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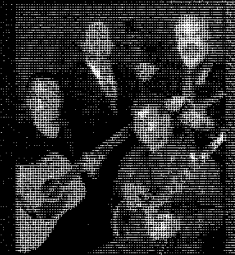
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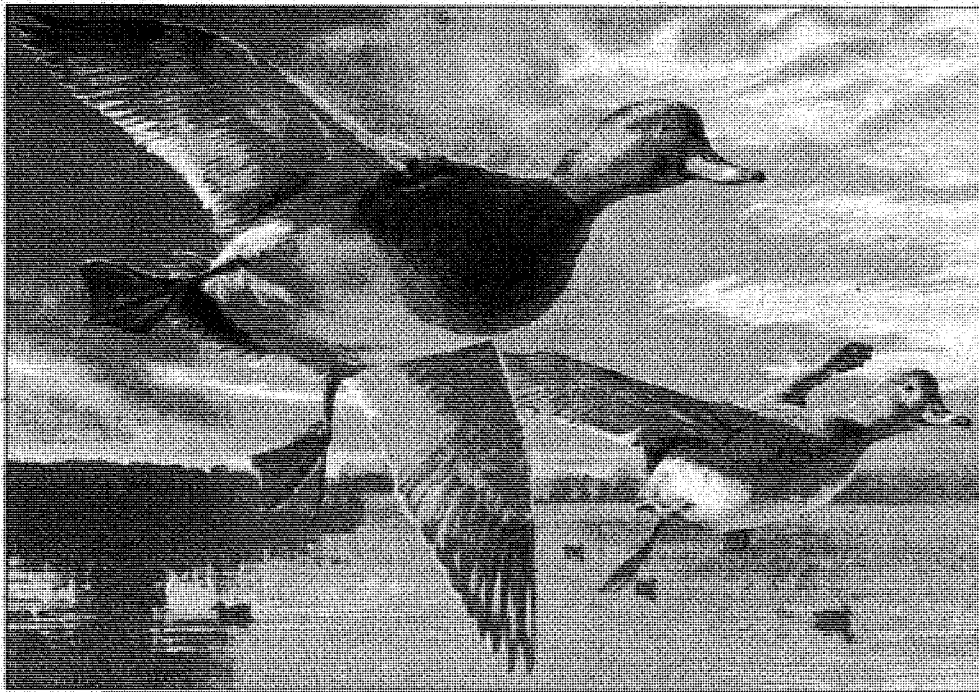
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2004 Federal Duck Stamp winner

Meet Scot Storm, winner of this year's Federal Duck Stamp contest. The award will be presented on Saturday, October 16 and artist Storm will be on hand throughout the day in the Environmental Education Lab to sell his works and sign prints and duck stamps. See page 6 for more Saturday family fun activities at "Ding" Darling Days.

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Artistic Director Victor Legarreta (center, in jeans) with Schoolhouse Theater Board members (from left:) Jan Egeland, Ginny Fleming, Joan Broedback, Joan Cain, Al Hanser, Chuck Kettelman and Betty English. *Make 'em Laugh*, the first production in the new location, opens on October 22. See story on page 17.

More about SCCF's rare albino fighting conch

By José H. Leal, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum

Ed note: A Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation docent brought a rare, live albino fighting conch to the Foundation last week, and the shell is in SCCF's live touch tank.

As far as shell color pattern goes, the ubiquitous Florida fighting conch (*Strombus alatus*) is one of the more variable mollusks from the barrier islands of Southwest Florida.

Bright oranges, salmon-pink, lavender, many shades of brown, and banded and checkered patterns are a few of the most striking forms one can find when shelling is good. There is one "color form," however, that is highly prized by collectors: the almost pure-white, albinistic Florida

fighting conch.

Albinism in shells is not part of the normal range of color variation in that particular species. It is rather a genetic inability of that animal to lay down the shell color in the normal way. Despite that inability, albinistic mollusks such as the fighting conch are still capable of producing the pigments normally found in the animal itself, the so-called "soft parts;" the picture shows the dark-colored siphon and eyes of the animal.

Finding an albinistic "dead" shell is a very rare event. It is even more unusual, however, for someone to spot a live one. And this is what a Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) docent just did last week.

The rare find is doing quite well at the touch tank at SCCF on Sanibel-Captiva Road.

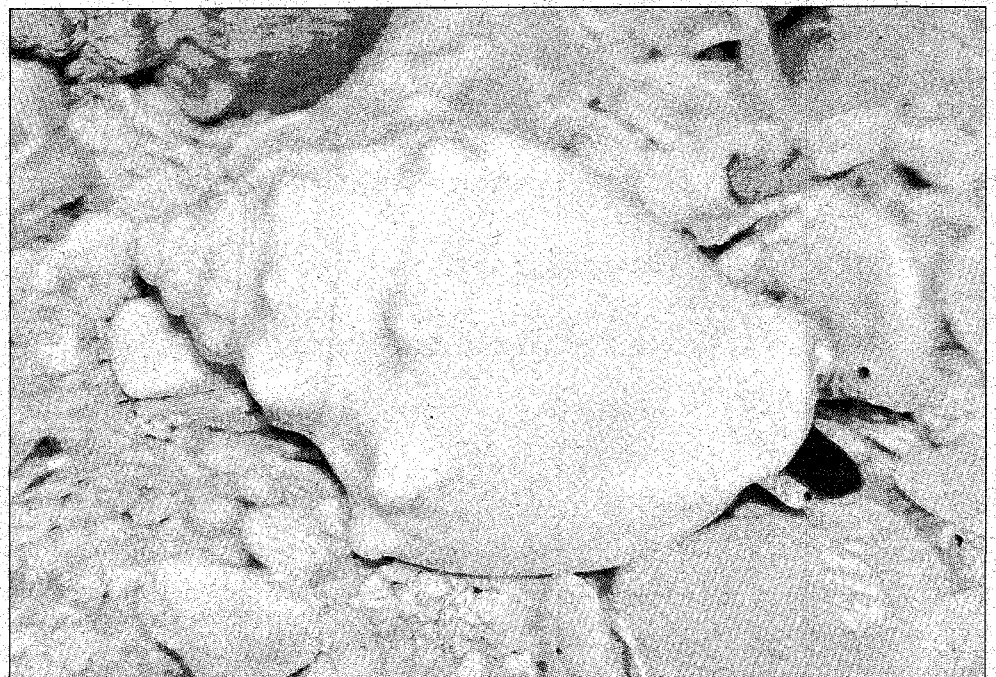


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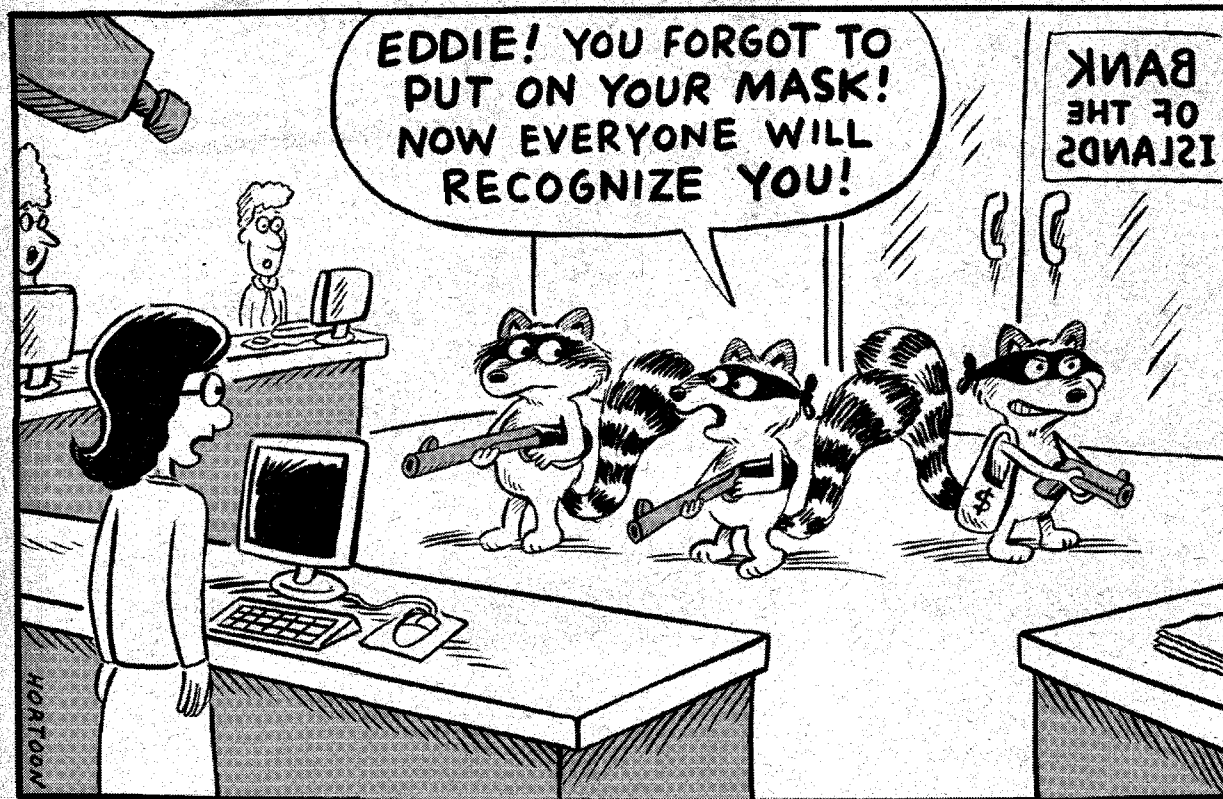
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THE METASTATIC LIFE

Just do it!

As I write this I am looking out over the vista of mountains through the windows in Joanie's North Carolina cabin. We are here to watch the leaves change and we are here to watch the debates. We are, after all, the quintessential political junkies and what better place to be than here, where our only company is each other and we agree on everything when it comes to this election.

I left Florida last Friday, almost two weeks since my last chemo treatment. My white counts were still very low so I had Neupogen shots on Wednesday and Thursday in order to get permission from Dr. Harwin to be away for a week.

I will admit that the first couple of days took some getting used to. There is no flat land here and walking led to back pain and fatigue over and above what I am used to. But the glorious cool weather and the incredible scenery easily outweighed it. I associate the mountains with all things relaxing and restorative. Life slows its pace and I find myself taking naps outdoors on Joanie's deck and cooking meals from scratch in her kitchen.

This trip begins what I hope will be a great end to an otherwise trying year. After I get home, my sister Cynthia is coming for 10 days and then Emily and I will go to Virginia to be with my sister, Carrie, for Christmas. My chemo should be over by early November and with my markers dropping even as my hair is growing back, I am filled with hope again. It's a hope that I will be back in a remission that will give me years until there is something else to take, something new that will give me even more

years. Sometimes I wonder if I am crazy to hope for so much but it is the nature of every survivor and it only grows stronger with the passing of years.

And so here I am in the mountains where we are watching the first two seasons of The West Wing for the umpteenth time and where we watched Fahrenheit 9/11 for the first time the other night. It left us both shaken but more determined than ever. I wish everyone would watch this documentary. I wish every single person who is eligible to vote would vote. I want us to raise our standards and look deeply into the issues, far beyond the sound bytes and the bits and pieces that the networks decide are sufficient sustenance for us as a nation. I want to stand on the rooftops and yell that we are smarter than this. We understand our responsibility to our country in taking our place in the voting booths on November 2nd.

I have stayed alive to see this election happen. I have tremendous faith in the people of this country. So I'm asking, not that you vote one way or the other, but just that you show up, take your part in the process and know that in doing so you, do more to honor the victims of September 11th and more to show your true patriotism than anything else you can do. Until next week...



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Sanibel School ribbon cutting October 19

The ribbon cutting ceremony at The Sanibel School will be held next Tuesday, October 19 at 9 a.m. All families are invited to join Superintendent, Dr. James Browder and the School Board members as the new facility is officially opened.

A "For Kids' Sake" Recognition Ceremony will be held on November 16 to recognize all of the families and community members for their generous donations for all of the school enhancements.

Fire Safety Tips

Protect your home from wildfire

- Create a safety zone around your home by clearing flammable vegetation
- Keep your roof clear of leaves and needles
- Discuss community fire safety with your neighbors

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Recovering from Charley

Forum sheds light on economic recovery

By Terri Blackmore
General Manager

The Chamber of Commerce hosted a public forum at BIG ARTS' Schein Hall on Wednesday, October 6. The thrust of the meeting was Hurricane Charley, our recovery and its effects on our local economy.

Steve Greenstein, Chamber executive director served as moderator and brought to the table qualified speakers who commented on our recent disaster, where it has taken us and how we will evolve in the short and long term.

City Manager Judie Zimomra commented on the work that has been done and what remains to be done. "Fifty-two days since Charley hit, we are not done by any stretch of the imagination. The easy part is done and the toughest part is before us," Zimomra commented. A big focus is on the impact of the vegetation clean-up and its challenges, the enormous amount of debris being moved to the burn site and the daily permits required to burn. On the positive note and with enthusiasm, Zimomra explained that from the utilities end of the recovery, only 100 homes on-island still did not have power, which was due to a problem at the residences and their own servers.

From the sanitation factor, there was no release of raw sewage, unlike Fort Myers Beach. Facilities such as the beach accesses were starting to open — Turner Beach, Blind Pass, The Trost access and the Gulf side of Lighthouse Beach. As of

this editorial, Algiers and Bowman's Beaches are not open but the Chamber of Commerce would have the updates.

From the commercial signage standpoint, Zimomra stated the city's stand was lenient by intent by allowing signs but there were more specific guidelines, such as no signs nailed or tied to trees and no off-island business signs on the roadside.

Questions were proposed such as stump removal, and the deadlines for both vegetation and construction storm waste removal. Bids for stump removal are being taken as well as an inclusive program, still to come, for input for long-term planting. She also stated that a 10-day notice will be given prior to a set deadline on the termination of pick-up of the vegetation and construction waste.

The 2003 Realtor of the Year, Art Corace of Re/Max of the Islands, armed with statistical data from the National and Florida Association of Realtors, assured the audience that Sanibel and Captiva Islands are an affluent market and "we can weather the storm." He also interjected that there are a lot of bargain hunters right now but, in a nutshell, property values will not deflate and the renovations necessary on properties right now can only make property more valuable. Sellers don't need to list right now and can wait for a stronger market. From the real estate rentals standpoint, Corace said bookings are up and people want to come right now.

As several gulf-front properties will be under repair for several months, we are definitely going to have a higher occupancy this season as some inventory will still be out of service for the some months to come.

In closing, Corace stressed how important it is to use a realtor; they are professionals and can advise you on any aspect including mold which has come into play since the disaster. "They can keep you from a rock and a hard place," Corace contended.

Other speakers at the forum were Mark Crabb, deputy director of the Visitors Convention Bureau and Dick Pyle who spearheads investment operations for Sanibel/Captiva Trust Co. Crabb assured the gallery that the VCB is doing everything possible to bring tourism to Sanibel in lieu of the hurricanes. Canvassing markets abroad such as in France and Canada, the birth of the "you can help" program and the opening of the new airport are all major influences on re-starting the economy here, which has a bright future.

Pyle spoke on the national economy and stated that economic growth and

demand aspects are strong.

Key speaker Hene Rubio, Small Business Administration Marketing Manager, helped open up the door further to assistance available in the form of disaster loans, Home disaster loans, business physical disaster loans and economic injury loans are all options available as a result of damages caused by tropical storms Bonnie and Charley. The filing deadline for application for physical damage to homes, personal property and businesses was October 12, 2004. Filing deadline for applications for economic injury is May 13, 2005.

For more information call the U.S. Small Business Administration office at 800/359-2227.

In closing, Steve Greenstein stressed the importance of emotional well-being during these stressful times and the importance of recognizing the effects of stress and treating it. "Diet, nutrition, exercise and relaxation techniques are all things that will help you make better choices," he said.

From the Chamber

This past week, the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce hosted a public forum designed to provide information about the effects of Hurricane Charley on our local economy.

Panelists included Sanibel City Manager Judie Zimomra, who spoke about the tremendous amount of work that has already been done and about the tremendous amount of work that remains to be done in the recovery process.

Art Corace, past president of our local Association of Realtors, offered his insight into current real estate valuations and what to expect over the next 6-12 months, and Richard E. Pyle, senior vice president of the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, looked at our national economy and its potential effect on spending habits of both residents and visitors in the months to come.

Mark Crabb, deputy director of the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau brought the audience up to date with the special VCB marketing and promotion campaign aimed at attracting visitors to our islands from international, national


and even local destinations.

The general outlook was for favorable local market conditions beginning in early 2005, and then a resumption of the upward trend we were experiencing prior to Hurricane Charley.


My responsibility was to provide an economic outlook for the remainder of 2004. There, things do not seem as bright nor as promising. Last October, there was record growth in the number of visitors, as well as in occupancy rates and room rates. This October will be much different.

October is traditionally the month when our Florida and Southeast drive markets begin to contract and the core Midwest and Northeast markets start to emerge, partly driven by the return of some of our seasonal residents. But the Florida market still comprises about 20% of our visitor origins with Miami, West Palm, Tampa and Orlando being in our top ten domestic feeder markets in October. All of those areas have been significantly impacted by the hurricanes and


Recovery, continued right



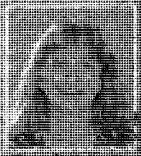
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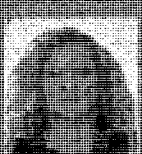
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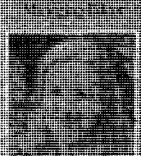
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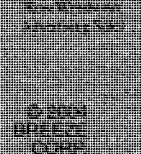



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Zimomra updates ABWA

By Karen Nelson
Managing Editor

Sanibel City Manager Judie Zimomra addressed the October 12 ABWA meeting, talking about Sanibel's overall recovery and then about the lessons learned from this process, from a business point of view.

Life on Sanibel has been divided into BC and AC, and the greatest challenge for the City was the vegetation debris. When the island was still closed, she noted that people sitting at the Bell Tower, where there were one or two trees down, could not comprehend the immensity of the job. (At Bowmans, there are "literally thousands of trees down.") Some statistics:

- They have taken 300,000 cu. yds. of debris to the burn site on Island Inn Road: that's 15,000 large dumpsters. Need to get EPA permitting every day because it's weather-dependent. The burn site has been open continuously except during Frances and Ivan: four

days before Frances, the large trucks were pulled off the island.

- They have collected 20,000 cu. yds. of construction and demolition debris, which is in Pond Apple Park, awaiting transport off-island in larger trucks. "We're trying to haul it off as quickly as we can."
- Canals have debris, they will be doing a Marine Patrol survey and will be getting ready to clear the canals in the next few weeks. "If you know of any debris, please let us know."
- Sanibel River - they will have a contractor surveying the debris in the river around 11/22
- Boat ramp - they felt it was important to open the boat ramp, "it says something mentally that we opened it six weeks after the hurricane."
- Funding and grants - the City is "trying to get to the front of the line before the grants get divided."
- Sewers - managed by City and there was "not one ounce of sewage put out to the community, which is also one reason why our beaches are in such

good shape."

- Lenient by intent - re-signage. Rather than citing people for the "open" signs, Code Enforcement visited every business.
- Building permits - they have been aggressive about expediting the permitting process but without relaxing the rules. The "buildings did as well as they did because we have good enforcement, good inspections and good codes."
- Bike path - "Every time we get the path along the Gulf drives cleaned up and swept, someone brings out more debris."
- Debris pickup - FEMA makes the determination when it is no longer storm debris; they have cut off Punta Gorda and Captiva collections. The City will give seven-day's notice when FEMA is no longer allowing debris pick-up.
- Cost - the City estimates that the cost of debris clean-up will be \$6-\$10 million. FEMA formerly reimbursed 75% and state and local governments generally split the remaining 25%; the newly available Federal money will reimburse 90% and the Governor has said that the state will pick up half of the remaining 10% for "cities with hardship." Sanibel will be applying for hardship from the state and Zimomra urged everyone who has "influence with legislators to thank them for what they have given and tell them to keep it coming."
- Periwinkle - she realizes Periwinkle is an open scar, and that people want to be involved in the long-term restoration

On lessons learned as City Manager:

- The City is one of the largest employers on Sanibel with one of the largest budgets, with 134 full time employees and a \$34 million/year budget including enterprise funds.
- Plan, plan, plan - Have a plan for all outcomes. The City has had a hurricane plan in place for 30 years. She spoke to Porter Goss the night after Charley and he said that, when he was Mayor, they went up to see the damage in Louisiana after Hurricane Floyd. When they came back, they made the City's first hurricane plan. This plan is "reviewed, updated and drilled every year," noted Zimomra. They have a plan for the worst case and when the City evacuated, "we left as if it was a Category Five coming." They had 2,000 people at one of the off-island meetings. "It was a great opportunity to get to know your customers... It's one of the highlights of my career, to be that close to residents when they really need you."
- Flexibility - "You have to be flexible yourself and with your staff." As the City has become very involved in Independence Day celebrations, she has been using that as a way to "purposely put people outside the box." The first three people back on the island — they came by boat — were a police officer, an MIS person and a Public Works director. "We had put an ATV on the highest loading dock at Timbers and they landed the boat at Tarpon Bay and walked to Timbers," climbing over the trees.

Zimomra, see page 7

Recovery, continued from left below

vacation travel from those areas will be greatly reduced.

Last October, business, conference and group travel made up nearly one fifth of our visitation. That segment of the travel industry will also be significantly reduced this year.

Thanks to the new Lee County VCB marketing campaign, we are already seeing the benefit of some traffic from visitors in the Fort Myers area, but their overall spending habits can never replace those of vacationers who, on average, spend \$100 a day on lodging, \$85 a day on food and entertainment, and nearly \$40 a day on retail purchases.

November shows a bit more promise when our core markets of Chicago, New York, Boston and Detroit keep the airport busy with the southward migration of the snowbirds. On the vacation side, the biggest challenge we face is that as our occupancy rates begin to climb above the 60% level, our available inventory will be constricted by the loss of (on Sanibel) about 30% of the multi-family resort inventory. On Captiva, the loss of South Sea Resort well into 2005 will have an even more substantial effect on the Andy Rosse Lane restaurant and retail businesses.

By January, things on Sanibel should

be back to last year's trend towards strong demand and the upcoming season shows great promise. But for many businesses, January seems light years away and the prospect of customers next year does nothing to help insure their survival between now and then. Their challenges include making payroll, retaining employees and dealing with the new toll structure scheduled to take effect on November 1.

The impact of Hurricane Charley on the businesses and residents of the community will also be felt by our not-for-profit organizations. Those groups depend on a healthy economic climate for contributions, but with nearly \$1 billion in structural damage on the islands and a less-than-robust business outlook, fundraising will be a difficult task over the next six months.

In the meantime, keep looking for the first pictures of snowfall on the evening news. When the white stuff starts to fall from the sky up north, the green stuff starts to fall from the sky down here. Let's all hope for an early winter this year.

-Steve Greenstein
Executive Director

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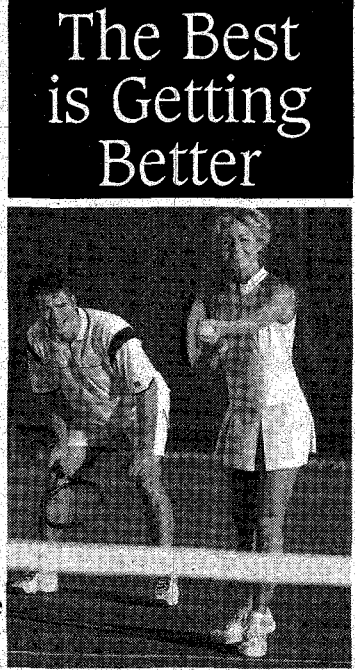
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Halloween at the Community Center

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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.

'Tween Waters Halloween Party

'Tween Waters Inn on Captiva is up and running and planning their 20th Annual Halloween Bash on Saturday, October 30. Party on Captiva, overlooking the Gulf, with non-stop music beginning at 8:30 p.m. featuring the Modulators. The costume judging begins at midnight and there will be lots of Halloween extras like The Haunted Bar, the Corpse Collection and gaggles of ghouls 'n goblins.

This is a big-kid event, so no children please. And remember that there may be witches flying overhead, and you might want to consider running for cover and staying overnight in the "Bates Motel."

There is a \$10 cover with up to \$500 awarded in cash prizes. For info, call 'Tween Waters at 472-5161, ext. 421.

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.

Chili Cook Off & Halloween Party

Sunday, October 31 all members of the American Legion, Sons and Auxiliary are invited to join in our annual Chili Cook off and Halloween Costume party.

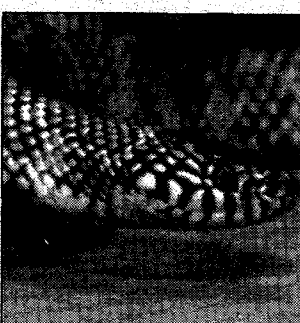
Ding Darling Days - Family Day

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 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.

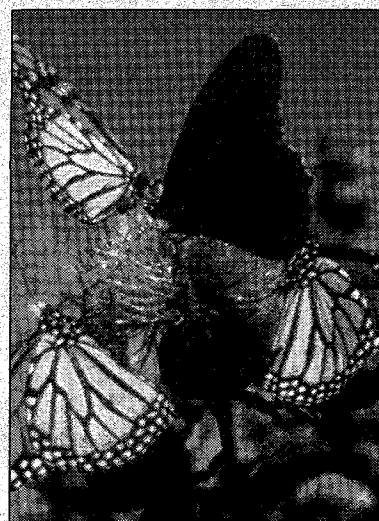
- *Caribbean Gardens Zoo*
10:00 AM to 10:45 AM
3:00 PM to 3:45 PM - Christine Porter, wildlife biologist with Caribbean Gardens, the Zoo in Naples, will introduce some of Southwest Florida's native snakes and other wildlife residents. She will compare their habits and habitats with those of commonly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

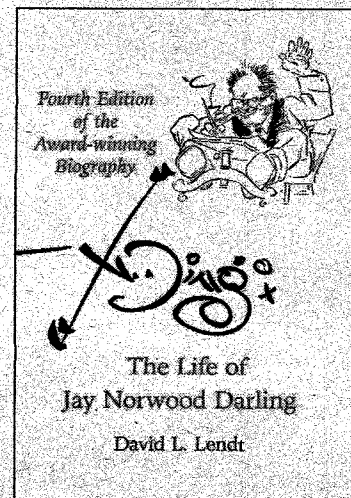


rehabilitators throughout Florida to help injured or orphaned bats and performs non-invasive research and surveys on the bats of Florida. George and Cindi, along with live bats, will demonstrate the role of these beneficial creatures in the Florida environment and the importance of conserving them.

- *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 bird-watchers

- *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.



Halloween, from left

Live entertainment throughout the evening. To enter the Chili contest please call the Post Hall at 472-9979. Chili judging will be at 5 p.m. and chili dinner will start at 6 p.m. The Costume contest will be judged at the end of the evening (Must be 21 years old or older).

Spook-Tacular at Shell Factory

Kids, ages up to 12, are invited to participate in a free

Kids Klub program, Halloween Spook-tacular at the Shell Factory, North Fort Myers on Saturday, October 23. Three phases of the program will be held: regular Kids Klub activities, a costume contest, and trick or treating in The Shell Factory, all between 3 - 5 p.m. There will be free events and some 50-cent crafts. It is not necessary to pre-register for any of the activities; however, adults will need to register their children. Call The Shell Factory, 995-2141, ext. 110 for more info.

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Local Zontians attend Key West conference

Zontians in nine southern states, plus the Bahamas and Puerto Rico — under-terred by the recent hurricanes that affected many of our communities — made their way to Key West for the annual Zonta District 11 conference on October 1 - 2. Five local Zontians, including President Darla Letourneau, Vice-President Nola Theiss, immediate past President Susan Dunn, President-elect

Karen Pati, and Board member Gini Jones, attended the conference.

The purpose of the conference was to promote the objectives and programs of Zonta International, a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women. A major accomplishment at the conference was the adoption of an anti-trafficking resolution,

sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Club. Zonta International promotes advocacy about trafficking through its service projects and through legislative awareness in its member countries around the world. After learning that Florida was one of the top destination markets for the trafficking



Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva representatives at the Zonta District 11 Award Banquet: (left to right): Nola Theiss, Gini Jones, Susan Dunn, and Darla Letourneau; Below: Karen Pati on the public relations panel.

Zimomra, from page 5

- Invest in reserves. The city had a \$1 million reserve and "we blew through that in the first three days."
- Have good credit. The City was quickly able to get a \$10 million loan at 2% interest, the money was wired before Sept. 30, taking them into the new fiscal year, which began on Oct. 1.
- Have good relations with your partners. Zimomra arrived four days after Gabriel hit Sanibel in 2001 and there had been some problems with communication between the City and its partners (including the police, fire, Refuge, IWA). Improvements were built into the hurricane plan the next year and now, five days out, there is a Partners meeting. IWA, the fire department and Refuge all evacuated to the off-island City Hall at the Bell Tower. "If you want to get you know your bosses well, evacuate with your bosses, their pets and their spouses."
- Since August 13, the City's web site has had 225,000 hits.
- Know your core mission. "You can get pulled off to do so many other things: provide services to other communities, favors and so on. Be careful to remember your core mission and stay true to it."
- "Always remember that you're just a member of the team."
- "The real purpose of government work is responding to this type of emergency." After 9-11, her brother commented how well Rudolph Giuliani had handled the situation in New York. She told him, "No, that's how you run a city every day. You just had the opportunity to see it."
- Bring good people in and take the lessons you know and apply them all the time.

- She hates the book *Don't Sweat the Small Stuff*. "My job is making sure the small stuff is covered."

Lessons learned:

- "One thing I've learned from great people is that they are always working on improving, on getting better." She said that people accuse her of never being satisfied but she's always looking for ways to improve.
- The City Manager from Longboat Key came down and shadowed City staff for two days after Hurricane Charley to observe how they were doing things.
- "Have you considered running for President?" asked one audience wag.
- When she was interviewed for the job, one of the questions asked was "Do you think it will be challenging enough?"
- Normally, she looks forward to August and September because it's quieter, and she can catch up. She also noted that Council members were very supportive throughout the process.

She realizes that "for people coming back, there will be a shock factor, a denial, all the things that we've all gone through. There is always an expectation. Those leasing for a month or four weeks" have certain expectations. "We're trying to clean to a white-glove standard. Many of our guests come back year after year" and the City wants to meet those expectations.

If she would do anything differently, she would "be more in people's faces about shelters." Sanibel residents have a strong resistance, "we don't think of going to a shelter as an option. But if you don't get out early enough, a shelter is better than riding it out on a barrier island."

ing of women in sex trades, women as slave workers in farm and service industries, as well as other forms of human slavery, the local Club proposed that this issue become a focus of the 48 clubs in District 11. The resolution proposed by the Sanibel-Captiva Club was adopted unanimously by the district delegates.

Another highlight of the conference were the "showcase of winners" panels, with members of nine "award-winning" Clubs sharing their secrets of success in the areas of membership, service, fundraising, public relations, and long-range planning. The Sanibel-Captiva Club was selected as one of these award-winning Clubs, and a local Club member was a presenter on each panel. Other Clubs learned from the Sanibel-Captiva Club's experience and many were enthusiastic about trying some of its approaches in their Clubs. During the closing award ceremony, the Sanibel-Captiva Club was recognized for local and international service in support of advancing the status of women.

Three young women Zonta scholarship winners from District 11 were recognized. The Amelia Earhart Fellowship recipient, a Chinese student at the University of Central Florida, is studying aerospace science. This scholarship honors Earhart, one of Zonta's early members. The Jane Kalusman Women in Business Scholarship recipient is a business major at Florida State, and she is working with

an orphanage in Guatemala each summer. The Young Women in Public Affairs Award recipient is a 19-year-old from Melbourne, Florida. She spoke passionately about her experience and the organization she founded to address the silent epidemic of teen dating abuse. Her goal is to be an elected official and advocate for women and minor's rights, and she got the enthusiastic vote

of Zontians.

The keynote speaker was Marie Lugano, founder and president of the American Menopause Foundation, which focuses on research, education, and advocacy. She provided a great primer on advocacy in general, and then focused on women's health during menopause. The Zontians were surprised to learn that women have 286,000 more heart attacks than men over 50 each year, and that the symptoms of a heart attack for women are different — it's not a chest pain, but instead nausea, perspiration, and indigestion. She challenged members to educate their communities about these issues and to become advocates for their own health. More information about this valuable organization can be found at www.americanmenopause.org

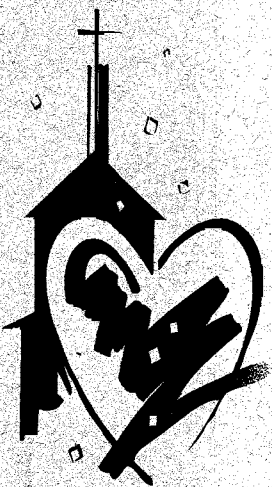
Long-time local Zontian, Ingeborg Mauksch, who passed away in June 2004, was honored with a wreath on the water during the Memorial Program at Conference.

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva is an organization of community leaders, professionals, and volunteers working together to provide service, advocacy, and funds to strengthen women's lives on the islands, in Lee County, and around the world through Zonta International. Additional information is available at www.zontasancap.com or by calling Ginger Parker (472-6356) or Inge Glissman (472-1862)



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Lucia Pati and George Alvarado were among many beach-goers enjoying a Sanibel get-away this weekend. The pair enjoyed a day of fishing at the Lighthouse Beach, which was packed by mid-day. With the help of local fisherman (and dad) 'Indy' Pati, they took a pair of reds and a snook back to the East Coast. Come to Sanibel, the fishing is great!

Vegetation Committee meets

By Laura Nickerson
Staff Writer

The October 5 meeting of the Sanibel Vegetation Committee Schwartz opened with a discussion on the recent switch to weekly classes and testing to certify landscape contractors. To date, 26 people have taken the test, and 19 have passed since the weekly schedule was instituted. The City Manager's office has authorized the weekly schedule to continue through the month of November.

Guest speaker Lori Vogt, an arborist, and professional mangrove trimmer, talked about the current condition of many storm-defoliated mangrove trees, and how their presence protected the islands and Sanibel in particular during the storms.

Vogt reminded everyone that with the upcoming permitted season for trimming mangroves, it was of the utmost importance, more than ever this year, that committee members be diligent in monitoring properties that are planning to have mangroves trimmed. She talked about the 25% limit on mangrove foliage removal, and acknowledged that though it was sometimes difficult to stay within those bounds, it was best for the various species, and for the islands.

Regarding red mangroves, Vogt cautioned that no branch greater than one inch in diameter could be removed. Through photographs she illustrated how to achieve a view window, for residents

seeking water views, without exceeding the rules and overtrimming. She also mentioned the desirability of leaving a few dead limbs for wildlife to roost and nest.

Hedging was also covered in Vogt's presentation and was discouraged on the grounds that wildlife are not attracted to hedged mangroves for roosting or nesting. Pyramidal shaped hedging was deemed more desirable than other shapes because it allowed air and light to reach all parts of the plants, thereby encouraging fuller growth. The committee has the right to say where and when mangroves can be hedged.

Chairperson Julie Schwartz proposed that a plant of the month article be written by members of the committee about plants that weathered the storms well, and submitted to all the local papers.

Schwartz then recounted a small triumph for the committee at a Lowe's garden center in Fort Myers. While she was shopping there for plants recently, Schwartz noticed a whole display of *scaevola frutescens*, a plant on the "bad" list and becoming invasive. Schwartz contacted the manager and explained the problems with non native and invasive plants for Southwest Florida use. The manager thanked her, promised to remove the *scaevola frutescens* from the shelves, and was open to the possibility of adding a native plant section at Lowe's.

Spaghetti Dinner at the Legion

Tuesday October 19, the Ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 123, will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the Child Welfare Foundation. There will be live entertainment throughout the evening. In honor of the men and women still working to help in the clean up efforts from Hurricane Charley, we invite all disaster relief and clean up crews to come and enjoy spaghetti dinner on us as a Thank You for their time and efforts. The public is welcome, please help us make this event successful.

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. The free trees are part of the non-profit Foundation's Trees for America Campaign.

"Crepe myrtles were selected for this campaign because of their elegant color and form, making them an attractive addition to the home landscape," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "These small flowering trees boast perfect, six-petaled flowers of pink and red, with leaves that change from summer green to autumn red, orange, and yellow."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at

the right time for planting between November 1 and December 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six- to twelve-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

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.

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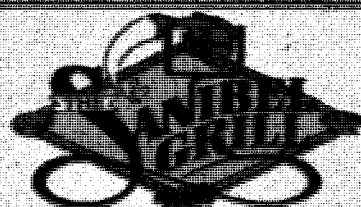
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Triathlete Zurbriggen racing for Children's Hospital

When Sanibel resident, business owner and Triathlete Rick Zurbriggen, of Zurbriggen Financial, lines up for the start of the Florida Ironman on November 6, (2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike, 26.2 mile run) he won't be competing just for himself. He will also be raising funds for the Lee Memorial Children's Hospital.

Zurbriggen is fundraising as a part of the Janus Charity Challenge, an innovative program designed and sponsored by the investment management firm, Janus Capital Group. The program acts as a catalyst to motivate Ironman athletes to use the race to increase awareness of and raise money for the charity of their choice. In the program's first three years, triathletes raised more than \$4.5 million for hundreds of charities.

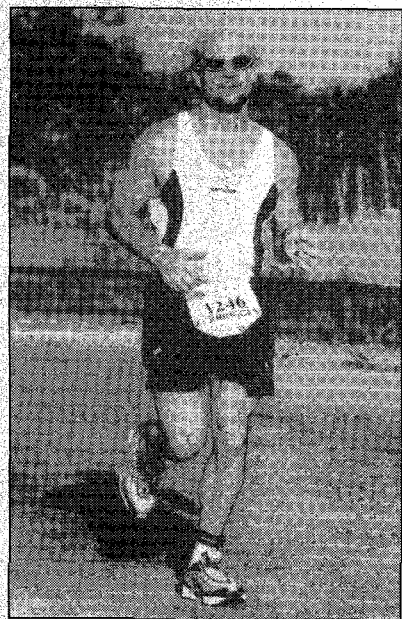
"Janus is proud to continue to offer this exceptional program because it engages more people in meeting the

critical needs of their communities. The incredible commitment of athletes like Rick is a true testament to the caliber of Ironman athletes, and only helps to drive more awareness and support for vital nonprofit organizations throughout the country," said Janus sponsorship marketing manager, Casey Cortese. To inspire athletes to participate, Janus makes additional contributions to the beneficiaries of the top fundraisers at each of the five U. S. Ironman races. The goal for 2004 is to raise \$2.5 million.

The Lee Memorial Children's Hospital does wonderful things to help children that happen to be born early, sometimes too early. Rick knows how important that is first hand. He and his wife, Evette, have a son, Kyle, who was born at 24 weeks, more than three months too soon. Kyle only weighed 1.5 pounds, yet 96 days later they were able to bring him home at a whopping three pounds. Today he is a perfectly healthy seven-year-old.

"We know how important great doctors, nurses and advanced technology like the giraffe incubators are, and I wanted to do something to give back to hospitals that can make a difference in children's lives, so I will endure a little extra pain for those little kids that need our help," Rick said.

Zurbriggen is putting out a call to our community to support his fundraising efforts. To make a contribution, go to www.active.com/donate/zurbriggen and click on Make a Contribution. Ironman Florida will be held in Panama City, Florida on November 6. You can track Rick Zurbriggen's progress on race day live on www.ironmanlive.com.



Rick Zurbriggen

Renaissance Academy Fall classes

The Renaissance Academy of FGCU announces its Fall 2004 program on Sanibel. In the months of October and November, four classes will be offered.

With the new meeting rooms now open at the Sanibel Public Library, the Renaissance Academy and the Library are co-sponsoring two of the classes:

- **Dr. William Marquardt and Darcie MacMahon** of the University of Florida and the Florida Museum of Natural History will be lecturing on the subject of their new book, **The Calusa and Their Legacy**. The Calusa culture has much to teach us about our shared environment which will make modern citizens "better equipped to make right decisions for wise stewardship of the earth." This course will be offered on November 16 at 2 - 3:30 p.m. There is a fee of \$10.
- The Sanibel Library is also co-sponsoring **The NASA Space Program: From the Ground Up**. Two retired NASA engineers, **Hal Theiss and Ron Felice**, will discuss the "world-wide ground-based antenna system that navigated, commanded and returned vital information for both manned and unmanned spacecraft." The engineering and scientific aspects of the NASA program and its application to earthbound science will be the subject of this two-part course. This classes will be held at the library on November 1 and 8 at 7 - 8:30 p.m. There is a fee of \$20 for these two classes.

- **Dr. Deborah Butler**, a retired humanities professor at Edison Community College and Sanibel resident, has been involved in the Edison Holocaust Memorial Week for ten years. She will be lecturing on **The Holocaust and Remembrance: Why Now?** at the Sanibel Congregational Church on October 25, 7 - 9 p.m. Why it is important to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive and what it teaches us about the future is the subject of her lecture. The fee for this course is \$10.

- **Great Expectations: What You'd Like to See the Next President Do...** is the subject of the last course. On November 15 at 7 - 9 p.m. at the Bank of America conference room, **Carla Johnston** will make a non-partisan comparison of the media's projection of Presidential priorities with participants' priorities. Campaign promises vs. Presidential policies and the impact citizens, lawmakers and media have on them will be discussed. Carla Johnston has written many books on public policy and the media and has taught at numerous universities on the subject. The fee for this class is \$10.

A brochure of all the classes available through the Renaissance Academy is available at the Sanibel Library, the Senior Center, The Bank of America and by calling FGCU at 590-1095 or e-mailing Nola Theiss at nolasanibel@yahoo.com. If you have any ideas for classes you would like to see on Sanibel for the Winter season, please contact Nola Theiss.

Waist management

Island Senior Center is offering a new class in "waist" management, not "waste" management. This is a support group for both men and women wanting to develop a healthy life style. "Making people healthier is one of our goals at the Center," says Sandi McDougall, who designed the class with the help of Dotty Mount. The group will help each participant set goals, monitor eating habits, develop healthy habits in order to remain active throughout life. They meet on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at the Center at Palm Ridge Road and Library Way. For further information, call 472-5743. The group is free and open to everyone on Sanibel.



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Holistic Health Notebook



Carol Simontacchi

I love autumn, don't you? Up north, the trees turn gold and red; the air is crisp and dry. Here in Florida, the humidity wanes; the mornings turn cool; the skies are deep blue. It is a beautiful time of year.

It's time to engage in our annual tradition of fall cleaning. Got to get those closets cleaned out, and clear the dust balls from under the beds.

It is time for our fall internal cleansing too. We've been eating non-nutritious foods (well, junk food...), accumulating toxins from increased stress, and breathing smoke, pesticides and anti-mold agents. Our houses don't clean themselves. If our body's detoxification pathways are not functioning optimally, they may not be able to clean out the internal debris.

Let's give our bodies a break this fall and do a deep, internal cleansing.

There are many ways to approach the subject of internal cleansing. When someone asks me about internal cleansing procedures, I always give them an option: "Do you want to do it the easy way or the hard way?"

If they choose the "easy way," I suggest a number of products that can help the body gently release its hold on cellular debris, such as spirulina, the Ayurvedic triphala formula, or the Yogi

Teas Detox Formula.

If they choose the "hard way," we counsel a more aggressive approach, although I never recommend complete fasting, juice fasting, or other methods that can put too much stress on the body.

I wrote a protocol for body cleansing that works well for most people, without causing uncomfortable detox symptoms. The protocol recommends a vegetarian, high fiber diet for one to two weeks, along with an herbal formula that helps the body release toxins. There is a great healing tradition behind the herbs we chose. We use small amounts of several herbs so the body is not over-stimulated by any single herb.

• Cascara sagrada (the "sacred bark") is highly regarded as a colon stimulant. While you don't want to use large amounts, or for long periods of time, it is useful in getting the body to expel released toxins so they are not re-absorbed back through the tissue in the colon.

• Buckthorn (frangula) is a milder form of a colon stimulant. One herbalist used to say that buckthorn makes your skin beautiful, and that is easy to believe when you realize that the skin is a major organ of detoxification. Help the body detox and your skin glows with good health.

• Licorice root helps to expel mucus from the respiratory tract. It has other

Holistic, continued right below

Aquatic exercise and special populations: Fibromyalgia

**By Jane Ranieri
Aquatic Personal Trainer**

As individuals we are each special and unique in our own way. Recognizing and knowing a client's goals, fitness level and special needs allows the trainer to prepare an exercise program for that specific individual.

The aquatic environment is an ideal setting for developing a program for special needs individuals. Special populations include but are not limited to those who suffer from fibromyalgia, arthritis, Parkinson's Disease, Multiple Sclerosis. This group also includes those who are pregnant, have suffered from a stroke, are obese or have had joint replacements. The water allows the individual to perform many functional activities without pain or limitations that they might experience in land-based programs.

Fibromyalgia syndrome (FMS) is a chronic and disabling condition characterized by body pain, fatigue and poor sleep. Other symptoms may also be apparent, but pain or tenderness at 18 specific trigger points is the most characteristic.

There is no known cure for FMS, however, treatment for maintaining a productive lifestyle includes improving sleep, increasing physical fitness and easing the pain and fatigue.

Managing the pain through physical exercise is suggested but may be very difficult for some to accomplish. A warm water aquatic exercise program has proven to be quite helpful in feeling pain free. The soothing effects of warm water

(88-90 degrees F) on the body will relax the affected muscles. This will, in turn, relax the mind enabling the body to move and function in every day life.

It is believed that aquatic exercise is more beneficial for FMS sufferers than land exercise. Some of these benefits are:

- A decrease in pain due to the soothing and relaxing effect of the warm water
- The water's buoyancy helps improve joint range of motion
- Hydrostatic pressure improves the circulatory system and allows blood to carry more oxygen to the muscles for better output
- The lack of gravity in water allows the body to move freely with less stress to the joints and heart
- The added resistance of the water is beneficial for strengthening muscles in a self-paced manner

Freedom of movement in a warm water setting for individuals with FMS is psychologically beneficial as this helps build hope and provides motivation to continue with normal activities. It is important to know that it is possible to feel the positive effects of warm water exercise in order to regain or maintain a functional lifestyle.

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

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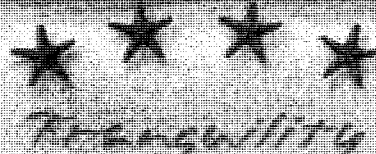
important uses, but should not be used if you have high blood pressure.

- Red Clover helps clear the blood.
- Yellow dock encourages the liver to release toxic materials.
- Echinacea is good for the skin and liver.
- Black walnut hulls helps kill and expel parasites

- Goldenseal is an excellent herbal antibiotic.

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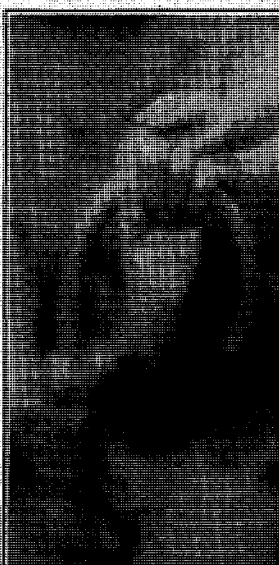
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U6 teams Sanibel Bean and YOLO shake hands after a hard-fought match

A great start for soccer

Sanibel Youth Soccer's first weekend of games was a terrific start to the season. Held Saturday, October 9, nearly every game was close. All but one match was decided by two goals or less.

"Our game was so exciting! I wasn't expecting the team to play so well together, since this was the first game of the season," says Lee Tolman, whose son Sander was a standout on the U12 Lazy Flamingo team.

After a flurry of last-minute registrations, there are now over 200 island boys and girls playing in the recreational soccer league.

Everyone is invited out to the ball fields next to Sanibel School on Saturday mornings from 8 to 12 to watch the matches.

Results from this week's games (U6 games are not scored):

U8 Division:

- *Aztec Plumbing vs SWFL Dental:* winner SWFL Dental, score 3 to 1
- *Sanibel Print vs Prime Financial:* winner Prime Financial, score 5 to 0
- *Mucky Duck vs Macintosh Bookstore:* winner Mucky Duck, score 3 to 2

U10 Division:

- *Billy's Rentals vs Sanibel Air Conditioning:* winner Sanibel Air, score 5 to 3
- *Sandcastle Construction vs Bailey's:* winner Sandcastle Construction, score 4 to 3

U12 Division:

- *Lazy Flamingo vs The Sanibel Company:* winner Lazy Flamingo, score 3 to 2
- *VIP Realty vs Bank of the Islands:* winner Bank of the Islands, score 3 to 2

U15 Division:

- *Sanibel Island Bookshop vs Island Store:* tie score, 9 to 9
- *Congress Jewelers vs Corke Dentistry:* winner Congress Jewelers, score 8 to 7

Standings (through Sunday, Oct. 10)

U8

1 (tie)

- Mucky Duck (1-0-0, 2 points)
- Prime Financial (1-0-0, 2 points)
- SW Florida Dental (1-0-0, 2 points)

2 (tie)

- Aztec Plumbing (0-1-0, 0 points)
- Macintosh Books (0-1-0, 0 points)
- Sanibel Print & Graphics (0-1-0, 0 points)

U10

1 (tie)

- Sandcastle Construction (1-0-0, 2 points)
- Sanibel Air (1-0-0, 2 points)

2 (tie)

- Bailey's (0-1-0, 0 points)
- Billy's Rentals (0-1-0, 0 points)

U12

1 (tie)

- Bank of the Islands (1-0-0, 2 points)
- Lazy Flamingo (1-0-0, 2 points)

2 (tie)

- The Sanibel Co. (0-1-0, 0 points)
- VIP Realty (0-1-0, 0 points)

U15

1

- Congress Jewelers (1-0-0, 2 points)

2 (tie)

- Captiva Island Store (0-1-0, 1 point)

Sanibel Island Bookshop (0-1-0, 1 point)

4

Corke Dentistry (0-1-0, 0 points)

Point system:

2 for win, 1 for tie, 0 for loss

For more information about Sanibel Youth Soccer, please visit the group's website, www.sanibelsoccer.org, or call Julie and Mike Neal at 395-9638.

Dunes Men Golf Association

Result: October 6

Event: Individual Low Net Match - Change Worst Hole for Par - 100\$ HCP

If you don't see your name on this sheet, it is probably just as Ben Hogan described why he did not win a tournament one day: "My scores were higher than theirs!"

	Score
1st Place	63
Tony Burke	
2nd Place	65
Ev Bowie, Dick Smith	
3rd Place	68
John Griesebaum, Earl Sawin, Jim Bradford, Dave Jones	
4th Place	70
Dan Alton, Don Egensteiner	

KIDS KORNER

Children's auditions at Broadway Palm

Broadway Palm will hold auditions for children ages 8 - 12 on Sunday, October 24, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The theatre is auditioning for Holly Jolly Christmas Revue (playing November 25 - December 25, 2004) and Gypsy (playing February 24 - April 23, 2005). The children's roles in Gypsy will be double cast. For the role of Baby June, the theatre is looking for a high-energy performer who can dance and sing well. Tap, gymnastic skills and baton twirling are a plus. For the character Baby Louise, the role calls for an actress, singer and dancer age 10. The newsboys in Gypsy are nine years old. Broadway Palm will audition ages 8 - 12 for the roles. Those auditioning for newsboys must be able to sing and dance.

-Anyone interested in auditioning should bring a current photo and resume and be prepared to sing sixteen bars. Please bring sheet music in the appropriate key. An accompanist will be provided (no audio tapes, please). There will be a movement/dance audition following the singing audition. If you are auditioning you must be able to attend the two-week rehearsal period, rehearse during the day and work evenings as well as perform in selected matinees. All roles are paid positions.

Auditions will be held at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre on Sunday, October 24, 2004, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The theatre is at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, visit the theatre website at www.BroadwayPalm.com or call (239) 278-4422.

Sanibel School carwash

On Saturday, October 16, from 9 a.m. - noon, there will be a car wash in front of The Sanibel School for sixth graders to raise money for the 6th grade Sea Camp trip. The cost is a donation and every cent raised will go to help with expenses for the trip. Kids that participate in the car wash will split the funds to pay for their sea camp trip or receive community service hours for their participation.

Kids at BIG ARTS

Working with Glass (ages 9-13) with Petra Kaiser. Thursdays, November 11 - December 16 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., no class 11/25.

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FISHING & SHELLING THE ISLANDS

Captiva island was cut in two?

It doesn't hurt too bad now, but our hearts took a heavy hit the morning after Hurricane Charley came crashing down on Captiva Island. News people in airplanes and helicopters were sending in the first reports of damage after sunrise and what they were reporting was that Captiva Island had been cut in half by the storm.

Tween Waters Inn and Marina, where I operate my shelling business, is about in the middle of the island. And I had left my boat to ride out the storm in the water at the marina. We huddled around my generator radio, cranking every few minutes to get first news. The storm the afternoon before had taken out power and cable.

Our house is just off Sanibel, on the mainland and we had big trees dropping like chop sticks around us. We listened and tried to call the resort, but of course all power was out everywhere.

All through the hurricane, my wife Cheryl and kids and cat hunkered down in the master closet and I swear, the telephone never stopped ringing. Right in the middle of the worst of it, the phone would ring with relatives worried about us.

Finally, I wanted to make a recording. "Hi, you've reached the Fuery Family. We are unable to come to the phone now because we are about to get our asses blown off the planet."

They were watching cable news and one of my Chicago friends got on line and was watching local coverage. By the morning after, we started to hear the word: "Captiva Island was cut into two islands."

Tween Waters Inn is located at the highest elevation on the island and has ridden out a lot of storms. Perhaps it cut through south of the resort, or maybe north. We are

also about in the middle of the island. We could only stare at the radio.

Then other newscasts mentioned that it cut through where there weren't any houses. Where could that be with all the overbuilding on the island? An hour or so later it was becoming apparent: these people didn't know there are not one, but two Captiva Islands.

The fly-over people were really meaning the cut came on North Captiva Island.

About two weeks after the storm I got my damaged boat running again and took the first look at the islands from the water.

I passed through Redfish Pass and out into the gulf and it was apparent that the eye of Charley had to of gone over the southern end of North Cap.

Trees were beaten down more. The ones which didn't go down were badly bent. The few houses on the southern tip were all damaged, but standing.

However, a half mile north of Redfish, it was apparent that the hurricane had stripped the island of trees. At high tide, the water was washing over. All those big Australian pine trees were scattered out in the sound like a little boy had thrown toys there.

That was the infamous "cut-in-two" story which reporters put out and nearly caused us to head for the deliberation machine every time we heard it.

In the years I've been a guide, I have seen storms cut through three times in this same area. The island is low here, with the sand only about 50 yards or so separating the gulf from the bay. In some of the old survey maps I had seen they sometimes refer to it as the wash-over.

We stopped there briefly one morning a

month or so after and one shell easy to find was the large worm shells. They have always been from this particular part of the island and a colony most of lived there years ago, but we were finding some six inches or longer. They had been buried for years, I suspect.

The storm killed a lot of living shells and we also could find dead king's crowns and pear whelks. Once on the quarter mile or so of leveled island, it was without of trace of vegetation. At the highest tide, the water would lap over the split. It was good to find the shells, but I wouldn't of wanted to face down a Category four hurricane on that piece of island.

So with much relief, we learned that Tween Waters Inn was up and running as soon as electricity came and they didn't have to build a second Blind Pass Bridge to go over the alleged new pass in the island.

It's funny when you lie in the darkness, wondering when the lights will come on that you always play the worst case situations over and over.

As it turns out, the storm made a new shelling area and eventually the trees will come back. They always have.

I guess the only bad part was on one of those sleepless, non-electricity nights, I dreamt that I had the exclusive toll concession on the new Captiva Island bridge. Bummer....

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

From the U.K.

We are two Brits who fell in love with Sanibel when we were on holiday in '92 and, the same year, we bought our condo at Spanish Cay on Middle Gulf. Our family started to come over for regular vacations and also fell in love with the island.

Our eldest daughter and her family were here when Charley hit. They evacuated to Bonita Springs and then up to Orlando, where they visited every theme park on offer. Ben (10), Hannah (8) and Sam (3) loved it; Mom and Dad were exhausted!

They came back down to Sanibel as soon as the island opened up to find out what damage our condo had suffered. We were very lucky and had minimal damage compared to many.

They stayed for four days without power and the children found it a great adventure. Our daughter, Helen and her husband Keith, were full of praise for how everyone dealt with the situation and all our family would like to say a huge thank you to everyone working to put the island back together. They particularly appreciated the \$2 meals at Jerry's and the free ice.

When Hannah got back to school, her project for the Fall term was "storms" and she wrote this poem, which we'd like to share with you:

Hurricane

By Hannah Garthwaite, age 8

Protect the glass
Bar the doors
Board the windows
Hurricane's coming

Animals whining
Friends warning one another
Alarms wailing
Hurricane's coming

Rain whipping
Trees crashing to the ground
People cuddling
Hurricane's here!

Calmness
Houses destroyed
Wind has gone
Hurricane has moved on

When we asked the children if they would still want to have their vacations in Sanibel after experiencing Charley, they all agreed they most definitely did!

*Jenny and Alan Warner
U.K.*

From the Power Squadron

Navigating local waters after the hurricanes

CWO3 Peter D. Louzao, Commanding Officer U.S. Coast Guard Station Fort Myers Beach, will update Sanibel Captiva Sail & Power Squadron members on navigating local waters after the hurricanes at their 6 p.m. Tuesday, October 19 dinner meeting at the Sanibel Community Center. He will also present an update on the Fort Myers Beach U.S. Coast Guard Station.

Louzao has served in a variety of capacities onboard: USCGC Point Whitehorn in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands; Station Clearwater, Florida; Executive Petty Officer, ANT Sandusky, Ohio; Executive Petty Officer, Station Tybee Island, Georgia; First Lieutenant, USCGC Nuniwak in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico; Executive Petty Officer, Station Yankeetown, FL; Officer in Charge, Station Port Huron, Michigan; Officer in Charge Station Harbor Beach, Michigan; Officer in Charge, Station Charleston, South Carolina; Aids to Navigation Officer, Group Detroit, Michigan, and six month assignment as Commanding Officer Station Belle Isle, Michigan.

Safe Boating Class

A course designed to familiarize students with the fundamentals of safe boating is being offered to the public by the Sanibel Captiva Sail & Power Squadron on Saturday, October 23 and Saturday, October 30 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge Education Center.

The course covers boat handling under normal conditions; adverse conditions and emergencies; types of boats and boat terminology; required and recommended equipment; boating regulations and navigation rules, and lines and knots.

Once you have successfully completed this two-day class, you are eligible to become a Power Squadron member and take advantage of the Squadron's complete educational program. The course also satisfies the state of Florida's requirements for operating a powered vessel. Persons born after Sept. 30, 1980 must successfully complete a safe boating class to legally operate a vessel of 10 horsepower or more.

For more information about the Boat Smart class, contact David Raven at 466-8567 or Ed Harwell at 481-7080.

Vessel safety examinations

Now is the time to get your boat and marine gear in tiptop shape for the approaching cruising season. It is also the perfect time to obtain a free Vessel Safety examination and gain a United States Power Squadron/ U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary decal, which will be displayed on the port side of your vessel. A vessel safety check is a vital step in assuring you have a safe and enjoyable time on the water.

We make house calls to your dock. Give us a telephone call and set up a date. We will help you with a list of items to check in advance of the examination.

Sanibel Captiva Sail & Power Squadron certified inspectors: Bob Healey, 466-4169; George Irwin, 267-2320; John Topp, 433-5150; Loren Coile, 395-2438. For Squadron membership information in the Squadron, contact Bob Morain at 481-4798.

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BaileyFest is coming!

Don't miss the fun and games at the 20th Annual BaileyFest on Sunday, Oct. 24th, from 1 to 5 p.m. This old-fashioned community get-together is put on each year as a "Thank you!" from all of the Bailey's Shopping Center merchants. Over 2,500 islanders and visitors take part in the four-hour affair.

The entire parking lot is given over to the event, from a tented stage for the entertainment to the games, educational displays, pony rides and the shiny red Sanibel and Captiva fire trucks.

The idea of BaileyFest is to make it strictly a fun family day. Sam Bailey, who plans BaileyFest each year, describes it as a chance for people to get together, to mingle, to talk with each other and to enjoy some entertainment. It's not a promotional but rather an old-fashioned day of appreciation celebrated in the spirit of the islands.

Each store in the center is raffling something different this year and giving out their own tickets. In many cases, prizes are posted on the shop windows. Be sure to stop in at your favorite businesses to pick up your raffle tickets by closing time Saturday evening as none will be available on Sunday. Bailey's will announce the winner of the grill they are giving away on Sunday afternoon, but all the other winners will be notified on Monday.

The King and Queen of BaileyFest — 5th graders from Sanibel School, chosen from essays submitted to the BaileyFest judges — are crowned early on in the afternoon and reign for the rest of the day.

The afternoon begins with a welcome from Sam Bailey followed by *The Star-*

Spangled Banner sung by Christie Melvin and some brief remarks from Judie Z. Then, as Roni Martorelli, manager of the Shell Net put it, "Let the games begin!!!"

The afternoon's entertainment includes the Golden Girl Cloggers, Divas Times 3, Tom Uhler and his band, the BIG ARTS dancers, a vignette from the new Schoolhouse Theater production, the Terri-Luna Belly Dancers B.A., guitarists Chewick and the unforgettable Bailey Blues Brothers.

A raccoon contest has been taking place over the past few weeks. Martorelli took a "Hanging-Out-at-BaileyFest" T-shirt up to the Sanibel School as inspiration and is having the kids to create their own impression of a raccoon hanging out at BaileyFest. The winners will be announced from the stage early in the afternoon.

Kids will enjoy rides in the Sanibel Packing Company Model T and the Bailey mule-drawn wagon, a Bounce House, fortune tellers, games and the chance to sit in the driver's seat of the Sanibel and Captiva Fire & Rescue Districts trucks. Plus there are contests throughout the afternoon like bobbing for apples, eat the hanging donut, pin the face on the pumpkin, and a bear ping-pong contest — get the ball in the cup/win the bear! Lots of food and drinks will also be available.

While BaileyFest is not a fundraiser, there will be a nominal charge for some activities and whatever is collected will be given to benefit island charities and local schools.

Be sure to stop by Bailey's Shopping Center on Sunday, Oct. 24th between 1 and 5 p.m. Thanks to Sam Bailey's inge-

nuity and enthusiasm and the support of the Bailey's Shopping Center merchants, BaileyFest 2004 promises to be a very special community celebration by a community of very special people. "We need a family fun day," Martorelli said. "We need to all get together as a community after the storms!"

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Celebrity Bartenders back to promote charities

By Terri Blackmore
General Manager

It's time to put those hurricane hangovers behind us and put our best foot forth right into the next island restaurant hosting a celebrity bartender for charity. Hurricane Charley did not stop the preparation of the 2004 third annual charity event to begin next week.

The promo will run the last two weeks of October through the first two weeks of November. Island celebrities work for gratuities on various given nights in a participating restaurant/bar and donate the proceeds to the charity of their choice.

The fun heats up as the guest barkeeps compete for the traveling trophy, which was won by Councilman Steve Brown at Katie Gardenia's Kitchen in 2002, and by Matt Asen and Mary Jo Bogdon at Ellington's in 2003. The most tips tallied at the end of a shift determines the winner.

Competing island restaurants and their bar buddies for next week's line-up include The Executive Title Team of Gilda Suarez, Joanie Smith, Elaine

Burya and Marsha Walsh... find them on the other side of the bar at Matzaluna on Wednesday, October 20; Thistle Lodge at Casa Ybel Resort hosts Mayor Marty Harritty along with Mark Marinello (proprietors of Doc Ford) on Thursday, October 21. To date, more scheduled promos are as follows — Key Lime Bistro on October 25, Doc Ford's Sanibel Rum Bar & Grill - October 27; Jacaranda on October 29; Timbers' Sanibel Grill on November 2; Beachview Steak House and Grille on Thursday, Nov. 4; Traders on November 5; The American Legion on November 9 and the Dunes on November 12.

Catch the news in *The Islander* for more scheduled nights to come.

Chamber After Hours

The next Chamber After Hours will be hosted on Monday, October 18 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at the Old Captiva House at Tween Waters Inn on Captiva. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served by Tween Waters Inn.

There is a \$5 admission fee with prior

reservations, \$8 without prior reservations. Please RSVP by calling the Chamber at 472-1966 with the exact number and name of people attending or register online at <http://www.sanibel-captiva.biz/events/afterhours.html>. Deadline for RSVP is 5 p.m., Friday October 15.

From Sanibel Community Church

The Rev. Tommy Tenney

October 16-17

Minister and bestselling Christian author Tommy Tenney will bring a message about developing a personal relationship with God to Sanibel Community Church. There is no charge to attend this event.

Seen regularly on Trinity Broadcasting network, Tenney is the author of the one-million copy bestseller *The God Chasers* and other books and tapes about faith. He will speak at 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 16 at Sanibel Community Church. "The purpose of a God Chasers Gathering is to bring about revival, not just in churches but among all those seeking to know God in a more passionate way," said Tenney. "It is my desire to strike matches of revival in churches and throughout communities across America."

Tenney likens God Chasing, which he defines as the individual's pursuit of God, as a child who runs after a parent until the parent swoops the child into loving arms.

He founded GodChasers.network with his wife, Jeannie, as an outgrowth of his work as a pastor and itinerant minister. He has spoken in more than 30 countries since beginning his ministry at age 16. He is a third generation minister.

In addition to *The God Chasers*, Tenney is author of *God's Favorite House*, *The God Catchers* and *How to be a God Chaser and a Kid Chaser*, co-authored with his mother. To learn more, visit www.godchasers.net

Logos is happening!

Logos, a children's program for kindergarten through 5th grade, will begin November 3 at the Sanibel Community Church. A mandatory parent meeting will be held Sunday, October 24 at 5 p.m. for parents interested in enrolling their children. Please call the church office (472-2684) to RSVP your attendance for the parent meeting.

LOGOS this year offers games, Bible study, skits, puppets, a new worship skills focus with chimes, sticks drama, and more. The fun dinner-time with it's outrageous games will be a part of our LOGOS evening! Parents are invited to participate in a new Parent Power Focus time 30 minutes prior to child pickup. The Middle & High School youth group will be meeting beginning with a meal then continue until 8 p.m.

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This lady's dilemma was one of many solved by the Good Neighbor Fund of the Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva. She received \$800 of the more than \$18,000 in small emergency grants to 29 hurricane victims in need on Sanibel and Captiva.

On the morning of August 14, the morning after Charley had rampaged through the islands, the Community Foundation started an emergency fund. The first \$10,000 came from the Foundation's Good Neighbor Fund, which is funded by membership fees of the Foundation's Bailey Society. Since then, individual donations have raised the Fund to more than \$24,000, with more donations coming in daily.

More donations are needed. Donations may be sent to the Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva at 8260 College Parkway, Suite #101, Fort Myers, FL 33919. Donations are tax deductible.

The Fund's purpose is to help individual residents and workers with one-time emergency funds for problems not covered by other sources. Assistance has ranged from \$300 to help feed a needy family to \$1,000 toward roof repair.

Each check is written to a church or non-profit serving the island. The non-profits agree to use the funds for assistance, either by writing a check to the

landlord or store, or by assisting in other ways.

Each request is checked out by members of the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation, who interview victims to verify claims and needs.

"The individual problems are immense for these victims," said Ginny Fleming, chairman of the Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva. "Many of them need help with basic needs, like food or shelter... Victims range in age from the very young to the senior citizen. Many are workers who lost their jobs because of the storm. Others are on fixed incomes and had major damage to their homes. Some have high deductibles that they can't afford."

At a meeting of the Community Foundation board on Monday, October 5, Foundation directors authorized the transfer of over \$10,000 more to help meet anticipated future needs.

Workers and residents are invited to apply for grants by filling out applications at local churches.

"We are hoping that our wonderful community will respond by donating even more funds for this effort," said Fleming. "We know that these needs will be ongoing, and it will be some time before some of our victims are back on their feet."

The Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva was founded in 2000 to provide a source for assistance to non-profit organizations serving the islands. The Foundation manages endowed funds established by individuals or organizations for a variety of reasons.

Much of the immediate funds come from membership fees in the Bailey Society. Members donate \$150 or more a year and every cent is given away in grants. Individuals may join by sending a check with their name and address to the address above.

Pet of the week

Single black female seeks loving family. Enjoys walks in the park, eating out of the palm of your hand and will greet you at the door when you come home. Call 432-2083 and ask for Maggie (ID#242050). Or, come by Lee County Animal Services located in Six Mile Commercial Park on Six Mile Cypress Parkway (between US41 and Metro Parkway). Adoption hours are 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Tuesdays; and 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays. The shelter is closed on Sundays. Pictures of Pets available for adoption can be viewed on line at www.leelostpets.com.



Red Hat Riverboat Cruise

Calling all Red Hatters! The third annual Red Hat Riverboat Cruise will be on November 14. The cruise is \$24 per person and includes cruise time, lunch and music on board. This is a great day to get together and have some fun — and I

believe we are all in need of that right now. For more information please contact Sally Lamberg at saltsal01@earthlink.net or 239-283-1302.



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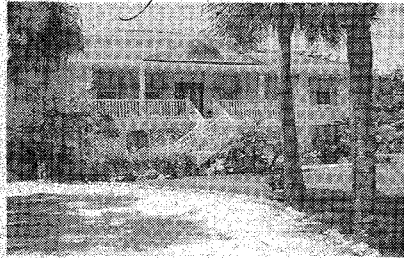


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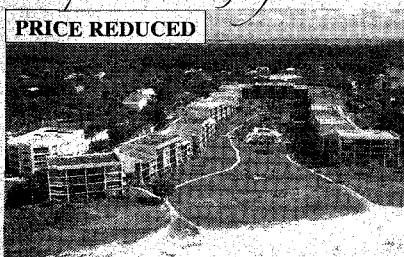


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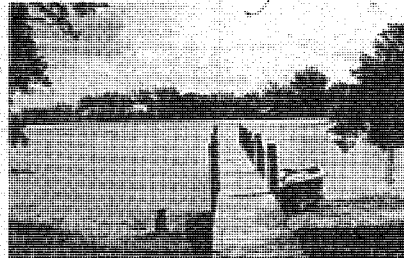


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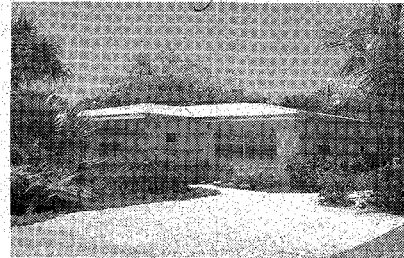


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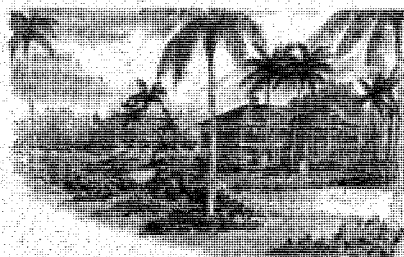


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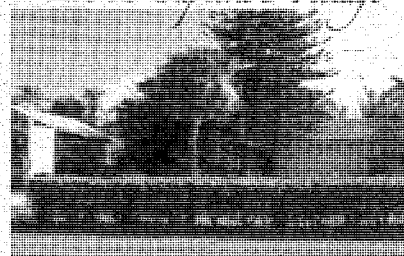


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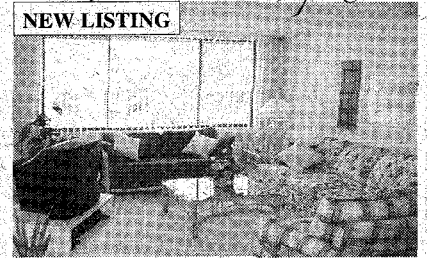


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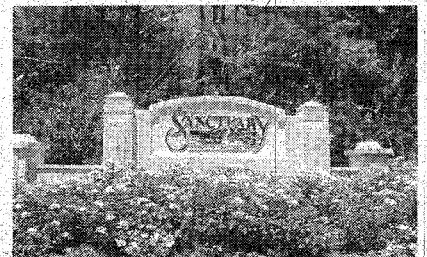


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EMILY's List Leader at Democratic Club

Speaking at the next Democratic Club of the Islands meeting will be Shellie Sachs Levin, the director of the EMILY's List Majority Council, the largest independent political action committee in the country. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 20, at the Sanibel Public Library, 770 Dunlop Road. Levin practiced law in southeast Florida for 25 years until she left in 1997 to concentrate on political consulting, and community initiatives. Since 1997 Levin has been a con-

sultant for EMILY's List, a group working to elect Democratic women to Congress and as governors. For more information about EMILY's List, see www.emilyslist.org

Amendments and initiatives on the November ballot will also be reviewed. Call Robin Krivanek at 395-0927 for info.



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Fire safety tips

Emergency calls

- In case of fire, go to your neighbor's home to call
- Teach your children how to get emergency help

Protect your home from wildfire

- Create a safety zone around your home by clearing flammable vegetation
- Keep your roof clear of leaves and needles
- Discuss community fire safety with your neighbors

Use electricity safely

- Don't overload extension cords or run them under rugs
- Replace any cord that is cracked or frayed. If an appliance smokes or has an unusual smell, unplug it and have it repaired by a professional.
- Use the proper size fuses in your fuse box.

Fire won't wait, plan your escape

- Have an escape plan that includes two ways out of each room and a meeting place outside the home
- Practice it with the whole family at least twice a year

Cool a burn

- If someone gets burned, place the wound in cool water for 10-15 minutes
- If the burn blisters or chars, see a doctor immediately. Set the temperature of your hot water heater to 120°F or below

Working smoke detectors save lives

- Install them on every level of your home and outside each sleeping area
- Test them monthly and install new batteries

Stop, drop and roll

- If your clothes catch on fire, stop where you are, drop to the ground, cover your face with your hands and roll over and over to smother the flames

Matches or lighters can be deadly in the hands of a child

- Use child resistant lighters
- Store all matches and lighters up high, preferably in a locked cabinet

When Bad Things Happen to Good People author in town

Rabbi Harold Kushner, author of international bestsellers and award-winning inspirational and motivational books, is returning to Fort Myers to make a free presentation to the public on Monday, October 18. The event is presented by Hope Hospice.

"Rabbi Kushner's appearance here last year was a huge success, and we are delighted to host his return at this time," said Hope Hospice President and CEO Samira K. Beckwith. Kushner's presentation will focus on two of his best-known books, *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, and *The Lord is My*

Shepherd. "When tragedy comes into a life or a community, people ask, 'Why me?'" Rabbi Kushner brings positive and reassuring answers drawn from his own experience," Beckwith said.

The late-October event is Hope Hospice's lead-in to National Hospice month in November. Books will be available for purchase and the Rabbi will sign them after the presentation.

The presentation, free and open to the public, will take place on Monday, October 18 at 7 p.m. at the Harborside Event Center.

Republican Women's Club

Dual topics will be featured at the Tuesday, October 19, luncheon meeting of the Fort Myers Republican Women's Club Federated. Joe Fuller, Lee County Republican chairman will discuss progress being made in the Bush/Cheney campaign and referendum issues which will appear on the November ballot. A question and answer session will follow his prepared remarks.

The public is invited to attend the meeting, which is held at the Helm Club, The Landings. An 11:30 a.m. social hour is followed by a noon lunch, business

meeting, and the featured speaker. The cost is \$15. Reservations for the meeting are required by Thursday, October 14, and may be made by calling 489-4701.

Fort Myers Republican Women's Club is affiliated with the Florida Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women, the latter being the largest partisan woman's organization in the United States.

Additional information about the club may be obtained by contacting the Past President, Marilyn Stout, 549-5629.

Merlin's Magical Horses

See 50 horses from around the world in Merlin's Magical Horses at Harborside Convention Center on October 22. Billed as the most spectacular equine musical production ever conceived, Merlin's Magical Horses features White Arabian Liberty Horses dancing in precision, Giant Percherons presenting a unique routine with a 26" mini horse; beautiful Riding Ballerinas on horseback; Fast, Furious Riding Cossacks from Kazakhstan; and Savage Beau, a prize-winning Andalusian stallion — known

fore their dressage — presented by world famous horse trainer Ian Garden. World champion rope spinner Jack Fulbright will perform with his Paint Horse, Cheyenne. The Joustiers, America's foremost jousting academy, brings an authentic King Arthur jousting match to reality. There will be Latin Gauchos, jokers and jesters and magic from Las Vegas.

Ticket prices start at \$16 for this two-hour show; call 941/365-7511 for tickets and information.

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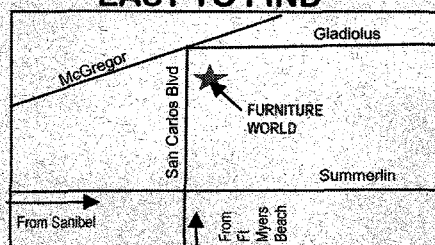
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Schoolhouse Theater grand opening

Now located at 2200 Periwinkle Way and sporting a bright pink box office, The Schoolhouse Theater is open and ready to knock your socks off!!!

The 2004-2005 season starts off with a bang! The first show, *Make 'em Laugh*, is two acts of side-splitting hilarity that promises to make your cheeks hurt from laughing so hard.

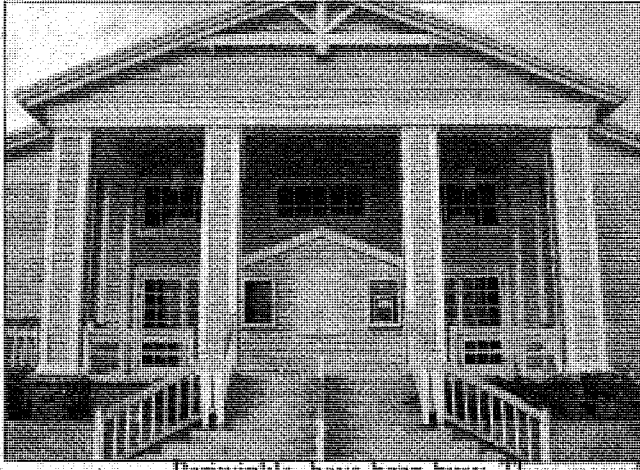
This show will feature all of the classic sketches and music that made comedy what it is today. Who can forget Abbott and Costello in "Who's on First?" or Lucy in "Vitametavegamin?"

Come see *Make 'em Laugh* and see why laughter is the spice of life! The show opens Oct. 22 at 8 p.m. and runs Tuesdays through Saturdays until Nov. 27. Call for times and days of the weekly matinees. Individual tickets are \$25 each.

For the first time ever, season subscriptions and group rates are available at a range of prices from \$60 to \$110 depending on the number of shows selected (there are five shows in all). Please call 472-6862 for more information or visit www.theschoolhousetheater.com (tickets are available on-line).

The other four shows and their dates are *Christmas on Sanibel: Yule Love It!* which runs from Dec. 2 - 31 with a special late-night New Year's Eve performance; *Come Fly With Me* from Jan. 13 - March; *Now THAT'S Broadway!* from March 10 - April 30; and *Rock 'n' Roll Beach Party* winds the season down from May 19 to August 13.

The staff of the Schoolhouse Theater, just relocated to their new venue at 2200



Periwinkle, have been busy. They moved into the theater two weeks ago and they are "doing many things simultaneously — vegetation clean up, painting the trim and box office, interior clean up, moving in our seats from the old schoolhouse building, building a new stage and all sorts of other getting started, move-in type activities," notes Board member Chuck Kettemen.

"At the same time, Victor is into rehearsals big time for our first show. Called *Make em Laugh*, it's a series of skits around a "typical" school day with "typical" teachers — all in the best schoolhouse theater tradition: great music, dancing and fun, with an outstanding cast."

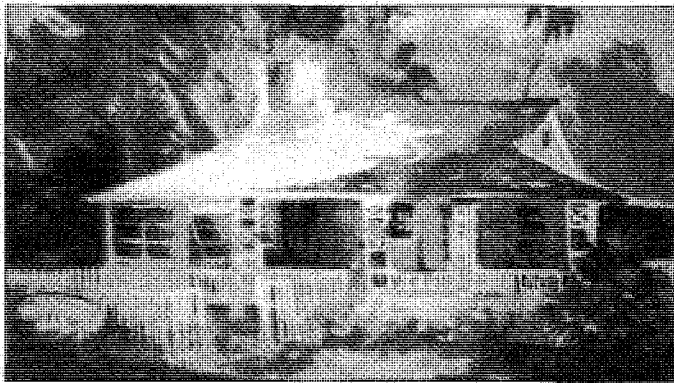
As a special sign of appreciation, the Schoolhouse Theater is offering 170 free seats to this show to City of Sanibel and Island Water Association employees, to thank them for their incredible dedication and efforts before and after Hurricane Charley.

See you at the theatre!

Shattuck and Weise at the Library

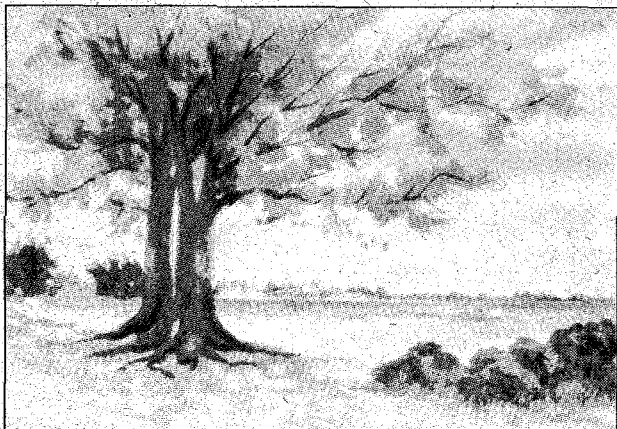
The Sanibel-Captiva Art League season opens at the Sanibel Library with an art show of watercolors by two League members. Good friends Terry Shattuck and Betty Weise, both of whom are plein-air painters, share the library space with a splash of color and detail in their depictions of many Southwest area scenes.

The two artists have painted on loca-



tion over the years and you will recognize beaches and mangroves, buildings and other spots of interest. This is not their first show together. Their compatible award-winning styles have been seen before in several other successful shows as partners in Southwest Florida. Enjoy the show at the Sanibel Public Library on Dunlop Road throughout the month of October.

(left) *Sanibel Causeway* by Betty Weise and (above) *Antiques* by Terry Shattuck



Captiva's Celebration Center is open for business

Four shops in the Celebration Center celebrated the return of life to Andy Rosse Lane last Saturday with a special sale and music by the Drum Circle from Pine Island.

Seaweed Gallery, Kirby Rambo Collection, O2 and Beachtime were all offering up to 40% savings.

Tom Peters, one of the partners who bought the Kirby Rambo galleries in the Village Shops on Sanibel and in Captiva's Celebration Center last July, explained that he has kept the "fun yet functional" feel that Pam Rambo established. He has also added some whimsical new items, like tiny compartmented fabric jewelry cases (they're on Oprah's O List) that are perfect for traveling. Lampe Berger (pronounced ber-jé) makes pretty glass bottles that burn scents.

They've also brought in Naples artist Tom Millsap, whose happy paintings of beaches and flowers fit right in the with gallery's upbeat feel. Nifty mechanical toys — the mermaid and dolphin, "salty" rowing his boat and a whale — are "in the same line of fun and function."

Down one flight of stairs at the Seaweed Gallery, Owner Linda Boltrek had assembled several of her artists for the evening. Teri Causey and Lou Garofalo are shown with one of their new tongue-in-cheek Hurricane fish. Teri and Lou create painted one-of-a-kind furniture. Lou makes each piece and Teri does the painting, working with soft colors and



cheerful themes.

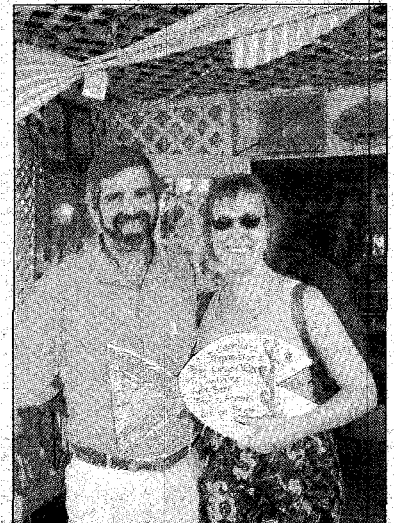
Sissi Janku is busy working on a commission for the Children's Oncology Unit at Healthpark. The project — which consists of eight portholes, five murals and two paintings — shows a boat ride around Sanibel. She'll be finishing up the end of this year, with an opening to be scheduled for next year.

Christina Wyatt, known for her mermaids, roseates and shells, has been working on an abstract. "I'm always exploring new possibilities. I don't stay in a specific area forever, taking instead those elements that work well and applying them to the next area of interest. With that, I tend to move between figurative, abstract and symbolism, enjoying the change and the diversity."

Randon Eddy's paintings — especially her birds — capture the wonderful diversity of the wildlife on the islands.

Seaweed Gallery will be offering savings of 10-50% through the end of October. There is a Sanibel gallery in the Village Shops and two on Andy Rosse Lane.

Top: The Drum Circle; Left: Sissi Janku and Christina Wyatt; Below left: Randon Eddy and Below right: Teri Causey and Lou Garofalo (with one of their Hurricane Fish).



Ding Darling Wildlife Society Photo Contest winners

On October 8, 10 winners were chosen from 95 entries in the 2004 Ding Darling Wildlife Society's Nature Photography Contest. The entries, all from amateur photographers, represented 17 states and one foreign country.

The winning artwork and as many entries as wall space allows, will be on display in the Education Center at the Refuge from Saturday, October 16 — the final day of National Wildlife Refuge Week — through the end of May.

The contest was coordinated by refuge volunteer and former photography instructor, John Carney and was judged by Susan White, deputy refuge manager, and professional island photographers Charles McCullough and David Meardon.

Since 1997, local businesses have generously donated prizes to support the photo contest. This year, because of the effects of Hurricane Charley, the Wildlife Society has decided to give back to our local businesses in appreciation for their past support.

The society is purchasing \$300 in gift certificates as prizes for the top three winners.

Honorable Mention

Abe Acosta - Port Charlotte, Fl.
Marlin Brown - North Augusta, SC.
Janet Cross - Arnold, Mo.
Robert Greenwald - Fort Myers, Fl.
Clark Halstead - Sanibel, Fl.
Jeff LaBriton - Fort Myers, Fl.
L. Ralph Rohr - Salt Lake City, Ut.



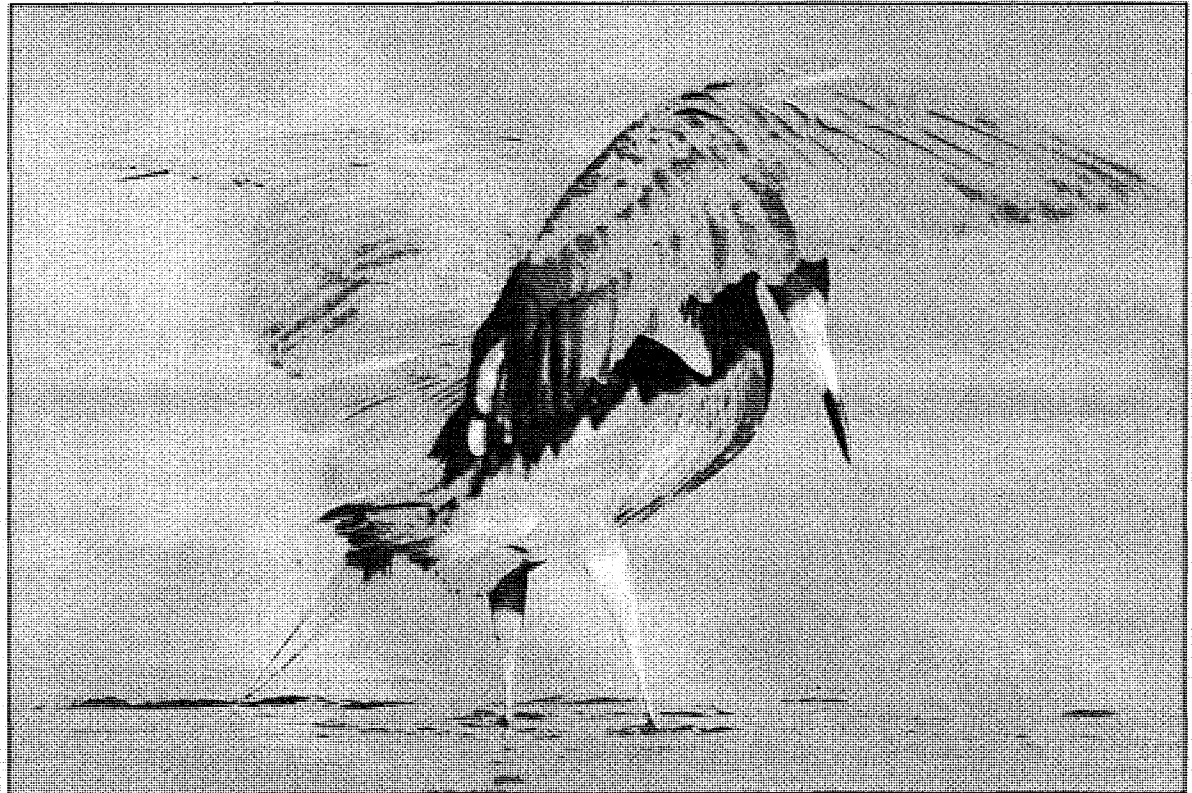
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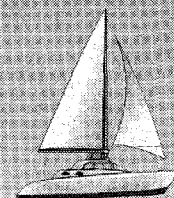
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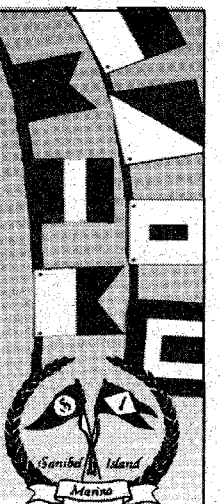
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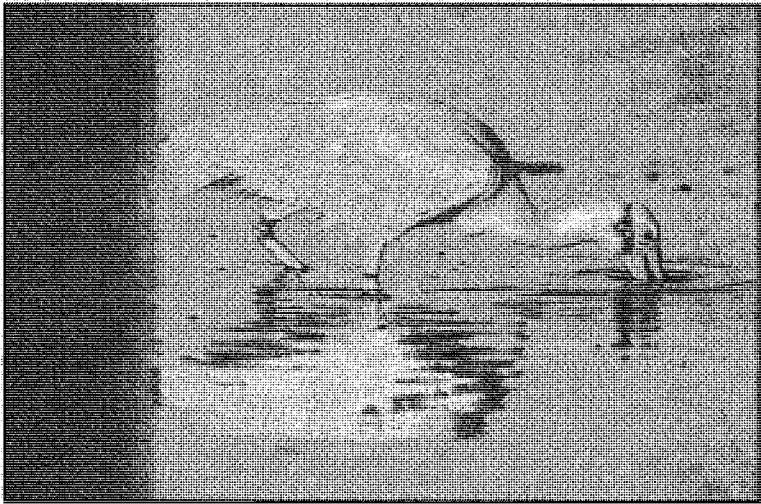
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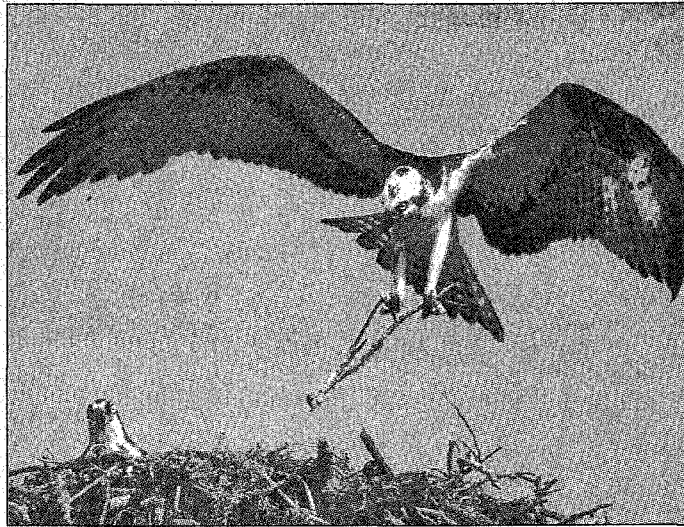
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2nd Place Neil E. Kaufman of Louisville, Ky.
3rd Place Jerry Guthrie of Ormond Beach, Fl.



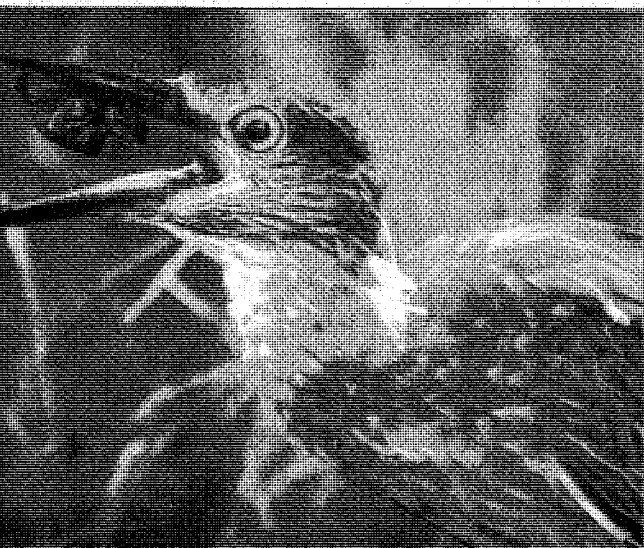
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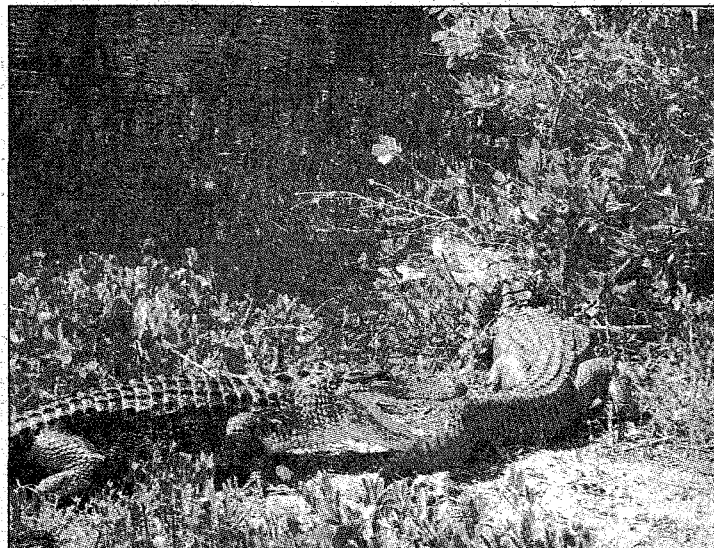
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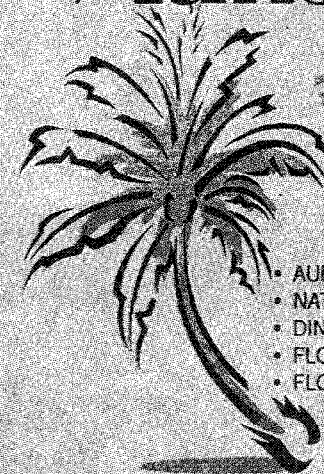
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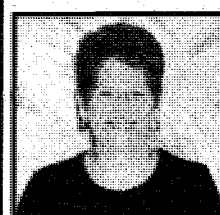
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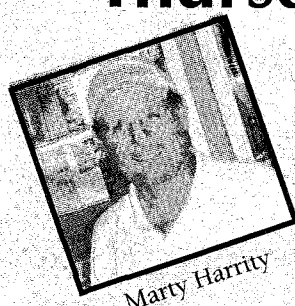
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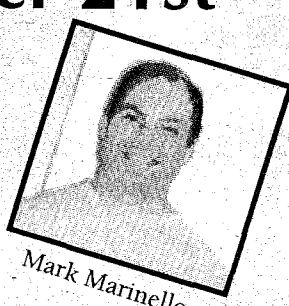
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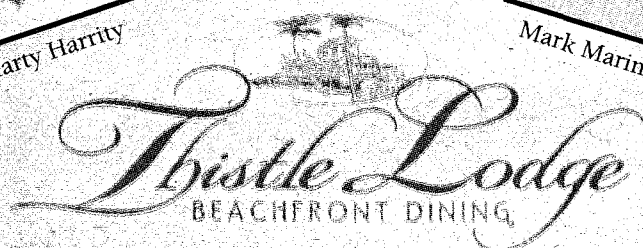
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Swinging Bridge plays many events in Florida. Formed in 2000 in Venice, Florida, vocalists and instrumentalists include Bobby Martin, Chris Bryson, Bill Foster, and Alan Colpitts.

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.

Comedy Asylum in Fort Myers

Comedy Asylum presents its fourth show of adult sketch comedy, improvisation, and naughty puppets on Saturday, October 16, at the Cafe Cabaret in Fort Myers. The new comedy troupe has been playing to sold out audiences since their first show in July, fostering a large and disturbing following of fans.

On tap for the upcoming show is Chapter Two of "The Hundred Acre Hood," "Dope Hospice" and spoofs on politics, games shows and celebrities. The team will interact with the audience,

using suggestions and occasionally participating in cruel and unusual amusement for the others. The show will also feature original mixes by our own DJ, Finger.

The next show is October 16, at 9 p.m. at the Cafe Cabaret at Broadway Palm Dinner Theater, 1380 Colonial Boulevard in the Royal Palm Square shopping center, Fort Myers. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8. Reservations are strongly suggested. Call 332-7992. Last show of the year is on November 13.

Auction tentatively rescheduled

By Amy Fleming
Managing Editor

It's the question that has been burning through the minds of area art mavens since Hurricane Charley—will there be an Arts for ACT auction this year? The annual event draws crowds from all over the country and raises money for Abuse Counseling and Treatment, a non profit organization dedicated to helping families affected by domestic abuse. Originally planned for August 21, Hurricane Charley, Frances and Ivan forced a rescheduling. Now, November 5 has been set as a tentative date, if the celebrity auctioneer, the event location, sponsors can come to an agreement.

"We're not really sure yet, we're still coordinating with Tracy Ullman and Harborside Convention Center," said Claudia Goode, event organizer.

The auction generates about 20 percent of the annual revenue for Abuse Counseling and Treatment. The 2003 auction garnered approximately \$500,000.

Each year, a celebrity serves as guest auctioneer. Last year, actress Meryl Streep manned the podium, in previous years, Lily Tomlin and Sharon Stone got the crowds going and the wallets opening.

Meanwhile, Arts for ACT has kept around 100 works of art, destined for the silent auction, in storage. Voice auction items have remained at Wachovia Bank on Second Street since early August.

POPS @ Sunset Concert at Edison

The Second Annual Edison POPS @ Sunset Concert under the stars at Edison College's Lee Campus will take place Saturday, October 30, and features the Edison POPS 50-piece orchestra and headliner, The Platters, featuring the Legendary Monroe Powell with special guest vocalist, Al Holland.

The gate opens at 5 p.m. for dining and the concert begins at 7 p.m. Guests may arrange for catered meals, bring picnics and beverages, or purchase boxed dinners in advance. Tables of 10 are \$300, and

reserved seats are \$30. Prizes will be awarded for best decorated table in six categories. General admission tickets for \$10 in advance and \$12 at the gate for those wishing to bring blankets and lawn chairs. Additional information and tickets are available through the Edison POPS web site, www.edison.edu/pops. General admission tickets outlets include all Lee County SunTrust Bank branches, The Blue Pepper, Galloway Ford, and the Edison College Foundation Office. For more information phone 489-9210.

Artists Preparing for Art Royale 2004 - The Future is Ours!

An ever-growing number of local and faraway artists are making creative plans and finalizing production details for their appearances and presentations at the Saturday, October 30, 7 - 10 p.m., Second Annual Phantasmagoric Arts Spectacle known as Art Royale. Held on the grounds of the 10-acre Lee County Alliance for the Arts campus at the southeast corner of McGregor and Colonial Boulevards, just south of the Midpoint Bridge overpass, this year's Art Royale Signature Fundraising Event for the Alliance will feature four dozen artists presenting amazing live installations and dazzling multi-media productions "on the land, on the water and in the air."

Just in time for southwest Floridians, ready and eager to shake off the depressing tempests of recent months and to — finally, at last! — enjoy an evening of pure fun and entertainment, the Alliance's Women's Signature Group, with the leadership of Art Royale Visionary Aida Bukovica, is strategically poised to lift everyone's spirit and confirm that "The Future Is Ours" and ... It's Fabulous! Incorporating the concepts of Marshall McLuhan's "Global Village, where "The Medium is the Message ... and The Medium is The Massage" as well as one recent First Lady's theme that "It Takes a Village..." to make life work really well, the large group of diverse participating Art Royale artists are fully committed to dispensing with all things dark

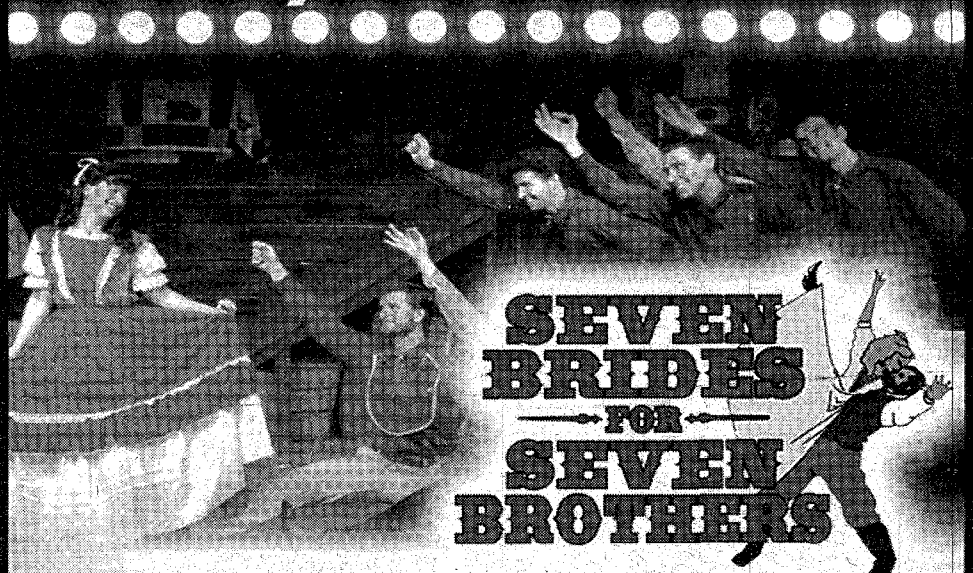
and gloomy and replacing them with a dazzling bright white light of hope and joy!

Currently, the roster of participating artists-stars includes: Andy Browne, Brent Vandenhaden, Bruce Gora, Bruce Gosey, Bryan Chaikin, Carla Propps, Christar, Christian, Chuck Grinnell, Craig Chrisman, Dan Stevens, Darayl DeMarco, David Hammel, Diane Rutherford, Eric Flint, FGCU Artists & Students, Gaye Levine, Gerard Damiano, Guto Grossi, James DiGiorgio, Janet DeMarco, Jeff Lewis, John Moke, Joy Farrens, Kat Epple, Kellen Beck Mills, Krista Johnson, Kyle Jackson, Larry Hobbs, Lawrence Voytek, Leo Johnson, Lisa Geertsen, Mary Voytek, Michaela Reiterer, Michael Baer, Miko Amore, Nathan Dyke, Pat Collins, Perry Thompson, Rhythm Culture, Richard Iannuzzi, Sherry Rohl, Tiité Baquero, and Vyd. [Of course, among that great invisible horde in the background are, sadly but quite understandably, many nameless yet invaluable support persons without whom there might be no Art Royale!]

Four artists on the Roster of Art Royale Stars who were contacted and enticed to give preview comments about their visible roles in the upcoming extravaganza offered a few details about their personal intentions: (1) Artist Pat Collins is conducting an historically accurate Surrealists' game known as "Exquisite Corpse", an

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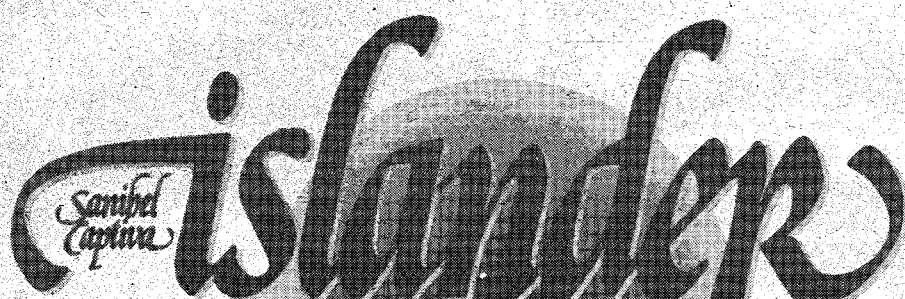
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Florida Rep's Lunchbox Theatre

Start your howl-day season off by joining Florida Repertory Theatre in a journey through the life of Edgar Allan Poe, the original master of suspense. Written by celebrated children's playwright, Kathryn Schultz Miller, the 45-minute *Poe! Poe! Poe!* will be performed downtown in Florida Rep's Studio Theatre on Saturday, October 30, November 6, 13 and 20, all at 11 a.m.

Using Poe's own writing, the play features vignettes from Poe's life, as well as reenactments and readings from some of his best known writings, including "The Tell-Tale Heart," "Annabel Lee," "The Masque of the Red Death," and "The Raven."

Florida Rep company member and Southwest Florida favorite, Kelly Parker Legarreta directs four actors in this intriguing mix of haunting prose and evocative imagery. "Everyone today

agrees that Poe is one of America's greatest authors," says Florida Repertory Theatre Producing Artistic Director Robert Cacioppo, "but he found little recognition in his lifetime until the publishing of 'The Raven,' not long before he died. When we hear Poe in the play recite 'The Raven' with defiance and passion, it is wonderfully chilling."

All performances of *Poe! Poe! Poe!* are at 11 a.m. and take place at Florida Repertory Theatre, in their on-site Studio location. The \$10 price includes a 45-minute interactive performance, bagged lunch, and brief workshop with the actors. Limited Seating. Call 239/332-4488 to reserve your tickets now.

Florida Repertory Theatre is located in the historic Arcade Theatre in downtown Fort Myers, between Jackson and Hendry Streets. For more information, visit www.floridarep.org.

The Johnny Mercer Foundation workshops

In October 2004, The Johnny Mercer Foundation will offer its Accentuate the Positive workshops free of charge to local Fort Myers schools in honor of the Florida Repertory Theatre's presentation of Johnny Mercer's musical review *Dream*. These Lyric Writing Workshops will be offered to all interested local schools* and can be used as an enhancement for a school trip to the musical production. *Dream* will be presented from October 15 – November 7 and directed by Jack Wrangler, creative director of The Mercer Foundation.

Accentuate the Positive is an educational program designed to introduce teachers and elementary school students to the great American songbook. Utilizing the songs of Johnny Mercer and his incredible roster of collaborators, this interactive curriculum illustrates how these classic songs stand the test of time, while focusing on creating a new way of thinking in the classroom. Along with classroom teachers, teaching artists and the specially designed educational guide *LyricNOTES™: The Life and Works of Johnny Mercer*, students learn about popular American song, as well as how a song is born, how music and lyrics are conceived and written, while allowing teachers to fulfill National Standards in Education.

Along with the Florida workshops,

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

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

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

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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."

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

Tony Award winner and two time Tony Award nominee, Barry Levitt will complete the new arrangement for this reinvigorated production of *Dream*.

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."

Dream stars Melissa Bell Chait, Kevin Dudda, Louisa Flaningam, Andi Hopkins, and Jackie Jay Patterson. 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.

Island Cinema to host special event

Shall We Dance (PG13), starring Richard Gere, opens this Friday at the Island Cinema. Special exhibitions of ballroom dancing will be provided by the Fred Astaire Dancers, the same company that trained the stars of the movie. They will appear before the 7 and 9:10 p.m. shows on Friday and before all three shows (4:30, 7 and 9:10 p.m.) on Saturday.

In addition, gift Certificates for dance classes will be given out with each adult ticket to the movie. Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$5.50 for seniors and children 11 and under.

Concert series at Broadway Palm

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre is proud to announce the beginning of a new tradition, the Concert Series. Starting this season Broadway Palm is featuring five concerts with popular musical performers, bands and orchestra.

The Concert Series will begin October 18 and 19 with The Crests, featuring the incredible leading voice of Tommy Mara. Opening for the Crests, the Del Prado's are Southwest Florida's favorite new '50s and '60s Doo-Wop band. Tickets for dinner and the concert are only \$39.

BJ's Big Band Orchestra will bring all of your favorite holiday songs to the Broadway Palm stage. The band will play the holiday concert for one night only on December 13. Tickets are \$39 for dinner and the concert.

The legendary John Davidson will be in concert January 23 and 24, 2005. This film, recording and

James and Botti at Jazz on the Green

The ninth annual Jazz on the Green, scheduled for Saturday, October 23 at Florida Gulf Coast University, will feature the sounds of legendary saxophonist Boney James and trumpeter extraordinaire Chris Botti. This much anticipated annual jazz event always combines an unbelievably fun festival atmosphere with the most respected names in the jazz genre.

As one of the best-selling instrumental artists of our time, Boney James has a longstanding reputation as a major force in both the worlds of Contemporary Jazz and R&B. His latest Warner Bros. Records release, *Pure* debuted in the top ten of Billboard's Top Contemporary Jazz. Chris Botti's first solo album was introduced in 1995. Botti will perform a mix of previous hits and songs from his latest Columbia album, *A Thousand Kisses Deep*.

Opening the concert will be southwest Florida duo VMP, the Vee/Magsax Project, accompanied by local bassist and vocalist David Johnson. Their performance will feature cuts from VMP's debut CD *Souled Out*.

Tickets for Jazz on the Green may be purchased at Ironstone Bank (Fort Myers, Naples and Cape Coral locations), Blue Pepper Gourmet Market & Cafe, and Lee Memorial Health Systems Gift Shops. Tickets are also available on-line at www.jazzonthegreen.com, or by calling TicketWeb toll free at 866-486-7630. General admission tickets cost \$30 for advance purchase and \$40 at the gate.

Enjoy Jazz on the Green in style by opting for the Friends of Jazz Pavilion ticket purchase at \$60 per person in advance or \$70 at the gate (includes admission to concert and Worthington Friends of Jazz pavilion). Sign up for the Jazz e-Fan Club and instantly receive a promo code to save \$5 per ticket (online sales only).

Jazz On The Green, Inc., is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization that, in its nine-year history, has contributed more than \$250,000 to The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. The event features autograph signings, food & beverage sales, merchandise sales, and a children's play area. Gates open at 3 p.m. The event begins at 4 p.m. Free parking is available.

Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and sit back to enjoy a full afternoon of fun and cool jazz entertainment. Remember, Jazz On The Green is one of the only festivals that still allows small coolers (maximum 14" x 14" strictly enforced).

FGCU is located at 10501 FGCU Blvd. S., between Exit 128 (Alico Road) and Exit 123 (Corkscrew Road) off of I-75 in Fort Myers. The Jazz Hotline phone number is 239/477-4683.

Broadway star has been seen in American concert venues for over 40 years. Tickets for this show are \$49 including dinner and the concert.

BJ's Big Band Orchestra will return to Broadway Palm for the Valentine's Day Concert on February 14, 2005. Bring your Valentine or loved one for a night of musical romance. Tickets are \$39 for dinner and the concert.

The Broadway Palm Concert Series comes to an end with the sounds of Harry James and the Andrews Sisters March 20 and 21, 2005. This legendary group will bring back the sounds of the big band era. Tickets for dinner and the concert are \$39.

For the concert series, dinner is at 5:30 p.m. and the shows begin at 7 p.m. Tickets for all concerts are now on sale and can be reserved by calling (239) 278-4422 or by stopping by the box office located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

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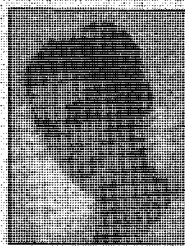
Not quite 'Tween Waters Oktoberfest, but...

It's really hard to believe that this is my final week in Marietta and that Monday I'm heading back home to Sanibel. Be that as it may, I'm trying to cram in as many events as I can while I'm still in beautiful downtown Marietta and other parts of Ohio and West Virginia. It is Fall Festival time in this part of the world, and neither flood nor cleanup can change that.

Speaking of cleanup, this lovely little river town of Marietta has proven to be a lesson in community spirit. People have really pulled together; volunteers of all sorts have pitched in with long

man-hours (and/or woman-hours) of work, cleaning supplies, food and clothes, to help those washed out by the flood to recover. All the merchants on Front Street are steam cleaning, painting, remodeling and restocking their businesses getting ready to reopen, with some already up and running. Just goes to prove once again that a can-do attitude is what makes it happen and is so much a part of the American Spirit.

During the past weekend I got to go to not one but two Fall Festivals. Number one was The October Festival held in



Marsha Wagner

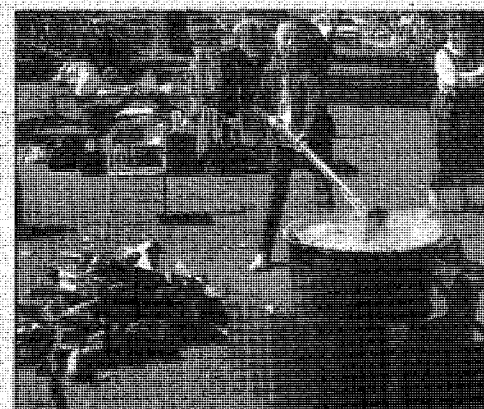
Lowell, Ohio. To this German-born individual, it was... mmmmm, what should I say? ...different. Instead of an Oompah Band, they had Country Music playing bits of hits from the '20s. Huh? There was a huge flea market connected to the event with tag sale items; lovingly handmade crafts with stuff like crocheted hats, scarves, edged towels, doilies, hand made candles, hand lotions and soaps — bottom line... a flea market with lots of flea-bitten bits and pieces. The food stuffs were underwhelming, pizza, hot dogs, hamburgers, tacos and "ya, mein freund, dere ver Bratwurst" but served with onions and peppers. Ohm gosh, no BEER! not even root beer! anywhere in sight!! An October Fest without beer just isn't the real thing, so I'd have to rate this October Fest as a no star event.

The second Fall Festival was to be another first in my endless list of firsts. The 26th Annual Apple Butter Stir Off sponsored by the Belpre, Ohio Lions Club. This event is one of big importance for the town of Belpre and a major fund-raiser for the Lions.

The centerpiece of the event is the actual making of apple butter. In fact, it is so important that, long before the gates even open to the Stir Off, dozens of volunteers will have devoted long afternoons and evenings getting ready. Before the last quart of butter is jarred and ready to be sold, these folks will have spent between 400 and 500 hours processing about 108 bushels of apples.

First the apples are sliced, cooked, and made into applesauce. Spices are added to the sauce, which is then slow simmered over an open fire and stirred continuously for approximately 6 hours, and then it is poured into jars and labeled. The tasty result after all that labor-intensive work is about 250 gallons of lip smackin', bodacious butter to spread on your toast or popovers.

The Apple butter Stir Off also featured some grand entertainment such as Dwight Icenhower, one of the country's best Elvis Presley tribute artists (more commonly referred to as an Elvis impersonator), and he was a winner in every department — singing, movement and looks. There were the Buckeye Travelers, a family group that sang country, gospel and rock'n'roll; and Crossroads, another gospel group, really rocked the entertainment tent. There was The Apple of Your Eye Pageant, where they chose the Apple Princess. Included



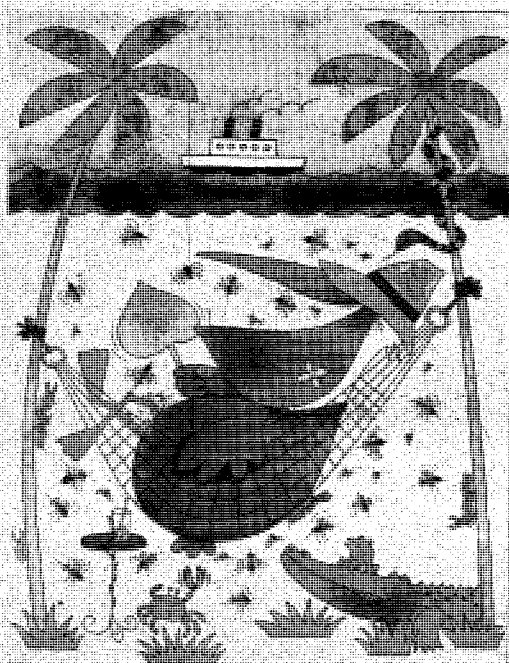
was an apple pie-baking contest and auction with the prize pie going to the highest bidder, followed by a pie-eating contest (where they probably ate the losers). Chain Saw Sculpting was another biggie on the events calendar. Of course, there was another batch of "loving hands at home" quality crafts. The food booths were filled to overflowing with all manner of apple products — apple cider, candied apples, apple fritters, apple doughnuts and, of course, big jars of yummy apple butter.

It turned out to be the perfect fall day for this event — just a hint of nip in the air, mingled with wood smoke, combined with the spicy scent of simmering apples for the apple butter. As you can imagine, my trusty, side-kick and photographer, Handsome John and I had a super time. My best moment came when I got to stir the apple butter, getting warmed by the fire and inhaling all those swell smells, followed by a huge, hot apple fritter eaten while watching that good lookin' Dwight Icenhower strut his Elvis stuff. Handsome rated snapping pictures and eating high on his list. All in all, the 26th Annual Apple Butter Stir Off can rest assured that I will be attending the 27th Annual Apple etc., etc., etc.

Well gang, I'm outta here and home-ward bound to my Sanibel, looking forward to seeing all of my island family of friends and neighbors.

My Pilates classes will start on Tuesday, Oct. 18th, with an 8 a.m. class at BIG ARTS for Beginners and a 3:30 p.m. class at the Senior Center on Library Way for Intermediates. On Thursdays there will be another 3:30 class at the Senior Center. I have all kinds of new, interesting ideas related to Pilates that I picked up this summer during my yoga sessions that I want to share with all of you. See you soon!

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- Coldwell Bankers, 472-3121
- Comfort By Design 395-0666
- Coral Veterinary Clinic 472-8387
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- Cricket Shop 395-2277
- CROW, open for patients only; no programs at this time 472-3644
- Doctors Eye Care Center, Tues. & Thurs., 472-4204
- The Dunes, 472-3355
- J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, 472-1100
- Eckerd Drugs, 472-1719
- Eileen Fisher Boutique, 472-4655
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- John Gee & Company, 472-4900
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- HealthPark of the Islands 395-1414
- Henderson Franklin, 472-6700
- Huxters, 472-2151
- Island Cleaners 395-0055
- Island Dental 395-1211
- Island Financial/Dave Owens 472-1439
- Island Home Mortgage, 395-1011
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- Sanibel Barber Shop 472-5626
- Sanibel Beauty Salon 472-1111
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- San-Cap Guide Booking Service, 472-3308
- SCCF. The gift shop will open on Oct. 4, 472-2329
- Sanibel Captiva Trust Co. 472-8300
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- Sanibel Day Spa, 395-2220
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- Shell Net 472-1702
- Showcase Shells 472-1971
- Sporty Seahorse 472-1858
- T-Shirt Hut 472-1415
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- Tuttle's Seahorse Shell Shop, 472-0707
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- VIP Realty, 472-5187
- Weddings by the Sea 472-8712
- Weeds & Things 472-2112
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- Write Stuff 472-8289
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- Casa Ybel, 472-3145
- Castaways, 472-1252
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- Palm View, 472-1606
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- Periwinkle Park, 472-1433
- Royal Shell, 472-9111
- Sanibel Accommodations, 472-3191
- Sanibel Holiday, 472-6565
- Sanibel Moorings, 472-4119
- Sanibel One, 395-2610
- Sanibel Siesta, 472-4117
- Seahorse Cottages, 472-4262
- Shalimar, 472-1353
- Signal Inn, 472-4690
- Sunshine Island Inn, 395-2500
- Sandpiper Inn, 472-1529
- Tarpon Tale Inn, 472-0939
- Tropical Winds, 472-1765
- Tween Waters Inn, 472-5161
- West End Paradise, 472-9088
- Waterside Inn On The Beach, 472-1346

- compiled by Karen Nelson

If your business has been overlooked in this listing, we apologize. Please call 472-5185 and let us know.

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On exhibit:

- 10 ARTISTS, NEW WORK at BIG ARTS. Oct. 2 - 30. Opening reception Oct 2, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- KAREN RIFAS at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery, Edison College, Fort Myers. 489-9314
- INTERNATIONAL ART EXHIBITION, in conjunction with the International Society of Experimental Artists at the Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers. Opening reception Sat. Oct. 9, 5 - 7 p.m.. Exhibition runs through Oct. 29.
- THE JOURNEY, paintings by Romero Britto at Arts for ACT, The Arcade on First St., downtown Fort Myers. Through Nov. 3
- ISLAND COAST AIDS NETWORK seeks unique handbags for 2nd Annual Handbag Happy Hour. Event to be held Nov. 19 at the Heitman House in Fort Myers. 337-2391
- CALL TO ARTISTS for Via Artista, an Italian Street Painting Festival to benefit Literacy Volunteers of Lee County, December 11 and 12. Media is pastel on pavement. Call 239/225-0327.

On stage:

- CAFE CABARET at the Broadway Palm, presents "The Hundred Acre Hood," spoofs on politics, game shows, and celebrities. Oct. 16, 9 p.m.
- MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS Portrayal by Joan Wolfberg, U Miami in cooperation with the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society. BIG ARTS, Oct. 14, 7 p.m. \$12 adults/ \$5 students
- BRIGHT LIGHTS BIG CITY at the Broadway Palm, Oct 28 - Dec. 19. 278-4422.
- DREAM at the Florida Rep., a Johnny Mercer musical journey from Savannah to Hollywood. Historic Arcade on First Street, Fort Myers. October 15 -



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- **MERLIN'S MAGICAL HORSES**, with championship Arabian stallions, Percherons, miniature horses, ballerinas, dressage, fast riding Cossacks, and more! Harborside Convention Center October 22, 5 and 8 pm, performances. Call 941/365-7511 for info.
- **ACTING FOR YOUTH** classes resume at Kid's Conspiracy, Foulds Theatre resumes on Mondays, Sept. 20 - Nov. 22 1:30 - 3 p.m. for homeschoolers, and 3:30 - 5 p.m. 939-2787. At BIG ARTS, Sept. 16 - Nov. 4, 3 - 5 p.m. 395-0900

Through the month:

- **SEASON TICKETS** for BIG ARTS Great Performers Music and Dance series now available. 395-0900.
- **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** on sale at BIG ARTS for \$30. Office hours are 9 - 4 Mon - Fri. 395-0900
- **SUMMER HOURS AT THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM** Open half days, Wednesday - Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 950 Dunlop Rd. 472-4648.
- **THE CARPENTERS SHOP** at the Sanibel Community Church. Bibles, books, music, gifts. Mon-Fri. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sunday 9 - noon.
- **TARPON BAY EXPLORERS** is offering naturalist led tours on the Tarpon Bay portion of the 'Ding' Darling National Wildlife Refuge for birders, naturalists, and curious people who enjoy being on the water and learning from an experienced naturalist. Call for reservations for all activities. 472-8900

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

Sunset Paddles tour Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 4:30 p.m. Tour is about 2 1/2 hours.

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

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

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

Evening cruise at 5 p.m. These tours also include a visit to the touch tank. Tour is approx. 2 hours. Breakfast cruises begin in October, and will include includes coffee, juice, and pastry. Also includes visit to the touch tank.

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

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

- **TRAM TOUR OF WILDLIFE DRIVE**, Saturday - Thursday, 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 4 p.m. Wildlife Drive is now open from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday through Thursday, changing to 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. after change to EST. Wildlife Drive is closed on

Friday. Reservations, 472-1351

- **SITTING ON THE DOCK OF THE BAY:** The naturalists at Tarpon Bay Explorers will started up free lunchtime talks beginning in October on the observation deck overlooking the most beautiful setting on Sanibel and last about half an hour.

Tarpon Bay Explorers is located at the north end of Tarpon Bay Rd. 472-8900. Call for reservations for all activities. 472-8900

- **FITNESS WITH PAM** at the SCA, 2173 Periwinkle Way. Low impact aerobics, lt. weight training. Mon, Wed. Fri., 9:15 - 10:30 a.m. \$8. 267-3092.

- **ADVENTURES IN PARADISE:** at the Port Sanibel Marina, a mile past the toll booth, trolley service available:

Backwater Fishing, daily 9 a.m. - noon; Sealife Encounter Excursion, daily 12:30 - 3:30; Champagne Sunset Dolphin Cruise; Shelling & Snorkeling Cruise Tues., Wed., Thurs., 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Dolphin Watch 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.; Eco Canoe and Kayak Tours, naturalist led 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Mon.- Fri.; Interpretive Nature Boardwalk open daily. Power boats available for rental, starting at 8 a.m. 472-8443, or www.adventureinparadise.com

- **CAPTIVA CRUISES** offers a variety of cruises and sailing charters beginning in October, departing from McCarthy's Marina on Andy Rosse Lane. Call 472-5300 for reservations and information.

Dolphin & Wildlife Adventure Cruises— daily 4 p.m. 1 1/2 tour. Narrated by SCCF docents \$20/adults, \$10/kids 4 - 12, 3 and under are free.

Island Beach & Shelling — 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. 3 hour trip to Cayo Costa. \$35/\$17.50

Cabbage Key or Useppa trips will begin in mid October. \$27.50/\$15

Sunset Serenade with live music. \$17.50/\$10

Through December 22, Captiva Cruises is offering free admission on all cruises with purchase of equal or greater value (up to \$25 value)

Friday 15

Every week

- **GOURMET SINGLES SUPPER CLUB** meets every Friday in the finest restaurants in the area. For more info, call 332-8191
- **BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER** at St. Michaels and All Angels. Fridays 10 a.m.-11:30; a.m. in the Parish Hall. 472-2173.
- **TERRIFIC TWOS** stories, flannel board stories, songs. for two year olds, Sanibel Library. 10 a.m. 472-2483
- **KWLF (Kids Who Love Fun)** stories, activities, games, for K - 3rd grade at the Sanibel library. 3 p.m. 472-2482

Saturday 16

- **ESTERO BAY PADDLE**, part of National Estuaries Days. Join Estero Bay Buddies for canoe/kayak trip on the Estero River. Instructions for beginners begins at 8 a.m from the Koreshan Historic Site boat launch \$5. Call 239/992-0311

Every week

- **VEGETATION WALK** 2 hour tour of Shell Mound trail 9 a.m. every other Sat. 472-1100 x222.
- **FAMILY FUN AT THE REFUGE** guided tour of Wildlife Dr. for the family. 9 a.m. RSVP 472-1100 x222.
- **MINDFUL YOGA AT BIG ARTS** with Brian Healy, 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Open to public, beginners welcome. \$12.

Coming soon

- **SWINGING BRIDGE**, traditional Bluegrass at BIG ARTS. Oct. 23. \$26, children 12 and under no charge. 395-0900
- **NOT JUST A BOOK FAIR** at Barnes & Noble, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Lee & Charlotte Counties. Authors, both local and national, will be there including local cartoonist Doug MacGregor. Oct. 23- 29.
- **JANET RENO**, guest speaker at FGCU Community Education Speakers Forum. Oct 23, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Tickets \$50/\$30 adults, \$8/students 590-7825
- **ART ROYALE 2004**, an interactive arts event with food, spirits and artistic minds. Sponsored by the Women's Signature Board and the Alliance for the Arts, at the Alliance 10091 McGregor Blvd. Tickets \$100 October 30.
- **BROMELIAD SALE** at Terry Park, 3410 Palm Beach Blvd. Fort Myers sponsored by the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society. Oct. 30 and 31, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **ISLAND SENIORS AUTUMN BAZAAR** bake sale and "Treasure Table." Donations now accepted for

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"Treasure Table." to reserve space, call 472-8078. Nov. 20, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sunday

Every week

- **KORESHAN STATE HISTORIC SITE** guided tours. 10 a.m. Sat. and Sun. \$3.25 per vehicle.

Monday

- **BIG ARTS FILM SOCIETY**, this season's theme is "Window on the World." Oct. 18, The Last Samurai (Japan) Schlem Hall, 7 p.m. \$5. 395-0900
- **SANIBEL BEREAVEMENT GROUP**, sponsored by Hope Hospice meets at the Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way. 1:30 - 3 p.m. First and third Mondays of each month. 482-4673
- **RABBI KUSHNER**, author of When Bad Things Happen to Good People, at the Harborside Event Center. Sponsored by Hope Hospice, Oct. 18, 7 p.m. Free admission. 433-8066

Every week

- **BRIDGE FOR FUN** Senior Center 2401 Library Way. \$2 members, \$4 non-members. No partner needed all levels welcome. 472-5743.
- **SHELLCRAFTERS** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Monday at the Community House on Periwinkle.
- **BOOKWORMS** stories and crafts for children aged 3-5, Sanibel Library 10 a.m. Mon/Wed. 472-2483
- **4TH TO 8TH GRADERS**, read, play board games, fun contests at the Sanibel Library. 3 p.m.
- **STORY TIME** for all ages at the Sanibel Library, 6:30 p.m.

- **SCA DUPLICATE BRIDGE** resumes in November at the Sanibel Community Association on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. The game is open to all regardless of ability. Partners will be provided if necessary. Fees \$4 for SCA members, \$5 for non-members.

Tuesday

- **TAI CHI** classes for arthritis. St. Michael Lutheran Church at 3595 Broadway, Fort Myers. Tuesdays and Thursdays through October 28. 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. 994-2454

Every week

- **BIG ARTS** dance classes, preschool to adult, 18 sessions 194/student. 395-0900
- **YOGA/PILATES FOR FUN AND HEALTH** at the SanCap Medical Center, 4301 San-Cap Rd. \$10, space is limited. 472-0116
- **OPEN PORTRAIT STUDIO** 1-4 p.m. \$4 per session, open to all artists. Model provided. 472-5267.
- **TROUBLESTARTERS AT THE AMERICAN LEGION** Every Tuesday evening 7:30 pm. to closing. San-Cap Rd. at mile marker 3. 472-9979.
- **FORT MYERS SWING DANCE SOCIETY** meets every Tuesday at Ron Dao's Sports Bar in Ft. Myers, 15320 McGregor Blvd. Free lessons 8:30 - 9 p.m. No cover. 239/851-7354

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- **SHELL CLUB MEETING** at the Bailey Matthews Shell Museum. Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

- **PELICAN KNITTERS GUILD** Knit caps for kids and premies all over the country. Exchange patterns, yarn, and good conversation. Every Wednesday at 9 a.m. at Sun Trust Bank on Periwinkle Way. Starts October 20. 472-9120.

Every week

- **YOGA WITH DR SUSAN PATAKY**, Sanibel Fitness Center on Rabbit Road. All levels, noon - 1 p.m. \$12 466-1558
- **SMALL WONDERS** for newborns to children aged 12 months. Lap sitting, finger plays and songs. 10 a.m. Sanibel Library. 472-2483
- **TINY TOTS** children 12 to 24 months. Finger plays, songs, short stories.

Thursday

Every week

- **PILATES**, basic mat class with Bonnie Clancy of Blue Skies Bodyworks. Casa Ybel Resort, 9 - 10 a.m. Wear loose, comfortable clothing, bring a mat if you have one. \$10/person. 472-3145 X 1319
- **TURTLE TRACKS** at the Sanibel - Captiva Conservation Foundation's Nature Center at 9 a.m. Interpretive program on the life cycle of the sea turtles that make their home on the islands. \$3 adults/kids free. \$2 for parking at the beach. 472-2329.
- **YOGA WITH DR SUSAN PATAKY** at the Senior

Center on Library Way. 10 - 11 a.m. All levels \$10. 466-1558

- **GAMES DAY** at the Senior Center, 2401 Library Way. Bridge, Mahjong, and more. All levels welcome. \$2 members, \$4 non-members. 472-5743
- **BOOKWORMS** Stories, songs, and crafts for children 3 - 5 years old. 10 a.m. Sanibel Library 472-2483

Coming soon

- **TAMIAMI TALE TELLERS** with audience interactive stories. Grand Court, 8351 College Parkway, Fort Myers. Oct. 21, 7 p.m. Free admission.

Art Royale, from page 21

interactive cooperative drawing experience that "the Surrealists believed reveals the unconscious correspondence of a collective imagination." (2) Mixed Media Artist Kyle Jackson is first presenting a participatory visual installation involving a large aluminum pyramid and multiple telescopes. He is then performing his own original electronic synthesized music from the Alliance amphitheatre stage and, later, will DJ the Art Royale dance party. At various times in these endeavors, he will be performing in collaboration with colleague Michael Miller. (3) Elsewhere on the Alliance grounds, or, more accurately in the air above the Alliance grounds, trapeze artiste extraordinaire, Carla Propps in her futuristic white and light blue "Aerial Silks" routine, will become a gravity-defying vision of hope [without a net!] for a bright future. Then, later, she and the luminous Christar will join in a Spanish Web Rope performance and a futuristic roundelay on stilts, adding new layers of meaning to Aida Bukovica's oft-repeated refrain: "Expect the Unexpected!" (4) Titté (with partner Perry Thompson) is creating an interactive information puzzle featuring a hypothesis about a new art form that has been 42 years in the making: Tempism. Titté considers Tempism and Art Royale united in creating synergistic momentum for a new set of ideas for Art in the 21st Century.

As promised by Art Royale chairperson Aida Bukovica: "ART ROYALE 2004 will be an event beyond all expectations: SURPRISES! (in big letters) and MORE! - more art, more music, more video, more interactive experiences - everything bigger, better and even more dazzling than last year! Whether you attended and know firsthand (or just heard) that ART ROYALE 2003 was "beyond everyone's expectations", you still should prepare for an even bigger, even more surprising ART ROYALE 2004!"

To make your personal advance reservations or learn more detailed information about the unfolding plans for ART ROYALE 2004, contact the Alliance at 239-939-2787 or visit either of two websites: www.artroyale2004.com or www.artinlee.org



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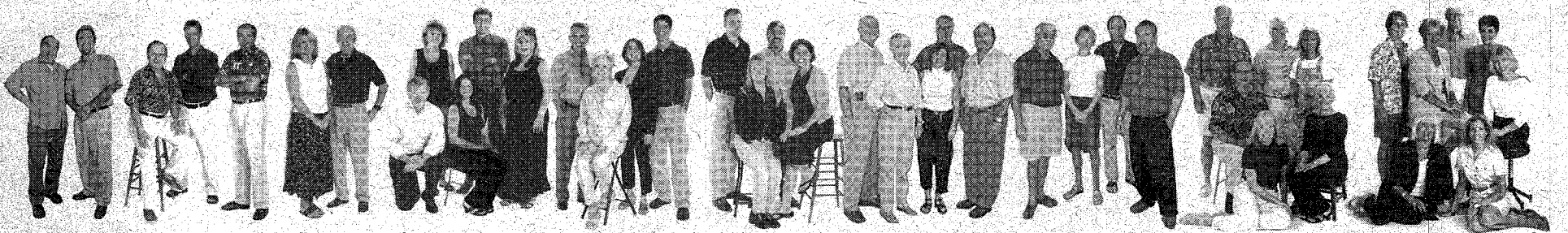
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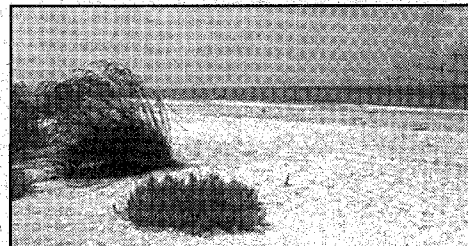
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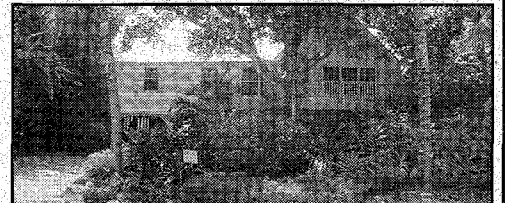
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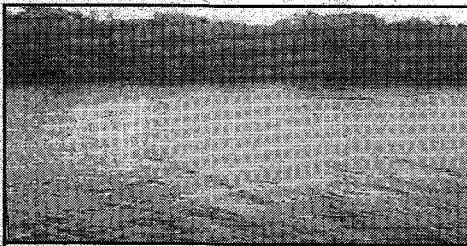
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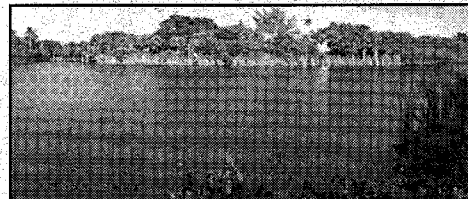
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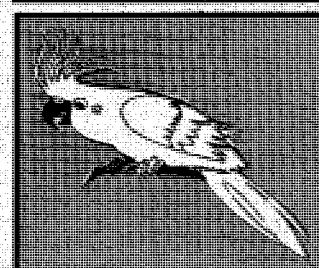


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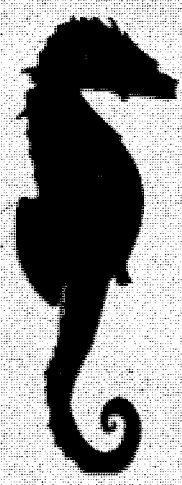
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SCCF Shoreline Discovery walks resume

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation
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this weekly educational program. Learn
about the animals that live along and use
our shores, the life cycle of the sea turtles
that nest here, and the natural forces that
shape the barrier islands of Sanibel and
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tures that live in this highly dynamic
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Programs will begin with an orienta-

tion to the animals in The Conservation
Foundation's marine touch tank and then
proceed to Gulfside City Park for a
Discovery Walk. The Conservation
Foundation's Shoreline Discovery
Program will be offered on Thursday
mornings at 9 a.m. This program is
\$5/adult and free for children. A beach
parking fee of approximately \$2 may also
be required. Additional information can
be obtained by calling the Conservation
Foundation's Nature Center at 472-2329.

American Sewing Guild

The next meeting of the Southwest
Florida Chapter of the American Sewing
Guild will be held on Saturday,
November 27. The meeting will be at the
Lee County Extension Service located in
Terry Park, 3406 Palm Beach Boulevard,
Fort Myers.

Donna Turner from the Tug Hill area in
upper New York state is a craft and
sewing expert who recognized a need for
picture frame cards that people could use
to display their favorite cross-stitch, sten-
ciled, embroidery and embossing crea-
tions. Donna will be demonstrating mak-

ing greeting cards using your sewing
machine. Registration is at 12:30 p.m.
The meeting starts at 1 p.m. 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 fur-
ther information, call the Club President,
Diane Stramel at 458-2858.

Taste of the Town

The Junior League of Fort Myers is
holding its 22nd Annual Taste of the Town
on Sunday, November 7, from 11 a.m. - 5
p.m. at Centennial Park in downtown Fort
Myers.

A drawing will be held at 5 p.m. to give

away a 2005 Mercedes Benz C230
Kompressor Sport Coupe (excluding tax,
title, tag). Tickets available through
League members or call 277-1197. Taste
of the Town is a family oriented festival
with "tastes" of top area signature restau-

rants and entertainment for all ages. Taste
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ment festival in Southwest Florida.
Admission \$4 advance tickets, \$5 at the
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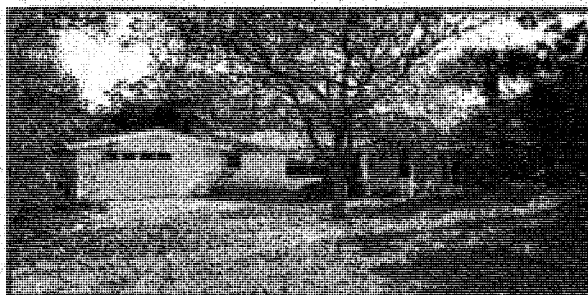
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FORECAST FOR OCTOBER 16 & 17

SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
AM	PM	AM	PM
Mostly sunny and breezy with a high near 81 today.		Another sunny day with a cool clear evening.	

WEEKEND TIDES				
City	Sat. High	Sat. Low	Sun. High	Sun. Low
Cape Coral Bridge	4:03 a.m. 6:48 p.m.	12:32 a.m. 11:25 p.m.	4:35 a.m. 8:14 p.m.	1:27 a.m. 11:33 p.m.
Captiva at Redfish Pass	12:28 a.m. 3:13 p.m.	8:02 a.m. 6:55 p.m.	1:00 a.m. 4:39 p.m.	8:57 a.m. 7:03 p.m.
Fort Myers	4:56 a.m. 7:41 p.m.	1:14 p.m.	5:28 a.m. 9:07 p.m.	12:07 a.m. 2:09 p.m.
Markata Pass	3:31 a.m. 6:16 p.m.	11:58 a.m. 10:51 p.m.	4:03 a.m. 7:42 p.m.	12:53 a.m. 10:59 p.m.
Pineland	2:28 p.m. 5:14 p.m.	10:56 a.m. 9:49 p.m.	3:01 a.m. 6:40 p.m.	11:51 a.m. 9:57 p.m.
Poinc Ybel	12:58 a.m. 3:43 p.m.	9:18 a.m. 3:43 p.m.	1:30 a.m. 5:09 p.m.	10:15 a.m. 8:18 p.m.
Punta Rassa	1:47 a.m. 4:32 p.m.	9:11 a.m. 8:04 p.m.	2:19 a.m. 5:58 p.m.	10:06 a.m. 8:12 p.m.
St. James City	2:16 a.m. 5:03 p.m.	9:46 a.m. 8:39 p.m.	2:50 a.m. 6:29 p.m.	10:41 a.m. 8:47 p.m.

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62/84 Sat
65/82 Sun

PUNTA GORDA
63/81 Sat
65/83 Sun

BOCA GRANDE
70/80 Sat
70/80 Sun

PINE ISLAND
70/82 Sat
70/82 Sun

CAPE CORAL
72/82 Sat
72/82 Sun

CAPTIVA ISLAND
73/79 Sat
72/79 Sun

SANIBEL ISLAND
73/79 Sat
72/79 Sun

PORT MYERS BEACH
65/82 Sat
66/82 Sun

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65/82 Sat
64/83 Sun

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64/82 Sat
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66/82 Sat
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MARCO ISLAND
63/82 Sat
64/83 Sun

NAPLES
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Gulf of Mexico

BOATING FORECAST
Wind: E/SE 5-10 Knots
Seas: 2 feet
Bay & Inland: light

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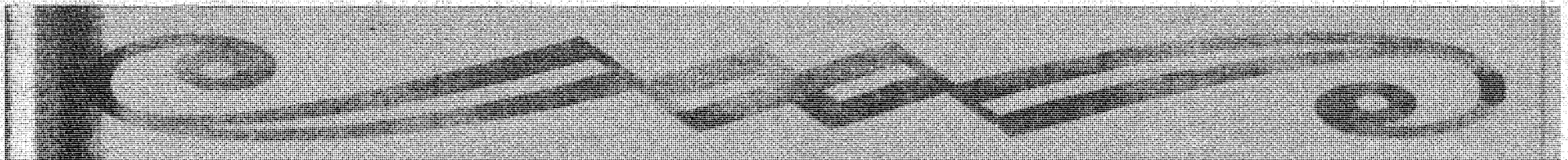
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STATE FORECAST-SATURDAY	
CAPE CORAL	81/65
DAYTONA BEACH	78/58
FT. LAUDERDALE	82/70
FT. MYERS BEACH	82/65
JACKSONVILLE	76/57
MIAMI	76/62
MIAMI BEACH	83/73
MIAMI GARDENS	79/57
ORLANDO	83/70
ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL	78/57
PALESTINE	77/58
PELHAM	78/55
SAFETYVILLE	79/62
ST. AUGUSTINE	77/67
TALLAHASSEE	76/52
TAMPA	78/62
VERO BEACH	81/69
WEST PALM BEACH	80/64

SATURDAY SUNRISE
7:28 AM

SUNDAY SUNSET
6:58 PM



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