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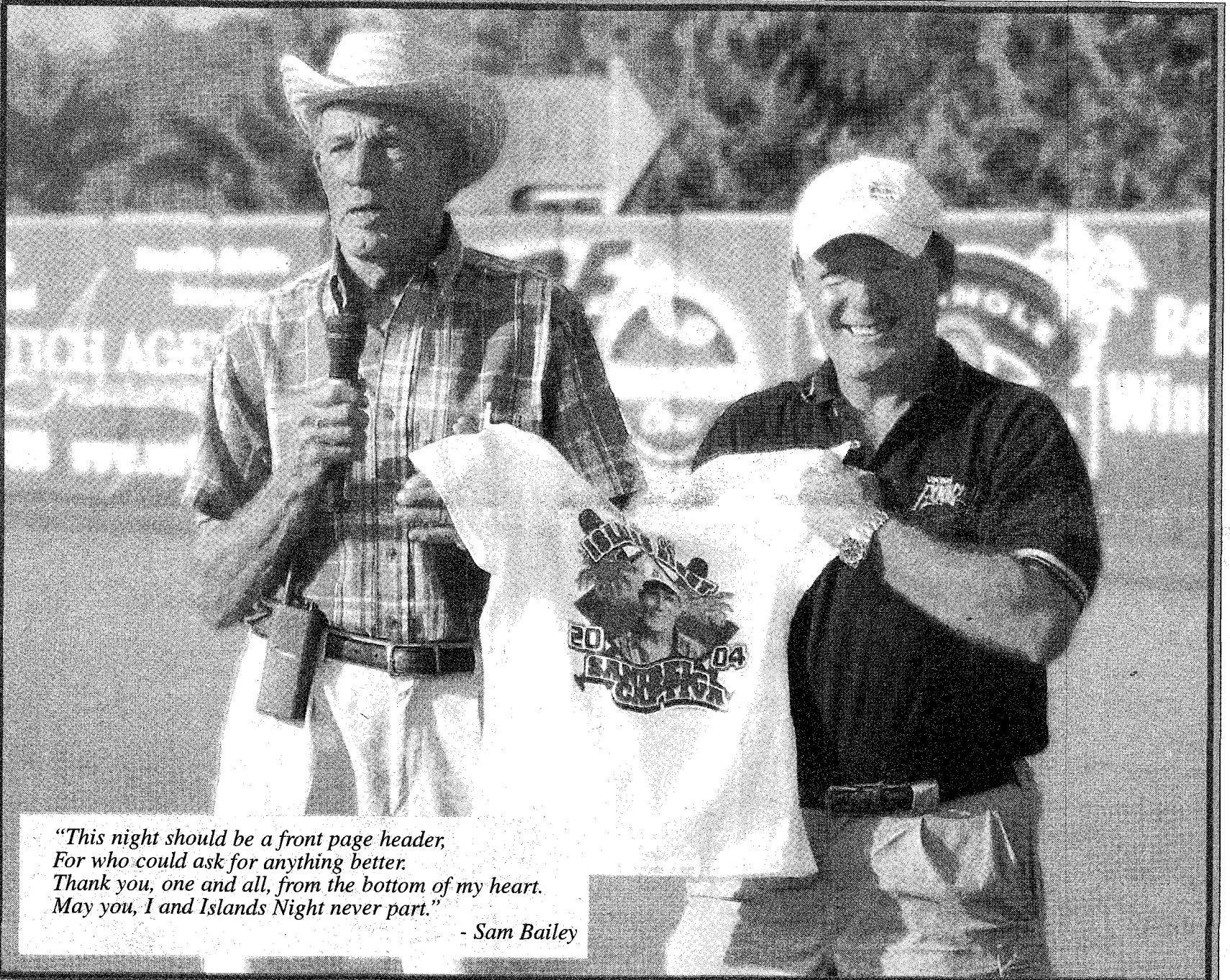
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**Digital  
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*"This night should be a front page header,  
For who could ask for anything better.  
Thank you, one and all, from the bottom of my heart.  
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- Sam Bailey

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Sanibel Mayor Marty Harrity (right) presented Sam Bailey with the 2004 Islands Night T-shirt.  
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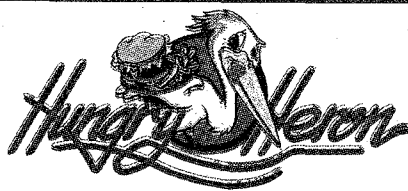
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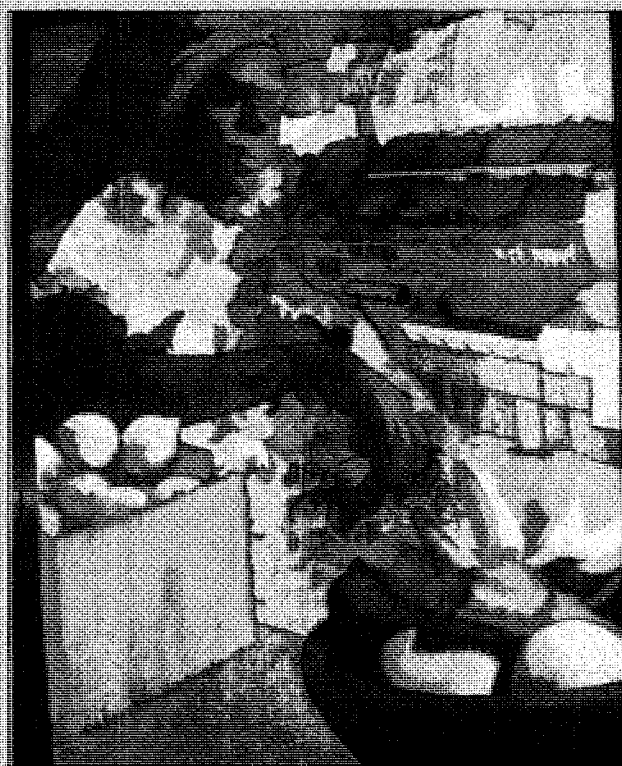


## Local artist exhibits at Alliance for the Arts

by Jenny Burnham  
Staff writer

Sanibel artist Pam Brodersen has three pieces on display in the first local juried show to present artwork from the digital art movement.

"Digital Imagination," at the Alliance for the Arts through June 26, demonstrates how artists can use com-



puter-based media and imagination to produce works of fine art that are outside traditional visual media. The show includes a "range of still, kinetic/animated and interactive/website art," according to the Alliance, and is presented with the support of FindWhat.com, a Lee County internet marketing company.

Brodersen's work, "Petals and Sepals," "Vendor on McGregor," and "Orchid 2004" were created using Adobe Photoshop. Brodersen took pictures using her digital camera, then loaded the pictures onto her computer and used the Photoshop software to manipulate the images. The resulting pieces are intensely saturated and have a watercolor effect.

"It's exciting," said Brodersen, "I really like it."

"Vendor on McGregor," said Brodersen, "is about twelve different pieces put together. The head is a mahogany bust my husband bought in Haiti, the arms are my arms, the pants are my pants."

She created "Orchid 2004" using digital pictures she took of her neighbor Faye Granberry's orchid collection. "Faye is the orchid guru of Sanibel," said Brodersen, who went next door, took the pictures, and then "played with the colors" using her computer software.

Brodersen is self-taught in Photoshop, which she has had only a few months. She learned how to use the software from books and from information on the Internet.

In the Alliance gallery, tables of computer monitors present all the artwork through slide shows in which images dissolve and flow from one to the next. Prints of some of the pieces hang on the gallery walls. Viewers move from monitor to monitor to view the submissions, which came from artists all over Florida.

"There's not a lot going on in this area" in the digi-



tal art movement, said Brodersen. "When I went to the opening I wasn't sure what other people were doing." She submitted her pieces for the exhibit by email, and was accepted the same way.

She was a commercial photographer in Chicago for 25 years, producing advertising for magazines and billboards, among other venues.

"Chicago is a big food town," said Brodersen, "so I did a lot of tabletop still life photos" in large formats. At that time, in order to produce a special effect, the photographer had to physically rig the effect in front of the camera, then take the picture and retouch the rigging so it wouldn't be obvious.

Now, Brodersen can produce special effects with the touch of a button. "It's kind of like painting," she said, "only it's painting with pixels."

Brodersen enjoys her new medium. "I can spend hours sitting at the computer manipulating the pictures," she said.

Brodersen, see page 19



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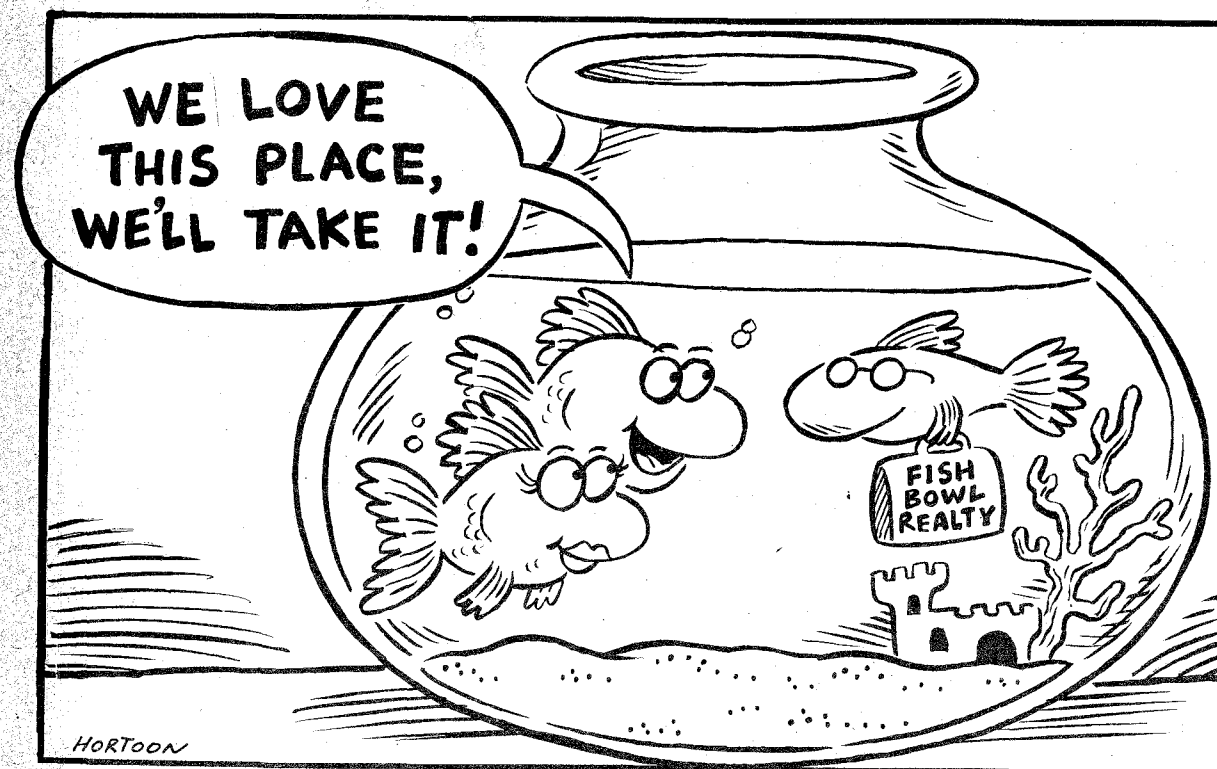
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Lee Horton



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## Retired flags

What do you do with your retired flags?

The American Legion Post 123 is accepting worn or faded American flags for "the respectful burning of the flags" Ceremony held during the observation of Flag Day on June 14.

Please drop your flags off at the American Legion Post 123 at 4249 Sanibel-Captiva Road (mile marker #3) Sanibel Accepting flags daily from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

## ISLAND SCENE

For items to be included on these pages, they must be submitted by Friday, a week before publication date.

— FRIDAY, JUNE 11 —

## Honoring President Reagan

With his personable demeanor and winning sense of humor, many called Ronald Reagan the Great Communicator. From sports announcer and actor to President of the United States, Ronald Reagan will be remembered by many as one of the greatest and most unique public figures in American history.

- In observance of his passing, the Dignity Memorial Funeral and Cremation providers invite you to communicate your condolences by signing special register books that celebrate his life. The books will be added to similar registers from a network of more than 1,800 other Dignity Memorial funeral homes and cemeteries throughout North America and forwarded to the Reagan family as a gesture of compassion and mourning.

Register signings will take place at

several locations; the nearest is Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home & Cemetery at 1580 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. Signings will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., through Friday, June 18; phone 936-0555.

- In addition, in order to promote awareness of Alzheimer's disease, the Dubin Alzheimer Resource Center in Fort Myers will hold a Remembrance Ceremony at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 11. There will be a guest book signing and you may stop by any time on Friday (until their 4 p.m. closing) to sign the book, which will be forwarded to the Reagan family. The Dubin Alzheimer Resource Center is at 10051 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers, near Colonial and McGregor and next to the Alliance for the Arts; phone 437-3007.

## Limited Post Office services on Friday

There will be no regular mail delivery or retail service at postal facilities on Friday, June 11, 2004, as the Postal Service honors the memory of former President Ronald Reagan by observing a National Day of Mourning. Express Mail Service will be available.

All postal units, including headquarters, area and district administrative offices will observe this day of mourning. Regular delivery and retail operations will resume Saturday, June 12.

Business mailers who had planned to deposit large mail volumes at Postal Service Bulk Mail Acceptance Units on Friday should contact their acceptance facilities to determine if there are any changes to acceptance dates and times.

— SATURDAY, JUNE 12 —

## U.S. Senator Edwards at Kerry fundraiser

WakeUpDemocrats.com is proud to announce that United States Senator and former Presidential candidate John Edwards will be headlining Southwest Florida's first major political fundraising event in support of John F. Kerry's Presidential Campaign.

On Saturday, June 12, Senator Edwards will be the keynote speaker for a luncheon to be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point. This event in Southwest Florida will mark the campaign's first major visit to our area.

This event has been in the planning stages for months as a small group of local Democratic supporters have been lobbying the Kerry campaign for a fundraising event. Its host committee will

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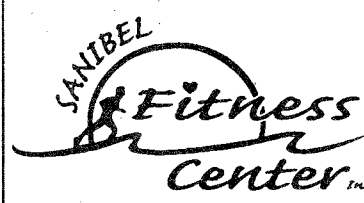
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## 25th Annual Optimist Club Road Rally

Calling all islanders and visitors alike! Rev up your engines, grab your driving gloves and get your best sunglasses. Don't forget your thinking cap, and put your best crew together! It's time for the 25th Annual Road Rally. Grab your friends and tour Sanibel and Captiva Islands on July 3, starting at the Periwinkle Playhouse. Rally registration begins when the July 4 parade ends.

For those of you who don't know about this annual island event, The Sanibel Captiva Optimist Club Road Rally is a scavenger hunt for clues. You don't have to know the island at all, we give you detailed directions and you answer questions along the route. It's that simple! The route will take 2 1/4 hours or less, the first car goes at 12 noon. For an early start time you can pre-register and request the time you want, we will get as close as we can to

your requested time.

If you'd like an early start time, take the form (left) along with the \$35 entry fee to the Bank of America (1037 Periwinkle Way branch, across from Lazy Flamingo, next to The Bait Box) or mail it to:

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All entrants will be able to see the parade and go to the City of Sanibel Picnic and family fun day at The Community Center. There will be a Road Rally Afterglow wrap up party at the Seafood Factory at Tarpon Bay and Periwinkle, with cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. The fee is \$35 per car, which include one free Road Rally T-Shirt. Bring as many people as you can!

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feature some of Southwest Florida's most prominent and passionate Democrats, including several of our most famous residents.

We are still in the process of securing host committee members who are willing to raise \$5,000 for this event. Tickets to attend this fund raising luncheon will be \$500. for more information and reservations, visit [www.wakeupdemocrats.org](http://www.wakeupdemocrats.org) or contact the event's local contact person, Will Prather at 850-4759.

After the ceremony, members and guests will gather in the Legion Hall for a late dinner and musical entertainment provided by local musicians. Any entertainers who would like to take part are welcomed to call 472-9979 for more information.

The post continues to accept flags for disposal on an ongoing basis. Businesses and individuals may leave them at the Post each day, from 11 a.m. through 6 p.m. The Legion Hall is located at 4249 Sanibel Captiva Road (mile marker #3), Sanibel. Any flags brought to the Post after June 14 will be held until next year's ceremony.

— MONDAY, JUNE 14 —

### Flag Day Observance at the American Legion

On Monday, June 14, the Sanibel Captiva American Legion Post 123 will hold its annual observance of Flag Day. Legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion and Auxiliary members will assemble outdoors for the somber ceremony which begins with readings by officers of the Post and a prayer from the Post Chaplain and ends with the respectful burning of flags that have become worn and faded.

### Eye care subject of IAAP meeting

The Fort Myers Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) holds its monthly meeting at Myerlee Manor Condominium

1499 South Brandywine Circle in Fort Myers on Monday, June 14. All administrative assistants, office coordinators, executive secretaries, and other types of

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support staff are invited to attend.

Dinner will be at 6 p.m. The speaker, Dr. Bradley Middaugh of the Fort Myers Eye Center, will speak on "Healthy Eyes for Administrative Professionals," starting at 7 p.m.

The cost is \$15. Dinner reservations must be made by June 10. For more information and reservations, call (239) 549-1035.

— FRIDAY, JUNE 11 —

### Gargano at Democratic Club

The guest speaker at the June 16 meeting of the Democratic Club of the Islands will be Marie Gargano, a member and former chair of Sanibel's Planning Commission. Gargano's presentation will be about the history and significance of the planning commission on Sanibel.

Gargano has served on the planning commission for five years. She is a retired businesswoman who has worked for an international pharmaceutical company. She and her husband, Robert, live on Sanibel. They have two children and five grandchildren.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. at the Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way. For more information, call Robin Krivanek, 395-0927.

— TUESDAY, JUNE 15 —

### ACLU Board meeting

The American Civil Liberties Union of Florida, Lee County Chapter will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, June 15, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the conference room of the Lee County Administration Building, 2115 2nd Street, downtown Fort Myers.

The Public is welcome.

— THURSDAY, JUNE 17 —

### "Never Heard That One"

Neglected Folktales from Strange Places will be the theme of the Tamiami Tale Tellers (TTT) at their Thursday night, June 17 meeting at the Grand

Court, 8351 College Parkway in Fort Myers.

"We hear all our favorite folktales told over and over, but there are some other story gems of humor and wisdom, inspiration and motivation from little known and isolated places all around the world," explains TTT spokesperson Bert MacCarry, of Sanibel. "We seem to have often neglected South and Central America, Australia, New Zealand and the far northern parts of the world when we tell stories."

TTT members and visiting storytellers are urged to find the tales that perhaps "no one has ever heard before - stories from isolated and less civilized regions have produced many folktales that reveal much about cultures past and present. But usually there are universal themes - good and evil, greed and generosity, sibling rivalry problems solved, quests accomplished, wisdom revealed, etc. - themes that can be understood by anyone hearing the stories, both adults and children." Ms. MacCarry noted and added that isolated communities tend to be the best preservers of the oral tradition.

TTT meetings are held the third Thursday of each month and are free and open to the public for ages 5 to 95. Both tellers and listeners are welcome.

— UPCOMING —

### Sanibel Center businesses moving

The leases of most of the businesses in Sanibel Center (the pink plaza across from Jerry's) will end on June 30th, and the businesses located at this corner of Casa Ybel and Periwinkle will be moving to new digs.

Barrier Island Pharmacy will open in its new location — the former Coldwell Banker building at 1456 Periwinkle (the yellow building on the north side of the street, next to Billy's Bike Rentals) in early July. Moving at approximately the same time to the same location will be Sanibel Chiropractic — Dr. Michael Tolisano (472-0900); and Quik Pack & Ship — John Thomas (472-0288). Pinnacle Mortgage — Suzie Freeman (472-8400) — is moving this week across the street to 1648 Periwinkle, the

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## THE METASTATIC LIFE

*"I like to think that when God closes a door, she opens a window"...*

During my hiatus from writing, I literally closed the door to my old house and then waited two weeks to finally open a window in my new home. That occurred finally today. Moving is hard and this one was a bear.

The day of my closing on the sale of my house, it rained non-stop from morning until midnight. Consequently all of my furniture and belongings weren't placed in the garage because the floor was still wet from being painted.

When I closed a full week later on a Wednesday and got my keys, I arrived in my new home at about 7 p.m. to find my house completely full. It was literally impossible to move from one place to another. I had a good cry and immediately went to bed. Since then I've been slowly unpacking and my aches and pains force me to stop every hour or so.

Still it's exciting to be in our new home and I am living for the day when everything is put away and organized. It's definitely going to take some serious time. I am learning that I am not equipped with the energy that I used to have but also that it's okay to take it slow. As the saying goes, Rome wasn't built in a day.



Lisa Pierot

I feel like I'm starting a new life and I'm blessed to be in a brand new house where everything is functioning perfectly. It kind of makes me feel new all over again, too. It gave me a serious reality check and put things in perspective. Nothing is ever as bad as I think when I compare it to the real life crises that others are facing.

So what if the move was a catastrophe? I am still relatively healthy and that is cause for time to reflect on how fortunate I have been.

So I will continue to unpack and decorate and count my many blessings while praying constantly for all of you and how you are doing battle for your health.

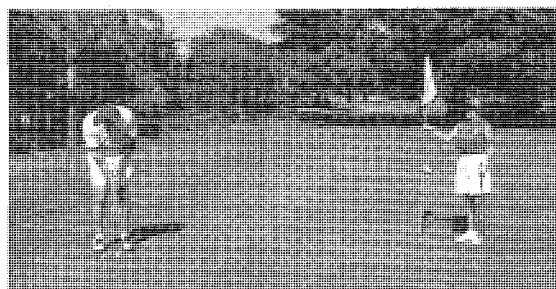
Hang in there. Believe in miracles. I do. There is nothing that can't be cured, no heartache that can't be healed. Life is a miraculous journey and we all need to keep the faith.

And now my hips are screaming from sitting on this tile floor. By this time next week the media center will be in and I can sit comfortably at my new desk to address more profound issues. This one will have to be short and sweet lest I can't get up to a standing position. I've missed writing to you all but I'll be back in the swing next week.

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# OBITUARY

## Terry R. Lautenbach

Terry R. Lautenbach, long time Darien, Ct. resident and retired IBM senior executive died Wednesday in Bedford Hills, NY. He was 65. He died of heart failure according to his family. He was with his nephew, Marc Lautenbach, at the time of his death.

Born August 10, 1938 in Cincinnati, OH, Mr. Lautenbach was the second son of the late Frances Herbert and Robert Charles Lautenbach. Mr. Lautenbach graduated from Xavier University in Cincinnati in 1959 and joined IBM that same year.

Mr. Lautenbach and his wife, Carole, moved to Darien in 1974, where they raised their six daughters. He held a variety of senior executive positions while at IBM. When he retired in 1992, he was a senior vice president and a member of the four-person IBM Management Committee. He oversaw a large part of IBM's operations, including its U. S. sales force and its worldwide manufacturing and development. He held a number of marketing and management posts during his rise to become the youngest president of the data processing division in 1976. Afterward, he served in a series of senior positions in the United States and internationally, including chairman IBM Americas, Far East and Group Executive Information Systems and Communication Group.

Mr. Lautenbach left a strong legacy at IBM. Retired IBM Chairman and CEO, John Opel, said of Mr. Lautenbach, "Terry had an extremely bright and quick intellect matched with his sensitive good humor and energy that gave him the ability to be excellent in everything he pursued - family, business, career and social and civic endeavors - every place he added value. We all wanted him on our team."

Part of Mr. Lautenbach's legacy includ-

ed contributions to the advancement of women and African Americans at IBM. Ted Childs, IBM vice president, said of Mr. Lautenbach, "Terry was committed to all people and ensured that everyone had a fair chance. He hated intolerance and injustice and had a profound impact on my career and ability to do the work that I do at IBM."

Mr. Lautenbach was also an active member of the Darien Community, serving as president of the board of trustees of the Darien Library, Campaign Chairman for the Darien United Way and on his church council. After retiring from IBM, Mr. Lautenbach moved to Sanibel but continued to visit Darien frequently.

While known primarily as a leader in the business world, Mr. Lautenbach was most proud of his family, both immediate and extended. He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather known to his thirteen grandchildren as Pop-pop. He was at his happiest when surrounded by as many family members as possible.

Mr. Lautenbach is survived by his wife of 44 years, Carole; his six daughters, Jennifer Streeter of Darien, Ct, Susan Bates, Julie Maxman, Martha Lautenbach, Mary Lautenbach and Anne Stern of Atlanta, GA; three brothers, Ned Lautenbach, Dan Lautenbach, Jim Lautenbach and one sister, Cynthia Chapell. Mr. Lautenbach's oldest brother, Thom, is deceased. Mr. Lautenbach is also survived by his thirteen grandchildren and four godsons.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Isabel Catholic Church on Sanibel, with a private inurnment to take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Elder High School, Lautenbach Scholarship Fund, 3900 Vincent Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45205.

# Island

Business & Professional building between Jerry's and Lime Tree Center. And Sanibel Medical Clinic — Dr. Bill Fulk (395-2005) and podiatrist Curtis Skupny, DPM (472-1300) — are taking their offices up the street and around the corner to the space next to the Hess station, on the corner of Tarpon Bay Road and Palm Ridge.

Sanibel Island Bookshop — Hollie Smith (472-5223) — will open at its new location, 1571 Periwinkle, across from Dixie Beach Boulevard and next to Doctor's Eye Care

Center (in the former Sanibel Photo), on Sunday, June 20, from noon to 5 p.m. with Randy Wayne White signing his new book, Tampa Burn.

Scarlett O'Hair's Salon is already situated in Sanland Plaza, 11637 Kelly Road, off McGregor just a couple of miles beyond the causeway (437-5699).

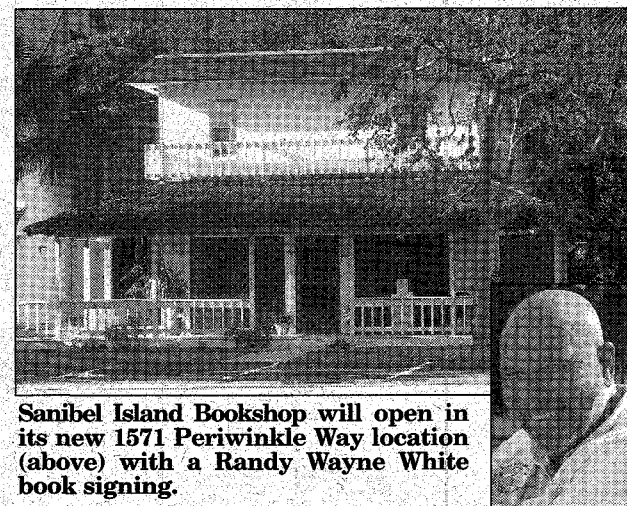
—AWB

## Sanibel Island Bookshop Grand Opening

Join the Sanibel Island Bookshop for its grand opening in its new location at 1571 Periwinkle, across from Dixie Beach Boulevard and next to Doctor's Eye Care, on Sunday, June 20th from noon to 5 p.m.

Exceptionally popular local author Randy Wayne White will speak at 1 p.m. and will be available to sign his new novel, Tampa Burn, and his other books from 1 to 3 p.m. Over the course of 10 novels, White's acclaim has taken extraordinary leaps and, in Tampa Burn, the risks have never been greater. This Doc Ford novel is filled with remarkable prose, rich atmosphere, knife-edge tension, and some of the best suspense characters anywhere in fiction. Tampa Burn is a brilliant work from a writer whose time has come.

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Sanibel Island Bookshop will open in its new 1571 Periwinkle Way location (above) with a Randy Wayne White book signing.

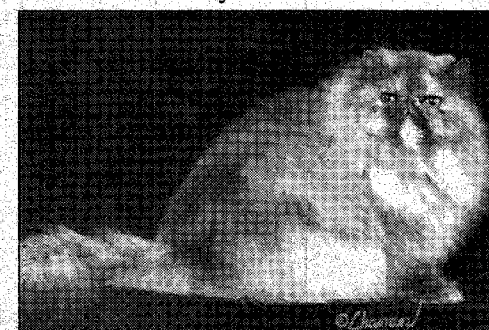
Jac. Sanibel Steakhouse) — door prizes, live music by Tanya and Dave — featuring Jimmy Jensen of TroubleStarters fame — chair massages by Sanibel Wellness, and lots of other activities. Come early, stay late, have fun!!!

This will be an island event you won't want to miss but, if you can't make it to the big event, call Hollie to order your signed book (472-5223) or e-mail her at Holliesbooks@aol.com.

—AWB

## It's Cat Show time

Fancy felines from around the country will have the opportunity to earn Top Cat Status at the 2004 Annual CFA cat show, sponsored by Platinum Coast Cat Fanciers. The cat show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 17 and 18, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Harborside Convention Center in downtown Fort Myers.



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More than 450 purebred cats are expected to compete in this year's show, including Maine Coons, Ocicats, Singapuras, Russian Blues, as well as some of the more well known purebreds from Persian to Siamese.

The CFA cat show will be open to the public and will provide an entertaining day for spectators. In addition to the judging activities, which will take place throughout the show, spectators will have the opportunity to see cats "up close and in the fur" while they're waiting to compete. Owners are happy to answer any questions about their cats and many of them will be offering kittens for sale.

Safari Todd Wildlife will be bringing at least eight live native wildlife exhibits, offering hands-on experience with Florida's natural wildlife, including a Florida panther, alligator, skunk, snake and others. Safari Todd is located at Jungle Adventures in the Orlando area and has appeared on numerous TV programs and magazines. This group travels the United States in a customized RV for the comfort and safety of these animals, bringing education and information to everyone about Florida's natural habitats and Eco-System.

There will be area wildlife groups, and local animal rescue groups will have cats and kittens available for adoption. There will be cat supply vendors and an "Ask the Vet" booth on hand for professional advice.

The Lee County Sheriff's Department will be offering free child fingerprinting and information on keeping children safe.

More than 500 goody bags will be given to the first 500 families each day; these are donated from local area businesses and are valued at about \$35.

Tickets will be available at the gate. The cost of admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for children ages 3-12. We are offering a \$1 off admission price if you show your AAA card or a pet supply donation is brought in. Example, food, water, paper towels, old blankets and towels, litter and bleach are all in great demand. These items are all donated to our rescue groups: ARC and the LaBelle, Lee County and Collier County Humane Societies.

Platinum Coast Cat Fanciers, Inc., a member of the Cat Fanciers' Association, is a non-profit local cat club which benefits many local area animal welfare and rescue groups.

### Chamber AfterHours

Colonial Bank, the new branch at the Sanibel Beach Center, will host the next Chamber AfterHours on 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 with advanced reservations; without advanced reservations, the charge is \$8. Please call 472-1966 or email your reservations to: [office@sanibel-captiva.org](mailto:office@sanibel-captiva.org).

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## Residential Alert

### Suspicious incident - burglary of occupied dwelling

The Sanibel Police Department received a complaint that on May 12 or 13, 2004 a white male exposed himself to two females on the beach by the 3400 block of West Gulf Drive. On May 29, 2004 at 1:39 a.m., a white male entered a West Gulf Drive beachfront home through an unlocked rear sliding glass door while the occupant was sleeping. The perpetrator left the area hastily when the victim awoke and announced loudly that she was calling the Police.

These two incidents occurred within close proximity to each other within a three-week period of time and may be related.

The perpetrator of these two criminal acts may be the same person and is described as a white male

approximately 20-30 years old, 5'10 in height and possibly has brown hair.

The Sanibel Police Department reminds residents to be cautious and report any strange or unusual activity in the community immediately to the police. In addition, residents should take extra precautions in securing their residences when they are home and away. Residents should also notify the police department if a person or persons unknown to them are observed on their property.

For further information concerning this advisory, please contact the Sanibel Police Department at (239) 472-3111.

## Two classes from Lee County Sheriff

### Self-defense awareness for women

The Lee County Sheriff's Office is offering a free, self-defense awareness class especially designed for women. The two-hour program is from 10 a.m. to noon the second Saturday of every month at the Lee County Sheriff's Office headquarters, 14750 Six Mile Cypress Parkway. Females ages 13 and older are encouraged to attend, but minors must have a legal guardian with them.

Prevention and education are highly effective deterrents, says Stacey Payne, a crime prevention specialist for the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

"Ninety percent of self-defense is awareness and preparedness and only 10 percent is physical self-defense," Payne says.

S.A.F.E. (Self-defense Awareness and Familiarization Exchange) teaches women the basics of physical self-

defense and ways to reduce threat risks. Class components include a video overview, handouts and an introduction to physical self-defense. Call 477-1400 to register.

### Safety for bank employees

Southwest Florida bank employees are encouraged to attend a free safety class offered by the Lee County Sheriff's Office. The program is from 8 a.m. to noon every third Tuesday of the month at the Lee County Sheriff's Office headquarters, 14750 Six Mile Cypress Parkway in Fort Myers.

"The more you are aware of possible problems and ways to prevent them, the safer you are going to be," says Stacey Payne, a crime prevention specialist for the Lee County Sheriff's Office. Topics will include the prevention of bank robberies, recognition of counterfeit money, identity theft, and credit card and identification fraud.

Space is limited. Call (239) 477-1400 to register and reserve your seat.

## Estero wildfire firefighters receive support from local Red Cross

"We'll be there" definitely was the mantra of the 20 Lee County Red Cross volunteers who provided meals, beverages, and snacks to the firefighters and other emergency workers who were at the Estero wildfire that consumed over 1300 acres beginning May 29.

About 150 hours of service were provided by the corps of volunteers who responded to the call for help for three days. Volunteers provide rehydration and meals for the firefighters and other emergency workers while they are on the scene.

The Red Cross ERV (emergency response vehicle) is kept in "ready" stage at all times in order to respond to various emergencies - whether it is a wildfire or a home fire, or as in the recent past - a plane crash, a hostage situation, the fireworks blast, or the Bonita Springs gas line break. Disasters don't discriminate -and they occur at any time of day or night, weekend, or holidays.

The Lee County Chapter of the Red Cross is appreciative of the many businesses who willingly provided the complimentary meals for the firefighters during the recent wildfire including Buffalo Chips on Alico Road.; San Carlos Publix stores; Wal-Mart on Colonial Blvd.; McDonald's, Grand Oaks Shoppes on Constitution Boulevard, and Indian Paint Lane; and Pizza Hut, S. Tamiami Trail.

The Red Cross is a volunteer-driven organization and is always seeking new volunteers. Hurricane season provides unique opportunities for volunteers to be trained should there be a need to open shelters. Year-round residents are sought to assist with the shelters as they are most likely to be here should a hurricane come our way.

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



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Margie specializes in Sanibel, Captiva and Ft. Myers real estate. She was named Realtor of the Year by Sanibel and Captiva Assn. of Realtors in 2000 and 2002. Her new book, "How To Make Your Realtor Get You The Best Deal--South Florida Edition" is must reading if you are thinking of buying or selling. Call Margie at PMR 472-1511, or e-mail her at [Margie@MargieDavison.com](mailto:Margie@MargieDavison.com).

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# At the Refuge...

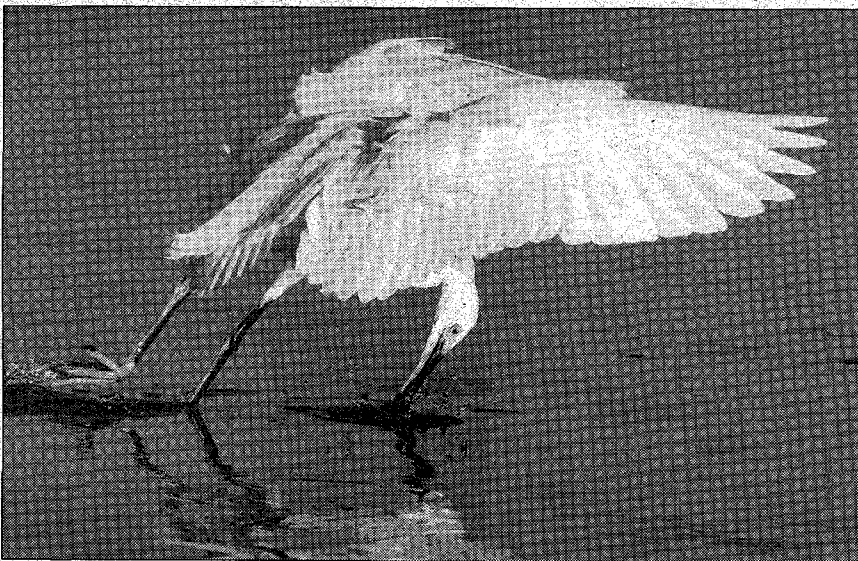
## Nature photogs, take aim

June 1 marked the opening of the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society's annual Amateur Nature Photography contest. The contest, held in conjunction with "Ding" Darling Days, Oct. 10 - 16, commemorates the birthday of Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling, one of the foremost conservationists in American history and driving force behind Sanibel's eponymous J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

Deadline for submission is 4 p.m. Sept. 30, 2004. Complete contest rules are listed below. For an entry form and other contest information, log on to [www.dingdarlingsociety.org](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org) and click on "Select a Link," then "Photography Contest" on the drop-down menu. Or contact the Society at [dingdarling@iline.com](mailto:dingdarling@iline.com) or 239-472-1100, ext. 233. Entries may be delivered in person to J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge or by mail to "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society, One Wildlife Dr., Sanibel, FL 33957.

- Only amateur photographers are eligible to enter. (You may not possess a professional photographer tax identification number for the sale of photographs.)
- Photos must portray wildlife, scenery, and/or circumstances found within J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge and have been taken within the two previous years.
- Photos must be 8" x 10" (or full frame 8" x 12") with

**Ligia Dovale-Kiamco of Warwick, RI, won last year's "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society Amateur Nature Photography Contest with this snowy egret portrait**



## "Ding" Darling Days in October

Mark your calendars for Oct. 10 through 16, the dates for the Ninth Annual "Ding" Darling Days to celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week and the birthday of J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge's namesake.

An environmental movie at BIG ARTS, a one-woman play about Marjorie Stoneman Douglas, John Carney's Photo Workshop, island eco-tours, the 2004 Duck Stamp Artist presentation, and book signings and talks by major wildlife authors highlight the week's activities.

"This year's event promises to be the best 'Ding' Days ever," said Bill Currise, "Ding" Days committee chair for the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society. "Last year was the first time we stretched the celebration out to a week. This year we're

fine-tuning it with top speakers in their environmental fields and more community-wide involvement."

The festivities culminate at the refuge on Saturday, Oct. 16, with a free day of Butterfly House tours, family activities, narrated tram rides, and food.

**Island artist and Refuge volunteer Carolyn Johns paints colorful animal "tattoos" on kids at "Ding" Days 2003**



an 11" x 14" mat to facilitate display. Frames are not permitted. Please include one 4" x 6" copy of entry.

- Each person may enter up to two photos but is eligible to win only one award.
- Photos that have won awards in previous "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society photo contests may not be resubmitted.
- Judging will be anonymous. Please do not put your name or anything that will identify you on your photo.
- Judging criteria:
  1. technical excellence (sharpness, lighting, composition, exposure)
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  3. interest
  4. ability to be reproduced for publication
- Digital photos are acceptable, however no manipulation of original images is allowed. Any manipulation will result in disqualification of entry.
- All photos will become the property of the Society and will not be returned. There is no need to include a return envelope or postage.
- In the event that fewer than 16 entries are received, the Wildlife Society reserves the right to cancel the contest.
- Up to 13 entries may be chosen as winners. Winners will be posted at the Refuge's Education Center and on the Society's Internet Web site in October. Photos may be used by the Society in any way with appropriate credit.
- The Refuge and Wildlife Society cannot be held responsible for lost or damaged photos.

## Sea Turtle Nesting Totals

June 7, 2004

	Nests	False Crawls
<b>2004</b>		
Captiva	22	11
Sanibel East End	8	13
Sanibel West End	54	68
<b>Totals</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>2003</b>		
Captiva	40	32
Sanibel East End	9	28
Sanibel West End	54	93
<b>Totals</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>153</b>

## Reading at the Refuge

Need something to do this summer? Want to discover a new animal found on the refuge? Come to story time at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge and keep learning all summer long!

Starting June 2, bring your children to the Education Center EVERY Wednesday at 10 a.m. to hear an exciting story and program highlighting an animal in our estuarine ecosystem. Pre-school and elementary school aged children are targeted but everyone is welcome to attend.

We hope to see you there! If you have any questions or are interested in the topics we will cover, please contact Refuge Ranger Toni Westland at 239-472-1100 x236.



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## ECOSanibel visits Solomon's Castle

Members of ECOSanibel (Earth Charter of Sanibel), the island-based organization dedicated to study of the Earth Charter, recently enjoyed a field trip to Solomon's Castle in Lily, a tiny outpost near Zolfo Springs. Solomon's Castle is a unique construction dedicated to the art of recycling and preservation.

Howard Solomon, artist and teacher, purchased a 55-acre spread along Horse Creek in the 1970s and began to build his home, which evolved into an art gallery. It is constructed entirely from recycled or found materials, including discarded newspaper press plates, which provide the silvery exterior cladding.

The interior is filled with his whimsical sculptures and art objects, also fashioned from discarded materials, and there are 80 stained glass windows. Guided tours are provided by Solomon himself or a family member. A full-size replica of a 16th century Spanish galleon sits in the moat around the castle and serves as a restaurant. The land has been preserved in its original state and provides a beautiful nature walk along the creek, through ancient oaks and many varieties of native plants and trees.

ECOSanibel is a non-profit, non-partisan, educational organization dedicated to studying and upholding principles of the Earth Charter as they relate to the island sanctuary of Sanibel and the surrounding region. Activities include lectures, discussion groups, publications, advocacy and special events. For membership information call 472-8998.

Photo by Don Schwartz.

Members of ECOSanibel at Solomon's Castle include (from left) Gabriel and Donna Roberts, Rosie Emery, Julie Schwartz, Sue Denham and Suzanne Weinheimer.

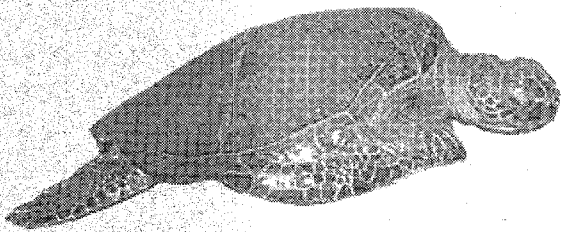


## Turtle Tracks at SCCF

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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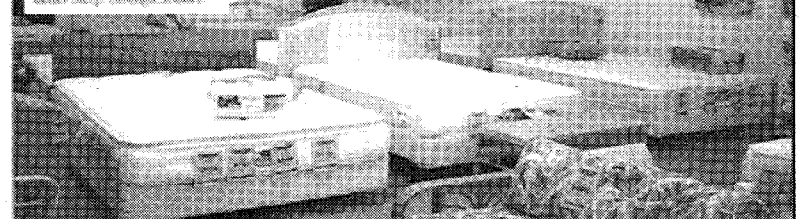
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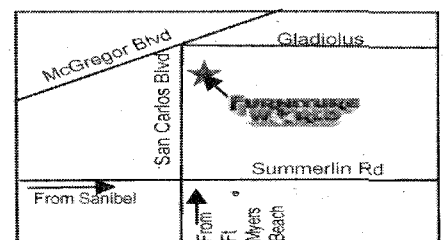
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## SERVICE CLUBS

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### Kiwanis: S.W.A.T. — Both

Submitted by Bob Wimbush

Technically, Chuck Ketteman was our speaker at Kiwanis this week, but drafted at the last minute, he pretty much rehashed everything you've already read in the papers about the Old School House purchase of the Periwinkle Playhouse from SCA. Fortunately, Holly Vetter from S.W.A.T. and her delightful daughter Alissa had come to accept a check. Here's their story.

S.W.A.T. — Sanibel Water Attack Team is for

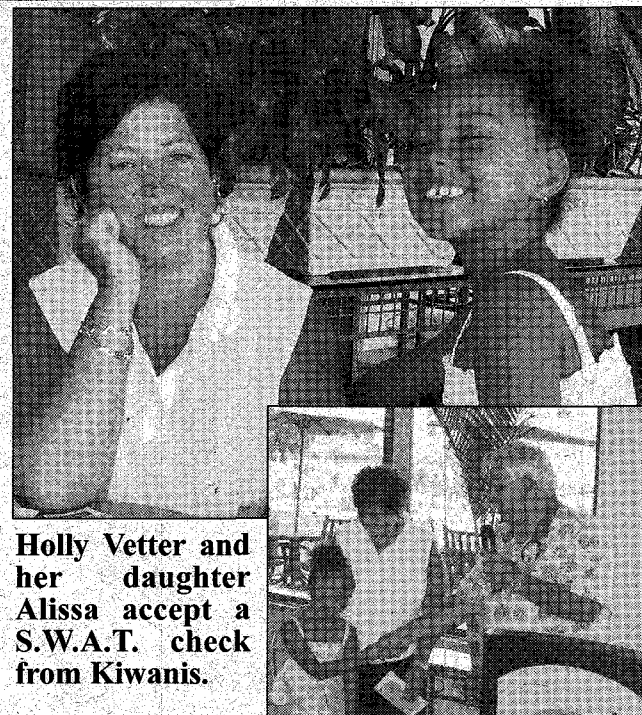
Island kids 4-16 years old to engage in competitive swimming. Through the school year Vetter coaches approximately 15 kids at a morning practice at the rec center, but during the summer hiatus of other sports, S.W.A.T. participation will double. Sanibel's is a young team, and about 7 of the kids are new to competitive swimming.

And, every week there will be an open meet at FGCU where Sanibel's kids will hone their skills in Swim Florida competition. There are no team scores during the summer, just individuals. During the season the group competes against teams from other area sports programs. Meets are always "away" these days because of the bathroom situation at Sanibel's facility, but Vetter eagerly anticipates hosting meets here once the rec center is completed.

Vetter, a City Hall employee, also heads up the Little Red School House, a water safety program that teaches swimming and tests our school kids every year to ensure they can swim at least 25 yards. She is proud to report that all but 8 passed this year, and would, I'm sure, recruit any that can out-swim an alligator to her team. She is also involved with the Mommy and Me program for teaching toddlers to swim.

Kiwanis contributions will be used for Team T Shirts, videos, and other equipment.

Drop a note to Kiwanis, P.O. Box 1, Sanibel if you would like to speak before this group or if



Holly Vetter and her daughter Alissa accept a S.W.A.T. check from Kiwanis.

you would like the club to remember your kid-oriented project in our budgeting meetings that will begin this month for next year. The club breakfasts at 7:30 on Tuesday at the Dunes. Guests are always welcome.

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## Zonta's first Community Service Award

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva is very happy to announce that Sanibel School eighth grader Catherine Schweizer was the recipient of Zonta's first annual Community Service Award. Each year this award will recognize the personal efforts of a local young woman student engaged in service to our community. The club members also aim to encourage other local young women to think in terms of a lifelong commitment to community and public service. For the first time this year, the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva Club developed their own version of the Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs Award, which recognizes pre-university and pre-college women students committed to leadership in public policy, government and volunteer organizations.

Catherine, the daughter of Helen and Jorg Schweizer, was honored on stage at graduation on Thursday, May 27, as well as at the morning meeting of Zonta on Wednesday, June 2. She was presented with a framed award and a \$50 gift certificate to a popular island book store for her outstanding commitment this year to volunteering at the "Ding" Darling Educational Center.

Her mother, Helen, along with Linda Reynolds, the guidance counselor of the Sanibel School, accompanied her to the breakfast meeting, where she accepted the award and told us she had logged approximately 40 hours

of service. She said her favorite thing was helping visitors feel comfortable touring the center and asking for information. This was Catherine's first year at the Sanibel School, having visited here with her family over the past ten years and finally moving here from Basel, Switzerland last summer to enjoy the warmer climate! She will attend Cypress Lake High School as a freshman and says she will probably continue her volunteer work over the summer.

The club also commended Lynn Stern, who coordinated with the school on this award, for her idea of creating an island interpretation of the Zonta International award. For more information about some of the outstanding young women around the world receiving awards from Zonta visit [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org) or the international link on [www.zontasancap.com](http://www.zontasancap.com)



(From left:) Darla Letourneau, Zonta president; Catherine Schweizer; Helen Schweizer; Sanibel School Counsellor Linda Reynolds and Lynne Stern.



# Remembering the past

By **Caroline Gavin**  
Student intern

On Saturday, June 5, 2004 at 2 p.m., history was taking place here on Sanibel. Friedrich N. Jaeger dedicated a small piece of land on Rabbit Road to the late Edmond and Elnora Gavin and family.

A bronze plaque was placed on a stone near the house for Sanibel residents and visitors to view. The plaque acknowledged Edmond and Elnora and their parents, Isiah and Hannah Gavin and Harry and Pearl Walker. It goes on to describe Edmond and Elnora as "one of the pioneer Negro families that settled on Sanibel Island in 1917."

"Being a member of this family makes me proud. I take a lot of pride in the [Gavin] name and its heritage and what has developed on the island," stated Eric Gavin, a resident of Lehigh Acres and the youngest of Edmond and Elnora's 18 children.

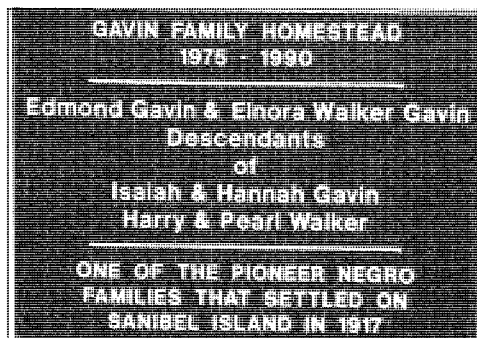
The plaque can be viewed as you pass 716 Rabbit Road, where many struggles were overcome with the leadership and love from Edmond and Elnora. There were a lot of problems among the Gavin household, but all those conflicts were resolved by loving one another.

One lesson the 18 children learned was to always be ready and willing to help others. "My parents made me who I am — a firefighter. I rush to aid others and learned to have a love for everyone, thanks to the way my parents raised my siblings and I," Eric explains.

The entire Gavin family is very grateful for the acknowledgement of their family. "It feels good to know that Jaeger recognized my family. Many people give credit to the Gavin family, but no one has taken a stand to make a landmark out of a house that has made Sanibel history," Eric says.

Thanks to Friedrich Jaeger's efforts to plan and prepare for the homestead dedication, it will always be remembered by the Gavin family.

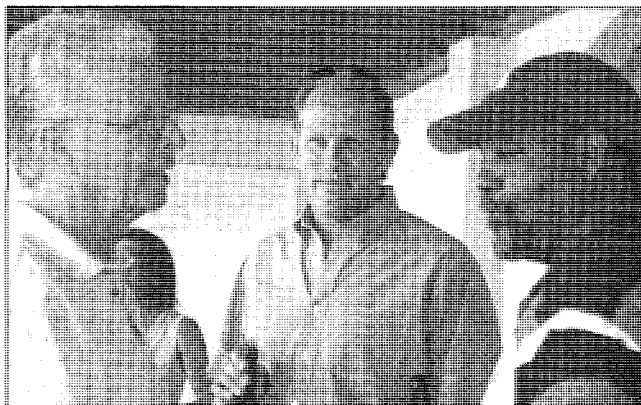
*Caroline Gavin is a 15-year-old up-and-coming journalist who will be entering her junior year in the fall at Benton Harbor High School. Benton Harbor is her hometown and is located in the Southwestern area of Michigan. Caroline is a regular visitor to the Sanibel area and is currently doing an internship here on Sanibel. She has a love for writing and takes advantage of every learning experience she can get her hands on.*



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## TO YOUR HEALTH

### Holistic Health Notebook: More on your heart

By **Carol Simontacchi**  
Special to the *Islander*

We face an energy crisis in this culture. Energy deficiency syndromes like chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia, and generalized fatigue are increasing rapidly as our diets become more and more depleted in energy-producing nutrients. We work harder, putting more demands on our bodies and at the same time, neglect to provide our bodies with the fundamental building blocks of cellular energy.

Our hearts are suffering for it. The heart is a muscle that demands constant nutrition - good nutrition! Good food is essential for producing cellular energy to fuel the energy demands of the heart, but there is another nutrient that can be tremendously important in making up the long-term deficit.



Carol Simontacchi

#### What Is COQ10?

The most important function of the cell is the production of energy. When adequate amounts of cellular energy (ATP or adenosine triphosphate) are produced in the mitochondria, the cell is able to perform the specialized functions for which it was designed. When cells are able to perform well, the organ functions well, and so on. With the adequate production of energy, the cell is able to "breathe," eliminate waste materials, build over 300,000 different protein bodies (including hormones, enzymes, and so on), and basically "take care of business."

When the cell cannot produce enough energy, cell function slows, then ceases.

Cells that require large amounts of cellular energy (in tissues that are metabolically active such as the heart, liver, brain, and others) contain thousands of mito-

chondria, the "furnace" of the cell. Coenzyme Q10, required for ATP synthesis, is highly concentrated in these metabolically active cells, acting as a coenzyme for the production of energy within the mitochondria.

The body produces its own coenzyme Q10 but the standard American diet may not provide adequate amounts of the building blocks of this important protein. Diets that are low in the amino acid tyrosine, for example, may reduce the production of this important coenzyme. Dr. Karl Folkers, one of the original COQ10 researchers, stated that "suboptimal nutrient intake in man is almost universal."

By the age of seventy we produce less than 50% of the levels needed for health and vitality, which may be a key factor in age-related fatigue and heart disease.

#### The Science Behind COQ10

Let's take a quick stroll through the literature to see what the scientists discovered in terms of coenzyme Q10 and your heart:

COQ10 may be recommended as an adjuvant therapy in the treatment of congestive heart failure. In one study, COQ10 therapy resulted in a significant improvement in the functional class (improved 20 percent), mean CHF (congestive heart failure) score (improved 27 percent), left ventricular ejection fraction, and other indicators of function.

Next week we'll talk about the role that CoQ10 plays in reducing hypertension.

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

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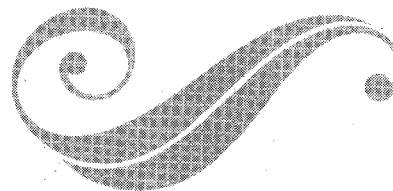
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## Doris Colgate receives leadership award

The prestigious 2004 Leadership in Women's Sailing Award was presented to Doris Colgate, president and CEO of Offshore Sailing School on June 5 at an awards ceremony in Marblehead, Mass.

Sponsored by BoatU.S. and the National Women's Sailing Association (NWSA), the award was created in 1999 to honor an individual who has a record of achievement in inspiring, educating and enriching the lives of women through sailing.

Before joining the advertising department of Yachting Magazine in the late '60s, Doris Colgate had never been on a sailboat. After a course at Offshore Sailing School she was "hooked" and married its founder, Steve Colgate - and the school - in 1969. Doris joined Offshore Sailing School as its vice president in 1970, became president in 1978 and CEO in 2001. Together the Colgates have grown Offshore Sailing School from a one-branch, two instructor, two boat operation to ten sailing school branches and a retail sales division for their Colgate 26 training boat.

In 1990 Doris founded the National Women's Sailing Association (NWSA) to create more awareness of sailing

NWSA's Take The Helm seminars held at major boat shows with the support of Cruising World magazine since the early '90s, have helped more than 2,000 women and their sailing partners gain the confidence and desire to broaden sailing horizons. In 1991, Doris helped NWSA launch AdventureSail - a sailing-mentoring program for at-risk girls. In 1997, she established the Women's Sailing Foundation (WSF) a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of women and girls through education and access to the sport of sailing.

Doris is listed in Who's Who of America, Who's Who of American Women, Who's Who in the Southeast, and Who's Who of the World. In 1994 she received the Betty Cook Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award from Boating Magazine and International Women in Boating for her work in the marine industry. In 1996 she shared with Steve Colgate, the prestigious Sail Magazine Industry Award for Leadership. And in 2003, US SAILING, the national governing body of sailing in the United States, awarded Steve and Doris the Timothea Larr Trophy in recognition of their outstanding leadership and excellence in sailing education.

Doris has been on the BOATU.S. National Advisory Council since 1997 and a member of the board of directors of Sail America, the sailing industry association, since 2000.

Author of SAILING: A Woman's Guide (January 1999, International Marine/McGraw Hill), Doris received the 2000 Southam Award in the book category for this informative aid for women. The Colgates' new book - Fast Track to Cruising - will be published by International Marine/McGraw-Hill in late 2004.

Offshore Sailing School is celebrating its 40th year of sailing instruction excellence, with ten locations and a fleet which includes the award-winning Colgate 26, and Hunter and Moorings yachts ranging from 35 to 46 feet.

For more information, contact Offshore Sailing School at 800-221-4326 or visit [www.offshore-sailing.com](http://www.offshore-sailing.com).



**Doris and Steve Colgate at January's Ya Gotta Regatta, benefiting Florida Rep.**

among women and avenues for women to build confidence and skills. That same year she spearheaded "You Can Sail Escapes" to provide all-women training programs. That program continues today in several locations.



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## Chamber speaker on identity theft

**By Karen Nelson  
Managing editor**

At the Sanibel Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce Box Lunch on June 8, Pablo Trejo from the Florida Department of Financial Services spoke on the subject of identity theft.

### Meeting announcements:

- **Marketing Committee Chair Bill Waites** announced an upcoming cooperative advertising program, running a banner ad as a test for Chamber members on the Visit Florida (FLA-USA) web site; members will be receiving e-mails with information.
- After this year's successful Islands Night, Sam Bailey has turned over responsibility to the Chamber, which will organize the event from now on.
- Council member Steve Brown asked that Chamber members give their input to the Council and Planning Commission on the important issues of buildback and beaches.

### Identity theft

Trejo is the outreach coordinator for the Bureau of Consumer Outreach and Education of the Florida Department of Financial Services, Division of Insurance Consumer Services.

The statistics are chilling: there were 10 million victims of identity theft in 2003, with a loss of \$53 billion. The cost for the victim to correct and clear their credit records averages \$1,000 and - until the matter is cleared up - most people find that their credit has been stopped. With identity theft, "you as the victim are believed to be guilty before you are found to be innocent," noted Trejo.

Successful identity thieves can even "sell your house out from under your feet," or obtain a home equity loan that you won't know about until you get your loan coupon book in the mail 30-40 days later.

Trejo showed the audience a skimming machine and demonstrated how quickly a credit card can be swiped; the machine itself is little larger than a small cell phone.

You can help protect yourself by checking with the Credit Reporting Bureaus for any new credit issued in your name; check with the Social Security Administration to see if your number is or has been used for a job you don't have. Invest in, and use, a shredder; analyze

your monthly financial statements; do not give personal information to someone you do not know and be cognizant of your incoming and outgoing mail.

One interesting bit of information: crooks using stolen credit cards check at gas station pumps to see if the card is still good. After checking whether or not they get an approval, they go to one store and shop. Before proceeding to the next store, they stop by a gas station to recheck the card.

If you become a victim of identity theft, Trejo notes that it is essential to have a paper trail. Report the crime to your local law enforcement agency and get a paper report; report it to the credit bureaus; report it to the U.S. Postal Service; report it to the Federal Trade Commission; report it to your bank, credit card companies, utilities, insurance, all other financial institutions where you do business. Follow up your phone contacts with a letter, noting the name and case number (where applicable) of the person you spoke with by phone. Wait a week and then call and make sure that your letter was received.

In over 90% of identity theft cases, the perpetrators are never found. If they are working as ring, the chances of catching them are better because investigators can look for common denominators.

### Credit reporting bureaus:

- Equifax: 1-800-685-1111.  
[www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)
- Experian: 1-888-397-3742.  
[www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)
- Transunion: 1-800-916-8800.  
[www.tuc.com](http://www.tuc.com)

### Other resources:

- U.S. Postal Service: 1-800-275-8777.  
[www.usps.gov/websites/depart/inspect](http://www.usps.gov/websites/depart/inspect)
- U.S. Secret Service:  
[www.treas.gov/usss](http://www.treas.gov/usss)
- U.S. Social Security Administration:  
1-800-772-1213. [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)
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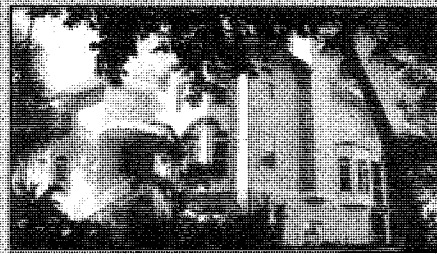
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**\$1,995,000****NEW LISTING****NEAR BEACH-CANAL HOME**

Spectacular custom-designed 3 BR/3 BA home located on a double canal-front lot. This home is just steps to the beach and offers a dock with Gull access, soaring ceilings, deep baseboard trim, den, plantation shutters, screen enclosed heated pool with spa, private elevator, gourmet kitchen, 2 wonderful entertainment areas overlooking the pool, 2 split master suites with sitting areas that open to a screened lanai and there is also a community boat ramp.

**\$1,875,000****NEW LISTING****ROOSEVELT CHANNEL ESTATE**

This 1-2 acre estate will bring back memories of Old Florida. The 3 BR/3 BA main house and the 1 BR/1 BA guest house are nestled in native vegetation with beautiful views of Roosevelt Channel. The property offers a shared deep water dock with Gull access and screen enclosed heated pool. The homes have carpet, tile and wood flooring, French doors, lots of built-ins, newer roof and is fully furnished with a few personal exceptions.

**\$1,995,000****CUSTOM BUILT BEACH HOME**

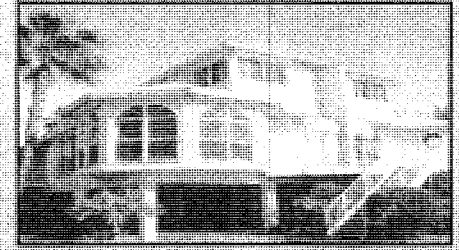
This quality constructed home is 4 BR/4 BA and has detailed workmanship throughout. Offering a pool with spa, roof top sundeck with views of the Gulf of Mexico, beautifully landscaped yard, brick driveway, elevator, wood floors, fireplace, gourmet kitchen with custom cabinets, vaulted ceilings and Congaree detail on exterior of home.

**\$2,195,000****SPECIAL BEACH CHARMER**

Beautiful completely remodeled Old Florida style home with 5 BR/5 BA. Offering a pool with spa, beach access, shared deep water dockage with Gull access, hardwood & tile floors, guest cottage with pool bath and sold furnished with a few personal exceptions.

**\$2,695,000****DON'T DREAM A DREAM-BUY ONE**

Beautiful near beach 3 BR/2 BA home with heated pool and spa. This home offers Maple hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen with custom cabinetry, large master suite with open step into shower with glass block, 2 screen enclosed porches, vaulted ceilings in the great room with wood burning fireplace and plenty of storage. This house is just steps to the beach and close to everything you want and need.

**\$2,349,000****GULF OF MEXICO VIEWS**

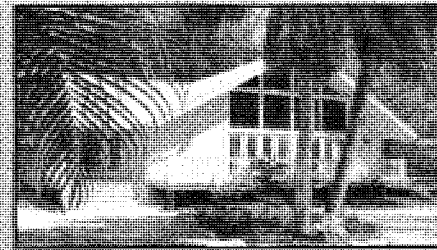
Luxury living at its BEST! This beautiful 4 BR/2.5 BA Gulf front condo offers all the luxuries that you will need for your island lifestyle. Offering direct Gulf views, Gulf to Bay location, Gull access, beach access, private elevator entry, gourmet kitchen with custom cabinetry, dock and unit sold furnished. Amenities include heated pool and spa.

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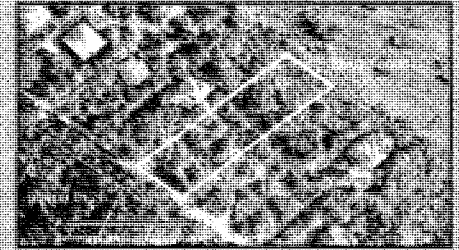
Absolutely gorgeous 5 BR/5 BA near beach home in Captiva's village. This home offers two master suites, spectacular master bath with jacuzzi tubs and designer sinks, unique pool with spa, tile bar, 2 car garage, 2 sun decks, fence with built-ins, outside shower, fake tan, wooden window blinds and French doors across the front. Sold furnished with a few exceptions.

**\$2,095,000****PRIVATE WATERLUDE**

Lush tropical vegetation surrounds this 6 BR/5.5 BA main home and 2 BR/2 BA guest house. Main home has a 2-story atrium foyer entry that leads into great room with beamed ceilings, fireplace, wet bar, short stroll to deeded beach access, shared dockage with direct Gull access and porch with expansive water views of Roosevelt Channel.

**\$3,095,000****LAIKA BEACH HOUSE**

This absolutely perfect beach home has been completely remodeled and is just steps to the beach. This home offers 3 BR/3 BA with a screen enclosed, heated pool with spa, gourmet kitchen with granite counters, maple wood floors with cherry wood inlaid accents, southern yellow pine cathedral ceiling and fully furnished. Short stroll to Island restaurants, shops, marina, library and the Chapel By the Sea.

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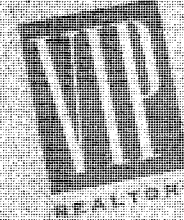
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# Islands Night 2004

## Islands Night 2004

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But the surprise of the day was. That the Islands Night is now.

What an honor for an old woman. Most appreciative, receiving.

I'm the one that should be here. For the support from all was.

Sponsors, hawkers, promoters. The interest just could not wait.

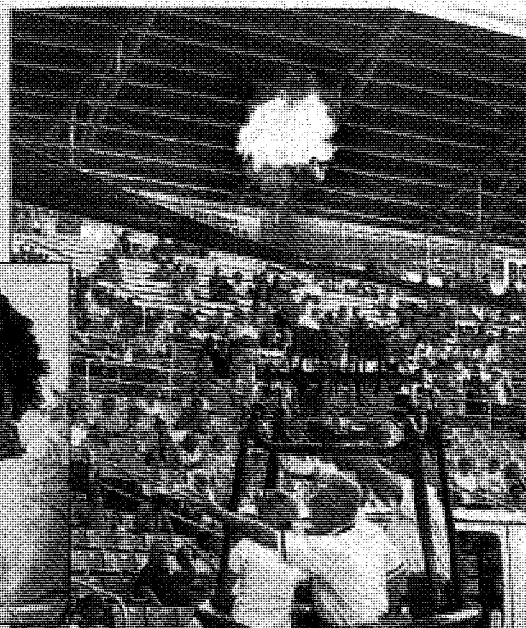
Getting all you Islanders together. Working hard, giving much.

This night should be a front runner. For who could ask for anything.

Thank you, one and all, from Robbie. May you, I and Islands Night.



Steve Greenstein (left): Mr. Strength in Numbers; (right): with Matt Asen, Commissioner Bob Janes, Francis Bailey, Pat Davis and Commissioner Ray Judah.



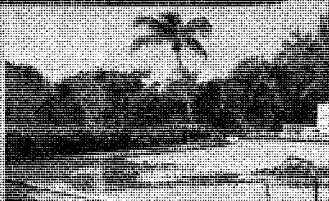
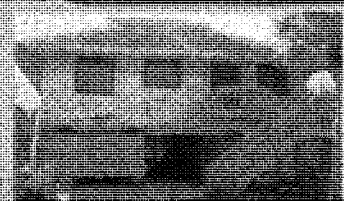
"Robbie" (Roepstorff) and "Barb" (von Harten)



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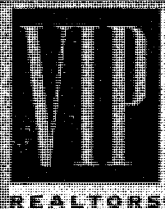
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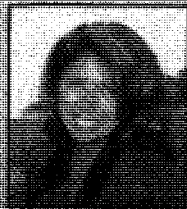
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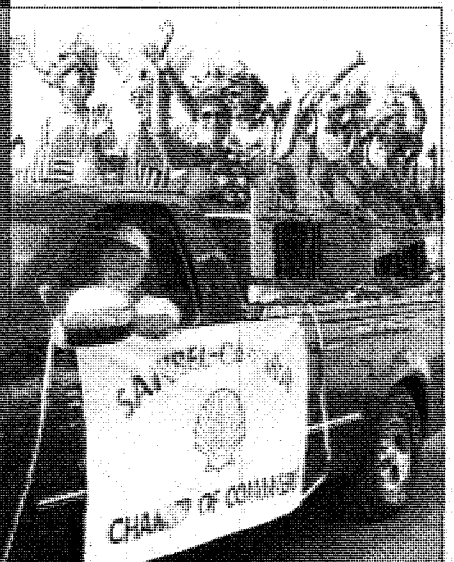
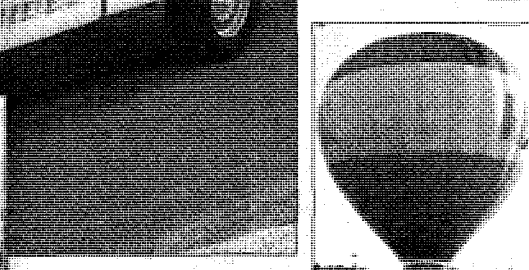
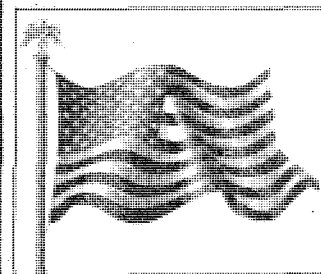
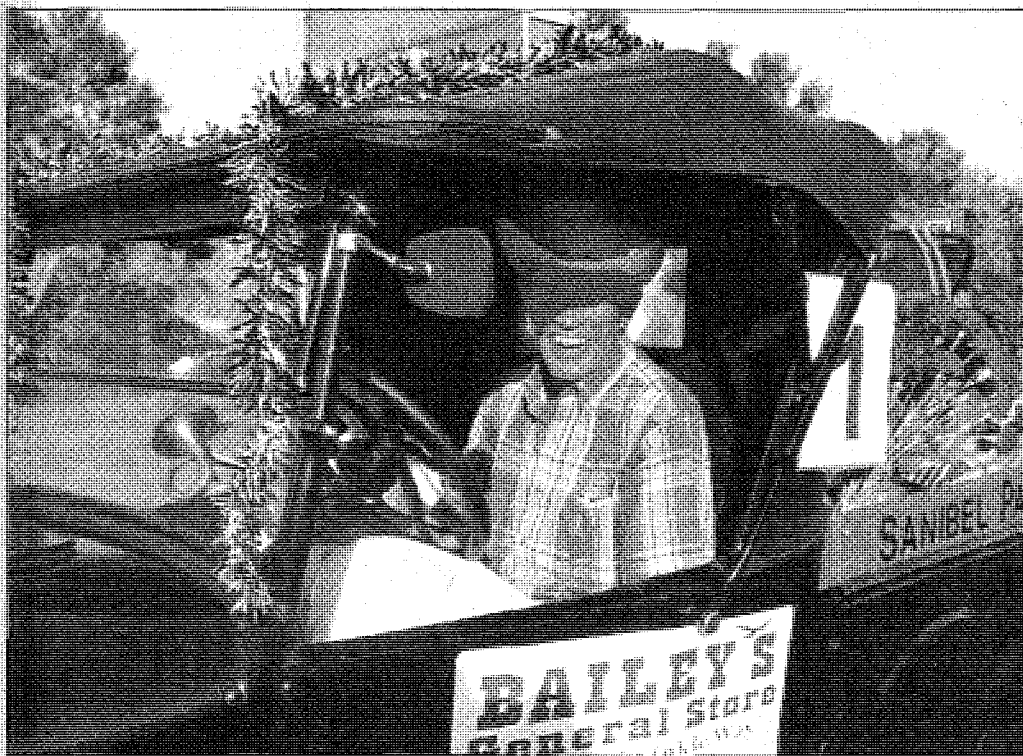




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# Islanders on parade

Islands Night photos by Gary Hooper and Jeff Thompson



## Digital Imagination winners

Louise Senneff, Alliance for the Arts executive director, announced four top cash prize awards for artists' entries in the Still Images category of the innovative high tech "Digital Imagination" exhibition sponsored by FindWhat.com that is currently on view in the Alliance's Frizzell Gallery.

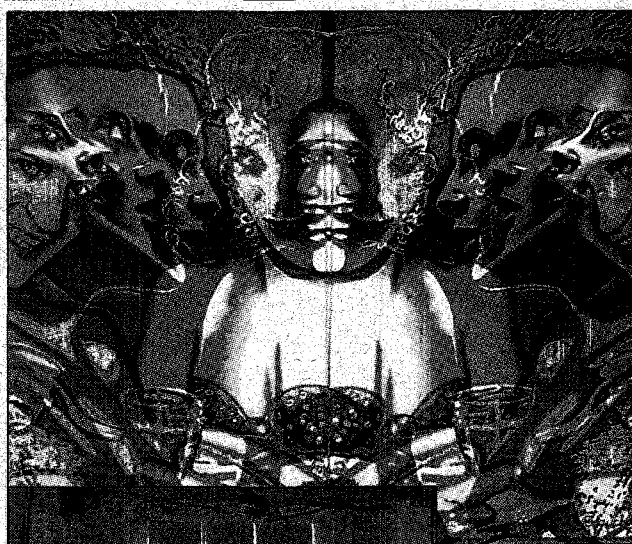
Best in Show Award went to Cesar Santalo, of Miami, for his digital construction, "Some Guy from the Street," which incorporates scanned magazine photographs manipulated with Canvas 9 software.

Two artists' works, "Contemplation" (a digital photo processed with Adobe Photoshop 6.0) by Ken Lamers of Fort Myers and "Another Light-Year at the Buffet" (incorporating images processed with Photo Deluxe Business Edition 1.0) by Cape Coral artist Michael Beauchemin, were tied for First Place in the Still Images category. In the same category, "Blue Girl" by Dan Ruke, also of Fort Myers won the Jurors' Choice Award. Ruke used several versions of Photoshop to process his online and wall-mounted 30 by 40 inch hardcopy framed wall-

mounted printout of his work.

In the Kinetic Images category, Senneff announced three award-winning entries: "The Juggler" by North Port artist Jeff John, using MAYA software by Alias Wave Front and Premiere by Adobe, as well as Sonic Sound Forge and Music Match Jukebox; a "www.judysmith.org/ADI" webpage by Matlacha artist Judy Smith using Macromedia Flash and Macromedia Sound Edit 16; and "Pre-Neopostic Bob," a

**Digital, see page 19**



Clockwise from top left: "Another Light-Year at the Buffet" by Michael Beauchemin; "Contemplation" by Ken Lamers; "Some Guy from the Street" by Cesar Santalo; "Blue Girl" by Dan Ruke

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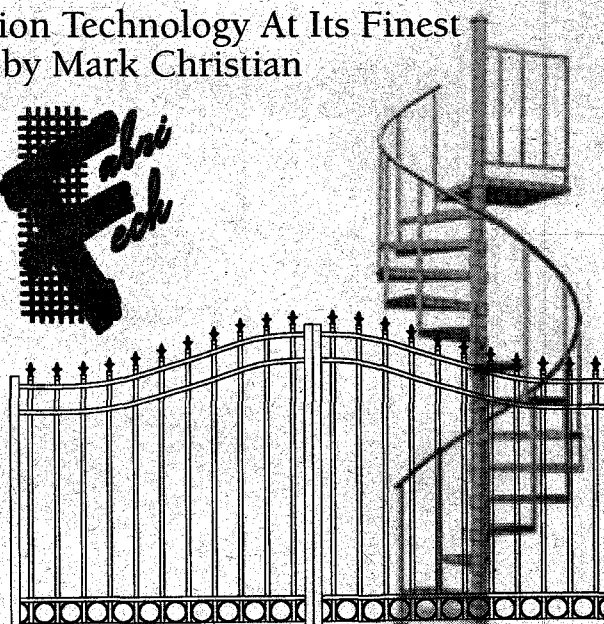
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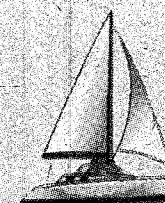
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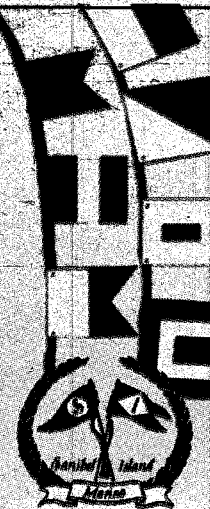
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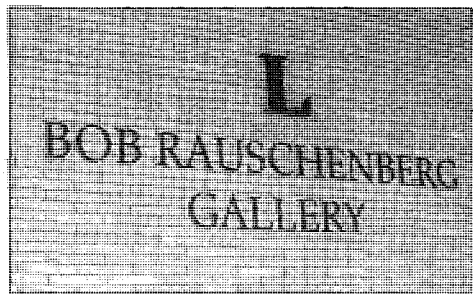
## New name for Edison College Gallery

By Amy Fleming  
Managing editor,  
Captiva Current

It was a gala evening for Southwest Florida, as more than 500 art lovers filled Edison College. The occasion was the official renaming of Edison College's Gallery of Fine Art to the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery.

"This goes beyond Edison College in particular," said Ron Bishop, gallery director. "He's been a friend of everyone in the community, and a number of organizations. This is a gesture for Southwest Florida."

Rauschenberg has been a supporter of

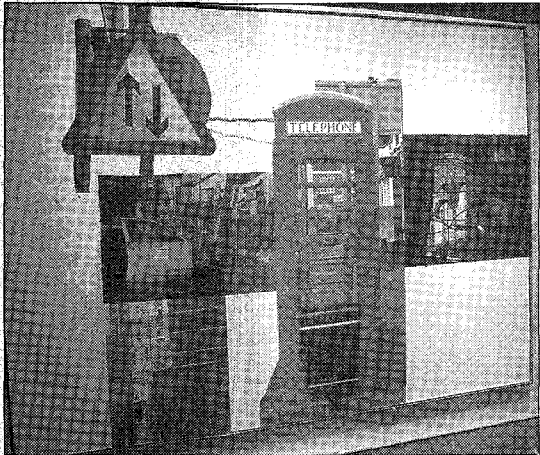


the gallery since 1980, when he opened his first of 11 exhibitions there. Proceeds from the sale of his posters and prints led to the formation of an endowment in 2000, with all funds going to the gallery.

Born in Port Arthur, Texas in 1925, he attended Kansas City Art Institute after serving in the Navy during World War II. In 1948, he enrolled at Black Mountain College in North Carolina, studying under former Bauhaus instructor Josef Albers. It was at Black Mountain that Rauschenberg's art began to take form, leading to collaborative pieces with musician John Cage and dancer/choreographer Merce Cunningham. One of these collaborations, Theatre Piece #1, is now regarded as one of the first 'Happenings,' a form of performance art that grew in influence throughout the 1950s and '60s.

Rauschenberg went on to create costumes and sets for Cunningham and other leading choreographers, while redefining modern art with his 'combine' paintings. 'Combines' are three dimensional works that combine painting, sculpture, and found objects — objects such as roosters, goats, old tires, or bits of machinery.

The Guggenheim hosted a major retrospective, which toured from 1997 to 1999, "Scenarios," now on display at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery, is an exhibition of his most recent work.



## Take me out to the ball game; Take me out with the crowd...

### Marsha reviews Islands night

By Marsha Wagner

Whoopie! I just came back from seeing my first baseball game ever, thanks to Sam Bailey and his Islands Night at Hammond Stadium with the free tickets to a Miracles game. Since I'm a theater reviewer and not a sports writer, I can only write about how I viewed a baseball game in theater terms. My island friends — Carla, Bob and Sheila — and I donned our baseball hats (to keep out the sun) slathered on the bug spray, loaded ourselves into the car and were off to a jolly, holly evening of the Great American Pastime, baseball.

Sheila had given me a miniature hurdy gurdy (in honor of my first game) which plays "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" and we sang that all the way to the stadium. The parking lot, unlike those at most theaters, was vast, and we found a space straightaway. We scrambled to our seats, up in the upper balcony under a big fishnet curtain. Bob, a real baseball fan, explained the finer points of the game to me and where these local teams stand in the league. It seems that the Miracles and the visiting team, the Vero Beach Dodgers, are in the Farm Leagues, a sort of off-off-off-Broadway in theater terms. They are professional players earning a salary but, just like off-off-off-Broadway actors, they earn a mere pittance while the players in the National Leagues rake in the mega bucks. Kind of like the top salaries for an Equity member versus the salary of a summer stock, non-union member.

The big parade at the top of the show —

oops, game — was special for the Islands Night Celebration and many of island businesses were represented. Bailey's Store lead the parade, along with all the shops at Bailey's Center, The Sanibel Square Shops, Matt Asen in his famous cow car, advertising his wonderful island eateries. The Lazy Flamingo also had a special float, as did Doc Ford's Grill, while Captiva Cruises, Turtle Patrol and Tarpon Bay Explorers touted our islands' nature enjoyment specialties. Both The Islander and The Island Sun newspapers were represented along with the real estate offices of Priscilla Murphy and Remax. The politicians were out in droves, too — Bob Janes and Ray Judah were the two I recognized. The whole parade reminded me of the advertising pitches presented in front of the oleo curtain in vaudeville show. During the game, some of our politicians were touting peanuts and other food stuffs... for charity, of course, but with much the same razzle-dazzle hokum used by the candy butchers (hawkers) during a burlesque show... With the same effect dig deep into your pocket for loose change, or feel downright guilty for being cheap. Before the game began the audience honored, by way of introduction, Sanibel's Little Leaguers by name, (the future stars of tomorrow perhaps). Before the game took off, my friend Bob informed me that there were to be 15 marathon innings, (in my terminology, Acts) in this event. ...Rather like ancient Greek theater where the audience spends the entire day in the stadium.

Miracles, see page 19

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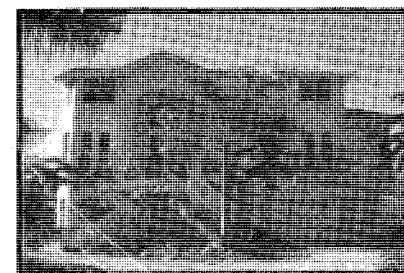
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## CENTER STAGE

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Simon says, "Make 'em laugh!" And Director Robert Cacioppo and his talented Florida Rep cast willingly oblige without ever asking, "May I?" ...Resulting in a solid, satisfying performance of Neil Simon's Pulitzer Prize-winning, serio-comedy, *Lost In Yonkers*, which opened the summer season at the Arcade Theatre.

This play, set in the first year of World War II, has all the ingredients for an entertaining evening as it shows a laughably dysfunctional family, still struggling with Depression hardships and immigrant

memories, through the eyes of 15-year-old Jay (Daniel Benzing) and 12-year-old Arty (Jake Johnson). Because of the magnificent language, simple story, fine direction and acting our attention is glued to the stage for the entire evening. You might just recognize some familiar traits from your own family in most of the characters. If you grew up during the Depression you're bound to recognize the constant need and quest for money. But, even more than that, you'll become acutely aware that love is what drives each and every character on stage as it does in real life.

Betty Madonna plays this basically simple tale of a domineering matriarch Grandma Kurnitz, with a steely backbone. Grandma is a stingy, self-reliant menace to her grandchildren and grown children alike, none of whom can live up to her pitiless rules. She melts only late in the play, and never completely or for long. The strengths that have allowed her to survive also made her suspicious and alone. Grandma rules her domain — the apartment in Yonkers and the ice cream parlor below it — with her daughter and mainstay, Aunt Bella (Stephanie Davis).

Probably the best way to describe Bella is to say that she's a few brick short of a load. Add to

that, she is under her mother's thumb and has never left home. Davis plays her as a yearning, grown woman with a volatile, willful, loving child's mind. She is touching as well as funny and Davis' transition scene is well thought out.

Illuminating a different aspect of Grandma's withering love is Aunt Gert, whose show-stopping asthmatic wheezes get worse around her mother.

Kelly Legarreta, as Gert, uses this golden opportunity to put this small support-role at center stage.

Dropping in or hiding out is Uncle Louie, a small time bag man, played to absolute perfection by Clif Morts.

Morts gives a polished,

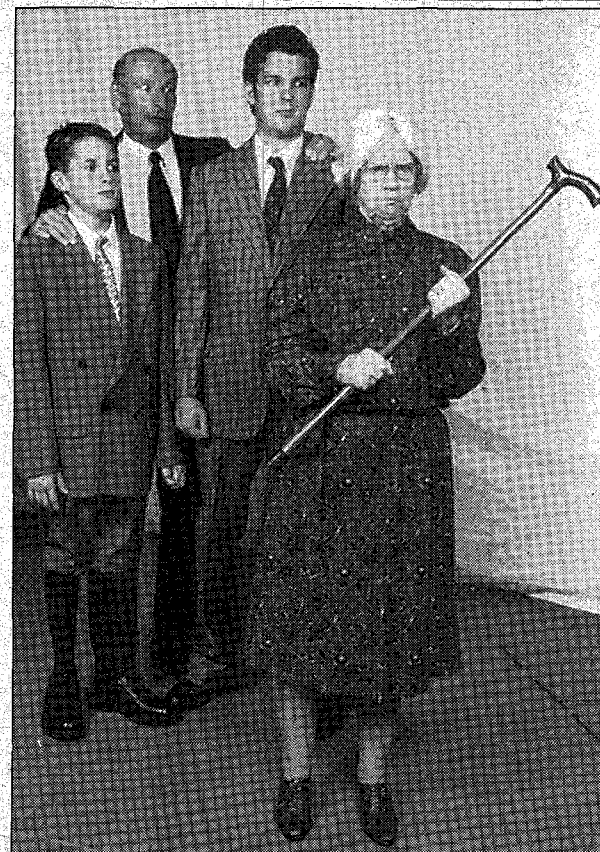
nuanced, generous performance. He acts WITH others, making us long for an uncle just like him — a slightly gray sheep that no home should be without, adding spice and humor to the household.

During the course of the play, Grandma's older son, Eddie (John Lombardi) asks his mother to take in and care for his two young sons so he can go back on the road buying and selling scrap metal to pay off the debts incurred by his late wife's illness and funeral expenses. Lombardi invests the boys' father with lovingness, as well as a nervousness, and adds just the right touch of impassioned defense to maintain his dignity.

Benzing and Johnson as the young sons, Jay and Arty, tackle their roles with boyish confidence. They are never rude or smart-alecky, simply assured and honest. These two turn in outstanding performances for actors of such tender years, but then good acting needs no age to be good. Daniel, whose entire family has a theatrical bent, played Arty in a previous production of *Lost In Yonkers* and has appeared with the Rep several times; he recently graduated from Cypress Lake High School and was named an Outstanding Actor. Jake's interest in the



Marsha Wagner



theatre began at age six with several theatre camps and has continued with appearances at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. He has been a part of *Kids Conspiracy*, *Kidz Act* and *Young Actors of Naples*.

Director Robert Cacioppo has gathered together a fine cast playing in true ensemble style, but with room enough for individual performances to shine forth making the characters' problems our problems, so much so that the audience becomes instantly, and emotionally involved and ensnared. Under Cacioppo's deft guidance scene after scene swirls past to the play's final denouement. The warm, sincere applause after last week's opening night performance was richly deserved.

I believe we are in for a rich summer of... "Simon says... Laugh! Laugh! Laugh!" Start playing out your summer of Simon Says by phoning the box office at 332-4488 to reserve and/or subscribe for summer fun at your favorite theater, featuring America's favorite playwright, Neil Simon. *Lost In Yonkers* plays 'til June 27.

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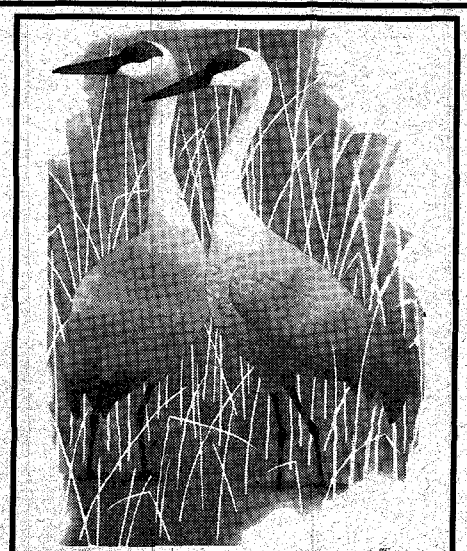
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At Broadway Palm, *Grease* is the word this summer. Be there or be square!



## Digital, from page 16

video projection by Fort Myers artist Vyd Vyd using Adobe Premiere and Photoshop programs to manipulate images in each frame.

Visitors will be able to view all 100-plus still, kinetic and interactive digital artworks in the exhibit as installed under the direction of Brian Chaikin, Creative Designer with FindWhat.com and "Digital Imagination" curator and exhibition co-juror, along with Dr. Mel Strawn, University of Denver Professor Emeritus.

Members of the public are invited to attend "Digital Imagination" (and a concurrent Alliance Member Gallery exhibition of "hand taken, processed and printed" black and white photographs by Bruce Gora) without charge during their run through June 26, from 9 to 5 Monday to Friday and 10 to 3 Saturday at the Alliance headquarters, 10091 McGregor Blvd in Fort Myers. Call 239-939-2787 or visit [www.artinlee.org](http://www.artinlee.org) for additional details.

## Miracles, from page 17

Our islands new Schoolhouse Theater director, Victor Legaretta, kicked off the evening by doing a super job singing the national anthem.

Our home team, the Miracles, were dressed in simple blue classic, knee britches, baseball costumes, while the opposing team Vero Beach Dodgers were outfitted in the more fashion-forward, gray garments with long pants. The audience was urged to bel-low out, at the top of their lungs, the opening line "Play Ball!" to begin the First Act. I've never yelled "Curtain Up" to begin a show — that's the job of the stage manager — but I might suggest it, since that proved to be fun.

The Miracles pitcher, Josh Gray, was a principal player in this game. But in Act I he really blew his lines, giving the batters three hits in a row followed by a walk with bases loaded (don't I sound sporty?!). A long fly ball got yet another home run. The Vero Beach Dodgers dominated all of the first act getting four runs in all. The Miracles tried strutting their stuff during their turn at bat, but looked under-rehearsed — they muffed their plays as well as their lines. In Act II the Miracles woke up a bit... struck out players #1 and #2. However, player #3 made the act a free-for-all when he managed to step off first base and got thrown out. Then it seemed me total chaos took over as the Miracles got

## Scotland Road at Periwinkle Playhouse

The suspense play, *Scotland Road*, opens at the SCA Periwinkle Playhouse on Wednesday, June 16. When a woman is found floating on an iceberg in the North Atlantic wearing turn-of-the-century clothing, she says only one word, "Titanic." A man named Astor has brought her to America to find out whether or not she is a fake and what she may know about the great ship.

Produced and directed by Todd Sherman, *Scotland Road* stars Patricia McHugh (Aunt Marguerite in *Dearly Departed*); Tom Marsh (Royce in *Dearly*

*Departed* and also seen in *Sly Fox* at the Arcade); Joanne Bauers (the mayor in *We Blew Up the Bridge*, *Didn't We?*) and Lisa Chapman (many roles at the Theatre Conspiracy). After this production, Chapman heads to New York City for a coveted spot in the six-week summer session of the American Musical & Drama Academy.

Performances are Wednesday through Saturdays at 8 p.m. from June 16 - 26; Adults - \$15; Children \$5. The Periwinkle Playhouse is at 2200 Periwinkle Way; box office 472-0324.

## Broderson, from page 2

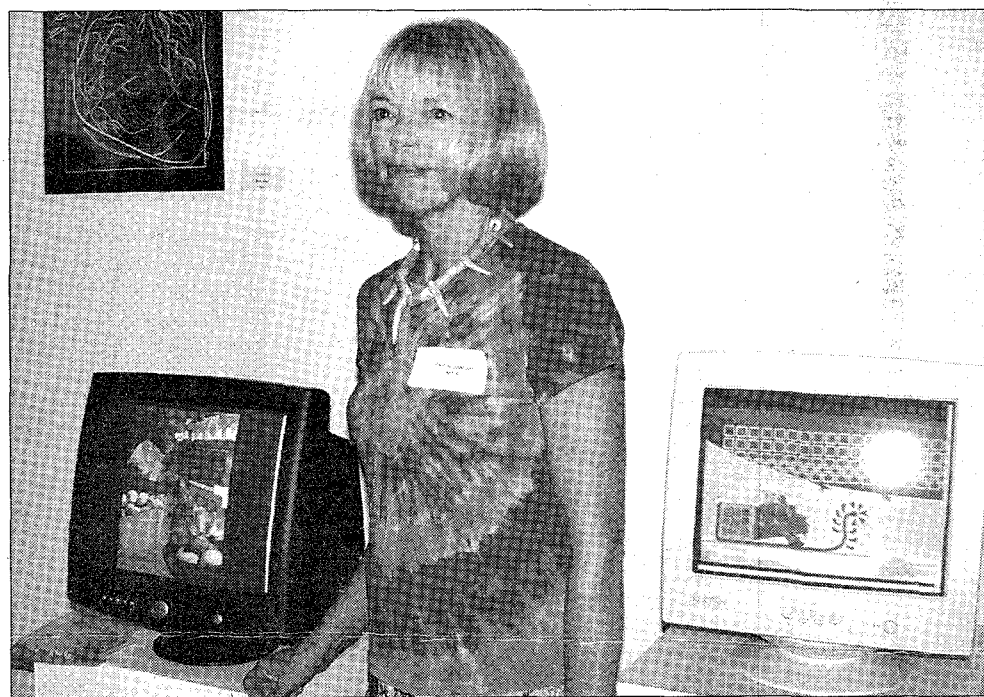
Her work is more beautiful "the larger it is," said Brodersen. "The tiny details show up, and the colors move." She is talking to printers about producing copies of her work, and is interested in getting her own printer so she can control the printing herself. And she hopes to find a gallery to represent her work.

"I loved to work in a darkroom," said Brodersen, "and this is doing what I used to do in a darkroom, only without the chemicals and spending time waiting for

the prints to dry." And if a picture is not right, "I can do it over again."

"It's instant gratification," she said. "It's fun."

"Digital Imagination" is on display at the Frizzell Gallery at Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers. The exhibit continues through Saturday, June 26. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Telephone: 239-939-2787.





## Shell Museum receives federal grant

The federal Institute of Museum and Library Service and Heritage Preservation announced that The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum on has been awarded a 2004 Conservation Assessment Program (CAP) grant. CAP assists museums by providing funds for professional conservation specialists to identify conservation needs of museum collections.

"The Shell Museum is pleased to receive this CAP award," said Director Dr. José H. Leal. "It will enable conservator Catharine Hawks of Falls Church, Virginia, to assess the museum collection this fall from October third through fifth."

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, a specialized natural history museum, is a collecting museum. Its collection of shells and preserved specimens represents a

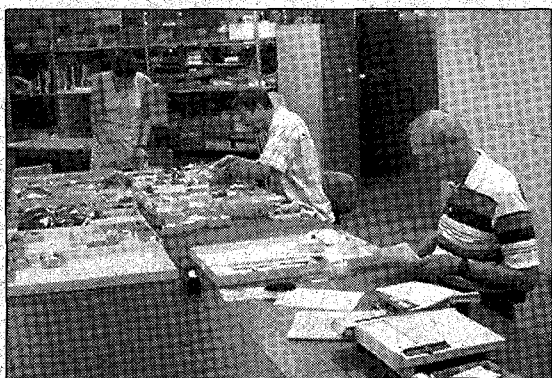
large fraction of the global biodiversity of mollusks. The Shell Museum houses a collection of worldwide and local mollusks, with a growing focus on mollusks from the coast of southwest Florida, its barrier islands, and the Gulf of Mexico.

The increasingly regional nature of the collection has attracted a large number of national and international students and scientists who visit The Shell Museum to examine specimens in their fields of expertise. Records of its holdings are managed through a database management system. Searches of the collection may be performed online at [www.shell-museum.org](http://www.shell-museum.org).

After her visit, Ms. Hawks will write a comprehensive report identifying conservation priorities. Her on-site consultation will enable The Shell Museum to evaluate its current collection care policies, procedures, and environmental conditions.

"The Institute of Museum and Library Services is proud of its role in helping museums establish and meet their conservation goals," notes IMLS Director Dr. Robert S. Martin. "Through its conservation grants, IMLS has helped transform conservation practices across the nation."

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum is located at 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road on Sanibel Island and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For further information, call the Museum at 395-2233.



Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum volunteer Hal Pilcher of Fort Myers, right, assists some visiting students in the museum's second-floor Collection and Research Department.

## ARTS CALENDAR

### On exhibit

- **ROBERT RAUSCHENBERG** at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery (formerly Edison Community College Gallery of Fine Art). "Scenarios," recent work. 8099 College Pkwy. Through July 11.
- **SAN-CAP ART LEAGUE** at BIG Arts, Summer Show throughout the summer season.
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- **DIGITAL IMAGINATION** all Florida juried show at the Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers. Sponsored by FindWhat.com, opening reception June 4. 939-2787.
- Recent work by **BRUCE GORA** at the Members Gallery at the Alliance for the Arts. Through June 26.
- **DUO SHOWS AT ARTS FOR ACT.** Christina Wyatt's "Mermaids" and Roy Benton's "Elements." 2265 First Street, at the historic Arcade in Fort Myers.
- **GUESTS ARTISTS INVITATIONAL** at the Cape Coral Arts Studio. Showcases works of Cape Coral Arts Studio instructors. 4533 Coronado Pkwy. June 4-25.
- **SUMMER MEMBERS' SHOW** at the Fort Myers Beach Art Assoc. corner of Donora and Shell Mound Blvd., FMB. Open Weds and Thurs

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### On stage

- **SCOTLAND ROAD** at the Periwinkle Playhouse. Begins June 16, \$20. Performances 8 p.m..
- **GREASE** at the Broadway Palm June 10 - Aug. 14. 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

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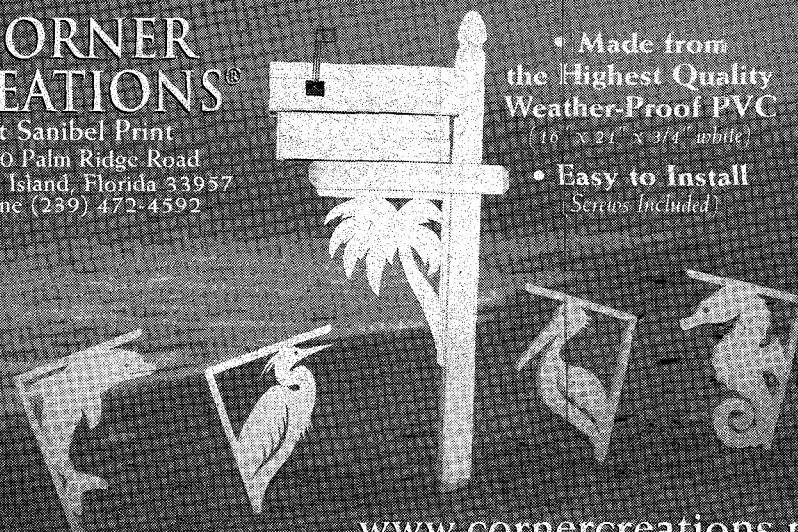
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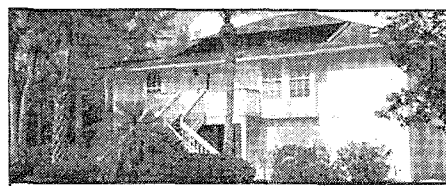
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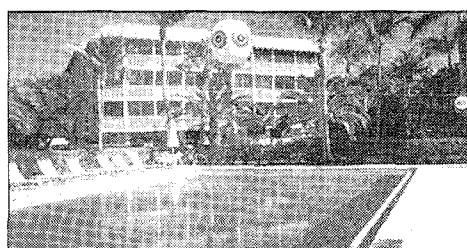
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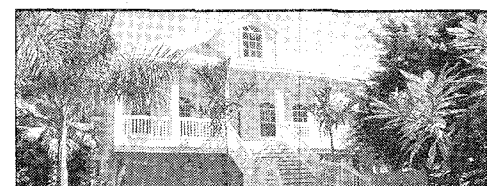
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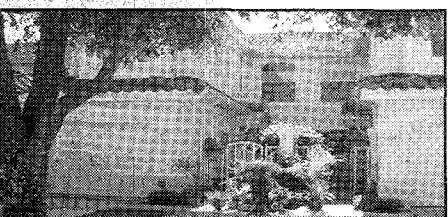
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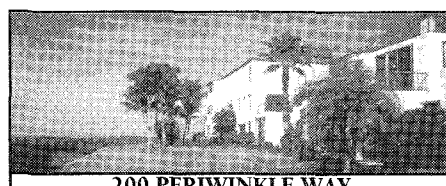
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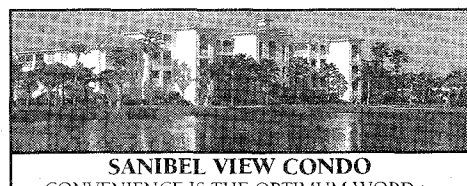
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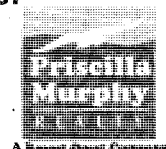
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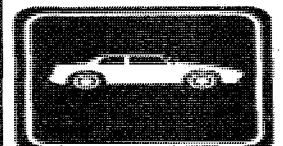
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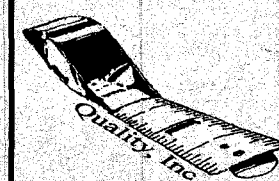
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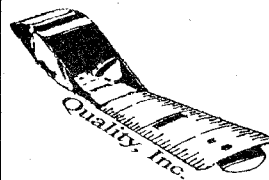
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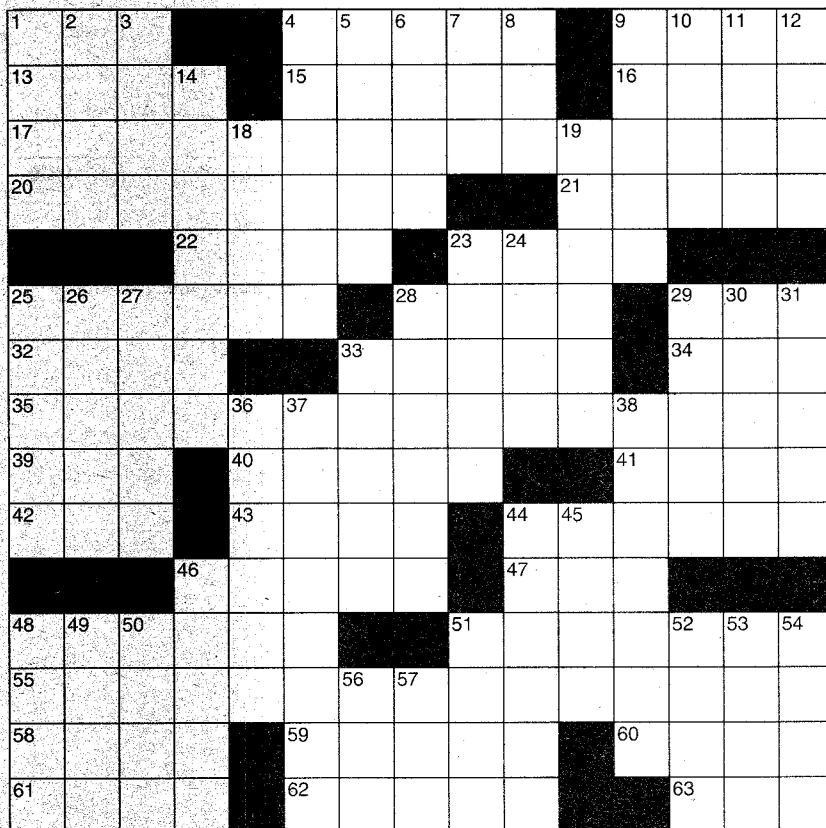
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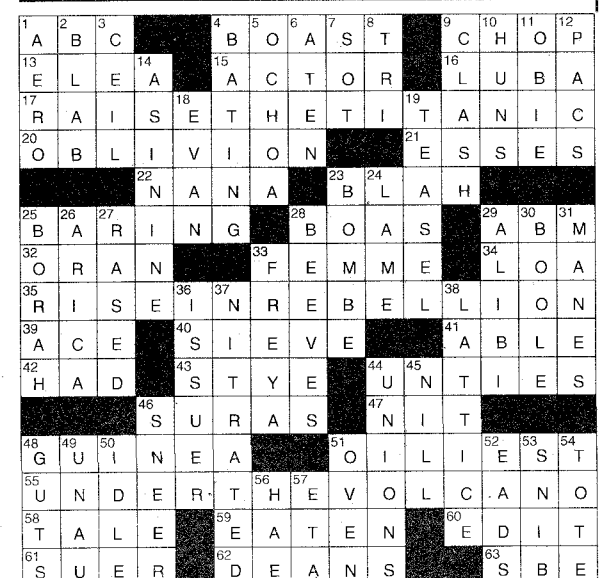
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47. Stirred tin
48. African nation

51. Most fatty
55. Albert Finney movie of '84
58. An account of events
59. Corroded
60. Copyread
61. Litigator
62. Doyens
63. One point east of due south

**Clues DOWN**

1. About aviation
2. Disclose
3. Overlay with wood
4. Sousing
5. Severo \_\_\_\_\_, U.S. bio-chemist
6. Egyptian sun god
7. Drunk
8. Denotes three
9. Take issue
10. Krautheads
11. Off-Broadway theater award
12. Boot liners
14. Unwise
18. Welsh for John
19. Make a fuzzy surface
23. French melon
24. Wound seriously
25. William Edgar \_\_\_\_\_, Idaho senator
26. Chilean seaport
27. Tore down
28. Oxen
29. Excuse
30. Mathematician
31. Hairs
33. Scandinavian goddess
36. One who brings out
37. Treated with acid
38. Arrangement
44. United States of Americas
45. Will not (obsolete)
46. Mockery
48. Exhausts
49. Sloth
50. Unemployed
51. Kitchen appliance
52. James \_\_\_\_\_, American steam engineer
53. Latch a window
54. Carry
56. Own (Scottish)
57. Greek letter

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## Realtors® Essay Contest Winners

*Ed note: The Islander will publish the three winning essays in the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Association of Realtors® First Annual Essay Contest for eighth grade students of the Sanibel School. This year's selected topic was "Discuss the life and/or achievement(s) of any Sanibel/Captiva resident that demonstrates honor."*

### Kitchen Inspiration: Ernie Gunther

By Brenna Williams

Giggles traveling from table to table, "Turkey Gloop" being gobbled by 100 hungry children, and the occasional tears after someone spills their lemonade, all of this sets the stage for Wednesday night's Logos program. Noise and chaos envelop the room, then, as if by magic, a wistful hush falls over Fellowship Hall, as it is time to thank the cooks. A microphone passes down a line of small children and worn out adults smelling of hard work, allegiance, and canned corn. The hesitant children pass the microphone down the line introducing the cooks that they are representing.

Every Wednesday evening the microphone took this path, and it was not uncommon to come across some familiar faces, but no face in the line was able to catch my eye as engrossingly as that of a faithful man named Ernie Gunther. Ernie's face was worn and leathery, and his hair as gray as a mysterious fog lifting off the Pine island Sound in the early hours of dawn. His smile though, was most intriguing and as bright as the Sanibel sun. It gave the distinct impression that he was flying as high as a flag on the 4th of July. His infectious rays of joy and sunshine spread throughout our church and community transforming our souls and leaving a memory of ardor, compassion, and zest.

Ernie was an honorable man for countless reasons. All the people who knew him refer to him as a man endeavored with faith in the Lord, a vast affection for children, and a yearning to help others. Ernie truly appreciated his time on earth before he died. If there was ever a man so deserving of the title honorable it was Ernie Gunther.

According to many people in our church family, Ernie had a very obvious love for the Lord. Ernie lived a life that reflected God's will almost completely. He attended the Sanibel Community Church with an open heart and burning desire to help children have a personal relationship with God. One of Ernie's most vital gifts to the community was his devotion and unique way of glorifying the Lord. He taught us all to praise God according to our own personalities, and taught us about the immense power of God's love. Ernie's adoration for the Lord was stimulating to all those around him and watching his walk with Jesus inspired others to have a relationship with the Lord that mirrored Ernie's.

Ernie's relish for love, life, and children was undeniable. In the 1970's a retired Ernie came to Sanibel with intentions of relaxation. He experienced a calling, though, to be one of the first to help in the Community Church's Logos program for youth. Ernie was first called as a volunteer, but little did we know that his first experi-

ence scraping applesauce off the plates in the kitchen was part of the master plan. Ernie came to Logos every Wednesday for more than 10 years to help prepare food and then wash dishes. He considered Logos his own special gift, and he was wholeheartedly dedicated to the children there. One of his favorite parts about getting to work there was the time at which we would thank the cooks. Children raced in the kitchen to grab their parent, or in Ernie's case a volunteer. Once, a small five-year-old led Ernie to the stage and when the microphone was passed to him the boy said, "This is my gwand-pa Ewnie!" It was little things such as being referred to as someone's grandfather that lit up Ernie's life.

There was not one Logos that Ernie ever missed throughout his years there. Even when Ernie was struggling with cancer and chemotherapy treatments he still turned up sick or not sick.

According to one of Ernie's oldest friends there was one time when Ernie did question getting up to attend. In the story Ernie said he missed his wife who had died a few years earlier, he longed to see his children, and he was involved in his continuous fight with cancer. He said he looked to the sky and said, "Lord, why don't you just take me now?" Then the Lord came down to Ernie and replied, "Well, who would wash the dishes for the children?" When Ernie heard these words he said he sprang out of bed and went on with ever more appreciation for his life. Ernie not only had a passion for living his own life, but he also cherished improving the lives of others.

He always put other people's problems in front of his own and if there was anything that Ernie could do to lend a hand to someone he was the first to do it. Ernie treated people the same way that he treated his work. He worked as mightily as he could to the point where he was proud to sign his own name upon it. His humanity lives on still today.

I often question whether Ernie knew how grand an effect he had on so many lives. Did Ernie realize how exceptional and loved he was? Today, Ernie is in the place he so long wished to go, Heaven. He is there with his wife, and savior Jesus Christ. Some of my fondest memories of Ernie are those of him standing in front of the Logos congregation being introduced by a random third grader, the smile on his face expressing an inexplicable bliss and joy. In my eyes I visualize him as I saw him once a week, standing over a sink, wearing a perfume of canned peaches, his hands pruning from being under a tap of water for two or more hours. But more clearly than my visual memoir is the sound of his voice as he answered a child or an adult when they told him "thank you."

Ernie would look up to the sky, point his index finger to the high heavens and say as if he were speaking to God, "I'm not done yet!"



Brenna Williams

## San-Cap Art League exhibits

Sanibel-Captiva Art League members will be displaying paintings of local scenes, drawings, collages and still lifes in a variety of media including watercolors, oils and acrylics during their annual summer exhibits at BIG ARTS Phillips Gallery and the Sanibel Public Library. Many of the artists have extensive backgrounds and experience in the visual arts and others have recently joined or are becoming newly acquainted with artistic endeavors. One of the purposes of the League is to promote the appreciation of art and encourage the exchange of ideas among artists in Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties.

The exhibit can be seen in Phillips Gallery, 900 Dunlop Road (next to the Sanibel Historical Museum) weekdays from 1 to 4 p.m. Call BIG ARTS at 395-0900 for more information. Sanibel Public Library is at 770 Dunlop Road next to Sanibel City Hall. Call the library at 472-2483 for hours and more information.

Art League Thursday morning paintouts continue in June and July at Bowman's Beach, Jensen's Marina and Casa Ybel's Thistle Lodge. For more information, call 472-2726, 472-4258, 472-8834, or write to P. O. Box 1192, Sanibel, FL 33957.

**Clockwise from right: Rila McClain painting at the beach; Cathy Taylor with Red Bird Palms in front of the Tower Gallery; a painting by Taylor.**



### New children's store to open at South Seas

Turtle Tots, an innovative and imaginative store catering to children and their families, will debut early this summer at South Seas Resort announced Turtle Tots director of merchandising, Sue Downey.

Business Interiors, Inc., a design firm based in Coral Gables, is designing the facility, which will carry resortwear, furniture, books and toys for infants, toddlers and pre-teens. The new store, encompassing some 1,000 square feet, will be located at Chadwick Square.

Earlier installations designed by Business Interiors include Reflections on the Bay, On & Offshore, The Tennis House, CW's Market & Deli, Captiva Casuals and Shades of Captiva, as well as the South Seas Shoppe.

### Teco Arena Announces New Naming Rights Sponsor

Teco Arena President and General Manager Craig Brush announced that the arena will be renamed "Germain Arena" after Germain Motor Company, with Florida locations in Naples and Sarasota. Germain Motor Company also operates several dealerships in central Ohio and in 2003, purchased the naming rights to a large amphitheater in Columbus.

Germain Automotive approached Teco Energy in 2003 to see if there was any

interest by the company in stepping out of the long-term naming rights contract.

**Gang Green.....Get It!** The Florida Everblades will open their seventh season in Southwest Florida at the arena on Friday, Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m. To purchase season tickets and reserve your piece of the action during the 2004-2005 season call (239) 948-7825 or for single event tickets call Ticketmaster at (239) 334-3309. Visit [www.floridaeverblades.com](http://www.floridaeverblades.com) and [www.tecoarena.com](http://www.tecoarena.com) for more information on ticket packages, pricing and upcoming Germain Arena events.

### Mimi's Cafe to open in Fort Myers

Restaurant chain Mimi's Cafe will be opening its fourth Florida location in Fort Myers in October. The bistro-style restaurant will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner and will have a staff of 150.

Mimi's Cafe was founded in 1977 in Orange County, California and has grown into an 81-location group, with restaurants in California, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, new Mexico, Kansas, Texas and Utah, as well as Florida. The company recently filed for an initial public offering.

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