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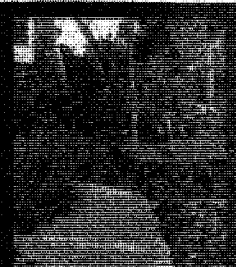
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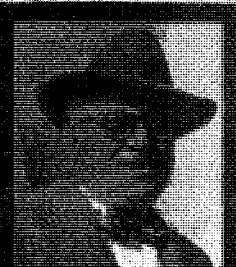
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Morning glories in bloom, photographed in the Refuge, just off Sanibel-Captiva Road.

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# Green Islands once more... part two

## How island residents are replanting

By Laura Nickerson  
Staff Writer

Last week, in part one of this story, the municipal, community, and county processes to begin the public replanting of Sanibel and Captiva respectively were covered, with information from several branches of Sanibel city government, and also from the Captiva Community Panel.

Those procedures, with their many pertinent and sometimes overlapping issues could conceivably go on for months before any actual plan is chosen. Simultaneously

the demolition of the pine stumps along Periwinkle Way slowly proceeds, as surrounding vegetation puts on new growth and everyone plays a waiting game.

James Evans of Sanibel's Department of Natural Resources



Photo by Amy Fleming

### R.S. Walsh workers replanting at Tween Waters Inn.

said, "Although the replanting of the Periwinkle corridor will be decided by the full City Council, after input by many city government branches, and other concerned individuals and organizations, the DNR's recommendation for both public and private replanting efforts is for native plant varieties, particularly trees from the group known as West Indian native

hardwood hammock species."

In the private sector, many residents have already done a comprehensive clean up and evaluation of their own properties. This week we look to the residents and landscapers of the islands and view some of their valiant renewals.

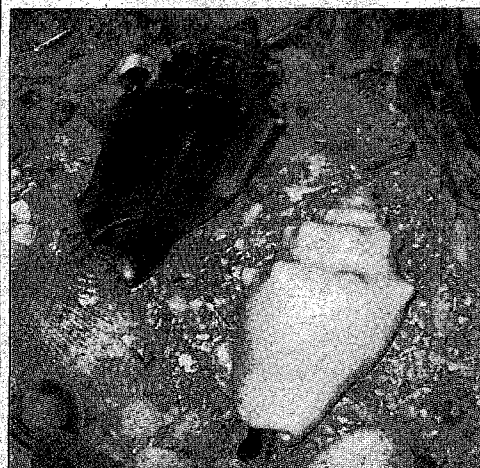
Faye Granberry is perhaps better known as Sanibel's orchid lady. She is a master gardener who designed her own full acre landscape, and has been gardening on Sanibel for decades. Although Faye lost a 30-year collection of miniature orchids, and a fence full of antique climbing roses (now coming back, with lots of healthy new growth and even a few blooms), she feels that her knowledge of pruning, and of how plants grow, minimized her losses.

"I believe that the plants are here for us to use for their shade, their fruit, and their beauty," Faye said, "It is up to each prop-



A tree, properly braced and tied up for regrowth at Granberry's.

## Rare albino fighting conch at SCCF



Photos by Karen Nelson

On Wednesday, October 6, someone brought a live albino fighting conch to the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation, where it is now grazing in their live tank. It was photographed (top) next to a fighting conch with normal coloration, and (above) held by Marianne Walker, SCCF's new education intern. The white shell has a semi-translucent quality (which doesn't show here); one can almost see the outline of the animal inside

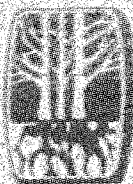
erty owner, who wishes to have healthy trees in this beach environment or any environment, to prune and care for those plants accordingly." She went on, saying, "Trees that are pruned properly, to an appropriate height, and with the center branches removed so that wind can pass through easily, will not break off or topple in a storm."

Several of her tall trees, including a few Australian pines at the rear of the property, have been pruned in this manner, with the

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Photos (except Tween Waters Inn) by Laura Nickerson  
Faye Granberry's entry walkway, showing low-growing ruella, a non-invasive Mexican petunia variety (bordering the walkway).



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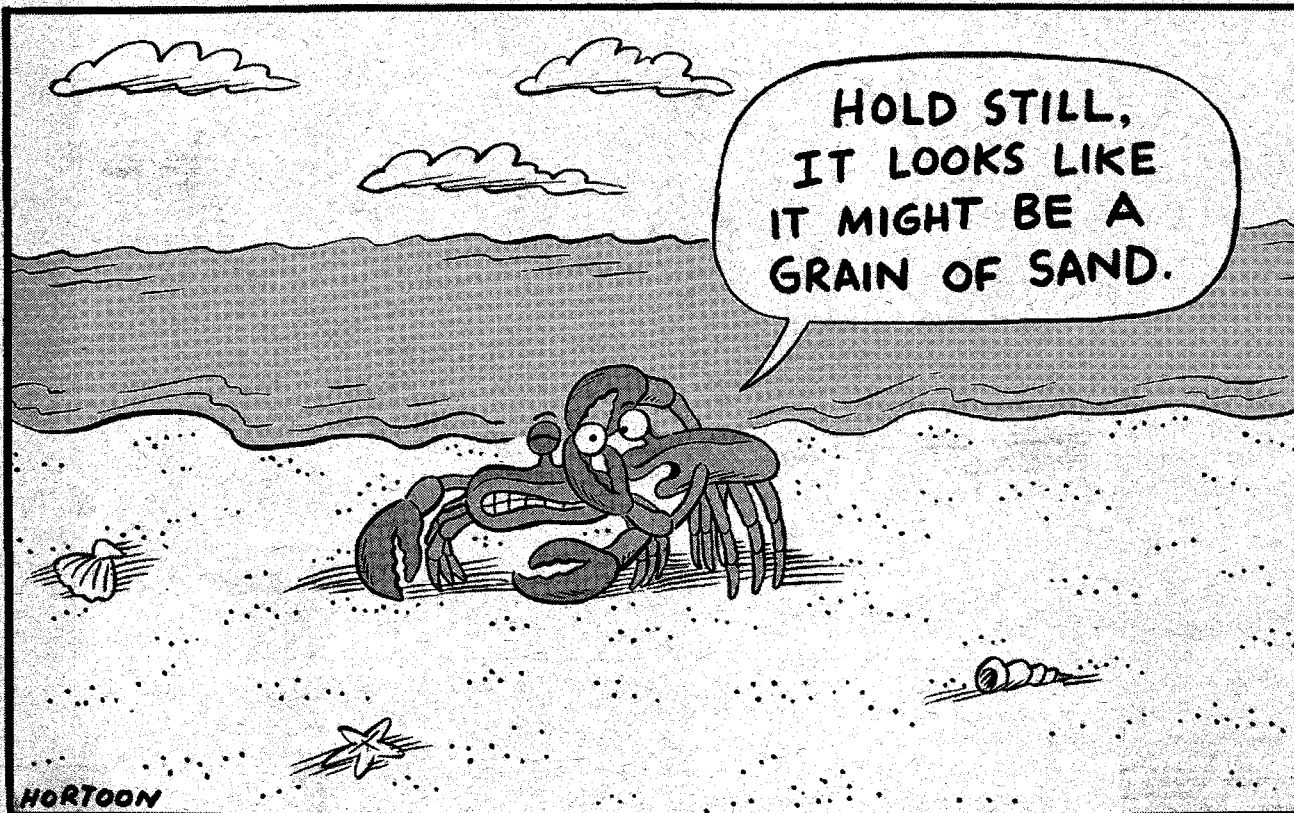
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Dave Horton



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## THE METASTATIC LIFE

*This September 15th column originally ran in a Florida East coast paper*

"Should you shield the canyons from the windstorms you would never see the true beauty of their carvings."

...Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

I couldn't bring myself to write a column last week. Knowing that what we had just endured from Charley was now headed in your direction in the name of Frances, it was impossible to find words that might make any kind of difference to your lives.

Over the last month, it's as though each hurricane was determined to wreak devastation on every part of Florida. People were and are depressed and exhausted. There is only so much you can do when there is no electricity and the temperatures are soaring along with the humidity.

I can relate to this kind of hopelessness and exhaustion. While it seemed too difficult on some days to put one foot in front of the other, there was also a coming together of neighbors, often strangers, to work together to bring solace and progress to whole communities torn apart by the storms that ripped roofs off of houses and brought trees and power lines down in daunting numbers.

I couldn't help but equate these kinds of emotions and actions with the experiences of cancer patients. I remember when I first sought out a paper to run my column. I must have sent letters to every paper in the county. With one exception, all the replies were the same; that my story was worth reading but because I



LISA PIEROT

wasn't part of their actual town or city, it wouldn't be a community piece.

The truth is that our experiences make communities out of us regardless of where we live. That is why I hear from people all over the country and in many parts of the world. You don't have to live in the same neighborhood to be connected to the suffering and the triumphs. And so just as cancer patients, survivors and caretakers are all a community regardless of where they are, so the thousands of people who experienced the wrath of these three storms became a community of one. When we are hurting, when we suffer, others suffer with us. This is the nature of what is good in all of us. It didn't surprise me when people from other states started showing up to help. It didn't surprise me that friendships were made because of these storms. I have always believed that

we grow the most and our hearts have the most room when times are the most difficult. This is why I know countless people I am blessed to call my friends, people I would never have met were it not for the commonality of our suffering and our struggle to overcome that which seems so impossible to overcome.

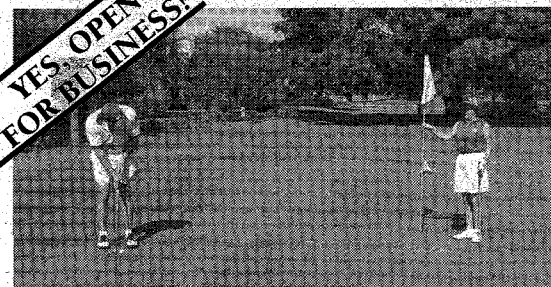
What I can offer is this; that even

though the last month has been horrible for so many of us, in the long run, we will all be better for the experience. This is the nature of suffering and healing and it is a thing that we can be proud of because it always brings out what is best in each of us. I know it will take some time before

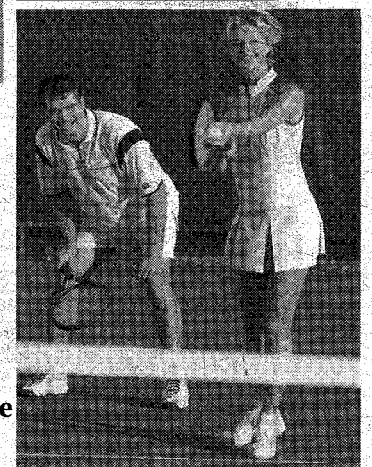
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things are back to normal, but I have no doubt that we will get there. And I know it is hard but I believe in the human spirit and the goodness that lies in each of us.

Sometimes it's just about keeping on keeping on and it's drudgery and it's back-breaking. But it's the coming together, the friendships that evolve, the kindness of strangers that will always surpass the worst of what can happen to us and make it seem small in comparison. Until next week...

### Sanibel recycling and yard waste collection to resume

The City of Sanibel announced that household recycling will resume Monday, October 11, 2004. Curbside pick-ups for residential horticultural waste will resume on Thursday, October 21, 2004. The same schedule will be followed as prior to the hurricane. Trucks will remove yard waste east of Tarpon Bay Road on Thursdays, and west of Tarpon Bay Road on Fridays.

Yard waste must be tied and bundled in lengths no more than 4 feet. Length limitation does not apply to palm fronds. Waste may also be placed in trash cans or plastic garbage bags and placed for curbside pick-up. Please remember to rinse all recyclables and remove all lids prior to placing them in your recycling bin.

If you have any questions regarding vegetation debris, yard waste or household recyclable, please call the City of Sanibel Public Works Department at 472-6397.

tops cut back to about 35-40 feet, and the center branches cut away. They all survived the storm. The effect is one of light, lacy, healthy growth that affords some shade, moves gracefully in the breeze, and allows dappled sunlight to reach her fabulous collection of shrubs and flowers below.

Her garden design features a central walkway lined on either side with a low growing, ground cover variety of rue, or Mexican petunia, that is not invasive like its familiar taller cousin. It does get the same beautiful blue-purple blooms, though, and really sets off Faye's wooden garden bench and classical statuary.

A few of Faye's smaller trees, such as citrus and some flowering shrubs, did fall over during the hurricane. These she has propped up with large stakes and ropes to hold each plant in its original placement. Both natives and exotics appeared to be doing well; some were even still bearing fruit.

Faye thought her property, post hurricane, still looked awful, even after her clean up efforts, but acknowledged that it was going to take some getting used to without a large tree canopy. "With everything buzz sawed during 'Charley' and then a thorough professional pruning, it just looks so barren and bare to me," she said. Actually her fully planted, no-lawn property looked absolutely beautiful: a perfect blend of native trees and shrubs, with accents of tropical fruit and flowers.

"If I had my way," she said playfully, "Periwinkle Way would be lined with royal poinciana trees and then we'd have some flaming color."

At Tarpon Tale Inn, owned by Joseph

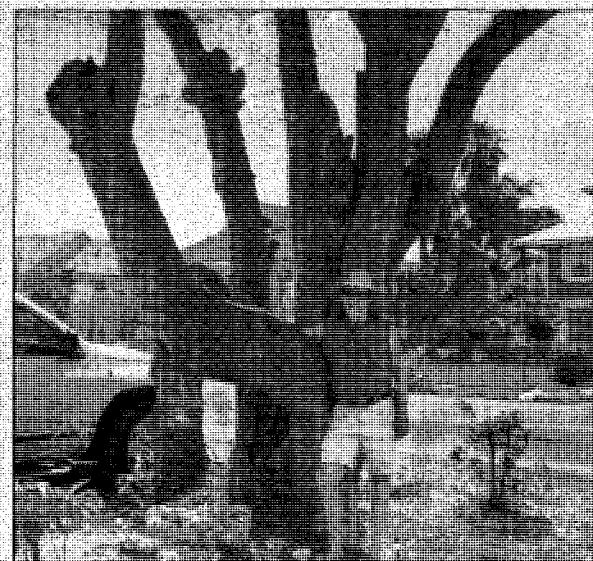
and Dawn Ramsey, a clean up and some new landscaping are in progress. Under the direction of landscape designer Jeffrey Rosberg of Green Mansions Landscaping, Tarpon Tale Inn has made temporary yard art out of a big old sea grape that will sprout new growth, and whose naked form is still interesting. Jeff plans to train a vine on it while waiting for it to grow back.

The Ramseys also have plans to turn their old parking lot, which faces Periwinkle, into an enclosed butterfly garden that will feature native plants. Included will be various milkweeds, beach sunflower, beach morning glory, and other wildflowers that prefer sun. Jeff has been landscaping the islands for 25 years, and is entirely committed to providing residents with beautiful plantings using native species. Some of his favorites include the pauotia palm, spider and string lilies, and the shrub eugenia, also known as white stopper.

"Real vigilance is needed to prevent 'volunteers' from taking root, especially of non-native or invasive species. Seeds can get blown onto properties, carried by birds, sucker at the base of existing plants, or form underground root systems called runners. Every place these seeds are allowed to sprout will eventually be a new, full-sized plant. It is important to look at your property often, and take steps to get rid of all but the beneficial plants you have chosen."

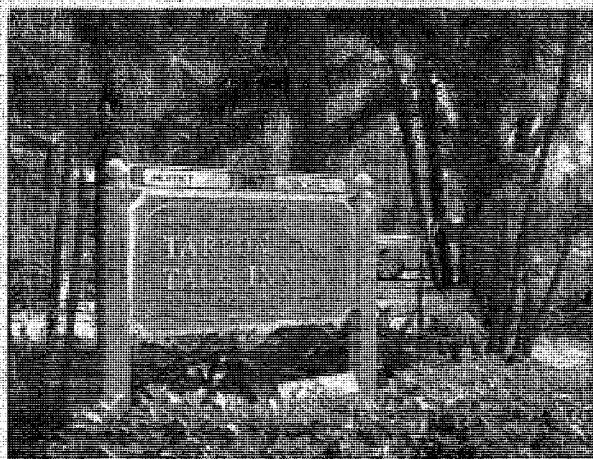
On Captiva, which does not have Sanibel's 75% native plant requirement, many residents and commercial property owners employ the expertise of landscaper Robert S. Walsh. Rob uses both native and exotic species to create lush tropical environments for his clients.

"I believe that the trees blowing over in hurricane force wind is more a function of their size rather than their type," said Rob. "Throughout Southwest Florida, tall, unpruned trees of many varieties fell over in the storms. Live oaks and big banyan ficus will topple just as easily as pines if



Photos by Laura Nickerson


Above: Jeff Rosberg and his "temporary yard art," a sea grape which is awaiting regrowth. Below: Tarpon Tale Inn provides an example of a "mostly" native entryway.



they are left for years to grow unpruned," he continued. "Proper pruning takes away the top-heavy aspect of trees, as well as the thick mass that allows no air to blow through the tree. Particularly on the islands, a regular regimen of pruning is essential. Many, many trees could have been saved in 'Charley' had they been receiving regular and correct pruning all along."

Rob cited two huge ficus trees at the entrance to the George estate on Captiva, saying that the trees are still standing, thanks to a major pre-hurricane pruning

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## OBITUARIES

### Mary Olive Paul Dalton

Mary Olive Paul Dalton, 85, of Fort Myers passed away on September 28, 2004 at the Shady Rest Care Pavilion. She was born September 14, 1919 in Hickory, PA to the late Edna and Vincent Paul. She was valedictorian of her high school class. After graduating first in her nursing class at Columbia Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA, she completed a graduate nursing program at John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD. During World War II Mary Olive worked for the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank and then married Thomas J. Dalton. After a highly successful career as a homemaker and raising four loving children, she resumed her nursing career, working in the premature baby nursery at Overlook Hospital in Summit, NJ and later as a nursing supervisor at King James Care Center, a nursing home in Chatham, NJ. The Daltons retired to Lee County in 1985 where she became very active in volunteer activities, particularly with the Bonita Springs Lions Club. As a nurse, wife, mother and volunteer worker, she worked tirelessly to improve the lives of those around her.

Survivors include her loving husband of 60 years, Thomas J. Dalton; her children and loved ones: Lynn, Thomas, Jack and Anne Dalton, Oliver Martin, Lois, John Travis and Lauren Dalton, Breonna Haven, Melanie Redfern, Dale Fulmer, as well as her sister, Lorraine Anderson and family of Sanibel, FL.

Following her cremation, the family will gather in Fort Myers for a private commemoration. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Mary Olive Paul Dalton Memorial Fund at Shady Rest Care Pavilion, 2310 N. Airport Rd., Fort Myers, FL. The funds will be used to plant a memorial garden for enjoyment by the residents and their families.

### Primo Maggio Damiani

Primo Maggio Damiani, 85, of St. Clairsville, Ohio, formerly of Bellaire, Ohio died Saturday, September 18, 2004 in the Cleveland Clinic.

He was born May 1, 1919 in Dilles Bottom, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his mother, pasquarosa maiezza, in 1926; his father, carmine Damiani, in 1978; his stepmother, Matilda Gaudieri, in 1994; a brother, Louis in 1942 and a

sister, Emilia Rosi in 2002.

Primo is survived by his wife Angela Pertican Damiani; a daughter, Carol Boynton and her husband Arthur of Oxford, New Hampshire; a son, Louis and his wife Teresa of Hinckley, Ohio; and five sisters, Malvina DeGenova of Bellaire, Clementine Postage and her husband Rudolph of Shadyside, Ohio, Julia Polivka of Maple Heights, Ohio, Mary Louise Tschappat and her husband Lemuel of Clarington, Ohio and Rose Kovalov of Shadyside.

Primo was a World War II veteran, serving in the army field artillery as a master sergeant and was honorably discharged. He retired in 1981 from Ohio Edison Dilles Bottom Burger plant where he worked as a mechanical maintenance foreman. In 1982, he was appointed by Ohio governor Richard F. Celeste to the Ohio Mine Examining Board where he served 18 years having been re-appointed twice by Governor Celeste and three times by Governor George V. Voinovich. He retired again in 1999 and enjoyed splitting his time between St. Clairsville, Ohio and Sanibel, where he spent the winters with Angela.

Friends were received on Tuesday, September 21 2004 at the Bauknecht-Altmeier Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bellaire, Ohio.

Funeral liturgy with Mass was celebrated on Wednesday at St. John Catholic Church, Bellaire with Monsignor Gene W. Mullett, as celebrant.

Interment followed in Belmont Memorial Park Cemetery, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cleveland Clinic Multiple Myeloma Programs, 9500 Euclid Avenue, Room 35, Cleveland Ohio 44195.

### Patricia M. Robinson

Patricia Robinson died Sunday at University Hospital, Newark, NJ, following a long illness. She was 57.

She was born in Hartford, Alabama on August 23, 1947, and her family moved to Highland Park, NJ, when she was a little girl. Pat graduated from St. Mary's High School in Rahway, NJ. She attended St. Joseph's School of Nursing, where she met her future husband, Ken, while he was a patient in the hospital. After

they married, she moved to Brooklyn, NY, and began her family.

She founded a neighborhood block association in Brooklyn which was successful in inducing the NYC Parks Department to plant shade trees throughout the neighborhood. These trees have been enjoyed by many generations of children. Pat and her family moved to Mountain Lakes in 1973.

She became a successful real estate salesperson and also became active in the Junior Women's Club, the League of Women Voters, and the Pedestrian Safety Committee. As a member of the Junior Women's Club, she initiated Mountain Lakes's first recycling effort and also ran the Meals on Wheels program. As the founder of the Pedestrian Safety Committee, Pat was instrumental in convincing the Town to construct sidewalks along many of the Borough roads. These sidewalks are now considered a major asset of the Town. As a League of Women Voters Board Member, she became involved in almost all the major issues of Mountain Lakes, including sewers, school construction, water quality and lake quality.

For the past 20 years, Pat was a winter resident of Sanibel Island, Florida. On Sanibel, she was on the board of the Old School House Theater Foundation, and was active in fund raising for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and the Children's Hospital.

Pat loved decorating and gardens. Her home in Mountain Lakes was featured as a Daily Record House of the Week and

was on the Town Club House Tour. Her true love in life--and her stated reason for being--was her children and grandchildren. She became almost a third parent to her granddaughters, who called daily to tell her of the day's activities and accomplishments.

She is survived by her lifelong friend and husband, Ken, her children, Chris of North Chelmsford, MA, Andrew of RedBank, and Heather of Forest Hills, NY, and her six grandchildren who were the candles on the cake of her life. She is also survived by her mother, Willa, of Dover, and sisters Mary Ann Minnig-Kline of Highland Park and Louise Minnig of Garfield, and brother Cliff of Costa Rica.

A celebration of Pat's life was held at the Rockaway River Country Club in Denville, NJ, on Friday, September 24, at 1 p.m. Family and friends were invited to come in casual clothing and bring their children and grandchildren. Pat had also requested that everyone bring their smiles and laughter with them. She asked Ken to purchase a large stuffed animal to be given away to one of the children who came. Children were also rewarded with ice cream sundaes and a ride in a golf cart, as was Pat's wish. A similar event will be held for her Florida friends during the winter.

Since Pat loved children so much, she requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Lakeland Hills YMCA, Mountain Lakes, NJ, in her memory.

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## Replanting, from page 4

they happened to receive just in time.

R. S. Walsh Landscaping recently did some new landscaping at the entrance to Tween Waters Inn, and is in consultation regarding a massive replanting that will eventually take place at South Seas Plantation. "Owners Meristar Hospitality Corporation and a landscape architectural firm out of Atlanta, Georgia are working on designs now. The owners are viewing this as an opportunity to take care of some problems they already had, to come back with a design that goes beyond the old one in function as well as beauty.

"Other than pruning," Rob added, "the trick is to find the right plant for the right location. For instance, bougainvillea is not a great plant to try to train up a tree. It needs too much water and too much sun to be happy under a tree's canopy. However, great shade and great color can be provided by training it on a large pergola where it can be easily maintained to produce masses of trailing color. Under that can be deep shady areas that will be useful while waiting for a natural tree canopy to grow in.

"I would advise people to just be patient," he finalized. "After about six months, many of the surviving trees will look just as beautiful as they once did. After all the big pine stumps are gone, it will begin to have a new beauty, even before major community replanting. Vegetation grows really fast here."

At the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation, the Native Plant Nursery, managed by Beth Degrauwe, has much to offer. Beth is available for consultations to teach and encourage native planting on private island properties.

"I like to think of barrier island planting as planting aerodynamically," Beth instructed. "The goal in a big storm is to get the wind to glide smoothly up and over the buildings by having compatible height plantings nearby each one. Therefore if your house or business is up on stilts, or a two-story, at 25-35 feet, you'll want to choose trees whose mature height does not exceed 30 to 40 feet, some of the tallest natives on the islands. Then plant in a pyramid style downward, like the side of a mountain using other native shrubs by height and growth habit. Use your 25% allotted exotics for colorful accent, and you'll have gorgeous landscaping that can survive anything."

When asked about the possibility of propping up other types of trees and actually replanting them in their original places, Beth acknowledged that it was possible, but each case must be weighed individually by the city or a property owner because the price of putting an old tree back in

place could be prohibitive if the tree is very large.

A new tree of equal beauty might actually cost less. With a tall tree, there is always the likelihood of it falling over again in the next bad storm while the root system is replacing itself. During that time, the tree is wounded and fragile, susceptible to many kinds of disease and infestation. Beth's rule of thumb: "If a tree's age is eight years or younger, and you can get it back in the ground soon, during an active growing season, go for it, try to replant it. Cut back the top by at least half, so that it can concentrate on growing new roots. Don't worry about what it looks like right now. Just let it grow back in, monitoring for problems over the first few months."

Some of SCCF's recommended native plant varieties include:

- **Low ground covers/flowers**  
Spider lilies, golden lantana depressa, spiderwort, black eyed susan, tickseed, dune sunflower, Tampa or beach verbena, muhly grass
- **Vines and traveling ground cover**  
Bay bean, railroad vine, wild alamanda, corky stemmed passionflower, and coral honeysuckle.
- **Ferns**  
Leather fern, blechnum, sword fern, boston fern (can be aggressive).
- **Shrubs — up to 12 feet mature height**  
Coco plum, fire bush, saw palmetto, seven year apple, snowberry, yellow elder, lantana involucrata.
- **Small trees — up to 25 feet mature height**  
Coral bean, dahoon holly, geiger tree sweet acacia, wax myrtle, silver buttonwood, wild lime.
- **Medium trees — 25-35 feet mature height**  
Mastic, sea grape, southern red cedar, wild tamarind, black olive, gumbo limbo, black, white, or red mangrove, Jamaica dogwood, live oak, pidgeon plum, royal palm, bald cypress, sweet bay.

A complete list of native plants along with helpful brochures are available at the Native Plant Nursery where the plants are healthy, the staff is helpful and the prices are great.

Even off island, native plants are being recommended for use all over Lee County and throughout Southwest Florida, thanks to the Florida Yards and Neighborhoods division of the University of Florida Extension. The Extension is currently offering workshops and information on pruning, and planting with natives. Residents are

encouraged to shop at any of the retail shops in the Florida Native Plant Nursery network. Instructor Tom Becker gave a recent workshop entitled Nine Steps to Designing a Florida Yard, at Saint Luke's Episcopal Church in Fort Myers, at which beautiful books regarding planting in Florida — and stressing the use of native plants — were given as handouts. The workshop was fun and informative. Contact the Extension in Fort Myers for information on upcoming events at 239/461-7515.

It seems that all over Florida, residents are searching for the perfect plants and solutions to ensure that their properties will never again look as they did on the morning after Hurricane Charley. Perhaps the greatest thing on our side is time. The natural vegetation of Florida and of our precious islands will never die off to a passing summer storm, no matter how severe. These islands are becoming green again.

## Sanibel Youth Soccer kicks off

Bright and early this Saturday, October 9, island children will play the first games of the season for the Sanibel Youth Soccer recreational soccer league.

It's about time. Due mainly to Charley, with a little help from Frances and Jeanne, the season has been delayed five weeks. But the fields are ready now, and the 191 kids in the league are more than ready.

Games will be held at 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. each Saturday morning from now through Nov. 13. On Saturday, Nov. 20 the league will have tournaments and a picnic to celebrate the season.

Sanibel Youth Soccer would like to thank our generous sponsors: The Bean, YOLO, Jacaranda, Jerry's Foods, Aztec Plumbing, Southwest Florida Dental Group, Sanibel Print and Graphics, Prime Financial, Mucky Duck, Macintosh Books, Billy's Rentals, Sanibel Air Conditioning, Sandcastle Construction, Bailey's General Store, Lazy Flamingo, The Sanibel Company, VIP Realty, Bank of the Islands, Sanibel Island Bookshop, Captiva Island Store, Congress Jewelers and Corke Dentistry. Some of these businesses have not even opened yet after the hurricane, and yet they still have supported the league. Thanks also to Ron Orr and Helene Phillips from the City of Sanibel for helping Sanibel Youth Soccer have a season this year. For more information call Julie or Mike Neal (395-9638) or see the group's web site, sanibelsoccer.org.

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



## Sanibel Print & Graphics still an island presence

By Karen Nelson  
Managing Editor

Sanibel Print & Graphics opened in a new location, just off-island, on September 1. You can now find Dave and Lee Horton in the Kapok Plaza at 15630 McGregor Boulevard (old McGregor) in Fort Myers (the phone number is unchanged: 472-4592).

This has been a season of change for the business: there were rumors in the summer that the business had been sold but after initially considering that possibility, the Hortons decided not to sell.

The move off-island was necessitated by the sale of the building they were in on Sanibel. They began looking for alternate space on Sanibel at the same time that

everyone relocating from the Sanibel Center (across from Jerry's) was also looking. Lee noted that, "There was very little on the island we could get into and everything was so expensive," so they made the decision to look off-island. The rent they are paying in their new location is much lower and the brothers have heard from other service businesses on the islands, asking how the off-island move has gone.

The successive hurricanes created some minor problems in terms of setting up — internet access should be in place by today — but they have been in operation for a month. They feel fortunate to have moved when they did, with the impending toll increase and the impact of the hurricane.

Sanibel Print & Graphics picks up and delivers daily on the islands. Both Dave and Lee are out here every day: Dave's kids go to school here and Lee is a realtor with PMR. And office manager Dorothy Simpson lives on the island. In fact, noted Dave, "It's an even better deal now because we deliver."

They provide the same range of services: printing, color copies and copies of blueprints (no one else on the islands has the equipment for blueprint copies) and Duratrans. They offer full-service design: logos, brochures, letterheads, etc. The business is split about 50/50 between printing and copying, and the design side.

The big loss in moving off-island is the walk-in local business. "We'll miss those people. That's what we'll miss the most, the

daily people coming in." However, they're literally just off the island and a plus is that they are the only copy shop in their new location.

They've been "as busy as ever and everyone seems real pleased."

Summing up, they both agree that "The clients we have are the best in the world and they've been fantastic in supporting us."

### Hortons

Lee and Dave, contributors of the *Islander's* Hortons, will be coming out with a second book of cartoons by Christmas. It's almost done and will have all new cartoons. Dave notes drily, "Thanks to the toll and the hurricanes, we have plenty to work on."



Lee and Dave Horton of Sanibel Print & Graphics

Photo by Karen Nelson

## Turtle Stats from 2004

Needless to say, 2004 turtle stats are the worst recorded on Sanibel and Captiva for all the years back to 1992, when Caretta Research turned the sea turtle monitoring program over to the Conservation Foundation.

During the season, nest numbers pulled a little behind last year for the West End, with 152 nests laid this year and 162 in 2003. Captiva recorded 128 in 2003 and 67 this year. The East End recorded 31 nests in 2003 and 39 this season. The total nests laid in 2004 came to 258 against 321 in 2003.

However, Hurricane Charley washed out or added three or four feet of sand over a total of 145 nests. Captiva lost 31, the East End, 32 and the West End 82. For the nests which hatched, there were 8,491 hatchlings this year and 20,965 in 2003. Obviously, some hatchlings in those washed out nests made their way to the sea. One hatchling was found on the beach recently and made its way to the water.

The largest number of hatchlings were produced in the year 2000: 35,262. The smallest number produced, until 2004, was 13,881 in 1992. From 1992 through 2004, we have recorded 281,755 live hatchlings swimming out from our beaches.

Nature has a way of assuring that a balance remains and we look forward to the 2005 turtle nesting season with high hopes for a banner year.

## Arbor Day Foundation gives free trees

Five free Crepe myrtle trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during October, 2004. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Five Crepe myrtles, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by October 31, 2004. Or join online at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).

## Obit, from page 5

### Frances T. Whall

Frances T. Whall, 73 years, of Sanibel passed away Wednesday, September 29, 2004. She was born in Dorchester, MA, the daughter of the late Michael and Marion Gallant. After living in the Boston area for many years, Fran and Jim retired to the island she loved, Sanibel. She was a devoted parishioner of Saint Isabel Catholic Church and a member of the Ladies Guild.

Frances is survived by her husband, James, and four daughters: Karen (William) Freeman of Princeton, MA, Mary (James) White of Orange Park, FL, Michele (Edward) King of Princeton, MA, Lorraine (William) Kelly of Arlington, MA, also eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and a sister Marion McNicholas of Watertown, MA.

A memorial Mass was celebrated on October 4 at Saint Isabel Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Saint Isabel Church building fund in Frances' name would be deeply appreciated.

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## OF SEA AND SHORE

### The Strangest Summer on Record

Friday, August the 13th, the fateful day the first storm hit, was almost two months ago. This week my boys and I spent our afternoons picking up scattered branches and hauling off sawed-up logs. Hurricane Charley is still very much a part of our lives, as I'm certain it is for everyone living and working on our two islands.

I sometimes feel as if two months of my life have vanished, disappearing into an alphabetically arranged list of unexpected storms: Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne. Mornings spent putting up or taking down hurricane shutters, checking batteries and filling five gallon water containers. Watching and waiting, watching and waiting.

Sitting in front of my television a few weeks ago during the ten-o'clock news awestruck by the power of Hurricane Ivan — at that time spinning east southeast of Jamaica with sustained winds of 165 miles per hour and gusts over 200. Thinking to myself how inconceivable it would be to be hit by a storm of such magnitude. Wondering what few buildings on Sanibel and Captiva could survive a strong Category 5 storm. Knowing only the mangroves would remain in such a maelstrom.

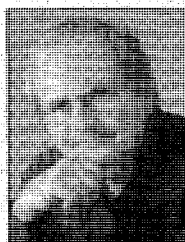
It has been the strangest summer on record for Florida. Four major storms within six weeks of each other, three of them reaching Category 4 or stronger and all of them packed with torrential rains, storm surges and tornados. Unwelcome visitors causing billions of dollars in property damage and each one leaving a grim wake of

funerals.

This strange summer has made me remember some predictions I first heard over a decade ago. Predictions that, if global warming were real, then the earth's oceans may begin to heat up. The increase in their surface temperature could result in more frequent and far more intense hurricanes. Predictions made on super-computers done by controversial research scientists convinced that the industrialized nations were releasing too many greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.

We are releasing too many greenhouse gases. *National Geographic's* September 2004 issue was titled "Global Warning: Bulletins From a Warmer World." It should be mandatory reading. There is little doubt that the polar ice caps are melting, glaciers retreating and ocean water levels rising. The earth is getting hotter and that fact caused me to ask myself this — "What if the scientists and their models were right?"

It's still too early to know for certain but, if they were correct, then those of us who live and love barrier islands should have some serious concerns. In the October 4th, 2004, edition of *Time* magazine there is an alarming tale of an Eskimo village, Shishmaref, located 625 miles north of Anchorage. The permafrost beneath its beaches is melting, the sea ice thawing too early in the year and the shoreline is eroding beneath a rising arctic ocean. Shishmaref could well be the canary in the coal mine for



Charles Sobczak



Periwinkle Way at Sanibel Community Church the morning after Charleys revenge.

## Be a part of history...

The Islander, Island Reporter & Captiva Current newspapers are collecting photos related to Hurricane Charley for publication in a special hard-bound edition in November. If you would like to submit your storm-related photos please bring, or mail them to:

Storm Photos  
The Island Reporter  
2340 Periwinkle Way  
P.O. Box 809  
Sanibel, FL 33957

E-mail to: sancapnews@flguide.com

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Sanibel.

The same supercomputers used to predict the increase of violent storms also predicted that global warming could result in as much as a two-to-three foot rise in worldwide sea levels. In the August, 2004 edition of *Smithsonian*, there is a cover story about an island chain in the South Pacific that is rapidly disappearing beneath the rising sea. The islands, known as Tuvalu, recently complained to the United Nations that the threat of global warming is to them, "a slow and insidious form of terrorism against us." In less than a decade, Tuvalu will begin losing habitable islands to the sea.

What are we doing about it? Essentially nothing. Last week Russia, hardly a bastion of environmental awareness, ratified the Kyoto Accords. They, along with 160 other nations, have agreed to at least attempt to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, methane and a host of related gases. The United States, by far the world's most egregious emitter of greenhouse gases, did not join in the accords.

The present administration argued that agreeing to the terms of the treaty could hurt the U.S. economy. A valid point. But if the GeoSigns and EcoSigns in *National Geographic's* well-documented article are correct, won't the super-storms and rising seas hurt our economy far worse in the long run? If my children and my children's children are to inherit my island home, shouldn't I be genuinely concerned whether or not Sanibel's still going to be here for them?

The Kyoto Accords are not the end-all answer to the problem of the burning of fossil fuels such as coal, gasoline and diesel. The Accords are a sketch, a draft for future legislation that acknowledges that we, as part of a larger global community, have problems which affect everyone — from the Eskimos in Alaska to the drought-stricken nations of the Sudan. There is a precedent here. As a nation, we accepted this same premise when we signed the nuclear test-ban treaty. Global warming is the slow, insidious equivalent of atomic fallout. If, in reality, it turns out to also be the culprit that creates super-storms such as Charley, Frances and Ivan, it is the equivalent of dropping atomic bombs — dropping them on ourselves.

It breaks my heart that the United States of America, the country that invented National Parks and Wildlife Refuges, disavows an international treaty now signed by most of the developing and industrialized nations of the world. During my lifetime, I have always been proud of the fact that my country has been the planet's standard bearer of environmental awareness, from Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* to the Endangered Species Act. Maybe the President is right; maybe the way the treaty is worded is bad for our economy. My fear is that by not joining the rest of the world in trying to tackle this issue, his decision is very bad for the future of my own economy. It's never too late to make a change.

But then again, it has been the strangest summer on record, and I'm looking forward to the fall.

*Charles Sobczak is the author of Way Under Contract, a Florida Story, which tells of a fictional Hurricane Emily hitting a fictional barrier island named Shoreside. The book is available throughout the islands.*

### Sanibel-Captiva Christian Women's Club October luncheon cancelled

The October luncheon of the Sanibel-Captiva Christian Women's Club has been cancelled.

The November luncheon is scheduled to be held at the Dunes Country Club on Sanibel. The cost will be \$16. More detailed information will be provided at a later date.



## SERVICE CLUBS

### Kiwanis: One last hope before surgery

Submitted by Bob Wimbush

Marty Arnowitz had arranged for this week's speakers, Chiropractors Linda Stevens and John Kellenberger, Sr., but barely made it to the meeting himself. His introduction - after the usual fine punctuated with excuses - was mercifully short and quite inspiring, coming from a trial lawyer, "People get better. That's amazing." Now there is hope for Lee County's lower back pain sufferers pretty much resigned to the knife.

It's a table and techniques developed by Dr. Allen Dyer, now the Canadian Minister of Health, who also created the heart defibrillator. He, too, was facing the knife, and he didn't want surgery. It took a while, but his system, widely used today but available in only two places in Lee County, is a little like traction except that it lowers rather than increases back disk pressures and allows them to re-form, and that relieves the pain. The technique has been shown a success rate near 76% in studies conducted since 1992.

Know as Vertebral Axial Decompression, or VAX-D, it is effective, inexpensive, essentially painless, non-invasive, and most patients are returned, virtually pain free, to full functionality. It works through out the lumbar range. The standard protocol is 20 treatments - one every busi-

ness day - for a month. (Who would expect doctors to work on week-ends?) The results are cumulative, but apparently permanent because after that the doctors recommend a single follow-up treatment per year.

That's the good news. The bad news is that like everything else that relieves suffering, it frequently is not covered by insurance. Perhaps the insurers have observed that it works, and at approximately \$4,500 (about 1/10th the cost and no scar tissue) for the series, many would-be surgery cases 1) pay for it themselves and 2) this - it would seem to this writer - save the cost of both the procedure and the surgery. That's a double win for the insurers. The doctors estimated that over 3,000 treatments are given each day in the

US, so one might assume that the question of insurance has come up.

It was asked if it can be used preventively, and why must one wait until the final stages? The answer was yes, it can be used preventively, but usually the need (and the pain) is not apparent until the later stages. Late stage treatment has to do with detection, not application. Another member



Dr. Linda Stevens, DC



Marty Arnowitz (standing) works on his introduction with Drs. Linda Stevens and John Kellenberger

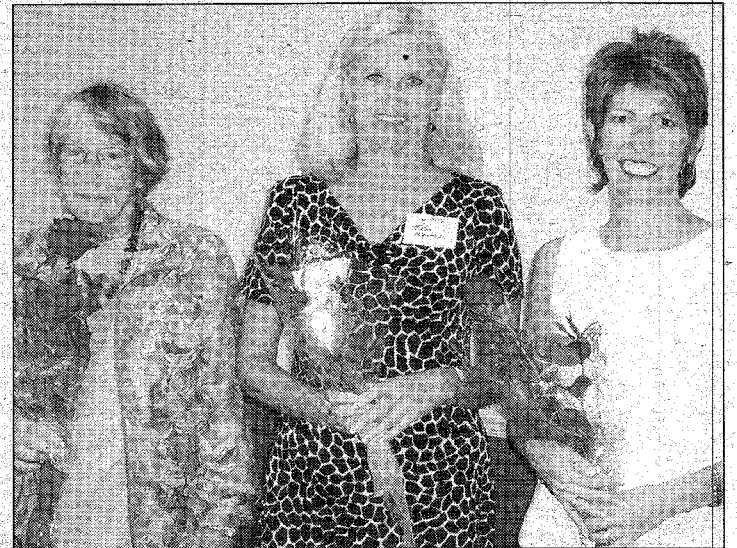
### New ABWA members

Three new members were inducted into the American Business Women's Association (ABWA).

Joan Simonds is a kayaking devotee. For 20 years she has been at the Island Book nook, which is a great spot for an avid reader. New and used books are welcome.

Lois Warner lives on Captiva and owns Sanibel-Captiva Realty and Sanibel-Captiva Vacation, Inc. She has lived and worked on the islands for 6 years.

Carla Brosy is a new loan officer with Prime Financial Group on Sanibel.



New ABWA members (from left): Joan Simonds, Lois Warner, and Carla Brosy

### Kiwanis, from left

added that strength (he used the "E"-word, exercise, always a bad move with this group) is equally important to recovery.

How much does the table cost? About the same as two Hummers. (All treatment is tightly controlled. The table has four computers).

Effective in treating Sciatica? Yes.

How about neck pain? They expect a cervical machine will be released later this year. Anyone whose neck you'd like

stretched?

Dr. Stevens has offices on Sanibel and on Metro Parkway. 489-4100.

Kiwanis is back at the Dunes. Breakfast with us at 7:30 on Tuesdays.

As you're cleaning up from the storms, don't forget the Fort Myers Beach Kiwanis Thrift Store. They're helping out a lot of storm victims these days. Donate those still usable items. 454-8090.

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## Lighthouse Beach opened Oct. 6

The City of Sanibel officially re-opened the gulf-side parking lot at Lighthouse Beach, located on the eastern end of Sanibel, at 7 a.m. Wednesday, October 6. Debris clean up following a number of recent hurricanes is now complete at the gulf-side parking lot at Lighthouse Beach and it has been deemed safe for public access. Due to on-going debris clearance at the park, the Fishing Pier remains closed at this time.

The re-opening of the gulf-side parking lot at Lighthouse Beach marks the fifth

major opening of public access areas since Hurricane Charley struck on August 13th. Other open parking areas include 24 spaces at the Turner Beach parking lot, 24 more spaces at the Blind Pass parking lot, 75 spaces at the Tarpon Bay parking lot and 98 spaces at the Public Boar Ramp located near the Causeway. The City is working closely with a number of private contractors to remove debris and provide safe public access to other City parks and beaches as quickly as possible.

## Cancer Awareness Month reception

The City of Sanibel cordially invites all residents, and in particular breast cancer survivors and family members, to a Breast Cancer Awareness Month reception and program on October 19 at City Hall, MacKenzie Hall, 8 a.m. Those interested in learning more about breast cancer prevention for themselves and loved ones are also encouraged to attend.

Wendy Henderson, Breast Health Educator, for the Lee Cancer Center and Lee Memorial Health System will be the featured speaker and will discuss breast cancer awareness and provide vital information concerning breast cancer.

Ms. Henderson is a registered nurse and holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Missouri-St. Louis and a Master's Degree from the University of South Florida. As a Breast Health Educator, Ms. Henderson helps women to know how to save their lives by finding breast cancer in the earliest stages on some days and on other days how to find their way through the medical-maze as they fight breast cancer. The reception will also honor and recognize those who have fought breast cancer as well as those currently battling breast cancer.

## Denim Day

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The public is invited to join the Lee Memorial Hospital staff by participating in National Denim Day on October 8 and donating \$5 to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. In exchange for the donation, pink plastic ribbons will

be given.

The gift shop at HealthPark Medical Center is one of the area hospitals accepting donations and distributing the pink ribbons. Come and get your ribbon, and join in on the 8th by wearing denim and your pink ribbon to support the very important fight against breast cancer.

## Halloween at the Community Center

Beat the Hurricane Blues with fall family fun. The Sanibel Community Association is providing a safe indoor alternative to trick-or-treating.

The Costumes and Candy Fall Family Carnival on Saturday, October 30 from 5 - 7 p.m. will feature clever carnival games with prizes and lots of candy.

For the meager entrance fee of one bag of halloween candy per family, there will be everything from decorating goodies bags, costume photo booth and dance lessons by the Golden Girls Cloggers. Everyone is encouraged to join in the fun and wear a costume. There will be a food booth and raffle tables at an additional charge. Donations from local



businesses and student volunteers from The Sanibel School help to make this a real community event.

Additional volunteers and donations are still needed. Call event director Salli Kirkland at 472-4919.

## Pumpkin Design Coloring Contest

Needful Things at 1995 Periwinkle Way in Tahitian Gardens is running a Pumpkin Design Contest for ages 5 to 12 years old. There will be two prizes awarded: the winning girl will receive a Halloween Groovy Girl and the winning boy will get a Night Spy Binocular.

Coloring sheets can be picked up at Needful Things from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. any day. The Coloring Contest winner will be chosen on Halloween Sunday, October 31st.

On Halloween weekend — Saturday and Sunday — Needful Things will also be giving out candy to trick or treaters in Halloween costumes. For more information, call Needful Things at 472-5400.

## Esperanza Woodring Memorial Cast Net Rodeo

Attention all Southwest Florida cast netters. The Bait Box at 1041 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel will be hosting the Esperanza Woodring Memorial Cast Net Rodeo on Saturday, November 6.

This is a great event for the entire family - there will be free lessons and demonstrations from 8 - 9 a.m. The kids competition begins at 9:30 a.m.; the adult competition begins at 1 p.m. All participants (youths and adults) must sign up in advance.

Refreshments will be available (no alcohol permitted). Contact The Bait Box at 472-1618.

## Teen Scene: Howl-O-Scream Trip coming

Hey Middle Schoolers! We hope you've found something to do while the Teen Scene has been out of commission due to Hurricane Charley because we often wonder to ourselves, "what do the teens do when there isn't Teen Scene?"

But at last! With much ado, we have begun the new school year's Teen Scene. And what a first event to start off the year! We're going to Busch Gardens at Tampa for their Howl-O-Scream event. Kids, be ready for chainsaw wielding psycho maniacs, cryptic specters from beyond the grave and a ghoulishly good time - if you

dare. The trip will be held on Friday, October 15 and is only open for 7th and 8th graders. Kids who are interested need to contact Dave or Nick at the Rec Center or call 472-0345. Parents must sign a permission slip for their kids to be registered. The cost would normally be \$55.00 for such a trip, but the chainsaw wielding psycho maniac has chopped the cost down to a mere \$40.00 which includes both your ticket and transportation there. There is a limited amount of seats so sign up ASAP.

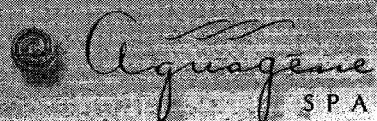


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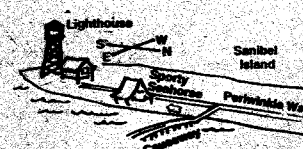
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## Judie Zimomra to speak at ABWA

Want to hear more about how Sanibel is recovering from Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne? What are the future plans for rebuilding our beautiful island paradise?

If you are interested in "hearing from the top" regarding these important issues, you are invited to attend the October meeting of the American Businesswomen's Association (ABWA), Sanibel-Captiva Chapter on October 12.

Judie Zimomra is the featured speaker. Judy was appointed City Manager of Sanibel in September 2001, and has over twenty years of extensive experience in local government administration.

Judie came to Florida from Cleveland, Ohio, where she served as the mayor's Chief of Staff. Her duties included managing a full service city with a \$1.1 billion operating budget, a \$382.6 million capital budget, and 8,000 employees. She also served as Commissioner of the Division of Environment for the city of Cleveland,

Manager of Solid Waste Programs for Hamilton County, OH and the Director of Public Services for the City of Worthington, OH. She has been a member of the adjunct faculty at Cleveland State University where she taught graduate level public administration courses.

Judie will share how the City of Sanibel put together a hurricane plan that facilitated recovery from the series of storms, and how the city plans to revitalize the island.

The dinner meeting will be held at the Thistle Lodge on West Gulf Drive. Cocktail hour begins at 5:30; dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are required.

If you would like to obtain membership information and plan to attend the October meeting, please call chapter president Lisa Cochran (246-8876). Members of ABWA should call Trudie Kohlbrenner (466-3892) to make their reservations.

## Chamber Box Lunch

The next Chamber Box Lunch will be Tuesday, October 12 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. The topic will be "The Calm AFTER the storm: Natural strategies for surviving stress and restoring well-being." Speaking will be Brian Healy of Sanibel Wellness. Complimentary massages and relaxation treatments will be provided by Sanibel Wellness, Blue Skies Bodyworks, and Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa. Post-session breakouts will include demonstrations on "Meditation" (Brian Healy), "Nutrition to Heal From Stress"

(Carol Simontacchi from Island Nutrition Center) and "Simple Relaxation Stretches" (Bonnie Clancy from Blue Skies Bodyworks). Note: Several of our fitness providers have agreed to stay until 2 p.m. for those members who would like to sample multiple offerings. Lunch will be catered by East End Deli and will feature a buffet with healthy wraps, and beans and rice. The fee is \$10 for Chamber members and guests with advanced reservations; \$14 at the door. Registration due by 5 p.m. on Friday, October 8. You can register on-line at [www.sanibel-captiva.biz/events/box\\_lunch.html](http://www.sanibel-captiva.biz/events/box_lunch.html). Cancellations must be 24 hours prior to the event for refund.



Bank of the Islands Manager Rob Lisenbee, Sanibel Police Officer Kurt Schulte, and Bank of the Islands Customer Service Representative Elaine Smith.

D.A.R.E. program to receive the Bank's donation. The D.A.R.E. program is presented to island youth by the Sanibel Police Department in partnership with The Sanibel School. Officer Schulte is a D.A.R.E. instructor.

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Congratulations to Officer Kurt Schulte, the most recent winner of the "We Love Our Islands" promotion sponsored by Bank of the Islands. Officer Schulte was spotted with a "We Love Our Islands" decal on his car. He won the right to select which local non-profit cause would receive a charitable contribution of \$800.

Officer Schulte chose the D.A.R.E. program to receive the Bank's donation. The D.A.R.E. program is presented to island youth by the Sanibel Police Department in partnership with The Sanibel School. Officer Schulte is a D.A.R.E. instructor.

## TO YOUR HEALTH

### Holistic Health Notebook: Body on fire (quenched) continued...

We've been exploring the topic of inflammation the last few weeks and I do hope you have read these articles. Chronic inflammation is an enormous problem in our culture, and we are unwittingly stoking the fires of inflammation by the foods we choose to eat or certain lifestyle habits like stress and not getting enough rest.

Have we had stress on Sanibel and Captiva the past few weeks? You're kidding, right?



Carol Simontacchi

### The Fires of Inflammation May Burn Quietly

Most of us know when inflammation is destroying our joints or synovial tissue. We feel pain. We hurt. We can't bend over without groaning, and our fingers are stiff and swollen.

Unfortunately, many of us do not know that inflammation is setting us up for cardiovascular disease or other life-threatening diseases. C-Reactive Protein (CRP), an indication of underlying inflammation, is a marker for heart disease, Alzheimer's disease, and many other conditions. I strongly suggest that you ask your doctor to test for CRP at your annual check-up.

### A Natural Approach

Fortunately, natural "fire extinguishers" can quench the fires of inflammation without causing harm to other parts of the body.

Several supplements are well-known for reducing inflammation. Some of the best known anti-inflammatory natural products include fish body oil, bromelain, and the herb Cat's Claw (*uncaria guianensis*), a medicinal herb traditionally used by the indigenous people of South America for joint health and well-being.

Boswellia has shown benefit in arthritis as a standardized extract at a typical dose of 150 mg, three times daily, for

two to three months. It has been used in combination with ginger, turmeric and ashwagandha and proved beneficial for inflammation and pain associated with osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis. Ginger has anti-inflammatory properties and is a potent analgesic due to its inhibition of prostaglandin and leukotriene production.

Tumeric has anti-inflammatory properties due to its inhibition of prostaglandin production and stimulation of cortisol production. The usual dose of tumeric is 400 mg in capsules given three times a day.

Stinging nettle (*Urtica dioica*) contains boron, which may be beneficial for those with arthritis. Compared to those taking 200 mg of diclofenac, a 50-mg dose of the same medication with stewed nettles had the same pain relief as the full dose. Cat's claw has been widely used in South America for the treatment of inflammation and arthritic pain.

S-Adenosylmethionine (SAME) is found in all living cells and contributes to the production of proteoglycans for cartilage repair. SAME has been shown to relieve arthritis pain. It should be taken with folic acid at 800 mg/day and vitamin B12 at 1,000 mcg/day.

Personally, I use several grams of fish oil per day. If I'm really feeling stiff and sore, I use an extract from pineapple called Bromelain on an empty stomach, and have found that it is very effective in relieving the pain of inflammation.

Here is the anti-inflammatory protocol in a nutshell: eat only whole, living foods. Drink only fresh, pure water and herbal teas. Get plenty of sleep and control stress, including emotional stress like anger, guilt, and loneliness. And use natural anti-inflammatories listed above.

For more information, contact Carol at the Island Nutrition Center (239-472-4499).

"This gift to the D.A.R.E. program marks \$11,400 we have placed in the hands of 18 worthwhile island charities through this promotion," said Bank Of The Islands Manager Rob Lisenbee. Lisenbee also announced that Bank Of

The Islands is restructuring the "We Love Our Islands" promotion. "We're looking forward to announcing the program change in the fall, and inviting all islanders to pick up new vehicle decals at that time," said Lisenbee.

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## FISHING & SHELLING THE ISLANDS

### Charley ate my junonia!

It's been close to two months ago that Hurricane Charley ground ashore on Sanibel and Captiva and the shell collecting has been outstanding ever since. But, perhaps we would add a few asterisks behind that first sentence.

Lots of my yearly shelling customers called in the first few weeks after the storm struck the islands. They had two questions: Are you okay? What's the shelling like?

The dream of some collectors is to arrive just after a big storm. Many of our winter visitors pray for a big cold front to swoop down from the north just before they arrive for the week. The storms stir up shells along the beaches and, combined with unusually low tides from northeasterly winds, make for excellent shelling.

Of course, with hurricanes, even minus the low tides and northerly winds, there can be a lot of shells coming up. But, there were two big problems. No one could get on the islands for a week or more. And two, frankly with the devastation of the island, hardly anyone had time to even look.

For weeks after the storm, few people were on the beaches. With a damaged roof and mangled trees in the yard, even the most hard-core sheller would have been hard-pressed to find justification for a trip to the beach. And besides, with half-toppled trees being a constant threat, it wasn't such a good idea to visit most beaches

anyways.

Even now, city and county officials find it difficult to take people off more pressing clean-up projects to make time to open a few of the parks still closed on both islands.

About three weeks after Charley, the island certainly didn't look like it used to, but with yards beginning to be cleaned up and the "blue roof special" people starting to patch the hundreds of damaged roofs on the islands, well, maybe a short trip to the beach was justified.

Blind Pass never did open as I had hoped. If Charley's eye wall passed over it as we think and the sand-choked pass still didn't open, it may never happen. But, the sand was pushed onto the beach and so were the shells. Once they officially cleared the parking lot and picked up all the debris, the few visitors on the island could park and shell at this spot where the bridge joins Captiva and Sanibel Islands. At one time, there was a mound of shells about four feet high right next to the rock groin on the gulf side.

The first few weeks after the storm we all had to qualify for Sanibel Island Hurricane Passes which were only for home-owners and those, like me, who work on the island or were involved in cleaning up.

There were Lee County deputies stationed under a tent at Blind Pass turning away anyone without written permission to continue to Captiva. However, as the sparse traffic would stop on the bridge

while the deputies checked IDs, I would look over at those shell piles. No one was there or allowed to be. Talk about cruel irony.

My boat, *Grey Pelican*, was left tied to the docks at Tween Waters Marina. I had tied it down, expecting at Category 1 or 2, never thinking it would reach 4 going for 5 when it passed over the resort. A week later my neighbor brought me up by boat for a brief look. I just wanted to know if it was still there. There was no way to get on the island by land, and there was no power or water on the island.

But, as we got closer, I could see the teal-colored boat still tied up and looking a bit weather-worn, but floating. With an hour's work, a few days later, she was up and running, minus top, boarding ladder and one other thing.

My shell display board was torn off. In the first visit, I was so rattled that I had forgotten all about my shells on a piece of driftwood. It's how I show my customers the shells to look for and, of course, you know what would be the centerpiece — a beautiful junonia. And it was gone.

Of all the shells I had gathered for the collection over the years, that junonia was special because the "Shell Lady" of Cayo Costa Island had given it to me after she took pity on me since it appeared that I would never find one on my own.

So, it was on center-stage until the storm. The only shell which didn't get

blown away was a paper thin lion's paw. The robust shells like fighting conchs, olives and whelks? All gone.

My guess is that the shells didn't blow far. That means my junonia is probably still in the water somewhere near where the new docks will go in.

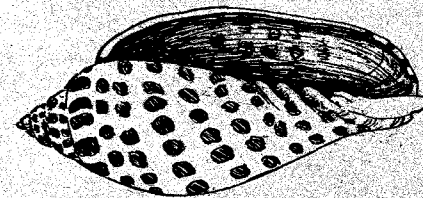
I've done some shelling charters on Cayo Costa since then and the shelling has been so good... well, I can't ever recall ignoring a cone with a slight chip or a shark's eye less than the size of a golf ball before. With hardly any shelling pressure from island visitors, it probably was as easy as it gets to find a wide variety of shells.

Only problem was, with a yard full of downed trees, most of us couldn't put down the chainsaw long enough to go shelling!

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



**Capt. Mike Fuery**



### Turtle Stats from 2004

Needless to say, 2004 turtle stats are the worst recorded on Sanibel and Captiva for all the years back to 1992, when Caretta Research turned the sea turtle monitoring program over to the Conservation Foundation.

During the season, nest numbers pulled a little behind last year for the West End, with 152 nests laid this year and 162 in 2003. Captiva recorded 128 in 2003 and 67 this year. The East End recorded 31 nests in 2003 and 39 this season. The total nests laid in 2004 came to 258 against 321 in 2003.

However, Hurricane Charley washed out or added three or four feet of sand over a total of 145 nests. Captiva lost 31, the East End, 32 and the West End 82.

For the nests which hatched, there were 8,491 hatchlings this year and 20,965 in 2003. Obviously, some hatchlings in those washed out nests made their way to the sea. One hatchling was found on the beach recently and made its way to the water.

The largest number of hatchlings were produced in the year 2000: 35,262. The smallest number produced, until 2004, was 13,881 in 1992. From 1992 through 2004, we have recorded 281,755 live hatchlings swimming out from our beaches.

Nature has a way of assuring that a balance remains and we look forward to the 2005 turtle nesting season with high hopes for a banner year.

### At Lee County Extension

#### 4th Annual Southwest Florida Butterfly Conference

The public is welcome to attend the 4th Annual Southwest Florida Butterfly Conference on October 14 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Come and enjoy the morning with guest speakers, Master Gardeners, exhibitors and vendors, door prizes, and Tom Allen Art Exhibit with original works of art to enjoy and/or purchase. Bring a brown-bag lunch to enjoy while talking to the speakers.

The cost is \$5 per person in advance or \$7 at the door.

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The class is open to the public; the cost is \$5 per person.

Both classes will be held at the Lee County Extension office at 3406 Palm Beach Boulevard (Terry Park) in Fort Myers. For more information, call or visit the Lee County Extension Office; 239/461-7504.

## CASH REWARD!!

We are offering a **\$3000 cash reward** for information leading to the recovery of **six rare Gibson electric guitars**.

An additional bonus for revealing the person/persons responsible for the theft. Property was stolen from 2514 Blind Pass Ct., Sanibel, between late p.m. Friday, August 13 and early a.m. Wednesday, August 18.

Any information is deeply appreciated.

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### Noah's Ark Grand Re-Opening

Four hurricanes and a very off "off-season" have not dampened the enthusiasm for the grand re-opening of Noah's Ark Thrift Shop at St. Michael and All Angels on Sanibel. The Ark opened its doors on Monday, October 4. This marks the opening of the season when normal hours of operation for the Ark will be weekdays and the first Saturday of the month from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

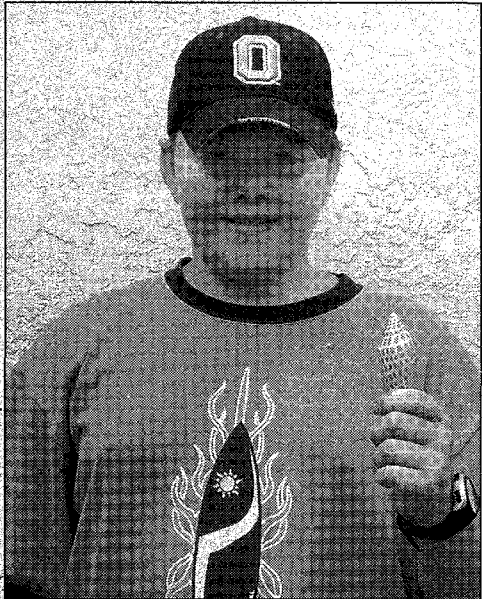
The Ark, true to its name, weathered the storms with little damage. Bag Day was a huge success and even while the building was closed for restocking, charitable donations were made to many hurricane-damaged communities.

The Ark is located at 2304 Periwinkle Way (behind the church) and is staffed by church volunteers. Donated items are sold at exceptionally low prices with all of the proceeds going to worthwhile charities. Donations to the Ark can be dropped off on the loading dock on the side of the building. With the exception of major appliances, saleable items in excellent condition are cheerfully accepted.

The past few months have been difficult for many and the Ark and volunteers express their gratitude for the generosity and dedication of its supporters.



## JUNONIAS & A LION'S PAW



Evan Brown from Delaware, Ohio found a junonia on Tuesday, September 14. He was shelling at the Lighthouse beach around 7:30 p.m. when he found the shell. His brother, Garrison, had found a junonia on Monday, about a half mile down the beach. Evan has been shelling on Sanibel for two years.



finding a treasure. Thank you... God and Sanibel Island!"

Jennifer Marks from Parkville, Missouri found not a junonia, but a lion's paw when she was shelling at low tide on Sunday, Sept. 26th, around 6 p.m. "I was actually looking for a junonia," she said, "but I found this instead! One of the shell shop ladies told me it was even better!" Jennifer's been shelling for about five years and was out in front of Pointe Santo de Sanibel, right at the water's edge, when she found it.



Carol Lage from Jefferson City, Mo. still can't get over how beautiful Sanibel is, even now. She'd always dreamed of coming here and on this, her first trip, after shelling four or five hours for the first time in her life, she found a junonia! She was on the beach near Sand Point at 7:30 a.m. on Oct. 1st with an incoming tide.

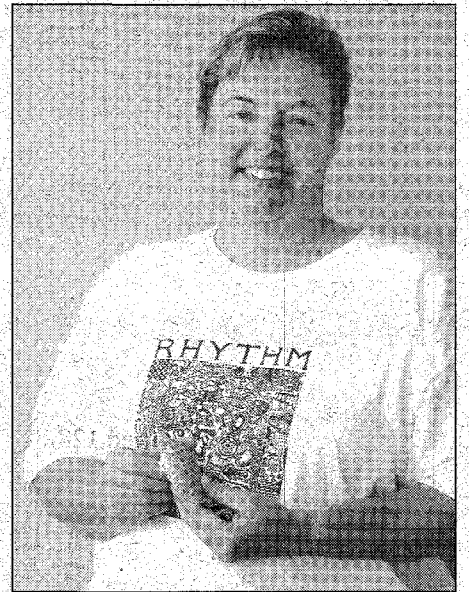
Not only did she find her treasure shell on Friday but, up in the wrack, on Tuesday, she found her glasses which had blown off during the stiff breeze on Sunday! "I was sad to see the devastation here, but the heart of the island is still alive and well, the beauty, the friendliness of the people and, topping it all off,



Tracey and Matt Sprigler from Georgetown, Ind. have been shelling on Sanibel for 15 years, but 2004 was the first in which they found the island's prize — a junonia. They were staying at Waterside Inn and found the shell in a tidal pool, fairly high on the beach, near the Caribe on Sept. 21st around 2:30 p.m. The couple first came to the island with an aunt and uncle 15 years ago and have been coming down with them every year since; this was the first in a long time that the "kids" were on their own.

Vicki Brauner-Gehringer from New Berlinville, Penn., found a 4-1/2 inch junonia on Tuesday, Oct. 5th near the lighthouse on the gulf side.

A nearly perfect specimen, it was mostly buried. "We look for color and texture," she said, "and we've been shelling for 15 years, mostly on the east coast — Pennsylvania, New Jersey and so on — so we know what to look for. (The good shelling is in the middle of the winter in Pennsylvania!) Been trying to find a junonia for over 10 years."



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# DING DARLING DAYS

October 10 - 16, 2004

Daily programs, beginning Sunday, Oct. 10:

- **Birding in the refuge**  
8:00 AM to 9:30 AM -  
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM - J. N. Ding Darling NWR volunteers will lead birdwatching tours along the Refuge's meandering 5-mile wildlife drive.
- **Buck Key kayak tour**  
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM - Tarpon Bay Explorers will conduct a guided kayak tour in the waters of Buck Key.
- **Commodore Creek paddle**  
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM - Tarpon Bay Explorers will run a guided paddle through Commodore Creek
- **Sea life nature cruise**  
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM - Tarpon Bay Explorers will conduct a nature cruises through the waters adjacent to the Refuge.

## Monday, October 11

- **Birding in the refuge**
- **Buck Key kayak tour**
- **Basics of wildlife photography with John Carney**  
9:00 AM - 1:30 PM - John Carney will conduct a classroom session on composing and framing wildlife scenes for professional-quality results and will lead a phot safari through the refuge. Carney has been teaching photography for 20 years and manages the annual Ding Darling Amateur Nature Photography Contest. Tuition: \$25 with proceeds to the Ding Darling Wildlife Society. Reservations at 239-472-1100, Ext. 221.
- **Refuge bike tour**  
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM - Refuge volunteers will conduct a bicycle tour of the 5-mile wild life drive through the refuge. This is free event, but you must have your own bike.
- **Alligators deck talk**  
12:30 PM to 1:00 PM - Tarpon Bay Explorers naturalists will talk about alligators at Tarpon Bay Explorers



base. This is a free event.  
• *Commodore Creek paddle*  
• *Sea life nature cruise*

## Tuesday, October 12

- **Birding in the refuge**
- **Buck Key kayak tour**
- **Dolphins deck talk**  
12:30 PM to 1:00 PM - Tarpon Bay Explorers will conduct a discussion and explanation of dolphins and their behavior
- **Fisherman's Coast: An Angler's Guide to Marine Warm-water Gamefish and Their Habitats** - 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM - Presentation and book signing by author Dr. Aaron J. Adams, PhD, fishing instructor and marine researcher, Mote Marine Laboratory's Charlotte Harbor field station. This is a free event at the Education Center
- **Commodore Creek paddle**
- **Sea life nature cruise**
- **Captiva historical cruise**  
4:00 PM to 5:30 PM - Enjoy a cruise around Buck Key and presentation about the history of the Buck Key.

## Wednesday, October 13

- **Birding in the refuge**
- **Birding trip to Bunche Beach**  
8 AM to 11:00 AM - Bunche Beach, part of the refuge, teems with shorebirds, wading birds, osprey and others.

Ride a tram from Tarpon Bay Explorers' base to visit this natural beach habitat. Free but limited sign-ups available.



Clockwise from top: Captiva Cruises is offering a Captiva history tour; there are many birding opportunities during Ding Darling Days; John Worth — with a replica Calusa shell hammer in hand — will talk about the Calusa Indians. Left: Sanibel School students preparing for A Wild Day, their tribute to J. N. "Ding" Darling's legacy, which will be presented at BIG ARTS on Thursday evening, before Joan Wolfberg's one-woman show about Marjorie Stoneman Douglas.

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- **Buck Key kayak tour**
- **Calusa shell mound tour**  
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM - Refuge volunteers will lead a tour of the Shell Mound Trail past ancient Calusa Indian shell mounds with interpretative comments along the way.
- **Sea turtles deck talk**  
12:30 PM to 1:00 PM - Tarpon Bay Explorers naturalists will discuss sea turtles and their behavior on the deck at the Tarpon Bay Explorers base.
- **Commodore Creek paddle**
- **Sea life nature cruise**

## FOR MEMBERS ONLY

- **Climbing Mt. Everest talk by David Carter**  
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM - David Carter will describe in words and pictures his 1997 climb to the top of Mt. Everest after a 1981 attempt that failed due to illness. This presentation is open only to members of the Ding Darling Wildlife Society. To become a member, please call 239-472-1100, ext. 233, or click on this link to the Society's home page.

## Thursday, October 14

- **Birding in the refuge**
- **Bailey Tract tour**  
8:30 AM to 10:00 AM - Refuge volunteers will conduct a guided tour of the Bailey Tract.
- **Buck Key kayak tour**
- **Refuge Bike Tour**  
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM -

Refuge volunteers will conduct a bicycle tour of the 5-mile wild life drive through the refuge. This is free event, but you must have your own bike.

- **Calusa Indians presentation**  
11:00 AM to Noon - Dr. John Worth, archaeologist, ethnohistorian and assistant director at Pine Island's Randell Research Center, will present an overview of the earliest inhabitants of Southwest Florida and new research about the Cuban fishermen and Creek Indians who followed them. The presentation will draw on current research at Randell Research Center, operated by the Florida Museum of Natural History and located on Pine Island. Dr. Worth, manages and coordinates Randell's public programs for research and education. The Randell Research Center is dedicated to an historical-ecological approach that encourages stewardship of Florida's cultural and natural heritage.

- **Manatees deck talk**  
12:30 PM to 1:00 PM - Tarpon Bay Explorers naturalists will discuss the nature and behavior of the West Indian manatees that inhabit our waters.

- **Southwest Florida shells**  
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM - Specialists at the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum will present a program about the local species of shallow water mollusks. Adults: \$6. Children 5-16: \$3, children under 5: free. At the Shell Museum.
- **Commodore Creek paddle**

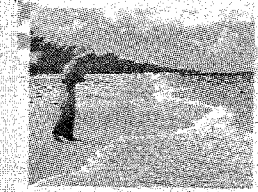






- *Sea life nature cruise*
- *Captiva historical cruise*  
4:00 PM to 5:30 PM - Enjoy a cruise around Buck Key and presentation about the history of the Buck Key.
- *Kids play preshow*  
6:30 PM to 7:00 PM - Students from the Sanibel School present A Wild Day, their tribute to J. N. "Ding" Darling's legacy at BIG Arts Schein Hall, preceding the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas play.
- *Marjorie Stoneman Douglas - One Woman Show*  
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM - Joan Wolfberg, a Chautauqua Scholar with the Florida Humanities Council appears in a one-act play portraying Douglas at the age of 95 when she was blind and hearing impaired but still sharp of wit and thought. She continued to lecture, lobby, woo, wheedle and harangue on behalf of Florida's waterways and wild places. Wolfberg boasts an impressive performance background with theatrical credits including Burt Reynolds Dinner theatre, Royal Palm Dinner Theatre and The Actors Repertory Company in Florida, plus regional and dinner theaters throughout the Southwest. The performance will follow the student play at Schein Hall on the BIG Arts campus. Tickets for both plays are \$12. Available at the Ding Darling Bookstore or at 239/472-1110 or BIG Arts.

## Fisherman's Coast



An Angler's Guide to  
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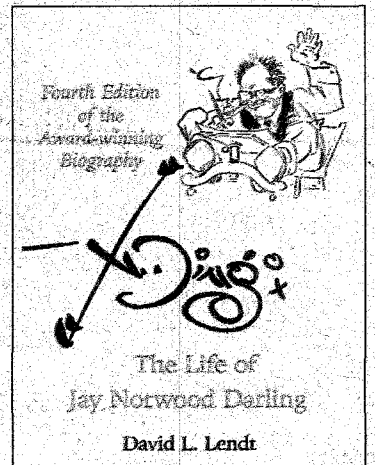
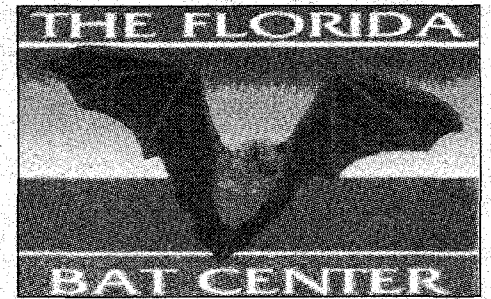
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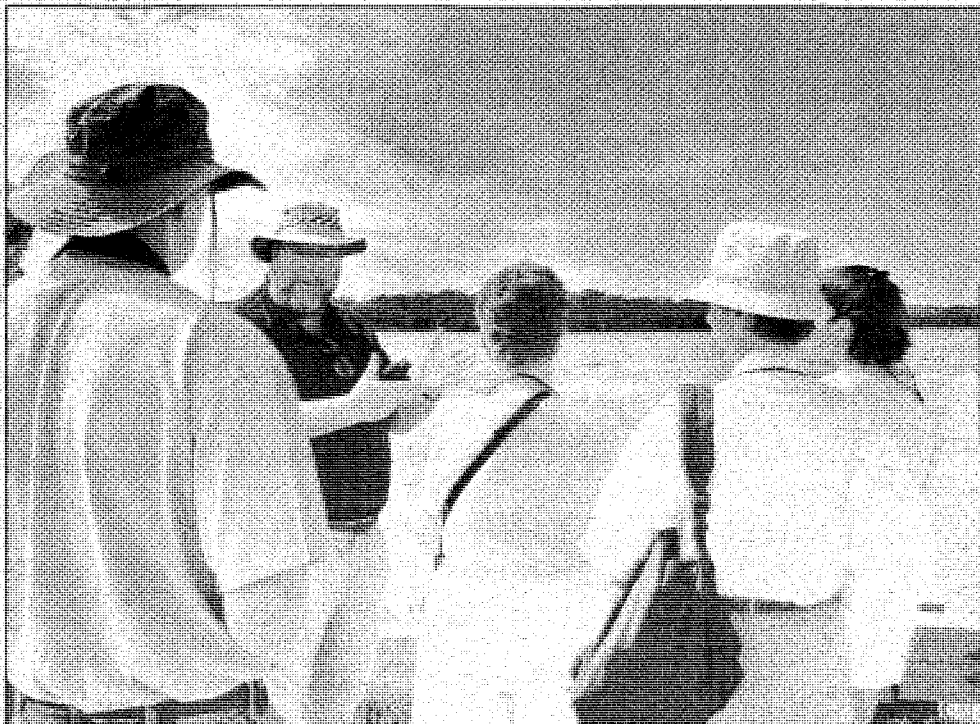
- *Buck Key Kayak Tour*
- *Calusa Indians Deck Talk*  
12:30 PM to 1:00 PM - Tarpon Bay explorers will lead a discussion of the Calusa Indians, the first residents of the area and their lifestyles.
- *Commodore Creek Paddle*
- *Sea Life Nature Cruise*

### Saturday, October 16

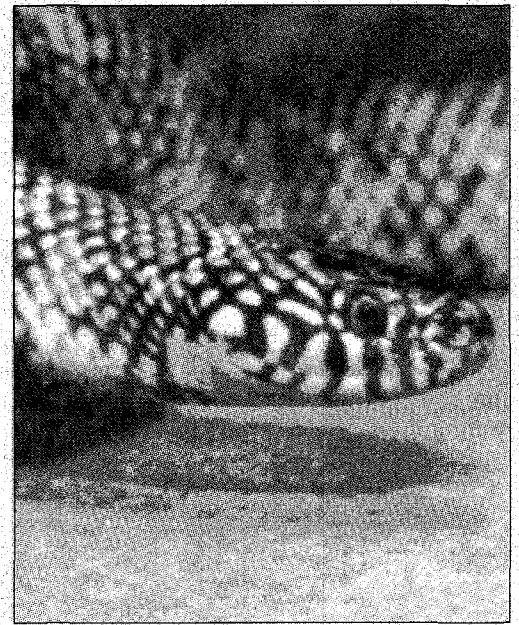
- *Birding in the refuge*
- *Butterfly house*  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - The J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge will host a butterfly house in its parking lot. Butterfly farmer Ken Werner from Gulf Coast Butterflies, Naples, will be on hand to



Below: John Carney (second from left) taking last year's photography class on the post-classroom photo safari on Wildlife Drive.



Friday, October 15  
• *Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation*



Ding Days, see page 16

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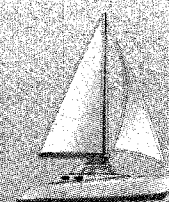
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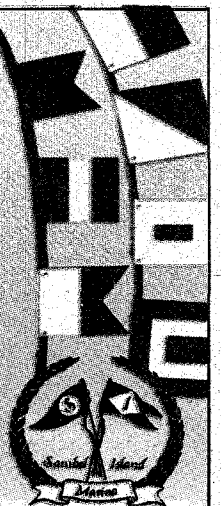


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offer tidbits of educational information about the different native species — zebra longwing, gulf fritillary, swallowtails and more — that will be performing their graceful aerial dances around the butterfly house. Learn how to create your own butterfly garden by using host plants for egg-laying and munching.

- **Caribbean Gardens Zoo**  
10:00 AM to 10:45 AM  
3:00 PM to 3:45 PM - Christine Porter, wildlife biologist with Caribbean Gardens, the Zoo in Naples, will introduce some of Southwest Florida's native snakes and other wildlife residents. She will compare their habits and habitats with those of commonly

introduced exotic species and explore the dangers these newcomers pose to indigenous populations.

- **Duck stamp artist presentation.**  
11:00 AM to 11:30 PM - The winning art and artist for this year's Federal Duck Stamp art competition, Scot Storm, will be announced and presented.
- **Florida Bats**  
11:45 AM to 12:30 PM - George and Cindi Marks from the Florida Bat Center will speak about the world's only flying mammal. The Center works with wildlife rehabilitators throughout Florida to help injured or orphaned bats and performs non-invasive research and surveys on the bats of Florida. George and Cindi, along with

live bats, will demonstrate the role of these beneficial creatures in the Florida environment and the importance of conserving them.

- **Great Florida Birding Trail**  
12:45 PM to 1:15 PM - There will be a presentation in the Education Center concerning the Great Florida Birding Trail and what it offers ornithologists and birdwatchers
- **Great Calusa Blue Way Trail**  
1:30 PM to 2:00 PM - The Education Center will host a discussion of the Great Calusa Blueway, a canoeing and kayaking trail that stretches from Estero Bay to the Charlotte County line and west to Sanibel and Captiva.
- **The Life of Jay Norwood Darling - a**

biography

2:15 PM to 2:45 PM - Author David Lendt will talk about his biography of "Ding" Darling and sign copies for those who purchase the book.

- **Children's conservation cartoon contest awards**  
4:00 PM - The 13th Annual Children's Conservation Contest honors the birthday of Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist "Ding" Darling. News-Press Editorial Cartoonist Doug McGregor will honor student winners at an awards ceremony. This free event will take place at the refuge Education Center.

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Scot Storm's painting of two redhead ducks, winner of this year's Federal Duck Stamp contest.

## About Duck Stamp artist Scot Storm

In 1987, the self-taught artist placed second in the Minnesota Duck Stamp contest. After later winning the Indiana Pheasant Stamp competition, he gave up his career in architecture and devoted himself full-time to painting. His renditions of waterfowl, hunting dogs and other animals reveal attention to the fine details that breathe life into every image and draw the viewer into a scene. The Minnesota artist reached the pinnacle of

his wildlife art career with his realistic image of two redhead ducks, which won this year's Federal Duck Stamp contest.

At the award's presentation by Chris Tollefson, chief of the Federal Duck Stamp Office, Scot will talk about the creation of his art and display other original paintings. He will be on hand throughout the day in the Environmental Education Lab to sell his works and sign prints and duck stamps.

## Pet of the week

Meet Animal Services volunteer, Kasey, with one-year-old Pearl, a spayed female Calico cat. Pearl was brought into the shelter as a stray and has been looking for a home since September 18. She has a beautiful black, white and orange coat and bright green eyes. She seems to like everyone that she meets.

To adopt Pearl call Lee County Animal Services at 432-2083 and ask about ID#239876. Or, come by the shelter located in Six Mile Commercial Park on Six Mile Cypress Parkway (between US 41 and Metro Parkway). Adoption hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays; and 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays. The Shelter is closed on Sundays. To learn more about becoming an Animal Services volunteer, go to [www.leelostpets.com](http://www.leelostpets.com) and click on "Volunteer Opportunities."





## WHO'S WHO ON THE ISLANDS

# Mark Meyers of Sanibel: "I've been a producer for many commercials you've seen on TV"

As a little boy Mark Meyer's mother used to bring him to Pointe Santo for a vacation on Sanibel. That was over a decade ago. "I was out of St. Louis living on an island with great beaches, getting tanned, having fun, meeting lots of other kids and going out to dinner. I kept coming back when I was in college and I've always come back when my life has been in transition or I needed a place to contemplate and get away."

"As long as I can remember whenever I saw a movie, I would imagine my name in the credits as a producer." Mark used to go to the movies more than any other kid in his neighborhood and put on plays and magic shows in his basement. He loved competition, wrestled in high school and placed sixth in the Missouri State Wrestling Competition. "I learned that if you work hard, you can get rewarded. There's a payoff in hard work and that's what I've never forgotten."

With every intention of becoming a lawyer, Mark graduated from Bradley University in Illinois in 1991 with a B.A. in political science and criminal justice. As a junior in college and as part of his internship, he worked in a law firm, hated it and learned that law was not "his fit." Back to Sanibel Mark came to figure out what he wanted to do, and he started getting lead roles in plays on the island. "Barefoot in the Park" at The Old Schoolhouse was his first.

Without any formal training in movies or commercials, Mark decided to go "big time" and pursue a film career in L.A. He started acting in small roles, was a lifeguard in *Baywatch* for several weeks, had a part on *Days of Our Lives* for two or three weeks and in a few small low budget movies — nothing spectacular, nothing

big. Whenever he was on the set as an actor, he would ask the director if he could help in production. Usually they agreed and invited him to work on some small budget movies. During



Nancy Santeusanio

that time he heard about commercials and was told that they were a bit less stressful and paid more money. "They were right," Mark acknowledges and he started as a production assistant and after a few months as production manager.

Mark explains that one of the reasons for his success is, "I give people what they want."

I get it cheap and I get it quickly or, better said, I do it effectively and efficiently." For example one of his insurance commercials required an orangutan, an elephant and special penguins three feet tall, like in *Batman*. In this commercial, the animals were doing various things. The orangutan was dressed in lingerie in a bedroom role, the penguins were watching TV and the elephant was going for a walk. "My job was to make it happen."

Probably his most memorable commercial was an Italian scene that had to be shot in America. This meant locating the best possible site and making the surrounding area look like an Italian setting including the cast, the background and the cars. "I actually shut down one of the freeways in L.A. for the first time and it required fifty police officers to close and reopen the freeway for several fifteen-minute intervals. To shoot the commercial we stayed at the top of a building where two freeways connected. This was on a Saturday morning and in five minutes the freeways were going from a tremendous roar to complete silence. The whole thing was very surreal-almost spiritual and a one-time pretty cool happening."

At that time Mark was working with some directors in L.A. who became very successful and ranked among the top ten in the business. "We rode out the dot.com crash, worked fifteen-hour days seven days per week and seldom saw our families. The other directors stayed in L.A. but Mark checked out in 2003 to return to Sanibel, rethink his priorities, get on a different plane and change direction."

In 1994 he had married Tenya, an Australian living in L.A. Mark and Tenya, with their young children, returned to Sanibel. "I find I can connect with my family here in Sanibel. I don't know what it is," says Mark. Last December they went to Australia, traveled extensively in Asia for three months only to return to Sanibel and buy a house. The other day Mark received his first

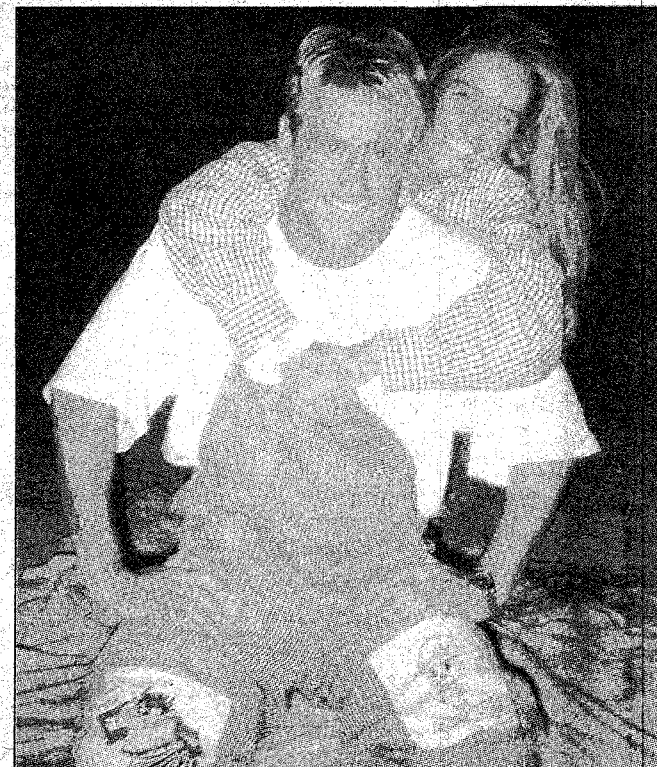
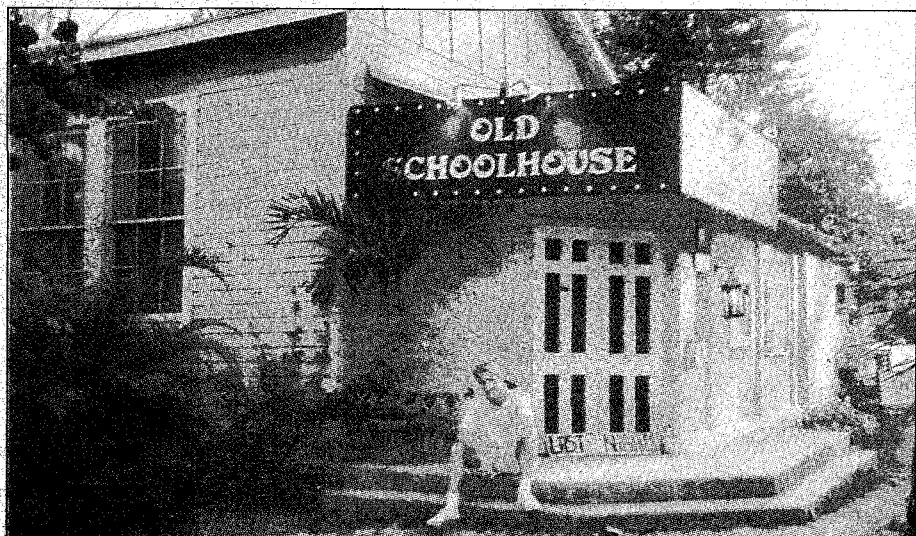


Clockwise from above: On the set of a Nike commercial; Mark and Tenya Meyers; photo taken when he was performing in *Barefoot in the Park*; Bungee jumping in Australia (the jump was filmed for a project); at 14, ready for a school dance.

10 x 20 crate from L.A.: "My life's history in it."

Right now Mark is transferring his West Coast experience to the Gulf Coast and putting his creative talents and experience into professional film and video production with his own new company "TradeMark Films, Inc." Producer Mark Meyers can boast of his Hollywood film-making experience: his successful television ads for Nextel, Nike, Sprint, 7-UP, Toyota, Ford, Radio Shack, Washington Mutual Bank and his award-winning SuperBowl commercials for the past three years. In thirty seconds, Mark has proven he can showcase a product or service. With a thirty-minute spot he'll produce a show like the one he's working on right now, portraying the lifestyle of a reality golf community in Southwest Florida.

Confident, upbeat, bright and zany. That's Mark's image. "Better does not mean more expensive," he says. "Better means more effective."





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## Beach Floor & Decor: Island style and a whole lot more

By Laura Nickerson  
Staff Writer

Beach Floor & Decor is a place that really is a one stop shop for every aspect of home renovation and decoration without having to leave the islands. Co-owner Larry Ruth and his wife Pam have been involved in the business since 1978, and once operated stores in Fort Myers and on Fort Myers Beach, besides the Sanibel location. Several years ago they made the commitment, along with partner Rich Jackson, to devote all of their time and expertise to serving Sanibel and Captiva residents, and closed the other two retail centers.

Larry, whose background in management for commercial and residential flooring more than qualifies him for that aspect of their current business, said, "We

handle Armstrong and Nafco vinyl, custom area rugs and wall to wall carpet. We can order many types of natural hardwood, WilsonArt laminates and marble or granite. We also deal in shutters, shades, blinds, and fans, and we are an authorized Hunter Douglas priority dealer." He went on to explain, "That means we get special discounts and special items that just any dealer wouldn't have access to. We can pass those deals on to our customers."

For those who want any type of interior remodeling, Rich Jackson is the man on board here to see. Rich has worked on everything from full kitchen makeovers to glamorous new baths. Beach Floor and Decor can install everything inside a new home from the flooring up. Rich said, "A lot of people are using glass-paneled

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doors on corner or other specialty cabinets in the kitchen these days, and I still do quite a few counter set ups with a bar section for seating that also provides a half-wall room divider.

Rich continued, "I do see a change in bathrooms, with the size going much larger. They are much more concerned with bathroom decor too. It's not just about function anymore."

Many of their jobs involve custom carpentry for kitchens and baths, with granite or marble counter tops as popular choices. All work through Beach Floor & Decor is done using licensed and insured local

island contractors who are not only familiar with Sanibel's codes, but sensitive to the "island look," and no job is too little or too large.

Pam, who along with her daughter Kim, handles sales and all interior decor work said, "We never turn people down. We've done multi-million dollar complete interiors, and we've also done treatments for just one window. You never know what the next individual job will be."

Pam also said that almost all of their business was from repeat customers; not

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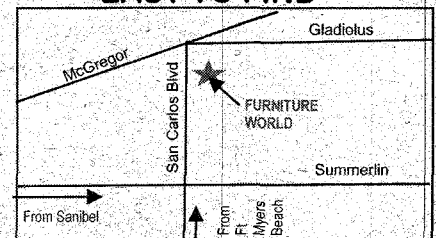
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only those planning interiors for their own homes, but also owners of rental property. She explained, "Many rental property owners have other businesses and other property in places besides these islands, and they are very busy. They do not always have time to redecorate a property after several short term tenants have used it throughout a winter season. I can do all that for them, choosing and ordering furnishings, wall coverings, flooring and accessories that really scream Florida style, but can stand up to seasonal use and a lot of traffic."

"People even call and ask if I would be willing to come over just to re-arrange their furniture," Pam continued, "and I

always say yes. It's one of my favorite parts of the business."

The showroom at Beach Floor & Decor is rather like a mini home and garden show, with various areas given over to individual displays of tile and carpet samples, draperies, wall coverings, lamps, and ideas for groupings of furniture. There are cool and elegant marble tiles, a full color palette of ceramics, vinyls and wood, and whispersoft and durable carpets of every imaginable shape.

There are book samples of literally thousands of fabrics to choose from for custom drapes and upholstery, featuring some of the leading designer quality companies like Robert Allen, Ado, and WallFab. Beach Floor & Decor not only offers custom drapes and bedspreads, and countless selections for new upholstered furnishings, they can even have your favorite or antique pieces of furniture re-upholstered.

The front of the store features a unique assortment of lamps and shades, prints, and other tropical accessories, and a changing floor display of island style furniture. It is a fascinating array, and Pam and Kim are always delighted to help clients pick and choose. "The companies we order from are not open to retail sales from private individuals. Their merchandise is available to the trade only," said Ron.

Beach Floor & Decor specializes in all things tropical, and are dedicated to giving clients the Florida looks they crave. Whether it be wrought iron accessories,

jewel tone drapes, deep velvety upholstery, and jungle borders in an existing room, or a brand new kitchen with granite topped cabinets, white tile floors, palm tree wall paper and shell motif upholstery, it can be found here.

Even outdoor furnishings are available at Beach Floor & Decor; they carry a full line of all Sunbrella indoor/outdoor products.

Larry and Pam summed it all up. "We'll do almost anything you want pertaining to the home," said Larry. "We do interior renovation, paint contracting, custom furniture design, and help clients to make every decorative choice along the way, with an eye for practicality in a tropical island environment. We can usually provide a same day estimate too."

"We definitely would like to be considered the only place you need to go for home decor on the islands," Pam concluded, "We

are always establishing what we call friendship clientele, who come back to us so often that many have actually become friends. We received phone calls from out-of-state clients after Hurricane Charley, who asked if we could please check on their houses and let them know all was okay. We did just that, helping people to put their minds to rest, and initiate repair work before they even returned to the islands."

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## Florida Rep premieres a revised *Dream*

Florida Repertory Theatre is pleased to announce the opening of its seventh season with a revamped rendition of the 1997 Tony Award-winning, *Dream*. Florida Rep is the first theatre to present this all new version of the musical that celebrates the life and lyrics of American music legend, Johnny Mercer.

Now under the guidance of co-conceiver Jack Wrangler, *Dream* is being tailored for the regional theatre circuit based on Florida Rep's production, starring a cast of six Broadway veterans. *Dream* is produced in association with Bob Cuillo and The L.A.T. Foundation and runs at Florida Rep from October 15 - November 7.

This homage to master lyricist Johnny Mercer takes audiences on a journey from Savannah to Hollywood and back again. Wrangler, whose directing credits include projects with Jane Russell, Sal Mineo, and Betty Hutton, also co-conceived *Dream*. He says, "Johnny Mercer's overwhelming output of American popular songs is truly staggering. It is almost impossible to get through a day without hearing at least one Johnny Mercer song on the radio, television, in movie houses, theatres or cabarets all over the world."

Johnny Mercer (1909 - 1976) was the founder and president of Capitol Records and creator of the Songwriters Hall of Fame. He discovered and nurtured the talents of Margaret Whiting (who has been instrumental in making *Dream* possible), Peggy Lee, Frank Sinatra and Nat King Cole.

*Dream* spans five decades and follows Mercer's songwriting canon from the '20s



**Andi Hopkins**

to the '60s. It features over fifty songs from Mercer's impressive songbook, including: "Moon River," "That Old Black Magic," "Laura," "The Days of Wine and Roses," and "Fools Rush In."



**Melissa Bell Chait**

winner and two time Tony Award nominee, Barry Levitt will complete the new arrangement for this reinvigorated production of *Dream*. Levitt had provided musical direction, orchestrations and vocal arrangements for the Broadway productions *Swinging On a Star* (Tony Nominee, Best Musical) and *Catskills On Broadway* (Special Tony Award winner). He served as music director for six Off-Broadway shows, including *Little Shop Of Horrors* and *Taking My Turn* which won an Outer Circle Critics Award. He has been musical director, arranger and pianist for legendary performers, including Ben Vereen, Connie Francis, Margaret Whiting, Nell Carter, Melba Moore, Eartha Kitt,

Rosemary Clooney, Sylvia Sims and many more.

Florida Repertory Theatre Producing Artistic Director, Robert Cacioppo says, "This is certainly an exciting opportunity for Florida Rep. I don't think I am alone in saying that I was seduced by the music of Johnny Mercer long ago. His songs recall a time of satin gowns on baby grands, white dinner jackets and a smoky smoothness that recaptures Mercer's own old-fashioned roots. Florida Rep's long awaited Johnny Mercer musical will be worth the wait. We are proudly opening our seventh season with it."

The regional theatre premiere of *Dream*

plays at Florida Repertory Theatre October 15 through November 7. Performances are Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. with matinees on Wednesdays, Sundays and selected Saturdays at 2 p.m. Single

tickets are on sale now. For additional information, please call Florida Repertory Theatres Box Office at (239) 332-4488 or Toll-Free at (877) 787-8053. Visit Florida Rep on the web at [www.floridarep.org](http://www.floridarep.org).

### The cast

Melissa Bell Chait comes to Florida Rep. directly from the Broadway production of *Wicked*, where she was an original cast member understudying and playing Glinda the Good Witch numerous times. Other Broadway credits include the original casts of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *Titanic* and Tommy Tune's *Grease*.

Kevin Dudda is excited to be making his Florida Rep debut. His credits include several national and European tours, regional productions and New York workshop productions.

Louisa Flaningam has played a variety of roles from Ma Joad in *The Grapes of Wrath* to Fastrada in Bob Fosse's *Pippin* (National Tour). She has been seen on Broadway, PBS, New York City Opera and on national tours.

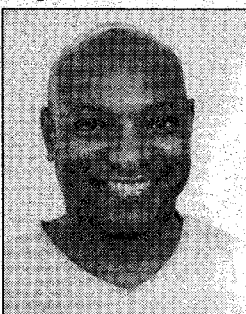
Andi Hopkins, is ecstatic to return to Florida Rep. She was last seen here in *Red White & Berlin* and has traveled the world extensively in productions such as *Singing in the Rain*, *Dreamgirls*, *West Side Story*, and the *USO*.

Jackie Jay Patterson is a native of Brooklyn, New York and Broadway credits include *Sophisticated Ladies*, *Tap Dance Kid*, *Grind*, *Song and Dance*, *A Chorus Line*, *Crazy For You* and Radio City Music Hall.

Ted Bouton was seen this past summer as Mayor Shinn in *Music Man* and H.C. Curry in *The Rainmaker* in New London, New Hampshire. Other credits include *The Fantasticks* and *Phantom*. He has also appeared off-Broadway, in several productions of The New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players and on national tours.



**Kevin Dudda**



**Jackie Jay Patterson**

## Captiva celebration on Saturday

O2, the Seaweed Gallery, Kirby Rambo and Beach Time are celebrating their Captiva re-opening in the Celebration Center on Andy Rosse Lane on Saturday, October 9 from 4 - 8 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Drum Circle from Pine Island and all of the participating shops will be offering sales.

Seaweed Gallery is rounding up a roster of their artists for the celebration: Christina Wyatt, Myra Roberts, Katie Gardenia, Teri Causey, Doris Schroeder, Randon Eddy, Nancy Wilson, Mimi Von Litoiff, Kassia Straus and Beth Collette.

All three Seaweed Galleries are now open: one in the Village Shops on Sanibel

and two on Andy Rosse Lane. Seaweed opened the big Captiva gallery last weekend and notes Owner Linda Boltrek, "It was woonderful! Lots of people on Captiva... some tourists, locals and off Islanders were all here to help the island. It felt so good to have everyone come to see all of us. Nice to have all the support... good for our minds right now!"

"We are doing everything we can to get things back... We hope you will not be saddened by what you see if this is the first trip to Captiva but that you will help us get back... We know we will be better and better because of all of our supporters."

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## I Do, I Do! at NDT

Naples Dinner Theatre Artistic Director Michael Wainstein is pleased to announce a production of the world's funniest sweetest musicals about marriage, starring Barry Marcus and Lynn Mastio. The show will kick off NDT's sixth fall season. Directed by Michael Wainstein, *I Do, I Do!* will surely delight.

The story of a marriage is at the center of this intimate and nostalgic work by Harvey Schmidt and Tom Jones, the authors of *The Fantasticks*. The show begins with Michael and Agnes on their wedding day and traces their life together over a period of 50 years, until the day they leave their house to the next pair of newlyweds. In that time we watch them go through their wedding night jitters, raise a family, negotiate mid-life crises, quarrel, separate, reconcile and grow old together, all lovingly to the strains of a tuneful, charming score which includes the standard "My Cup Runneth Over."

*I Do, I Do!* is as universal as marriage itself. Critics hailed the original production. The New York Post wrote, "At once amusing, astonishingly touching and truly endearing." The New York Journal Tribune wrote, "A happy show, generous with charm and lavish with love."

Written initially for Mary Martin and Robert Preston, the roles are tailor made for Marcus and Mastio. Marcus has appeared in many NDT productions, including *Chicago*, *Gigi*, *Fiddler*, *Pirates*, *Guys and Dolls*, and many more. He is well-loved for his comic portrayals, and the role of Michael offers him a wonderful opportunity to charm audiences. Lynn Mastio, from Pennsylvania, recently finished three years on the First National Tour of *The Music Man*, playing several roles. Lynn has worked off-Broadway and



**Michael (Barry Marcus) and Agnes (Lynn Mastio) get married at the beginning of *I Do, I Do!***

regionally with a wide variety of theatres. Together, they make a winning team.

*I Do, I Do!* opens on September 30 with two low-priced previews (\$35 for meal and show). Opening night is October 2, playing through October 23. Regular performances are Tuesdays through Sunday evenings, dinner at 6 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m., and matinees Wednesdays and Sundays at 1:15, lunch beginning at 11:30. Tickets are \$42.50 for evening performances and \$37.50 for matinees. Ticket price includes meal, tax and show but does not include gratuity. The Naples Dinner Theatre serves a full buffet prior to each show, consisting of an array of temptingly fresh salads, hot entrees including a vegetarian entrée, vegetables and desserts, plus a choice of coffee, tea or ice tea. Full bar service includes wine and cocktails. Specialty coffees and frozen drinks are always available. There are special rates for groups of 20 or more. Tickets can be ordered by calling our box office at 239-514-STAR (7827). Box office is open daily from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. All sales are final, no refunds or exchanges.



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Come out to Schein Hall on October 23, 8 p.m. when BIG ARTS will open the 2004/2005 Season with Swinging Bridge, one of today's foremost contemporary and traditional Bluegrass bands. Well known in Southwest Florida, this group of four talented musicians will entertain you with their lead singing, tight harmonies, dazzling instrumental breaks and dead-on timing.

The talented Swinging Bridge band plays many events in their home state of Florida to the delight of young and old alike. Formed in 2000 in Venice, Florida, vocalists and instrumentalists include Bobby Martin, Chris Bryson, Bill Foster, and Alan Colpitts.

The band plays at the monthly Southwest Florida Bluegrass Association Jam/Fests and they have become a fixture at the Bluegrass Family Gathering festivals in Arcadia, FL. In the spring of 2003, the band released their first CD project "Rough Edges" which has become a hit with their growing cadre of fans.

Come early for drinks and eats! Here's a not-to-be missed evening. A concert for all ages and a night for the community to kick back and relax.

Tickets available at \$26, children 12 and under are free of charge, ticket is required.

BIG ARTS, (239) 395-0900, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel.



### Liney-Warner recital at BIG ARTS

Mrs. Janet Liney-Warner of Sanibel will present a piano recital on Sunday, October 17 at 3 p.m. in the Phillips Gallery at BIG ARTS. The public is welcome; there is no admission charge. The program will include selections by J. S. Bach, W. A. Mozart, Frederic Chopin, Claude Debussy and Dmitri Shostakovich. Mrs. Liney-Warner has just begun a third season of teaching piano as an independent contractor for BIG ARTS.

As an adult, Mrs. Warner studied piano in Manchester, CT for six years with Karen W. Kissman of The Werner Music Studio; fourteen years with David Cyle Morse, organist and choir director at South United Methodist Church from 1977 through 1994; and four years with Carolyn Woodard of Glastonbury, CT.

She was an instructor of piano for nine years with The Werner Music Studio before moving to Sanibel in

September, 2002 with her husband, Arthur. She is a member of the Southwest Florida Music Teachers Association, Florida State Music Teachers' Association and Music Teachers National Association (MTNA). The recital is part of a two year certification program offered by MTNA.

For more information, call BIG ARTS: 395-0900.

### More ART

See Page 31 for BIG ART's "10 New Artists" reception, which opened on October 2 and previews of the ISEA 2004 exhibit at the Alliance, which opens on October 9.

### Little Angels Rescue at PetsMart

Little Angels Rescue is participating in the Corporate Adopt-a-Thon at the Fort Myers PetsMart, located at Page Field Commons, 5013 S. Cleveland Ave. on Saturday, October 16 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. There many dogs available for adoption. Home visits are required before adoption. For info, visit [www.littleangelsrescue.org](http://www.littleangelsrescue.org) or call 239-482-0390 or 239-945-6747.

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### Jazz on the Green premier party

Come join the party as Jazz on the Green, Inc. honors their generous sponsors and special guests. A very limited number of tickets are available to the Jazz On The Green Premier Party scheduled for 6:30 p.m. October 22, at The Colony Golf and Country Club in Estero.

The event, held the night preceding the Jazz on the Green concert, will feature a silent auction with great artwork and sought after items to bid on, as well as live entertainment by Karen Scott and Ron Stanley. Enjoy a sumptuous buffet, which includes The Colony's incredible salad bar, plus more hot and cold items than you can fit on your plate.

Tickets are \$25 and include the buffet. Tickets are available now by logging on to [www.jazzonthegreen.com](http://www.jazzonthegreen.com), where you will find more information about this gala event.

Tickets for Jazz on the Green, southwest Florida's foremost jazz concert, also may be purchased online at the same web site. The concert takes place at Florida Gulf Coast University on Saturday, October 23 starting at 4 p.m.

The mission of Jazz on the Green, Inc. is to help local children and their families to receive comprehensive medical care at The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. Your support directly and positively impacts these children and families. In its nine-year history, Jazz On The Green, Inc., a non-profit, all-volunteer organization, has contributed more than \$250,000 to The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.

### Laugh For Relief benefit for Edison College students

Comedian Robert G. Lee will perform at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall on Saturday, October 9 at 7:30 p.m., with all proceeds from this family-friendly show benefiting the local hurricane relief efforts of the Edison College Foundation and the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under and \$25 per family of five. Tickets are available at the Barbara B. Mann Box Office.

In the wake of Hurricane Charley, Edison College provided emergency financial aid to students who lost their homes, jobs and personal possessions, especially those in Charlotte County. Still, final Fall enrollment is expected to drop 15-20% at the Charlotte Campus alone.

"We have a large number of at-risk students to begin with and their hardships have been multiplied as a result of the recent storms," said Dr. Patricia Land, Charlotte Campus president.

Robert G. Lee is known in the entertainment industry as "Hollywood's top warm-up comic." He has warmed-up audiences for more than 1,000 episodes of such shows as *Just Shoot Me*, *Frasier*, *Becker* and *The Drew Carey Show*. He has been seen on VH-1's *Stand Up Spotlight*, *Comic Strip Live*, *Stand Up! With Fred Travalena* and a variety of sit-coms.

To order tickets contact the Barbara B. Mann Box Office at 481-4849 or at [www.bbmannapah.com](http://www.bbmannapah.com). For more information, e-mail [hurricanebenefit@earthlink.net](mailto:hurricanebenefit@earthlink.net).

### Feng Shui for health

Learn about Feng Shui and health on Saturday, October 6 from 1 - 3 p.m. in the Lee Memorial Hospital Auditorium. Returning to give this an encore presentation is Cookie Needle, MA, Feng Shui practitioner.

Feng Shui is the ancient Chinese art of creating balance and harmony in one's environment. This principle can improve health and can be incorporated into one's own regimen of good nutrition, regular exercise and routine medical exams.

This workshop is intended for anyone desiring change in their life. Please bring a sketch or floor plan of a single room or your entire home.

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## Fall photographic workshop with Jeff Ripple

Join award-winning large-format wilderness photographer, writer, and naturalist Jeff Ripple for a photographic adventure deep into the heart of the Big Cypress National Preserve and Ten Thousand Islands.

Jeff has been photographing and writing about this area for nearly 20 years. Expect to get wet up to your waist in the swamp and ankle deep in the prairies. His workshop will emphasize the fundamentals of composing and studying natural light, but will also cover equipment basics and the importance of natural history study for photography.

Jeff will present a Friday evening slide program and a Monday breakfast slide critique. Jeff will also present an afternoon digital printing seminar and address such topics as inkjet vs. photographic paper output, color correction, burning and dodging, use of layers, and high-contrast masking.

### What to Bring

- Camera (digital and film cameras are welcome). *Please know how your camera operates because this workshop focuses on technique rather than equipment.*
- Tripod. We may be photographing under low light conditions and in dense areas of swamp, which will require longer exposures. Please bring a tripod.
- Film. Color and black & white film are welcome. Digital capture is fine, too. If you shoot black & white film, bring a light yellow filter, an orange filter, and a red filter. You may also wish to try a dark green filter.
- Swamp gear. This includes comfortable, sturdy shoes that will stay on your feet and you can get muddy and wet and never expect to be clean again; socks, hat, long pants and long-sleeved shirt; water bottle; bug spray; sunscreen; an umbrella; plastic bag to cover camera; dry bag (waterproof bag) for your camera gear; and a change of clothes.

### Tentative Schedule (Subject to Change)

Friday, October 22

- 5 p.m. Registration and dinner with slide presentation by Jeff Ripple

Saturday, October 23

- 6:30 a.m. meet at Ivey House parking lot in Everglades City for an early morning photographic adventure. Return to Ivey House at 8:30 for

breakfast.

- 10 a.m. Meet at Big Cypress Gallery where Jeff will give a 2-3 hour demonstration on the art of digital color printing (snacks provided)
- 1 p.m. Box lunch (provided)
- 2 - 5 p.m. Return to the field to photograph.

Sunday, October 24

- 6:30 a.m. Meet at Port of the Islands Marina for a photographic day out in the Ten Thousand Islands. Box lunch, drinks and snacks will be provided.

Monday, October 25

- 8 a.m. breakfast at the Ivey House with Jeff giving a critique of your work and answering your questions about your experiences over the weekend.

### Where to Stay

Several motels are available in Everglades City. We suggest staying at the Ivey House Bed & Breakfast. Their hotel fee includes breakfast and they will be providing our box lunches. We will also be meeting at the Ivey House for breakfast Saturday and Monday. To make a reservation, contact the Ivey House at 239-695-2532 or go to [www.iveyhouse.com](http://www.iveyhouse.com).

To register or for any questions, call Jeff Ripple at (239) 695-2532 or e-mail at [Jeffripple@msn.com](mailto:Jeffripple@msn.com)

## Rebuilding the islands from the ground up

The Shell Islands Garden Club will begin the new season on Tuesday, October 12, at 10:30 a.m. Members will tour the gardens of Libby Frankwich and Mary Parker; both gardens were damaged by Hurricane Charley. Beth Degrauwe, Manager of the SCCF nursery will speak and will offer suggestions for healing our plants after the storm. Members should bring a bag lunch and a folding chair. Hostesses for the tour are Sally Parsons: Chairman; Vivian Filosa, Paty Poshek, Glenda Campbell and Catherine Roulston. Beverages and a light dessert will be provided. The club will resume regular open monthly meetings on November 9. A tour of the Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium Butterfly Aviary is planned for November 16. If you have an interest in gardening, floral arranging, or horticulture, consider becoming a member. For information please call club President, Glenda Campbell at 472-8994.

## From Sanibel Community Church

### Learn about Ethiopia

Islanders are invited to a slide presentation and talk by Dr. Dee Donalson, former director of children's education at Sanibel Community Church, who has recently returned from an exploratory trip to Ytebon, Ethiopia. The talk, including music, a Q&A, prayer and refreshments, will be at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, October 10, in the Sanibel Community Church Sanctuary. Donalson returns to Ethiopia on October 14 to direct a newly built school that includes four kindergarten classrooms. Donalson will share stories about everything from "green famine," to taking seeds and cuttings from ECHO here in Fort Myers to Ethiopia.

### The Rev. Tommy Tenney

Minister and bestselling Christian author Tommy Tenney will be at Sanibel Community Church on October 16-17. There is no charge to attend this event. Seen regularly on Trinity Broadcasting network, Tenney is the author of the one-million copy best-seller *The God Chasers*. He will speak at 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 16 at Sanibel Community Church.

Sanibel Community Church is at 1740 Periwinkle; call 472-2684 for information.

## Tamiami Tale Tellers: Storytelling participation

Listeners in the audience may be chanting, pantomiming, singing, moving their arms, or even producing sound effects at the regular meeting of the Tamiami Tale Tellers (TTT) on Thursday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Grand Court, 8351 College Parkway in Fort Myers.

Those who want to tell stories will try to "involve the audience in activities which will bring the listeners into the story," explains TTT spokesperson Bert MacCarry, of Sanibel.

"This type of participatory storytelling gives the tellers a chance to 'play' with their stories and the listeners to be a 'part of the act.'"

TTT meetings are held on the third

## POETIC LICENSE

### Return With Me To Sanibel

(The Passionate Evacuee To His Beneficiary)

by Joseph Pacheco

Return with me to Sanibel  
And we'll bring back its magic spell,  
We'll help our paradise isle revive  
When our insurance checks arrive.

On Periwinkle we'll clear the path  
Of devastation from Charley's wrath,  
Restore the canopy and bowers  
With palms and trees and tropic flowers

Though FEMA loans will help our stores  
Lure back the tourists to our shores,  
Tis sure day-trippers will stay away -  
Six bucks too much to Save Our Bay.

But Charley left upon our beach  
New treasures of shells in easy reach,  
Perhaps sand dollars bleached and whole  
Will help us pay the causeway toll.

Our forty-footers with latest controls  
Helped some elude police patrols,  
When it was dark upon our isle  
They lived upon their boats in style.

When all debris is chipped or burned  
We'll not forget the lessons learned:  
Don't plant a tree that can't withstand  
The power of a hurricane hand;

Don't build a home ignoring codes  
Then lose all you have when it implodes;  
Empty that freezer, don't stay and wait  
When sheriffs say "Evacuate."

So come, once more we'll ride  
And watch the pelicans dip and glide  
O'er the old causeway - then we'll begin  
Before the high-rise "fixed" is in

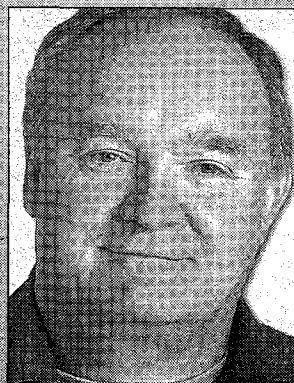
To build anew in paradise,  
Watching blue tarps fall, pool cages rise;  
A gentler wiser isle to dwell -  
Return with me to Sanibel.

Thursday of each month and are free and open to the public, ages 5 to 95. Both tellers and listeners are welcome. For more information call 472-1781.

## CORRECTION

In last week's *Islander*, the story about PMR's Ron Smiley attending the Florida Association of Realtors 88th Annual Convention & Trade Expo had an accompanying photo.

Unfortunately, we incorrectly identified Mr. Smiley as Mike McMurray. Here is the photo with correct identification. Apologies to Mr. Smiley (and to Mike McMurray).



Ron Smiley

## GRAND OPENING OF THE SCHOOLHOUSE THEATER!!!

Now located at 2200 Periwinkle Way The Schoolhouse Theater is open and ready to knock your socks off!!! Please join us as we start our 2004-2005 season off with a BANG! Our First Show, **Make 'em Laugh** is two acts of side splitting hilarity that will make your cheeks hurt from laughing so hard! This show will feature all of the classics sketches and music that made comedy what it is today. Who can forget Abbott and Costello in "Who's on First?" or Lucy in "Vitametavegamin"? Come see **Make 'em Laugh** and we'll show you why **Laughter** is the Spice of life! For the FIRST TIME EVER we are offering season subscriptions and group rates please call 472-6862 for more information or visit our website at [www.theschoolhousetheater.com](http://www.theschoolhousetheater.com).



## CENTER STAGE

### Stock car groupie in the making

Well, you can chalk up yet another first for this islander camping out in Marietta, Ohio and various parts of West Virginia this September. Last Saturday my gang and I attended the Ohio Valley Speedway Races in Lubeck. Ohm' gosh, I could become a race car fan in a heartbeat. Love the whole shebang — the race, the racers, the audience, the noise, and the excitement of rooting for the winner, the food and the danger of driving like a madman (or woman). The whole experience was a run-away blast.

We — my sister-in-law Rhoda, Handsome John, her husband and "my" photographer, and I, the stock-car race neophyte — took off to the West Virginia hills. One of Rhoda's teaching buddies, Paula Dixon, is part of a race car dynasty. Paula's dad started to race as a sport at age 15. Race-car driving has since become a family affair involving Paula's brother, David, two cousins, Mark and Chris, and, eventually, her teenage son. Their entire family is involved and off to the races, every weekend during season (which lasts from March through October). Paula suggested that a stockcar race would be a great new first for this visiting big-city girl. Knowing some actual racecar drivers made the whole experience even better than good, since we had people to root for; cousins Mark and Chris were in the Sprint Car races and brother David was in a Stock Car race.

This evening's races featured several classes. Sprint cars are small mean machines with big fender-like wings on the roof (to keep the vehicle grounded to the track). Sprints are kick-started by being pushed by another car 'til they reach momentum and optimal speed. There are modified Stock Cars — vehicles that are stripped for speed by doing away with all unnecessary gee-gaws and replacing regular motors with souped up monster machines. The Street Cars, another class, are quite unlike any cars I've ever seen on the street, except on truck beds probably going or coming from a race. They have small round tires shaped like doughnuts, aerodynamic fenders and fins. The Dwarf class is comprised of mini mites, kit cars with motorcycle motors which, when revved up, sound like a swarm of angry bees. The Super Stocks are yet another class; these are totally overhauled and built to

run like bats out of hell... See how much I learned?

This small-town type of stock car race is a proving ground, a learning experience, for new race drivers to refine their skills. If successful, they can move into the big leagues like the Indy, Daytona 500, The Grand Prix, etc. These smaller races are sanctioned and follow all the rules of the AMRA, the American Motor Racing Association.

Prior to the race, the drivers drove the 3/8-mile dirt track to test it. They checked it for tackiness or wetness, angles and slants of the turns, then went back to the pits to make all necessary adjustments to their cars and motors. Before the races began Josh Baumgarten sang a C-W version of the national anthem in a sweet West Virginia twang — wonderfully different.



Marsha Wagner

The qualifying rounds followed to determine the fastest speeds, by class. The first race featured the Sprint cars; these babies are a frenzy of sound, reaching speeds of better than 90 to 100 mph. We were rooting for brother David in the number double 0 car, but after a really good show he came in third. My only observations after watching the qualifying heats and races are that races are won or lost by how tightly you can turn the corners at each end of the track, always keeping a watchful eye out for the squeeze plays practiced by more aggressive drivers. These are attempted by drivers so hellbent

on the gold that nothing is gonna get in the way, so to speak — in no way polite or sportsman-like.

The Stock car race, which was up next, gave us another Dixon to root for; cousin Mark was up and running wide open. But #20, with all its doors off, really meant business; there was no stopping him or overtaking his awesome speed. This baby was stripped to win, roaring to go and, boy, did he ever win big time.

The Super cars then took over the track with noise so deafening that it literally vibrated the stands, the seats and my back teeth. This race really was what the announcer had promised earlier — "dirt-drivin' action, at hat liftin' speeds." I'll say Amen to that. These Super cars do speeds well over 100 mph, even on this small track, and they are as exciting as

all get-out.

The next few races were just as thrilling as the first, full of lots of sound, fury and danger. The cute little Dwarf cars came on the track... don't let the word cute fool you. These mighty mites deliver as much punch as the big guys and are every bit as exciting and every bit as dangerous in spin-outs or control loss. Speaking of spin-outs there were quite a few during these races, causing the Saturday night quarterbacks around me to voice comments like "Man, that guy's broken axle will cost him a pretty penny" or "That tie rod will set that fella back at least 250 bucks."

During intermission (or half-time or whatever the break is called), I suddenly heard my name over the loud speaker. The announcer informed the crowd that "Marsha Wagner came all the way from Sanibel, Florida to be at the Ohio Valley Speedway tonight for her very first stock car race!" My award turned out to be a crown bill cap advertising Belpre Ohio Jiffy Lube. A queen in her diamond coronet could not have been any prouder than me in my Belpre Jiffy Lube!

After the break we were ready to rumble with the feature races of the evening. These runs pit the best of the best in each class against each other for a trophy as well as prize money. They consist of at least 20 laps around the track at heart-stopping speeds. This many laps at these speeds means anything can and does happen and I

witnessed spin-outs, pile-ups involving multiple cars, one car even astride the guard rail. Fortunately, nobody was hurt. I was still rooting for the Dixons in the Super car race, but #20 proved unstoppable once again and took the grand prize of the evening.

So, how do I like Stock Car races? In two words, LOVE IT! Even so, I promise not to drag race my Toyota down Periwinkle... though I won't guarantee that I won't zoom around on my orange bicycle wearing my Belpre Jiffy Lube over my bicycle helmet.

Also, you may find me glued to my seat in front of my TV whenever NASCAR is on. Who knows, I may even find my way to the Daytona 500 just to see the real thing. Meanwhile, stay tuned for my next dispatch from here in Marietta and West-By-God-Virginia.



### Midsummer Night's Dream

In spite of the flood caused by the drenching rains from hurricane Ivan in this part of the world, an intrepid troop of actors known as The Actors Guild put on a performance of *Midsummer Night's Dream* down the hill in Parkersburg, West Virginia. The creative elements of this production company pulled out all the stops in the presentation of this play, starting with Director David Prather who caught all the elements of this comic fantasy about love, romance, jealousy and mischief set in Shakespeare's supernatural world.

It is in this setting that four sets of lovers are set at odds

with each other. It is a tale where people fall for those they shouldn't, a tale where others are turned into animals. This is a joyful play that mixes reality with monkey business, a bit of madness woven with a bit of magic. A mischievous fairy named Puck (played to the hilt by delightful comic actor Bill Knotts) toys with all these character's human foibles by bringing either love or destruction to whomever he sees fit. Puck is commanded by an equally roguish Fairy King, Oberon, portrayed by an enthusiastic Gallen Smith who literally roared his lines with royal gusto.

The remainder of this big cast of community actors was not only proficient in knowing their lines, they delivered them true to the author's intentions, yet mining the humor embedded in the script. By and large, the cast played for its own as well as the audience's enjoyment, never declaiming The Bard's exquisite prose as most avocational actors are wont to do. In fact, there were some outstanding performances in these lesser parts that stood out in this produc-

tion. One such was Richard Belferman as the hapless Bottom who gets turned into the donkey. Belferman had a marvelous voice which he played like an instrument, sometimes sounding like John Wayne, other times sounding like Nathan Lane. Teen-aged Eric Buchanan as Demetrius brought enough energy and pizzazz to the stage that, whenever he was on it, my eyes were focused on him.

Prather has done a super job fulfilling his goal of creating a kind of Cirque de Soleil-styled production of a fantasy circus depicting Shakespeare's fantasy world. In the Director's notes he states he wishes to present the play so the audience "...can expect great moments of hilarity and love and mischief and compassion. People will leave the theater with a smile, feeling that dreamlike feeling of newfound love we all crave so much."

BRAVO, David! you and your intrepid cast of community players known as The Actors Guild have certainly succeeded in making your goals a reality.



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## Flu Shots

By Mo Jackson  
Breeze Staff Writer

State health department officials urge healthy adults to forego flu shots because of shortage of the vaccine nationwide.

"We're urging individuals who are not in the at-risk group not to get immunizations," said state officials, during a telephone conference call Tuesday afternoon.

Health officials encourage health practitioners to issue vaccinations to high-risk

individuals — infants, adults 65 and older and people with immunity disorders.

State officials are still in the process of formulating a strategy, in what has already been labeled a shortage.

Flu shot campaigns usually start in October, a month before the flu season typically begins in the United States. In an average year, flu kills 36,000 Americans and hospitalizes another 114,000.

State officials say it's too early to predict whether this year will be a mild or a bad flu season and that they could not accurately tell how many units of flu vac-

cination were in circulation in the state.

On Sanibel, Dr. Bill Fulk's office confirms that they are not getting as much vaccine as expected, however, they will be inoculating their patients, the majority of whom are over 65. They started giving shots on Wednesday and do not anticipate difficulties.

Many health facilities, doctors' offices and now, local chains such as Publix, Albertson's and Walgreen's offer immunizations. County health departments also can partner with local hospitals and share supplies, making it impossible to track

exactly how much flu vaccine is available.

Ken George, spokesman for Maxim Health, a company that supplies many of those grocery chains throughout Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties, said they will continue to service their clients until their supply runs out.

"This is for the health and well being of the community. (We're) trying to keep everybody healthy for the upcoming flu season," George said.

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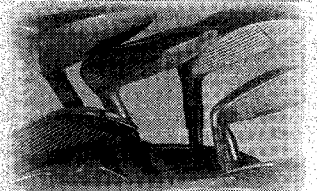
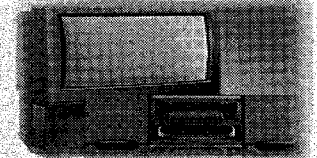
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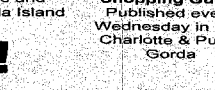
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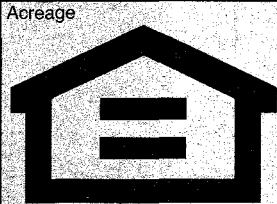


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## Dine Out for Disaster Relief Day on Oct. 14

The Florida Restaurant Association (FRA) announced today that approximately 1,000 of its members will participate in "Dine Out for Disaster Relief Day" Thursday, October 14, 2004, donating a portion of their revenue to the Florida Disaster Relief Fund. Darden Restaurants has already contributed \$1 million to the Florida Hurricane Relief Fund and encourages Floridians to dine out in participating restaurants on this day.

This fund, established by Governor Jeb Bush, seeks to assist communities and citizens rebuilding from the devastation of hurricanes Charley, Frances and Ivan. FRA President & CEO Carol Dover said this is not an easy time for many Floridians, including businesses and restaurants that have been impacted by these successive and devastating hurricanes.

A list of restaurants participating in the Dine Out for Disaster Relief Day is listed below and can also be found at [www.flra.com](http://www.flra.com).

Dine Out Day Participating Restaurants - as of October 1, 2004

See [flra.com](http://flra.com) for an updated list.  
 Applebee's (Florida Apple) - South Florida  
 Blue Pointe Oyster Bar - Fort Myers

Maria's Restaurant - Lehigh Acres  
 Myerlee Manor - Fort Myers  
 Olive Garden - All Locations  
 Perkins Restaurant & Bakers - All Florida Locations  
 Red Lobster - All Locations  
 Seminole Gulf Railway - Murder Mystery Dinner Train - Fort Myers

Partners in this effort include SYSCO, Office Depot and the Florida Outdoor Advertising Association.

## Free Habitat 101 Informational Sessions

Habitat for Humanity of Lee County offers the public a free, one-hour informational session called Habitat 101. This is an informal class for anyone interested in becoming involved in Habitat's mission. A non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing in Lee County, Habitat relies on volunteer labor and donations of money and materials to build simple, decent housing for struggling families. To date, we have helped more than 500 deserving families become homeowners in Lee County alone.

Learn how Habitat for Humanity has evolved from its humble beginnings into one of the world's most respected humanitarian organizations. Refreshments

will be served. Please RSVP to 239.652.0434, extension 211.

Habitat 101 will be held on Saturday, October 16 at 9 a.m. and Wednesday, October 27 at 5:30 p.m. at Habitat for Humanity of Lee County's North Fort Myers office, 1288 N. Tamiami Trail. This is on Old U.S. 41, one block north of Pondella Road. Please RSVP at 239/652-0434, extension 211.

## American Sewing Guild meeting

The next meeting of the Southwest Florida Chapter of the American Sewing Guild will be held on Saturday, October 23. The meeting will be at the Lee County Extension Service located in Terry Park, 3406 Palm Beach Boulevard in Fort Myers. Jane Brigham, costume designer at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater will present the program. Registration is at 12:30 p.m. The meeting starts at 1 and ends at 3.

The American Sewing Guild is a national non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of home sewing. Membership is open to all that would like to learn more about sewing. Chapter meetings are held the fourth Saturday of each month. Dues are \$40 per year, and include the chapter newsletter and special discounts from local merchants. For further information, call the Club president, Diane Stramel at 458-2858.

## Sanibel School club charms City Council

**By Laura Nickerson  
Staff Writer**

At this week's Sanibel City Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 5, attendees were treated to a youthful approach to solving two of the city's current problems. Students from the Sanibel School who are part of Community Problem Solving Teams approached the Council with two proposals.

The first team, called Mutual LIFE (LIFE stands for living in friendship with the environment) want to help initiate an awareness campaign to educate tourists and residents about how to live compatibly with alligators in our island environment. The speakers for Mutual LIFE were Kaitlyn Herman and Jimmy Shannon.

The second team, who have not yet chosen a name, proposed that they be included in the replanting process for the Periwinkle corridor, and advocated the

use of native plants for that project. The speakers were Sameer Islam and his sister Samia.

The teams are part of an international academic club for grades five through seven called Community Problem Solving. The Sanibel teams are coached by Anna Godsea, 5th grade teacher at the Sanibel School and Dr. Trish Herman, mathematics professor - Barry University.

Last year the Mutual LIFE team placed third in an international competition with their Project Scare proposal regarding cancer awareness.



**Above: Sameer Islam - 6th, Samia Islam - 5th, Kaitlyn Herman - 7th & Jimmy Shannon - 7th with Officer Schulte and Councilman Brown. Photo left: Kaitlyn Herman & Jimmy Shannon, 7th grade. The four students presented Mutual LIFE projects at the City Council meeting.**





# Signs of revival:

## Islanders happily mingled at BIG ARTS exhibit

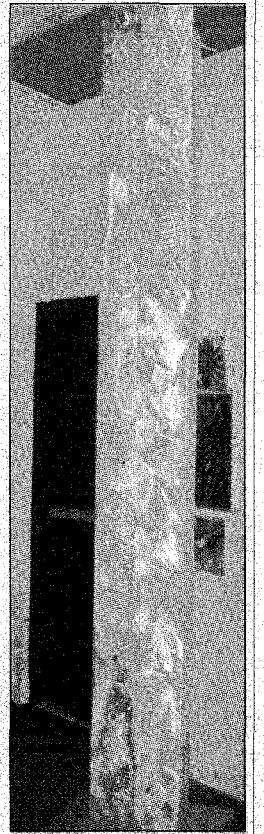
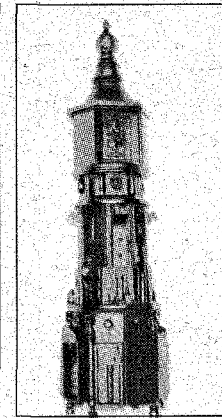
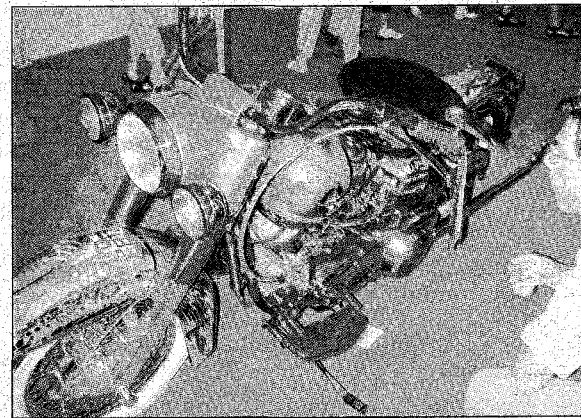


Islanders eager to meet and mingle — and put the hurricane cares of the last two months behind them — gathered at the opening of BIG ART's "10 Most Wanted: 10 Artists, New Works" exhibit on Saturday, October 2.

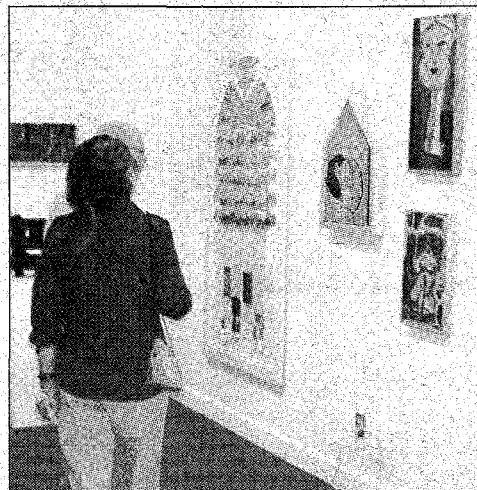
On view in this mixed media show are the fiber art of Polly Matsumoto, sculpture by Mary and Lawrence Voytek, Pat St. Cyr and

Todd Hunter Dhalen and paintings by Leo Johnson, Krista Johnson, Ikki Matsumoto, Morgan Paine, Sherry Rohl and Mark Yamin.

The Phillips Gallery will be open for viewing Monday through Saturday, 1 - 4 p.m. until October 30. For more information on this exhibit and others being held at BIG ARTS this season, call 395-0900.



Clockwise from top left: Mary Voytek introduces the artists to a full crowd at Saturday's opening at the Phillips Gallery; Mark Yamin's custom painted Harley draws an admirer; Pat St. Cyr's Rapunzel's Tower; Mary Voytek's Celestial Totem; Polly Matsumoto's Roosters; Local art enthusiasts look over work by Mary Voytek and Leo Johnson; Luc and Dee Serage Century and friends at the opening reception.



At the Alliance: ISEA 2004  
Left: Sunrise Sunset Tues  
by Anne Cunningham;  
Below: The Last Letter by  
Jody Kar;  
Inset right: Ancient  
Rhythms by Judy Gilmore



## International art exhibit opens at Alliance

More than ninety large paintings and sculptures have been received by the Lee County Alliance for the Arts from artists located in twenty-six different states and Canada for an exhibition sponsored by the International Society Of Experimental Artists (ISEA).

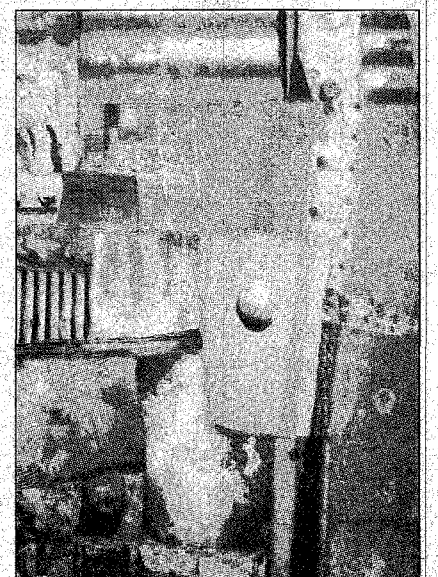
Held annually at museum and gallery locations around the world, this year's ISEA 2004 international juried competition fine art exhibit will be on view in the Alliance's William R. Frizzell and Member Galleries through October 29. ISEA 2004 marks the first time Lee County ever has hosted a major international fine art juried exhibition. Accordingly, the Alliance for the Arts and ISEA invite all members of the general public and professional arts communities to attend ISEA 2004, either during its 5 - 7 p.m. opening reception on Saturday, October 9, or during the weeks it is on display to October 29.

The collective works on view will give viewers a compact, yet comprehensive overview of the current state and broad range of artistic creativity that could influence future directions in the "professional art world."

States with the largest number of artists submitting works to ISEA 2004 are: Florida, 18; Michigan, 12; California and Texas, nine each, and Arizona five. Many states, including Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maine... and Utah,

are represented by one entry apiece. [NOTE: In view of recent worldwide issues affecting international shipping procedures, artworks by ISEA members in European and other countries were shown in Aberdare, Wales, in 2003 and will be on view in Cardiff, Wales, during 2005.]

Louise Senneff, executive director of the Alliance, says, "We are extremely pleased that the Alliance and the ISEA are presenting this major annual juried exhibition in our galleries. In addition, we are delighted that a two-day workshop conducted by internationally recognized artist Bill Buchman will be held in Alliance studio-classrooms."

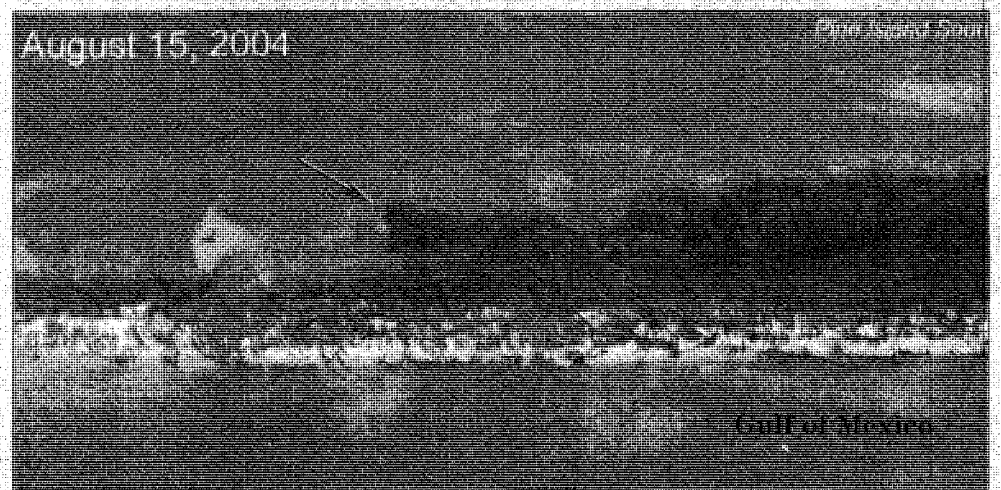
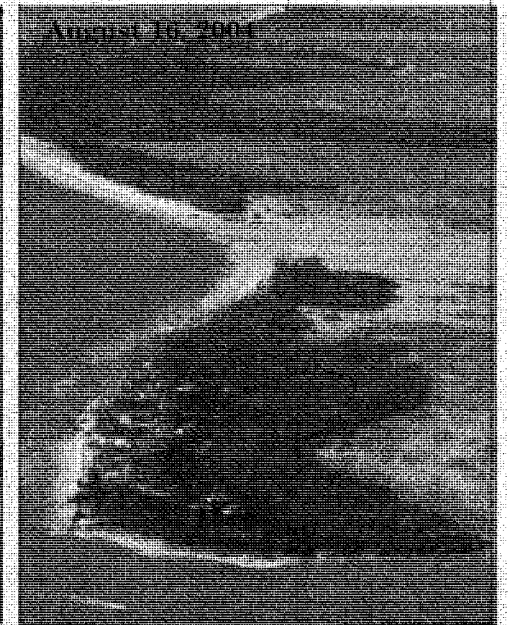
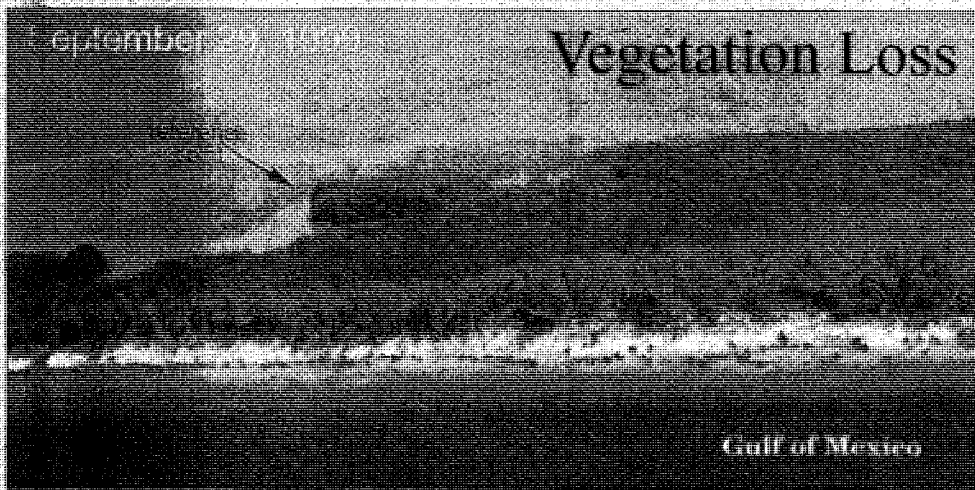
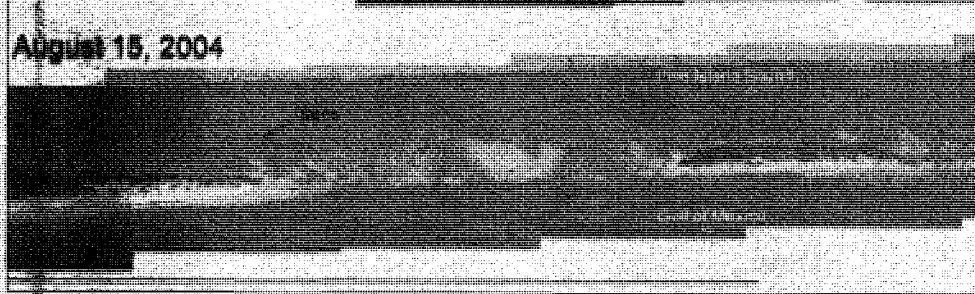
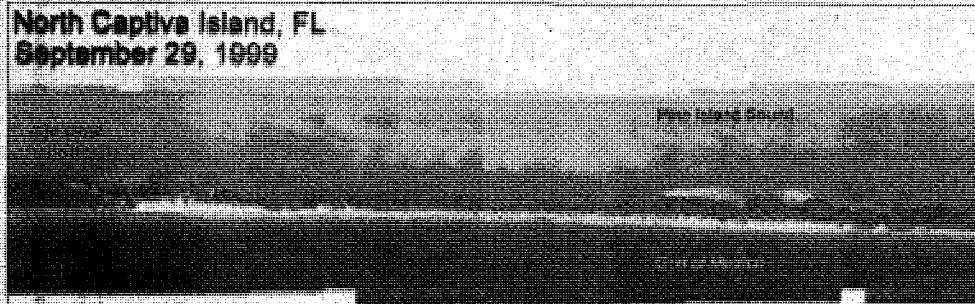


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# North Captiva after Hurricane Charley

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