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Storm moving over Tarpon Bay on June 29, heading west along Sanibel's bay side. The photowas taken near the Tarpon Bay Explorers deck.

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Sanibel Gardens Preserve in Winter

Ed note: In the July 2 Islander, Bev wrote of touring the Sanibel Gardens Preserve in the summer. This is part 2 of that story - but with photos from both parts.

by Bev Postmus Photos by Clair Postmus Special to the Islander

After our walk through Sanibel Gardens Preserve, Jenny and I are eager for breakfast. "I can't believe we saw so much wildlife out there in the summer heat," she says. "It must be exceptional in the winter."

"It was a wonderful treat this past winter. I'll try to

recall some of the highlights, but let's order first. I'm famished."

After Jenny and I ask our waitress to bring more than we can probably eat, I relax and start to reminisce.

"I went to the Gardens at least once a week all during the winter, often with people attending the bird outings sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. Most mornings we saw at least 28 to 30 species and often the count went as high as 40." "Wow! That's a lot of species. I don't think I've ever seen that many at one time, even in my favorite spots back in New York," Jenny says.

"There were always the birds you'd expect to see on Sanibel: herons, egrets, spoonbills, woodstorks and ibis. We could also count on red-shouldered hawks, kestrels

Gardens, see page 9



Red shouldered hawk



Eastern bluebird female



Seaside gentians add a touch of blue.



"Keeping [dragonflies] in binocular view long enough to get a good look is... frustrating. Watch them, sketch them, and then go home and try to match what you drew with pictures in the guide books." - from July 2 Islander



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The Metastatic Life

"Be wary of asking God to give you a break...

Monday, the day after Easter, we received the wonderful news that my mother's tumor marker had dropped considerably. As a family, we all shared a collective sigh of relief. I felt like I could

take a break from all the worries and focus again on the house and other things I enjoy. I told my daughter that I was going to drive over to the Italian market and bring home dinner al fresco.

I wasn't back more than two minutes when the phone rang and the person on the other end told me he was from Lifeline, which is the service my father

recently set up in case they needed emergency medical help. He wears the remote around his neck and can push it at any time if he needs to. The phone call was to tell me that my father had fallen and had been taken by ambulance to the hospital.

My immediate reaction was a complete and overwhelming sense of exhaustion. Just that morning I was talking with my therapist about the problem I have, allowing myself to take care of my needs in the midst of trying to take care of my parents. It's not that my parents ask for my help or even expect it. I think the problem is my own; a need to be that perfect child who is always there in any crisis to make sure that things get done the way they need to be. When Dad fell two years ago and broke his thigh bone in a spiral fracture, I witnessed him in tremendous pain and wanted to be sure that he received the best aroundthe-clock treatment while he was in the hospital. As a result, I spent most nights sleeping in his room. I was exhausted and depressed but I ignored all of that and focused on him.

My therapist insists there is a happy medium between my almost manic need to manage my parent's care in times of crisis and the seemingly total lack of

focus on my own needs for simple things like rest and taking care of myself. I know she is right. I just didn't expect to be put to the test on the very day we discussed it.

My father suffered a stress fracture in the same leg that was previously broken. It actually occurred while he was standing in the kitchen. With all of the

hardware already in that leg and the steroids he takes for his rheumatoid arthritis, the bone just gave out. Fortunately, this break did not cause a lot of pain. The surgery was the following day and though he faces a long road ahead before he can walk, his spirits are remarkably upbeat.

I visit him each day but I don't stay for more than an hour or so. I am remembering that I can be of more help to my parents alive than dead and if that means setting some boundaries so that I can make time for myself, that's what I will do. I'm not saying it's easy but my parents both seem to instinctively know what my limitations are.

I realize that in reading this, particularly if you have been following this column all along, it must seem almost ridiculous that we are, yet again, in another crisis. Believe me, I agree. I don't begin to understand why so much

is going wrong all the time, but I seem to be developing a very tough shell. Life, I am learning, is best lived in the moment and — regardless of what the moment brings — it's best to just roll with it. Anything else is just too depleting to mind, body and spirit.

On this day, I will plant some flowers that I bought for the pots in my courtyard. I will spend time with my daughter as we await the letter that tells us whether she made it into the performing arts center for next year. Beyond that, the moments will bring what they will. I have promised myself to acknowledge each of them and be thankful that I am here, and that I have limits, and everything will be alright no matter what the outcome.

Until next week...

(This column was written in April.)

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



Clyde Butcher is offering his Labor Day Big Cypress Swamp Muck-Abouts. More information on Page 23





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LISA PIEROT

OBITUARIES

Paul Charles Frederick

Sanibel's beloved former fire chief, Charlie Frederick, died at 6 p.m. Monday, July 12, 2004, at Cape Coral Hospital after a long, long battle with multiple myeloma and a month-long stay in the hospital. He was 54 years old. Frederick was born in Ohio but grew up in the Lake Bluff/Lake Forest, Ill. area. He first came to Sanibel as a teenager in the mid-'60s on vacation with his family and stayed at the Gallery Motel (now the Seaside Inn). While they were there, a chair in the room broke and Charlie asked Jim McGuire, the manager, for glue to fix it. When the family was ready to leave, McGuire suggested Charles stay for the rest of the summer and do maintenance around the motel. He worked on the island during the summers the rest of the way through high school.

Frederick went to the College of Artesia in New Mexico and lived in Boulder, Col. for awhile before coming back to the island for good in 1971 at age 21. Between his first visit to Sanibel and his return, he'd graduated from high school, been a swimming instructor, served as a lifeguard, taught snow skiing, and volunteered as a swim chaperone for parentless kids. "I was working my job on a trash truck in mid-September when it started to snow in Boulder. I said, 'Forget this. I'm going back to Sanibel where it's warm.""

When he first returned in 1972, he worked in construction for five years and became a volunteer firefighter when the entire department was volunteer. "I was the kid in the group — they were all, even then, old-timers compared to me. But I knew

them from the summers. Allen Nave, Jim Anholt and I have been on the force the longest and are still active," he said in a 2002 interview. In 1975 the department started paying some of its firefighters and Charlie was among the first three hired. That same year, he went through the fire academy in Fort Myers and later received an Associate's Degree in fire administration from Edison Community College. He became a fire inspector and a lieutenant in 1978 under Nave who by then, was the volunteer chief of a mostly paid department (Sanibel always was a little different...). In 1981 Charlie moved up to Assistant Chief.

Sanibel had been incorporated several years and, in order to get its ISO rating lowered (the system that determines the fire insurance rates), needed more than the one extant fire hydrant in front of the fire station.

City Council had determined that the fire department, not the city, was responsible for service to all existing subdivision and condominiums and it fell to the assistant chief to implement the citywide program. Thanks to Charles Frederick, there are now close to 500 fire hydrants all over the island with every structure having one withing 1,000 feet.

In 1986 Frederick was named secretary/treasurer of the Florida Fire Marshals Association, the statewide organization of officers who do the inspections, investigations and fire prevention education in the schools.

In 1991 Charlie became the chief of Sanibel Fire Control District retiring in 2002 only when he realized that his illness would prevent his ever returning to meaningful work at the department. During his

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tenure as chief he not only modernized the department by getting it into computers and put in place the Advanced Life Support system that is now department-wide.

This aggressive and highly athletic chief had always prided himself that, either day or night, on or off duty, he was the first person to arrive at an emergency. He even backed his truck into its spot at the end of Atlanta Plaza so all he had to do was jump in and take off. He was always trying to help others, one year hosting a second Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless in his area. He prided himself on having built his Sanibel home himself and, when he moved to Tice a few years ago, he helped renovate that house, knocking down walls, building new ones, painting — all of it.

When he was diagnosed he was just as aggressive in fighting his disease, researching it on the internet and putting all the information he found into a file he named, appropriately, "Bummer." 'Though slated for a stem cell transplant, his weakened condition allowed a virulent infection to invade his system and ruin his chances for the lifeprolonging surgery. But he was always positive and upbeat, even when the end was near. He loved kayaking the river and riding his recumbent bike — before he left Sanibel he'd often show up to visit on his bike, once arriving at the Island Reporter office only to complain vigorously about why the handicapped parking slot was located directly in front of a set of stairs.

"I knew Charlie for more than 25 years," Assistant Chief Don Frye said. "He was a good man and a good man to work with. His determination against this disease just amazed me, but that's Charlie for you." Frederick recruited Rich Dickerson to replace him as the department's new leader.

Frederick's father Paul, and a brother, Peter, died some time ago. He is survived by his beloved wife, friend and helpmate, Ricki Cooper; his daughters — Coquina Frederick of Sanibel and Jillian Atun of Miami and their mother, Desiré Mannville, of Taos, N.M.; a son — Paul Cale Frederick — and his mother, Deborah Frederick, of Sanibel; and a fiveyear-old grandson, Tadem S. Stewart; a sister — Gile Meyer of Hinsdale, Ill.; and his mother Dr. Cristabel Frederick of Lake Bluff; his "other mother" and former mother-in-law, Kathleen Lerner of Sanibel; and legions of friends and admirers around the state and country.

Charlie's wish was to be cremated. He did not want a service, wanting his friends to remember him alive — preferably laughing and having a good time. A celebration

of his life will be held at a later date but, in the meantime, instead of charitable donations honoring Charlie, Ricki has suggested that his friends "visit with a friend or take a friend out to lunch."

Raymond J. Vreatt

Ray Vreatt, 76, of Fort Myers, formerly of Sanibel, died on July 3rd at Shell Point Hope Hospice. Born in Potsdam, N.Y. on Valentine's Day in 1928, the son of Raymond and Gladys (Bishop) Vreatt, he served in the Marines from the fall of 1946 until 1948. He attended Pennsylvania Military College and General Motors Institute and was a mechanical engineer in the Philadelphia area until 1978. Ray and his wife, Winnie, moved to Sanibel in when he retired, where they bought and ran Wits End, a tiny, but popular island resort on Donax (now the Driftwood Inn).

Over the years he worked at the Colony Resort, Huxters Liquor store, The Grog Shop at Bailey's and, finally, Sanibel Beach Club I. He also owned and operated the camp store in Periwinkle Park for a number of years.

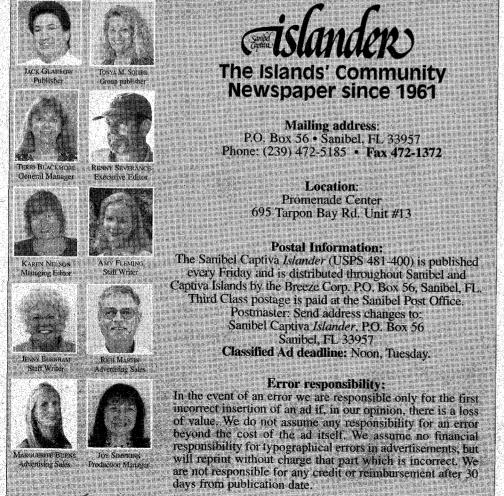
"Ray was one of a kind," said several people who remember him from the Park. One of them told the story of "a resident and Park employee who came back to the island earlier than usual after leaving her husband... flew in, instead of driving, and consequently had no car. Ray and Winnie lent her their second car any time she needed it, often several days in a row."

"Winnie worked for me for over 20 years," said Pat St. Cyr, "and Joe and I knew them both very well. Ray was an easy guy, pleasant to be with and so gentle—'specially considering his Marine Corps background. He was a good dad—they had two wonderful kids—and he and Winnie were very, very close... they just sort of went in tandem everywhere."

Belle and Jerry Deutscher lived next door to Ray and Winnie on Elinor Way and across the highway from them in their "previous lives" in Pennsylvania. "In fact," Belle said, "the four of us share the longest history of anyone we've ever known. Ray was always very agreeable, he always kept a good balance, he was steady and kept his cool during all those years when our teenagers were growing up and driving us crazy. We watched our children grow up together."

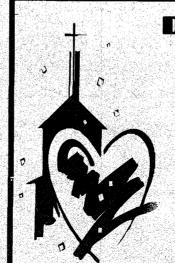
Ray is survived by his wife and his children — Steve Vreatt of Savannah, Suzanne McIntosh of Julian, Calif., and five grandchildren.

Services were private.



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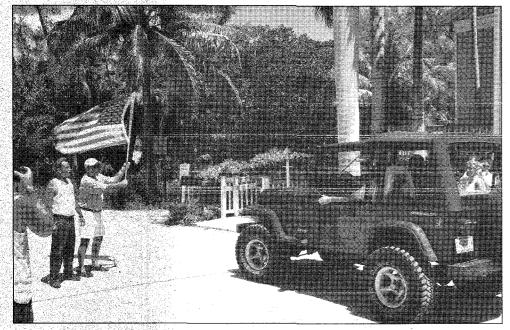
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Randy Carson and Mayor Harritty launch the first rally contestant.

Another winning recipe from the Community Picnic's Best Pies of Sanibel Contest

Orange Dreamsicle Pie from Bailey's bakery

16	oz.	Heavy	whipping c	ream
5 o	Z. (Orang	e concentrate	e

Prepared instant vanilla pudding Dry instant vanilla pudding mix

Use either a frozen 8-inch pie crust or 8-inch graham cracker crust.

Whip above ingredients together on high until desired fluff is reached and pour into pie crust. Garnish with Cool Whip (lightly) and with orange slices and/or lightly sprinkle with orange peel, grated.

Bailey's Orange Dreamsicle Pie won second place in the commercial division of the Community Picnic Best Pies of Sanibel Contest. The recipe comes from Bailey's Head Baker, Eric, who is self-taught and always looking for improvement, new ideas and perfection. The Orange Dreamsicle Pie won second place and Eric's Key Lim Pie won

Note: First place in the commercial division went to East End Deli for their Banoffee

Optimist Club Road Rally Results

			Entry	10	Jeepers Creepers	-26	1
Place	e Team Name	Score	#	10	Sanibel Lights	-25	8
				11	Wragwriters	-26	4
1	Driving Miss Crazy	9	2	12	The Matt Pack	-29	15
2	Wine Buggy	-10	24	12	Timley Fashion	-29	34
3	Charmaine Yeadon	-11	17 .	13	Cope's Mopes	-32	18
4	Sparkling Sousas	-15	3	14	Martini Madness	-33	14
4	Simon's Flock	-15	12	14	Road Rally Rebels	-37	19
5	Boltz	-17	21	. 15	Sandbox	-34	23
5	Monopoly Builders	-17	26	16	Tammy's	-40	27
- 6	Island Cracker	-19	33	17	The JC'S	-41	20
7	Earthgraphics	-20	6	18	GT3	-42	30
7	Defending Champs	-20	16	19	Sanisail	-58	7
8	Victory Express	-23	10	20	Renegade Tellers	-61	5
-8	The Side Cars	-23	11	21	Water Baby	-72	9
9	Crash Test Dummies	-24	22	Last	Forensic Duo Plus Two	-85	32

City granted \$150,000 towards Old Schoolhouse Acquisition

On July 9, the Lee County Tourism Development Council (TDC) approved contributing \$150,000 to the City of Sanibel towards acquisition of the Old Schoolhouse building currently located at 1905 Periwinkle Way. At City Council's direction, City staff is currently negotiating with the Old Schoolhouse Theatre Foundation in an effort to acquire the building.

In addition to City Manager Judie Zimomra, Sam Bailey, chairperson of City Council's Historical Advisory Committee and Chamber of Commerce executive director Steve Greenstein spoke to the TDC on behalf of the grant. Sanibel native Bailey, who attended elementary school in the building, spoke emotionally and eloquently of the historical significance of the structure. "Nature and history share a link on Sanibel..." added Greenstein.

The building, built in 1894, is currently available for relocation to the Historical Village and Museum as a result of current Old Schoolhouse Theatre Foundation plans to relocate to another theater on the Island and sell their 1905 Periwinkle Way property. The buyers of the property do

not want the Old Schoolhouse building, which is currently on the City's register of historic places.

The Sanibel Historical Village and Museum, located at 950 Dunlop Road, started in 1984 when the Rutland Home, built in 1913, was the first building acquired and moved to the Village. Subsequently additional structures have been acquired and moved to the Museum site over the years. Today eight of Sanibel's oldest landmarks are located in the Historical Village.

The Historical Village and Museum are open to the public. Currently the City of Sanibel is completing \$144,000 in capital improvement to enhance ADA accessibility. The ADA accessibility project is 100% funded through a Community Development/Building Grant. Recently, the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club donated an audio system with a cordless microphone and ear buds for the hearing impaired to experience the history of the facility. The Village is also a destination along Sanibel's Historical Walking and Biking tours. The Village and Museum are cooperatively operated and maintained by the City and volunteer docents.



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ENVIRONMENT

Two islanders honored by U.S. Fish & Wildlife

By Renny Severance Executive Editor

Bev Postmus and Bill Wollschlager are two volunteers at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge who are each being awarded the prestigious Regional Director's Conservation Award for excellence in volunteerism. The awards were presented at a ceremony in Atlanta at the Southwest Regional Office of USFWS on Wednesday, July 14.

Both have been devoting their energies and expertise to the refuge since 1991 in various roles. Wollschlager has given much of his time and energy in interpretive programs at the refuge, educating and fascinating visitors with his wide knowledge, ranging from biology to the Calusa Indians.

In addition to helping visitors understand and appreciate the Calusa history and culture, Wollschlager has provided a great deal of help to marine biologists collecting data on water quality over the years. He has also taken the point on the battle against invasive exotic plants, organizing the "Ding" Darling Diggers to help eradicate Brazilian pepper, lead trees, Australian pine, air potato and more from the refuge.

Described by Refuge Manager Rob Jess as "humble and very dedicated, with a great approach in dealing with the public," Bill Wollschlager has logged some 2,500 hours as a volunteer at "Ding" Darling and continues to make his valuable contributions.

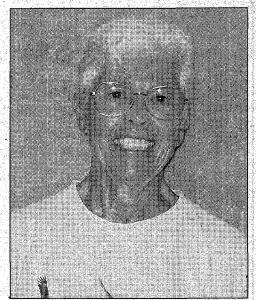
Bev Postmus is well known on the

islands for expertise and dedication to birding and the protection of our avian wildlife. She, too, has been a volunteer at the refuge since 1991 and has devoted approximately 1,300 hours to the collection of important data on bird populations as well as sharing her knowledge and passion with visitors through the refuge's interpretive programs.

Some of the critical data she helps to collect concerns the mangrove cuckoo and the black-whiskered vireo, along with other elusive and difficult-to-spot species. These birds are important indicators of the health of the mangroves in the refuge and are the focus of an ongoing study.

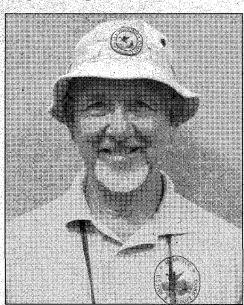
Postmus is also renowned for her leading role in the study of snowy plovers on the islands. Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Land Manager Brad Smith organizes the volunteer program and Postmus plays an integral role, keeping track of the counts and working closely with volunteers who monitor the beaches for the nests of the beautiful but endangered birds. "Nest" is something of an exaggeration, since these tiny birds simply scrape little more than a hollow in the sand near the vegetation line. Volunteers report the locations of the nests so they can be set off with stakes and tape.

The Regional Director's Conservation Awards are presented each year by Sam D. Hamilton, Southeast Regional Director for USFWS to those corporations, organizations and individuals who have been especially helpful and contributing partners to the service in protecting the environment.



Bev Postmus

Rob Jess is quite proud of his volunteers and notes that to have just one of the volunteers so honored is quite a special achievement — let alone, two. "Our refuge has gotten more recognition for



Bill Wollschlager

our volunteers than any other." He added, "'Ding' Darling is fortunate to have such high quality volunteers who are so dedicated."

Everest Climber to speak during Ding Days

As a special Ding Darling Days bonus to members of Ding Darling Wildlife Society, Indiana climber David Carter will share the agony - acute dyslexia, malnutrition, dehydration, exhaustion, sleeplessness, respiratory blockage, a severely impaired immune system, and near death – and the exhilaration of completing his ascent to the 29,028-foot-high peak of Mount Everest in 1997.

This exclusive membersonly event will take place at the Refuge Education Center at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 13. To make your reservation, call

To make your reservation, call 472-1100 ext. 221. Space is limited, so call early.

Not a member? Not a problem. To join, visit the Education Center Bookstore, call 472-1100 ext. 233, or log on to w w w . dingdarlingsociety.org. Memberships begin at only \$10 each.



David Carter (somewhere in there) atop Mount Everest.

The ninth annual Ding Darling Days runs October 10 - 16. Highlights include a one-act play about Marjory Stoneman Douglas at BIG ARTS, a Bunche Beach birding trip, island eco-tours, live animal presentations, and a free Family Fun Day on Saturday, October 16.



Night blooming cereus

By Berdenna Thompson

Once a year this Queen of Night
Gives a grand performance before eternity's flight.
With eager expectation she bursts into bloomMoments of beauty and ebbing perfume.

ENVIRONMENT ----

Coalition forms for Babcock Ranch purchase

Fund-raising efforts kick into overdrive as deadline approaches

Daily Breeze Staff Writer

After months of discussion, government and private agencies have started collecting money to save a 91,600-acre tract described by officials as one of Southwest Florida's most outstanding areas of natural resources and wildlife habitat.

The Babcock Ranch Acquisition Coalition announced Thursday that it has established a not-forprofit organization to begin raising funds for the purchase of the entire 91,600-acre Babcock Ranch, located in Lee and Charlotte counties near Punta Gorda.

The Babcock Preservation Partnership, Inc. is working with the South Florida Water Management District, Southwest Florida Community Foundation and other groups in the effort.

Lee County Commissioner Bob Janes said the goal of the partnership is to acquire the entire area. "At this point, it's all or nothing," Janes said. "And I think that's imminently doable."

The partnership is getting the first shot at making the Babcock family, which continues to control the land, a viable offer. The family had agreed to give the partnership six months before opening the land up to other offers. The partnership has four months left. While the partnership has already started raising money, it's not yet clear how much the land will cost. The partnership has hired two independent appraisers, David Boyd, of Boyd, Schmidt & Brannum, and Philip Holden, of S.F. Holden, Inc.

Designated mostly for agricultural use, the county has valued the land at \$70 million for tax purposes. But a change to Lee or Charlotte county's comprehensive plan could make the land worth hundreds of millions of dollars to developers. The current land use limits residential development to one home per 10

Charlotte County Commissioner Adam Cummings said the changes necessary to make the land conducive to development are unlikely. He said it would take a new town to justify changes to the comprehensive

plan, but Charlotte County commissioners recently agreed to limit the formation of new towns to areas adjacent to existing urban service zones.

While acquiring this land is critical to environmental protection, it's also a growth management tool," Cummings said. "We have to stop the dropping of 50,000 people on in the middle of nowhere." Cummings added that the rest of Lee and Charlotte counties would have to subsidize services for the area.

Initial officers for the partnership include Janes and Cummings as president and wice-president respectively. David Burr, executive director of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council serves as secretary/treasurer for the partnership. At the meeting Thursday, members of the newly created partnership volunteered for a nominating committee, which will recommend candidates for a full board of directors. Some members volunteered for a communications committee and a fund-raising committee.

The partnership will conduct a fund-raising campaign to supplement money that can be provided by various government agencies. The Southwest Florida Community Foundation will manage the partnership's money by accepting tax-deductible donations from private donors. The foundation already manages more than 250 separate accounts totaling \$33 million.

Susan Bennett, of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, said all of the money collected will be placed in fixed interest, government secured funds to make sure the money remains unaffected by fluctuations in the market. If the partnership is unable to collect the funds needed to purchase the Babcock property, Bennett said the money collected will be donated to groups with similar goals, such as Lee County's Conservation 20/20 program.

Janes said he'd rather not focus on failing.
"We do not intend to lose," Janes said. "We do not intend to go into default. We are going to make every effort to buy this land."

Sea Turtle Nesting Totals

	Nests	False Crawls
	2004	
Captiva	55	54
Sanibel East End	29	76
Sanibel West End	125	265
Totals	209	395
Percent of 2003	74%	115%
•	2003	
Captiva	116	85
Sanibel East End	27	70
Sanibel West End	138	188
Totals	281	343



Sharing the beach with snowy plovers

There have been reports of nesting snowy plovers and their chicks being disturbed by beach-goers. Please respect the needs of these and other birds on the beaches and observe the following rules regarding snowy plovers.

- Please keep out of the posted nesting areas on the beaches. Snowy plovers are extremely wellcamouflaged and virtually impossible to see if they are not moving.
 - Keep dogs restrained.
- Don't fly kites near nesting plovers. The nesting parents can mistake the kite for a predator (like a hawk) and temporarily leave the nest. Direct exposure to the hot sun can very quickly kill the unhatched chicks.
- Nesting season for snowy plovers lasts through mid-August, and plovers can have three clutches (three nests) in one season.

If you find an unstaked plover nest, please call Brad Smith at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation at 472-2329.

Fly fishing through Europe: new book by Norm Ziegler

Rivers of Shadow, Rivers of Sun: A Fly Fisherman's European Journal, by Norm Ziegler was recently released and Ziegler will be doing a book signing on Saturday, July 17, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sanibel Island Bookshop, 1571 Periwinkle Way.

The book blends personal sketches of Ziegler and his companions with angling yarns, philosophy, history, social commentary, and the formation of lasting friendships through the fraternity of fly fishing. It is an engrossing account of exploring Europe with a fly rod during the time of the tearing down of the Iron Curtain. This is not an angler's guide, but the author's personal account of his own European experience at a particular point in history, and at a time of great change due to personal tragedy in his own life.

Rivers of Shadow, Rivers of Sun is a collection of stories with 14 black-and-white drawings by renowned sports illustrator Michael Simon. His drawings really capture the spirit of the journey and his work has appeared in American Wildlands and Fly Fisherman publications, and he has had showings in American galleries, coast to coast. He lives in Richmond, Virginia.

Norm Zeigler's work has appeared in many sporting

magazines, such as Art of Angling, and Florida Sportsman. He was the travel/outdoor writer for European Stars and Stripes and now lives with his family on Sanibel.

Michael Simon is one of America's pre-eminent angling artists. His work has appeared in many books and

national publications including American Wildlands, Fly Rod & Reel, and Fly Fisherman, and has been shown in galleries across the U.S. He lives in Richmond, Virginia.

Rivers of Shadow, Rivers of Sun, 160 pages, hardcover, is available at selected bookstores, online and direct from Countrysport Press for \$23 plus s&h. Call 800-685-7962, or visit www.countrysportbooks.com.

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The 70th Annual Malacological Society Annual Meeting will be held on Sanibel from July 31 - August 4. See brief story on Page 8 - more next week.

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Kiwanis: Malacologically speaking

Submitted by Bob Wimbush

I remember The Book of Knowledge from my childhood. My parents had scrimped and acquired a set for the family about when I was in the third grade, and though I can't say I read all the volumes, I regarded it as the ultimate authority for most questions and had probably looked at most of it by the time I left home for college. So needless to say, I was somewhat awed when this week's Kiwanis speaker, Jose Leal, Director of the Bailey Matthews Shell Museum (which I have yet to visit, by the way) noted that he has written the section on shells in the New

Book of Knowledge Encyclopedia.

With the advent of CD's, computers and the internet, those large bound volumes with which I became so comfortable are, of course, passé these days. But the Shell Museum has kept up with the times, and its website alone (about 600 pages) would have filled two of those volumes by itself. I highly recommend you visit the site www.shellmuseum.org and peruse the Seashells of Southwest Florida section, a beautifully photographed compendium of over 230 shells found on our shores. "Its not a heavy-duty scientific project," insists Jose (pronounced with a hard "J,"

by the way), it's for when you "just want to know what's here."

Although the museum is nine years old this month, exhibits constantly change, and this is a good time to learn about The Calusa, The original shell people, and to see the display of sailor's valentines that was assembled by the Museum of Canada and will appear in only two places outside of that country, the British Museum in London, and at Sanibel's equivalent, the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum. Check the website, for a preview and hours. The website currently lists 20 active exhibits, including a left-handed junonia.

The museum's primary thrust is educational, and it subsists mostly on gifts and grants. The majority of its funds go into educational projects, but, internationally known, it also contributes to the reputation and the income of the island. It will host the 70th Annual Meeting of the American Malacological Society at the Sundial on Sanibel at the end of this month

School programs are the centerpiece of their educational efforts, and they are expanding. Last year they hosted over 70 school age groups and nearly 2,000 students. This year it pushed over 90 groups and neared 2,400 kids. Most groups are from Southwest Florida schools, so they're putting kids in touch with the area's shell heritage. The nice part of this program is that it doesn't take big bucks to do a lot of good. It costs approximately \$195 to transport and host a school group, and Jose gladly welcomes you to sponsor a school group.

Although operationally separate from the museum, Sanibel is also home to a 118-year-old scientific journal, Nautilus,



Dr. Jose H. Leal

that originates from the Museum and serves about 400 subscribers worldwide.

Sanibel's world-renowned Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum currently has four full time employees and about 100 volunteers. It is open every day except major holidays and serves over 45,000 visitors a year. But which visitors does Jose want the most? He wants YOU. Take in a local treasure. Learn that the lightning whelk is almost always left handed, but left-handed junonias are one in a million. Whet your appetite for conchology.

Kiwanis breakfasts every Tuesday at the Dunes, and anyone with good recipes for either right or left-handed shellfish is welcome.

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Speaking of shells...

The American Malacological Society will be holding their 70th annual meeting at the Sundial on Sanibel, from July 31 - August 1.

The wide-ranging array of subjects includes Biodiversity of Marine Mollusks; Snails and Slugs as Agricultural and Horticultural Pests; Marine Gastropods; Relationships of Neogastropods; Coastal Molluscan Assemblages as Environmental Indicators and Monitors of Restoration Efficiency; a Global Marine Bivalve Database Workshop; Terrestrial Gastropods; Marine and Freshwater Mollusks. Leal, who is president of the AMS, will have a presentation at the August 2 Poster Session on the Biodiversity of Shallow-Water Marine Mollusks of Southwest Florida.

Single day registration is available for \$60 (\$35 students). For an-online registration form and more information, visit www.shellmuseum.org/AMS/index.htm or call Tina Yorgey at the Shell Museum at 395-2233.



Gardens, from page 2

and ospreys. Woodpeckers favored the buttonwood trees and we'd often see at least four out of the five woodpeckers found on the island - pileated, red-bellied, downy, flickers and yellow-bellied sapsuckers."

"I haven't seen many night-herons on the island," Jenny comments. "Did you see them in the Gardens, too?"

"Only a few. Black-crowned are often hard to find. They are so secretive. Yellow-crowned are more abundant. It's easy to find them searching for ghost crabs on the beach during the summer and for fiddler crabs on the mudflats in winter," I renly

reply.

"It's the openness of the area that attracts some less common species. A loggerhead shrike hung out in the Gardens for several months. It liked the woodpile and the spindly buttonwood just before the beginning of the loop trail. It never seemed to get upset if a group stopped a short dis-

tance away to get a good look at it. Some groups were treated to its repertoire of songs and call, and once we watched it skewer a large grasshopper onto a barb on the tree and come back periodically to eat a bit."

"That would be a first sighting for me," Jenny says wistfully.

"I'm sure eastern bluebirds are on your life list, but the one found by birders on an Audubon outing was a first on my Sanibel list. It stayed around for quite a while. Bluebirds, shrikes and kestrels all like to perch on trees surrounded by open fields as this gives them a good vantage point for spying and swooping down on prey.

"Fields of low grasses are also ideal hunting grounds for the northern harrier. I've only seen one at the Gardens. It skimmed the top of the grasses hunting for rodents. The open fields probably account for the presence of a short-tailed hawk, too. It hunts from the air and dives on its prey - rodents, reptiles, and insects."

"Isn't the short-tailed hawk uncommon

here?" asked Jenny. "I don't think I saw it on the bird list for Sanibel."

"Yes, it is an unlikely bird to find here. But this past season we saw it in several places around the island in the course of about a month."

We're both quiet for a few minutes as we enjoy our eggs and toast and I try to remember other birds I saw in the Gardens this past season.

"Last winter the clumps of spartina grass and sedges all stood in shallow water and provided a perfect habitat for swamp sparrows. Quite a few visitors added this five-inch sparrow to their life lists. With reddish-brown wings and head and back streaked with fine black lines, it's a hand-some little bird."

"I see them almost every spring in a fresh-water marsh near where I live," says Jenny.

"I'm sure you see nesting tree swallows near home as well. For several weeks in March, tree swallows flew in swarms over the fields and over Smith's pond on the other side of Island Inn Road. They were feasting on flying insects, probably storing up fat for their migration north. Mostly we saw their bright white underparts as they flew overhead, but when they banked around, their blue heads and backs appeared irridescent in the Florida sun."

As we finish our breakfast, Jenny asks what species I haven't seen yet at the Gardens, and what I've found most surprising so far.

"Well, I haven't seen any rails there yet but perhaps it's too soon after restoration to expect them. They aren't exactly abundant anywhere on the island. And I was disappointed that no black-necked stilts tried to nest in the area this spring.

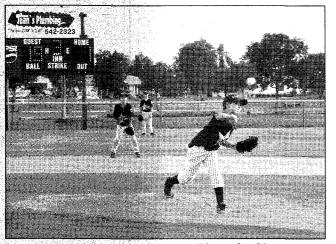
"The openness and the magnificence of the sky, especially at dawn or dusk, continually delight me. My composite bird list for the Gardens surprises me. It now stands at 85 species and, for a newly restored area, I think that's pretty amazing.

"Open space, here, definitely isn't empty space."

South Fort Myers All Stars District 9 champs

The South Fort Myers All Stars defeated the Cape Coral National All Stars on Wednesday, July 7, to become the District 9 champions. They won the game in

four innings with a score of 19-1. The 11-year-old Allstars now head to a double-header at the July 17 Sectionals.



Photos by Chris Brown **Danny Brown fires in a strike.**



Hudson Boyd is congratulated by his teammates after crushing a Grand Slam homerun.

Beachview holds tennis mixer

Sanibel residents Mark Twombly and Susie Holly recently hosted the First Annual Un-Wimbledon Tennis Tournament. Held at Beachview Tennis Club on Sunday, July 4, the final day of Wimbledon, the mixed doubles event had 12 islanders scrambling for individual points and fabulous prizes. After four hours of grueling competition, it was Twombly who held the Men's prize aloft.

Joining him in the winner's circle was Laura McGowan, who snared the ladies' prize. Early unconfirmed reports of grumbling regarding the scoring system, were forgotten as participants eagerly anticipated the trophy presentation and cold beverages. While only the winners made speeches, each of the ten un-winners was overhead vowing they'd be back for another shot at this new tennis title.







The 'Canes are coming to town!

Steve DeBadelaben, team pastor for the University of Miami Hurricanes will be talking at a dinner on Friday, July 23 at 6 p.m. at Sanibel Community Church.

There will be dinner and a presentation by DeBadelaben, who will be joined by members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and players from the 'Canes.

A free will offering to support Habitat for Humanity will be taken. The evening is appropriate for the entire family; call the church office to reserve your spot. Sanibel Community Church, 1740 Periwinkle Way, 472-2684

Golf Tournament rescheduled for Aug. 14

The 2nd Annual Get Your Balls Wet Golf Tournament, benefiting the American Cancer Society and originally scheduled for July 11, has been rescheduled for Saturday, Aug. 14 at the Dunes Golf & Tennis Club.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. The tournament is presented by The Fore Horsemen – Greg Frith, Fireservice Disaster Kleenup; Victor Mayeron of Mucky Duck and La Casita restaurants and ACS chairman of the board; Roger Mercado, Lee County Human Services and ACS 2004 Fort Myers Relay for Life chair; and Bo Pamplin, Pamplin Financial Group and ACS 2005 Fort Myers Relay For Life chair.

Registration is \$75 per player and includes beverages, food and cart. Several levels of tournament sponsorships are available, and non-golfers can show support for the ACS through hole sponsorships.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the American Cancer Society. For more information or to register for the tournament, please contact Mercado at 239/822-6955.



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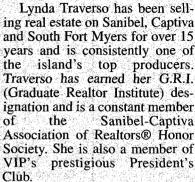


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At VIP Realty Group

VIP Realty Group, Inc. has announced June Associates of the Month from the Sanibel office. Lynda Traverso was named Top Producer and Susan Dunn was named Top Listing Associate as well as Top Sales

Associate.



Susan Dunn had spent many

years settling in different parts of the world, including the Hawaiian Islands and Germany. Dunn's talents range from trauma nursing. raising ostriches in Texas and helping out on her family's farm, Gatorama. She continues her nurturing with her volunteer work with C.R.O.W., S.C.C.F. and her tenure as president of Zonta of Sanibel & Captiva. Dunn is an experienced licensed Florida real estate agent in the Sanibel and Captiva markets as well as the historical Fort Myers market.

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Florida Women's Hall of Fame seeks nominations

There are only ten days left for 2004 nominations to the Florida Women's Hall of Fame. All nominations must be submitted by 5 p.m. on July 15 to the office of the Florida Commission on the Status of Women. Since its inception in 1982, the Hall of Fame has recognized and honored Florida women who, through their lives and works, have made significant contributions to the improvement of life for all citizens of the state.

The Commission accepts nominations to the Hall of Fame annually between April 1 and July 15. Following deliberations, the Commission will recommend 10 nominées to Governor Jeb Bush, who will select up to three women for induction into the Hall in a November ceremony.

Last year's inductees were Sarah Ann Blocker of Live Oak, founder Florida Memorial College, Gloria Estefan of Miami, internationally renowned singer,

and Mary R. Grizzle of Belleair Shore, the first female Republican to serve in the Florida Legislature. This year will mark the 22nd year of the Hall of Fame.

"The Florida Commission on the Status of Women is proud to honor these outstanding women who mean so much to our state and our history," said Hall of Fame Committee Chair Anita Mitchell. "Each year it is more difficult to choose ten finalists to send to the Governor because of the many superb nominations we receive?

Nomination forms may be obtained by writing: The Florida Commission on the Status of Women, Office of the Attorney General, PL-01, The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050, or by calling (850) 414-3300. Forms are also available for download on the Commission web site at www.fcsw.net.



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Chamber unveils new logo and branding

This past week, the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce unveiled its new logo and branding strategy with the brand name "The Islands of Sanibel & Captiva" and the tag line "Naturally, you'll love it here."

The goal of the campaign is to create a consistent and effective message to potential visitors that also gives our members the opportunity to affordably advertise their business under our new banner. The Chamber Marketing Committee has been charged with the task of identifying the appropriate markets of opportunity and means of placement to insure that we are sending our message to precisely the type of visitor we hope to attract and retain. The Marketing Committee is focusing on marketing our destination in the off-season, which provides a more well rounded economic base for our local business community.

As a barrier island resort destination. we have neither the luxury nor the desire to attract unlimited numbers of visitors to the islands. The Chamber's role is to responsibly market our destination as one that is founded upon environmental and conservation principles. What sets us apart from other destinations is the wisdom, dedication and foresight of the people who came before us and their efforts to preserve our unique beauty and our fragile environment. That is the message we hope to convey to the destination travel marketplace.

We are also proud to promote, as part of our marketing campaign, the educational efforts of so many of our nonprofit organizations. We are home, not only to the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, but also to the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation, the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, the Sanibel Historical Village and Museum, and many other organizations that reflect the inherent ideals and the strong financial support of our community.

Most of our residents first came here as visitors. They experienced a special sense of place that convinced them that this was where they wanted to live and raise a fam-

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ily. But we are also an extremely transient community, with nearly 25 percent of our residents living here for five years or less. That underscores the importance of targeting our marketing efforts in the right places. Today's visitor is tomorrow's voter, and by attracting those with our same sense of identity, being and purpose, we can mold our continued existence as one dedicated to the beliefs we share today.

Our mission at the Chamber is to promote business prosperity and preserve the quality of life in our community. Our new marketing efforts are part of our vision to protect what others have worked to attain by focusing on our visitors' qualities, not their quantities.

We also hope that our residents will continue to recognize the contribution of our business community in making a difference in the lives of so many of our citizens and our local organizations. The best way to express your appreciation is to continue to patronize and support those local businesses. By working together we can demonstrate to others that "Naturally, we love it here."

> Steve Greenstein Executive Director Sanibel-Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce



Vanessa Goas

Birth announcement

Nathan Richard Muench was born on May 29, 2004 at 10:04 p.m., weighing 10 pounds. His proud parents are Jessica and David Muench; the proud and smiling grandparents are Emily and Richard Muench and the proud great-grandparents are Betty and Al Muench.

Goas named to Provost's List

Vanessa Goas, a 2003 high school graduate and daughter of Ramon and Lissette Goas of Sanibel, was named to the Provost's List at the University of Miami. To achieve the Provost's List, one must retain a 3.75 GPA for the semester.

Vanessa attended Sanibel Elementary School and is pursuing an International Studies and Spanish double-major

Reynolds named to Dean's

Amanda Kane Reynolds from Sanibel, a senior at Wake Forest University majoring in political science has been named to the Dean's List for the 2004 Spring semester, an honor for those achieving a 3.0 or higher grade point average.

Sanibel Harbour Dockminium underway

Permits and plans are coming together at the new Sanibel Harbour Yacht Club, as dredging of the marina basin and several construction phases get

The basin will be dredged to a final depth of negative five feet at mean low tide when the project is completed in late August. Stemic Marine Construction is the marine contractor doing the work. Additionally, plans are completed and construction is scheduled to start on the new Ship's Store building, home to the gourmet coffee bar and delicatessen and Member's Lounge areas.

Work has also begun on the waterside Tiki Hut and Barbecue Gazebo, perched at the point of land at the mouth of the marina basin, on the banks of the Intracoastal Waterway.

Harbour, see right

Chamber After Hours

The next Chamber "After Hours" will be hosted on Monday, July 19, 2004 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM at Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa's Harborview Room, 17260 Harbour Point Drive, Fort Myers, (239)

Hors d' oeuvres and drinks will be served by Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa. \$5.00 admission fee with prior reservations, \$8.00 without prior reservations.

PLEASE RSVP for "After Hours" by calling the Chamber at 472-1966 with the exact number and name of people attending or Register Online at http://www.sanibel-captiva.biz/events/afterhours.html. Deadline for RSVP is 5:00PM, Friday July 16.

For your convenience, you may use the Hotel Valet Parking Services (\$6.00). Should you decide to self-park you are allowed to use the parking area of "The Inn"(first building, trolleys run between The Inn and the hotel). Please do not park anywhere else as your car may be towed away.

Harbour, from left below

Sanibel Harbour Yacht Club is located adjacent to Sanibel Harbour Resort and Spa near the gateway to Sanibel Island, and will soon feature a Key West-styled building housing 400 indoor boat spaces, or "dockominiums". Buyers purchase the units just like any real estate - via a "fee simple" transaction. Rather than leasing the space, members of the Sanibel Harbour Yacht Club's association will own their units, as in the purchase of a traditional condominium or other real property.

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It is always best to stretch muscles that are warm since they are more pliable. Water temperature plays a big part in this as we tend to tense up when the water temperature is cool. It is always best to stretch to the point of tension, not pain.

If we were to plan a flexibility program in a pool with a water temperature of 84-88 degrees, we would begin with a short warm-up to help increase the body's core temperature. The warm-up would involve limbering the joints with large range of motion movements followed by a static (holding) stretch of 10-15 seconds. Since our goal is to relax and stretch all the muscles, fast or jerky movements would not be used. Static stretches cause a stretchreflex type response. Once the stretch is begun, muscles may contract but if the stretch is held long enough at the point of tension, a signal is sent to the brain telling the muscle fibers to relax again. When that

happens, the stretch may be taken a little further which enables flexibility to occur.

There is a growing trend of popular alternative exercise programs such as Yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi and Ai Chi being brought into the aquatic environment. The warm water allows muscles to relax and increases blood flow while moving slowly through the water. Movements that are flowing and controlled enhance stretching and range of motion, offering a weightless, calming feeling for the mind and body.

Tai Chi and Ai Chi adapt well to aquatics. Their fluid, rounded movements enhance flexibility and balance while improving posture, relaxation and well-being. Some clinical benefits (on land or in water) include pain management due to arthritis or fibromyalgia, improved strength and trunk stabilization due to orthopedic rehabilitation or symptoms of stroke.

Taking advantage of one's pool for flexibility and relaxation programs can be the beginning of a renewed sense of functionality. The muscle relaxation and decreased pain experience in water facilitate movement, thus enhancing flexibility. The gentle stretching of soft tissue is more comfortable and effective in the pool. When there is a greater flexibility of the working joints, every day activities become more enjoyable.

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

Mayo Clinic renewed for Alzheimer's research

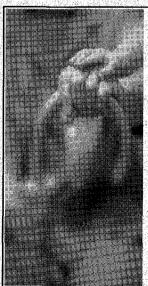
The National Institute on Aging renewed Mayo Clinic's designation as one of the country's 29 Alzheimer's Disease Research Centers for an additional five years. The renewal comes with a \$7.5 million grant to support research at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla., and Rochester, Minn. Since 1991, Jacksonville investigators have been at the forefront of Alzheimer's research in African-Americans.

About 330 cognitively normal, African-American volunteers participate in important, ongoing research at the clinic. And although they have traditionally been underrepresented in Alzheimer's disease research, the disease is widely thought to disproportionately affect African-Americans. Many researchers have looked for differences in genetic predisposition without convincing results.

Mayo Clinic researchers believe if African-Americans are disproportionately affected, it may be because diseases, such as diabetes and hypertension, which may put people at risk for developing Alzheimer's, affect African-Americans more than other racial groups.

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of quality, you can expect that the more absorbable forms of nutrients cost a little more. If the supplement is too cheap, either the dosage amounts are so small as to be biologically insignificant, or manufacturers have used inferior products.

To understand, from a biochemical point of view, how the body utilizes nutrients, we need to understand a little about

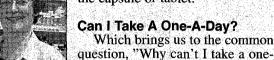
digestion. As food is chewed, swallowed, and passed into the stomach, it is mixed with several types of digestive juices, including hydrochloric acid (HCl). Throughout the process of digestion, minerals in the food separate and dissociate into ions (electrically charged atoms in solution) with the aid of HCl, which then lock onto receptor sites on the intestinal wall and pass into the blood. As ionized or electrically charged molecules, they are bonded to amino acids or other organic acids, making them more easily absorbed through the intestinal lines and into the cell itself.

Most dietary supplements use inexpensive mineral salts (calcium carbonate or magnesium oxide), in large quantities, which may create a negative mineral balance, causing you to lose the benefit of the minerals.

According to McWilliams, author of Comparative Guide to Nutritional Supplements, "avoid the use of supplements that provide minerals in the form of inorganic mineral salts (such as oxides, carbonates, sulfates and phosphates). While less expensive to manufacture, supplements using mineral salts do not appear to provide optimal nutritional value.'

Most supplements provide an adequate (even over-adequate) amount of B complex vitamins, which looks great on the label. But if a company wants to keep the price of a supplement down to attract more customers, it will invariably compromise on the quality of the minerals,

> because good quality, ionized and chelated minerals, are expensive, and take up a great deal of space in the capsule or tablet.



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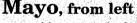
pills!" You simply cannot get the amount and form of nutrients

I hate taking all those

needed to prevent disease and promote anti-aging in a small capsule or tablet. It is not a matter of marketing; it is a matter of space and weight. That much nutrition simply requires more space. To fit it into one tablet, it would be so large you couldn't swallow it.

The extra quality is worth the trouble, however. Chelated minerals are reported to have superior bioavailability, produce less upset in the stomach, and have "lower absorptive interference." Another excellent source of minerals are the Kreb cycle forms, or minerals that are joined to organic acids like citrate, malate, succinate, alpha-ketoglutarate, and aspartate (known as the Krebs cycle intermediates). While there isn't very much science to back up the claims, many nutritionists and nutritionally-trained physicians prefer these sources of minerals. As McWilliams writes, "they are selectively absorbed through the gut, along with the attached minerals (which piggybacks along for the ride).

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



rocognitive tests probably contribute to misdiagnosing numbers of African-Americans. Physicians use these tests to help them diagnose Alzheimer's by comparing a person's cognitive abilities to what's considered normal. However, data for determining what normal memory is for older African-Americans did not exist. So Mayo Clinic researchers, working with their large group of volunteers, determined soon-to-be-published standards.

As they've recruited cognitively normal. older African-Americans to participate in this research, Mayo Clinic physicians have also provided free dementia evaluations and follow-up treatment for more than 350 African-Americans. One of them was Jane Freeman

In the early 1990s, Pamela Quarles began noticing changes in her mother's behavior that she couldn't attribute to normal forgetfulness that comes with age. "You hope against hope that it wasn't going to be what you thought it was going to be," Quarles says. "Unfortunately it was." Freeman was diagnosed at Mayo Clinic with probable Alzheimer's. She was treated and followed until her death in May by Mayo Clinic neurologist Dr. Neill Graff-Radford and family practice physician Dr. Floyd Willis.

Freeman's husband committed to taking care of his wife at home until he, too, became ill. Then Quarles began taking care of both her parents. "For awhile I literally ran a hospital in their home," she says. "It was 24/7 care. Dr. Graff-Radford and Dr. Willis were great. Having them as a sounding board and being able to call them if we were having a crisis was invaluable."

Quarles says unfortunately her father, who predeceased his wife, denied she had a

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SWFIA Midfield Terminal update

Susan Sanders, Department Director of Aviation Marketing at the Southwest Florida International Airport, spoke at Tuesday's Chamber Box Lunch. She gave an update on the project, which is about 66% complete, and noted that they are ontrack for completion about March 2005, with the opening scheduled shortly there-

Pre-design surveying indicated that the two highest priorities were that the airport be easy to use and that it reflect the char-

acter of the region.

New runway designs, with angled cutoffs, will get passengers from the runway to the gates faster. There will be split-level arrival and departure ramps, with departures on the upper level and arrivals on the lower level. The longest ticket counter-togate walking distance will be 800 feet, about what it is now.

There will be 28 gates in three concourses; future expansion plans allow up to 65 gates. The overall design can also incorporate a second runway, with the terminal sitting between the two.

Skylights will illuminate interior courtyards. Floor tiles will have shell designs; there will be murals on the walls with local scenes and the landscaping will be

There will be airport access from Alico Road; 36% of SWFIA's passenger traffic comes from Collier County. Eight years ago, a dedicated I-75 exchange for the airport had been proposed and rejected. The airport is now doing preliminary design work on such an exit but it will be another three to five years before it opens.

Since SWFIA is an origination airport (passengers are beginning or ending their trip here, rather than transferring midtrip), people wanted to be able to meet and greet at the gate. This was incorporated into the original plans but then had to be revised with the post-9/11 security concerns. This revision also necessitated the redesign of the concession areas. "Everything we had to do uncovered something else that we had to do," explained Sanders.

The new complex was 90% designed before 9/11 and it was an "interesting challenge to work our way through that. It's amazing we're still on target." Staffers joked that they "had the bulldozers at the site waiting to get the permits" and, indeed, they cleared the ground only 12 days after the permits were issued. SWFIA is the only airport that will be completely shutting down one terminal and relocating to another terminal.

The budget rose from \$386 million to \$430 million with the security revisions, and this project is the largest public works project in the region.

The existing facility will be torn down; the experience with the old Page Field terminal, which stood for ten years after SWFIA opened, showed that former airports don't lend themselves well to alternative uses. The new available space will be marketed through Enterprise Florida.

With the new LTU flight to Munich, SWFIA now has three international flights to Germany. Orlando received its first nonstop European flight when it reached eight million passengers; SWFIA had its first nonstop European flight at four million passengers and now, with six million passengers, can offer three nonstops. "We're doing well in that market," noted Sanders. As Europeans buy land here, they choose to vacation where they own, rather than wherever the deals are better. "We have a stable air travel base and we're not totally at the mercy of fluctuations in currency and the international situation."

There are still no nonstops to the U.K. The first step is generally to sell to charter companies, but - unlike Germany, where



Susan Sanders

charter companies only control the flights - in the U.K., the charter business is controlled by the tour operators. They are now flying into Orlando and Sanford, and would rather lease a rental car to Southwest Florida visitors than fly them here directly. Marketing efforts are now being redirected from charter companies to the scheduled carriers and they hope to have a U.K. flight within the next year.

LTU Adds Munich to Fort Myers Flight

LTU International Airways has announced plans to inaugurate weekly air service between Munich and Southwest Florida International Airport November 3. The Wednesday flights will be nonstop from Munich to Fort Myers, with a Miami stop on the return flight to Munich.LTU also plans a schedule shift on two of its three weekly nonstop flights between Fort Myers and Düsseldorf. The flights, on Thursdays and Saturdays, will run an hour later to expand the options for

connecting flights in Düsseldorf to cities including Munich, Hamburg, Berlin, Stuttgart, Vienna, Zurich and Warsaw. This will make it much more convenient for European-bound travelers to fly nonstop from Florida to Munich, then make the connection for their final destination in Europe rather than in connecting U.S. cities such as Atlanta.

For information on schedules and fares, call your travel agent or LTU at (866) 266-5588, or visit www.ltu.com.

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problem for too long. If Freeman had been diagnosed sooner, she may have benefited from some of the newer treatments for

early-stage Alzheimer's.

Willis and other researchers are beginning to study early memory loss, in part, for that reason. Now that there are standards defining what normal memory is in older African-Americans, Willis wants to know if early memory loss is the beginning of Alzheimer's. If it is, by identifying these people early, they'd be the ones to benefit most from existing or yet-to-bediscovered therapies that slow progression of the disease.

On the other hand, Willis says knowing that early memory loss isn't due to the Alzheimer's disease process can help direct physicians to the real cause. "As a primary care physician it's extremely important to me," he says. "That's because significantly more African-Americans are theorized to have memory problems from little strokes. Where do these little strokes come from? Hypertension and diabetes. So if there are large numbers of African-Americans who actually have their memory loss because of these small strokes, that's significant, because you can fix these problems. We can't yet arrest and correct Alzheimer's disease, but it is possible to correct hypertension and diabetes, or at least find them much earlier before they start causing problems.'

Willis says people generally don't know if a slight memory problem is part of normal aging or if it could be a sign of dementia. "One way to gain insight is to decide whether a memory problem is worse than in friends and relatives who are the same age," Willis says. He is currently enrolling African-Americans over 70 in such a study. If individuals are getting complaints about their memory from friends or relatives, they might consider calling Mayo Clinic to find out how to participate in the study. Those interested may call (904) 953-2677.

Angels have wheels

All Medicare recipients should now be aware that if they suffer from conditions such as arthritis, cardiovascular disease, a.nd respiratory disorders, and have difficulty walking or propelling a standard wheelchair, they may be eligible to receive an electric wheelchair paid for by Medicare.For information on Medicare eligibility contact Gregory Coleman at 800/810-2877



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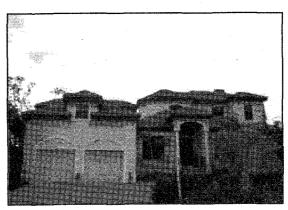






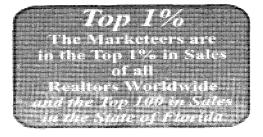
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Comedy Asylum: A night of music, mirth and madness

theater, debuts Saturday, July 24, at Broadway Palm Dinner Theater in Fort Myers. Comedy Asylum is a monthly adult show featuring local actors, writers and directors who will treat the audience to improvisation, sketch comedy and naughty puppets,

"We're very glad that the wonderful folks at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre had a severe lapse in judgment and agreed to give us a chance," says local impresario and writer, Shawn Holiday.

Holiday is joined by a core group of theater professionals, including Karen Goldberg, actress, director and drama

Comedy Asylum, a new kind of live teacher; Gene Krupp, actor and writer Lynn Skorniak, actress, costumer and puppeteer; and Steve Bailey, actor, raconteur and bodyguard. The comedy team will interact with the audience during the show. The show will also feature original mixes by local DJ Big Head Raymond.

The first show is Saturday, July 24, at 9 p.m. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Comedy Asylum is in the Cafe Cabaret at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. Tickets are \$8 per person and are available at the door. Future performances will be Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16 and November 13. For more information, call 332-7992.

Wynonna Judd plays the Mann tix on sale July 17

Now celebrating her 20th year in the music industry, five time Grammy award winner Wynonna Judd will play the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall for one performance on Friday, October 29 at 8 p.m.

Tickets for Wynonna's Fort Myers performance will be available this Saturday, July 17 at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Box Office, by calling 481-4849, online at www.bbmannpah.com or at Ticketmaster.

During her two-decade career, Wynonna has accomplished the rare feat of releasing three country albums that debuted at #1 (1983, 1993 and 2003), garnering 20 #1 hits and 13 Top Ten singles. Condensing her 20 years of amazing hits into a very special performance, Wynonna will chronologically tell the tales of her life and sing the songs that inspired her

extremely successful career. For the first time ever, she will feature her own hits, including those of The Judds alongside classic songs from her favorite artists, running the musical spectrum from Dolly Parton to Tina Turner to The Andrews Sisters and Al Green. Wynonna's #1 album, "What the World Needs Now Is Love," is in stores now.

The Wynonna tour will benefit YouthAIDS (www.youthaids.org), a nonprofit charity working in over 70 countries to educate and protect kids of the world from a life of HIV/AIDS.

Tickets (priced at \$61, \$45 and \$35) for Wynonna's October 29 Fort Myers performance are available at the Box Office, by calling 481-4849, online at www.bbmannpah.com or Ticketmaster.

Alliance launches membership campaign

For the first time since the early '90s, the Lee County Alliance for the Arts is launching a formal membership drive, complete with an "Appreciation Series" of drawings for prizes. Included are a "Fly Anywhere in the USA" roundtrip on Continental Airlines (which does operate out of Southwest Florida International Airport), a two-day stay at The Broadmoor (a premier Colorado resort), a gift certificate from Aboriginals: Art of the First Person Fine Art Gallery on Sanibel, and a choice of colorful Alliance T-shirts and polo shirts (normally retailing for \$15 and \$34). The 2004 Alliance Membership Campaign runs from the July 15 public announcement date through August 31, with the names of prize winners to be drawn and announced at the Alliance's September 27 Annual Meeting. (Prize winners do not need to be present to win.)

Louise Senneff, Alliance executive director, says, "Of course, it will be great for anyone to win one or more of the wonderful prizes that are being offered to encourage new member registrations: It will also be great for the new members to

participate.

"In addition to funding our monthly exhibitions, special lectures and other events (such as our upcoming informative day long November 21 Walk Thru the Arts Grande Faire) - which are provided free of charge to local residents and visitors alike - all new members also will be helping support Alliance community outreach programs, such as our Open Doors sessions. These arts classes are taught to disadvantaged and at-risk youngsters by dedicated artists Leo and Krista Johnson, [and] are also provided without cost to

enrolled students or their families."

Senneff continues, "... With governmental support for the arts so drastically curtailed in our current economic climate, the need for new members has never been greater. With funding decreasing and every category of expense - operations, exhibitions, and on and on - increasing, our membership is the vital lifeblood of the Alliance. To survive and thrive, we must generate broad support. That's why we encourage all persons in Lee County to join the Alliance now!"

One-year Alliance Memberships are \$50 for individuals, \$75 for families, \$100 for arts and cultural organizations and \$250 for business memberships. Each includes general benefits such as advance announcements and invitations to Alliance events; discounts on arts classes and workshops, musical concerts, theatrical performances, and summer camp enrollments, as well as specific "rewards" such as organizational links and listings the on Alliance website (www.artinlee.org) and priority seating at various Alliance functions.

Any new or renewing Alliance member can réfer other individuals or organizations for membership and be entered in the prize drawings. All that's required is for the "other person" to list your name under "Referred by" on the Membership Form. This can be done using a printed Alliance Membership Form, completing an online form at www.artinlee.org, by phone to the Alliance at 239/939-2787, or by visiting the Alliance at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, just south of the Midpoint Bridge overpass. Good luck to

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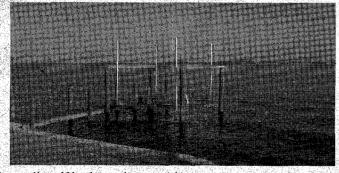




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Johnny Mercer workshops in October

The Johnny Mercer Foundation will offer its Accentuate the Positive workshops free of charge to local Fort Myers, Florida schools in honor of the Florida Repertory Theatre's presentation of Johnny Mercer's musical review Dream. These Lyric Writing Workshops will be offered to all interested local schools and can be used as an enhancement for a school trip to the musical production. (Interested schools do not need to attend Dream to be eligible for the workshops). Dream will be presented from October 15

November 7 and directed by Jack Wrangler, creative director of The Mercer Foundation.

Accentuate the Positive is an educational program designed to introduce teachers and elementary school students to the great American songbook. Utilizing the songs of Johnny Mercer and his incredible roster of collaborators, this interactive curriculum illustrates how these classic songs stand the test of time, while focusing on creating a new way of thinking in the classroom. Along with

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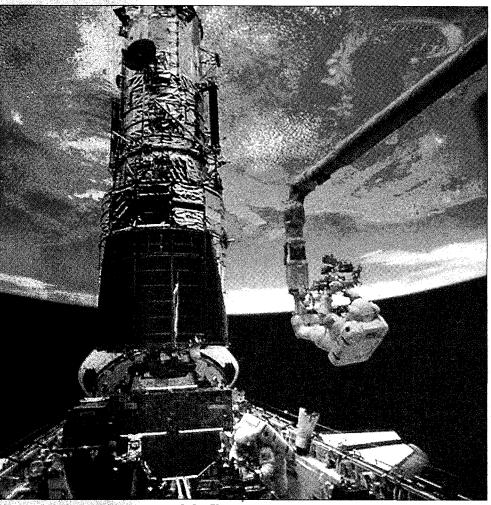
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Astronaut Story Musgrave and the Hubble telescope. He will be showing over 100 Hubble images on July 26 at an Alliance fundraiser.

Astronaut Musgrave at Alliance fundraiser

Story Musgrave, one of NASA's most experienced astronauts will speak on Monday, July 26 at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. The evening is a benefit performance for The Alliance of the Arts entitled, Our Universe As Art. Musgrave's inspirational presentation will highlight the ups and downs of an amazing 30 year career that includes not only being a NASA astronaut, but also a skilled pilot, surgeon, mechanic, poet and philosopher.
In 1967 Story was selected from 4000 applicants

applying for a career with NASA. Initially he worked on

the design and development of the Skylab space station. It took 16 years for Story to receive his first space mission, aboard the maiden voyage of the Challenger in 1983. During that flight, he and astronaut Don Peterson performed the first space walk of the Space Shuttle program. Story is the only astronaut to fly all five Space Shuttles. In 1993 Story led the crew of the Endeavour as they trained for over a year to carry out the first major



Musgrave

repair and maintenance of the Hubble Space Telescope. Story retired from NASA in 1997 and is in the Astronaut Hall of Fame.

Our Universe As Art, at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, on Monday, July 26 begins with dinner at 6 p.m., followed by the live presentation by Story Musgrave at 7:30 p.m., which includes a slide show of over 100 Hubble images. At 9 p.m. the evening moves onto the grounds of The Alliance for the Arts for stargazing and dessert. Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased at the Broadway Palm box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, or by calling 239/278-4422. Adult ticket prices are \$40, children 18 and under \$20, including dinner, presentation, stargazing and dessert.



The cast of Fools, now playing at the Florida Rep.

Fools at Florida Rep

Florida Repertory Theatre presents Neil Simon's delightful comic fable, Fools, from July 9 - 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

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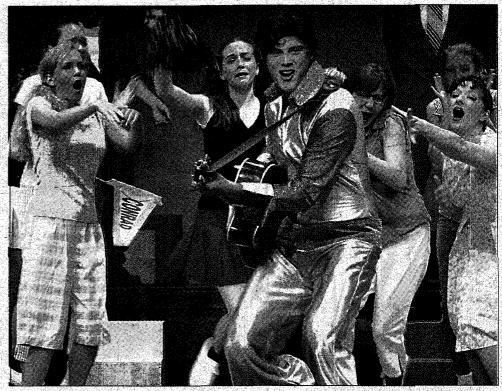
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Don't miss A Little Murder Never Hurt Anybody, playing through July 24 at the SCA Periwinkle Playhouse.



Bye Bye Birdie at Naples Dinner Theatre

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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.

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.

Accomplished regional theatre actors Clif 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, from 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.

Naples Dinner Theatre's summer rep: Bye Bye Birdie

Artistic Director Michael Wainstein, of the Naples Dinner Theatre, is pleased to announce a summer of musicals, including the rock opera. Tommy, the perennial favorite, Bye, Bye Birdie, and the children's classic, You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown. The three shows will play in rotating summer repertory through August 22nd.

Based on the concept album by the rock group, The Who, Tommy was a Broadway hit in the mid-90's and tells the story of a young boy who is traumatized by witnessing a murder. Despite his parents attempts to revive his senses through medical means, only pinball can save Tommy from the world of his mind. Through his success at the game, he becomes an iconic figure and eventually regains his senses, only to discover that the world he was desperately hoping to join was not what he expected.

The riveting story is complimented by a classic rock musical score, innovative staging, outstanding performances and a live band. The show stars Stephen F. Agosto as Tommy, and Jocelyn Adams and Scott Dispensa as his parents. Also featured are Robert Hayman, Marissa Joy Ganz and David Perlman.

Performances are Thursday nights (Café night, no buffet, a la carte menu available, \$27.50 for adults, \$10 for children 15 and under), and Friday and Saturday evenings (\$42.50 for adults, \$15 for kids 15 and under, includes full dinner buffet). Show times are 6 p.m. for dinner, and 8 p.m. curtain. Tommy does contain some material that might not be suitable for children.

Bye, Bye Birdie

Bye, Bye Birdie, a story about a fictitious character loosely based on Elvis, is a riotous family musical full of great songs ("Put on a Happy Face," "Kids," and "One Last Kiss," to name a few), and lots of belly laughs.

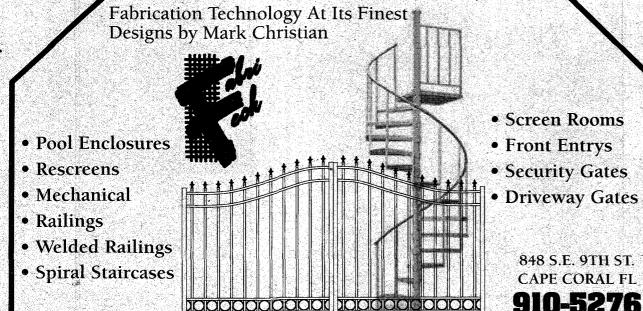
The show stars Don Winsor as the bumbling Albert Peterson, and Jamie Castiglia as his red-hot fiancée, Rosie. Debi Guthery plays Albert's overbearing mother, and Heather Stricker and Robert Hayman play the Macafees. Kim is played by Kate Phillips, and Conrad Birdie is played by Steven Arlen.

The show plays matinees Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday (Wed. and Sat. lunch buffet shows are \$30 for adults, Sun. Brunch show is \$37.50. Kids 15 years and under \$15 at all performances), Wednesday evening (6 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. show) and Sunday Twilight (5 p.m. dinner, 6:45 pm show. All evenings are \$42.50 for adults and \$15 for kids 15 and under).

For Tommy and Birdie, NDT is offering a buy two special - if you buy tickets for both shows and see them within a seven-day period, the second show is 1/2 price.

The Ice Cream Theatre summer production is You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, based on the Peanuts Gang comic strip penned by the late Charles Schultz. The one hour musical, performed by professional members of the NDT acting company, is prefaced by a kid-friendly buffet of hamburgers, hot dogs, mini-pizzas, fries and a makeyour-own ice cream sundae bar. Adults are \$16 and kids are \$13. Performances are every Thursday and Friday. Lunch begins at 11 a.m. and the show starts at 12:15 p.m.

The box office is open from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily. Sales can be made by calling 239-514-STAR (7827). All sales are final, no refunds, no exchanges except for subscribers. The Naples Dinner Theatre is fully air conditioned and wheelchair accessible seating is available upon request.





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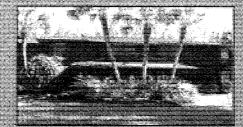


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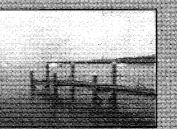


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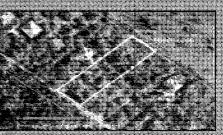
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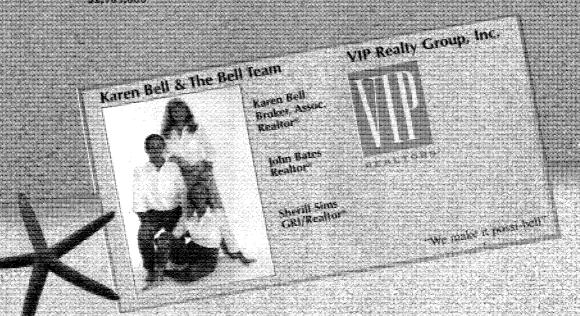
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Kirby Rambo Collections under new ownership

By Amy Fleming Staff Writer

It's not your average gift store, but then island residents aren't your average peo-ple. For those whose idea of a great gift is something that cannot be found anywhere else, Kirby Rambo Collections has always been the first, and probably last, stop. With an inventory of hand blown glass. beaded handbags, artisan-made ceramics, mosaics and furniture, shoppers can find items for which they would normally have to scour the internet.

Pam Rambo, owner of the two stores, one in Celebration Center, Captiva, the other in the Village Shops on Sanibel, recently sold both operations to Ron Baird and Tom Peters, who just moved to

Sanibel from Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. However, no changes are planned for the stores — they will still carry the same one-of-a-kind arts and crafts that buyers have come to love, as well as retaining the same employees and the 'Kirby Rambo Collections' name.

"I had a five year plan that I completed in two years," Rambo said. "The stores are doing great, but I miss my artwork. What better time to sell them than when things are going great?"

The Rambos, Pam and Clark, moved to Sanibel three years ago from Coconut Grove, where Pam sold her work at arts and crafts shows.

I met so many cool artists with very unique things that I didn't see in gift

She hung onto their business cards, buying their work primarily for gifts. When they moved to Sanibel and changed jobs, they looked at their space in The Village with the idea of opening up a deli. After learning that the spot wasn't zoned for an eatery, the Rambos began thinking in terms of an art

gallery.
"I could open my own place, sell my own artwork, and the artists I met from the arts and craft fairs."

They bought the space on July 1 of 2002, later opening the Captiva location at the end of 2003. With both businesses going gangbusters. Pam Rambo and Ron Baird the Rambo's decided to sell, coinci-

dentally as Peters and Baird were looking for a gallery to purchase.

Owners for eight years of the Delaware Inn Bed & Breakfast, They were ready for a change. The two bought a home initially in Fort Myers Beach, but always wanted to move to Sanibel.

'Sanibel was our dream place to live. Sanibel just has this charm for us." Baird said. "When we came down here, we wanted to open up an art gallery, and Clark had put an ad in the paper. I said,

This is what we wanted to do, this is what we had in mind.' It all just fell into place."

Both Baird and Peters work in stained glass, and may introduce their work into the gallery in another year or so. Meanwhile, Rambo will still be around, guiding the new owners through the maze of summer craft shows, offering tips on what sells on the islands.

"They are going to do fantastic in this business," Rambo said. "They're two great guys."





San-Cap Art League exhibit

Over 100 paintings by mem-bers of the Sanibel-Captiva Art League are on view throughout the summer at Sanibel Public Library and BIG ARTS. There is a large variety of tropical scenes including many places of local

Judy Friedman (right) with one of her paint-ings, and (above) a painted tile by Judy Friedman

interest including the lighthouse, marina, fishing pier, causeway, beach and chapel that were painted during the League's weekly paintouts. For hours at the Sanibel

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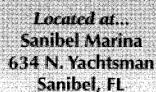
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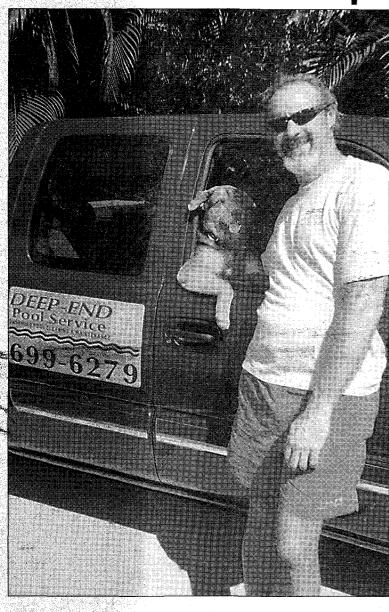
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You have to be there when you say and do what you have promised." One of the reasons for his growing success is his ability to meet that high standard of prompt, dependable service and be available to handle emergencies even when they occur at the most inconvenient times. "I answer phone days a week and, yes, I do has continued to build the many new

accounts he has gained in these few years and he can say with pride, "I personally service all my accounts.'

People not only want top quality pool care service but they want to shop for the best pricing, the highest incentives and any added "perks." Price and value comparisons are part of being a wise consumer and Chandler acknowledges that people want

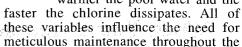
and expect the most for their money. Chandler maintains his attractive pricing policy and gives a no-obligation esti-mate on pool cleaning service.

"We will beat any local pool cleaning service price." His price is all-inclusive with no additional charges for chemicals, filter cleaning or vacuuming. From time to time, he is able to offer an attractive promotion where he gives a free month of service after six months of paid service. Deep End Pool Service never requires long-term contracts and Chandler will service your pool and bill you on a monthly basis at the previously agreed upon price.

Storms are never a friend of your pool," notes Chandler. They often result in heavy clean-up and remind you of the importance of preventive measures to keep your pool sparkling and clean. Check the trees surrounding your pool and, to reduce debris, keep branches trimmed and away from the pool. Overhanging seagrape branches are a particular nuisance and need to be kept cut back. Another priority is balancing

These are the standards upon which he the chemicals in your pool by checking the pH level. The upcoming rainy season

is a tricky time for balancing the chemicals and yet is crucial in order to maintain a proper level of cleanliness. After a storm, the water contains a larger number of algae and pollutants. The water dilutes and the sanitation levels are lowered, resulting in a need for additional chlorine. Also, the warmer the weather, the warmer the pool water and the



Pool, see page 21



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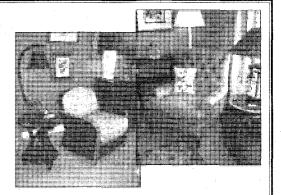
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Mercer, from page 14

classroom teachers, teaching artists and the specially designed educational guide LyricNOTESTM The Life and Works of Johnny Mercer, students learn about popular American song, as well as how a song is born, how music and lyrics are conceived and written, while allowing teachers to fulfill National Standards in Education.

Along with the Florida workshops, Accentuate the Positive is currently offered throughout New York City and Atlanta, Georgia (home of the Johnny Mercer archives). In an effort to continue nationalizing this educational program, The Mercer Foundation has teamed up with songwriter, performer and child advocate Kathie Lee Gifford, to offer similar workshops around the productions of her two new musicals, *The Family Under the Bridge* and *Hurricane Aimee*.

The Mercer Foundation joined forces with Camp Broadway®, the country's preeminent arts education organization, to help implement this curriculum in the schools. Since Spring 2003, Accentuate the Positive has held over 50 Lyric Writing Workshops throughout New York City and Long Island, as well as Teachers Training Labs, one-day workshops that teach educators to utilize LyricNOTESTM and the lyrics of the great American songbook in the classroom everyday. These programs have reached over 3,000 students.

Teachers interested in booking an Accentuate The Positive Free In-School Workshop, should contact Camp Broadway at (212) 575-2929 or www.campbroadway.com.

Florida Rep will be performing *Dream* from October 15 - November 7, 2004. For more information on Florida Rep, call 332-4488 or (toll-free) 877/787-8053.

For more information on The Johnny Mercer Foundation: www.johnnymercerfoundation.org. The Johnny Mercer Foundation believes that preservation of American popular song is vital to the future of our children, our nation, our sense of pride in ourselves, and our understanding of one another. Through Johnny Mercer's royalties and private donations, the foundation is dedicated to reflecting Johnny's lifetime of generosity through support of many causes he cared so deeply about and always "accentuating the positive."

Since 2002, the Foundation's most passionate commitment has been the initiation of Accentuate The Positive, a national campaign introducing thousands of elementary school students to our Great American Songbook through in-school workshops, student activity guides and educational events. An ambitious program that delivers a message to a new generation that is at the heart of Johnny Mercer's work, it encourages a new way of thought in all areas of their lives, while illustrating

Mercer, see right





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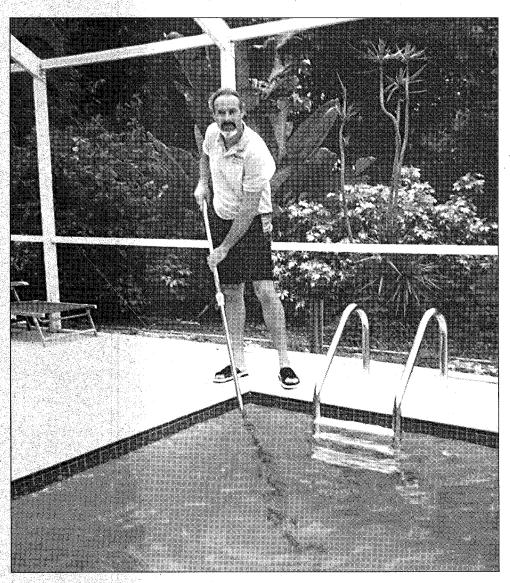
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Pool, from page 19



year. A pool is for pleasure and to be enjoyed, it must be kept in perfect condition.

In day-to-day pool care, there are occasional surprises - usually associated with animals who mistake the pool as a place for them to roam and play tricks. One raccoon was amused by dismantling the spa activation switch and left such obvious evidence as his tracks around the pool. During the rainy season snakes like to rest at the bottom of a pool. Very carefully Chandler removes the reptile with his skimmer net and places it on the grass. Very common "pool lovers" are the "dog swimmers" who think that the pool was designed for them and can't imagine how they can clog up the filters and fill the skimmers with hair. Chandler appreciates the dogs who sit at the pool's edge and swim in Gulf waters.

The best way to increase volume in business emanates from referrals. People see Deep End Pool Service in their neighborhood, talk with satisfied customers and call Chandler for an estimate. If this referral leads to a new customer. Chandler rewards the person who made the referral with one month of free service as a "thank you." That's the best way to make a business grow since

friends and neighbors talking with one another bring the best and most wellearned sales results.

More and more rental property owners are seeking his service since Chandler places an equally high priority on service to them. These owners particularly appreciate Chandler's special attention, with pool service scheduled to coincide with the "changeover" day of each rental property. Guests deserve to find sparkling clean water upon their arrival and that's one of the reasons Chandler is willing to extend his work week to include Saturday. With the high level of service he delivers, Chandler has become one of the preferred companies among rental property owners. Additionally, a number of contractors are hiring Chandler to take over the pool service as a house nears completion. He continues to enjoy the distinction of servicing new pools at some of Captiva and Sanibel's most exclusive properties.

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Mercer, from left

how these classic songs are as relevant today as when they were first written decades ago. The Foundation is determined to convey to today's youth that these songs have stood the test of time and **belong to them now** – to this generation.

In the first year of the program, the foundation created LyricNOTESTM: The Life and Works of Johnny Mercer. This guide focuses on the highlights of

al exercises that examine the significance and application of his songs to the contemporary world. Most importantly, LyricNOTESTM explains how a song is born, how music and lyrics are conceived and written, and how these songs reflect our passions, ideals and tapestry of our

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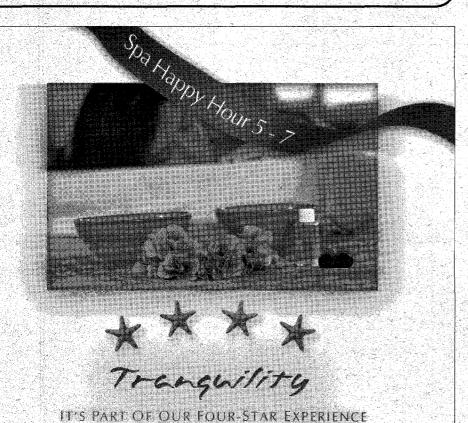
The Republican primary is on August 31. You will be able to speak with candidates one on one and also hear candidates in the different races present their platform in a formal setting. Voter registration will be avail-

able, enabling you to vote in the August 31 primary. There will be a voting machine on site and demonstration of voting procedure.

Tickets for the Candidate Round-Up are \$3 per person and will entitle the ticket holder to a hot dog, lemonade, cookie and door prize registration. For further information, or to make a reservation, please call Lisa at 826-4344 or Judy at 482-5953. The doors will open at 11:00 a.m. with presentations beginning at noon. The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers (Colonial and McGregor).

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Other needs

ACT is also in need of the following additional items at their shelters: baby bottles; diapers (size 4 and 5); baby food and juice; baby bibs and sleepers; crib bumper pads and sheets; baby lotion, powder, rash creams, teething gel; medicine for colds and fever; women's deodorant, feminine products and razors; face and body lotions; manual can openers; storage containers; milk; cheese; canned vegetables, canned spaghetti or ravioli and canned soups; Kool-aid Drink Mix. Call 939-2553 for drop-off location.

Lee County Public Schools need resources

The School Resource Center, a major initiative of the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, is seeking supplies for its shelves.

Teachers use the new and used items donated to the Resource Center to enhance the classroom experience for students. Needed are arts and craft items, including paper, envelopes, pencils, binders, file folders, and so on.

"Many businesses often discard items such as stationery and gently used office supplies," said Darlene Grossman, president of the Foundation. "We suggest they donate these items to the Resource Center to help our Lee County Public school teachers."

Musical instruments, sports equipment, art supplies, school supplies and office furniture as well as computers less than three years old are also welcomed. All donors receive tax-deduction documentation. To make a donation, please call the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, Inc., at 337-0433

Multi-Cultural Center of Southwest Florida

Did you know? Of the 60,000 children in the School System of Lee County, 25,000 are enrolled in the free or reduced-fee lunch program. That's a

LOT of kids who (if they were a bit older) would be described as living paycheck to paycheck — just scraping by.

For the sixth year in a row, the Multi-Cultural Centre of Southwest Florida (MCSWF) is trying to make Back-to-School a little more promising and a little less daunting for these kids. Working with the Lee County School System and several local churches for the past four years, they have been targeting Pre-K through 5th Grade with a school supply drive that culminates this year in an all-day celebration on August 3 at TECO Arena.

At the Back-to-School Celebration, children start at one end of a long line of tables with acquisition of a heavy-duty backpack and make their way to the other end helping themselves to all sorts of first-day-of-school appurtenances — pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks and paper, even underwear and socks. And this year, MCSWF is also putting an emphasis on literacy with the addition of children's books to the mix.

"Kids who participate in this wind up with such a good feeling about themselves," said Jim White, a former manager at Bailey's who's in charge of the Back-to-School Project. "I heard about one boy who had been having a terrible time just spelling out and writing his name... He got his supplies from us in August and, by the time school started, had practiced so much that he had it letter perfect!

ter-perfect!
"With the 'right stuff,'" he added,

"they don't feel left out."

The Celebration takes place on July 25 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and sponsors are still needed — \$25 for non-profits, \$50 for businesses. There'll be a couple of Irish groups performing, a belly-dancer and lots of other entertainment. Any band, group or other musician who'd like to donate an hour or even a half-hour of time to the effort should contact White at 481-6028.

"If companies or organizations would like to donate their own logo'd pens or pencils, spiral notebooks or three-prong presentation folders, that would be great, too!" White said. MCSWF needs 16-color crayon assortments, 150-sheet packs of notebook filler paper, the folders (preferably with two pockets), medium-point pens, Elmer's Washable School Glue, and either gently-used or new children's books.

People can drop off backpacks, school supplies and new or used children's books at Bailey's and at the Captiva Library, as well as any of the 10 other Lee County libraries.

The Centre is a 501(c)3 non-profit group and any donations are fully tax-deductible. Checks, made out to the Multi-Cultural Centre of Southwest Florida Inc., may be sent to Post Office Box 61713, Fort Myers 33906. Call White if you're interested in volunteering or having a booth at the fair or with any questions.

Annual Labor Day weekend swamp walks in Big Cypress

Visit Clyde Butcher's Big Cypress Gallery in Ochopee on Labor Day Weekend and take a guided swamp walk into the Everglades. The highlight feature this year will be the "Living Waters Aquatic Preserves of Florida" theme.

You will view the exhibit of Clyde's black and white images of the preserves in Florida, preview the Living Waters film documentary, listen to the behind the scenes anecdotes with cinematographer/director Elam Stolzfus, and hear the original music for the soundtrack by Sammy Tedder.

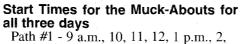
Also new this year, the gallery will now be selling swamp walk T-shirts, walking sticks and medallions.

Muck-Abouts (swamp walks) will be offered on three days, September 4 - 6 at \$20 per person, non-refundable. All of the proceeds will be donated to Friends of the Big Cypress.

Your guides will be leading you into

Your guides will be leading you into the wilds of Florida located behind the Big Cypress Gallery. The walks will last about one hour; however, plan on two hours from start to clean up. This year there will be three different moderately wet walks: the deepest you will get is thigh high. These walks are nice and moderate so that everybody can learn and enjoy their surroundings.

There will be three different paths and each walk will be as tranquil and beautiful as the others. Volunteers will be clearing the paths this summer.



Path #1 - 9 a.m., 10, 11, 12, 1 p.m., 2, Path #2 - 9:20 a.m., 10:20, 11:20, 12:20, 1:20 p.m., 2:20

Path #3 - 9:40 a.m., 10:40, 11:40,



12:40, 1:40 p.m., 2:40

What to wear and bring:

- 1. Wear long pants, hat, and old tennis shoes.
- 2. Bring a complete change of clothes
- 3. We will supply you with bottled water
- 4. Waterproof camera is recommended
- 5. Friends of ours have a mobile concession. They will be making hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches, and many more snacks. They will also have cold drinks for purchase.



T-shirts (designed by Skip Mace, who attended last year's Gala) will be \$15 each (ordered in advance; \$20 each on Labor Day Weekend). Hiking sticks are provided for the Muck-About but you can also buy a walking stick (\$5) or a nice hiking staff (\$20 in advance, \$24 on Labor Day Weekend). In addition, Niki Butcher has designed a medallion (\$5, also available as a pin).

Clyde Butcher's Big Cypress Gallery is located in Ochopee. To sign up for the swamp walks or for more information, call 888/999-9113, 239/695-2428 or visit on-line at www.clydebutcher.com

Lee County Extension offers tropical fruit workshop

A new workshop, specializing in pruning tropical fruit trees, particularly mangoes, is being offered by the Lee County Extension Service on August 18 from 2-3 p.m. The workshop will be held at The Jardin Tropical, 7241 Tropical Lane, Bokeelia, Pine Island.

The instructor will be Dr. Jonathan Crane, tropical fruits specialist at the University of Florida in Homestead. This workshop is geared towards pruning to produce higher yields of tasty fruit on smaller trees and promises to be valuable for private homeowners with only a few trees, as well as nurserymen with large orchards.

One ISA CEU available. To register, call Letha at 239/461-7514, or register at the door. There is no cost for this workshop.

Directions: Once on Pine Island, turn right on Stringfellow. Go 5.9 miles to Tropical Lane. Turn right on Tropical Lane.

In compliance with ADA requirements, participants with special needs can be reasonably accommodated by contacting the Lee County Extension Service at least 10 working days prior to the meeting. We can be reached by phone at 239/461-7500, or by fax 239/461-7501.





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Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ

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Sanibel Community Church

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.

- Sunday, July 18 Senior Pastor Dr. Daryl Donovan will speak from Psalms 16, on "What an Inheritance!" Most people are diligent in making plans for the future and Dr. Donovan says, "the Bible gives estate planning at its best."
- Traditional services at 8 and 10:45 a.m.; contemporary service at 9 a.m., with "Word Surfers" for children Kindergarten through 5th grade also available at the 9 a.m. service. 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 Shop at the Sanibel Community Church. Bibles, books, music, gifts. Mon-Thurs. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. - noon.

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- 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 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

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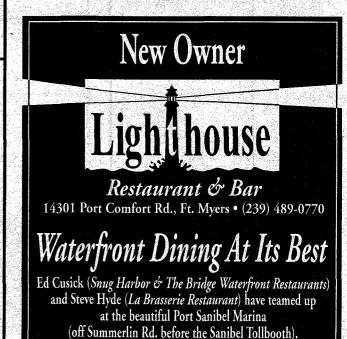


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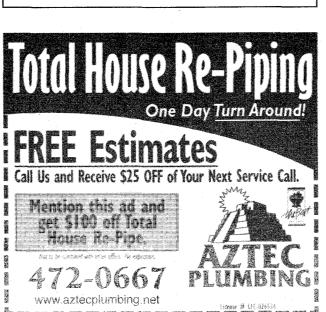
Evening cruise at 6 p.m. These tours also include a visit to the touch tank. Tour is approx. 2 hours.

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Scene, from page 25

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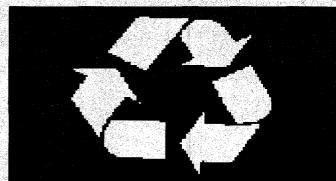
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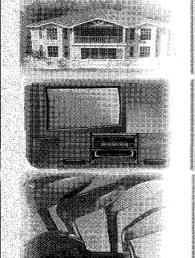
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- TERRIFIC TWOS stories, activities for two year olds, Sanibel Library. 10 a.m. 472-2483
- KWLF stories, activities, games, for ages thru third grade at the Sanibel library. 3 p.m. 472-2482

Saturday 17

SANIBEL FLY FISHERS meeting at Lee Island Outfitters, 10 a.m. Subject: Fly tying. Club dues are \$10 /year.

Every week

- 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
- MINDFUL YOGA AT BIG ARTS with Brian Healy, 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Open to public, beginners welcome, \$12.

Coming soon

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.

Sunday Every week KORESHAN STATE HISTORIC SITE guided tours.10 a.m. Sat. and Sun. \$3.25 per vehicle.

Monday

Every week

- 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.
- BOOKWORMS stories and crafts for children aged 3-5, Sanibel Library 10 a.m. Mon/Wed. 472-2483
- SMALL WONDERS stories for children birth to age 2. Sanibel Library 2 p.m. Mon/Tue 472-2483
- YOUTH PROGRAM for 4th 8th grades at the Sanibel Library, 3 p.m. 472-2483
- STORY TIME for all ages at the Sanibel Library, 6:30 p.m.
- SCA DUPLICATE BRIDGE has resumed at the Sanibel Community Association on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. The game is open to all regardless of ability. Partners will be provided if necessary. Fees \$4 for SCA members, \$5 for non-members.

Tuesday Every week

- SMALL WONDERS at the Sanibel Library, for children birth to 2 years.
- OPEN PORTRAIT STUDIO 1-4 p.m. \$4 per session, open to all artists. Model provided. 472-5267.
- TROUBLESTARTERS AT THE AMERICAN LEGION Every Tuesday evening 7:30 pm. to closing. San-Cap Rd. at mile marker 3. 472-9979.
- YOGA CLASSES AT CASA YBEL RESORT

Murari Brian Healy will begin teaching two new ongoing yoga classes at Casa Ybel Resort on Tuesday mornings, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. This is an outdoor class and will be held on the lawn overlooking the gulf in front of the Thistle Lodge restaurant on the grounds of Casa Ybel Resort, 2255 West Gulf Dr. Beginner friendly, cost is \$12 per class.

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

- LUNCHEON SEMINARS at the Sanibel Community Association, 2173 Periwinkle Way. Selfhelp seminars led by Vicki Ashton, Wednesdays from July 21- September 8, 11:30 - 1 p.m. Island Cow to cater. Per seminar: \$16/members, \$17/nonmembers, or preregister all eight weeks \$120/members, \$128/non-members. 472-2173
- ALZHEIMERS CARE GIVERS SUPPORT GROUP meeting Fort Myers Congregational Church, 8210 College Pkwy. 10 a.m. 437-3007

Every week

- YOGA WITH DR SUSAN PATAKY, Sanibel Fitness Center on Rabbit Road. All levels, noon - 1 p.m. \$12 466-1558
- BOOKWORMS at the Sanibel Library, for children ages 3 - 5 years. 10 a.m. 472-2483

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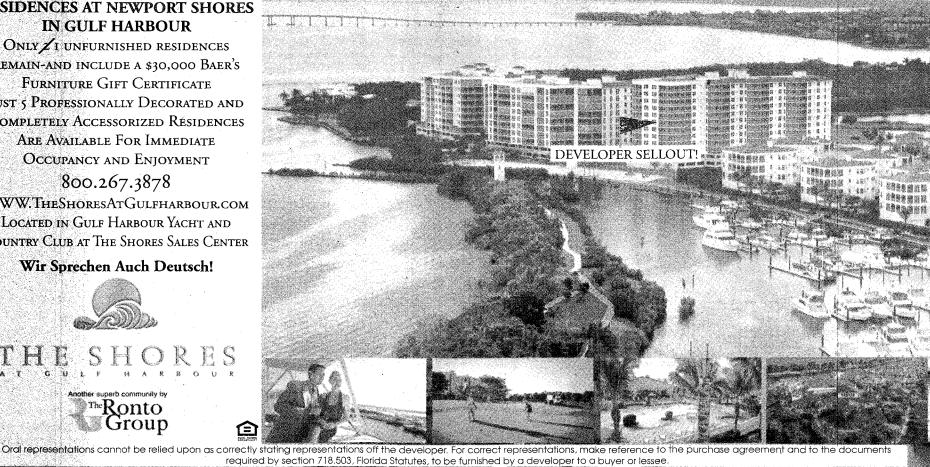
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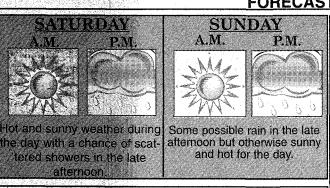


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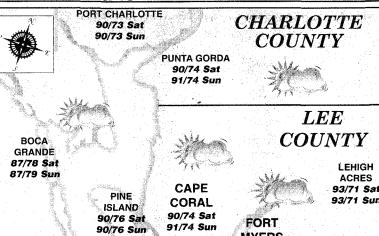




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Redfish Pass	1:29 p.m.	9:40 p.m.	2:25 p.m.	10:26 p.m.
Fort Myers		12:48 a.m.		1:38 a.m.
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4	12:34 p.m.	9:42 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	10:28 p.m.
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95/70 Sat 94/69 Sun **BONITA SPRINGS**

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