. Do I practice what I preach?

Most of the time, I eat very well. My breakfast consists of a breakfast drink, made from rice protein, almond milk, flax seeds, and flax seed oil. It is delicious, refreshing, and satisfying. I love it and miss it when I can't have it!

My lunch is either soup from the natural company I mentioned earlier, a meal replacement bar, or a mixture of fruits, nuts, and seeds. I love it too!

Dinner is usually a fresh salad, dressed with balsamic vinegar, olive oil, and a sprinkle of kosher salt, with fresh fish, lamb, or veal. I often prepare a halibut or salmon medallion and enjoy it with the salad, or sauté some orange roughy or trout.

Boring? Never. Tasty? Absolutely. Easy? Always. Being a nutritionist is the best job in the world because the food is great!

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



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### In Our Backyard

South Floridians are baffling, selfishly coveting our own piece of paradise while ignoring the reality that the quality of life we purchased is constantly threatened. We love our 24-screen cineplexes but not the drive over a congested Highway 41 to reach them. We want our overstocked supermarkets until we discover the next one is planned on that vacant acreage a half-mile down the highway. We crave our modern amenities even though we instinctively realize that each and every golf course, condominium development and marina all serve to displace the former residents. Residents who have no county commissioners to e-mail, complaining of this being in their backyard, no courts to file suit in or appeal to, no voice at all... save their names abruptly appearing on the endangered species list.

Most of the time it's the developers, the money that wins. It's the increased tax base, the jobs, the excuses we invent to clear the land and jump-start the machinery of development. Within a few years the new carriage houses, condos and quarter-acre homesites are filled with proud owners and their gas-powered accessories. Wetlands become retention ponds, palmetto forests are reduced to lawns and the dislodged wildlife becomes a pitiful afterthought. Eventually, the charm of the region is reduced to asphalt, and the developers look to greener pastures.

For the most part, we who live in South Florida collectively surrender. It's the way it is and the way it's always going to be. We idly stand by as I-75 slows to an insidious crawl while the steady march of subdivisions move eastward toward former orange groves and cow pastures. The county commissioners scramble to keep up with the growth. Four lanes become six, then eight, then 12 until we all live in Los Angeles, Florida. We lose.

But, God willing, once in a lifetime, an opportunity comes along where we can win. An opportunity where we can selfishly say NO to over-development and, in doing so, ultimately improve the quality of our lives and the lives of our children. Today, that opportunity has a name and an address. The owners call it the Crescent B Ranch. Located in Lee and Charlotte Counties, it covers

143 square miles, or nearly 10 times the size of Sanibel Island. It is more commonly known as the Babcock Ranch and it's FOR SALE.

The bulldozers and back hoes are filling their tanks and gunning their engines on this one. I have heard figures as high as 55,000 dwelling units and that the total land area involved would make it the third largest city in the State of Florida. With numbers this high you have to add in schools, hospitals, Sprawl-Marts and the myriad of services a city of this size requires. Traffic from Sarasota south will be gridlocked for decades as the townhouses and subdivisions fill with northern immigrants just like us.

The panthers, bears, deer, wild turkey and dozens of species that presently inhabit this 91,000-acre site will vanish. The Babcock family, for nearly a century, has carefully managed the Crescent B. A handful of family enterprises — cattle pastures, hunting leases, watermelon farms and the Babcock Swamp Buggy Eco-tours — have hardly put a scratch on such an immense property. For the moment, native Florida wildlife flourishes in this pristine unsubdivision.

But that could change, and that change is in our backyard. Fortunately for all of us, the Babcock heirs lean toward preserving, not developing their land. On Earth Day, this past April 22nd, 2004, the family entered into an agreement with the South Florida Water Management District allowing the Babcock Acquisition Coalition six months to explore the possibilities of purchasing the parcel.

On Oct. 22nd, 2004, that option is up. The price tag for this property has been estimated to land somewhere between \$300 and \$700 million.

The Coalition attempting to buy the land includes the State of Florida, South Florida Water Management District, Charlotte and Lee Counties, The Nature Conservancy, Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program, The Trust for Public Land, Audubon of Florida, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, The Conservancy of Southwest Florida and the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation among many others. It is a curious mix of public and private entities all searching for the huge amount of money that will be needed to purchase such a property.

We must purchase the Babcock Ranch.

To the east of it lies two gigantic preserves — the Fisheating Creek Conservation Easement totaling 175,470 acres, along with the Brighton Indian Reserve at

37,400 acres. Directly to the west lie the Babcock/Webb Wildlife Preserve at 67,505 acres followed by The Charlotte Harbor Preserve at 21,670 acres. Combined with the purchase of the Babcock Ranch, we would have a wildlife corridor from Lake Okeechobee to Charlotte Harbor totaling 392,356 acres or 613 square miles. The habitat within it would range from marshes to cypress swamps, from hardwood hammocks to pine forests. For once, Florida wildlife would have their own subdivision and, for once, paradise would remain unpaved.

Between now and Oct. 22nd there is much to do. Private donations alone will need to be in the area of \$100 million. Our own SCCF has set up a special Babcock Ranch Acquisition Fund. Simply make your check out to SCCF, noting that the monies are to be used for the Babcock Ranch and mail it to SCCF, Post Office Box 839, Sanibel 33957. But don't stop there. Visit [www.swfrc.org/babcock](http://www.swfrc.org/babcock) and learn more about the coalition and their acquisition efforts. E-mail Governor Bush at [jeb.bush@myflorida.com](mailto:jeb.bush@myflorida.com). E-mail Bob Janes, our County Commissioner and former Sanibel Councilman and tell him you support his outstanding efforts to buy the Babcock property. His e-mail address is [dist1@leegov.com](mailto:dist1@leegov.com). Contact Bob Graham, Porter Goss, Bill Nelson, anyone and everyone who can help. Drive up to the Crescent B Ranch and take a swamp buggy tour. Tell the tour operator that you support their efforts to preserve the land and continue with their low impact, multi-use management of the ranch.

If it helps, think of the endangered panther, the red-cockaded woodpecker and the wood storks who presently dwell in the woodlands and swamps of Babcock. Do it as a selfless act of kindness. But at the same time appreciate the fact that 55,000 more homes will only serve to put you, a Florida landowner, on that same imperiled species list. The Telegraph Cypress Swamp feeds the Caloosahatchee and losing that watershed could compromise the water quality surrounding Sanibel and Captiva.

Do it because you don't want another massive development in your own backyard, because it seriously endangers your quality of life.

Be selfish.

Send money, write, join together with all of us and help buy the Crescent B Ranch.

*Charles Sobczak is the author of three novels, including Way Under Contract, a Florida Story which deals with over-development in the Sunshine State.*



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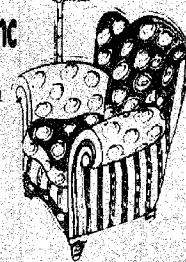
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Pines, Sarasota, and St Augustine, will also have works on display.

Digital Imagination will feature still, kinetic and interactive digital fine artworks and all will be displayed and viewable on a series of laptop computers and monitors provided and installed by the

show's high-tech sponsor, FindWhat.com.

The exhibition represents a first-of-its-kind partnership venture between the Alliance and FindWhat.com, a leading developer and provider of performance-based marketing and commerce services for online businesses. The purpose of "Digital Imagination" is to offer the public a comprehensive understanding of the current state and future directions of digital art.

## Digital art: the future?

It is generally agreed that 2004 is a critical and historic time in the creation and development of this new "field of art." Just as electric guitars transformed music and digital cameras transformed photography, today the emerging realm of digital art is fusing artistic creativity with technology and impacting drawing, painting and sculpting.

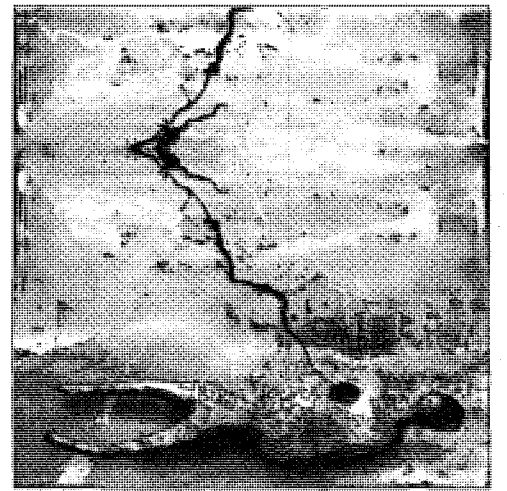
It is also expanding and changing public and professional definitions and perceptions of Art. At this very moment, for example, several major art museums in New York City (the American Museum of the Moving Image, the Guggenheim, the Museum of Modern Art's PS-1 Museum in Queens, and the Whitney) are all featuring significant digital art installations. And just as microphones once changed theatre, computers are now changing the world of art. Brushstrokes once made with pig bristles or nylon are now being made with software tools such as Paint Box, PhotoShop and Illustrator.

Digital Imagination, reported to be the first local — and possibly statewide —

exhibition to use computer screens to display digital art rather than show it hanging on gallery walls, represents a quantum leap over previous "computer generated art" exhibitions. The few such shows presented in the last two to three years have shown historic images as vintage Polaroid snapshots or more recent digital graphics as hardcopy printouts hung on walls. So, the "hung-on-gallery-walls presentation" was the same as any or all other art shows. Visitors may have seen some new and different design compositions and images, but most viewers of the displayed art did not have a dynamic "leading-edge, new wave experience." Digital Imagination promises to be that kind of entirely different fine art viewing experience.

FindWhat.com, as sponsor of the exhibition, is providing the requisite server, laptops and computer monitors as well as all the supporting software and programming expertise to achieve an unprecedented art gallery experience for viewers.

For the still images, the monitors will



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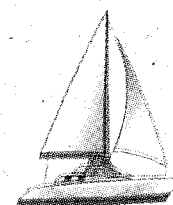
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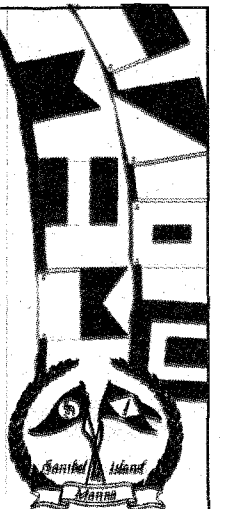
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Symbolism, sensuality and surrealism epitomize the beauty and emotion that Wyatt brings to the canvas in her unusual compositions combining the human figure with tropical elements.

Wyatt, a native Floridian, has always loved the ocean with its imagery, its reefs and fish. In her paintings she combines this setting with the qualities of idyllic mermaids which emerge as dreamlike and spontaneous images. "What I try to do with

the mermaids is to keep them sensual and surreal. Some artists are involved more in realism and draw mermaids as cute little performers." On the other hand, Wyatt appreciates more the gracefulness and fluidity of mermaids and paints them to convey her deep feelings.

Prior to gaining her reputation as a distinguished artist of mermaids she was doing her more symbolic and surreal kind of work. "When I have special feelings about special things they will end up being symbolic drawings. That usually starts with an emotional reaction to

something in my life and about which I have strong feelings. Those are the feelings that translate into these images."

Sometimes Wyatt creates her images by studying a pose or a gesture and using that as a springboard but placing it in a totally different environment. Her work is flowing, spontaneous and almost gesture like. "If it stirs something up

in the person who is viewing it, then it's a successful painting. It can be a simple line. It doesn't have to be a highly technical and correct painting."

Wyatt is most comfortable using a very large canvas. "A small canvas doesn't do anything for me." She prefers to paint lifesize and enjoys work-

ing on a large canvas for the freedom it gives her. Laughingly, she points out, "Sloshing paint around is fun and often I paint directly on the canvas." She explains that usually she has carried around the images in her head for a long time before she begins. When she is drawing, some things turn out well and some things don't

work. "Sometimes things have to come out. If it's not working, take it out and stop slaving over something that's not going to make it into the painting. That's why it's helpful to remember that any composition is always a work in progress."

"Sisters in Blue," one of Wyatt's most recent paintings,



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has a particular appeal for the interaction and relationship it portrays between two or more women. "It could be relationships with friends and that excites me." Here Wyatt captures the fluidity, spontaneity and sensuality involved in this engaging drama without any kind of realism. "Mermaids are currently a very good vehicle to convey my feelings." These are the same recurring themes that she portrays in "Dances with Pearls" and "Wistful Siren." Wyatt defines her own work as being on "The Threshold of a Dream" and creating on canvas "a sense of connection for the viewer to that place." Recently Wyatt exhibited in "The Art of a

Woman II" event sponsored by Jennifer's in Fort Myers. For the month of June 2004 she will be part of a two-person show at the Arts for ACT Gallery. Wyatt, who has been exhibiting at ACT for the past few years, is also a strong supporter of the ACT Auction. On Sanibel and Captiva, Wyatt's paintings can be viewed in all three Seaweed Galleries. In Matlacha, her work can be viewed in the Wildchild Gallery and her next goal is to find an appropriate venue in Naples. In any exhibition the distinctive and dreamlike qualities of her paintings can be recognized easily.

**Nancy Santeusanio**

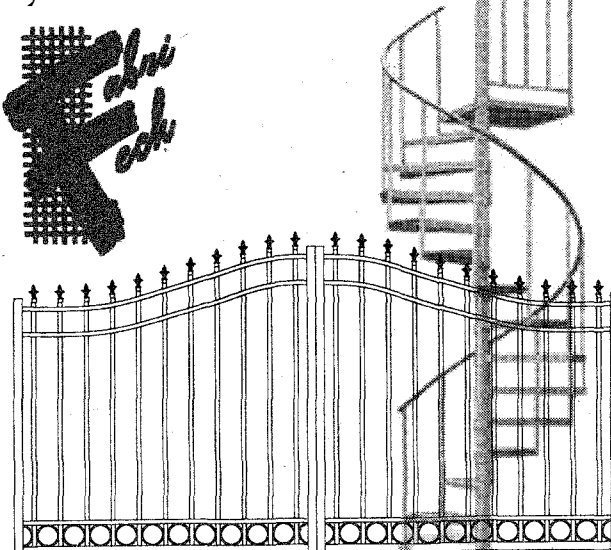
Wyatt will never forget her small beginnings and the encouragement and support she received from Seaweed Gallery Owner, Linda Boltrek. Creating serenity and yet stirring emotion through her dreamlike imagery is what Wyatt achieves par excellence in her paintings.



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City	Sat. High	Sat. Low	Sun. High	Sun. Low
Cape Coral Bridge	12:24 p.m.	7:40 p.m.	12:45 p.m.	8:36 p.m.
Captiva at Redfish Pass	10:14 a.m.	3:31 a.m.	10:35 a.m.	4:08 a.m.
Fort Myers	10:43 p.m.	4:24 p.m.	-	5:20 p.m.
Matlacha Pass	12:16 a.m.	7:29 a.m.	1:46 a.m.	8:06 a.m.
	1:17 p.m.	8:22 p.m.	1:38 p.m.	9:18 p.m.
Pineland	11:52 a.m.	6:13 a.m.	12:21 a.m.	6:50 a.m.
	-	7:06 p.m.	12:13 p.m.	8:02 p.m.
Point Ybel	10:50 a.m.	5:11 a.m.	11:11 a.m.	5:48 a.m.
	11:19 p.m.	6:04 p.m.	-	7:00 p.m.
Punta Rassa	9:19 a.m.	3:33 a.m.	9:40 a.m.	4:10 a.m.
	9:48 p.m.	4:26 p.m.	11:11 p.m.	5:22 p.m.
St. James City	10:08 a.m.	3:26 a.m.	10:29 a.m.	4:03 a.m.
	10:37 p.m.	4:19 p.m.	-	5:15 p.m.
	10:39 a.m.	4:01 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	4:38 a.m.
	11:08 p.m.	4:54 p.m.	-	5:50 p.m.

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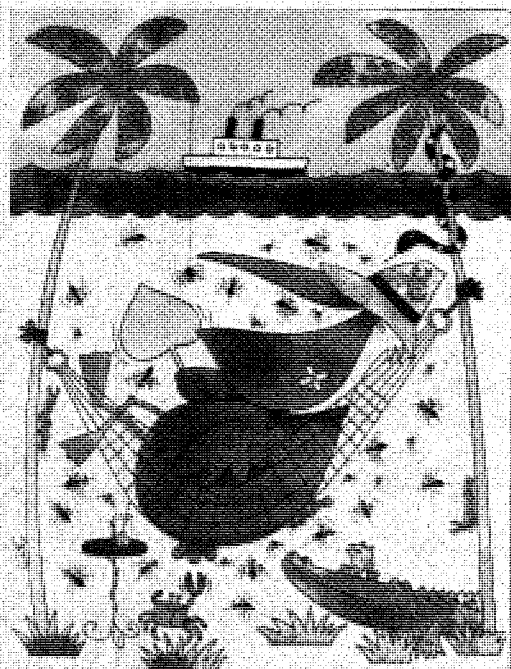
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## CENTER STAGE

### Gulfshore shows off at Schein

It's that time of year again when the Gulfshore Ballet School (the only classical ballet school in the Fort Myers area) holds its annual Spring Showcase in Schein Hall at BIG Arts. The purpose of the program is to display the work of the school's students from all six levels. The ballets are chosen to demonstrate the skills striven for and achieved at each level. After the welcome and introductions by Jan Egeland, the school's executive director, the evening's showcase began with Level 1 (students who are ages 5-8) performing "It Begins at the Barre." This was a classroom scene, demonstrating the beginning sequences of ballet technique at the barre.

These baby ballerinas were very earnest, concentrated and just adorable



**Marsha Wagner**

Next, the slightly older Levels 2 and 3 danced "The Fairy Doll" with music by Josef Bays and choreography by Tomislav Vukovic (one of the school's co-directors). The ensemble displayed very nice dance technique at both Levels, but it was the three boys in the group who were the most impressive —

Oliver Payne, Kevin Morrow and Peter Walker. These boys are very promising dancers, executing clean crisp footwork, whipping out sharp, multiple turns, and displaying nice elevation on their jumps. Levels 2 and 3 had a simply wonderful time performing on stage and the audience had a simply wonderful time watching them.

Level 4 then took to the stage, departing from the strictly classical approach with a razzmatazz version of Scott Joplin's "Maple Leaf Rag" choreographed by Christine Carrillo, a former Gulfshore teacher. The big finale of the evening brought on

Levels 5 and 6. These advanced students (ages 14 through 18) performed the technically challenging "Raymonda Variations" with music by Alexander Glazunov and original choreography by George Balanchine, staged for the students by Glenda Lucena (Gulfshore's ballet mistress). The Corps de Ballet featured the Level 5 students, while the Level 6 students danced the more difficult solo variations. This grand finale brought the appreciative audience to its feet for a well-deserved standing ovation. All in all, it was a wonderfully satisfying, as well as entertaining, evening watching these aspiring young dancers give it their all in this show-

case performance. Bravo, Gulfshore Ballet students and teachers! you all did a fine job. Just keep on dancing and we'll gladly keep on watching and appreciating your efforts.

### Catch this new talent in town

Psst, I've got a secret. I know a dark secluded place, a place where no one knows your face... Just knock three times and whisper low that "you and I were sent by... Marsha."

Where is this neat place? you ask. In downtown Fort Myers on Jackson Street. This tiny gem of a bistro/piano bar named Café Roni was formerly known as the Café Schmooze. The hosts are Pete and Fred along with their two beagles, Susie and Roni. The two guys cook up some really tasty dishes with just a touch of the continental; there is a full bar including wine and beer, and the prices are certainly reasonable. The two beagles are friendly and very cute, but they nibble your napkin when you're not looking. Café Roni is open seven days a week but dinner is by reservation only. Friday and Saturday there is live entertainment; Tracey Battle is the incredible vocalist currently being featured.

Tracey is a home-grown musical talent from North Fort Myers. This gifted performer began studying music and performing in local churches at about age nine. After graduation from North Fort Myers High School, she attended Bethune-Cookman College for her undergraduate music teaching degree, finishing her post-graduate music work at Howard University. For the past few years Tracey had been happily engaged teaching music in the public elementary school system throughout Florida... 'til the performance bug bit her once again.

Tracey decided to come back home, fine tune her performance skills and go all out for a theater career. When I asked her what she was looking for, she said, "I want it all — theater, night clubs, recordings, TV!" Her first break came when she was cast in Broadway Palm's musical version of The Civil War, followed by the featured role of Bloody Mary in South Pacific, and another role in Ragtime — both the latter productions at the Broadway Palm West in Mesa, Arizona.

Tracey's other interests are more political. She is currently president of the Dunbar Democratic Club and it was she who opened the Democratic state convention in Orlando with the national anthem. Most recently she was the featured entertainer at the

Democratic Women Club's River Cruise — which is when she met Fred and Pete. They were so impressed by her vocal talents that they offered her the Café Roni singing gig on Friday and Saturday nights. Because all of these political functions have served to kick off her musical career, Tracey has laid claim to the title "The Democratic Diva." Regardless of your political affiliations this lady is a mighty potent talent on anybody's platform.

Last Friday she dazzled us with a repertoire that just won't quit, ranging from gospel to jazz, from Motown to R&B and sprinkled with many more musical styles in between. Her lush vocals can melt you away, her upbeat renditions of gospel numbers can get your toes tappin' and hands clappin'. Her sweet voice can bend blue notes à la Dinah Washington or Ella Fitzgerald. Her a cappella rendition of Billie Holiday's "God Bless the Child" was absolutely heart-rending the night I saw her. She also raised the roof a few notches with her take on Tina Turner's "Proud Mary," starting nice and easy, then cranking it up hard.

The word awesome would best sum up the vocal talents of Tracey Battle, The Democratic Diva. This fine performer is well worth watching; she is star material at the beginning of her career. Do yourself a favor and catch the awesomely gifted Tracey Battle this coming weekend, while having a good meal at the Café Roni. Call 337-3400, for reservations and when you call, tell 'em Marsha sent you.

# Gulfshore Ballet

## Spring Showcase

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as they went through the ballet syllabus, starting with pliés, tendus, and relevés. They were in beginner's ballet school apparel, white leotards, black chiffon wrap skirts, pink tights and ballet shoes. Everyone's hair was tied back in neat buns, held with a ribbon. The classroom demonstration was led by one of the older students, Elizabeth Case. After the barre work was completed, center floor work began with a series of jumps and jetés across the stage. Reverance and bows ended this very typical ballet class demonstration. It was just delightful to see how and where all this wonderful yet difficult training begins for developing a classical ballet dancer. It brought me right back to my first days at the School of American Ballet in New York, some 60 years ago... it's still the same, nothing ever changes in ballet class.

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## THE NEXT CHAPTER

This month I have read three non-fiction books which are on very different subjects and have been written for very different reasons. Yet all three authors have a very personal connection to their subjects and have worked hard to research and understand their subjects. Other than that, the books have absolutely nothing in common in topic, tone or significance. Be prepared to shift gears from the serious, the silly and the sublime.

First, *Blood Done Sign My Name* by Tim Tyson, published by Crown Publishing is a book about the civil rights movement as witnessed by Tyson as the young white child of a Methodist Minister in Oxford, North



Nola Theiss

his Ph.D. in Afro-American Studies and teach at the University of Wisconsin and to write this book.

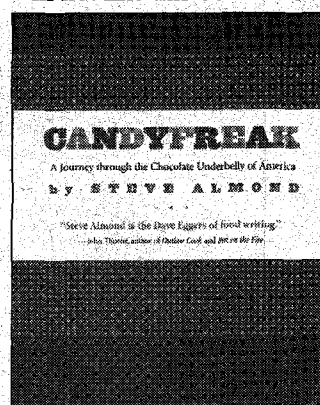
Like the more famous story of Emmett Till who suffered a similar fate for a similar offense, this murder led to violence and rancor. One difference between the two crimes is that Tyson experienced the immediate reactions to the crime, grew to understand it, and wrote about it from a personal viewpoint and then an older, educated perspective. In chronicling this event, he tells about a time in the '60s and '70s that he says we are now trying to rewrite. His is "a story of a nation torn apart by racial, political, social and cultural clashes so deep that they echo in our lives to this day," and he writes about the historical events that led up to them. He says, "If ever there is to be reconciliation, first there must be truth," and he tells the truth as he knows it. Much of the book reads like a novel and, despite his upbringing as a minister's son, it is never preachy. It is definitely a book worth reading.

Now, switch gears....

Steve Almond, the author of *Candyfreak: A Journey through the Chocolate Underbelly of America*, published by Algonquin Books, admits that he is a candy freak. This trait is something he cannot control, nor does he want to. Instead he uses his sincere obsession as a motivating force to write his book. His qualifications to author this book, apart from his work as a professor of creative writing, are that he has eaten at least one piece of candy every day of his life, that he keeps his house stocked with candy at all times, that he has a good last name for a chocophile (Almond), and that he doesn't gain weight easily. He is deeply concerned, in a silly but serious sort of way, about the demise of small manufacturers of candy. He travels all over the country to find out about the ones that still produce old-fashioned candy bars, where he meets candy factory owners who are at least as nuts about candy as he

is. The book is filled with Almond's opinions about candy, of course, but also about American society, politics, business, and family dynamics.

I loved this book for many reasons. First, I share his feelings about candy, though my addiction is more specifically related to chocolate. I, too, hate coconut and am not fond of marshmallow. If you don't understand the depth of these shared affiliations, you are not a candy freak and will not like this book. Worse yet, you will



read parts of it and then put it down and forget about it. This is tantamount to a person who can eat half a candy bar and then forget about the second half, because as

everyone knows, the world is divided between those who must eat the whole thing and those who can eat half.

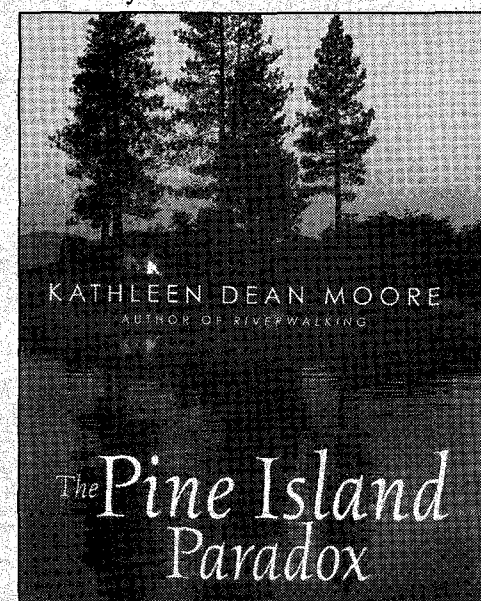
Anyway, Almond has written a kind of "Zen and the Art of Candy-Making and Eating" book which is about candy and the world we live in. It is not a book which follows standard research methods, but instead is filled with many personal asides that make me want to be friends with the author because he loves chocolate and also because he has an understanding of American culture which I more or less share. And, the book is funny. If you can relate to his insanity about chocolate, you will find it necessary to read parts aloud to unsuspecting relatives, even those who like coconut.

Switch again....

*The Pine Island Paradox* by Kathleen Dean Moore, published by Milkweed Editions, is not about our Pine Island, but uses islands as symbols of three philosophi-

cal worldviews: "The first is the claim that human beings are separate from, and superior to, nature... The second 'island' is... the illusion that our individual well-being can be disconnected from the well-being of the biological and social systems that sustain us." The third island is that the sacred is present in "what is wonderful on this earth," rather than devaluing what we have for the promise of something better later.

The author uses an Alaskan island in the tides, an island in a river and a coastal island to explain each of these ideas. I read this book in one sitting as the author has the ability to mix deep thoughts with beautiful descriptions of nature and emotions so they flow easily. She talks about what it means



to love a place and the responsibility it puts on the human to protect the natural. Her writing is not difficult or erudite, but it is inspirational. This book is a religious experience for those who see the sacred in the natural workings of the world. It gives a mandate to those who feel a responsibility toward protecting the Earth and the living creatures on it. It is beautiful.

I told you these books were completely different, but I recommend them all.

### Digital, from page 15

University of Denver Professor Emeritus Mel Strawn, a pioneering digital artist and co-juror with Chaikin of Digital Imagination, noted of a recent Colorado Springs exhibit: "It was the first art exhibition in my 50 years as an artist where the folks attending the opening spent their entire time looking at the art! It wasn't the usual scene at a gallery opening, with socializing, chit-chatting and holding snacks and wine in napkins that usually happens at such events. They got into the art and stayed with it! All night! They didn't want to miss a thing. They had to be

forced out because they wanted to keep clicking to see the next images and action."

"Digital Imagination" begins with a 5 - 7 p.m. free public Opening Night Reception on Friday June 4, with \$1,500 in prize money awards to be announced during the reception for artworks in various categories. Subsequently, members of the public are invited to attend Digital Imagination without charge anytime during its run from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, through June 26. Call 239-939-2787 or visit [www.artinlee.org](http://www.artinlee.org) for additional details.

### Explorers, from page 13

- buggy tour, and more. Call for reservations. 472-0101.
- Touch Tank Exploration at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Program approx. 1/2 hour.
- Evening cruise at 6 p.m. These tours also include a visit to the touch tank. Tour is approx. 2 hours.
- Breakfast cruise 9 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. 90 min., includes coffee,

juice, and pastry. Also includes visit to the touch tank.

TRAM TOUR OF WILDLIFE DRIVE leaves every 1 1/2 hours, Sat. - Thurs., 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 4 p.m.

Wildlife Drive is now open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. except Fridays. Reservations, 472-1351

Call for reservations for all activities. 472-8900

### William North paintings on display in Tallahassee

Secretary of State Glenda E. Hood announced today an exhibition of paintings by Fort Myers artist William North entitled "Florida Citrus and Florida Landscapes." The exhibition, which is on display in the Governor's Gallery, will run from May 21, 2004 through August 26, 2004. "The Department of State is delighted to offer Florida artists the opportunity to display their works in the Governor's Office," said Secretary Hood. "Our state leaders will enjoy William North's impressionistic paintings which capture Florida's beautiful landscape as well as our state's citrus heritage."

Painting in the impressionistic style, artist William North depicts a variety of Florida's tropical scenes and citrus still lifes in this series of oil paintings. "My choice in subject matter - Florida oranges, citrus groves, beaches and tropical landscapes - is intended to capture on canvas present-day Florida as I see it," says North. "In particular, I strive to convey to the viewer the look and feel of Florida sunshine in most of my work."

William North developed an interest in

art at an early stage which eventually led to an assignment as an artist correspondent for the United States Army in 1945. When his service ended, he attended the Pratt Institute where he received a BFA in 1951; he later studied at the Art Student's League in New York City and the Lyme Academy of Fine Art in Connecticut. Throughout his life he pursued a career in business, holding executive level positions, all the while continuing to paint and show his work in galleries. In 1990 he relocated to Florida to pursue his art full time and has since received numerous awards including first place prize in the Winners Circle Competition at Edison Community College in Fort Myers. To learn more about William North, visit [www.northgallery.com](http://www.northgallery.com)

The Governor's Gallery at the Florida Capitol is not open to the general public. Limited access is available by invitation of the Governor's Office only. For further information contact Sandy Shaughnessy at the Division of Cultural Affairs at 850-245-6480 or visit [www.florida-arts.org](http://www.florida-arts.org).



## ARTS CALENDAR

### On exhibit

- **HARRIET RINGEL** retrospective now on display at the Sanibel Library.
- **PORTER GOSS CONGRESSIONAL: Annual Art Exhibit** at FGCU, 10501 FGCU Blvd. S. Fort Myers. Hours: M-F 10-4. 590-7222
- **GREETING FROM FABULOUS FLORIDA** Art by Mel Meo at the ARTS for Act Gallery, in the Arcade on First Street, downtown Ft. Myers. Through May 31.
- **DIGITAL IMAGINATION** all Florida juried show at the Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers. Sponsored by FindWhat.com, opening reception June 4. 939-2787.
- **LATINO 04** at gallery 1451 Monroe St., through May 26. 481-2081
- **LIQUID CAFE**, May 26, Group Art Attack presents "May Flowers." 461-0444
- **COMING IN JUNE: DUO SHOWS AT ARTS FOR ACT.** Christina Wyatt's "Mermaids" and Roy Benton's "Elements." Opening reception June 4, 7-10 p.m. 2265 First Street, at the historic Arcade in Fort Myers.

### On stage

- **SCOTLAND ROAD** at the Periwinkle Playhouse. Begins June 16, \$20. Performances 8 p.m., 2 p.m. matinees.

- **THE MUSIC MAN** at the Broadway Palm April 15 - June 5. 1380 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers. 278-4422.
- **LOST IN YONKERS** kicks off a summer of Neil Simon at the Florida Rep, in the historic Arcade Theatre downtown Fort Myers. Directed by Bob Cacioppo June 4 - 27. 332-4665
- **DICK PISTON, HOTEL DETECTIVE IN "PRAGUE-NOSIS"** at Theatre Conspiracy. May 20 - June 5 Thurs-Sat., 8 p.m. First 2 Sundays, 2 p.m.
- **LOOKING FOR ACTOR** Off Beach Players looking for male actor 20-30, for "A Little Murder Never Hurt Anybody" at the Periwinkle Playhouse. Call June Koc 472-5400.

### At the movies

Now playing at Island Cinema:

- *Shrek 2*, rated PG, at 4, 6 and 8 p.m.
- *Troy*, rated R, at 3, 6 and 9 p.m.

Starts Friday, June 4:

- *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*

Island Cinema is in Bailey's Center on Sanibel. Call 472-1701 for more information.



## SWFAS Tie One On raises \$16,000 for Vince Smith Center

The Tie One On for SWFAS fund-raising event Saturday, May 15, raised \$16,000 to benefit SWFAS' Vince Smith Center, Lee County's only residential facility for teens with substance abuse problems.

The dinner, dance and silent auction at the Elks Lodge on Park Meadows Drive in Fort Myers was attended by 220 people, who wore festive ties and scarves of their own creation or selected one-of-a-kind ties created by the teens in treatment.

The first time event included a "mock-tail" reception with non-alcoholic beverages, buffet, dinner and dance as well as a silent auction featuring more than 40 packages including airline tickets and golf packages.

"I am very thankful to the parents who spearheaded this event. The money

raised will replace worn out furniture and buy recreational items for our kids in treatment at The Vince Smith Center", said Vince Smith Center Director Lydia Nixon.

The Vince Smith Center operated by SWFAS houses 20 teens, ages 13 to 17, for three to six months while they receive treatment for substance abuse. The youngsters live at the center 24/7 and receive schooling on premises from a teacher from the Lee County school system.

SWFAS (Southwest Florida Addiction Services) is a not-for-profit organization, 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.

Don't forget to pick up your free tickets for **Islands Night at the Miracle** (otherwise, you have to pay at the gate). Tickets are available from sponsors, at Bailey's General Store and at the Sanibel-Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce.

Wednesday, June 6  
6:30 p.m. - Lee County Sports Complex

## Top Listers

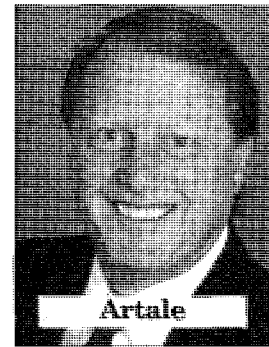
### "The Marketeers" receive Top Listing and Sales Honors for the month of April

A few years ago three talented Realtors from Sanibel Island's Coldwell Banker Previews International joined forces to form "The 3 Marketeers." Jim Artale, Mike Robison, and Ken Colter combined their considerable expertise in order to serve the needs of the island real estate customer more effectively — and more efficiently. As a group, this "dynamic trio" offered over sixty-years of experience to their clients! But that wasn't enough. They recently expanded their team to include Jason Lomano and Paul Cook and became "The Marketeers."

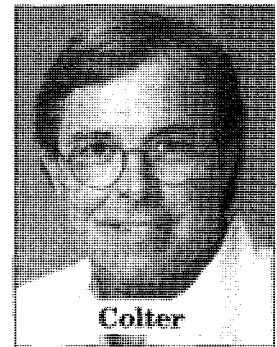
This month "The Marketeers" became the top selling and listing team at Coldwell Banker Previews International. Jay Richter, sales manager commented, "These guys have been working tirelessly. Because of their vast experience, they have been faced with just about every possible real estate scenario and they have

come out on top."

Working as a cohesive unit, "The Marketeers" offer peace of mind to the customer — a rare commodity in today's high-stress real estate market. "I am very pleased with the performance of this real estate team," said John Naumann, "They have all of their bases covered. Buyers and sellers know that these guys will leave "no stone unturned" in their tireless efforts to produce results."



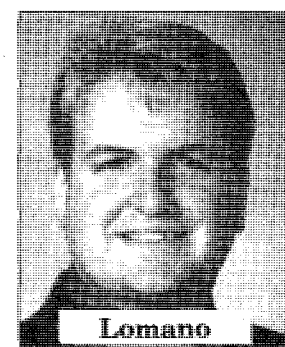
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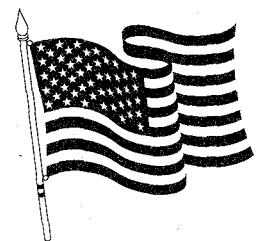
### Note of Thanks to City Council from MOAA

Recently, a new, taller flagpole was erected at the entrance to the island. This was a nice improvement, but with the new height, our country's flag was no longer properly illuminated. This was brought to the attention of City Council, along with a request for a stronger light. There were objections to a stronger light as being in conflict with the dark skies ordinance.

The members of MOAA wish to thank Council, and in particular Mayor Marty Harry, for addressing this issue and requesting city staff to find a solution. City staff found a way to illuminate the flag from above, thus solving both problems.

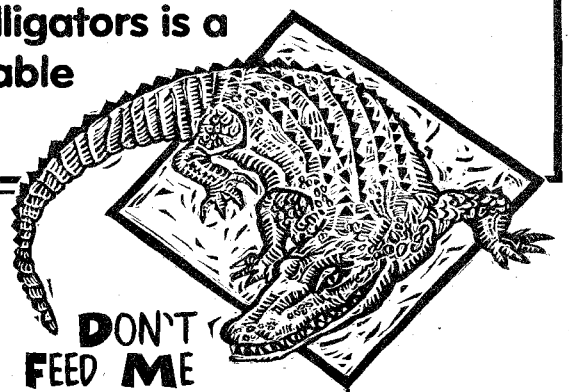
We are appreciative of Mayor Harry's prompt attention to this problem, and thanks to city staff for a quick solution.

- For MOAA Officers & Membership  
Dewey Tate, President



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City of Sanibel  
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50 CFR 27.51





## Sea Turtle Nesting Totals

May 24, 2004

	Nests	False Crawls
<b>2004</b>		
Captiva	3	4
Sanibel East End	1	0
Sanibel West End	20	17
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>2003</b>		
Captiva	23	10
Sanibel East End	2	12
Sanibel West End	26	28
<b>Totals</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>50</b>

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## The perils of plovers

By Claudia Burns  
Special to the Islander

I've often wondered what would happen if a sea turtle chose to nest in the same spot as a snowy plover.

I got my answer on Sunday, May 23.

My main concern as I walked the beach toward snowy plover nest #12, and spied the chartreuse tape of a sea turtle nest within the bird's enclosure, was that a turtle had inadvertently destroyed the eggs of a bird that is listed as endangered in the State of Florida.

Much to my relief, I spied the plucky plover calmly shading her eggs - barely 16 inches from the new turtle nest. I could only shake my head in awe and try to envision what had occurred during the wee hours of Sunday.

Because the snowy plover is the smallest bird on the beach and is the same color as sand, the untrained eye can see it only when it moves. I and other seasoned volunteers for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Snowy Plover Project were monitoring nest #12, where the female had protected her eggs, in a shallow "scrape" on the beach, for a full three weeks, and was just one week away from hatching her chicks. I sensed that she had endured a terrifying ordeal that morning.

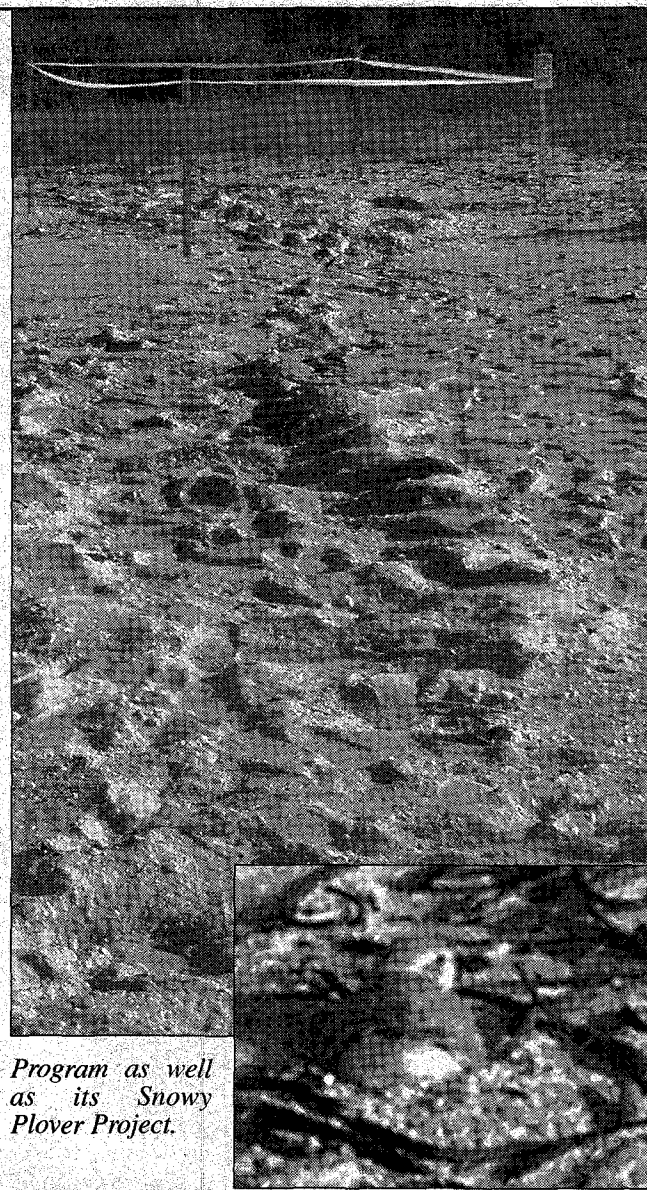
Imagine the plover's panic when a huge creature came lumbering up from the Gulf in the dead of night, looming out of the darkness, and heading straight for the tiny bird's nest. No amount of squawking, dive-bombing, or feigning a broken wing would deter this determined turtle.

The monster hefted herself forward until she found her spot - perilously close to the plover's nest - then took an eon to excavate a deep hole, throwing sand every which way as she dug. After depositing at least a hundred eggs, one by one, the behemoth spewed sand, seemingly for another lifetime, then hoisted and dropped her massive bulk to seal the whole mess. Finally - blessed relief - the intruder heaved herself from the plover's haven, taking almost the same path, or "crawl," she had made as she entered. Peace at last.

But just as our heroine was beginning to recover from this harrowing experience, the sun came up and brought with it several of those tall, wingless, two-legged creatures that clutter the beach and peer at her through round, glittering contraptions that blind her eyes. One of them was armed with a sledge hammer, wooden stakes, a yellow sign, and reams of shiny tape. Like the turtle, he bothered the tiny bird - and her efforts to make him go away were as futile as they had been with the mammoth reptile. But unlike the turtle, the well-meaning human took only ten minutes to accomplish his purpose - staking the nest of a protected species. It just happened to be within the enclosure of an endangered snowy plover.

When I think about this sequence of events, I still shake my head in awe.

Claudia Burns is a volunteer beachwalker for Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Sea Turtle Monitoring



Program as well  
as its Snowy  
Plover Project.

### Turtle Tracks at SCCF

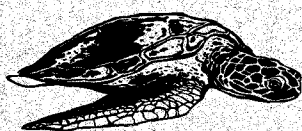
Come join us for Turtle Tracks at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Nature Center at 9 a.m. on Thursdays. This interpretive program will delve into the life cycle of the sea turtles that nest on our beaches. We will start at the turtle exhibit and marine touch tank in the nature center and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

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation monitors the Sea Turtle nests on Sanibel and Captiva.

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

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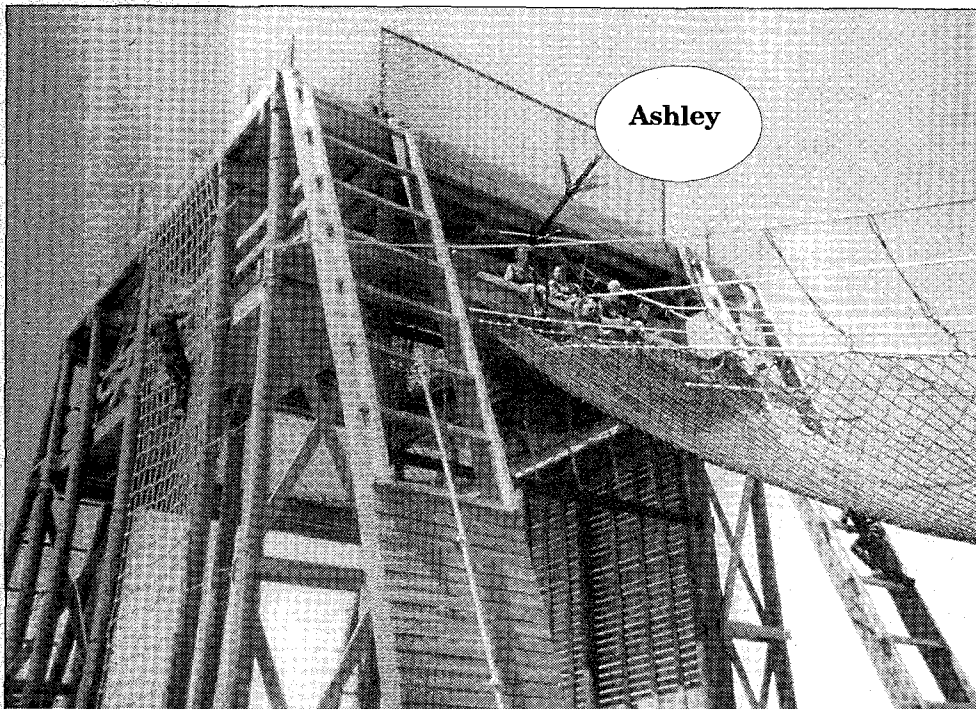
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# Letters home: the Warrior Tower



My drill sergeant took this picture at Warrior Tower (the repeling). He let me keep the doubles. My whole platoon is enjoying the articles.

Sunday, May 16

Mom-

Hey! Well - we got done with the most difficult parts of training and we move on to MP school on the 22nd. I got severe poison ivy when we were "camping" so I had to go to the doctor yesterday and get a shot and prednisone and allergy pills and cortisone cream. I'm hoping all that stuff starts helping before it gets worse...

I qualified expert on the grenades. It turns out the drill sergeant was just giving me crap about my throw cause it was fine. I can't wait to come home... only nine more weeks. I want to see so many movies...

I can't wait to hear from you again... I love you and wish you lots!

Ashley

Islander Ashley Camomilli left for U.S. Army Boot Camp on March 17. After completing her training in July, she and her husband, Darian Lundgren, will reside on base in Texas. She would love to get mail from home:

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## Dunes Men Golf Association

Result: May 19

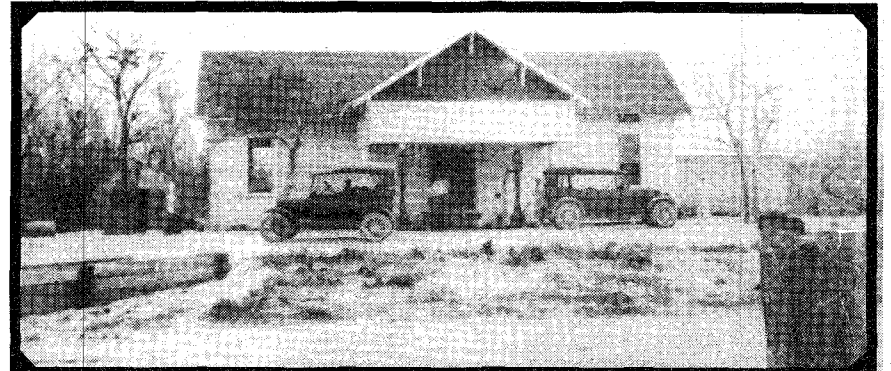
Event: 18-Hole - Individual Low Net - Full Handicap  
Only 1 Stroke for Par 3's - 18 Players - A and B Flights

A Flight	Score
1st Place	
Dewey Tate (Card Off)	64
2nd Place	
Bob Davison	64
3rd Place	
Dick Smith (Card Off)	65
B Flight	
1st Place	
Andy McKelvey	59
2nd Place	
Max Friedersdorf	61
3rd Place	
Andy Wood	64

**Congratulations, everyone!**

Sometimes, after a particularly high scoring round, one tends to feel the same way Hank Aaron, Baseball Hall of Famer, did. "It took me 17 years to get 3,000 hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course!"

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# Hail and farewell at the Captiva library

By Amy Fleming  
Managing editor,  
Captiva Current

Patrons of the Captiva Memorial Library are seeing a new face behind the desk, with the upcoming retirement of branch manager Carolyn McKinney, and the addition of new manager Ann Bradley, formerly of Dunbar Jupiter Hammon. McKinney has been with the Lee County library system for 20 years, the last five at Captiva, and a regular columnist for the Captiva Current. She will be retiring next month.

So what's next for McKinney, after retirement?

"For a while, as little as possible," she said, adding that now, "I can sleep past six in the morning."

Plans include road trips, but not monotonous interstate travel. McKinney, who will soon be joined by her brother and sister-in-law, is looking forward to exploring the backroads, and discovering some of the unique small towns that dot Florida's landscape.

"We're going to look for interesting places, just kind of wander around for a while."

The library board presented her with the perfect going away gift for a soon to be explorer — a set of luggage.

"One of the great pleasures in working with the advisory board, is that they're all a great bunch of people," McKinney said. "So are our volunteers. Some of our volunteers have been here for 20 years."

McKinney moved to Cape Coral 20 years ago from Mentor, Ohio, along with her husband and their two youngest children. Originally from Cleveland Heights, McKinney graduated from Bethany College in West Virginia. It was while working as a library aide that a supervisor suggested she consider a future in library science.

"I was majoring in English, and it occurred to me that I had no intention of teaching. I thought, what can I do with this? He told me 'English majors with an economics minor, like yours, are born reference librarians.'"

To understand something of what a reference librarian does, remember the famous quote from Samuel Johnson: "Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a

subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it." A good reference librarian is a wizard at finding information on every subject known to man, a vital resource in what has become known as 'the information age.'

After earning a Masters in Library Science from Case Western Reserve, also in West Virginia, she worked in public libraries in both Cleveland Heights and Mentor.

McKinney considers it to be a stroke of good fortune that she was able to come on board with the Lee County Public Library System within her first year of moving to Florida. She worked at the Cape Coral branch, which is now a regional library, for 10 years. Her next move was to the acquisitions department for another five years, then it was over the causeway and up the road to the Captiva Memorial Library for the past five years.

"This is by all means the most fun, and the most interesting," McKinney said.

On Captiva, the library serves a variety of patrons from all over the globe. Some of her favorite patrons are regular visitors from England, bringing with them their "wonderful sense of humor."

Much of the day to day business of being a branch manager is customer service oriented. Visitors drop by the front desk, asking "what have you read lately that I might like?" The CML librarians work at becoming familiar with their guests' taste in reading material, many of whom return to offer impromptu book reviews.

"That can be very helpful," McKinney said. "I like to have that connection, and they tell us what they enjoyed, or didn't enjoy."

Some of the most popular genres are basic good beach reading — mysteries, romance, and suspense novels. Books can be taken to the beach — according to McKinney, the worst that usually happens is sand gets trapped under the clear jacket cover. Just please try to avoid dropping them in swimming pools.

Bradley, soon to take the helm at CML, hails from Illinois, graduating from Illinois State University with a Bachelor's degree in studio art, and later returning for a Masters degree in com-

munication. Her family had a house in Florida, and it was in 1986, while spending a month down here that she noticed an ad in the paper for an opening at the Cape Coral library. Bradley was interviewed for the position by a panel, which included McKinney. She was hired, and began working in the circulation department, and as a coordinator of volunteers.

"I realized I liked the work well enough to stay with it as a career," she said. "You're around people who love reading, and are interesting and vibrant."

Bradley earned her Masters in Library Science from University of South Florida, through a tuition reimbursement program offered by the county's library system.

"It paid off for them too, because I'm still with the county. They invest in their employees," Bradley said.

She continued to work at Cape Coral, in the adult and juvenile reference service, helping students with science projects, "and there was no internet then," she said.

After two years, she moved to the Community Access service, working in Talking Books. Talking Books is a mail service that provides reading material and assistance devices for people with disabilities, particularly the visually handicapped. Librarians with this service get to know the network of organizations in a community that serve the disabled, and can refer patrons to the program that can best meet their needs. After a while, Bradley felt the pull to return to the branch libraries and reconnect with the communities as a 'floater librarian.' It was during this time that Bradley floated over to the Captiva Memorial Library, to substitute for McKinney while she visited England. Bradley served as Branch Manager at Dunbar Jupiter Hammon for a year and a half, where she worked with the Black

History Society.

"It was a very broadening experience for me," she said. "I got quite attached to the children who would come in regularly, and to the other community members there."

When the Captiva position opened, Bradley knew she wanted to be here.

"I felt it would be a great fit for me,"



*Amy Fleming photo*  
**Ann Bradley, Captiva Memorial Library's new branch manager, with Carolyn McKinney, the current manager, who is retiring next month.**

she said. Like many islanders, Bradley has a keen interest in the environment, is an animal lover and an avid bird watcher.

"I'll be meeting a lot of diverse people, and serving an interesting population," Bradley said. "I'm really looking forward to this."

## Summer at the library

The Captiva Memorial Library offers a terrific variety of programs this summer for teens and children as part of the Summer Reading Team and Teens Read and Win!

### Children's Programs

These events are free, but tickets are required. Please pick up free tickets at the library before each event. These events are for children ages 6 and older.

### Sea Turtles

by Richard Finkel  
Thursday, June 3 at 2 p.m.

**Library programs see right**

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**Team Captiva: Rich Stegmann, Dan Stegmann (he caught the tarpon), Captain Jimmy Burnsed (team captain) and Captain Ozzie Lessinger.**

## Captiva unbeatable at Boca Grande tourney

*Story and photo courtesy of Rich and Dan Stegmann*

Team Captiva lead by Captain Jimmy Burnsed, a Professional Fishing Guide from Jensen's Twin Palm Marina in Captiva, won the Professional Tarpon Tournament Series at Boca Grande, Florida on Sunday. The tournament is sponsored by Yamaha Outboard Motors and Cobia/Century Boats.

The fishing is done in a designated area around Boca Grande Pass. Forty four-person boat teams participated in the competitive event, plus many other boats in the area fishing for recreation. The 100 plus pound tarpon was caught by team member Dan Stegmann, a Captiva developer from St. Albans, Missouri. The fish was caught on live bait using a light weight spinning

tarpon fishing equipment. The catch was made in the last 30 minutes of the designated 3 hour tournament time frame. Fishing conditions were a little difficult due to the very choppy waters from the east wind. The team won 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes as it was the only catch of the tournament. The prizes consisted of a 20' Century Center Console Boat, a 115 HP Yamaha 4 stroke outboard motor and a trailer this package has a value of \$25,000. Second place was \$2,000 and third place \$1,000. Needless to say, Stegmann was elated for the team and himself for the hard but exciting work to earn the winning rewards. The Team Captiva members are: Captain Jimmy Burnsed, Captain Ozzie Lessinger, Dan Stegmann, Rich Stegmann and mechanical support from Marty Pierce.

## Library programs, from below left

*Magic & Balloons*  
by Fruit Loop the Clown  
Thursday, June 10 at 2 p.m.  
(tickets available June 3)

*Crocodilians: Cold-blooded critters*  
by Toni Westland  
Thursday, June 17 at 2 p.m.  
(tickets available June 10)

*The Frog Prince*  
by Rags to Riches  
Thursday, June 24 at 2:00 p.m.  
(tickets available June 17)

**Teen Programs**  
Papier-Maché  
by DiVitto Kelly  
Registration for all three programs is required.

Saturday, July 10 at 2 p.m.  
Tuesday, July 13 at 2 p.m.  
Thursday, July 15 at 2 p.m.

**Reading programs (from May 26 - July 24)**

- The Summer Reading Team is for children grades K-5. Participants

get a packet of helpful information, a reading log and other fun items just for signing up. All participants are entered into random drawings for prizes throughout the summer.

- Read and Win is for readers in middle and high school. Teens log their reading and can draw for prizes for each completed reading log they turn in throughout the summer.
- There's even a Summer Reading Program for children 3 and under called "Read to Me" which encourages parents to read to their babies and toddlers.

The Captiva Memorial Library is located at 11560 Chapin Lane in Captiva. For more information, please call the library at (239) 472-2133. All programs are free and open to the public. A sign language interpreter is available with 48-hour notice. Call the Deaf Service Center at 461-0334 (voice) or 461-0438 (TTY). Assistive listening devices are available upon request.

## News from SWFIA

### April breaks passenger traffic records

More than 726,000 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport last month, making it the busiest April in the airport's history. It was the 17th consecutive record-setting month and marks the first time the airport hit the 700,000 passenger mark in April. The number of passengers increased by 10.6 percent compared to April 2003. The airport has accommodated nearly 2.9 million passengers year to date, an increase of 11.9 percent.

"April typically is the first month we start to see a seasonal decline in passengers, but only in Southwest Florida can we look at 726,000 passengers as a downswing," said Robert M. Ball, A.A.E., executive director of the Lee County Port Authority. "Monthly passenger traffic has increased 446 percent compared to the first April after the airport opened twenty years ago. Even more impressive, in April 2004 we served nearly 200,000 passengers more than we served the entire six months of April through September in 1984."

The Air Transport Association reported that passenger traffic nationwide increased by 11.9 percent for the month and 5.7 percent year to date.

Last month was also the airport's busiest April yet for air cargo. More than 2.8 million pounds of freight moved through the airport, an increase of 5 percent for the month. The year-to-date total of 11.6 million pounds is more than 6 percent ahead of the first four months of 2003.

### New terminal construction two-thirds completed

Construction of the Midfield Terminal Complex at Southwest Florida International Airport is two-thirds completed and on schedule for opening in spring 2005. The \$438 million project includes a 798,000-square-foot terminal, a new taxiway and related roadways.

As of early May, the structural work

and roof installation on Concourse B — one of three concourses — had been completed, and installation of baggage-conveyor belts and terminal windows was 50 percent complete. Terrazzo flooring is being installed in the baggage-claim area, and permanent electric power will be activated in parts of the building this month.

Construction of the three-story parking garage is 70 percent complete, and light fixtures are being installed. Paving of the taxiway continues.

DMJM Aviation Inc., the firm that is managing the design and construction of the Midfield Terminal Complex, worked with airport officials, airlines, rental car agencies, regulatory agencies and other stakeholders early in the project's design process. Surveys of passengers, airport visitors, and airline and airport staff helped shape the new facility.

A primary consideration was passenger convenience. Walking distances have been minimized, the number of parking spaces is being doubled, and the number of seats in waiting areas is being tripled.

The two-story terminal will be accessed by a dual roadway system that will allow departing passengers to be dropped off at the upper-level curb and arriving passengers to be picked up on the lower level. The upper level will include ticket counters, security clearance areas, aircraft gates, restaurants and shops. Baggage claim facilities will be located on the ground floor.

The parking garage, located directly across from the terminal, will provide 2,200 hourly parking spaces and will house rental car facilities, eliminating the need for rental car shuttles. The 9,800-space, long-term parking lot and the 1,300-space employee parking area will be served by shuttles.

The terminal will open with 28 aircraft gates. An incremental expansion design will provide long-term flexibility, cost efficiencies and the potential for a total of 65 gates. T-shaped extensions can be added to the concourses to provide additional gates — a few at a time or several — and there is space for two more concourses. In addition, two

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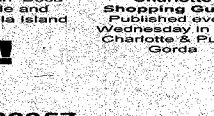
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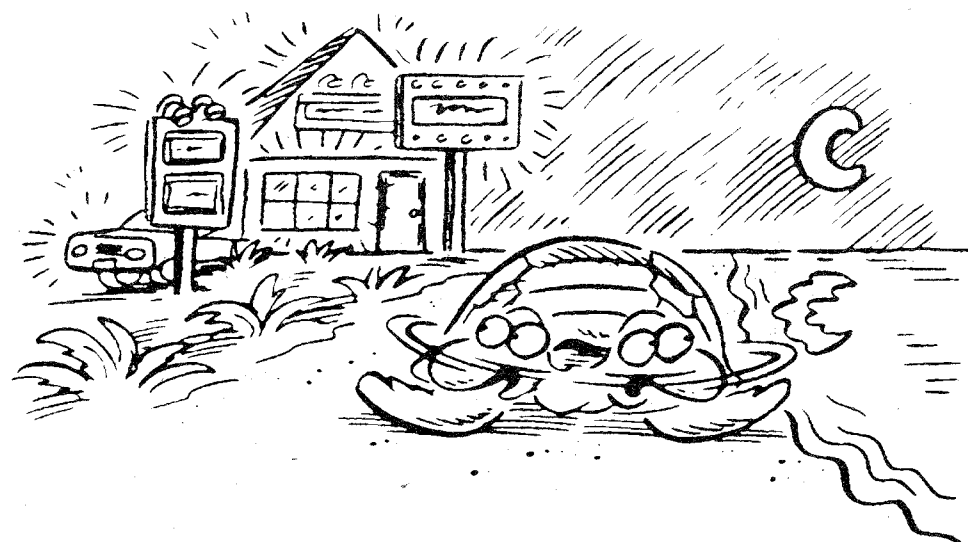
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A 7,000-acre environmental restoration helped the Port Authority secure the permits required for the project. The off-site mitigation park, east of the airport, is preserving pristine, environmentally sensitive land, including the largest freshwater marsh in Lee County. Existing areas have been restored and preserved, exotic vegetation has been removed, and new habitat is being created. Empty farmlands were excavated to create 400 to 500 acres of wetlands, and other land has been modified to return it to its original, natural state. The project not only has restored flow ways for surface water, but also has created an exclusive environment for wildlife preservation.

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## \$10 Million Line of Credit sought for Page Field

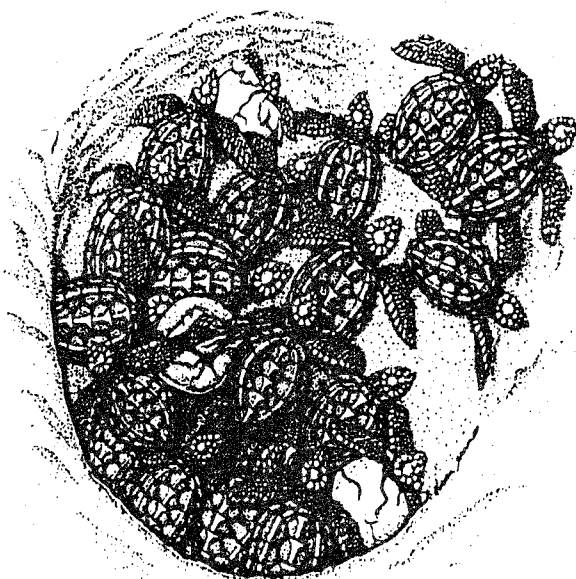
The Lee County Port Authority is taking steps to secure a \$10 million line of credit for Page Field General Aviation Airport. The line of credit will be used to finance projects such as new hangars, an expansion of the southeast ramp and drainage improvements.

"Page Field has grown tremendously during the past several years, becoming profitable enough to be eligible for a bank-qualified loan backed solely by revenue from its operation," said Robert M. Ball, A.A.E., executive director of the Lee County Port Authority. "The advantages are a more favorable interest rate, the ability to act more quickly on construction projects and the opportunity to secure more grants, many of which require matching funds."

The Lee County Port Authority plans to request bids for a tax-exempt, 15-year line of credit this month, and hopes to finalize loan documents by mid-June. Banks that wish to be added to the bid-request list may call Joe Virdin, senior purchasing manager with the Lee County Port Authority at (239) 768-4710.

Page Field, which accommodated more than 87,000 aircraft operations during 2003, operates as an enterprise fund, financed solely with monies generated by its operations. No ad valorem (property) taxes are used for the operation or improvement of the airport. In addition to several aviation-related businesses, airport tenants include the Page Field Commons shopping center, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Florida Highway Patrol, Florida Department of Transportation, the State Fire Marshal and the Page Field Medical Village.

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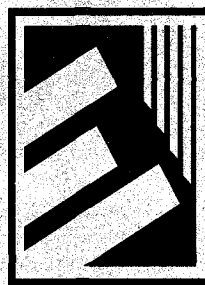
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How does Tropical Temptations tempt you? Start with Love Boat's famous homemade ice cream and custom ice cream cakes. Add pelican poops, five-pound Granny Smith caramel apple pies, a chocolate-lover's chocolate fudge layer cake and BIG cookies... all homemade by owner Sandy Owens... top this off with a complete espresso bar and blended coffee drinks... tempted?

Owens wholesaled her homemade baked goods to some of the most famous restaurants on the islands for seven years before opening Tropical Temptations in February 2003. It's been a success from the start. "Everything I make is from scratch and I have not had one complaint since I opened," she notes proudly.

Behind the scenes Owens knows the importance of maintaining a very efficient kitchen and being willing to work long hours. "That's the only way to ensure that everything is fresh." Assistant and "right hand woman," Christine Campbell, emphasizes, "Sandy does not believe in gadgets. She does everything by hand, her fine food processor and a nice mixer."

Coolly refreshing "Love Boat" ice cream is served in plain, waffle or fancy cones or, for a real treat, try a Sea Turtle specialty sundae. A couple from Toledo, Ohio recently exclaimed, "We had your ice cream the other night and it was great. Now we keep coming back for more ice cream and your super delicious, huge, chocolate chip cookies."

Kids love the Shark Adventure: ice cream served in cones dipped in special hardening hot chocolate sauce and topped with sprinkles and nuts. The fat-free botanical fruited smoothies delight the weight conscious. "No calories at zero sea level!" assures Campbell.

Kick-start your shopping day with a cup of freshly ground Columbia brewed coffee, mocha and vanilla latte, cappuccino or a popular Sanibel coffee cooler. When people ask, "Can I have it a certain way?" Campbell's reply is, "You can have it any way you want it."

The humongous Granny Smith caramel apple pies are top sellers and Owens also makes single serving Granny Smith pies - still humongous but so delicious you won't want to put down your fork until you have devoured every last bite. The coconut snowball cake (filled with fresh strawberries) is another favorite, and don't miss the black bottom peanut butter pie or one of the "homestyle" puddings... or fresh-baked quiche, with different fillings, just perfect for a satisfying lunch.

Signature Pelican Poops, in a variety of flavors like peanut butter, coconut and almond, are much like a truffle but filled with sweet cream cheese.

"Everything is homemade and even the candies are hand-dipped," notes Owens. Tropical Temptations — bright, airy and filled with sweet delights, c-o-o-l Love Boat ice cream and pick-me-up coffees - lives up to its name.



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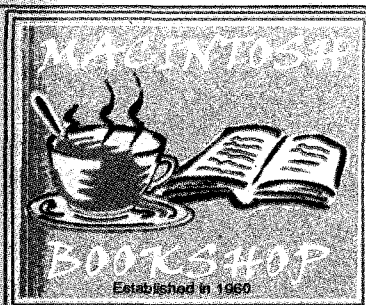
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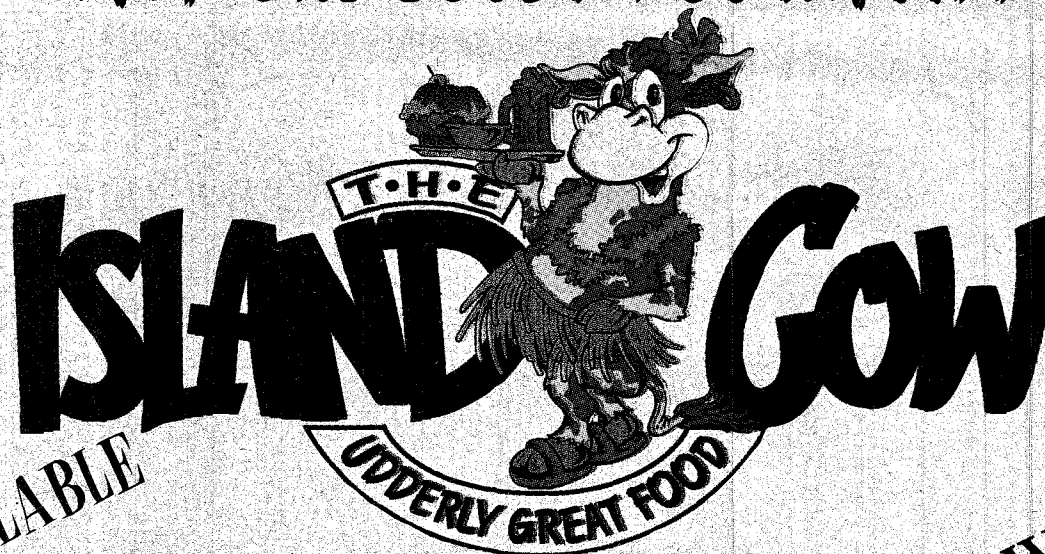
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