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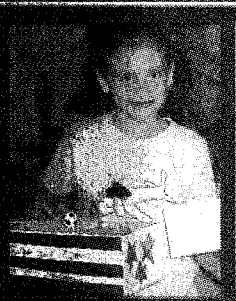
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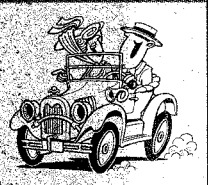
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celebrates
Independence
Day on
July 3.

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25th Annual
Optimist
Road Rally

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A night blooming cereus photographed in a Santiva driveway at 9:40 p.m. on Friday, June 24 and (inset) the next morning. See Page 3 to learn where you can find these exotic flowers on Sanibel.

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The Off Beach Players production of "A Little Murder Never Hurt Anybody," by Ronald Day, which opened on July 1, has been extended at the Periwinkle Playhouse through July 24.

Off Beach Players, which debuted up the street in 1986, at what was then named the Schoolhouse Theatre, was the first community theatre group on Sanibel and, ironically, this might be the last community theatre production on Sanibel.

The whole family will enjoy "A Little Murder Never Hurt Anybody." A mom, a dad, a daughter, a boyfriend, a detective and a Butler... and that's just the beginning! Directed by John Thomas. Produced by June Koc.

It will be a great evening of entertainment for the family at the Periwinkle Playhouse at 2200 Periwinkle Way. Box office 472-0324. You can also call or stop by Needful Things (1995 Periwinkle Way) for ticket reservations 472-5400.

Performances are July 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 8 p.m. showtime. This may be the final community production at the Periwinkle Playhouse, so don't miss out! The tickets are specially priced at adults \$15 and children \$5 (up to 18 years old).



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From left, back row: Mark Sauer, Laurie Pickens, Troy Gibson, Cary Gorsline, Patrick O'Connell, Dave Yudowitz and front: Maria Familo and June Koc.



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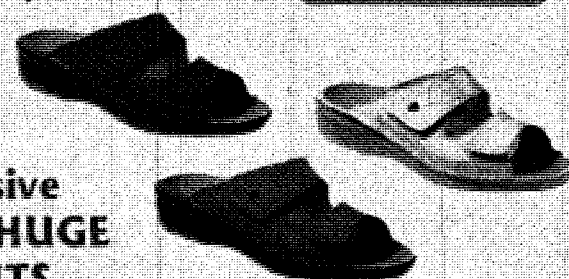
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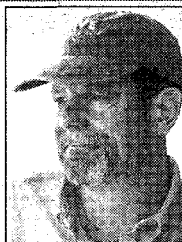
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It's Independence Day when we celebrate our history and the principles that our founding fathers were brave enough to apply to the real world of their day.

We recognize that commitment and the lives and freedoms we enjoy today as a result. And we do it many ways, from flags on poles to flags on our cars to flags on our T-shirts and baseball caps, even to flag lapel pins for those who still wear more formal business attire.

America means different things to different people, but there are important common threads that bind us all, original principles that have tested us over our history and will continue to do so in the future.

We have fought a civil war — possibly the bloodiest in history — over some of these points, and survived as one nation indivisible, not two. That one nation encompasses, even embraces, a multitude of diverse backgrounds: ethnic, religious,



RENNY SEVERANCE
Executive Editor

racial, cultural — the list goes on and disappears over the horizon. It is deeply embedded in our history.

Current events might tend to work against that sort of understanding, especially when you can't be sure where the next threat is coming from.

But to abandon our basic principles and start to judge our neighbors on the nature of their headgear, or the size of the moustache is more than just dangerous. It would be admitting defeat — not something Americans do easily.

This is a very special country and we are able to do things that the rest of the world cannot. We are able to accept our neighbors even if they are a different

color and a completely different religion — or perhaps no religion.

We still defend our rights to send all our kids to the same school.

Much of the rest of the world has trouble tolerating their own next door neighbors who are the same color, same race, same religion — just a slightly different variety of it.

Tolerating diversity is a critical part of democracy. Discussion, even argument, is still a whole lot better than shooting each other over our differences — especially if those differences are over such unknowable questions such as, "Is there life after death? And if so, who else are you likely to see there?"

As we celebrate our independence, let's also celebrate our peaceful acceptance of our differences.

As the board on a church in my neighborhood says, "Love your enemies — it'll drive 'em crazy."

Rec Center Holiday Hours

Holiday hours for the Sanibel Recreation complex pool, gym and weight room are 1 - 5 p.m. July 3 - July 5, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

On the cover:

Night blooming cereus flowers grow on a cactus-like vine, bloom at night - beginning at dusk - and they only last one night. They can be found throughout the islands. There are some across from the Tree Tops Center on Periwinkle, across from Donax (and down a bit to the west), by the Sanibel Island Bookshop, next to the Sanibel Shell station on Periwinkle, by the Sanibel Post Office and by the Tarpon Bay Explorers deck.

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ROAD CLOSINGS on July 3

On July 3, Sanibel is hosting its annual Independence Day Parade. The parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. at Tarpon Bay Road and Periwinkle.

Periwinkle Way will be closed to vehicular traffic between Tarpon Bay and Donax Street beginning at 9 a.m. Traffic will be detoured at both Donax and Casa Ybel Road to Middle Gulf Drive, then via Rabbit Road to San-Cap Road.

Independence Day schedule

- The **Parade** will step off at 9:30 a.m. from Tarpon Bay Road and proceed up Periwinkle Way to Casa Ybel. Periwinkle Way will be closed from 9 a.m. until the parade finishes. Best-selling author Randy Wayne White will be this year's Grand Marshall. Ginny Bissell was indispensable as Parade Committee Chairperson.
- The **Community Picnic** immediately follows the parade and will be held at the site on Periwinkle Way between the Sanibel Community Association and Casa Mariposa. The picnic menu - all free! - includes hot dogs, chips, sodas, apples, bottled water, freeze pops, snow cones, cotton candy and popcorn (and chocolate-covered frozen bananas).

- The **City's Fireworks Display** will be shot-off at dusk from the north terminus of Bailey Road. Best viewing is from the causeway islands, the boat ramp,

Causeway Road or from a boat located no closer to Sanibel than the bay side of the first spoil island. There is also limited parking in the lots just beyond the toll booths on the mainland at Punta Rassa.

Tween Waters donates 4,000 dogs

The free grilled hot dogs at last year's Community Picnic were so popular that this year, Tween Waters Inn announced that they are donating 4,000 hot dogs to this year's Independence Day Community Picnic (doubling the number of hot dogs that will be served!).

Thistle Lodge donates 1,000 frozen, chocolate-covered bananas

Thistle Lodge/Casa Ybel Sanibel Island Resort has come forward to donate 1,000 frozen, chocolate covered bananas to the Independence Day Community Picnic

Best Pies of Sanibel

The Sanibel Historical Village will honor the Island's top bakers at the July 3 Independence Day Community Picnic with the "Best Pies of Sanibel Contest." With separate categories for commercial and non-commercial entries and a panel

of celebrity judges, a good time is ensured for all participants and spectators.

Essay and Art Contest winners to be announced

Winners of the Independence Day Youth Essay and Art Contest, sponsored by Colonial Bank, will be recognized and presented their ribbons and savings bonds at the July 3 Independence Day Community Picnic.

Colonial Bank will purchase fifty dollar U.S. Savings Bonds for each of the first place winners.

Named as judges for the Essay and Art contest were Sanibel Children's Librarian Barbara Dunkle, Casa Mariposa resident Elizabeth Magnus, Barrier Island Group for the Arts board member Ken Nees, Colonial Bank Vice President of Business Development Ellen Lai, and Councilmember Jim Jennings.

All youngsters of Sanibel age twelve and under were invited to participate in the Independence Day Essay and Art Contests. The essays, not to exceed one hundred words, are on the theme: "Why I am Proud to be an American." The art contest theme is "America the Beautiful" (artwork can be in any medium).

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Craig Wolf joins VIP Float

VIP Realty Group, Inc. is very proud to announce that anchorman Craig Wolf, of NBC-2, and his family, will be joining our company's float in the upcoming Fourth of July parade. "We are all very excited that Craig and his family wanted to be a part of this very special and patriotic day," notes VIP's Kara Cuscaden.



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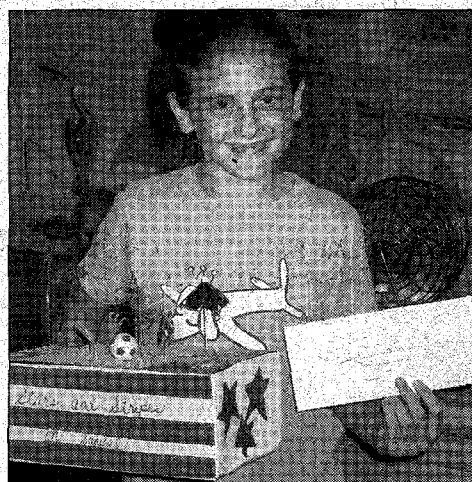
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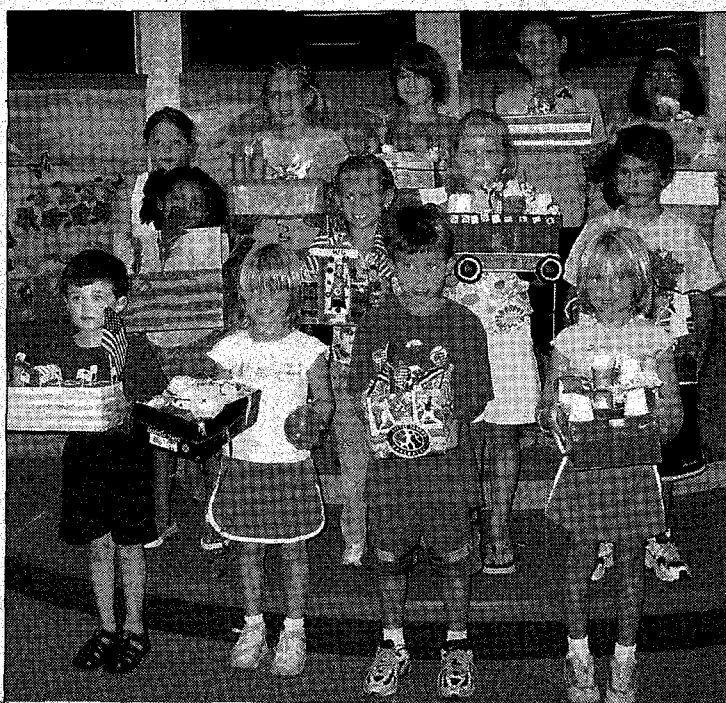
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The Best in Show in the Mini-Parade Float Contest was awarded to Jocelyn Harden; awards were given in five categories. Floats can be seen at the Community House on the 3rd.



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 this form along with the \$35 entry fee to the Bank of America (1037 Periwinkle Way branch, across from Lazy Flamingo, next to The Bait Box).

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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Mini Parade Float Contest winners

Winners of the 2nd Annual "Mini Parade Float Contest," sponsored by the Sanibel Public Library, will be displayed.

Children in grades K through 8 were invited to design a "mini" parade float and bring it to the library on June 29 for the judging in five categories. Floats are no larger than a shoebox, and the theme tied in with this year's parade theme, "Stars and Stripes."

Jocelyn Harder won Best in Show and the winners were as follows (listed in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place order):

- Best Interpretation of the Theme:

Through 2nd grade - Kyle Luiten, Madeleine Arana and Jordan Gallant

3rd grade and up - Jocelyn Harder and Kari Fowler

- Most Patriotic

Through 2nd grade - Alex Cabezas, Kirk Williams and Audry Paul

3rd grade and up - Brianna Kocinski

- Most Beautiful:

Through 2nd grade - James Dowling and Grace Ann Paul

3rd grade and up - Nicole Odgen

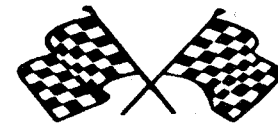
- Most Original

Through 2nd grade - Thomas Rizzo, Meg Rizzo and Devon Riggs

3rd grade and up - Michelle Arana and Sabrina Cabezas

All of the floats will be displayed at the Sanibel Community House on July 3 during Sanibel's Independence Day festivities. See winner photos left.

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ROAD RALLY



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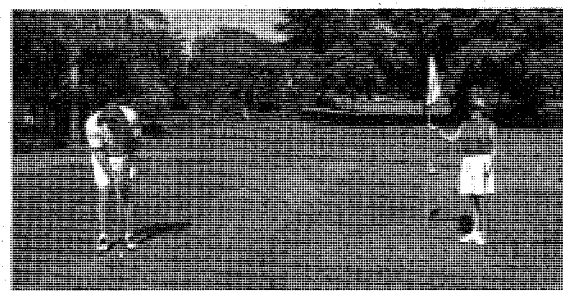
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Ingeborg Grosser Mauksch, RN, PhD, FAAN

In the days before her death, Ingeborg Mauksch described her life as "wonderful, simply wonderful." She died on June 20, 2004 at 82 years of age, completing a life filled with accomplishments as a mother, nurse, educator, religious community leader and humanitarian.

Ingeborg Grosser was born in Vienna, Austria on Dec. 2, 1921 after her older brother George to parents Fritz and Claire. By the time Nazi Germany threatened



Ingeborg Mauksch

Austria's "sound of music" she had received a strong education, absorbed the beauty of the Alps and a culture rich in music, opera and tasty desserts.

As 1938 passed, Jewish children in Vienna were forced to sit in the back of classroom; they lost the right to use text books and, finally, were deprived of the

right to attend school. Unlike many who were less fortunate, Inge and her brother were able to find passage to America.

For Inge, coming to the United States was a wonderful opportunity that filled her with gratitude but was tempered by survivor guilt. These feelings seemed to fuel her success in the years to come. With the help of her Aunt and Uncle she was able to continue her education at Radcliffe, Columbia University and at Massachusetts General Hospital where she launched her 50-plus year nursing career. While obtaining a Master's and a PhD. at the University of Chicago, her work expanded into nursing administration, education and health policy. Her contributions include developing the role of Family Nurse Practitioner, the promotion of hospice care, emphasizing team work in health care design and highlighting the value of patient and family decision-making in health care.

Her writings supported the adoption of national health insurance over 30 years ago. Ingeborg was awarded the Valere Potter Chair at Vanderbilt University, the first endowed chair in nursing in the United States. She received dozens of awards including an honorary doctorate and she was one of the few nurses to be inducted into the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies. Only three weeks before her death she was awarded honorary membership in the University of Colorado School of Nursing Alumni Association.

Her contributions outside her profession share a theme of humanitarian giving and spiritual practice. Her devotion to Judaism grew throughout her life. At 70 she was Bat Mitzvah, a rite of passage unavailable to girls in pre-war Vienna.

Within the Jewish community she worked locally and nationally, serving as president of her temple and of the Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties. President Carter appointed her to the White House Holocaust Council. She had long lists of donations to assorted social service, health care and spiritual organizations, was inducted to the Women's Hall of Fame and received awards from the Girl Scouts and Hadassah, among other organizations.

In 1947 Inge married Hans O. Mauksch; they were divorced in 1974. Inge treasured two further relationships with Len Kissen and, later, with Aaron Ritvo. The most important part of Inge's life was her family. She and Hans had two children, Valerie and Larry, whom she loved every minute of her life. She took in her children's spouses, Eric and Sally, as her own. And, most important, in the last 15 years, were her grandchildren. Claire (15), Paul (14), Eli (12), Michael (11) and Emma (6) have each experienced their grandmother's love in so many special ways.

It was in 1975 that Ingeborg and the children spent their first Christmas holiday in Fort Myers, including many visits to Sanibel. Like so many of us they came every year after that until they moved to Fort Myers in 1981 and Inge accepted a position in the University of South Florida nursing department. She founded her own home health agency which she ran until selling it in 1990 and became, as she put it, "a non-retired retiree," moving to Sanibel, volunteering at BIG Arts where she taught two courses, serving on the Community Housing Resources, the Affiliate Council of Planned Parenthood in Fort Myers and in various capacities in addition to the organization's president with the Jewish Federation.

She and her dear friend Maggie Mullins, a mental health counselor (now retired), created and ran Pathfinders, a non-profit company that produced brief courses for the purpose of enhancing inner growth. "Inge was one of the most intelligent people I've ever known," Maggie said, "and one of the deepest thinkers. We had a peripheral professional connection but she and I connected on a much deeper level. We led several workshops — meditation, women's issues, awakening creativity." And Maggie, who spoke with her friend only a couple of days before she died, was co-chair with Inge of the Zonta/ABWA Women 2000 Conference at Sundial Resort in 1994.

Inge also led for several years a five-week discussion series called "Unsung Creative Women in History" — eight different women each year ranging from Eleanor Roosevelt and Estee Lauder to Sissila Bok (Margaret Mead's daughter and one of the nation's most significant ethicists) and Josephine Baker (a woman who graduated from med school before 1900 and could not make a living in private practice in New York City — she went on to become the nation's first pediatrician and the founder of the Well Child concept of care).

If you asked Ingeborg Mauksch, PhD, what made her a feminist, she had an immediate answer: "Being a nurse and trying to work in the caste system that exist-

ed in the hospital setting... Nurses are the mothers; doctors are the fathers — Daddy rules the roost and Mama has no say-so, no input, no voice... And it wasn't just the nurses. There were no female chief residents, no female department heads and, when I went to Vanderbilt, there were only eight tenured women professors!"

Mauksch served for four years on the AMA/ANA Joint Practice Committee. "That provided me with incredible insight into doctors' perceptions of women's roles as well as into their apparently serious persuasion that God endowed them with great superiority," she said drily. She worked throughout her career to elevate the status of nurses to the professional level at which they should be held and was one of the visionaries who created the function and title of Board Certified Nurse Practitioner.

Inge believed that life was too short for complaints, too short for dwelling in anger, and rarely felt sorry for herself. But she was never shy about expressing care and encouragement to others. To know Inge was to know an ever-present smile that spoke of optimism, acceptance and joy. She will be sorely missed.

"She has been missed ever since she moved away [several years ago]," Mozella Jordan said. "She was a dear friend of mine and had been for a long, long time... sponsored me to Zonta way back when and was always so encouraging to me." She thought a moment. "Ingeborg was such a wonderful person. She was already missed [Inge moved away from the area several years ago] and now we'll miss her even more... I just hope and pray we keep her dignity and spirit alive."

A Memorial Service was held on June 22 in Fort Collins, CO with Rabbi Bruce Diamond of Fort Myers officiating. Interment was in Roselawn Cemetery.

Inge's friends are invited to sign the family guestbook at www.allnutt.com. (When you enter the site, there are subtitles to the left of the Allnutt founders' pictures. Click on Obituaries to find the appropriate place for your remembrance of Inge.)

Memorial gifts may be made to the Ingeborg Mauksch Nursing Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 536985, Orlando, FL 32853-6985.

Genevieve "Gene" Dixon Peck

Genevieve "Gene" Peck of Shell Point Village, died Tuesday, June 29, 2004. Born in Freeport, New York on November 8, 1927 to Theodore and Genevieve Dixon, she was 76 at the time of her death. She is preceded in death by her parents, her sister Patricia Powell, and her husband Robert.

Gene graduated from Freeport High School in 1945. She was employed by the Grumman Corporation, Greenwich Savings Bank, and Lionel D. Edie and Co., an investment counseling firm in New York City. In 1966 she married Robert Peck and moved to Boonton, New Jersey. She was a volunteer for many years at Riverside Hospital in Boonton Township. When the couple moved to Captiva Island, Florida in 1977, she became active in the Captiva Civic Association. Later, while living at Shell Point Village, she was involved in the Resident Council as a Court Representative.

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It's that time of year again. July 4, 2004 is the 228th birthday of the United States of America! Happy Birthday, America; Happy Birthday, indeed!

Starting very early in my childhood, I began asking people about their feelings toward America. The resultant answers have run the gamut from positive to negative. I found the responses so interesting, so intriguing that my "survey" has continued through to the present time. Some people over the years have found the long history of my question surprising, even a bit curious, but my interest had a profound beginning.

Between the ages of 5 and 7, we lived with my maternal grandparents, as my father was serving in the Army. My Grandfather, Dominic, and I had already established a very close relationship, so the move into his home forever solidified our camaraderie.

Grampa had a routine of going into the basement to smoke his pipe after supper, usually with me tagging along, hoping for another of his wonderful, interesting stories. Hey, there was no TV then, or I would have missed plenty, for I don't ever remember my Grampa disappointing me. He never seemed to run out of subject matter. I was to learn some years later in life that he had a distinctive story-telling style, but way back then, I was simply fascinated, often enthralled. He didn't repeat stories but would often link a story to something he had told me previously.

The theme of many of his stories was in praise of America. I distinctly remember the incident when he told me to always tip my cap to the Flag whenever I passed by in close proximity, even if it was displayed in a storefront.

"But Grampa," I remember saying, "I don't always wear a hat."

Not a problem, he assured me. "Just slightly bow your

head to the Flag," he replied, demonstrating as he spoke his answer.

"Do I stop, or do I keep walking?" I wanted to know. Paraphrasing him, he said to just keep walking, unlike the hesitation that was proper when

passing by the church, when the tip of the cap was accompanied by a break in one's gate.

A pang of fear hit me for a moment, for I did not want to seem to disagree with my Grandfather. "Grampa," I said, buying time to choose my words carefully. "I have been taught to make the sign of the cross when passing in front of the church, but nobody ever said to tip my cap, if wearing one, or to change my step."

Undaunted, Grampa rather nonchalantly said that when he was a young boy in Sicily, the custom in his town was to slightly genuflect and tip his cap when passing the church, or to slightly genuflect and make the sign of the cross if not wearing a cap.

When I asked if he tipped his cap to the Flag in the "old country," as we often referred to Sicily, he used my question to tell me for the umpteenth time that "America is the greatest country on earth."

"That's why we came here, like I've told you so many times," he continued with that definite air of pride he always exhibited when making a patriotic statement. "The Flag is the symbol of America. We are so very fortunate to live here, where you and your cousins can go to good schools and study hard, so that when you all grow up you can be anything you want to be. You don't realize, I'm sure, that if we were still in the old country, you'd probably already be serving an apprenticeship instead of going to school. This country, la bella America, is wonderful

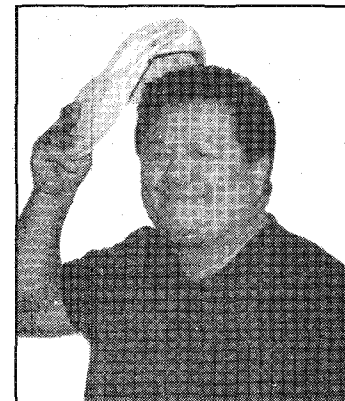
beyond my ability to properly tell you, but one day you will know."

Well Grampa, "one day" arrived for me a long time ago, sitting with you in your basement as you smoked your pipe and related to me, ever so eloquently with your thick Sicilian accent, that the United States of America is the most wonderful

country on earth, notwithstanding negative commentary that too often these days hits the front page or makes the late-night news. Sure there is room for improvement, which I believe constitutes a major part of every good citizen's mission in life, but as somebody once said, don't throw the baby out with the bath water.

I am further grateful and proud to be part of the Sanibel/Captiva community and for the many wonderful people I've met here during the past four-plus years who have become dear friends and associates. Of the many enviable locales in this country, our islands are among the very top. Our visitors come from all over the world by the thousands, many on an annual visit, a true testament to our islands' venerability.

I know I speak for millions of people when I say I'm proud to be a natural citizen of this great country, working for a righteous today, a better tomorrow. So again, Happy 228th Birthday, America! I tip my cap to you.



Little Joe Micale

Peck, from left

Gene is survived by her nephews, Roy, Gary, Keith and Craig Powell, her niece Patricia Powell Walther, several great-nieces and nephews and by her stepson Robert Peck, Jr., his wife, Ann and their daughters, Megan Peck and Amy Peck Horton.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at the Shell Point Village Church and interment will be at the Captiva Island Chapel by the Sea Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hope Hospice at Shell Point Village, Fort Myers, Florida, 33908. Arrangements by Kiser Funeral Home, 9231 Cypress Lake Drive.

Mary Thomas "Tommy" Jaeger

Mary Thomas "Tommy" Jaeger (nee Turnock) of Fort Myers, Fla. passed away June 17, 2004. She was 90 at the time of her death.

"Tommy" was the beloved wife of the late John T. Jaeger, loving mother of Melinda J. Bickers of New York City, John T. Jaeger, Jr. of Dallas, Texas, and Philip W. Jaeger of McLean, Va; a dear sister of Lawrence C. Turnock of Chagrin Falls, Ohio; and the beloved grandmother of Kenzie, John III, Michael K., Michael, Matthew, Brian and Kelly.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 17, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Cleveland Heights, Ill. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions to Saint Michael & All Angels Church, 2304 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

SWFAS Receives \$39,098 Grant

Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) has been awarded a \$39,098 grant to provide job skills to residents recovering from substance abuse at its Transitional Living Center on Dixie Parkway in Fort Myers.

The grant was awarded by The Able Trust, also known as the Florida Governor's Alliance for the Employment of Citizens with Disabilities, which is a public-private partnership established by the Florida Legislature in 1990.

SWFAS will use the funds to buy equipment needed to start a "cottage industry in silk screening, glass etching

and stone etching as well as to hire an occupational therapist to teach the skills to its residents. "Teaching job skills to recovering individuals will give them the ability to land jobs in the community and become self-supporting, productive citizens," said Adult Services Director H. Randall Bixler.

When the new program begins later this year, Bixler said SWFAS will take orders from area businesses for silk screening t-shirts, hats and other items. The glass etching equipment will be used to engrave speciality items; the stone etching equipment will be used to create pavers for a planned Memorial Garden at SWFAS.



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When selecting a second home, keep in mind the importance of location. You can do almost anything to improve the condition, but nothing can be done to change the location. A better location will almost always result in a higher resale value when the time comes to sell.

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

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Planning Commission hears pros and cons about Australian Pines

By Donna T. Schuman
Staff Writer

Since its creation, the Sanibel Plan has focused on conserving the island's natural resources.

However, one item that contradicts the goals of the plan regarding island conservation is its provisions for the protection of Australian Pines according to Natural Resources Director Rob Loflin.

Loflin addressed the issue of conservation during the Evaluation and Appraisal Report discussion at Tuesday's Planning Commission meeting where he advised that the plan needs some tweaking when it comes to the pines.

"This is a scenario where you have a destructive tree that was planted by the pioneers of the island," Loflin said. "These are not native trees but are given special status by historic value."

In the state of Florida, it is illegal to plant, transplant or even sell Australian Pines due to their invasive nature. To date about 373,000 acres of south Florida land has been taken over by Australian Pines, Loflin told the Planning Commission.

"That is a significant impact," he said. "The problem is if you protect some areas, like on Periwinkle, you have the seed source."

The category of Australian Pine represents the very worst of the island's vegetation problems and should be removed

where they occur, according to background information provided for the EAR report.

However, not everyone on the island agrees with Loflin. Sanibel's Australian Pines could be the most beloved forms of vegetation on the island. They were planted by the island's founding fathers and many islanders feel they should be preserved for their historic value.

"We know that this issue is an emotional one," resident, Claudia Burns told the commission. "However, these trees can be managed. Pruning can prevent these trees from falling over."

From an environmental standpoint, Loflin said, the pines cause harm to the dune system as well as the island's wildlife. From a practical standpoint, the pines can block transmissions from radio and communication towers. Due to their brittle nature, these trees have also caused property damage on the island.

In a hurricane, the pines could not withstand the wind and are likely to fall over.

"The city does not have equipment to push those pines off the road if one were to fall," Loflin said. "To clear the roadway would be a feat, and plans for evacuation would have to focus on the back route."

Currently, there is no plan in place to remove the pines from the island. However, the city has received funding from the Tourist Development Council to remove potentially hazardous Australian Pines.

In his recommendation to the Planning

Commission, Loflin requested that the pines lose their "special status" in the Sanibel Plan.

"They are not special from an environmental standpoint," Loflin said. As for a total removal of the pines, he said it would be ideal, but would not happen.

Councilman Steve Brown said he supported Loflin's suggestion 100 percent.

"The hypocrisy is we just passed a vegetation ordinance, but we are allowing Australian Pines to remain on the island," Brown said. "They are not native. I want the island to stay it is with one exception, the Australian Pines should go."

Rob Jess, refuge manager for the J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge also agreed with Loflin's suggestion.

"It seems as if we have gone through a lot of compromises," Jess said. "We need to step up to the plate in relation to exotic removal. We are in the forefront, but then we have these exceptions for historical values."



Photo by Karen Nelson

No decisions were made at the conclusion of the discussion. However, the Planning Commission plans to take all recommendations into consideration for its report. The next EAR discussion will be a review of the issues that have been previously reviewed.

Water usage becomes a growing concern

By Donna T. Schuman
Staff Writer

By conserving water, residents of Sanibel and Captiva islands could avoid paying more for water service in the future according to the Island Water Association.

In an effort to generate public awareness on the importance of water conservation, IWA General Manager Roger Blind shared some water use statistics with the Sanibel City Council two weeks ago. Blind also encouraged the council to adopt stronger conservation policies.

According to Blind, the 20 highest single residential users consumed between 78,000 to 355,000 gallons of water a month. The average single family, using only 13,000 gallons per month, could go more than two years on what the highest user consumed in one month, Blind said.

"Water is a valuable, finite and limited source, especially on barrier islands like ours," Blind told the council. "Not only is conservation the right thing to do environmentally, but it will help us to delay the time when we have to increase the water rates."

Current regulations set forth by the South Florida Water Management District are mandatory in Lee, Collier and Charlotte Counties. Local governments are also encouraged to adopt these regulations, City Attorney Ken Cuyler said. Although a motion to do just that was made by Councilman Dick Walsh, it failed on a 3-2 vote.

"It's premature to pass a resolution on this," Mayor Marty Harity said. "Education is important. It is a small segment of the community that has a use problem."

Instead of "putting another ordinance on the books," Councilman Steve Brown suggested the council join together with Captiva and IWA to create a conservation plan. "Whatever we can do to make these

people come into compliance we should do," Brown said. "Education is important. These people don't want to abuse things, they want to help things. Have the police regulate it as a last resort." Brown also suggested an award system for the best water conservation.

IWA takes water conservation very seriously, Blind told council. Its conservation policy works on a "fair share system." Under a tiered rate structure, consumers using more water will pay a higher rate. The cost per gallon of water almost jumps from \$2.80 per 1,000 gallons to \$5.55 when consumption exceeds 25,000 gallons per month.

Connection charges for larger meters are also higher than for smaller ones. A five-eighths inch meter costs \$2,175, a one-inch meter costs \$6,066 and a four-inch meter costs around \$80,000.

In 2003, IWA implemented what Blind called an aggressive new conservation program. It also secured a \$15,000 grant from the South Florida Water Management District to fund half of it. Since the program's start, IWA has contacted more than 350 high-use members and performed more than 130 water-use audits. Those audits identified problems with outside water use, such as broken pipes and unnecessary watering of vegetation. As a result of those efforts, an estimated 80 million gallons will be conserved per year.

In addition to conserving, IWA is also looking into ways to increase the capacity of its system. Additional storage facilities, which can be filled during low demand periods for use during peak demand, could be the solution. The underground storage, known as Aquifer Storage and Recovery may be the most economical alternative, Blind said.

Council asked the city staff to work with IWA on some potential legislation and report back to them with cost information at a future meeting.

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Sometimes I feel like I've been tied to the whipping post.

- The Allman Brothers

Mom went in on Monday to see Dr. Harwin and to get the results of her CT scans and blood work. There was no good news to be found. If you knew my mother, you would not be surprised that her reaction, at least the reaction she shared with me and the rest of the family, was calm, accepting and just generally awe-inspiring.

I wish I could claim the same thing about my reaction to the news. I have spent the entire week just trying to climb out of this hole of despair while at the same time keeping my sisters and brother up to date. I am not ready for this kind of bad news. I realize that goes without saying but I feel like shouting it at the masses. Just how is it that someone as wonderful, as selfless and loving and essential as my mother, just how is it that after all we have been through as a family over the past 10 years, all that we have survived by virtue of our company - which is as essential to me as the very air I breathe - how is it that we are now at this other, foreign and dreadful place that forces us to envision a world without my mother in it?

I had always thought I would die first. My mother would be there to help me get through it. It's been almost a decade since that day when I was told that I had a terminal illness and would likely not live another five years. My doctor then is my



Lisa Pierot

mother's doctor now. I know he hated talking to me this week, hated using the word "palliative" in relation to my mother's care, hated because he knows her now, too. He is also in awe of her steadfast courage and acceptance.

And so it would seem that I can not orchestrate the terms of my death or my mother's. For now it seems that I will be here to help my mother along on this journey. She will make it seem easy. She is like that. There has always been some elusive quality about her that is both at peace and in complete harmony with whatever crosses her path. And there has been so much that has been difficult.

I believe in heaven. So it is no surprise to me that Mom would wind up getting there first. She is the best of everything good in a human being. And so it is also no surprise to me that the rest of us want to keep her with us as long as possible. It will be a strange and bewildering balancing act, that of helping her along and wanting her to stay. I pray that she is with us for as long as she is happy and feeling good and I pray that she stay on her terms, knowing that we will be here for my father, for each other and with the certain knowledge that this is just the briefest moment in time before we spend the rest of eternity together in a far better place.

Until next week...

If you want to write to Lisa, her e-mail is: lisasfaith@swfla.rr.com

Cape Kids Chorus to perform at Carnegie Hall

The Cape Kids Chorus will join other selected choirs to work with one of the world's finest and most exciting choral conductors, Henry Leck. Mr. Leck is an associate professor and Director of Choral Activities at Butler University in Indianapolis. In 1986 he became the founder and Music Director of the Indianapolis Children's Choir that is now a program of approximately 1,000 children in fourteen choirs. The choir has performed for national and professional recordings.

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All choirs selected will join together as a massed choir. One choir will be selected by audition, to perform as a featured choir. If selected, the choir will perform repertoire under the baton of their choir director. Principal Ann Marie Ellis

believes the Cape Kids Chorus will be selected. She advised Dorothy Graham to get her baton ready! Ms. Ellis commends their music director who since 1999, has brought their music program to an astonishing level of success. She remarked, "when Dorothy reaches, whether in the classroom, producing a play, choreographing dance performances, assisting teachers with programs, organizing a talent show or directing our 115 member chorus, she inspires! We experience a wonderful reputation in and beyond our community because of the talent that Dorothy has cultivated in the children. Her students have been able to accomplish one successful event after another because of her energy and dedication. She is truly a professional in the field of music, and because of her, our children have become celebrities.

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Tenants say new leases not offered

By Donna T. Schuman
Staff writer

Some former tenants of The Sanibel Center at Periwinkle and Casa Ybel say that, contrary to the information presented to city council two weeks ago, they were not offered new leases.

Last week, the Sanibel City Council approved the development permit application to turn the 9,000-square-foot multi-unit building into one upscale retail store.

In their presentation to council, attorneys representing owner Tim Anglim, said tenants of the pink building on Periwinkle Way were offered new leases, but turned them down due to a rent increase.

"We did not evict anyone," Michael J. Ciccarone, an attorney with Goldstein, Buckley, Cechman, Rice & Purtz, told council last week. "We offered renewals, but the tenants could not pay the market rate."

However, some former tenants claim that information is not necessarily accurate.

John Thomas, owner of Qwik Pack and Ship, said he was never officially offered a new lease.

"As late as two months ago, I was told I would probably get a lease," Thomas said. "He never lead me on that it was likely, but said it was probable."

Thomas said he had several conversations with Howard Frieden, another attorney representing Anglim over the last 12 months. During the course of

those discussions, Frieden told him the future of the building was unclear.

With only two months left on his lease and no offer of a renewal, Thomas said he sought out another location.

"It was handled poorly," Thomas said. "We should have been told up front."

To this day, Thomas said he was never told he had to leave, but was never offered a new lease. "We were lead along to think there was a possibility we would stay."

Thomas and his business will be out of the center by the end of June and relocated next to Billy's Rentals. Although, Thomas said the new location is nicer and the rent is cheaper, he feels his business will not be as visible from the road.

"I have a lot of loyal customers, but the vegetation in front may hurt new business," Thomas added.

Dr. Bill Fulk of the Sanibel Medical Clinic said he didn't think anyone in the center really wanted to move.

"Because renewal leases were not offered to us, at any price, we had no choice but to move," Fulk said.

Fulk started the search for a new location six months ago when rumors started to surface that the new owner planned to renovate the center. Last week Dr. Fulk moved the clinic to the Hess gas station building on Palm Ridge Road.

"It's an unknown whether the move will hurt the business," Fulk said. "We liked the old location but I think we will be happy here."

According to Fulk, better communi-

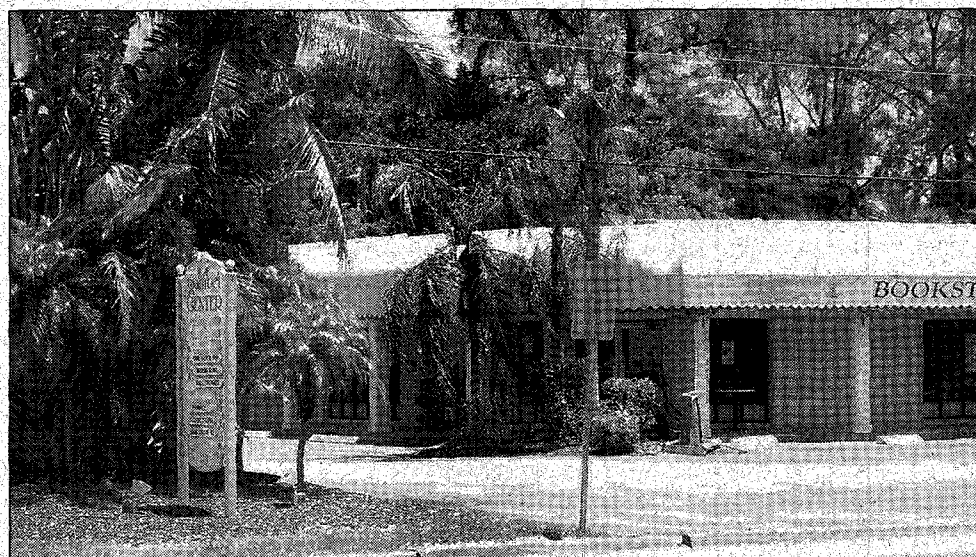


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Sanibel Place is largely vacant, awaiting a new retail operation.

cation between Anglim and the tenants may have made the transition smoother.

"You can handle anything if you are prepared," he added.

For Hollie Smith, owner of the Sanibel Bookshop, the move to a new location turned out to be a positive one.

"It was the hardest thing I ever had to think about doing," Smith said. "I was scared, but now that it's done, I am completely happy and glad I did it."

Like the other tenants, Smith said, Anglim never offered her a new lease.

"They would say, 'We're not kicking you out but you have to trust us month to month,'" Smith said of Anglim. "There was never even talk of new rent."

When asked about the renewal leases and the statement made by Ciccarone two weeks ago, attorney Frieden said he recalled Ciccarone saying, "some tenants were offered new leases."

Anglim did not renew the leases, but extended them until the end of June, according to Dr. Michael Tolisano of Sanibel Chiropractic.

"They wouldn't renew the lease, but offered to extend it on a month by month basis," Tolisano said.

Getting information about the status of the building was also difficult according to Tolisano.

"We heard that the rents would go up but were not sure where that information was coming from," he added.

Although he felt established in the center and did not want to move, Tolisano said he is excited about the move. At the end of this month, Tolisano

will move Sanibel Chiropractic to 1456 Periwinkle Way, joining former neighbors Barrier Island Pharmacy and Qwik Pack and Ship.

"It's a beautiful place and I think it's going to be good that we're making a change," Tolisano said. "I hope it doesn't hurt our practice, but I don't think it will."

New locations:

Barrier Island Pharmacy will be 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 Qwik Pack & Ship — John Thomas (472-0288). Pinnacle Mortgage — Suzie Freeman (472-8400) — is at 1648 Periwinkle, the 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) — is now at 1571 Periwinkle.

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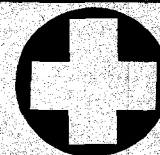
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Submitted by Bob Wimbush

Anyone who knows Judie Z, city manager, knows she pretty much tells it like it is. Judie is forthright, does her homework, and pulls no punches. So when she indelicately described a prominent local icon as having "a very small brain," (one City Council member was present, I believe) eyebrows were raised.

Judie Z's first island presentation as City Manager - fittingly - the club contends, was in front of Kiwanis four years ago, and she has been asked back every year. Some members so look forward to her visit that, in return, they reserve a special place for her at our spaghetti dinner each year, an honor reserved exclusively for the special women in our lives. (It's on the serving line. Why she accepts is anybody's guess.)

Judie is a professional. Her presentation was extensive, interesting and thorough, but better writers than I have already recounted most of the same content in the island papers last week. They have already described how ably she orchestrated the City Council in the setting of goals ([When I arrived] "they were already good at establishing goals, but there was not one set" [that everyone agreed on]. She ballyhooed the 4th of July events, announced Colonial Bank's sponsorship of the "Why I'm Proud to be an American" and "America the Beautiful" essay and art contests and the Historical Village's quaint, but appropriate, "Best Pies of Sanibel" contest. The words, Press Release, on her handouts have taken on a whole new meaning to this writer.

So here's some of the important stuff the good writers may have missed, but in no particular order.

Judie and the City attorney are employed by the City Council. Everyone else works for her.

Sanibel is not a very competitive employer, and for the City to become so, appears not to be within current revenue sources. The problem is exacerbated by the area's low unemployment rates, the fact that other municipali-

ties are offering signing bonuses to our employees, and the fact that our pension plan "is the single worst pension system for career employees" and that it is out of step with most of the rest of Florida. Addressing this is one of the Council's higher goals.

The City's aggressive monitoring of the effects of off-island activities that impact Sanibel will increase the yield from the county's bed tax revenues from \$30,000 last year to \$400,000 this year.

Residents have reported a number of suspicious events recently. Homes have been entered and there was "one common theme: The house was not locked". Duh....

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Kiwanis loves Judie because she is able to temper a tough job with humor and reality. Because of alligator attacks, one fatal, and another serious, the City is actively ticketing — and requests your assistance in reporting — the idiots who feed alligators. She reminds us that the ideal bait for gators is a raccoon, but that a small child too near the water may present the same "profile" and equivalent caloric intake. Temper this caution with Judie's response when her yard service called to report a large alligator in repose on her lawn: "When you live on Sanibel, you're living with alligators. Mow around it."

So what prominent local icon did she indelicately describe as possessing "a very small brain"? I'd suggest it might be YOU if you've followed so disjointed a column this far, ever fed an alligator, left your house unlocked, or think goals should exist in a vacuum, but Judie, too polite (and savvy) even to chuckle when a member referred to Public Interest Groups by the acronym, PIGs, was speaking truthfully — of the gator.

Kiwanis breakfasts on Tuesday at The Dunes.

City considers temporary ordinance to control island business growth

By Donna T. Schuman
Staff Writer

In an effort to encourage neighborhood retail service centers to compete for commercial space on the island, the City of Sanibel is preparing an ordinance that will maintain the city's present commercial community while setting regulations for future ones.

The proposed ordinance would not set permanent regulations for commercial development on the island. However, it will serve as a guide while as the city enters its "zoning in progress" status for commercial areas.

According to the draft ordinance, commercial developers view the island as primarily a non-residential, commercial market, aimed primarily at tourists. As the draft notes, "Left unregulated, this trend could continue until Sanibel becomes a resort-oriented market, contrary to public desires."

If approved by council, the ordinance would prohibit the combining of commercial units if the final unit size exceeds 2,000 square feet. The ordinance would also prohibit the combining of commercial units if the resulting unit would have 50 or more linear feet of street frontage within 200 feet of the street right-of-way.

Those two prohibitions would apply citywide in all

commercial districts.

The ordinance would also prohibit establishing a new business for apparel and accessory, children and infant's wear, gift, novelty, shells and souvenirs or jewelry stores at certain designated locations during the interim while a permanent ordinance is drafted.

"These uses are particularly dependent on visitors to be successful," Rogers said. "It would give the person wanting to provide a service retail business that catered more to residents needs the opportunity to have a place to locate without having to compete with tourist businesses."

Those prohibitions would not apply to the entire island, but would affect more than 100 commercial developments, Rogers said. Developments designated in the ordinance include commercial units on Dixie Beach Road, Palm Ridge Road and Tarpon Bay Road. On the East End of the island the Seahorse Shops and Rabbit Road center would be affected. The city plans to notify those property owners by mail.

"The important thing is to limit the size of the commercial unit," Rogers said. "That will encourage retaining neighborhood commercial centers."

The draft ordinance will be presented to the City Council at its July 20 meeting.



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Sea Turtle Nesting Totals

June 28, 2004

	Nests	False Crawls
2004		
Captiva	45	47
Sanibel East End	17	44
Sanibel West End	93	213
Totals	155	304
Percent of 2003	73%	109%
2003		
Captiva	84	61
Sanibel East End	19	57
Sanibel West End	108	162
Totals	211	280

This is sea turtle nesting season on the beaches of Sanibel and Captiva. You can help!

- Keep obstacles off the beach overnight (beach chairs, umbrellas) When a female comes on the beach to nest, an obstacle will cause her to turn back and either return to the water (and possibly eject her eggs) or find a different section of the beach. Unlike humans, sea turtles will not attempt to go around or to the side of an obstacle.
- Lights confuse nesting females and hatchlings. Keep lights near the beaches off or shielded during May through October. It is naturally lighter over the water than it is over the land, so nesting females and hatchlings both head toward the light in order to head toward the water. Artificial lighting confuses them and, disoriented by lights, baby turtles will wander away from the water and die.
- Keep the beach and water free of litter. Sea turtle deaths have been due to trash - balloons, plastic bags and styrofoam - mistaken for food.
- Stay clear of any marked nest area on the beach. It is a federal offense to disturb or interfere with a nest or to have in your possession eggs or any part of a turtle such as skull, bones or carapace. It is illegal for an individual to retain possession of any threatened or endangered sea turtle hatchlings.
- Give nesting females room, darkness and quiet. It is illegal to disturb a nesting turtle with lights or noise.
- All dogs on the beach must be on a leash and cannot be allowed to disturb nesting turtles or hatchlings.

If you find lost hatchlings, place them in a dry container with a little moist sand in the bottom and hold them in a shaded area. Please call the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation at 472-2329 and a licensed volunteer will pick up the turtles.

You can help defray the costs of SCCF's Sea Turtle Research Program by adopting a nest. Call the Conservation Foundation at 472-2329 for more info.

Turtle nest study continues

For the last two summers, Dr. Jeanette Wynekin and biology grad students did a study of turtle nests on Sanibel and learned that the West End has a high percentage of females. (The East coast, for instance, is heavy on females, as most beaches seem to be). They placed temperature probes in nests the morning after the eggs were laid and retrieved the probes when the nests hatched.

Last Friday, Professor Thane Wibbels, assisted by graduate student Alyssa Geiss from the University of Alabama in Birmingham, selected "hot" spots on the West End - places where there are a number of nests. They placed the temperature probes in the sand in that area by digging down about 19 or so inches, which is the approximate depth the turtle digs. The probes record temperature in the nest every hour; they will be collected in September at the end of the season.



Thane Wibbels, Ph.D. in biology and graduate student Alyssa Geiss inserted temperature probes near sea turtle nesting "hot spots."



Photos provided by Bev Ball

Nature's diary

By **Berdenna Thompson**
Special to the Islander

I headed over the bridge at Blind Pass on my usual evening walk to the beach. A mottled duck and her six ducklings walked on the path toward me. When she realized I was there, she stepped off to the side and decided to take her babies into the tall grasses. They waddled along behind her with butterball bodies swaying back-and-forth and tails twitching in rhythm. The smallest two were trailing behind but trying their best to keep up.

After a while at the beach, I decided to return. When I approached the bridge a young couple was walking ahead of me. The woman said, "Oh, she's jumped into the water." Apparently, the mother duck had decided to cross the bridge again, but the couple frightened her and she jumped into the water eight feet below, hoping her ducklings would follow. Four of them did, but the two little ones were having trouble getting over the plastic pipe at the edge. They were running back-and-forth, peeping frantically and very confused. Down below, Mama

appeared frantic. She pulled herself out of the water and flapped her wings, perhaps thinking we were going to harm her babies. She wanted those little ones with her.

A decision needed to be made. Should we help the ducklings over the pipe or just let them find their own way? Another concern was the resident bayou 'gator, but he's not the only threat around.

I scrambled to grab one baby and the woman took the other... not an easy task. Ducklings are fast and quick. When we caught them their little hearts were beating rapidly. We lowered ourselves down so our arms extended toward to the water and the ducklings were closer. The woman was still concerned because of the distance. Would it hurt them?

When they were dropped they bobbed right up. Mother duck was very pleased. All her babies were together now and she seemed very proud and content. She led them down the bayou making the placid water ripple into a pointed arrow.

Nature, see right below

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Of rays, sharks and tusk shells

Last year was the first one where hardly any stingrays showed up along the beaches. It was a welcome happening because of the painful wound the ray can inflict with the barb on its tail. This year might be a different story.

In the past few weeks, the dinner-plate sized, sand colored rays are making an appearance, but so far not in the numbers which are usual for them.



Capt. Mike Fuery

Our area doctors and emergency medical people on the islands well know what a bad stingray season can mean. With hundreds of people in the shallow waters along the beaches, the chances of someone stepping on the sharp barb on the ray's tail are high. The major summer holiday weekends usually result in several people getting medical attention.

The rays are searching for small foods like sand crabs, which we call mole crabs, but they will also eat shrimp, worms and small clams. They feed extensively right where the water and the beach touch. Of course that is where most shellers look for specimens, too.

Last year was refreshingly light on rays and this year, it appears to me that there are many less rays than the usual year. I've been on certain beaches where there will be a ray every two feet for a hundred yards. I've seen them so close that their wings touch.

We also have another ray, a delta shaped ray with long tail like the stingray. It's called a cownose ray and although it has a barb on the tail, it is always moving in schools.

The stingray likes to lie in the beach sand half buried, looking for food. That's when most are accidentally stepped upon. The cownose rays can appear in schools with dozens of members. That species offers little danger.

When the waters are murky, it's best to stay out, especially if you flush out a ray as you walk.

Sharks

This might be related: last year while the ray population was way down from normal, the number of sharks being seen and caught was up. We know that a couple of kinds of sharks relish stingrays. The hammerhead and the bull shark both are around the islands in the hot months and will gladly eat a ray, barb and all.

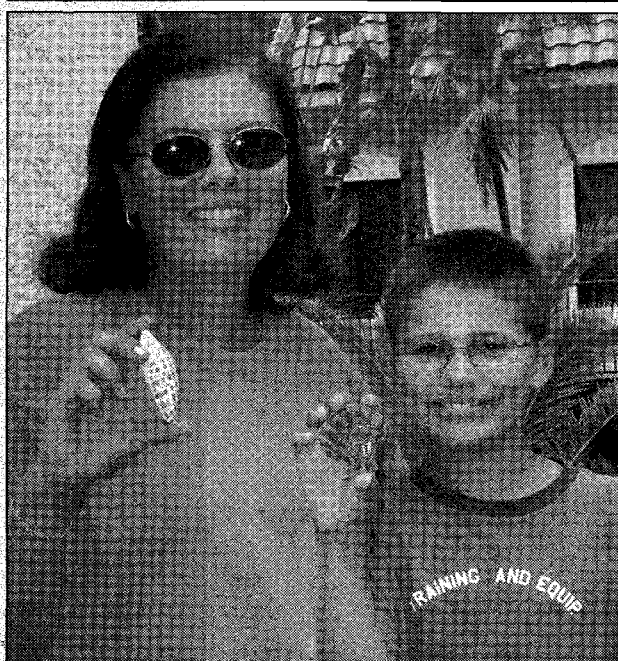
The other day I was up on Cayo Costa Island and another guide who had a shelling trip was walking the beach with his group. He came over to say there was a large bull shark just off the beach. That is highly unusual, but might show that they are doing their job of cleaning up the ray population.

I get questions all the time about sharks. One is, "Will we see one?"

The instances of seeing a shark's fin above water is fairly rare. Most of our sharks are well down into the water. The other guide who saw the shark did so only because the water was quite clear that morning. There was no fin cutting the water.

Irena and Tomas Kleiza from Lockport, Ill. both found the shelling good on Sanibel. On June 7, at different times of day, Irene found a junonia and 12-year-old Tomas found a lion's paw.

There were shelling in front of the Whale House on West Gulf. Irena found her junonia in ankle-deep water and she was actually "grabbing for something else and pulled out a junonia instead." She knew what she had: she's been coming to Sanibel for over 20 years and had never found one. On this visit, she said, "it was our mission, we have to find one." In fact, her aunt has been coming for years and finding pieces of junonias; she's threatening to glue all her pieces together to



make a whole shell!

Tomas found his lion's paw in the evening. It was buried in the sand, with the water washing over it. Just the tip was showing but he dug it out to find a very well-preserved lion's paw.

Nature, from left

About two weeks later, I took my walk again. Crossing over the bridge I was pleasantly surprised. There they were. Mother and all her ducklings were edging the shoreline nibbling the grasses. The babies had grown. When she sensed my presence she took them around the curve

so they wouldn't be seen.

The babies have a very precocious mother. With luck they will make it like many of the other species we share our little island world with. Those have made it — maybe these cuties will, too.

Tusk shells

Should they come upon a shell very unique in the world of mollusks, many shellers would think they have found a piece of a shell.

A big tusk is two inches long, sharply pointed at one end, with a tiny, round opening at the other. The average tusk is less than an inch long. The diameter at the round end is about 1/16 of an inch. It looks more like a splinter of something than a real shell.

Tusks are usually white or ivory. Finding them takes two things. One is to look it up or see an example in a collection so you know exactly what to search for. The other is to patiently look over the shell line, because such a small, skinny

shell is easily hidden in with other shells.

I had a lady once who had a shell identification book which showed a few tusk shells, but they were enlarged to show the reader the details of the shell - in the book, the tusks were about three inches long!

Even on a great day, finding two or three tusks would be considered a banner day. There are only a few shells which aren't in a family or sorts like the conchs, whelks and venus shells.

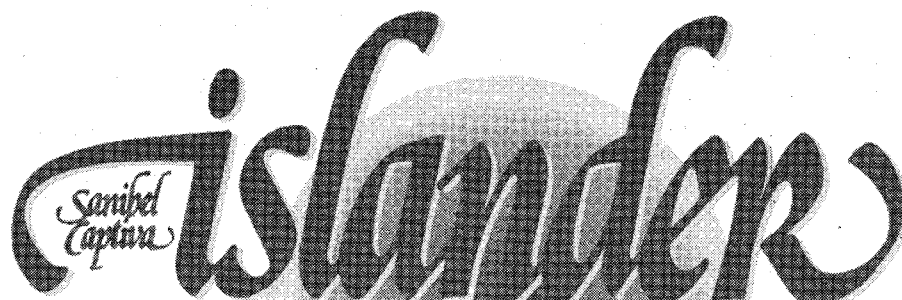
The tusk is all by itself.

Good shelling this week.

Have a question or comment? You can reach Capt. Mike Fuery at 466-3649 or by e-mail at junonia4@aol.com

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Sanibel Gardens Preserve

"How long has this Sanibel Gardens Preserve been open?" my visiting friend, Jenny, asks. "I don't remember seeing it when I visited Sanibel a few years ago."

"It was dedicated in the fall of 2003," I reply. "Would you like to walk through it with me?"

We agree to meet at 6:30 the following morning so we can enjoy the hike before it gets too hot.

As I bike up Island Inn Road the next morning, I see Jenny's car already parked near the barricade. She is reading the signage at the entrance to the longer of the two woodchip trails.

"Wow, 265 acres," says Jenny "this is a big site. I'm so glad I'm not looking at the 1,000 homes that might have been built here."

"If we follow the longer trail, we'll be in the eastern section but there is more beyond the road barricade and a shorter trail in that area leads to a section of the Sanibel River."

We choose the longer trail and as soon as we walk in from the road the openness of the area is apparent. I think of it as Sanibel's version of 'big sky country.' Summer rains haven't begun and the shallow ponds just beyond the curve of the path are totally dry. Even so, the surrounding vegetation is green. Dog fennel stands feathery and tall; the clumps of spartina grass are full and green; seaside gentians add a touch of blue, ox-eye daisies a touch of yellow; and white and pink periwinkles edge the path. Overhead, a killdeer screams its name against the dawn. The

wetland may be dry right now, but it isn't barren.

Grasshoppers startle us as they fly up from in front of our feet. White peacock butterflies land on the woodchips at the edge of the path. Even before we reach the loop part of the trail, a red-shouldered hawk flies by on silent wings and a Carolina wren chatters at us from one of the woodpiles.

"I'm surprised we're seeing so much since it's hot and dry" Jenny remarks. But it isn't as dry as it looks. As we start around the loop section of the trail, we find some water in the deepest parts of the man-made ox-bows of the Sanibel River. And this is where the wading birds are gathered. Great and snowy egrets and tri-colored

herons stand poised to snatch any unsuspecting fish that ventures close to them. Ibis probe in the mud at the edge of the water. We stand quietly and watch while the birds find plenty for their breakfast.

As the sun's rays light our path, we become aware of dragonflies flying both over the path and the water. We sit on a well-placed bench and concentrate on these fast-moving insects. Keeping them in binocular view long enough to get a good look is both difficult and frustrating. I share with Jenny ideas for identifying them. "Watch them, sketch them, and then go home and try to match what you drew with pictures in the guide books."

We find several large, strong fliers — both black and Carolina saddlebags, and a common green darner with a bright green

thorax and olive green eyes.

"They look harmless," I say to Jenny "but I've watched a darner strike a black saddlebags, knock it to the ground and devour it."

As we continue around the loop trail, a Halloween pennant, a small black and orange dragonfly, flutters butterfly-like over the water before landing delicately on a blade of grass. While we stop to admire its fragile beauty, a male roseate skimmer flies low over the water. With lavender thorax and bright pink abdomen, its colors always remind me of the bill of the reddish egret during breeding season. I share with Jenny that I've identified at least 12 different species of dragonflies in the Gardens.

We've been out a little over an hour and it's getting hot. It's time to go; we'll walk and let our ears do the observing. Doing this, we add a red-bellied and a downy woodpecker, one great-crowned flycatcher, several cardinals, and a fish crow to our list for the morning.

"You know, Jenny, some people feel there can't be much wildlife here because there aren't a lot of trees. I think they equate open space with empty space but, even on a hot morning like this one or even in late afternoon, there is a lot of wildlife to see."

"We've seen more than I thought we would," Jenny replied. "I'd love to come again to see what's here during the winter when the Gardens look more like wetlands."

"Let's go for breakfast and I'll tell you about our winter bird outings at the Gardens and the wildlife our groups see then."



Bev Postmus

Reviewer's note:

For the record, this reviewer returned to see *Scotland Road* at the Periwinkle Playhouse last Friday. All of the performers had truly settled into their characters, but in particular, Lisa Chapman and Tom Marsh were outstanding in the final scenes. They were very good to start with, but the intensity and depth of feeling at Friday's performance were palpable.

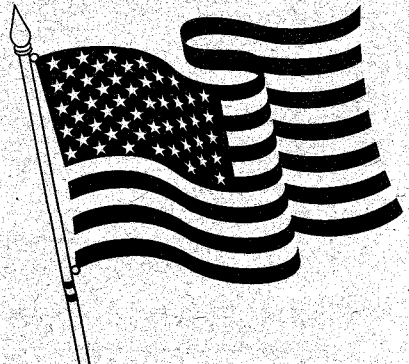
Incidentally, if you were confused at the end, that's the point. When I met them to take the cast photo, Director Todd Sherman and the actors pointed out that, by play's end, the character that you felt certain was a fake is the only one who truly is what she says she is. It may stretch the limits of belief a bit, but it's really the only possible conclusion.

And now, for a complete change of pace, don't miss *A Little Murder Never Hurt Anybody*, now playing at the Periwinkle Playhouse.

- KN

Looking for street performers

The Downtown Redevelopment Agency and Fort Myers Main Street are looking for street performers (mimes, guitar players, magicians/illusionists, jugglers, stilt walkers, sleight of hand artists, etc) for a weekly Friday/Saturday early evening entertainment concept for the summer. Anyone interested in participating, please contact the Fort Myers Main Street office at 332-6680 or the Downtown Redevelopment Office at 332-6813




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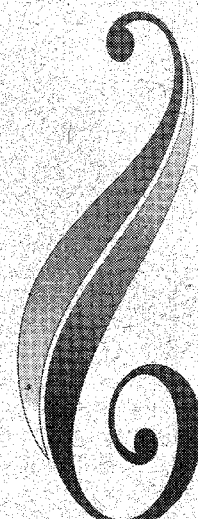


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The following monthly statistics by species have been compiled by the Sanibel Department of Public Works. They reflect only wildlife losses recovered by the Department and do not include injured animals or off-the-road fatalities.

SPECIES	MAY 2004	YEAR-TO-DATE
Raccoon	10	92
Armadillo	3	4
Opossum	4	20
Rabbit	0	0
Other (cat)	1	1
Totals	18	117

You can help protect our wildlife. Obey our speed limits and give our animals a brake.

— Vernon Frankwich, Chairman
Sanibel Wildlife Committee

Randell at Mango Mania

The Randell Research Center will be well represented at Mango Mania the weekend of July 10 - 11. Dr. Bill Marquardt and Dr. Karen Walker will both be down from Gainesville on Saturday to answer questions. Dr. John Worth, just returned from a month-long research trip to Spain, will be at the festival Saturday and Sunday, and he will be speaking at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Rick Tully from the Lee County School District will be giving a basket-weaving demonstration for kids.

There will be over a hundred vendors at this year's Mango Mania, which will be

held at the German American Club on Pine Island Road. Admission is \$5 for adults and there is plenty of parking. The fun starts at 10 a.m.

The Randell Research Center at Pineland on Pine Island is part of the Florida Museum of Natural History. When the Spanish arrived in Florida in the early 1500s, the Calusa Indians dominated South Florida. Their capital was at Mound Key in Estero Bay; the second largest settlement was at Pineland, which is the site of ongoing archaeological work.

BIG ARTS/Robert Rauschenberg Award Winners announced

BIG ARTS is pleased to announce the winners of the 2004 BIG ARTS/Robert Rauschenberg Awards. In alphabetical order, the recipients are: Ms. Molly Landl, Mr. James Milne, Ms. Christina Penuel, Mr. Tim Smith, and Ms. Leslie Tharp.

The BIG Arts/Robert Rauschenberg Award encourages the development of artistic ability in various fields of art including photography, writing, producing, directing, dance, radio and recording, film, artistic technicians, or anyone involved in an artistic endeavor. Candidates must show local ties to the community, or BIG ARTS, accomplishments in their chosen field, and how the award would help accomplish his or her artistic goal. Previous recipients may reapply for up to four years providing their academic work is in good standing, and they continue to pursue the arts. The total of all awards given this year exceeded \$7500.

Molly Landl is a 2004 graduate of Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts in Fort Myers. She plans to attend Eckerd College in St. Petersburg in the fall where she will major in Art specializing in ceramics. Locally, Molly has won numerous awards for her ceramics including 1st place in 3-D and an honorable mention at ARTFEST. Molly's instructors all noted her well-developed artistic skills and creativity, but also emphasized her fine leadership skills and civic-mindedness.

This is James Milne's second year to receive a BIG ARTS/Robert Rauschenberg Award. James, a graduate of 2003 Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts, is currently a student at The

School of the Art Institute of Chicago. He has found that the Art Institute is changing the way he conceptualizes his art and how he chooses to produce it. "I've come to feel that the process by which art is made and the materials that are used to make it are just as important as the finished piece itself!" states James. James is teaching this important concept to some very enthusiastic island youngsters at BIG ARTS Summer Camp this year.

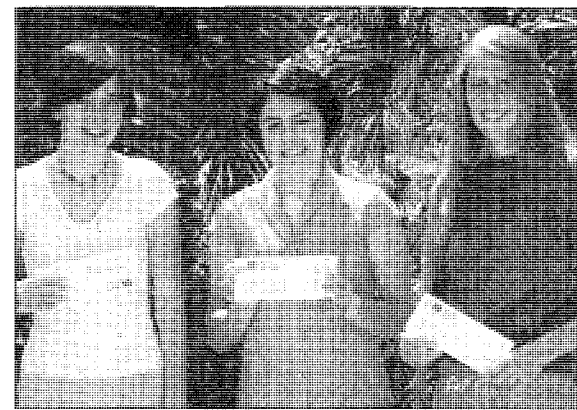
Christina Penuel is also a 2004 graduate of Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts. Crissy began to discover her artistic gifts while enrolled in a basic art elective course at another high school. Her desire to develop her newly found gifts motivated her to apply to the arts magnet program at Cypress Lake High where she was selected based on a competitive audition with the best art students from the entire county. According to those who know her well, Crissy is a well-rounded, extremely talented, and very hard working artist/scholar. This summer, she too, is inspiring our next generation of young artists at BIG ARTS Summer Camp.

Arts educator and well-known local potter, Tim Smith, will use his award to further enhance and expand his skills both as an artist and an instructor at a summer workshop in Montana. "I need the time and an environment (with other professional adults) to actively engage in the art-making process - setting up problems and finding my own solutions. Being a good teacher is a time consuming calling, and while I enjoy it immensely, it has caused me to postpone some of my own creative ventures," says Tim. "Attending this

workshop will be a dream come true, allowing me to experiment with ideas I've had on the drawing board for years."

The University of Florida at Gainesville will soon be the home of winner, Leslie Tharp. There she plans to major in art with a minor in business administration. During her years at Cypress Lake, Leslie was a leader in the visual arts department. Ava Roeder, the Visual Arts Department Chairperson noted that as a leader, artistically, Leslie is "...very innovative in her choice of subjects, themes... she has a cunning way of putting out messages through her art", and in the more traditional definition of leadership that she did a superb job as the elected president of the National Art Honor Society, innovatively organizing a number of community service projects and fundraisers for the group.

BIG ARTS congratulates its award



BIG Arts/Robert Rauschenberg Award winners (from left): Molly Landl, Christina Penuel and Leslie Tharp.

recipients for all their hard work, talent and accomplishments. If you would like to know more about the artists, or the BIG ARTS/Robert Rauschenberg awards and how to apply next year, please contact BIG ARTS at 395-0900, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, 33957.

Arts For Act 2004 Auction Preview

Arts for Act 2004 Fine Art Auction will hold a preview reception at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at Edison College on July 15, from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Stop by the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at Edison College to preview the more than 180 pieces of art for Arts for Act 2004 donated by local, national and international artists.

Arts for Act 2004 Fine Art Auction will be held on August 21 at Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers.

Tickets for this exciting event are \$75.00 and may be purchased in advance by calling 939-2553. Reserved tables are also available. Reservations should be made in advance.

This year's "featured artist" is nationally known artist, Judy Smith. The print for this year's auction "Cathedral" will go on sale for \$79.50 on July 15, at the preview reception and is signed by the artist.

Proceeds from Arts for Act 2004 Fine Art Auction benefits Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc., a non-profit agency established to provide shelter, 24 hour hotline, counseling and education to victims of domestic violence and their children and survivors of sexual assault, serving Lee, Hendry and Glades counties.

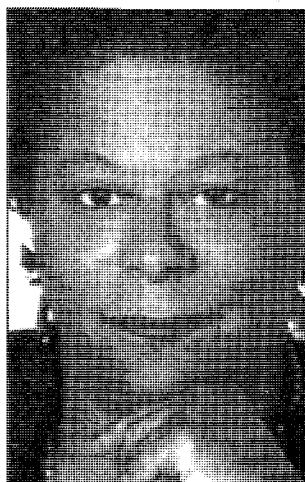
For additional information contact Jennifer Benton at Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. at 939-2553

Joan Cartwright at Ellington's

JOAN CARTWRIGHT, "Jazz Diva Extraordinaire" will be a special guest at Ellington's on Sanibel on July 1, 2 and 3 from 7 - 11 p.m. Cartwright has performed on television, radio and on stage at the Blue Note (NYC), The "A" Train and Emy's (Delray Beach), O'Hara's, Promenade, Riverwalk Sunday Jazz Brunch (Fort Lauderdale), Ellington's (Hollywood), JAZID (Miami Beach) and in the U.S. and Europe.

From New York City with a B.A. in Communications and Music from LaSalle University and a Master's in Communications from Florida Atlantic University, Cartwright studied piano, composition and theory with pianist

Gerald Price and Harp with Caliope Proios. She also studied ballet and modern dance with Bernice Johnson and Lavern Porter, and African dance with Dinizulu.



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Neil Simon's *Fools* at Florida Rep

Florida Repertory Theatre, Southwest Florida's premiere professional theatre, proudly presents Neil Simon's delightful comic fable, *Fools*, running from July 9 through August 1.

Under the direction of Associate Director Bari Newport, whose production of Steve Martin's *The Underpants* broke box office records last summer, this family-friendly, fractured fairytale is certain to enchant audiences with its interactive, fun and silly storytelling.

Based on popular Yiddish folklore, *Fools* takes place in the fictional town of

Kulyenchikov, a charming, idyllic Russian hamlet where a young school teacher has landed the perfect gig: instructing the beautiful young daughter of the local doctor. What he doesn't know, but discovers soon enough, is that there is something terribly wrong with everyone in the town. They have been cursed with over two hundred years of chronic stupidity! The nineteen year old doctor's daughter has just recently learned to sit down! To make matters worse, unless the school teacher can break the curse within twenty-four hours, he will be just as brainless as the rest of them.

Taking a departure from Neil Simon's trademark urbanity, *Fools* is reminiscent of Simon's earliest days as a writer for Sid Ceaser. Mixing vaudeville shtick with a philosophical poignancy that the whole family can enjoy, *Fools* is designed to leave audiences with an infective love of life and with tingles in their hearts.

Carol A. Provonsha, (Rumors; The Fat Lady Sings; The Underpants) takes a highly comic turn in this gentle comedy, opposite Broadway and regional theatre veteran Tad Ingram (Proof; The Mousetrap). Southwest Florida favorite Kelly Legaretta, (Lost in Yonkers; Sly Fox) brings her unique brand of spunk to Sophia, the wisdom-seeking doctor's daughter.

Fools, see page 24



Carol Provonsha

CENTER STAGE

On the road again with Marsha

The title song for my past week would be "On the Road Again," 'cause here it is mid-June and I'm rollin' down the highway again. It is my two months jaunt to visit relatives and friends for fun and adventures. This year, unlike last, I'm "doing" the Northeast coast. My plans included a four-day visit to my Island buddies, Helen and Jack, in their beautiful residences — one in historic York, Penn., the other a 250-acre farm in rural Laurel, Penn. The farm is named Rivendell from Lord of the Rings and means a place of peace, which it truly is.

My trip started easily enough, a direct drive from Route 75 to I-4 up to Interstate 95 and my first stop, just over the South Carolina border in a town called Ridgeland. Why Ridgeland you ask? Well, I'll tell you... my neighbors, after their many trips to Boston, suggested a neat restaurant in Ridgeland called Jasper's Porch. Let me confirm their opinion — great place! After a nine-hour drive, nothing could be nicer than a quiet meal, consisting of simple comfort food, served on a screened-in porch overlooking a serene lake, with a fountain playing, while the rain is drizzling on the roof. This was truly Southern Comfort. The next morning the Day's Inn, where I overnights, provided fixings for waffles, plus fresh juice and a ton of steaming hot coffee. Yum! and adios, Ridgeland — you're on my return list.

The next day I took my stretch break at Selma, N.C. at JR Discounts. This is an awesome place for candy, cigarettes (if you still have that yucky habit) and a super store for the cigar smoker (which I'm not either). This is a deep discount place for all of these things plus lots of tourist gift items, kitchen gadgets and underwear.

Next stop, Petersburg, Va. My AAA advisor had suggested Petersburg which, according to him, was supposed to be a dear, little town with end to end antiques. Well, I'll never know, since all the shops close promptly at 5 p.m. and yours truly arrived about 5:15. Boo Hiss! I don't think this jog off the road is a biggy or a must-do unless you're really into antiques and old towns. I also got hopelessly lost trying to get back to my EconoLodge, which was 10 miles down the road. (While

I have your attention, avoid this particular EconoLodge at all costs. It is situated at Exit 41 off Route 95 in Petersburg — the pits, dirty, lousy service, a breakfast consisting of doughnuts, an apple and weak, watery coffee.)

My next challenge was Route 495, the Beltway around DC. EEEEEKKK, if you must do this one, be advised:

1) Take a valium.

2) Wear earplugs so you don't hear the honking as you're doing the speed limit of 55 MPH, while everyone else is in the 80 to 90 MPH range.

3) Remain glued to the right hand lane and read all the signs carefully. When you find 95 North, be prepared to make a sharp right... or be condemned to make endless circles around Washington as I did.

4) Pray for help.

5) Take another valium.

Washington is a killer to drive. See if you can be given some alternate route... and never ever drive it after 2 p.m. when the traffic is even worse.

Arrived at Helen and Jack's in York three hours late, shaken but safe. Their home, built 30 years ago, looks like a well thought-out, entirely modern masterpiece honoring the woodworker and carpenter's craft. We had dinner at their golf clubhouse, where I had my first real Maryland crabcake (great) and the best darn strawberry pie I've ever ingested (yum). York is quite the historical town, the first capital in America. This great little place is being reclaimed and being turned into a real gem. The next day we visited and stayed at Rivendell, the wonderful farm, with trout streams, a swimming hole, trails, woods and, to top it all off, a Ma and Pa railroad. Between Helen's coaching and her grandson Nick's egging me on, I caught my first fish ever! a trout that I wanted to mount but settled for eating instead. I love the fishing part, but putting the icky, squirming worms on left me freaky. Bleagh! I got plenty of practice putting on worms after drowning at least ten of those little suck-

Marsha, see page 24



Marsha Wagner

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Pure Line Winners exhibition at Alliance

Alliance for the Arts launches its newest exhibition, "Pure Line Winners" with a 5 to 7 p.m. Opening reception, this Friday evening, July 2, in its Frizzell Gallery, 10091 McGregor Blvd., at the Southeast corner of Colonial Boulevard, just south of the Midpoint Bridge overpass in Fort Myers. All works in the show are recent drawings by five artists whose works were selected as

"The Best" in various categories during a June 2003 all-Florida "Pure Line" juried exhibition of drawings at the Alliance. The five artists showing their works in "Pure Line Winners" are:

Angela Delaplane of Bokeelia, Ted Fine of Fort Myers, Anne Friedman of Alva, Geoffrey Hamel of Lehigh Acres and Diana Rutherford of Matlacha.



Condo Ghetto by Ted Fine

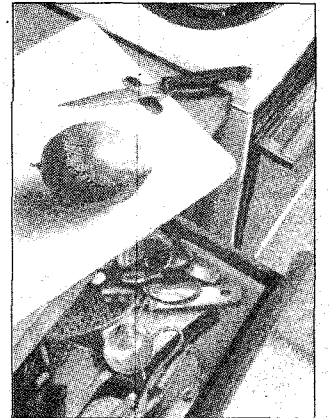
All works on view by the five artists are examples of the great range and diversity that drawings can achieve. In addition to artworks in pencil, pen and ink, and charcoal, etc., drawings with pastels, chalks and oils are included, providing a broad overview of the media, subjects and techniques possible within the "drawings category." Along with "Pure Line Winners," the Alliance Member Gallery will be showcasing the



Big City by Angela Delaplane

vidently colored, multi-imaged, story-telling acrylic paintings of Marcia Hopkins-York, the celebrated Fort Myers Beach artist.

After the Friday evening July 2 opening reception, "Pure Line Winners" and Marcia's works will remain on view, Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., through Friday July 30. Admission is free for all members of the public at all times. For additional details, call the Alliance at 939-2787 or visit www.artinlee.org



Kitchen Drawer by Anne Friedman



"Sunset on Sanibel," photographed by Al Senegeto, was selected by popular vote as the winning work of the June Members' Invitational Show at the Art League of Fort Myers.

San-Cap Art League exhibits

Sanibel-Captiva Art League members will be displaying paintings of local scenes, drawings, collages and still

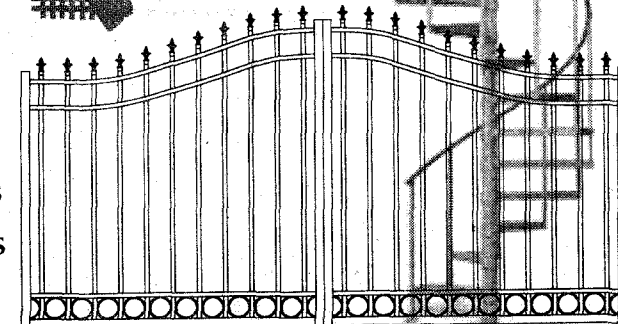


Ann Bischoff

lives 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. The exhibit can be seen in Phillips Gallery, 900 Dunlop Road. Call BIG ARTS at 395-0900 for more information. Sanibel Public Library is at 770 Dunlop Road next to Sanibel City Hall (472-2483).

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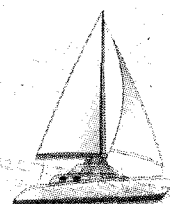
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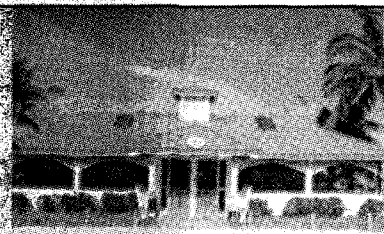
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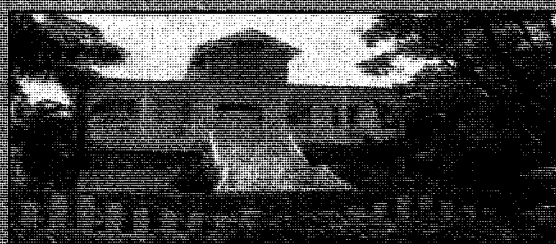
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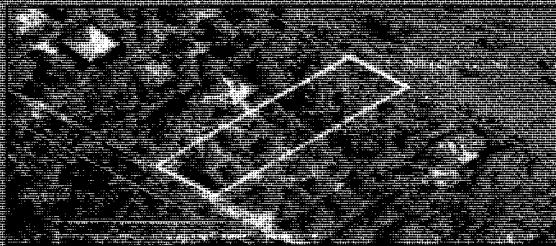
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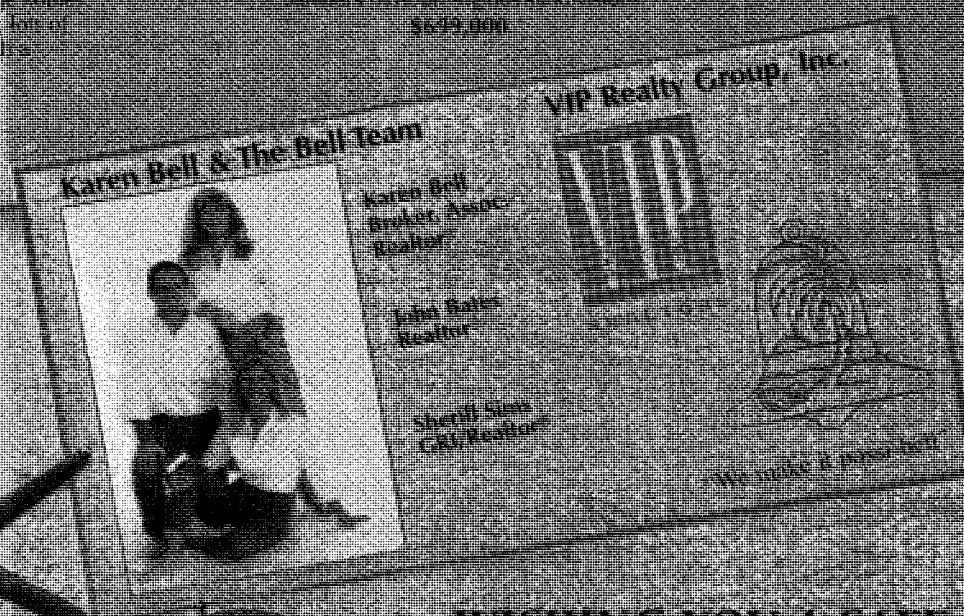
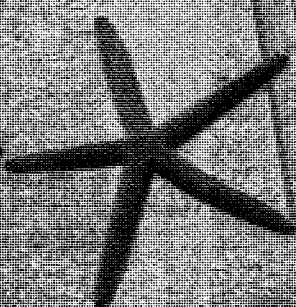


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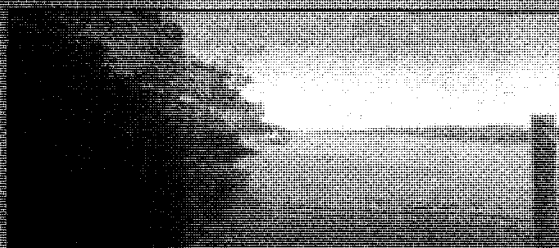


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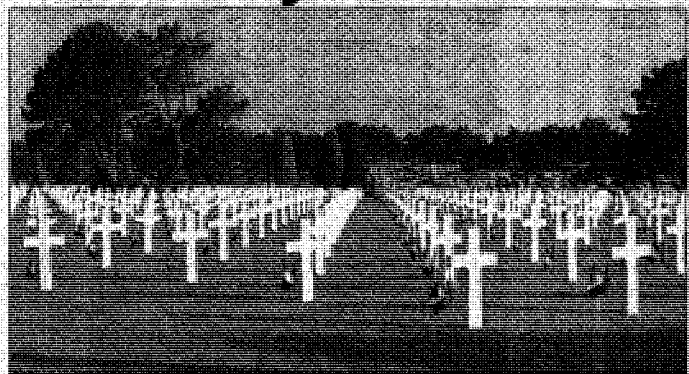
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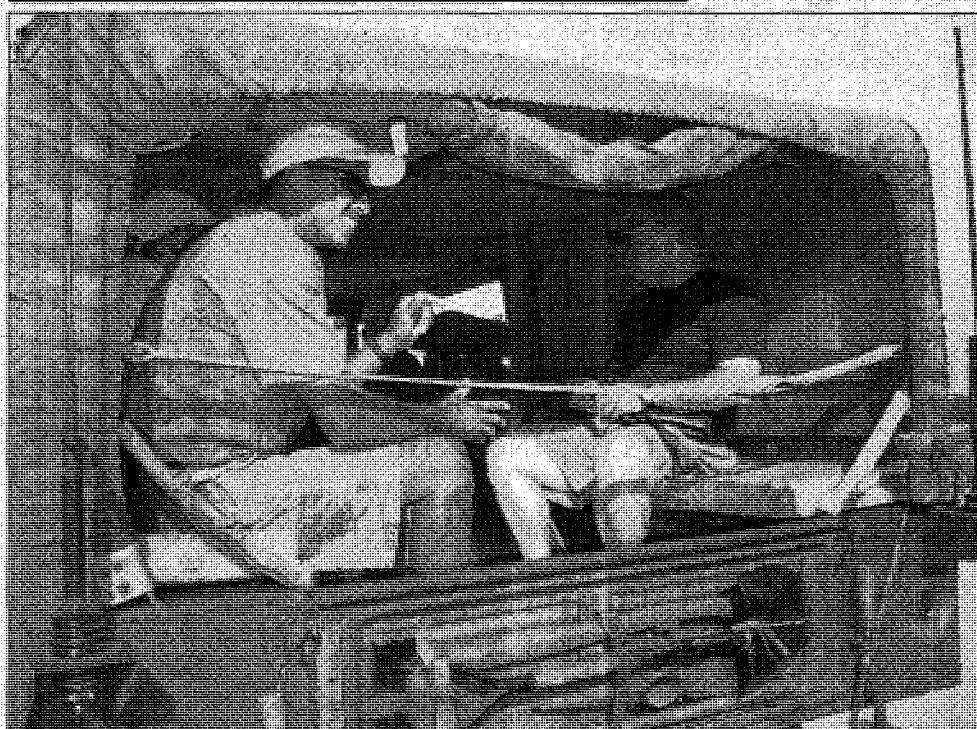
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Parking - Sanibel style



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A motorless four-wheeled conveyance takes its place among the internal combustion engine variety at Tahitian Gardens last week. Shortly after the photo was taken, four passengers boarded and happily pedaled off into the sunset.

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Bailey's has jazzed up the entrances to Bailey's General Store and Hardware store.

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Linda Gornick loves the challenge of real estate

By Nancy Santeusano
Special to the Islander

Linda Gornick, an experienced realtor previously selling commercial real estate in Jacksonville, Florida and now, for a number of years, residential properties on the islands, tells a wonderful story to illustrate how words like "close to the beach" can create many different images in the mind of the reader. The question is, "How close is close?" One day she queried a listing agent by asking, "If I poured a glass of wine, how much would I have left when I got to the beach to see the sunset?" The agent was rather surprised by a desire for such precision and replied, "Lady, you better take a bottle not a glass!"

Real estate is all about making a match - finding the right buyer for the right house. Very often, the husband is looking for cer-

tain features and the wife has a different set of interests. The job of the agent is to listen very carefully to people's wishes, never hesitate to ask clarifying questions and then try to find the right match. Gornick reiterates, "It's not what the agent thinks is best." Buyers may walk through many houses which the realtor thinks match the potential buyer's description and yet nothing clicks. Those same people have been known to walk casually into an open house and exclaim, "This is exactly what I want and what I was trying to tell the realtor." Again, another example of how "You never, never really know".

A home is often one of the largest investments people make and owners need to stay in tune with property values. Gornick recommends that homeowners have an evaluation of their property every

three years. This information can be useful in establishing trust funds or wills, plus it provides them with a basic knowledge of their property value with respect

to the significant number of increases which have taken place over the years.

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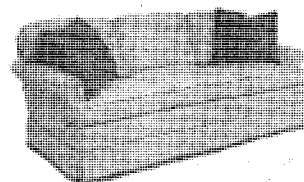
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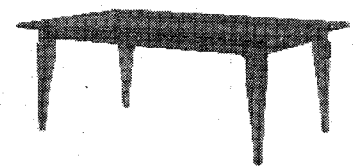
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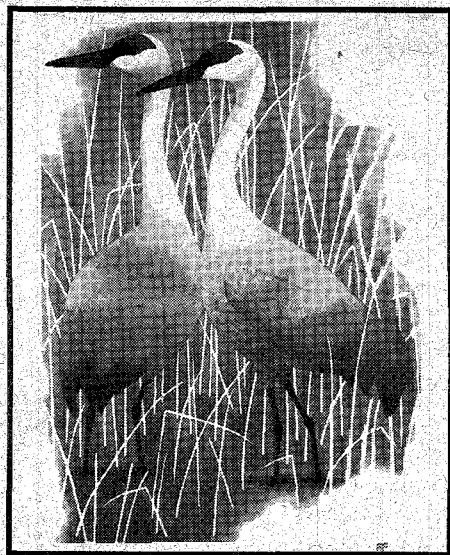
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She offers this invaluable free service to homeowners in a current computerized market analysis based on her examination of the house, talking with the owner and doing research with respect to improvements since they purchased the home. "I have the basic information beforehand and when I come, I bring a digital camera, take photos and note all of the features in the house such as appliance upgrades, kind of countertops, flooring, hurricane windows or shutters, swimming pool and any other relevant information such as Gulfview location.

Since no two homes are identical, all of these factors must be taken into consideration and the records and permitting of the home also have to be reviewed in considering how the property has increased in value over the years. This cumulative information becomes the current computerized analysis, which Gornick prepares, places in a binder and presents to the owner in a follow-up conference with no fee, no obligation and no contract. "Hopefully, I've made a friend and knowledge is very powerful and comforting to have."

Sometimes people say, "I'm thinking about selling. What can I do to get the highest dollar and sell in the shortest length of time?" Some people decide to sell the house in an "as is" condition. This is a financial decision and published figures on what their return will be for dollars spent on certain rooms is available. In an older, ground level home with a small bedroom and small closet, some major renovations may be possible if space is sufficient and permitting can be obtained. Whether to make this major improvement or to sell "as is" is an individual decision based on the possible return gained by the improvement. In some houses something as simple as a fresh coat of paint can increase its appeal.

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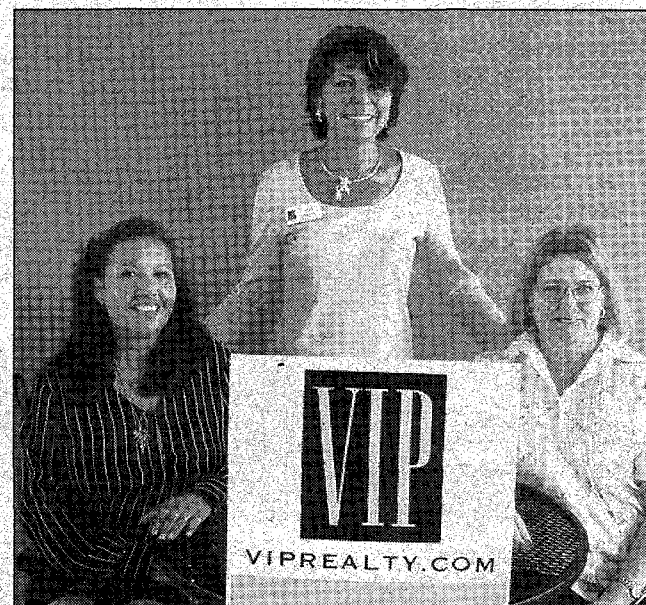
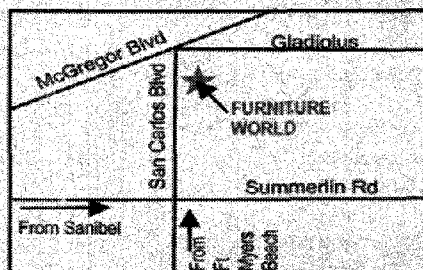
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What's a Goumas?

By Jenny Burnham
Staff Writer

When Marilyn Goumas's 27-year-old daughter was 7-1/2 months pregnant at Christmas, she called her mother, all excited. "Mom," she said, "this is great! This is the first Christmas since I was 8 that I haven't had to work at the store!"

The Goumas Chocolate store on Periwinkle Way is all about family. The owners, George and Marilyn Goumas, are the third generation of Goumas chocolatiers.

The company was founded in 1911 when George's grandfather and namesake placed his own home-made candy at the counter of his restaurant, the Busy Bee, in Newark, Ohio. The business passed to his son-in-law, George's father, and then to George and his two brothers.

George and Marilyn began coming to Sanibel in 1978. When they started to make retirement plans, they decided those plans should include a store on Sanibel. They opened their location on Periwinkle Place on October 1, 2003 and continue the tradition of hand-dipping chocolate right

on the premises.

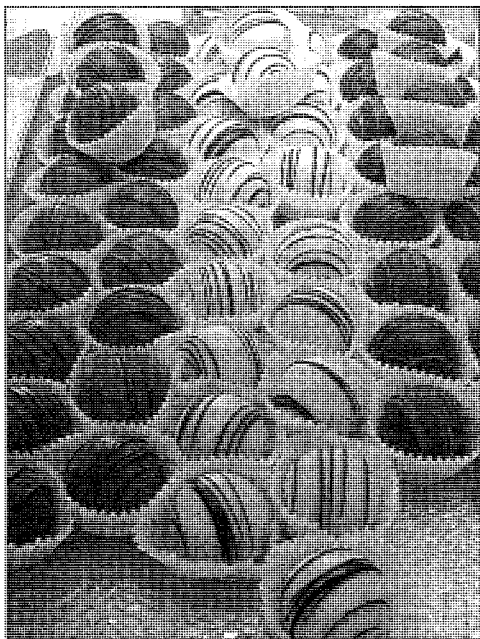
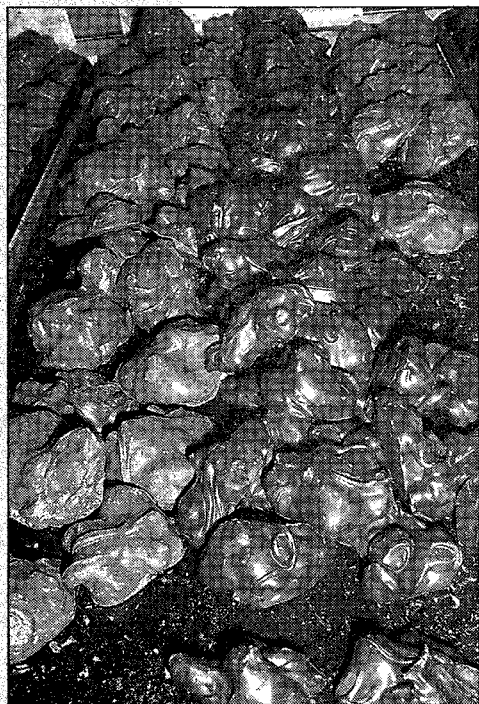
Can you say "Yum"?

Mouth-watering choices include hand-molded solid chocolate pelicans about six inches tall, sand dollars, and - no threat to the rabbits - chocolate alligators. The larger alligators are particularly popular among island visitors, who like to ship them home. The Goumas can send their product via UPS even in the summer, using polar ice packs and insulated boxes to keep the chocolate fresh.

The Goumas also provide specialty products for weddings. For wedding favors, they make sugar cream mints in a variety of special shapes, such as roses, doves, shells, and daisies. A bride can choose the design she likes. Also available are boxes just the size of two truffles. The boxes can be printed with any color design, even wedding rings, or with the names of the bride and groom and the date of their wedding.

One bride found sea shells that were just the right size for three truffles. She brought them to the store, where Marilyn filled them and wrapped them in crisp cellophane as party favors for those attend-

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In looking at today's market, Gornick explains that the inventory is getting "slimmer." Many sales are happening. "In the last six months we have doubled and tripled our goals. People are refinancing their homes up North with equity loans and paying cash for a home on the islands." This is a resort community. People are here for a limited amount of time. They fall in love with the islands, are relaxed, on vacation and riding their bikes. They stop in at an open house to see what is available and sometimes end up buying the house they have always wanted.

Gornick herself is very happy as a member of the VIP Realty Group. This is a place with much camaraderie and truly a "team" operation. That begins with Judy Jacobs, the office assistant and official greeter who makes everyone smile. "Here everyone helps everyone else." Judy exclaims. All day long people are asking,

"Judy, Judy, Judy will you...?" Then she adds, "Golly, I wouldn't trade this job for anything."

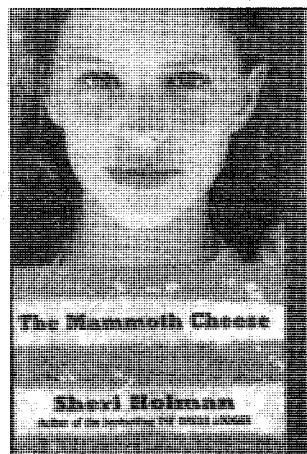
Recently, Gornick hired Melba Goliszkeski as her assistant. Melba is a licensed realtor who excels in computer operations, working behind the scenes, handling follow-up and advertising. Born in Honduras, her background is Mayan, Russian and Spanish and her trilingual skills include Spanish, French and English. Gornick is delighted and considers Melba a perfect counterpart.

Gornicks sums up, "In real estate, no two deals are the same. Everything is negotiable. You can never say 'that will never happen' because it does and it's a different day every day. You just never, never know. Above all, I enjoy people and I like to help them whenever I can. That's what makes each day a new day and a special challenge."

THE NEXT CHAPTER

Tolstoy said, "All happy families resemble one another, but each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way." While it may seem that families in America are somewhat alike, happy or not, American authors often show us how unique our families are, in part because of their diverse backgrounds. This month I will review books about three unique, yet ordinary, American families.

The Mammoth Cheese by Sheri Holman, published by Grove Press Books, is a wonderfully complex book set in rural Virginia, a state which has been intrinsically involved in the history of the United States. Three Chimneys, Virginia is a community that believes in hard work, religion and patriotism, but many of those beliefs are challenged by reality. The "miracle" birth of eleven babies to two of its poorest residents and the subsequent death of some of them calls into question the demands science and religion bring to bear on individuals and the community. Another reality for the community is the demise of the small farmer, as typified by Margaret Prickett, who is struggling to maintain her family dairy farm. Another is the belief that our children are safe in a small town and that we can trust our government. All these issues become wrapped up in the town's effort to recreate a "mammoth cheese," the original of which was presented to Thomas Jefferson. The characters and plot make a good story, but the author has also created a photo montage of some of the issues of modern day America. None of the families in this story are typical, yet they represent the average American family, whatever that is.



of the issues of modern day America. None of the families in this story are typical, yet they represent the average American family, whatever that is.

Ursula, Under by Ingrid Hill, published by Algonquin Books, uses an unusual technique. While the story is about a three-year-old girl who falls into an old mine shaft while her parents are visiting the area where her mother's family once lived, it is really about the long road that got us to the present. Ursula's parents, Justin Wong and Annie Maki, are distraught as they wait for rescuers to find them in the woods which cover the old mines. The author uses this time to take the reader back many centuries into her characters' families' pasts. This has the effect of making the reader feel the anxiety of waiting, but it also reveals the complexities of all families and shows how little we understand about what brought us to the point we are at now. Just as falling into the well was an accident of fate and happenstance, so too, are the paths our ancestors took which led us to be in this exact spot we are today. The specific histories of these two ordinary

people are not ordinary at all, just as no human life is ordinary, if one looks deeply enough.

Ingrid Hill is a first-time novelist and the scope of this work is quite extraordinary, taking the reader to 2nd century BC China, to 16th century Finland. It covers much of early American settlement, modern American trials, even including the war in Iraq. While there are almost too many characters for the readers to retain, the author makes it clear that each has played a part in the current lives of the mother, father, and child.

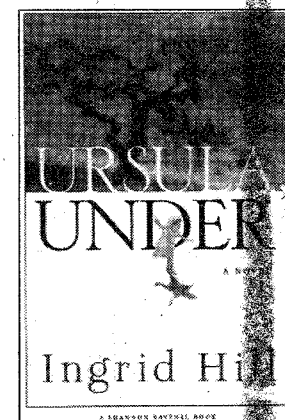
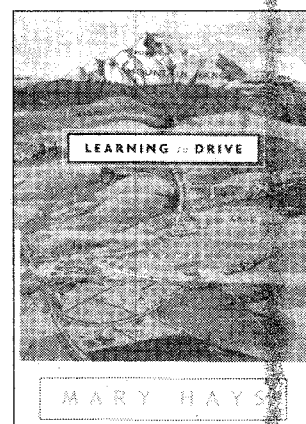


Nola Theiss

The last book is *Learning to Drive* by Mary Hays, published by Shaye Areheart Books. It, too, is a first novel. Unlike the other two novels, which are set in the present, it takes place in the 1953, but also in a rural part of the country - this time Beede, Vermont.

When Charlotte's husband, Mel, a photographer of scenic Vermont, is hit by a car in a freak accident and dies, she is beset by guilt. Just before he left on his final photography trip, she told him she wanted to separate. In trying to deal with understanding the circumstances of his death, she must also deal with the circumstances of her life: taking care of her two young sons, understanding the relationships of her own family and the death of her mother when she was ten, and her belief in the Christian Science religion. She takes her son to her husband's family's cottage in Vermont for the summer and tries to make sense of the sparse clues to her husband's last days and the days of her present and future. The odd assortment of characters in the small town first seem a hindrance to her working out of the puzzle, but gradually become integral pieces of her life. Learning to understand the role her religion has had in her life helps her understand her mother's death, her son's speech problems, and her own troubles with her sisters.

All three of these books deal with families, religion, loss and discovery. Each is filled to almost overflowing with unique characters and mothers that fear the loss of their children to the various threats that fill the world. I recommend them all.



TO YOUR HEALTH

Holistic Health Notebook: More on the bones

Osteoporosis (abnormal thinning of the bone from mineral loss and poor protein structure of connective tissue) threatens up to 44 million Americans and is the underlying cause of 1.5 million fractures annually in the US. One in six women suffers hip fractures during their lives, and for women over the age of eighty, the percentage reaches one-third, and for men over the age of eighty, one-sixth. A woman's risk of hip fracture is greater than her risk of breast, uterine, and ovarian cancer combined.

Major risk factors include aging, menopause, chronic corticosteroid use, maternal history of osteoporosis, and obesity.

While calcium is the best-known nutrient for bone health, calcium intake alone cannot prevent osteoporosis. Americans have twice as many hip fractures as the Japanese, although calcium consumption in Japan is very low. In the Netherlands, high calcium intake does not prevent a high rate of osteoporosis. Zinc, potassium, and fiber all contribute to strong bones. The ratio of calcium to phosphorous and magnesium is critical to their absorption into bones, as is vitamin D. At least seven types of calcium are now on the market in addition to common calcium carbonate. Another mineral, boron, may reduce urinary excretion of calcium and magnesium.

Certain herbs have been suggested to maximize hormone activity after menopause. Since the liver processes estrogen, liver-supporting herbs such as burdock root, which also has estrogenic effects, dandelion and yellow dock may be useful. Other herbs with purported estrogenic effects include dong quai, blue cohosh, black cohosh, sage, alfalfa (which enhances mineralization) and

motherwort.

Some studies support the use of isoflavone extracts of red clover for both menopausal symptoms and osteoporosis. Isoflavones have shown positive results, especially in strengthening the lumbar spine.

While there are concerns that taking isolated isoflavones may lower lymphocytes and may have a negative interaction with some drugs, other concerns such as the possibility that these and other phytoestrogens may increase risks of estrogen-dependent cancers are so far unproven.

Herbs that may enhance bone mineralization include stinging nettle, slippery elm, oat, and horsetail. In a randomized trial involving 122 women, those taking a horsetail extract or a horsetail-calcium combination had statistically significant improvements in bone density over the placebo group.

Horsetail is also traditionally used to support joint health. Additional herbs associated with joint health include ashwagandha root, guggul (a traditional Ayurvedic anti-arthritis with anti-inflammatory effects), turmeric root (anti-inflammatory), willow bark (to reduce pain, fever and inflammation) and St. John's wort (for many mildly painful conditions, including osteoarthritis). Sulfur compounds such as glucosamine sulfate, MSM (methylsulfonylmethane) and SAMe (S-adenosylmethionine) rebuild joint cartilage and otherwise benefit osteoarthritis sufferers.

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



Carol Simontacchi

Goumas, from page 24

ing the wedding dinner.

The tops of the store's glass counters feature a colorful array of treats, including Jellie Bellies, Kookie Kones, which are just what they sound like, and Lollipals, which are large lollipops decorated with brightly colored fish, octopi, and seals balancing balls on their noses.

Inside the counters are an assortment of cups, truffles, chocolate turtles, and chocolate covered pretzels (this reporter's personal fave). The store also stocks a large selection of sugar-free, low-carb chocolates in a variety of choices, such as raspberry sherbet, espresso truffles, butter creams, and peanut butter cups. These sugar-free items are particularly popular with visitors who have diabetes or who are following the Atkins Diet.

Marilyn says the word is getting around about their store. She tells of one customer who stopped two women in Bailey's to find out what this "Goumas" was they were talking about. Once she found out, she headed right to the store.

So, does Marilyn ever get tired of

chocolate?

"Never," says Marilyn. "Everybody loves chocolate." Even Marilyn's mother-in-law, now 83, who began working in the family candy store as a child after school, still loves chocolate.

George's two brothers run the flourishing family business in Ohio, staffing with nieces, nephews, cousins, and sisters-in-law. Only four employees out of all the people at both locations come from outside the family.

The Goumas's offer a free sample of the chocolate "Made in Heaven since 1911." When you drop in, be sure to admire the pictures of the Goumas's new grandbaby. Someday soon you'll see her working at the store.

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Accomplished regional theatre actors Cliff Morts (Lost in Yonkers) and Jason Scott Quinn, making his Florida Rep debut, play opposite each other, both vying for the hand of the young Sophia.

The residents of Kulyenchikov include local favorites Joann and Mitch Haley (I'm Not Rappaport), Jamie Carmichael, Harvey Hecht (You Can't Take It With You), and Florida Rep company member Zolan Henderson (All My Sons; I'm Not Rappaport).

Florida Rep Producing Artistic Director, Robert Cacioppo says, "A perfect description of this play would be Chekhov meets Mel Brooks meets Holes meets Romeo and Juliet. It's not every day that there is something your whole family can enjoy together. Simon's wit,

coupled with Newport's quirky sense of humor, will have audiences of all ages laughing, singing, and smiling from the moment they enter the theatre."

Fools plays at the Florida Repertory Theatre, July 9 - August 1. Performances are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. To reserve seats, call Florida Repertory Theatre's Box Office at (239) 332-4488 or Toll-Free at (877) 787-8053. Ticket prices range from \$15 - \$32. Group and student discounts are available. Florida Repertory Theatre is located in Downtown Fort Myers in the historic Arcade Theatre, on Bay Street, between Jackson and Hendry Streets. Visit Florida Rep on the web at www.floridarep.org.

Marsha, from page 16

ers, before catching the Big One. OK, so I lie. Normal size one. Bid my fond farewells to Helen and Jack and their wonderful Pennsylvania Paradise. See you guys on my way home.

Onward and upward to Wayne, New Jersey. Most of this leg of my journey was uneventful except for Route 222, which is being totally overhauled. So the detours take you to New Jersey via Chicago, and the three-hour trip took five. Yawn, zzzzz. Eventually arrived in Wayne at Adele and Steve's, a super comfortable abode where the living is easy, laid back and ruled by a black cat named Jazz. I've come to the conclusion that our snowbirds thrive and live well wherever they call home because our island's life style is part and parcel of their makeup. Adele and Steve had a Father's Day barbeque to celebrate the event. It was a wonderful affair with lots of good food and great folks, all having a terrific time enjoying each other.

One of the highlights of the visit was joining Adele and Steve along with three other couples for dinner and their book-club meeting. The Crisis of Islam by

Leonard Lewis was the book under discussion. What an interesting and informative evening that turned out to be. The four couples were extremely bright, well-informed, educated folks from diverse backgrounds, with equally diverse opinions, but one common goal — to learn, examine and explore the people who practice Islam and their beliefs. The opinions flew hot and heavy, and the discussion was, to say the least, lively; but each of the participants respected the others by paying rapt attention, withholding disagreements 'til whoever had the floor was finished. What a lesson in manners and diplomacy. This easy discussion rule of thumb could be the direct result of the fact that two of the couples have been members of the weekly Current Events Series at BIG Arts.

One of the neat things I'm learning, and one that never ceases to amaze me is that our Islanders are the nicest people in the world. They are a unique group who make the whole world my Island Paradise — I am at home wherever I find myself.

Stay tuned... next week Marsha does northeast Pennsylvania with Adele and Steve.

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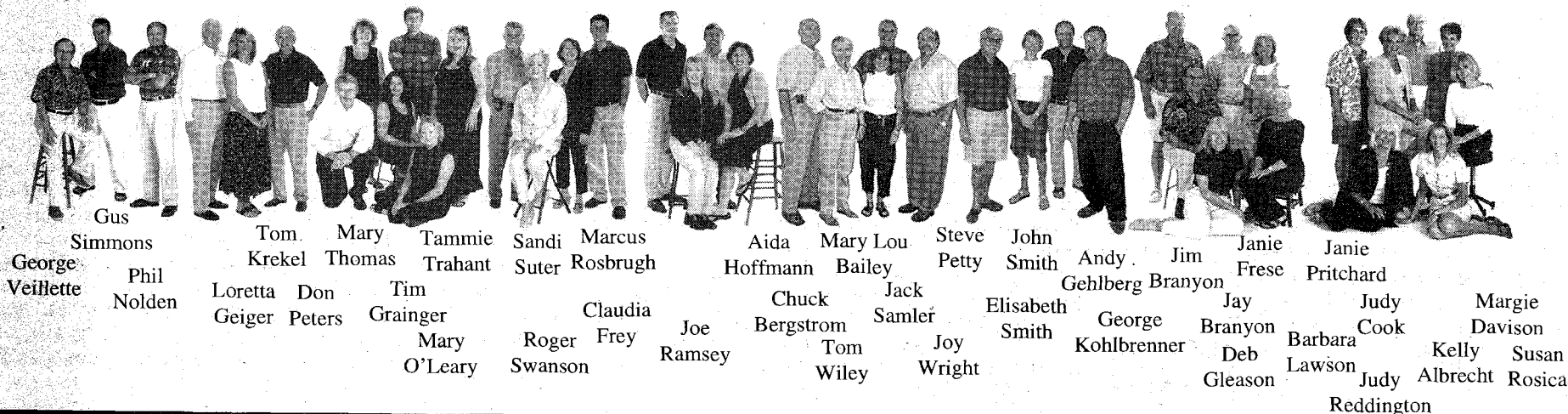


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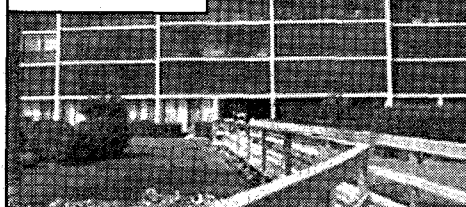
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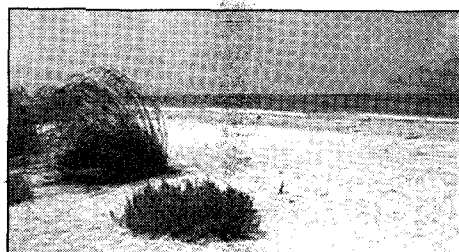
New 4 bed/4 bath home in Captiva's desirable "Village" area. Open and airy floor plan, gourmet kitchen, separate laundry room. Enclosed lower level for garage and lots of storage. Pool & spa with spacious lanai. Roof top sun deck. Close to beach, shops and restaurants. **\$2,295,000.** Call Jim Branyon at 472-5154.

NEW LISTING



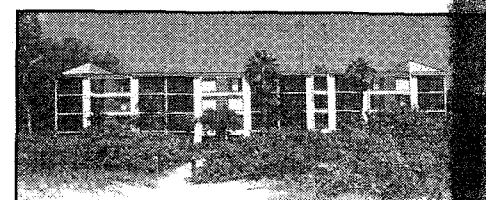
95 STEPS TO THE BEACH!

Located on the gulf side of Estero Boulevard. Ready to build that perfect beach cottage. Home would qualify for weekly rentals. **\$429,000.** Call Janie Pritchard for a complete information package at 472-1511.



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Premiere subdivision. Large parcel, close to community amenities, pool, tennis, private beach paths. Very few remaining vacant lots in Gulf ridge, hurry on this one! **\$589,000.** Call Mary Lou Bailey at 472-1511.



SANIBEL GULFFRONT!

Beautiful beachfront condo. 2 BD/2 BA well maintained with new kitchen and baths. Fully, nicely furnished. Low density complex with pool, 2 lighted tennis courts, BBQ. Large storage. Established rental program w/ excellent rental history and low fees. **\$1,050,000.** Call Jack Samler at 472-1511.



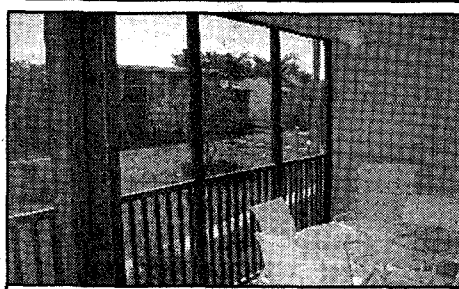
PRIVACY PLUS

Comfortable Captiva living in this 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhouse with private master suite upstairs. This Gulf to Bay community offers great privacy with beach and boating only steps away. Heated swimming pool, lots of dockage and excellent weekly rentals. **\$995,000.** Call Tom Wiley at 472-4121.



WALK OUT TO THE TROPICAL GARDENS & GULF BEACH!

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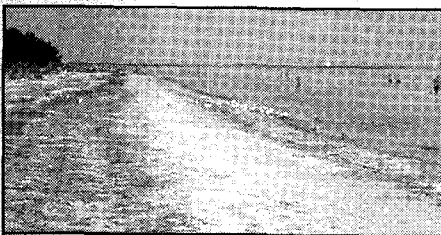
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CHURCH

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Beginning July 4 there will be one full service on Sundays at 10 a.m. through September. Sunday School and childcare will be available. There is an elevator for easy access to the sanctuary. Dr. Randal H. Niehoff, senior pastor; Dr. Sandra Boler, associate pastor. Located at 2050 Periwinkle Way, across from Periwinkle Place Shopping Center. Phone 472-0497.

Sanibel Community Church

Red, White and Blue Sunday - On Sunday, July 4, the Sanibel Community Church will celebrate

with patriotic hymns and worshippers dressed in red, white and blue. Senior Pastor Donovan's message will be from the Book of Job.

During the summer months, Sanibel Community Church has added "Word Surfers" for children Kindergarten through 5th grade. Fun games, crafts, praise songs, puppets and exciting Bible teaching occur at the same time as the 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service.

Traditional services at 8 and 10:45 a.m.; contemporary service at 9 a.m. and Kids' Church at 9 a.m. Dr. Daryl Donovan, pastor; Dr. Ed VanderHey, associate pastor. Located at 1740 Periwinkle Way, next to Jerry's Market; 472-2684. All are welcome; feel free to come

dressed casually.

- **The Carpenters Workshop** at the Sanibel Community Church. Bibles, books, music, gifts. Mon-Fri. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sunday 9 - noon.

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

Donald Fishburne, rector; Suzy Post, associate rector

Located at 2304 Periwinkle Way . Phone 472-2173.

- **Bible Study and Prayer** - Fridays 10 - 11:30; a.m. in the Parish Hall. 472-2173.
- **Noah's Ark Thrift Shop**, the award-winning shop run by volunteers at Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church on Sanibel, is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30 till 12:30 in June, July and August. Noah's Ark is located in the last building behind St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church at 2304 Periwinkle Way in the middle of Sanibel Island. Phone 472-3356.

St. Isabel Catholic Church

Mass at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday; 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. Daily mass at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; Communion service at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday. Father Christopher Senk. Located at 3559 Sanibel Captiva Road. Phone 472-2763.

the Lee County Libertarian Party, will be held on Monday, July 5, 7PM at O'Sullivan Irish Pub, 13300 North Cleveland Avenue, North Fort Myers. Speaking will be Judith Piesco, candidate for Lee School Board. For more info: www.leelp.org

- **ALLIGATOR AMBLERS** museum stroll at the SWFL Museum of History, 2300 Peck St. Ft. Myers. Admission 9:50, meet at museum, 10:30 a.m. July 10. RSVP (239) 495-7644
- **FT. MYERS AGLOW MEETING**, guest speaker Dianna Carpenter-Eick, ordained minister, counselor, Shofar Sounder. Holiday Inn Riverwalk, July 10 at 9 a.m. \$10 includes breakfast. 936-3307, or 543-3949.

Every week:

Monday

- **BRIDGE FOR FUN** Senior Center 2401 Library Way. \$2 members, \$4 non-members. No partner needed all levels welcome. 472-5743.
- **SHELLCRAFTERS** - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Monday at the Community House on Periwinkle.
- **GAMES DAY** at the Senior Center, 2401 Library Way. Bridge, Mahjong, and more. All levels welcome. \$2 members, \$4 non-members. 472-5743

Tuesday

- **TROUBLESTARTERS AT THE AMERICAN LEGION** Every Tuesday evening 7:30 pm. to closing. San-Cap Rd. at mile marker 3. 472-9979.
- **FORT MYERS SWING DANCE SOCIETY** meets every Tuesday at Ron Dao's Sports Bar in Ft. Myers, 15320 McGregor Blvd. Free lessons 8:30 - 9 p.m. No cover. 239/851-7354

Friday

- **GOURMET SINGLES SUPPER CLUB** meets every Friday in finest restaurants in the area. For more info, call 332-8191

Upcoming

- Pine Island's **MANGO MANIA** - Saturday and Sunday, July 10 - 11, starting at 10 a.m. on both days. Over 100 vendors.
- The **RANDELL RESEARCH CENTER** will also be at the festival, with Dr. Bill Marquardt and Dr. Karen Walker at the Randell booth on Saturday. Dr. John Worth will be at the booth on both days plus he will be speaking about his recent research trip to Spain at 3 p.m. on Sunday. There will be a basket-weaving demonstration for the kids. Mango Mania will be held at the German American Club on Pine Island Road; admission is \$5.

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Ongoing

- SUMMER HOURS AT THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM Open half days, Wednesday - Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 950 Dunlop Rd. 472-4648.
- AMERICAN SEWING GUILD, Southwest Florida Chapter, meets at the Lee County EXTension Service in Terry Park. "Heirloom Sewing the Martha Pullen Way" July 24, 12:30 - 3 p.m. Dues are \$40/year. 458-2858.

STAGE / MOVIES



Carol Provonsha returns to Florida Rep in Neil Simon's *Fools*.

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A LITTLE MURDER NEVER HURT ANYBODY, by Ronald Jay. The Off-Beach Players are back with another rollicking farce for the whole family: with a mom, a dad, a daughter, a boyfriend, a detective and a butler... ah, the plot thickens. Starring Dave Yudowitz, Roy

Gibson, Laurie Pickens, Mark Sauer, Cary Gorsline, Patrick O'Connor. Directed by John Thomas. Produced by June Koc. Through July 24 at the Periwinkle Playhouse. Box office 472-0324.

- "FOOLS," part of a summer of Neil Simon at the Florida Rep, in the historic Arcade Theatre downtown Fort Myers. Directed by Bob Cacioppo July 9 - Aug. 1. 332-4665
- GREASE at the Broadway Palm, through Aug. 14. 1380 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers. 278-4422.
- BROADWAY PALM CHILDRENS' THEATRE presents Alice in Wonderland, July 1, 2, 3, 7, 9, & 11. Lunch and show \$14, 278-4422.
- YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN. Naples Dinner Theatre's Ice Cream Theatre, performances at 12:30 for the whole family. Starring Brian Hamilton, Brice Corder, Anthony Palencsar, Steven Arlen, Marissa Joy Ganz and Kate Phillips. Music by Clark Gesner, directed by Michael Wainstein.

Lunch includes hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, fries and Ice Cream Sundae Bar. \$16 Adults; \$13 Children. Performances June 25; July 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30; August 5, 6, 12, 13. Box Office 239/514-STAR (7827).

Upcoming:

- CAFE CABARET - Kid's Conspiracy founder Shawn Holiday will be part of a comedy troupe that will be performing at the Cafe Cabaret at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. The program will consist of adult comedy, skits and improvisation on Saturday nights at 9 p.m. beginning in July. THIS IS NOT A KID'S SHOW.
- FIDDLER ON THE ROOF - Cultural Park Theatre Company presents Fiddler on the Roof, with music by Jerry Bock, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick and book by Joseph Stein, starring Danial Valol as Tevye, with Lee Otto and Leni Manno. Directed by Leni Manno, musical director - Barbara Atkins. Playing August 20 - September 5. Cultural Park Theatre is at 528 Cultural Park Boulevard, Cape Coral. Special pricing - \$10 adults, \$5 students. Call 772-5862 for information.

At the movies

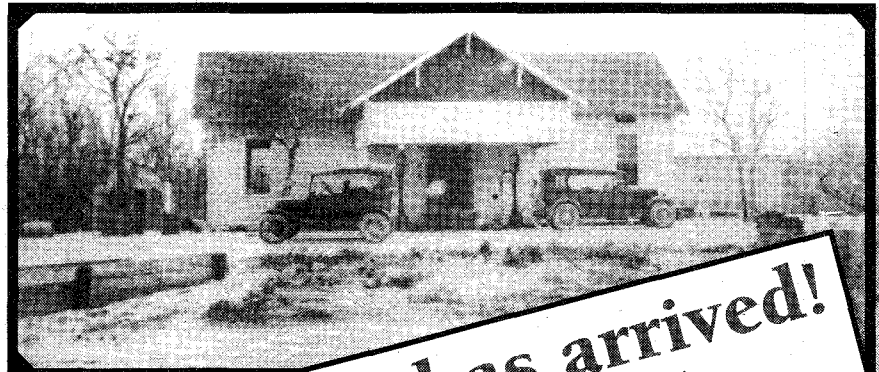
- THE TERMINAL, starring Tom Hanks and Catherine Zeta Jones, rated PG13, playing at 4:30, 7 and 9:30 p.m.
 - SPIDERMAN 2, starring Tobey Maguire, rated PG-13, playing at 4, 6:30 and 9 p.m.
- All playing at Island Cinema in Bailey's Center, phone 472-1701.

ISLAND NIGHTS

- JOAN CARTWRIGHT, "Jazz Diva Extraordinaire" will be a special guest at Ellington's on Sanibel on July 1, 2 and 3 from 7 - 11 p.m. Cartwright has performed on television, radio and on stage at the Blue Note (NYC), The "A" Train and Erny's (Delray Beach), O'Hara's, Promenade, Riverwalk Sunday Jazz Brunch (Fort Lauderdale), Ellington's (Hollywood), JAZID (Miami Beach) and in the U.S. and Europe.

From New York City with a B.A. in Communications and Music from LaSalle University and a Master's in Communications from Florida Atlantic University, Cartwright studied piano, composition and theory with pianist Gerald Price and Harp

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- **CROW'S NEST** - July 2 - 4: Blues Water; July 6 - 7: John Salamon. Monday and Thursday: Nascrab races - 6 p.m., children's show; Monday at 9 p.m., adult show. Don't forget to get a number when you come in for the Crab races so you can get your own crab to bet on. Win prizes, drinks, T-shirts and cash (half the money goes to the United Way). At 'Tween Waters Inn on Captiva; 472-5161 x423.

ART

- **ROBERT RAUSCHENBERG** at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery (formerly Edison Community College Gallery of Fine Art). "Scenarios," recent work. 8099 College Pkwy. Through July 11.
- **ARTS FOR ACT PREVIEW** at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at Edison College. More than 180 pieces of art to pick from. Poster "Cathedral," by featured artist Judy Smith will go on sale. July 15, 6 - 8 p.m.
- **SAN-CAP ART LEAGUE** at BIG ARTS and the Sanibel Library, on view throughout the summer. Large variety of tropical and local scenes: lighthouse, marina, fishing pier, causeway, beach and chapel. Wide variety of media. Sanibel Library: 472-2483; BIG Arts: 395-0900.
- **BIG ARTS Phillips Gallery** - large mosaic butterfly made by Sanibel Elementary School artists during their annual May Art Exhibit, BUGWORKS. The mosaic butterfly will be permanently displayed at the Sanibel School, along with last year's FISHWORKS mosaic.
- **PURE LINE WINNERS** at the Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers. Featuring award winning Florida Artists. Opening reception July 2, 5-7 p.m. Show runs through July 30. 939-2787
- **SUMMER MEMBERS' SHOW** at the Fort Myers Beach Art Assoc. corner of Donora and Shell Mound Blvd., FMB. Open Weds and Thurs 9-1.
- **CALL TO ARTISTS:** Exhibition opportunities at the Cape Coral City Hall, through Arts in Public Places. Call Cape Coral Arts Studio, Fine Arts Division at 574-0802

- **CALL TO ARTISTS:** Charlotte Harbor Nat'l Estuary seeking artists for calendar who can capture the beauty of the greater Charlotte Harbor Watershed. Go to www.CharlotteHarborNEP.org, or contact Maran Brainerd Hilgendorf at mhilgendorf@swfrpc.org. Deadline June 30.
- **TICKETS ON SALE FOR ARTS FOR ACT AUCTION**, event to take place August 21, from 5:30 to 11 p.m. at the Harborside Convention Center. Featured artist is Judy Smith. \$75 advance, \$85 at the door. Tables available, call (239) 939-2553.

Wednesday

- **OUTDOOR PAINTING AND SKETCHING** with the Fort Myers Beach Art League. 8:30 a.m. to noon, June 23: Mound House, at the end of Connecticut St. 437-4906

Thursday

- **PAINT OUT** with the San-Cap Art League, 9 a.m. - noon, bring lunch and a chair. July 8 & 15 — Thistle Lodge, Casa Ybel; July 22 — Lighthouse Restaurant at Port Sanibel; July 29 — Punta Rassa Fishing. 472-1850

For more information about the Art League's weekly paintouts, seasonal portrait workshop and educational programs call 472-8834, 472-2726 or write to Sanibel-Captiva Art League, P.O. Box 1192, Sanibel, FL 33957

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

- **SCCF LIFE ALONG OUR TRAILS.** Tues, Wed and Fri at 9 a.m. Guided tour along Center Tract trails. Learn about the interior wetland habitat, natural and cultural history, land management and preservation. \$3 non-members. At SCCF. 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road.
- **TARPON BAY EXPLORERS** is offering naturalist led tours on the Tarpon Bay portion of the 'Ding' Darling National Wildlife Refuge for birders, naturalists, and curious people who enjoy being on the water and learning from an experienced naturalist. Call for reservations for all activities. 472-8900
- **CRUISES:**
 - Sealife and Nature cruise in Tarpon Bay onboard the electric-powered, 26 passenger pontoon boat. Tours

depart at 11a.m., 1 p.m., tour is approx. 90 minutes.

- **Evening cruise** at 6 p.m. These tours also include a visit to the touch tank. Tour is approx. 2 hours.
- **Breakfast cruise** 9 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. 90 min., includes coffee, juice, and pastry. Also includes visit to the touch tank.
- **EVERGLADES DAY TOUR** all-day Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, meet at 8 a.m., return around 6:30 p.m. Includes air boat ride, swamp buggy tour, and more. Call for reservations. 472-0101.
- **TOUCH TANK EXPLORATION** at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Program approx. 1/2 hour.
- **TRAM TOUR OF WILDLIFE DRIVE** leaves every 1 1/2 hours, Sat. - Thurs., 7:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. Wildlife Drive is now open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. except Fridays. Reservations, 472-1351
- **SITTING ON THE DOCK OF THE BAY:** The naturalists at Tarpon Bay Explorers have started up free lunchtime talks beginning at 12:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri. on the observation deck overlooking the most beautiful setting on Sanibel and last about half an hour. Topics include Calusa Cafe, manatees, dolphins, sharks, turtles, and alligators. Tarpon Bay Explorers is located at the north end of Tarpon Bay Rd. Call for reservations for all activities. 472-8900
- **CAPTIVA CRUISES** offers a variety of cruises and sailing charters, all departing from South Seas Resort. Call 472-5300 for reservations and information:

- **Dolphin & Wildlife Adventure Cruises.** Daily at 4 p.m., Captiva Cruises departing from South Seas. Narrated by SCCF docents. 472-5300 for reservations. \$20/adult; \$10/children 4-12; under 3 free.
- **Dolphin & Wildlife Adventure** - Docents from the SCCF narrate this 1-1/2 hour cruise. Departs at 4 p.m.
- **Island Beach & Shelling Cruise** - 3-hour shelling cruise to Cayo Costa State Park. Two trips: at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- **Cabbage Key or Useppa Island** - Get off at either Cabbage Key or Useppa Island. Enjoy a Cheeseburger in Paradise at Cabbage Key and then follow the nature trail; or enjoy lunch at Useppa and then tour this story-book island and visit the history museum, with exhibits on the Calusa and on the role of Useppa in the CIA's training program for the Bay of Pigs. Depart at 10:30 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m.
- **Sunset Serenade**
- **Dolphin Luncheon Cruise** (in conjunction with South Seas Resort) departs at 11:30 a.m., return, at 1:30, with casual lunch buffet served.
- **Sunset Dinner Cruise** call for departure times. Cocktails and dining. \$45 adults, \$20 children

aged 12 and under, kids under 3 are free.

- **ONE-HOUR CRUISE** on the Stars & Stripes, departing from Sanibel Marina, 472-2531. Cruise from the Sanibel Lighthouse to the back bay wildlife areas. Tours depart at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunset Cruise also available, with complimentary beverages served on board.
- **ADVENTURES IN PARADISE** at Port Sanibel Marina (across the Causeway): Cruises; dolphin watch, sunset cruises and more on board power catamarans. Canoe and kayak tours; guided or self guided. Walk the Boardwalk; free nature tour of mile-long boardwalk at Port Sanibel Marina, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m. 472-8443.

By Kayak or Canoe

- **TARPON BAY EXPLORERS** offers two tours. 472-8900
- **Guided trail tour** by canoe and kayak at 10:30 a.m. daily.
- **Sunset Paddles tour** Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 6 p.m. Tour is about 2 1/2 hours.
- **ADVENTURE SEA KAYAK WILDLIFE TOURS**, the islands' original kayak tours, offers several tours departing from 'Tween Water Inn Marina on Captiva, just across Roosevelt Channel from undeveloped Buck Key. Led by ACA/BCU Instructor Brian Houston and John Houston. 472-5161, ext. 4 or 239/437-0956.
- **CAPTIVA KAYAK CO. & WILDLIFE ADVENTURES** offers rentals, tours, sales and instructions for kayaking and sailing. Departing from McCarthy's Marina on Captiva. 395-2925, toll free 1-877-EZ-KAYAK.

Sailing

- **NEW MOON**, with Capt. Mick Gurley, departing from 'Tween Waters Inn Marina. 395-1782.
- **ADVENTURE and MAGIC DRAGON**, with Captiva Cruises, departing from South Seas Resort. 472-5300.
- **RENTALS.** A variety of trimarans, perfect for shallow bay waters, available for rental from Captiva Kayak at McCarthy's Marina. 395-2925.
- **LEARN TO SAIL** at Offshore Sailing School's location at South Seas Resort. Three and five day courses offered. Learn to Sail and Performance Sailing on a Colgate 26; Bareboat Cruising Certification on a Hunter 356; Junior Captains Course for kids 7-11 in Hunter 90's. 472-5111, ext. 7141 or 800/221-4326.

Water Sports

- **YOLO WATERSPORTS** offers parasailing, waverunners, snorkel gear, beach gear and more. At 11534 Andy Rosse Lane on Captiva.
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Weekly Eco-events

Saturday

- **VEGETATION WALK** 2 hour tour of Shell Mound trail 9 a.m. every other Sat. 472-1100 x222.
- **FAMILY FUN AT THE REFUGE** guided tour of Wildlife Dr. for the family. 9 a.m. RSVP 472-1100 x222.
- **KORESHAN STATE HISTORIC SITE** guided tours. 10 a.m. Sat. and Sun. \$3.25 per vehicle.

Tuesday

- **Butterfly House Tours** at SCCF at 10 a.m.; \$1 donation. A guide will explain the life cycle and behaviors of butterflies.

- **SCCF Ethnobotany Tour** at 10 a.m. Free to members, \$3 non-members. In guided tour, learn how native cultures (Calusa, Seminole and Caribbean) have used native plants.

Thursday

- **TURTLE TRACKS** at the Sanibel - Captiva Conservation Foundation's Nature Center at 9 a.m. on Thursdays. Interpretive program on the life cycle of the sea turtles that make their home on the islands. \$3 adults/ kids free. \$2 for parking at the beach. 472-2329

KIDS

- **SUMMER ARTS CAMP** at the Lee County Alliance for the Arts: Tons of great programs for kids and grown-ups, including painting in all media for adults, Space Odyssey, Treasure Island, Super Sleuths and more for the kids. 939-2787.
- Shawn Holiday has made the tough decision to put Kids Conspiracy on hiatus, but he will be bringing back season favorite, A CHRISTMAS CAROL, in December. In the meantime, he will be teaching classes around the area:
 - Daily improvisation classes at BIG ARTS on July 6 - 9; call BIG ARTS at 395-0900.
 - Acting for Youth at the Cape Coral Arts Studio from July 6 to August 3; call 574-0802 for information.
 - This Fall, he will continue teaching his Monday afternoon classes at the Alliance for the Arts: one class for homeschoolers at 1 p.m. and one for traditional students at 3:30 p.m.; call 939-2787 for information.

- **BROADWAY PALM CHILDRENS' THEATRE** presents Alice in Wonderland, July 1,2,3,7,9, & 11. Lunch and show \$14, 278-4422.
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Monday

- **CROW'S NEST NASCRAB RACES** - See them dash madly for the finish line! Pick your hermit crab and put your money down. There are 6 p.m. children's crab races on Monday and Thursday. Don't forget to get a number when you come in for the Crab races so you can get your own crab to bet on. Win prizes, drinks, T-shirts and cash (half the money goes to the United Way). At Tween Waters Inn

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Wednesday

- **DING DARLING READING HOUR** 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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Teen Programs: Papier-Maché by DiVitto Kelly. Registration for all three programs is required.

Saturday, July 10 at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, July 13 at 2 p.m.

Thursday, July 15 at 2 p.m.

- Reading programs (from May 26 - July 24) The Summer Reading Team is for children grades K-5. Teens Read and Win is for readers in middle and high school. There's even a Summer Reading Program for children 3 and under called "Read to Me" which encourages parents to read to their babies and toddlers.

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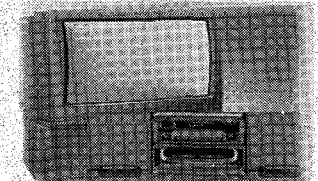


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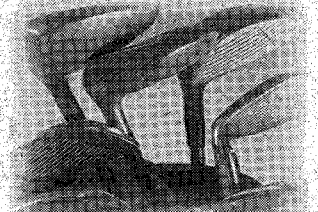
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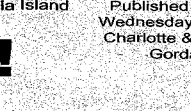
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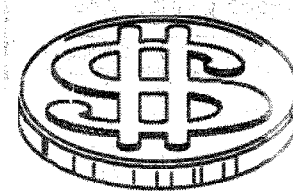
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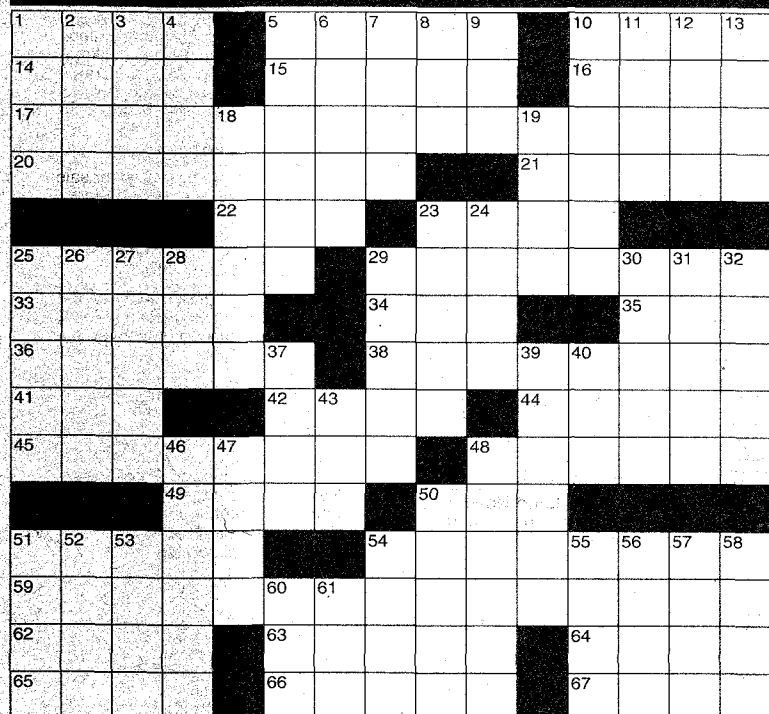
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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Picasso's mistress
5. Turned
10. Wainscot
14. Algae
15. Oak fruit
16. _____ Blyton, children's author
17. An angler's tale

CLUES DOWN

20. Cyclical
21. Pulls
22. Nothing
23. 24 hours (Old English)
25. Fixing
29. Capital of Malta
33. Flows
34. Potato state, abbr.
35. Mineral

CLUES DOWN

- Herbaceous plant
63. Host
64. Fallow deer
65. Cheap lodging (slang)
66. Baked goods
67. Card game

CLUES DOWN

36. Widen
38. Column carved in the shape of a person
41. Shock therapy
42. Imitates
44. A long, narrow range of hills
45. Regenerates
48. Motions
49. Wood file
50. Unprocessed
51. Sus scrofa
54. Pariahs
59. Salinger novel, with "The"
- 62.

1. Computer Apples
2. Wings
3. Largest known toad species
4. Tabloids
5. Feline treat
6. Number system base 8
7. German Chancellor Helmut

8. Before
9. Dun & Bradstreet, abbr.
10. College award
11. Small buffalo
12. Ring
13. Lyric poems
18. Unostentatious
19. Romantic interlude
23. Fathers
24. Winged
25. Secretes milk
26. Cost
27. Tartan skirts
28. Environmental agency
29. Bad habits
30. Holdalls
31. Stale
32. Yellow-fever mosquitoes

37. Sensory receptors
39. A name of God
40. Bird genus
43. Make lively
46. Hints
47. Commitment
48. Lists
50. _____ Dubos, French naturalist
51. Carangid fish
52. Ring
53. Native American

- people
54. _____ory, of the walnut family
55. Danson and Turner
56. Persian Gulf country (var.)
57. Molding
58. Chair
60. Old World, new
61. Returned material authorization, abbr.

solution



Lee Horton joins PMR

Priscilla Murphy Realty is proud to announce the addition of Lee Horton to their real estate sales staff. Lee is a graduate of the University of Illinois with a degree in Advertising. He moved to southwest Florida in 1989 where he and his brother David started their own graphic design business call Horton & Horton Creative. In 1996, Lee and David purchased Sanibel Print & Graphics on Sanibel island and their business has been recognized by the Island Reporter newspaper as the favorite print shop on the island for the past three years.

Lee's career has included working for American Greetings a card company in Cleveland, Ohio and Hallmark Cards in Kansas City, Missouri as a humorous writer and illustrator. Lee also currently helps write and draw the Sanibel cartoon strip "Too Much Sun" for the Islander newspaper.

Lee will be working alongside Judy Reddington, a veteran sales agent and her staff Kelly Jo Albrecht, Doug Horton and Ron Smiley. Lee's PMR office is located at 1019 Periwinkle Way and should you need any assistance buying or selling a home, condo or property, he hopes you'll give him a call at 472-1511.





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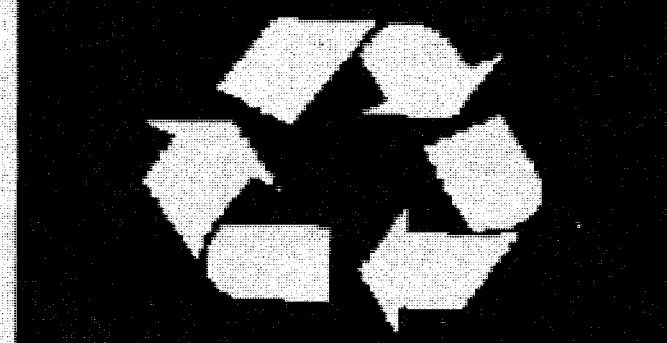


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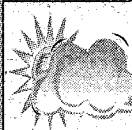

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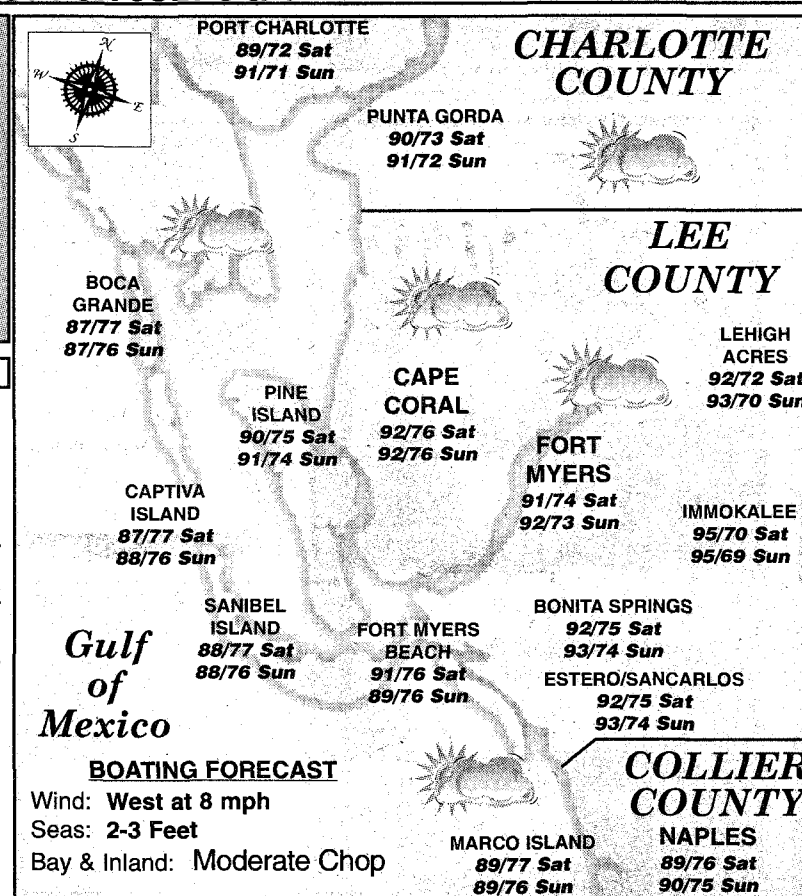
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FORECAST FOR JULY 3 & 4

SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
			
Partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon hours.		40% chance of showers and thunderstorms today and this evening with a high around 92.	

WEEKDAY TIDES

City	Sat. High	Sat. Low	Sun. High	Sun. Low
Cape Coral Bridge	—	12:06 a.m.	—	12:56 a.m.
Captiva at Redfish Pass	3:39 p.m.	—	4:35 p.m.	—
Fort Myers	—	12:48 a.m.	—	1:38 a.m.
	4:32 p.m.	—	5:28 p.m.	—
Matlacha Pass	—	—	—	12:22 a.m.
	—	3:07 p.m.	4:03 p.m.	—
Pineland	—	—	—	—
	2:05 p.m.	11:20 p.m.	3:01 p.m.	—
Point Ybel	—	—	—	—
	12:34 p.m.	9:42 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	10:28 p.m.
Punta Rassa	—	—	—	—
	1:23 p.m.	9:35 p.m.	2:19 p.m.	10:21 p.m.
St. James City	—	—	—	—
	1:54 p.m.	10:10 p.m.	2:50 p.m.	10:56 p.m.



PORT CHARLOTTE
89/72 Sat
91/71 Sun

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

PUNTA GORDA
90/73 Sat
91/72 Sun

LEE COUNTY

BOCA GRANDE
87/77 Sat
87/76 Sun

PINE ISLAND
90/75 Sat
91/74 Sun

CAPE CORAL
92/76 Sat
92/76 Sun

FORT MYERS
91/74 Sat
92/73 Sun

LEHIGH ACRES
92/72 Sat
93/70 Sun

IMMOKALEE
95/70 Sat
95/69 Sun

SANIBEL ISLAND
88/77 Sat
88/76 Sun

FORT MYERS BEACH
91/76 Sat
89/76 Sun

BONITA SPRINGS
92/75 Sat
93/74 Sun

ESTERO/SANCARLOS
92/75 Sat
93/74 Sun

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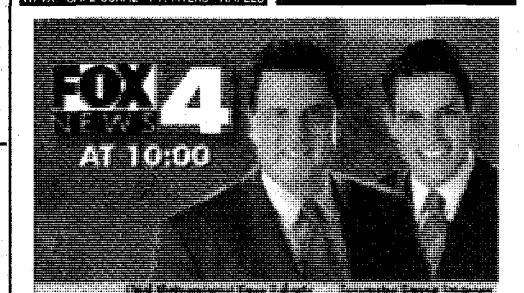
MARCO ISLAND
89/77 Sat
89/76 Sun

NAPLES
89/76 Sat
90/75 Sun

Gulf of Mexico

BOATING FORECAST
Wind: West at 8 mph
Seas: 2-3 Feet
Bay & Inland: Moderate Chop

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STATE FORECAST-SATURDAY

CITY	HIGH/LOW
CAPE CORAL	92/76
DAYTONA BEACH	89/75
FT. LAUDERDALE	90/77
FT. MYERS BEACH	91/76
GAINESVILLE	92/72
JACKSONVILLE	91/74
KEY WEST	90/80
KISSIMMEE	91/73
MIAMI	90/77
ORLANDO	91/75
PANAMA CITY	91/76
PENSACOLA	88/75
SARASOTA	91/75
ST. PETERSBURG	91/78
TALLAHASSEE	91/73
TAMPA	91/77
VERO BEACH	87/74
WEST PALM BEACH	90/77

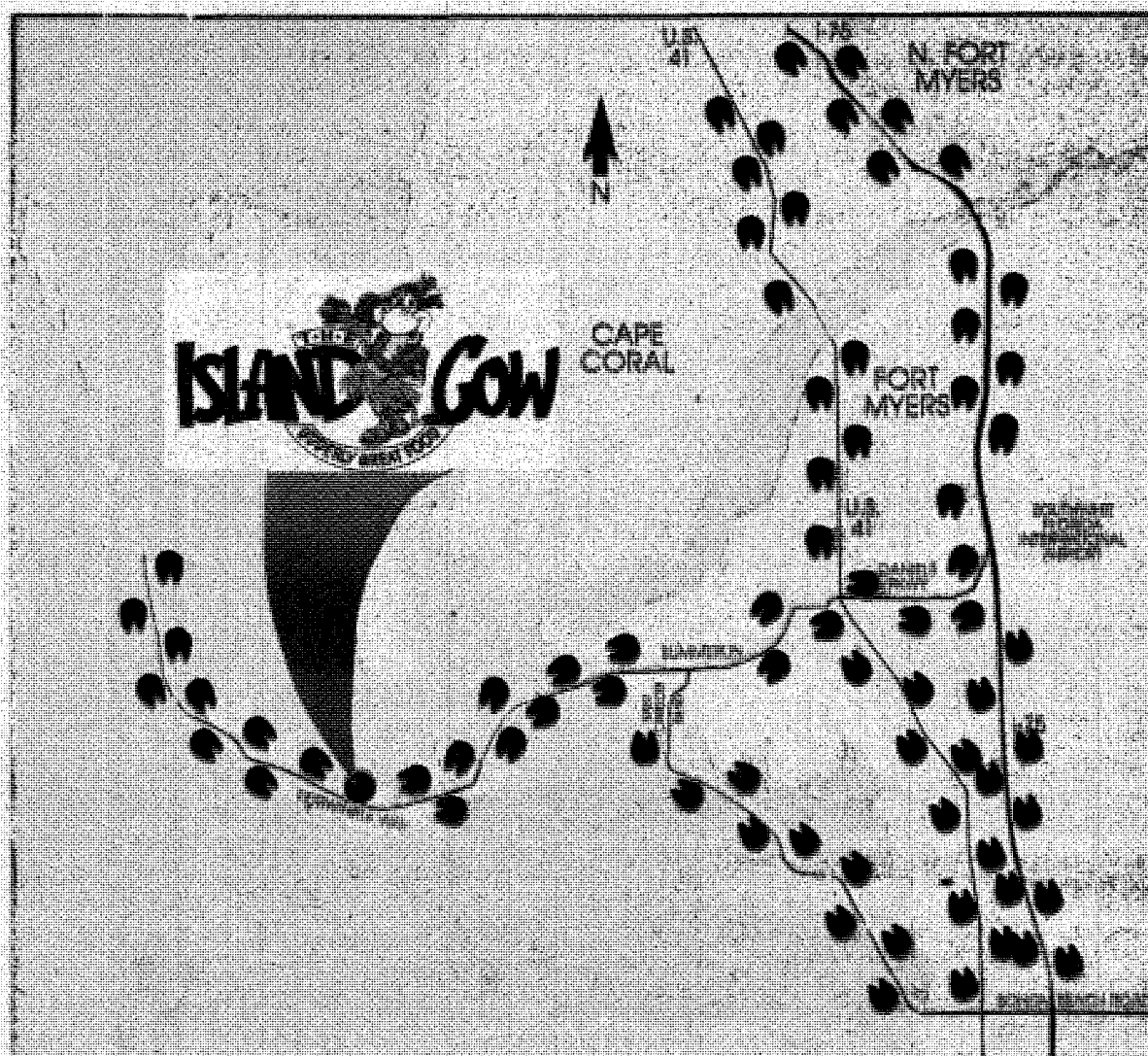


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8:25 PM

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