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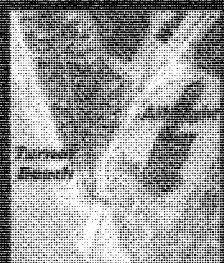
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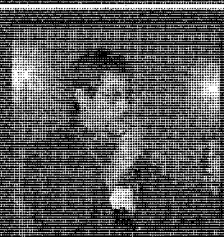
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Photo by Anne Bellew

Sanibel and Captiva islands celebrated the life of Janie Melsek on Friday, July 30, when almost 500 islanders came to the Community House to share their loving memories. Her many friends were invited to select cut flowers and cast them as a tribute into the waters off the Causeway... where a rainbow soared overhead. Story on Page 13

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Blind Pass recap

By Amy Fleming
Managing Editor,
Captiva Current

Last December, the Captiva Community Planning Panel held a public workshop on the Blind Pass Eco Zone restoration project, with a guest panel that included representatives from Lee County, the City of Sanibel, and the Captiva Erosion Prevention District. Since that time, progress has continued toward re-opening the pass. The restoration project includes the placement of a culvert by the city of Sanibel connecting Dinkins Bayou to Clam Bayou, and the removal, via a dredging operation, of sand from Blind Pass. The dredging is designed to keep the pass open and flowing, in conjunction with regular maintenance, for at least 10 years. Following is a timeline of how the project has progressed over the spring and summer months.

- December 2003 - Hans Wilson, of Hans Wilson & Associates, presented information on his recently completed Blind Pass feasibility report, demonstrating how the proposed dredging operation would re-open the eco-zone (Blind Pass, Clam Bayou, and Dinkins Bayou) to tidal flushing. This would improve water quality and prevent water levels from rising in Clam Bayou, which has already resulted in the destruction of acres of mangrove trees. The estimated cost of the project

- was set at \$5 million. The proposed start date of January 2005 was pushed back due to the lengthy permitting process needed for the project. Steve Boutelle, of Lee County's Natural Resources division, estimated 18 months for permitting, "if all goes smoothly."

- February 2004 - The Captiva Erosion Prevention District continued to work with Lee County and Sanibel on an interlocal agreement which would designate cost sharing for the restoration project.

To help expedite the permitting process, Alison Hagerup, CEPD Administrator, arranged a helicopter tour of Blind Pass for state and local officials.

- March 2004 - The CEPD approved \$32,800 to Hans Wilson & Associates for seagrass mapping and bathymetric surveys, which are required for obtaining permits. Vibracore samples were taken throughout Blind Pass to determine the ratio of sand to muck.

A second helicopter tour was arranged for permitting officials, including representatives from Florida DEP.

- April 2004 - The CEPD rescinded the mapping contract with Hans Wilson &

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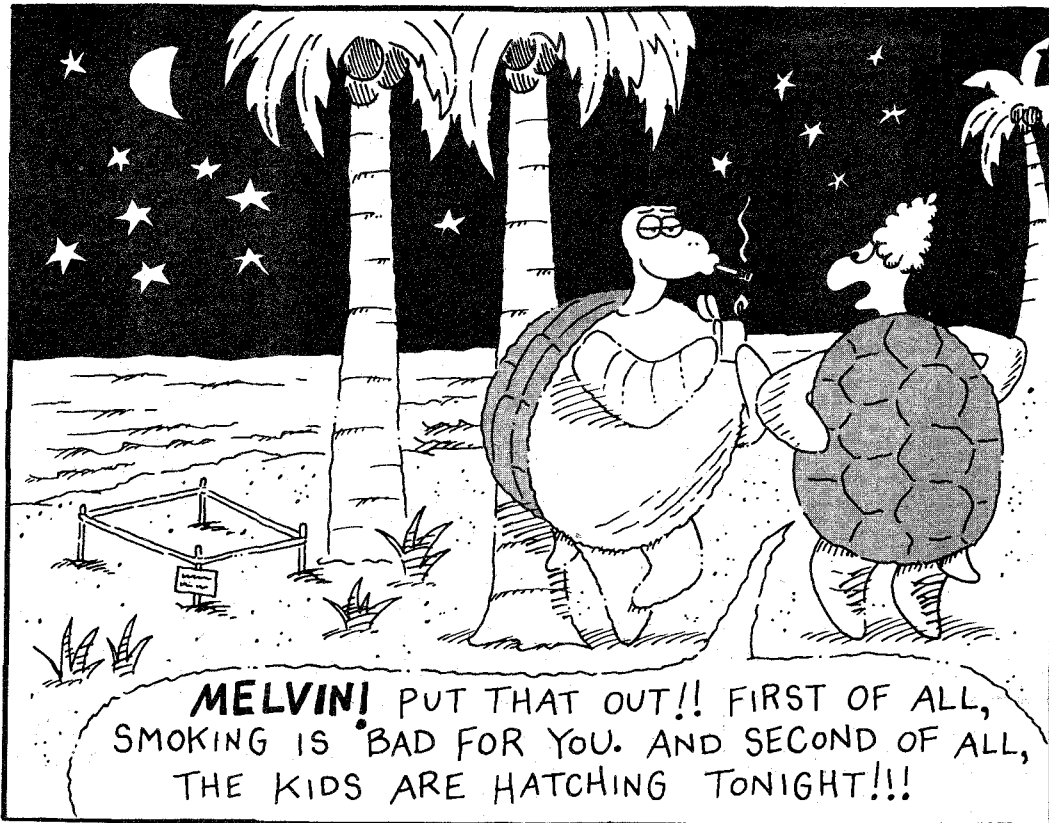
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Dave Horton



Lee Horton



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THE METASTATIC LIFE

Baby, even the losers get lucky sometimes
....Tom Petty

The plan was for me to have chemo every three weeks until I could get into a remission and then I would go to the next hormone blocker. The last week before my second chemo saw me back to my old self, mostly. My hair is all gone now but I really don't mind anymore. School is starting up in a week and Emily is actually ready and excited.

I'm finding little bits of happiness and contentment again.

With all of that in mind, I set off yesterday to have my second treatment. Dr. Harwin decided to give me a lower dose to make it more tolerable. I felt like I could manage.

So when Diane, Harwin's P.A. walked into my room and said "Well there's no way you're getting chemo today, not with these counts." I thought, "Oh boy, here we go."

Turns out my white count went up last week but dropped back down this week, too low for chemo. The only thing to do was try another shot of Neupogen and hope it would go up by Wednesday.

These are the little setbacks that unsettle the calm and determination it has taken me all this time to claim. All

of a sudden the "what ifs" are racing around in my head. "What if I am never able to get white counts high enough to continue treatment?" "What if Neupogen is my only hope? Then how will I deal with that monstrous bone pain it causes?"

What I am learning is that it doesn't take much to get me off track on this emotional roller coaster I am riding. I need to learn that things like this are bound to happen and that somehow they will be worked out. What is that saying? "Faith is the belief in something for which there is no proof." Something like that. That's where I am in my life. I just have to believe that things will work out, even when I can't figure out how.

In the meantime, I have three days extra vacation from chemo and I intend to spend them enjoying myself. I will eat what I want. I will go to the movies. I will get things done around the house and spend quality time with my parents and my children. It's my way of turning lemons into lemonade.

Years ago someone like me would have been dead in a matter of months. It hasn't been that many years since so the doctors don't always know what to do with me. They don't know how my body will react to their arsenal of drugs even seven years after my transplant. I'm still an exception to the rule. It can be quite scary if I think

about it too much but then I like to remind myself that somehow I have made it this far and with so many people pulling for me, with so many plans still in my future, it is not so hard to believe that I will beat this thing again.

Besides which, in all honesty, I have nothing better to do.

Until next week...



LISA PIEROT

ABWA Scholarships

The American Business Women's Association (ABWA) will be awarding scholarships for the Fall semester and is accepting applications now.

Please note that applicants can be any age, high school students, working moms or someone who may just want a career change.

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Associates because Lee County was preparing to sign a Blind Pass project design contract, which would include mapping, with Wilson.

Representatives from the J.N. 'Ding' Darling National Wildlife Refuge and the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation, meet with permitting agencies to encourage their support.

- June 2004 - Lee County backed off from signing the contract with Wilson, as the proposed project exceeds \$1 million, thus triggering a competitive negotiations process. To keep the permitting process rolling, the CEPD hired Coastal Planning & Engineering to do the mapping.

An Interlocal agreement between Lee County, the CEPD, the City of Sanibel was finalized on June 22. Under the agreement, the City of Sanibel will construct a culvert linking Clam Bayou with Dinkins Bayou, to improve water quality in both bodies of water. The CEPD, Lee County and the state equally will share remaining costs.

- July 2004 - Coastal Planning & Engineering declined the mapping contract, citing liability concerns. Seagrass mapping was later done by county and Sanibel Natural Resources staff, at Hagerup's request.

Lee County staff completed the competitive negotiations process, and will recommend Erickson Consultants

Engineering, which includes Hans Wilson & Associates as well as Gooderham and Associates, as their top ranked choice to the board of commissioners.

Sanibel School resumes classes

It's back to school again! The Sanibel School starts classes on Monday, August 9.

The Sanibel Police Department reminds all drivers to be cautious and remember to stop to allow the bus drivers to pick up and discharge the children in a safe manner.

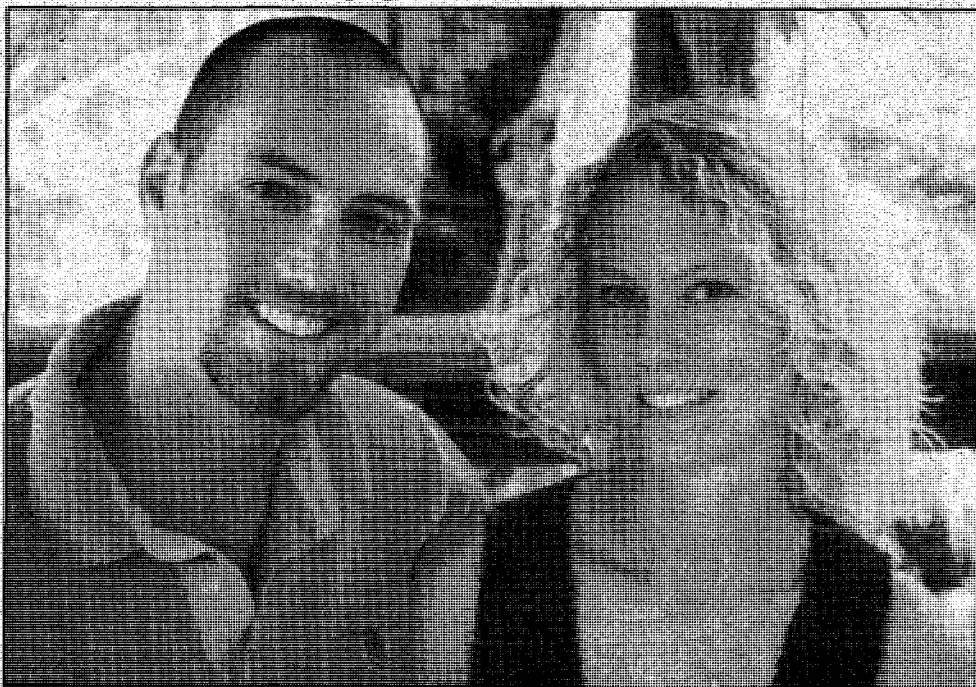
Vehicles in both directions must STOP when the school bus has its red lights on and the stop sign is lowered. Also, the speed limit in the school zone is 20 miles per hour.

Please do your part to keep our children safe.

- Chief of Police Bill Tomlinson



Wrenn and Glick engagement



Kimberly Wrenn and Daniel Glick are happy to announce their engagement. Kimberly grew up on Sanibel and is the daughter of Dorothy and Ronald Wrenn of Sanibel. She attended Cypress Lake High School and graduated from the University of Central Florida with a B.A. in English Literature. Kimberly is the membership coordinator at The Sanctuary Golf Club.

Daniel is the son of Darlene and Klaus Martin of Cape Coral and Russell Glick of Saginaw, Michigan. Daniel attended Cape Coral High and is the Sous Chef at Parrot Key Caribbean Grill & Bar on Fort Myers Beach.

The couple is planning to wed on May 28, 2005 in an island ceremony.

ACT needs school supplies

Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. is in need of school supplies, boxes of Kleenex, new children's underwear, socks, shoes, and a new outfit for the first day of school for the children at the battered women's shelters in Fort Myers, Cape Coral and LaBelle.


To adopt a child, please call Johnnie Mae or Tiffany at 939-3112.

Dear Editor:

I never met Janie Melsek, who died on July 23 as a result of an alligator attack on July 21 but after her incredibly transporting tribute at the Community House on July 30, I felt as if I knew her.

How I wish I'd had the privilege of knowing her when she was alive.

Claudia Burns
Sanibel resident



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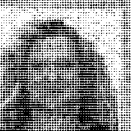

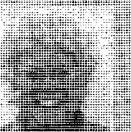



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Steve Greenstein and Sandra Stilwell named to International College Council

International College announced on July 30 its inaugural Fort Myers President's Council, which includes 24 business, law enforcement and hospital representatives. The induction ceremony was held Thursday, July 29, from 6 to 8 p.m., at The Club at Renaissance in Fort Myers.

The installation of a Lee County Council was a logical step, particularly as the new Fort Myers campus inches closer to its scheduled April 2005 opening, explained International College President Terry P. McMahan. The new Fort Myers campus will be located at 4501 Colonial Boulevard, off Winkler Extension, within city limits.

The role of the new Council will be to assist the College in building awareness, and development and fundraising projects through established relationships with local business and community leaders. It also will be charged with participating on various steering committees.

William Valenti, Sr., president and CEO, Florida Gulf Bank, will serve as the Council's chairman. Steve Greenstein, executive director, Sanibel-Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce, will act as vice chair.

Greenstein said he is looking forward to helping the College fulfill its academic mission.

"Attending college can be a life-changing experience," Greenstein added. "International College creates opportunities for its students by defining their existence and allowing them to pursue a better life for themselves and their families."

Valenti said he also is eager to serve on International College's new Fort Myers President's Council by providing input on community needs and acting as a sounding board for potential new programs.

"I think International College serves a very important, but often, absent role in the community by providing an opportunity for working adults to obtain an education while — at the same time — maximizing the contributions to themselves as well as the community," Valenti said. "I don't think there is anything more liberating for a person than to receive an education. I have so much respect for people

who reach a decision in their life to return to school."

McMahan is optimistic the Fort Myers Council's experience in and knowledge of Lee County will help the College become an integral part of the community — just as the Naples President's Council has done for the Naples campus.

"The Council will be able to establish greater awareness in the community about International College, improve networking opportunities, and aid with advancement efforts — including some fundraising," McMahan said. "The Council will be pivotal in directing us in the right direction to enhance academic programs for our students. This is an exciting time for the College as it expands into the Fort Myers area."

The other 22 Council members are Jackie Cadkin, Fort Myers; Joseph P. D'Alessandro, former Lee County State Attorney, Fort Myers; Marianne deVargas, COO, The Vargas Group, Fort Myers; Richard Durnwald, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, Fort Myers; Janet E. Forrer, Charitable Volunteer, Cape Coral; Michael P. Geml, President, Busey Bank, Fort Myers; Thad Gentleman, VP Arnold Gentleman & Assoc., Fort Myers; John Gnagey, Principal, The Worthington Group, Fort Myers; Randall Henderson, Jr., Ward 5 Councilman, Fort Myers; Tom Hoolihan, President, Heritage Residential Group, Fort Myers; Tom Horton, CEO, Palm Printing, Fort Myers; Paula Kaminski, Edwards Jones, Fort Myers; Stephen Kolody, Attorney, Fort Myers; Nora Price, Nora Price Antiques & Interiors, Fort Myers; Michael Reitmann, Executive Vice President, Lee BIA, Fort Myers; Scott D. Robertson, Founder, Benefit Port Southeast, Fort Myers; Rod Shoap, Lee County Sheriff/International College graduate, Fort Myers; Theodore Steele, Steele Truck Center, Fort Myers; Sandy Stilwell, Captiva Island Inn, Captiva; John W. Steakley, Smith Barney, Fort Myers; David S. Vargas, Pres./CEO, The Vargas Group, Fort Myers; John Weist, Chief Financial Officer, Lee Memorial Health System, Fort Myers.

Priscilla Murphy Realty welcomes Don Korn

Priscilla Murphy Realty is pleased to announce that Don Korn has joined the company and will be located at the Periwinkle office as part of the Branyon Team.

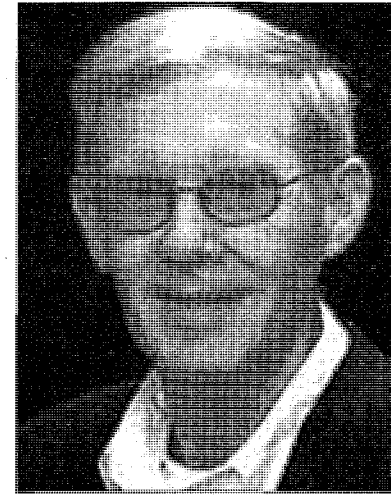
Don's first interest in real estate began while he was still in college when he invested in a residential lot in an up-and-coming vacation resort community. Steadily through the years he invested in residential properties, condos, farmland, oil and gas, and REITs. In 1999, after a very successful corporate career at Kodak, Don retired as a vice president. It is not surprising that he decided to "switch tables" and become a realtor. As Don says, "Real estate investing has always been a passion for me, and retirement has given me the opportunity to pursue real estate full time. My wife, Ingrid, and I first invested in Sanibel in 1993, when we purchased a delightful waterfront cottage on the bay between Sanibel and Captiva. A few years later we purchased a second home, a canal property on Sanibel's East End. Friends kid us that when we go back 'up north' our commute is only 12 miles, but we love the islands and don't see any reason for having our second home somewhere else."

Don joins Priscilla Murphy Realty after a very successful career in real estate

on Sanibel. "I am delighted and grateful to have the opportunity to join PMR. I believe that they provide premier service with the highest of integrity and knowledge. I am also grateful for having the opportunity to join the Branyon Team. I have known Jim and Jay Branyon for many years and believe in their philosophy of 'distinctive service for distinctive properties.' After all, they sold my wife and myself on these islands and they sold us our two homes! Having been a real estate investor for so many years, I believe that I can recognize quality and value and that I can help clients buy or sell with the confidence that they deserve."

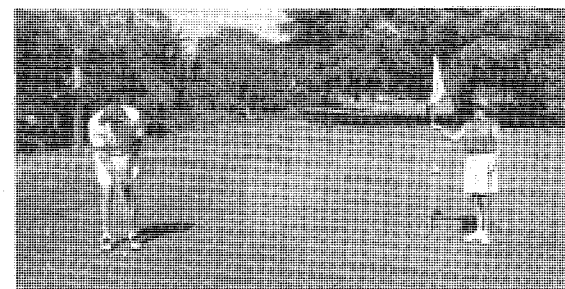
Don also believes in giving back to the community. He donates 25% of his net real estate earnings to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. "This makes my clients and me feel good about having contributed to improving our island paradise community."

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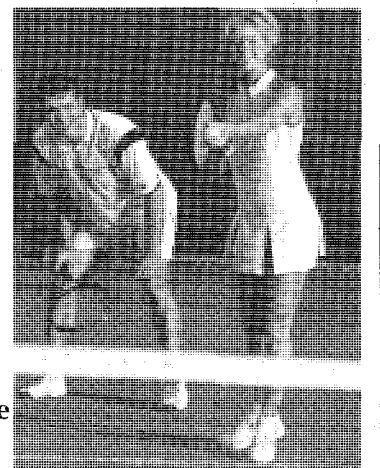


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Malacologists meet on Sanibel

By Karen Nelson
Managing Editor

Dr. Jose H. Léal, president of the American Malacological Society and executive director of the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, welcomed attendees to the 70th Annual Meeting of the AMS at the Sundial on Sunday. Also welcoming the shell scientists were Jon L. Thompson, president of the Board of trustees of the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, Mayor Marty Harity and San-Cap Chamber of Commerce president (and former AMU treasurer) Anne Joffe.



Jose H. Léal

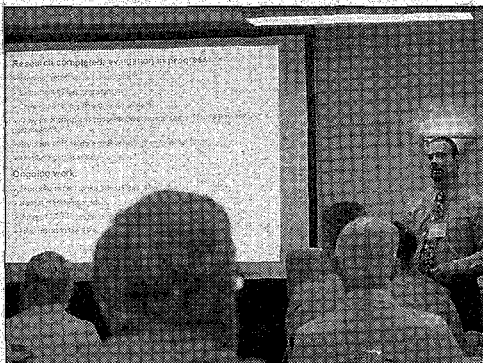
The meeting ran from July 31 - August 4 and, as a non-shell person (beyond the boxes of self-collected shells that I treasure because they are pretty), I must admit that I was somewhat polysyllabically challenged by the sessions. Nonetheless, I found those that I did attend to be interesting and applicable to local concerns.

It's a shell eat shell world out there but the intriguing array of chemical weapons and mechanical devices used by shells to capture their prey were part of the comments by Alan J. Kohn in his Keynote address. Kohn's subject, *Neogastropoda: Questions of Tempo and Mode in Macroevolution and Macroecology*, included several sections on a favorite Sanibel shell, cones.

Cones practice a "rapid strike method," whereby they "secrete a cocktail of very potent neurotoxins — peptides — which they inject into their prey, paralyzing it immediately and then swallowing it

whole." One slide showed a cone with its prey almost completely swallowed.

I confess I skipped the special sessions on the biodiversity of marine mollusks and on snails and slugs as agricultural and horticultural pests; as well as a contributed session on marine gastropods. However, I caught Monday morning's special session focused on *Coastal Molluscan Assemblages as Environmental Indicators and Monitors of Restoration Efficiency*. Since restoration is a topic of great concern locally, the abstracts from these sessions are printed below, along with some additional notes on the sessions from this non-scientific writer:



Jonathan S. Fajans

Biology, Ecology, and Physiology of the Non-Indigenous Asian Green Mussel, *Perna viridis* (Mytilidae), in the Southeastern United States

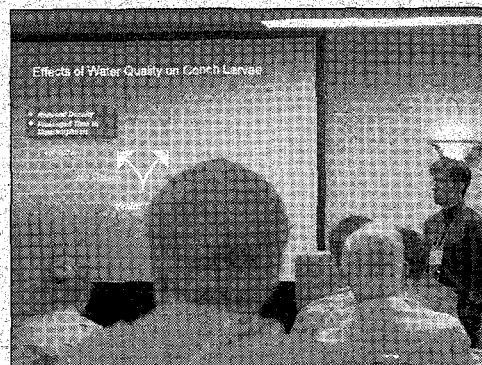
Jonathan S. Fajans, Patrick Baker, Shirley Baker and Edward Philips; University of Florida, Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, 7922 NW 71 St., Gainesville, FL 32653, USA, jsfajans@mail.ifas.ufl.edu

The first report of *Perna viridis* in North America came from Tampa Bay in 1999, when specimens were found clogging the intake pipes of a power plant. Since that time the mussels have spread south along the west coast of Florida and established new populations along the northeast coast of Florida and into Georgia.

Perna viridis reaches high densities

and large size in a short period of time while out-competing native fouling organisms on most artificial substrates. Tolerance studies have demonstrated the ability of *P. viridis* to withstand almost the full range of Florida's coastal habitats with regard to temperature and salinity. Additionally, native *Crassostrea virginica* reefs seem to be negatively affected by *P. viridis* settlement. The mussel's high ammonia output may provide enough nutrients to Tampa Bay waters in such a way that phytoplankton communities may experience no net loss from the increased grazing. High densities combined with high clearance rates may lead to an increase in benthic sediment around artificial substrate. Pilings, buoys, bridges, piers, jetties and bottom debris appear to first recruit *P. viridis* to an area. Evidence of recreational harvest in some areas has been noted.

Edit. note: They are conducting an ongoing study of three sites in Tampa Bay.



Gabriel A. Delgado

Queen Conch (*Strombus gigas*) as an Indicator of Nearshore Environmental Degradation in the Florida Keys: Implications for Continued Coastal Development

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The queen conch, *Strombus gigas*, population in the Florida Keys once supported commercial and recreational fisheries. Despite a ban on harvest since 1985, the conch population has been slow to recover.

Our observations in the laboratory and field suggest that the prolonged recovery may be attributed, in part, to limited recruitment and declining environmental

conditions from anthropogenic impacts. At our experimental hatchery, we demonstrated that water quality has a direct effect on larval conch; growth rates more than doubled and densities were increased by a factor of 20 after incoming water was ozonated to remove dissolved organic chemicals, heavy metals, and pesticides. We also found that the pesticides used for mosquito eradication in the Keys had a significant toxicological effect on embryos and larvae.

Furthermore, our field studies have shown that most adult conch located in nearshore habitats are physiologically incapable of spawning due to gonadal deficits, although reproduction does occur offshore. However, the gonadal condition of nearshore conch translocated to offshore breeding aggregations improved, and these animals began spawning after six months offshore. This suggests that some component of the nearshore environment disrupts reproduction in conch.

There are a variety of compounds introduced into the environment that have the potential to be endocrine disruptors. We plan on using enzyme linked immunosorbent assays (ELISAs) to determine what chemical(s) is (are) negatively impacting reproductive development in nearshore conch.


Our results, coupled with the long history of inadequate sewage treatment, mosquito pesticide application, and other sources of anthropogenic discharges in the Florida Keys provides compelling evidence for a link between coastal development and decreased reproductive output in conch.

Edit. Note: The Conch Republic is losing its conchs; following a harvesting ban, a towed-diver census conducted annually from 1987 to 1992 indicated that recovery was slow.

Among the issues being studied were the effects of mosquito control spraying of Biomist (with permethrin, sprayed by truck) and Dibrom (with naled, sprayed from planes). Three concentrations were tested; all were harmful. The Biomist delayed development and caused abnormalities; the Dibrom, which degrades into an even more lethal substance, caused more pronounced damage.

In 1991, an experimental hatchery was set up and the hatchlings were successfully introduced but, at a cost of \$9/survivor, it's not economically feasible.

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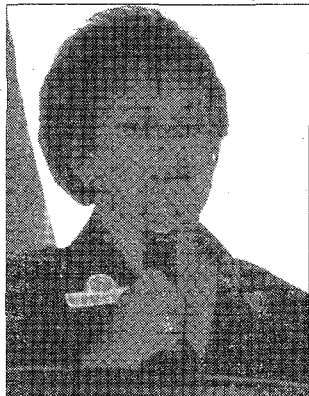
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Kiwanis: The Big Green Chair

Submitted by Bob Wimbush

The Big Green Chair. That's the real seat of power in Lee County. Without it, no one gets elected. And, says Kiwanis Life Member Sharon Harrington, Lee County Supervisor of Elections and occupant of the Big Green Chair, "Boy are we in exciting times today." That was quickly



Life Member Sharon Harrington chooses, quite sensibly, not to look at the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis group.

followed by utterances of "They won't make it easy," and "They're trying to kill me."

She refers not to persons on a vendetta — because this is one neat, savvy lady — but to the current idiosyncrasies of her job: Understand-

ing and conducting, and ensuring smooth, honest, accurate elections in Lee County, Florida, something the world will be watching after the state's 2000 elections fiasco. Fiasco is my word, not hers. The Lee County Office is above the fiasco. Hers is the only one of the 67 in Florida being observed to glean best practices. Sharon has been to Washington and San Francisco to talk about the use of touch screen voting machines. Apparently impressed, (perhaps because she's a Kiwanian?) TV New Zealand is sending film crews to record our elections here in Lee County.

Supposedly non-partisan write-in candidates aren't making her job any easier. And neither is Kiwanis, because by the time you read this it will be too late to change parties prior to the next election. It will, in fact, almost be time for you to early vote. But you'll have to brave the causeway to do it because there won't be early voting on Sanibel. You have to go to Fort Myers, Cape Coral, or Bonita for that, but on an Island where the credo is vote early and vote often, it may be worth the risk and the trip. Just try to remember which party you're in when you get there.

If you have changed parties, you

already know the process, and if you haven't it doesn't matter, but what Sharon suggests is that you immediately change back so you don't encounter any unpleasant surprises down the road.

"Will the City Elections be moved back to November?" was the question. There is no simple answer, but the discussion was interesting: They were moved to March originally because of the punch card system — the one that made Florida famous. It was running out of holes. The new electronic, touch-screen system has overcome this, but leads into the question of how long do we want voting to take? Longer ballots translate to longer lines, more time spent in the booth, more ballot styles and, potentially, more errors.

Currently there are 50 to 55 ballot styles used in Lee County: Federal, State, City, Special, Fire Control, County amendments and proposals, State amendments and proposals, Mosquito district, School board... you get the idea. What's interesting is that every ballot style is resident on every machine. Yes, machine content is identical. The reason your screen displays a Sanibel ballot and not Fort Myers Beach is related to a code next to your name on the registration list.

Election workers activate the ballot type for every voter. More ballots equals more codes equals more chances for mistakes equals more people trying to kill Sharon. She would like to see the city elections returned to November, but in the odd years, away from the heavy general elections.

What does she expect this year? Everything will be scrutinized and everything will be challenged. Everything must be perfect.

What's the biggest problem?

"Voters don't follow instructions."

What's the most important thing to remember?

"When you push the 'Vote' button, that's final."

What results would she like?

"A landslide!" Election workers don't care for whom, but landslides make their jobs a lot easier.

Kiwanis breakfasts on Tuesday at the Dunes. Call The FMB Kiwanis Thrift Store at 454-8090 to donate salable furniture, clothing or household items.

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T. D. Alphin

Intertidal Oyster Reefs as Critical Habitat: Influence of Reef Morphology and Complexity

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As American oysters continue to decline, efforts to restore oyster popula-

tion have also intensified. To date many of these efforts have focused on a presence/absence approach without consideration of landscape aspects or reef characteristics that may influence oyster health and ecosystem function.

For intertidal reefs, vertical complexity and edge convolution are important landscape aspects influencing habitat quality. Vertical complexity affects spatial structure and refuge potential while varying edge characteristics may affect flow and use of boundary areas.

Over the past two years we have examined the influence of edge complexity, vertical complexity, and reef fragmentation on faunal use of intertidal reefs, oyster recruitment, growth and survival, and the influence of these parameters on the adjacent sandflat community.

Our approach has involved sampling a combination of artificial experimental reefs that vary complexity and edge characteristics in a blocked manner, as well as sampling natural reefs with varying sur-

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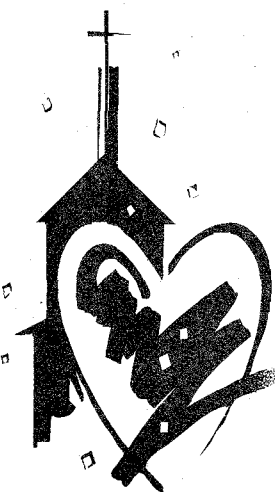
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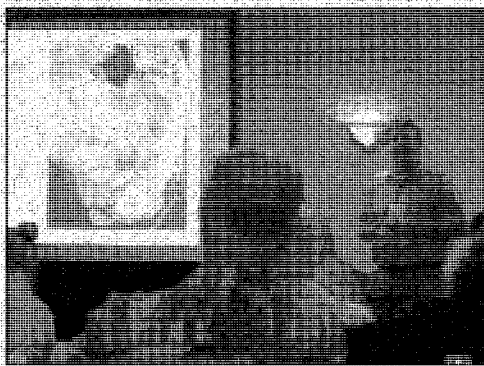
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face complexity.

Various biotic components respond differentially to aspects of reef architecture. Several members of the epifauna are more abundant on high surface-complexity reefs. Oyster recruitment and initial survival is greatest on low-surface-complexity reefs, which possibly represents indirect interactions. Nekton exhibits limited responses to either surface or edge complexity. Influences on organic content, porewater N, sediment characteristics, and microalgal biomass in adjacent sand-flat areas are affected more by reef edge characteristics than by vertical complexity. These results indicate the necessity of considering reef characteristics in restoration and conservation efforts.

Edit. note: Oyster reefs provide fishery resources, habitat provision, nutrient cycling, filtration effects and baffling of wave and current energy.

Artificial reefs were created between March and May 2002 in open sand, with 100 live oysters located per reef. Artificial reefs were placed no closer than 50 yards from the nearest natural oyster reef.

**Michael Savarese**

Use of Oyster Reef Communities in the Design and Monitoring of Everglades Restoration Projects

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Greater Everglades restoration in South Florida is the largest ecosystem restoration project in United States history, and concerns both terrestrial and estuarine habitats. Restoration is governed by a federally legislated partnership through multi-agency consensus following a strict protocol.

For estuarine projects, the American oyster *Crassostrea virginica*, is being

used as a bioindicator of estuarine health, as a tool for establishing restoration targets, and as a measure of restoration effectiveness. The purpose of this presentation is to illustrate the utility of oyster biology and reef ecology in the restoration planning process.

The protocol adopted for Everglades restoration consists of nine steps: (1) defining restoration goals, (2) characterizing current conditions, (3) establishing the pre-alteration state, (4) designing alternative restoration scenarios, (5) establishing performance measures and targets, (6) modeling to evaluate each scenario, (7) designing an effectiveness monitoring plan, (8) implementing a restoration scenario, and (9) initiating adaptive management.

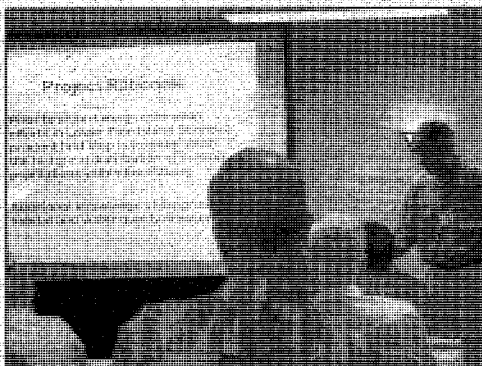
Oysters and their reef communities are being used in steps 2, 3, 5, and 7. Oyster growth, standing stock, recruitment, susceptibility to disease, living density, aerial extent of reefs and the diversity and richness of the reef community serve as bioindicators of estuarine health (step 2). Step 3 is achieved either by comparing the present distribution of oyster reefs with pre-alteration, historical surveys or by comparison with neighboring pristine estuaries. The same aspects of physiology and ecology are used to define targets and performance measure (step 5). Finally, the restoration project's success can be gauged (step 7) by how close the system approaches a given target.

Edit. note: On the use of oysters (*crassostrea virginica*) to measure the progress: "It's the relationship between salinity and oyster biology we're interested in. Oysters tolerate a wide range in salinity but they are physiologically sensitive."

They will be studying the Southern Golden Gates Estates restoration and noted that the project implementation report is now in its final revision and will be going to Congress for approval; authorization is expected this year. When SGGE was ditched and drained, and roads were paved, the fresh water sheet flow that historically flowed into the Ten Thousand Islands was funneled through one canal into Faka Union Bay, which is receiving too much fresh water while the estuary to the west is receiving too little.

They attempted to establish a "pre-alteration state" benchmark through work on the fossil record by Geochemist Donna Surge but it was not applicable. Instead, they instituted a Spatial Homologue Appraisal, comparing Faka Union Canal outflow with the outflow from a pristine area. Splitting the outflow area of each

into five cross-sections (homologues), it was found that increased fresh water flow resulted in the oyster reefs being located further off land. The recommendation was to maximize the number of days where the freshwater release is between 100-300 cfs and to minimize the number of days where the flow is greater than 500 cfs or less than 50 cfs.

**Jay R. Leverone**

Analyzing Shell Deposits to Aid in Site Selection for Bay Scallop Restoration in Pine Island Sound, Florida

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A recreational bay scallop (*Argopecten irradians*) fishery existed throughout Pine Island Sound, southwest Florida, until the late 1980s. Since then scallops have disappeared from the area, except for a small relic population in the northern part of the Sound. The loss of this important resource and the potential for its reintroduction through restoration play a role in critical water management decisions, related to the estuary.

Thirty-six sites in lower Pine Island Sound and San Carlos Bay were sampled for shell deposits. In addition, scallop shells were placed in the field to determine shell dissolution rates. Maps of shell deposits revealed a high density of shells centered inside York Island (immediately west of St. James City) and spreading into the shallow grass flats to the north and east. Two other foci of lower density, but equally broad scallop shell distributions, were identified: one near the mouth of the Caloosahatchee River and the other at the opening to Tarpon Bay. Average scallop shell dissolution rates ranged from 1.01 to 1.32 percent annually, suggesting that the shells had been buried in the sediments for roughly 100 years. If water quality becomes suitable to support bay scallops again, these areas may offer the most optimal locations for future restoration

efforts.

Edit. note: A 1960 report by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Society reported that construction of the Sanibel Causeway would lower the salinity and eliminate the scallop beds.

Core samples indicated that the back of Sanibel, along the Refuge to Wulfert, has seagrass but no bay scallops. Northern Pine Island Sound still has a scallop population but it is declining. Jaime Greenawalt from SCCF helped with the study.

**William S. Arnold**

Rebuilding Bay Scallop (*Argopecten irradians*) Population in Florida Waters: Success is Predicated Upon a Firm Ecological Foundation

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Effective restoration of marine populations requires a sound ecological basis. This is exemplified by bay scallops (*Argopecten irradians*), which historically occupied nearshore habitats between West Palm Beach and Pensacola. In recent decades many of the local populations that comprise that scallop metapopulation have collapsed.

Analysis of adult distribution and juvenile recruitment patterns during the 1990s revealed that substantial recruitment was only recorded at those sites where adult scallops were abundant, despite the existence of apparently suitable habitat at other sites that previously supported an abundance of scallops.

These observations were interpreted to indicate that larval retention predominates in Florida scallop populations and that the number of larvae that do disperse to other sites is not adequate to replenish those populations. Thus, efforts to rebuild local

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populations rely upon the premise that local larval supply must be increased.

To accomplish this, management regulations were modified by eliminating harvest at depleted sites in an effort to increase the survival and resultant spawning success of the few reproductively viable scallop patches that did exist at those sites. A restoration program also was implemented in an effort to increase egg production and fertilization success. That program involved concentrating large numbers of cultured scallops at multiple stations within each of several targeted restoration sites in the closed harvest area. The overall success of the rebuilding strategy, and the relative success of the management and restoration approaches, is discussed within the context of a documented two-order-of-magnitude increase in scallop abundance within the closed harvest area.

Edit note: Bay scallops in the area used to be very abundant and Charlotte Harbor was the largest commercial fishery for bay scallops. Density parameters for the study were set: <5/600 meters² was considered collapsed, 5-25/600m² was considered transitional and >25/600m² was considered healthy.

Recovery would be measured by whether or not scallops were distributed at most of the stations in the closed area; and whether the populations were resilient and could bounce back after a bad year (this year has been a bad year).

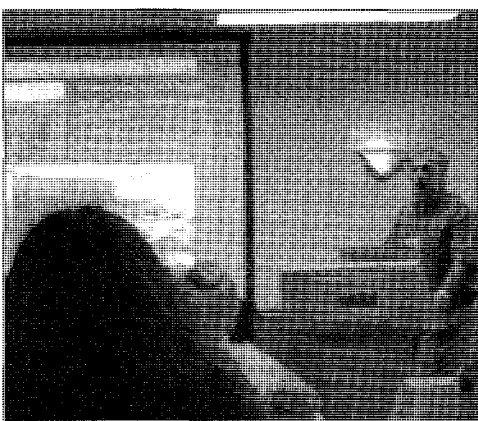
For three years starting in 1998, scallops were planted in Homosassa and Anclote. They expected to see offspring by 2001, but they saw them in 1999. Homosassa, which was one of the least dense areas before planting, was the most dense in 2001.

There are three possible explanations: the increase was the direct result of planting; it was the result of reduced fishing pressure; it was the result of an anomaly in the west Florida shelf, with cold water coming up.

They DNA-tagged the hatchlings and found no significant contribution to the population in the genetic tagging but there may be accuracy problems with the tagging.

The regulations in 1994 could account for recovery in some areas. However, there was no recovery south of Tampa Bay and the resurgence occurred in areas that were planted. Further work is needed.

Asked if bay scallops could be reestablished on the Florida East coast, Arnold said that there is "no suitable habitat to reestablish bay scallops on the east coast of Florida."



Loren D. Coen

Intertidal Oyster Habitat Restoration: Scaling up from "r" to "R", Evaluating "Success" and Using More Environmentally Friendly (BMP) Approaches

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Intertidal oyster habitats are critical to healthy estuaries in the southeastern United States. Because of this and the decline of oysters across much of the United States, restoration projects are increasing exponentially.

In South Carolina, we have been expanding our restoration/enhancement research efforts at sites slated for shell planting. Our approach included mesh for stabilization, evaluating several shell types, and two planting depths.

In 2002, more than 3,000 m² (1,200 bushels) were planted with whelk, local or Gulf oyster shells at seven sites. Roughly half of the areas were covered with mesh to minimize shell loss due to boat traffic or wind waves. We also investigated the suitability of three "biodegradable" or "non-photo-stabilized" meshes, as alternatives to a "stabilized" mesh currently in use.

One initial problem was that contractors had problems planting shell as required by our initial design. Shell depth changed significantly in the first three months after planting with siltation and shell "subsidence" also significant problems. Interestingly, recruitment to planted shell was low relative to adjacent "substrate collectors," with mean densities ranging from 219-557/m² versus 500-7,000 oysters/m² over a similar time frame.

Under controlled conditions, the three non-stabilized meshes broke down under UV after only four months. In the field, however, meshes generally showed little, if any "exposure" damage, with damage in the field most attributable to wave/current action. Water/mud appear to also act as significant UV filters extending mesh life. In 2003, more than 8,000 m² of shell (27,000 bushels) were planted at eight sites. Monitoring and evaluation of the 2002-03 oyster restoration sites are continuing.

Edit. note: "It takes three to five years to restore an oyster reef to a reasonable level."

Measuring and Modeling Seston Uptake by Restored Oyster Reefs

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Note: Loren Coen made the presentation.

A typical goal of oyster restoration projects is to enhance water quality because of increased water filtration rates

Holistic Health Notebook: More about cholesterol

I hope this column doesn't sound a note of cynicism. I really try to maintain a professional attitude about science. A healthy attitude is healthy, after all.

I don't think my attitude is healthy, though. And I'm going to blame science and the media for it. Read through this column, and then we'll see how healthy your attitude is.

It all started a few weeks ago. A study published in the American Heart Journal noted that people who suffer a heart attack can be "safely treated within a day with cholesterol-lowering drugs," according to Australian researchers. This tidbit was reported in Reuters Health, online. Keep reading, because after you wade through the first optimistic paragraph about the importance of treating heart attack victims with cholesterol-lowering medications, you find (in small print) that the "relative risk reduction of 6.4 percent was not statistically significant."

Okay.

On July 6, Reuters reported that "revised guidelines from the National Cholesterol Education Program's (NCEP) panel called for lowering "bad" LDL cholesterol levels even further than they are now, recommending an LDL cholesterol no greater than 100 for high-risk patients, and possibly lower than 70. (LDL cholesterol is considered the "bad" cholesterol.) According to the New York Times, "the new recommendations call for treatment with cholesterol-lowering drugs for millions of Americans who had thought their cholesterol levels were fine."

A Letter to the Editor in the New York Times on July 19 provided clarification of the new guidelines by explaining that the trials were "in-progress." In other words, the results of the study, although widely publicized, are preliminary, and do not take into account many other factors.

On July 20, the New York Times again reported on the study, saying (tongue-in-cheek) that "maybe the powerful drugs known as statins should be added to the water supply. Not only do statins greatly reduce cholesterol and lower mortality in people at risk for heart attacks, but some studies also suggest that they might help to prevent or treat a wide range of ailments, including Alzheimer's disease, multiple sclerosis, bone fractures, some

types of cancer, macular degeneration and glaucoma."

The publicity machinery continues the following week with a story on the benefits of giving statin drugs to children, boasting "no adverse impact on their growth."

The same week, Reuters released a story about a new combination drug (Zetia and simvastatin) that "reduces cholesterol formation, may help patients reach their target cholesterol levels. The new study said that only the combination drugs helped achieve the newer, lower cholesterol levels."

Ironically, the New York Times simultaneously published a report on the financial standing of the two companies that produce combination cholesterol-lowering drugs.

"Schering-Plough, plagued by various legal and product problems, reported its fourth consecutive quarterly loss yesterday. Merck, which is struggling to live up to its reputation for introducing innovative products, reported earnings that were essentially flat. But both companies hope their salvation will arrive as soon as the end of the week. That is when the Food and Drug Administration is expected to approve Vytorin, a new cholesterol-lowering pill that the companies will sell through a joint venture. Sure enough. Vytorin is a new "combination drug..."

Do you feel like you've been set up? First you create the need; then you create the product. Great marketing strategy.

The problem is, it isn't good science. Cholesterol is vitally important to the brain. During this same week, a Reuters article cited information from the Women's Health Study, indicating that higher HDL levels defend women against the risk of developing Alzheimer's. Since cholesterol plays a structural and functional role in the brain, what about the effects of cholesterol-lowering medications on children's developing brains? This health parameter was not approached in the study but is extremely important. Will cholesterol-lowering medications cause rebound depression? Loss of cognitive ability?

I am not a guinea pig.

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Sailboat People

They are a strange group of boaters. Some are on the "go around the world on ten dollars a day" plan, while others don't ever seem to unfurl the mainsail and end up motoring from marina to marina.

When I was 19, I got a job on a small yacht, a motorsailer. It was docked behind the owner's house on Key Biscayne, just south of Miami. It was a wonderful wooden boat and I had five days a week upkeep to keep it shiny. We headed over to the Bahamas one late afternoon. However, there were no winds that night and we motored the entire way.

The owner and captain was a retired Navy captain who was used to big, powerful boats under his well seasoned deck shoes. I never did understand why he had the expensive half sailboat, half powerboat. I believe in two weeks of visiting the outer islands of the Bahamas, we hoisted sail twice.

We see a lot of beautiful, new sailboats all the time where I charter from at Tween Waters Marina. I've said before it's like going to a boat show each morning for me. Sometimes, I wonder if they are ever sailed? Pine Island Sound isn't

the best for a sailboat drawing more than four feet. With a good easterly wind, I will see boats sailing in the Intracoastal Waterway, but it wanders and is difficult to keep to.

Other times, we will see at the marina a weathered sailboat, with used sails and the tell-tail jugs of water lashed to the decks. You can always tell a long haul sailor because you only have to run out of water off-shore once and you try to never let it happen again.

Often you will see black bladder of plastic which can hold ten or more gallons of fresh water. Left in the sun, the black plastic heats the water.

The black bag is hoisted and the shower turned on and that's how you get a hot shower in the middle of the ocean. The sailboats without the water bottles are usually day sailors who plan to be in port each night. And there's nothing wrong with a hot shore shower before dinner.

Another sign the boat is really being used for sailing is a solar collector to charge batteries. Long distance sailors can run the engine to charge batteries, but you would be surprised at how much you get

to hate the sound of the engine after a day of just ocean sounds. So the solar panel helps keep the batteries up for lights, navigation lights and electronics.

For hard core cruising, most have wind powered generators. It looks like an airplane prop at the stern of the sailboat and it can be noisy, but there's hardly any time when the winds are so low that it won't charge the batteries. A long period of cloudy, rainy weather pretty much nullifies a solar panel.

Wardrobe wise, cruising sailors have three tee shirts, shorts and swimsuits but no socks (ever!). In the shirts department, there is a long-time protocol: for working and sailing, you wear a tee-shirt. For casual wear, like drinks on someone else's boat, you wear a tee-shirt with a pocket. For formal occasions (sea burials, forced weddings) you wear a golf shirt with collar.

You can really tell long distance sailors because often the seat of their shorts is worn out and patched. Of course most have a story about a visit to a skin doctor who advised them to give up sailing. Ha. Ha.

These days many have e-mail, satellite

televisions and water makers. Up north it's not unusual to have a sailboat with a wood burning fireplace in the cabin. Down here, a carry-type of air conditioner keeps the cabin freezing in the summer.

There are sailors who are frankly cheap. After they have left the dock following a night's stay, sometimes soap, paper towels, plastic bags, etc will be missing.

They are known to take a hot shower which lasts for two hours.

And sometimes, they will leave enough garbage bags to choke a dumpster.

As a group, however, all sailors will gladly help with repairs, pass on tips to sailing new waters and advice to keep you safe as you sail. Everyone who sails for long periods gets good at fixing engines, water systems, heads, sewing and making two pounds of rice and beans get you to the next port.

Oh, I forgot about semi-formal wear. That's when you press your t-shirt that has a pocket. However, almost no one has an iron, so they pass on those events.

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



Capt. Mike Fuery



Lee County Commissioner Bob Janes (left) receives revenue sharing check from Refuge Manager Rob Jess.

County receives revenue sharing check

On July 26, Rob Jess, manager of the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge Complex, presented a check to Lee County in the amount of \$102,059.00, representing the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's annual refuge revenue sharing payment. The payment is for fiscal year 2003 (Oct. 1, 2002-Sept 30, 2003) and is authorized by the Refuge Revenue Sharing Act of 1978.

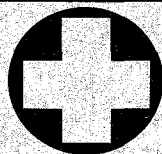
Funds credited to the National Wildlife Refuge Fund are from income derived nationally on Service lands, such as oil and gas revenue, the sale of timber products and gravel, and grazing receipts, among other sources. The Act authorizes payment to counties in which the Service owns lands located within the county.

The Service has made payments to counties for refuge lands since 1935 and, today, is one of the only government agencies that continues to pay counties in lieu of taxes. In the beginning, counties received only 25 percent of net revenues

from sales of various products or privileges from refuge lands located within a specific county. The result was that, in counties where no revenue was generated from refuge lands, there was no payment. The Refuge Revenue Sharing Act was amended in 1964 to also include the fair market value method of computation such as that used for Lee County. Payments originally could be used only for roads and schools.

Beginning with fiscal year 1976, there were shortages in the revenue sharing fund and payments to counties had to be reduced accordingly. Partly because of this situation, the Act was amended again in 1978 to authorize Congress to make up the shortfall and to include all lands administered solely or primarily by the Service (not just refuges) in the calculation of revenue-sharing funds. In addition, the 1978 amendment allowed the payments to be used for any governmental purpose, not just roads and schools.

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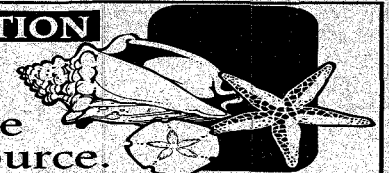
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by the oysters. However, the literature on the topic indicates that this is not always the case. There is a need to develop practical methods for predicting the impacts of restored molluscan shellfish populations on water quality.

We developed a simplified, spreadsheet-based model to predict the percent of the total water column cleared of seston by suspension-feeding bivalve mollusks: $\% \text{ Water Clearance} = (A \times B \times C) / (D \times E) \times 100$ where A = mean bivalve density (# ind/m²), B = mean individual clearance rate (m³/individual/hr), C = bottom area of reef (m²), D = cross-sectional area of water column (m²), and E = mean water flow speed (m/hr).

The variables typically can be measured (or estimated), except mean clearance rate, which is based on literature values. The major simplifying assumption is a completely mixed water column.

Field tests over oyster reefs, mussel reefs, and hard clam aquaculture beds thus far indicate reasonably good agreement with model predictions when the major assumptions are met.

Tuesday morning contributed sessions focused on marine mollusks and freshwater mollusks:

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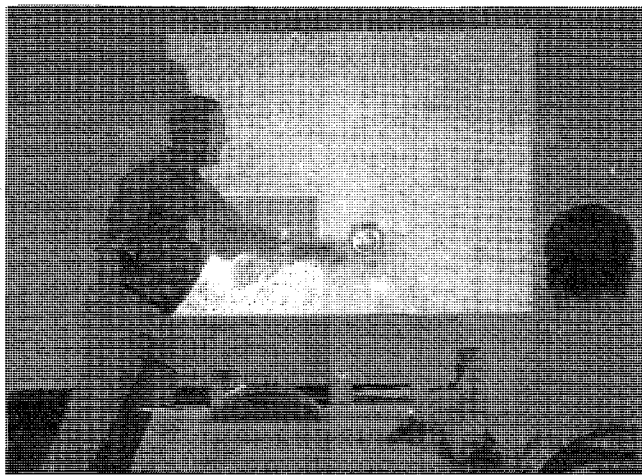
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	Nests	False Crawls	Hatches to date
2004			
Captiva	65	66	27
Sanibel East End	38	*39	6
Sanibel West End	149	295	34
Totals	252	*400	67

Percent of 2003 79% 103%

2003			
Captiva	125	98	
Sanibel East End	31	83	
Sanibel West End	162	209	
Totals	318	390	

Last week's total False Crawls was wrong. The East End had 39, not 89. Apologies for the typo.

**Douglas S. Jones**

Seasonal Shell Growth and Longevity in the Variable Coquina Clam, *Donax variabilis*, from Northeast Florida: Evidence from Oxygen Isotopes

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The variable coquina clam, *Donax variabilis*, is a familiar inhabitant of sandy beaches from Virginia to south Florida and west to Texas. Extensive archaeological shell-midden deposits along the northeast Florida coast confirm that coquina clams were heavily exploited by pre-Columbian people since the Middle Archaic (ca. 5700 YBP). We examined the accretionary records of modern and archaeological *Donax variabilis* shells to assess seasonal growth and longevity in this species, and to determine if there was a seasonal component to shellfish harvest during the middle to late Holocene.

Year-round collections of living clams and seawater data from Matanzas Beach, Florida, were made at monthly intervals and combined with historical temperature data to establish an environmental framework.

The stable oxygen isotope variation in two serially sampled, modern shells closely tracks the water temperature variation during spring and summer, the seasons of most rapid shell growth.

In fact, the Delta¹⁸O profiles are completely explained by seasonal water temperature variations. Shell edge isotopic values correspond with water temperatures at the time of collection.

Similar Delta¹⁸O profiles in four archaeological specimens from four different sites representing two distinct time periods indicate shell growth in late spring-summer, with harvest in autumn. Average longevity was 3-4 months.

Paleotemperatures derived from two Preceramic Archaic specimens (ca. 5700 YBP) and two Orange Period specimens (ca. 3500 YBP) indicate temperatures warmer than modern by about 3.5°C, perhaps reflecting the mid-late Holocene thermal maximum in this region.

Edit. note: Archaeologists from the University of Florida approached him about determining, from fossil shells, whether the aboriginal people who deposited the coquina shell middens lived year-round or just part of the year at the coast. (In northeast Florida, there are shell middens composed primarily of coquina shells.)

They did size frequency analysis on shells collected in 1988 and determined that recruitment goes on around the year because there are very small individuals throughout

the year. The largest coquinas found in the present are from 11 - 14 mm; the fossil shells were up to 25 mm. Isotope analysis was performed on powder taken along the growth grooves.

Because the salinity in the water off northeast Florida is fairly consistent, there was a constant that could be used in equations to determine water temperature.

Local note: Dr. Jose Leal presented his Shells of Southwest Florida projected at Tuesday's Poster Session.

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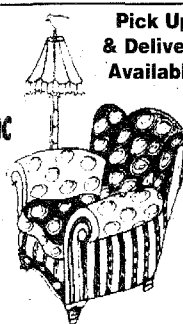
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There's still time to sign up for recreational youth soccer on Sanibel. Regular registration closes Friday, August 13 and teams will be picked over the weekend of August 14 - 15.

Registration fees are \$60 per child. Fees for additional children from the same family are \$10 less.

Sign up online at sanibelsoccer.org or you can pick up a form at after-school rec at the Sanibel School.

The 2004 season will run from Monday, August 31, through Saturday, November 13. Practices start the week of August 31, and the first games are Friday, September 10 and Saturday, September 11.

Our emphasis this year is to have each child shoot, pass or dribble the ball more often. So, we've made three improvements to our program.

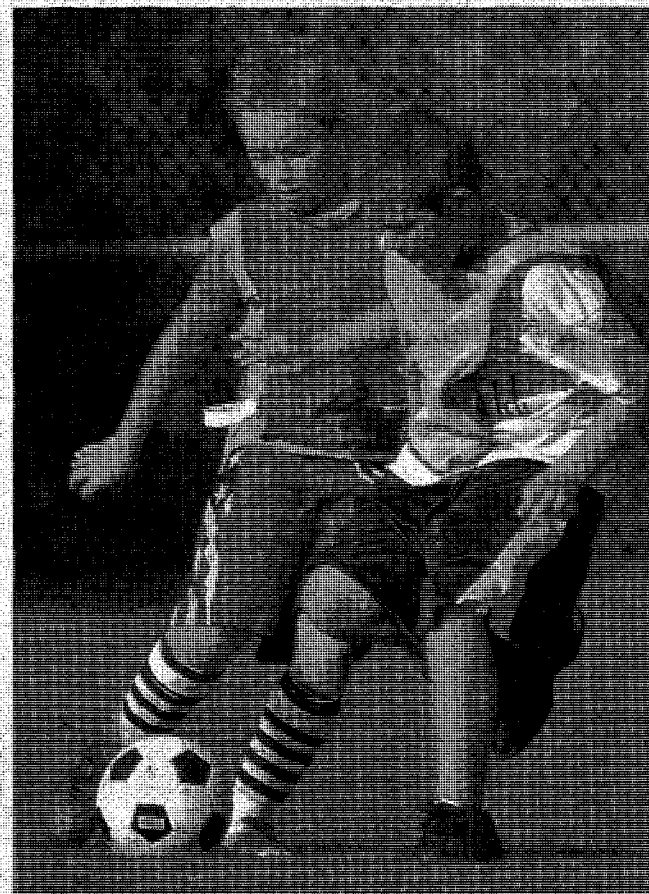


We've reduced the size of the teams, so U8, U10 and U12 players play small-sided, 7-versus-7 games. We've added a new U12 division, so 10-year-olds are no longer playing with teenagers. And we've returned to a nine-game season, with the first game just after Labor Day. We have five divisions, for kids 4 through 14. All divisions include both boys and girls.

All participants will have trained coaches and referees; an end-of-season tournament and jamboree; a uniform jersey, shorts and socks; a participation trophy; and insurance.

Your child's age as of September 1, 2004, determines his or her age division.

For more information or a registration form call the league's president, Mike Neal (395-9638) or see the group's web site, sanibelsoccer.org.



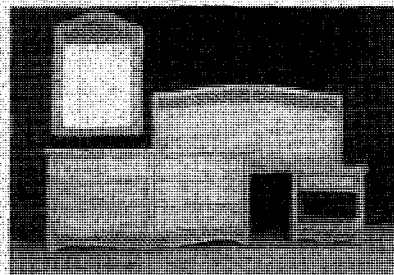
Jesse Mitchell and Dakota Phillips fight for the ball

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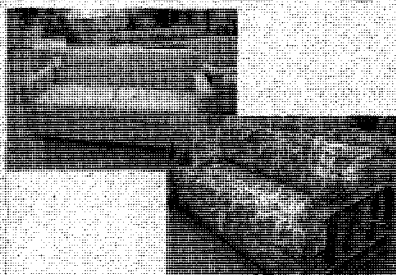
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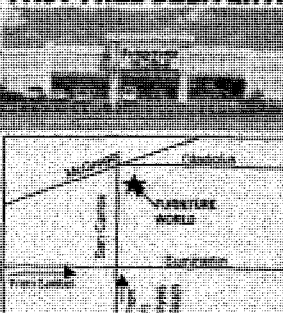


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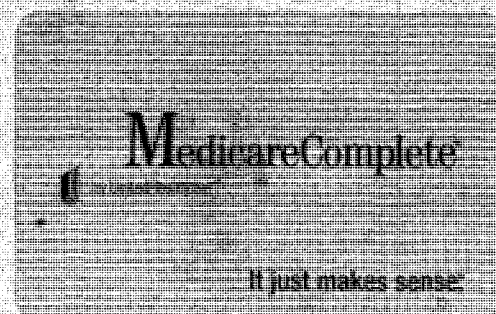
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Family, friends say goodbye to Janie

Janie Melsek died at Lee Memorial Hospital Friday, July 23rd, 2004 following massive injuries she sustained when she was attacked by a 457-pound alligator two days earlier. She was 54.

A celebration of her life, held Friday evening at the Sanibel Community Association near the garden she planted with native xeriscapic plants, was attended by close to

police and emergency personnel who had assisted his sister following the attack; led by Melsek they received a long,

standing ovation.

"Instead of mourning," her brother said, "she would ask each of you to celebrate your own life as often and robustly as you can. She would want me to say that, when you're reminded of her, go plant a tree or some sea oats. Do it with a loved one and take joy together in doing it."

Her daughter, Joy Williams, added that her mother had taught her that "Loss means our lives change. Life is about change. Don't fear it; open yourself to it. Change frees you to go forward."

"...Her hope helped us all... She believed in the power of now... She was authentically happy — truly content with her life..."

In conclusion, Niehoff said, "Joy was Janie's favorite word. Joy's favorite word for her mother was 'Hero.' And a hero is someone marked by courage and daring, one admired for her qualities and achievements."

"Please join me in — appropriately, since she didn't drink and loved flowers — raising a toast with your flowers to love, life, hope and Janie!"

Following the service mourners gradually made their way down Periwinkle Way to the causeway where, graced by a rainbow, Melsek's friends participated in one final island tradition — sending prayers for their beloved friend out to sea in the form of dozens and dozens of individual flowers. Part of Janie's ashes will be scattered in the waters around Sanibel, the rest sprinkled on her beloved islands.

As Lee Melsek said, "She's outside there in every garden from here to hell. You'll see her each time a flower blooms."

Joy has requested that any memorials to her mother be made to the Janie Melsek Fund at Bank of the Islands, 1699 Periwinkle Way, both to help with medical expenses and for a permanent memorial at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

500 people. A mass of fresh-cut flowers greeted mourners as they entered the Community House and each person was invited to take several stems to cast into the gulf after the ceremony.

The message of the service was Melsek's own... "She was not afraid of death," the Rev. Randall Niehoff said. "What she feared was not living fully... She was independent; she had inner strength, she lived from the inside out — in charge of her life from her center."

Janie was born in Woodstock, Ill. in 1949 and moved with her family to Fort Myers Beach when she was two years old. The family moved off beach to Fort Myers in 1960 and Janie graduated from Fort Myers High in 1967. She was married and divorced twice and had one daughter, Joy Williams. For well over 20 years she had lived and worked on Sanibel.

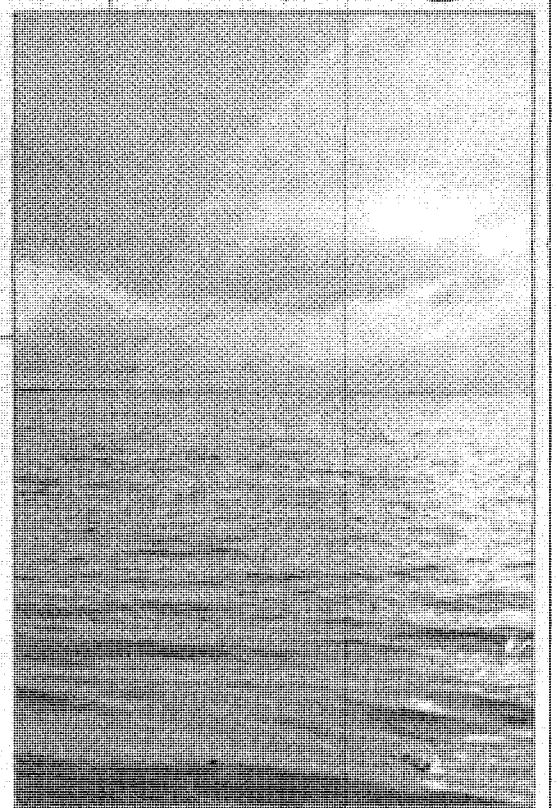
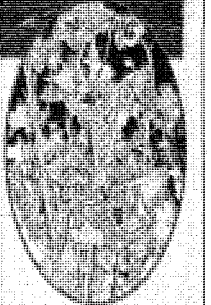
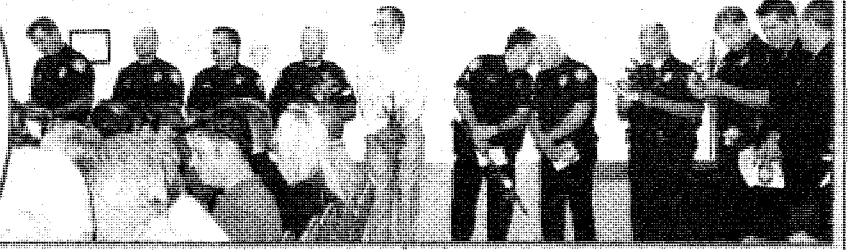
In addition to Joy, Janie is survived by her two brothers, Lee and Rodney Melsek. She was preceded in death by her father, Leroy, Sr., in 1996 and her mother, Lorraine, this past February.

At the service, Lee Melsek said his sister would want him to first acknowledge "the heroes in the back of the room. They may believe they were just doing their jobs... but they gave Janie three more days to be with her daughter... pure genuine heroism." One wall was lined by the well over a dozen Sanibel

"...Positive ... Strong, so very strong ... Passionate ... Intense ... Treated people with respect and love ... A true follower of the light..."

"...Her legacy is her unconditional love for the people and the universe that surrounded her..."

"...Each time I see wildflowers by the road, I'll be thinking of her and celebrating her life..."



WHO'S WHO ON THE ISLANDS

Artist Marianne Ravenna's groovy wooden bowls

Marianne Ravenna lived up the road from the Granville Bowl Mill in Vermont where the most perfect, unpainted maple wooden bowls were being made. She visited the mill and discovered that these Granville Bowls were being shipped to over two hundred fifty artists throughout the United States and she adds, "For the last ten years I've been one of their customers." Ravenna who has been living in Sanibel since 1988 explains, "I've always been involved with art. My profession is a landscape designer and I had a company in Vermont. The design aspect attracted me and I have moved from plants to design prints and now I'm using paint."

"I started painting these Granville wooden bowls and giving them as gifts." They were catching on and Ravenna was getting calls from more and more people who wanted to order them as gifts and for themselves. During the mid-nineties she donated her bowls to the "Sanibel School Seahorse Festival" and for several years has been displaying them in the Big Arts shows. Each year there were more and more requests for her

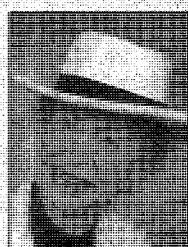
bowls and in May 2003 there was an opening at the Tower Gallery for a 3-D artist. Ravenna's bowls were juried and she was invited to join the Tower Gallery. "I've kept trying to paint more and more of these bowls but as soon as I think I have a little backlog, they sell out."

What makes the groovy bowls so popular is their subject matter appeal — lots of local fish, shells, orchids and magnificent hibiscus which people associate with the islands. "Every bowl is different. I sketch the design by hand, never using a stencil, and paint each bowl by hand using five or six

coats of acrylic paint. Each coat of paint must dry thoroughly before applying the next coat and an appealing feature is that each bowl is painted and finished on both sides. For example, the highly popular orange grouper groovy bowl is painted with the head and body on the front and the tail on the back. This wrap-around effect creates much interest, especially if the grouper is swimming with a blue crab!

These groovy bowls are shipped from the mill in five different sizes ranging from eight to seventeen inches. Some people say that they could never put food in them until they learn that the bowl is sanded between the appli-

Clockwise from top right: Ravenna with a set of fish bowls that she donated to the 2003 Sanibel Cares art auction; Below: Ravenna's most popular bowl, with the grouper's head on front and tail on the back; this hybrid hibiscus bowl was painted from her own plant; a 15" shell bowl pictured with four 8" bowls of a lightning whelk, shark's eye, scallop and fighting conch.

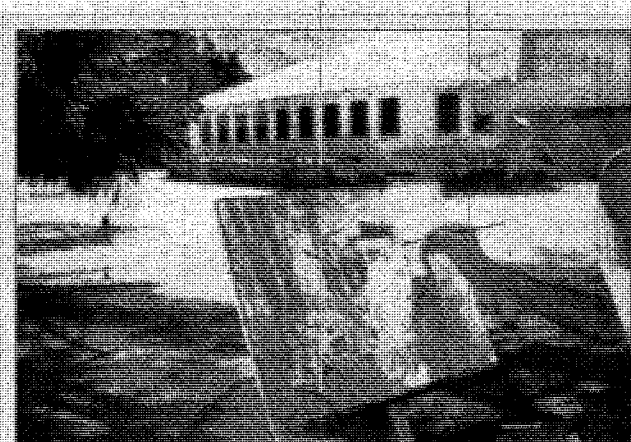
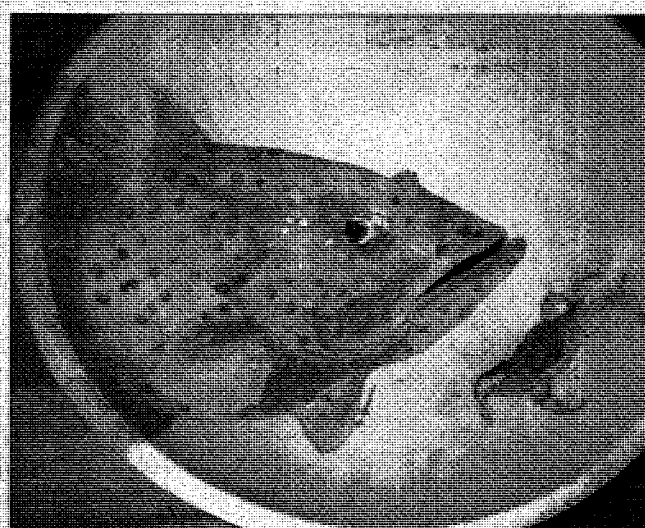
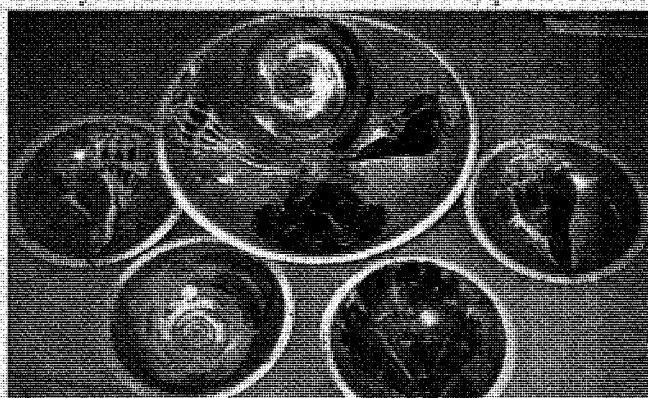


Nancy Santeusano

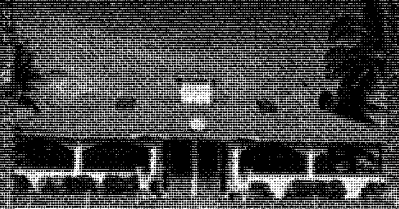


cation of each coat of waterbased polyurethane paint and guaranteed safe for food. The eight inch bowl is the most popular at the Gallery since it is a size people can put in their luggage and not have to mail home. After Ravenna's first bowl sold almost immediately, the artist-on-duty at Tower called and said, "I want you to know that your bowl is on its way to Hong Kong."

This year Ravenna donated a set of her groovy bowls to the "Sanibel Cares 2004 Auction." Her bowls were part of the live auction and received a high bid of \$1,600. This strikingly dramatic set included a large 15-inch shell with four eight-inch individual bowls decorated with a whelk, a shark's eye, a scallop and a conch. Both her style and talent make Ravenna a winner who will need to keep ordering lots of unpainted wooden bowls. With their popularity and her artistry, she can forget about building a backlog. Her groovy bowls are IN!



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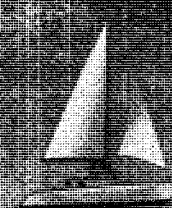
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Alliance turns up the Heat

On Friday August 6, from 5 to 7 p.m., the Lee County Alliance for the Arts hosts a free public opening reception for its 2004 member show, entitled Heat, in the William R. Frizzell Gallery, located on the Alliance campus at 10091 McGregor Boulevard. The timely content of the show, reflected both in its title and in the diverse subject matter of works created and submitted by Alliance members, is intended to be "An Intense-Energy Multi-Media Exhibition of Artistic Stimuli."

The word heat can mean many different things to many different people. Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary and The American Heritage Dictionary - Second College Edition list approximately thirty different applications and meanings of the word heat including "excessive warmth," "a form of energy," "intensity - as of emotion," "pressure or stress," "the cops," "mammalian and reptilian sexual drive or excitement," "a preliminary contest to determine finalists," "the most intense stage - as in the heat of battle," or heat of the moment, and many more.

Jeffrey Scott Lewis, the Alliance's current exhibitions intern — and an FGCU student and artist — indicates that, "With such a wide range of possible definitions for 'heat,' you can be sure the subject mat-

ter and kinds of artworks being displayed will cover a lot of territory, in style, content and media. Member artists are free to interpret the show's theme in any way they wish, so who knows what will be on view! It's guaranteed to be a stimulating exhibition."

Louise Senneff, Executive Director of the Alliance, said, "Based on our past experience in other years with Member Shows that have had somewhat 'open-ended themes,' the theme of this 2004 Member Show undoubtedly will challenge and stimulate the creativity of our artist members. This year, however, because of the especially large number of changing exhibitions we've had in our gallery and the fact that works entered by members for Heat won't be received until three days before the show opens on the 6th, there are bound to be a number of traditional pieces and a number of surprising, unexpectedly unique works on view. You can always count on artists to rise to a creative challenge!"

Heat will remain on view, free of charge, at the Alliance through Friday August 26. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday to Friday, and 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday. For more details, call 939-2787 or visit the Alliance website at www.artinlee.org.



Estero artist Greg Decker's acrylic, Days End, the first entry received for the Alliance's "Heat" exhibition.

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Florida Rep board members and community leaders Sandra Stilwell and Kathy Galloway dreamed up the idea as a way to raise funds for the non-profit Florida Repertory Theatre. Says Stilwell, "It seems there's always an event going on during season, but during the summer, parties slow down around Southwest Florida. We wanted to spice things up a bit — Champagne and Chocolate Jazz Casino Night will give everyone a chance to come out and have some fun!"

Galloway added, "There's already a good deal of buzz going around about the event. I suggest guests make their reserva-

tions early. I suspect this soiree will sell out early."

Says Florida Rep Producing Artistic Director, Robert Cacioppo, "It's our intention to continue presenting excellent professional theatre in downtown Fort Myers, along with educational programs for area children, but we can't do it without support. Sandra Stilwell and Kathy Galloway are amazing, hard-working board members."

Guests will enjoy gambling at the Casino for great prizes. The Cigar Bar has donated plenty of cigars to add to the ambience of the evening. Entertainment will be provided by the opening act for Jazz On The Green, "VMP," featuring a guest appearance by national jazz artist Dave Johnson. Stilwell says the attire for the evening is Artistically Casual. "That means be creative and have fun with what you wear, but make sure you're comfortable. The evening will be elegant, but by no means formal," she explains.

Reservations can be made for Champagne and Chocolate Jazz Casino Night by calling the Florida Rep Box Office at 239/332-4488. Tickets are just \$55 per guest. All proceeds benefit Florida Repertory Theatre. Florida Rep is located in historic downtown Fort Myers on Bay Street between Jackson and Hendry Street.



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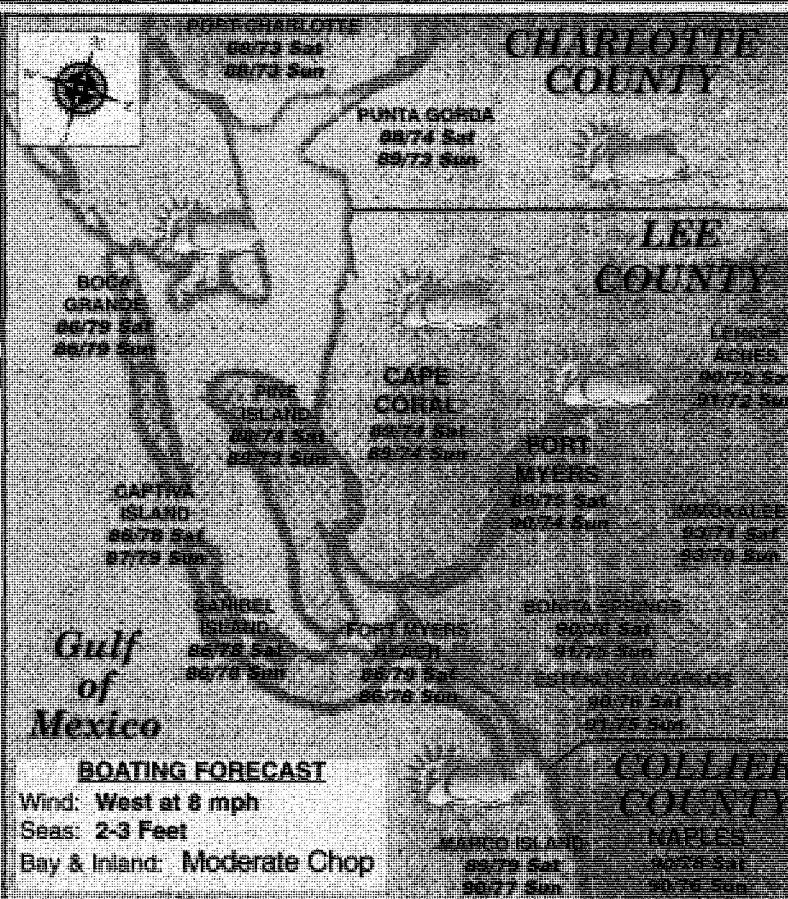
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Melanchia Pass	8:13 AM	2:38 AM	8:45 AM	3:05 AM
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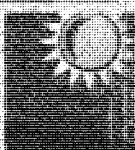


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Chautauqua is a culture-vulture's paradise

Just about two-and-a-half hours outside Buffalo, this community is the place to be to experience symphonies, operas, plays, ballets and lectures. There is a tremendous difference between experiencing and attending any of these performances and doing the same anywhere else... At the Chautauqua Institution musicians, actors, singers, dancers, painters, lecturers, artists of all kinds — along with visitors — live, work and enjoy each other in this real hands-on sort of place. One can watch a play at Bratton Theatre (this week, it was Athol Fugard's *My children! My Africa*), hear an opera at Norton Hall (Verdi's *Stieffello* was on the boards), attend the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra at the Amphitheater, or listen to a series of lectures (last week's topics were "Getting Well — Staying Well — Being Well"). And that sort of well-rounded schedule lasts for the full nine weeks of the Chautauqua season.

If you wish to nurture your spiritual well being, there are non-denominational services led by the world's great Christian leaders and, in the afternoons, interfaith lectures in the Hall of Philosophy. Included in this holistic approach to the development of the whole person — mind, body, spirit — are the recreational possibilities available for the physical body as well. There's an 18-hole championship golf course, a tennis complex, fitness facilities (no Pilates classes though), beaches for swimming, docks for boating or sailing on the lake, playgrounds for the little people and parks for walking and bicycling. It's a kind of mini-Sanibel on acres instead of miles.

Because Chautauqua is so reminiscent of Sanibel, you'll not be surprised that I met a few Islanders attending an arts and crafts fair during my day there. Made my howdy-dos, complete with hugs and kisses to Louise Johnson, Susan Blieberg and Jone Schlackman. I understand the Burdens are also Chautauqua alumni. Can't think of a better place to regard as a home away from home, and I'm loving every minute of it in this cultural haven. They all send love to you guys holding down the fort till they all return to Sanibel in the Fall.

Chautauqua really is quite an amazing place. It started out sometime in the 1880s as a religious community for like-minded folks to get together. And, since spirit and the arts have always gone hand in hand, it is little wonder that music and a symphony became part of the program in 1903. In 1929 the symphony program grew and blossomed into the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra, which this year is celebrating its 75th anniversary and, as such,

is the oldest continuously producing summer opera company in the U.S. Another point worth noting is that Chautauqua has always performed in English. Ticket prices are rock bottom, considering the calibre of this modern American opera company — \$20-\$55 a year. Small wonder the 700 subscribers guarantee an SRO house.

The drama series mounts four major productions, two of which are performed wholly by the Conservatory actors with the other two performed by guest artists along with the Conservatory actors. What's neat is that every Conservatory actor gets to perform in at least two of the productions.



Marsha Wagner

In 1989, Jean-Pierre Bonnefoux (principal dancer, American Ballet Theater) launched the Chautauqua Ballet. The company is comprised of professional dancers from major companies nationwide and has been critically acclaimed by the dance world. When they perform, they are accompanied by the Chautauqua Symphony.

Stars of the stage and screen also perform at Chautauqua. Bill Cosby, Bobby Vinton, Loretta Lynn, the Village People, comic Mark Russell are part of the roster this season.

The living is easy in this community. There is a wide range of accommodations, from rooms in gracious Victorian homes, inns, apartments, condos or, for a real treat, a stay at the historic Athenaeum Hotel overlooking the lake. The gated Chautauqua Institution has almost no cars (vehicles are permitted for guests only)... so no traffic, no traffic lights, no stop signs — walking and bicycling are the way to get around.

A walk around the grounds is quite delightful with the sounds of music filling the air, especially if you wander over near the music school. On my walk, I heard a cellist practicing, two singers vocalizing, an opera coach putting a singer through his paces and a piano playing for a ballet class or rehearsal. Many tiny one-room cottages dot the grounds in this area in which individuals have private work spaces to practice their craft.

On my stroll, I found nifty gift shops, clothing stores, antique dealers and a book store that never ends. By the way, Chautauqua has one of the oldest book clubs going. I'll bet their discussion groups are amazing. The restaurants on the grounds are as many and varied as the prices. Now doesn't all this sound like a culture maven's delight? Is it any wonder some of our island's folks make Chautauqua their home away from Sanibel, "The Island of the Arts," for the summer?

Well, guys, that about sums up my stay in the ever surprising, delightful city of Buffalo with island buddies Betty and Fred. Thanks to these two neat people, I've had a grand time, seen a grand city, and partaken of and seen a part of New York State I never even knew existed.

Onward and upward for the further adventures of "Marsha Does the East." For the next four weeks, there will be a news blackout from

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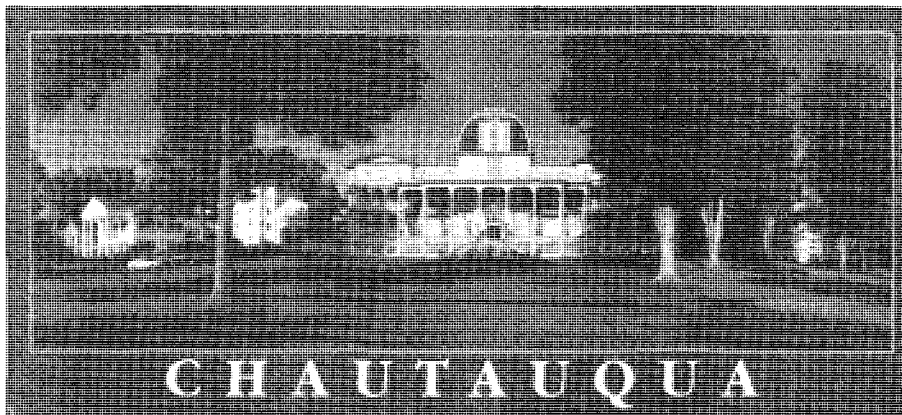
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yours truly, as she goes on a working, spiritual, learning Yoga retreat at Kripalu (which translated means compassion or grace) in Lennox, Mass. There is no TV, email, meat, phones or (help) coffee at Kripalu.

So I'm turning off and tuning into my spiritual side for the time being, as I cleanse my system, learn Yoga, meditate and eat all my greens. Keep me in your thoughts as I wish,

Namas Dae ya'll,
Marsha



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Inaugural photo show

The Museum of the Photographic Arts (MOPI) in Fort Myers is pleased to announce its inaugural show with a call for local photographers to show their work. MOPI is a fledgling non-profit organization dedicated to increasing the visibility of the photographic arts in Southwest Florida. The museum's scope includes traditional color and black and white photography, digital photography, videography, cinematography, and related visual arts.

The show will be held from Friday, October 1 - Saturday, October 9, with an opening reception on October 1. It will be held in a downtown Fort Myers location to be announced. The theme of this show, "In the Beginning," is based on the idea that the show itself is the beginning for an organization that will grow to enhance the arts in Southwest Florida. For this first show, the museum will only be accepting two-dimensional photographic images that can hang on the wall. However, beyond this minimal requirement, photographers are encouraged to develop the show's theme creatively. Up to three pieces of photo-

graphic art, suitably matted, framed and wall-ready, can be dropped off on Friday, September 24. The show will be juried by a committee of three photographers. Pick-up day for pieces not selected for inclusion in the show will be Tuesday, September 28. The final pick-up of images that have been on display for the duration of the show will be Sunday, October 10.

MOPI is an outgrowth of a group of local artists and concerned citizens who want to increase the exposure of people in Southwest Florida to the photographic arts. The MOPI steering committee would like to hear from photographers and others in the area interested in working towards the establishment of a permanent photography museum that would also contain workshops, darkrooms and a bookstore as well as a library of photographic books and related materials. The people involved in this endeavor are Tom Cronin, Bruce Gora, Francine Litofsky, Nadine Miller, Ava Roeder, Jake Slot, Bill Thomas and Bill Waites. For more information about MOPI or the inaugural show, please contact Bruce Gora at (239) 275-0225 or bgora@gora-mcgahey.com

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Florida Rep favorite, Carol A. Provonsha, brings her unique brand of humor and outstanding vocal range to this all new star-studded musical escapade which celebrates "singers of size."

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Performances begin August 13 and continue on August 14, 20, 21, 26, 27 and 28 at 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. matinees on August 15, 22 and 29. Tickets are \$25 and \$20. Call the box office at 332-4488 or toll free at 877/787-8053; visit on-line at www.floridarep.org.



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Women's Wine Dinner at Thistle Lodge

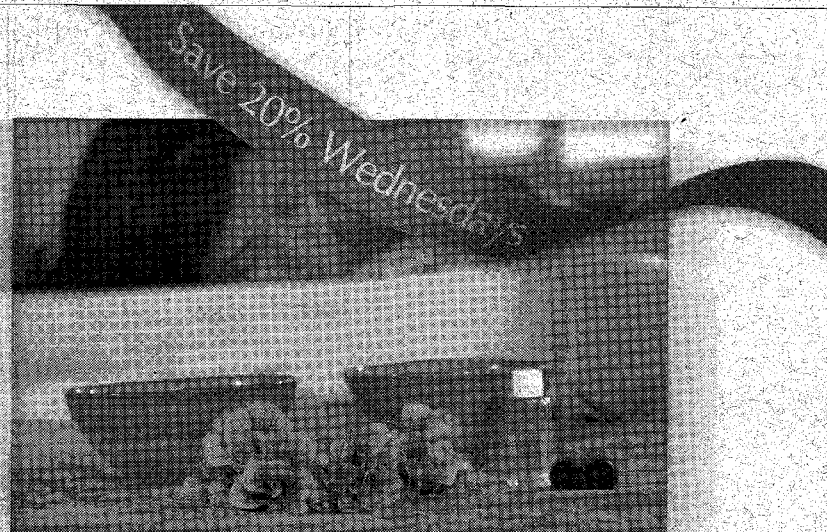
Mary Ann Costello, founder and owner of Sable Ridge Vineyards in Sonoma Valley will be the guest speaker and wine presenter at the first ever women's wine dinner to be held at the Thistle Lodge, located at Casa Ybel Resort on 2255 West Gulf Drive on Wednesday, August 11.

Ladies will enjoy a delightful reception, starting at 6:15 p.m., followed by dinner, which will be served at about 7:15 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at the reception and dinner will include a salad, entrée and dessert, all prepared by Thistle Lodge Chef Abner.

Throughout the evening, guests will learn about the variety of wines produced at Sable Ridge Vineyards while sampling them.



The cost is only \$50 if reservations are made and paid for in advance. Reservations are strongly recommended and can be made by calling 246-4328 or e-mailing marketingforu@aol.com. Tickets may also be purchased at Thistle Lodge.



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On exhibit

- **ARTS FOR ACT PREVIEW** at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at Edison College. More than 180 pieces of art to choose from. Poster "Cathedral," by featured artist Judy Smith will go on sale. Through August 19.
- **"HEAT"** members show at the Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers. Opening reception August 6, 5-7 p.m. Show runs through August 26.
- **J. CHARLES MCCULLOUGH**, photographer, with images of Sanibel and Captiva at the Members Gallery, Alliance for the Arts.
- **SAN-CAP ART LEAGUE** at BIG Arts, Summer Show throughout the summer season. More than 150 members present their latest work.
- **SANIBEL LIBRARY** San-Cap Art League members show.
- **SUMMER MEMBERS' SHOW** at the Fort Myers Beach Art Assoc. corner of Donora and Shell Mound Blvd., FMB. Open Weds and Thurs 9-1.
- **TICKETS ON SALE FOR ARTS FOR ACT AUCTION**, event to take place August 21, from 5:30 to 11 p.m. at the Harborside Convention Center. Featured artist is Jean Smith. \$75 advance, \$85 at the door. Tables available, call (239) 939-2553.

On stage

- **GREASE** at the Broadway Palm June 10 - Aug. 14. 1380 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers. 278-4422.
- **ALWAYS PATSY CLINE** at the Broadway Palm Aug. 19 - Oct. 2. 278-4422.
- **THE FAT LADY SINGS AGAIN!** at the Florida Rep., historic Arcade on First Street, Fort Myers. Aug. 13-29. 332-4488
- **BROADWAY PALM CHILDRENS' THEATRE** presents Pinocchio, July 16 — Aug. 7. Lunch and show \$14. 278-4422.
- **KIDS CONSPIRACY** presents Don Quixote de la Mancha, at the First United Methodist Church, 2466 First St. Fort Myers. August 6, 3-5 p.m. \$5, includes refreshments. 332-1152

At the movies

- **MANCHURIAN CANDIDATE**, rate R, starring Denzel Washington and Meryl Streep, playing at 4, 6:45 and 9:15 p.m.
 - **BOURNE SUPREMACY**, rated PG13, starring Matt Damon, playing at 4:30, 7 and 9:15 p.m.
 - Starting Wednesday, August 11: **PRINCESS DIARIES 2**, rated G, starring Julie Andrews, playing at 4:30, 7 and 9:15 p.m.
- All three are playing at Island Cinema, at Bailey's Center on Sanibel. 472-1701.

Through the month:

- **PICK-UP VOLLEYBALL AND BASKETBALL** at the Sanibel Rec Center. Basketball: Monday and Thursday 6p.m. - 8 p.m., Sundays 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Volleyball: Tuesday and Wednesday 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. 472-0345.
- **SUMMER HOURS AT THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM** Open half days, Wednesday - Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 950 Dunlop Rd. 472-4648.
- **THE CARPENTERS SHOP** at the Sanibel Community Church. Bibles, books, music, gifts. Mon-Fri. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sunday 9 - noon.
- **SUPPORT GROUP FOR EARLY STAGE ALZHEIMERS**, forming for September meetings. Participants interviewed prior to first session. 437-3007.
- **TARPON BAY EXPLORERS** is offering naturalist led tours on the Tarpon Bay portion of the 'Ding'

Darling National Wildlife Refuge for birders, naturalists, and curious people who enjoy being on the water and learning from an experienced naturalist. Call for reservations for all activities. 472-8900

Guided trail tour by canoe and kayak at 10:30 a.m. daily. 472-8900.

Sunset Paddles tour Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 6 p.m. Tour is about 2 1/2 hours.

Sealife and Nature cruise on the 26 passenger pontoon boat departs at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., tour is approx. 90 minutes.

Everglades Day Tour all day Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, meet at 8 a.m., return around 6:30 p.m. Includes air boat ride, swamp buggy tour, and more. Call for reservations. 472-0101.

Touch Tank Exploration at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Program approx. 1/2 hour.

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

Breakfast cruise 9 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. 90 min., includes coffee, juice, and pastry. Also includes visit to the touch tank.

Kayak/canoe rentals daily 8 a.m. — 6 p.m., last rental goes out at 4 p.m.

Motorized 20' pontoons available for rental, holds 8 people. 472-8900

- **TRAM TOUR OF WILDLIFE DRIVE**, Monday — Thursday, 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. Wildlife Drive is now open from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday through Thursday, changing to 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in August. Wildlife Drive is closed on Friday. Reservations, 472-1351

- **SITTING ON THE DOCK OF THE BAY:** The naturalists at Tarpon Bay Explorers have started up free lunchtime talks beginning at 12:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. on the observation deck overlooking the most beautiful setting on Sanibel and last about half an hour.

Topics include Calusa Cafe, manatees, dolphins, sharks, turtles, and alligators. Tarpon Bay Explorers is located at the north end of Tarpon Bay Rd. 472-8900. Call for reservations for all activities. 472-8900

- **FITNESS WITH PAM** at the SCA, 2173 Periwinkle Way. Low impact aerobics, lt. weight training. Mon, Wed, Fri., 9:15 - 10:30 a.m. \$8. 267-3092.
- **ADVENTURES IN PARADISE:** Cruises; dolphin watch, sunset cruises and more on board power catamarans. Canoe and kayak tours; guided or self guided. Walk the Boardwalk; free nature tour of mile-long boardwalk at Port Sanibel Marina, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m. 472-8443.
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Friday

- **KAYAKING WITH THE SCCF** through the Back Bay estuary, around Buck Key. No experience necessary. August 6 and 20, departing McCarthy's Marina at 9:30 a.m. \$35/person RSVP 472-2329.

Every week

- **GOURMET SINGLES SUPPER CLUB** meets every Friday in the finest restaurants in the area. For more info, call 332-8191
- **BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER** at St. Michaels

Island Scene, see page 20

Joe Satriani at Mann

Experience the guitar wizardry of Joe Satriani at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall on Thursday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will go on sale Saturday, August 7 at the Box Office, by calling 481-4849, online at www.bbmanna.com

Is there love in space? Since his guitar skills often sound like they come from another planet, it's no wonder that Joe Satriani seems the ideal person to ponder *Is There Love in Space?* "People have heard my bluesy side, my metal side and my techno side," he says. "I guess this is my rockin' side." His records have sold over 10 million copies worldwide.

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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
- coming soon
- **18TH ANNUAL SANIBEL ISLAND ADULT TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS** at Sundial Beach Resort. August 13 - 15. Entry fee singles \$30/person doubles \$15/per-

son. register by August 10 at 395-6016.

Saturday

- **JUNIOR LEAGUE OF FORT MYERS Tropical Tea.** August 7, 4 p.m. 277-1197.
- **CHAMPAGNE AND CHOCOLATE JAZZ CASINO NIGHT** hosted by the Florida Rep. at the Renaissance Mall, corner of College and Winkler. Dress 'artistically casual' August 7, 7:30 - 11:30. \$55 332-4488

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 x222.
 - **MINDFUL YOGA AT BIG ARTS** with Brian Healy, 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Open to public, beginners welcome. \$12.
- Coming soon
- **ARTS FOR ACT** annual auction, at the Harborside Convention Center. Guest auctioneer: Tracy Ullman 5:30 p.m. August 21, \$75. 939-2553

Sunday

- **SPECIAL EQUESTRIANS LUNCHEON AND LIVE AUCTION** at Carrabba's Italian Grill, 129990 S. Cleveland Ave. August 8, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. \$25. (239) 731-1212
- **KAYAKERS FOR MATT SMITH** for County Commissioner. Meet at the causeway island near restrooms. 9:30 a.m.

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.

coming soon

- **CHAMBER AFTERHOURS**, sponsored by Collier Insurance Services Inc., SunTrust Bank, and the Mermaid Kitchen and Cake Factory. Event to be held at the Mermaid Kitchen, 2055 Periwinkle Way. August 16 5:30 - 7 p.m. RSVP by August 13 to 472-1966 or email office @sanibel-captiva.org \$5/guests, \$8 at the door.

- **LEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED** meeting at Hilton Garden Inn, with candidates for House of Rep District 75. RSVP August 11. Meeting August 16, 11:15 a.m., \$16. 849-0966

Tuesday

- **BOX LUNCH** on the Sanibel Harbour Princess II, August 10, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. \$10 prepaid, no walk-ups accepted. 472-1966
- **FRIENDLY FACES LUNCHEON** August 10, 12 noon. Call Charlene or Timothy, 472-5187 X 222.

Every week

- **YOGA/PILATES FOR FUN AND HEALTH** beginning August 10 at the SanCap Medical Center, 4301 San-Cap Rd. \$10, space is limited. 472-0116
- **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
- **YOGA/PILATES** combination class, suitable for all ages and levels of fitness with Bonnie Clancy of Blueskies Bodyworks beginning August 10. San-Cap Medical Center at 6 p.m. Wear loose, comfortable clothing, bring a mat if you have one. Please call to sign up as space is limited. \$10/person. 472-0116.

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- **WOMEN'S WINE DINNER** at the Thistle Lodge, Casa Ybel Resort, 2255 West Gulf Dr. Guest speaker Mary Ann Costello, owner of Sable Ridge Vineyards in Sonoma. August 11, 6:15 p.m. \$50 if RSVP by August 8, \$60 afterward. 246-4328.

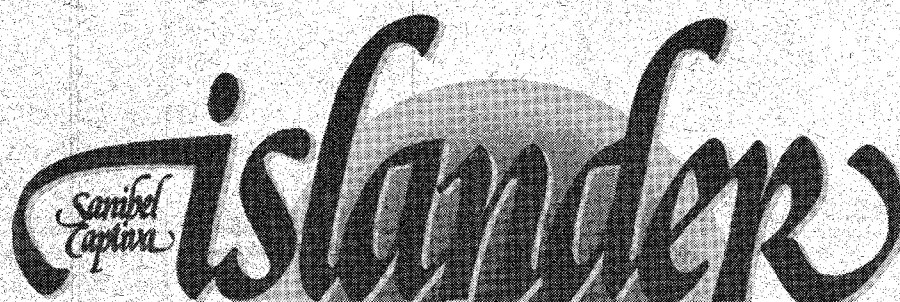
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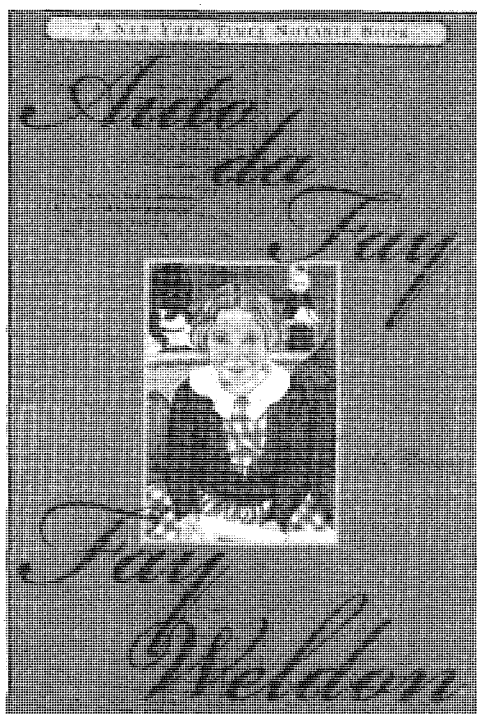


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THE NEXT CHAPTER

Memoirs, unlike autobiographies, can be about any part of one's life and lend themselves to observations and philosophizing, rather than recounting the facts of one's life. This month, I am reviewing three memoirs that cover varying lengths of time in the authors' lives, presenting them in the order of length of time covered.

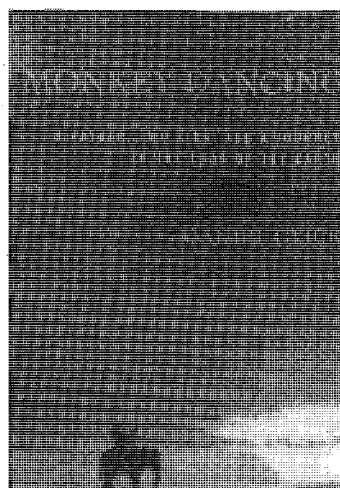
Auto da Fay, A Memoir, by Fay



Weldon, published by Grove Press, is the story of Fay Weldon's life before she became a well-known writer. Weldon is the British author of unusual fiction and non-fiction. Perhaps her best known book in the United States is *The Life and Loves of a She-Devil*, because it was made into a movie. So, although I was familiar with her name and had read a few of her novels, I wasn't sure I would be interested in reading a memoir by her. But, wow, her memoir turned out to be a great read, full of wisdom, humor, spunk, and optimism.

Fay Weldon was born Franklin Birkinshaw in London to a young mother and a father who was a doctor. They moved their two young daughters to New Zealand, but her father soon left them and married someone else. Then her maternal grandmother moved to New Zealand from San Francisco so Fay, as she was called, grew up mostly with women who had to scrape around for a living, often doing work suitable to their talents, followed by being a cook or a maid or a factory worker.

When Fay was fifteen, her mother



inherited just enough money to move back to England. Fay and her older sister, Jane, attended school there. While both were intelligent, Fay

was the kind of girl who asked too many questions and frequently got into trouble. Nevertheless, she went to St. Andrews University and then worked for the Foreign Office in London during the Cold War, where she sometimes had to avert eyes as spies came in from the cold. Soon she became pregnant as did her sister and a friend and they all moved into her mother's house and popped out baby boys and lived with ghosts in the attic and the disapproval of most everyone.

Since she had to support herself and was a good writer, she managed to get a job with the *Daily Mirror*, writing an advice column, then became a copywriter, then got a job in an advertising agency. She knew many of the famous young writers of the time, including Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes, and eventually got married and had three more boys. All of this happened between 1931 and the 1960's and she still hadn't written one of her 35 books, but she did live a life which was both non-traditional and traditional at the same time. Her memoir gives a real flavor of what it was like for a creative young woman to live through those decades. Her writing style is funny and self-deprecating, but also very insightful.



Nola Theiss

The next book is *Rivers of Shadow, Rivers of Sun, A Fly-Fisher's European Journal*, written by local author Norm Zeigler and published by Countrysport Press, with illustrations by Michael Simon. This memoir reminds me of the genre made famous by the '70s book, *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*,

Rivers of Shadow, Rivers of Sun

A Fly-Fisher's European Journal



Norm Zeigler

where the author writes about something he loves, in this case, fly-fishing the rivers of Europe, to also express his philosophy of life. Zeigler is a very thoughtful writer who spent years writing in Europe as did his wife, Libby Grimm, until he got sick from a tick bite. Now they live in Sanibel in the season and spend time in Montana in the summer.

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ful descriptions of scenery, of friendship and of love. His observations about the countryside and people of Europe will reveal a side that a tourist rarely sees. Zeigler is another example of the extraordinary, insightful, people who live on Sanibel.

What do you do when your wife leaves you for a woman, when your older brother dies of breast cancer, and your kids are growing up fast and confused by everything going on around them? Daniel Glick, a former Newsweek correspondent, decided to take them on a five-month world tour to put them in touch with some of

the natural and endangered wonders of the world and to get to know them as people. His book, *Monkey Dancing: A Father, Two Kids, and a Journey to the Ends of the Earth*, published by PublicAffairs books, records the trip and his emotional journey.

In some places, Glick retraced his steps from previous trips. However, going there with a nine-year-old girl still prone to temper tantrums and a thirteen-year-old boy on the cusp of the uncharted territory of adolescence, was either going to make or break them as a family. As they made their way through Australia, Vietnam, Nepal, Borneo, Glick recorded their high and low points, their meldings and blow-ups. He makes observations about their immediate surroundings and the world around them,

both geographically and emotionally as he remembers his brother, his marriage, and his own feelings as a child and young man. He names one of his last chapters "Back in Our Cages" which describes their re-entry into the American world and ends the book with the lessons he learned on the trip. Chances are, you will admire Glick's parenting skills and occasionally ts-k-ts-k as you read this book, but his bravery in confronting his own demons and the demons that plague the world can not be disputed.

Pick one or read them all. Each takes the reader on an emotional and geographical journey which the authors have been kind enough to share with us. Thanks for the memories.



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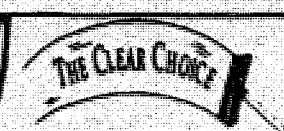
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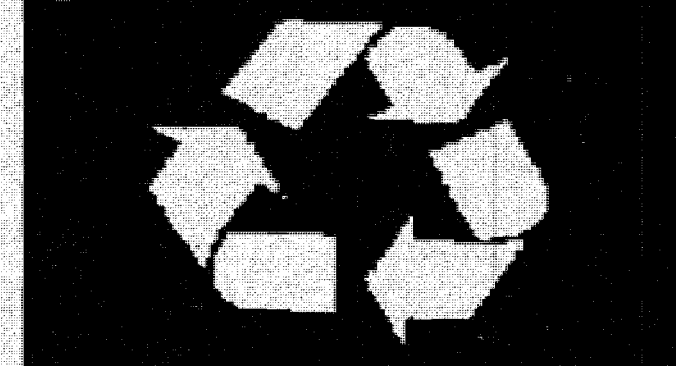
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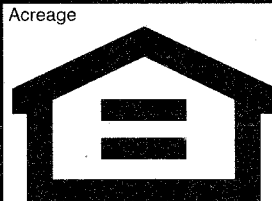
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