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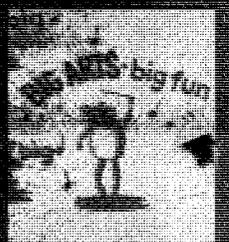
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Don't miss this Sunday's Children's Book Festival at Sanibel Island Bookshop, featuring nine local authors of picture books, mysteries, fantasies, adventures and bedtime stories from kids from kindergarten to grade six.

The festival is from noon - 4 p.m. On Nov. 28 and young book lovers are invited to share the fun with their parents and grandparents as they hear some of finest local authors read from their works. All Festival authors will be signing books following their readings and all sessions are free and open to the public.

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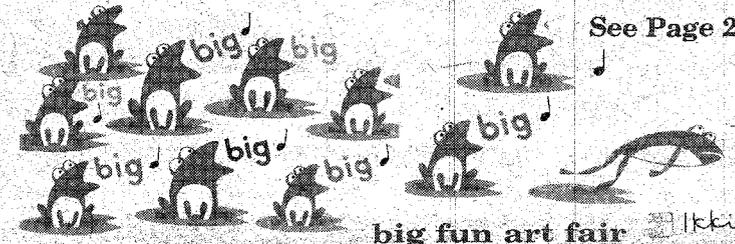
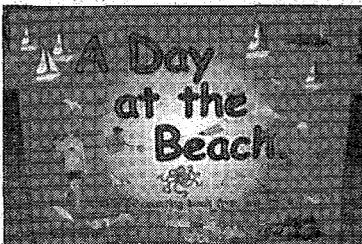


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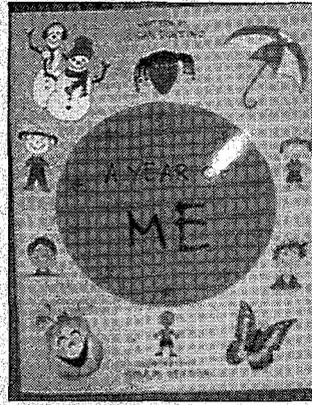


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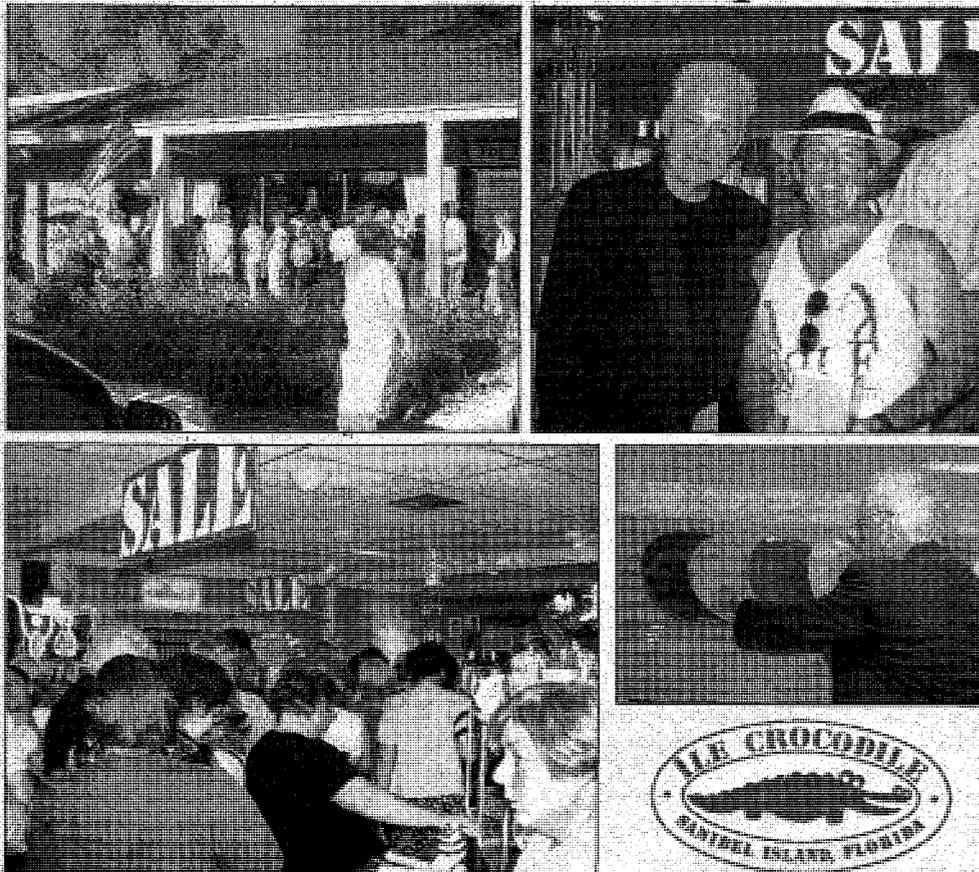
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Ile Crocodile: Gone, but not forgotten



Long-time resident and business owner, Phil Johnson, said good-bye to Ile Crocodile on November 18, 19 and 20. The doors opened for the last time at 2330 Palm Ridge Road and welcomed well-wishers for one more chance to purchase some of fine gift items that have graced

the store's shelves for over 25 years. Phil is remaining on the islands but he's movin' on to do what he did for years: interior design and event planning. We will miss shopping at what was an amazing gift store and look forward to seeing Phil always.



Luminary is December 3 - 4

Sanibel Luminary festivities kick off on Friday at 5:55 at the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation gazebo on Periwinkle with remarks by reps from the Chamber, SCCF and the City of Sanibel.

The Christmas tree lighting this year will be at the Sanibel Community Church at 6:30; there will also be a live Nativity scene and the children's choir will be performing.

Elvis will be making his popular return performance to the Seahorse Shops at the East End from 7 - 9 p.m. The Bait Box will be giving free castnet lessons and a 10% discount off everything in the store (excluding G. Loomis). Sanibel & Captiva Community Bank will be providing refreshments and Lazy Flamingo will be serving the coldest beer in town.

At Jerry's, Santa will be on hand for that must-have photo op and Danny Morgan will be providing live music. The Boy Scouts will be selling live Christmas wreaths and there will be refreshments and snacks.

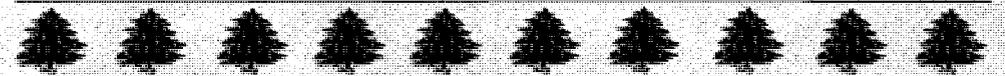
At Tahitian Gardens, there will be live tropical music and kids are invited to help paint store windows (check with June at Needful Things; window paintings can be done on November 27-28). Luminary shoppers vote for the best window and the winner will receive a prize. There will be Mermaid desserts and beverages at

Forever Green. Periwinkle Place will also have pictures with Santa (what a busy man that night!) and there will be a children's choir performing.

At the Sanibel Community Association, performers from the Schoolhouse Theatre will be performing Christmas carols throughout the evening and the SCA Shellcrafters will be creating fun island art. At Sanibel Square and The Bean, there will be refreshments and music, with all proceeds going to help fund the rebuilding of the Sanctuary at St. Isabel's Catholic Church.

Enjoy the music of Rissa Yvette Arias (Carnegie Hall performer) at The Village Shops, where the windows have been decorated by Sanibel School second graders. There will be refreshments and music. Mel Fisher's Treasure Museum will offer free admission from 6 - 9 p.m. and refreshments will be served. Bailey's will have snacks and music; Tarpon Bay Explorers will be featured. Tower Gallery is featuring the works of Ikki Matsumoto and there will be refreshments at the Palm Ridge Shops.

On Captiva on December 4, there will be entertainment at R.C. Otters, Keylime Bistro, Confused Chameleon, Jungle Drums and the Celebration Center. And don't forget to "ooh!" and "ahh!" Tween Waters Inn's holiday decorations.



Of Christmas kettles and trees

Sanibel is a small island with a big heart when it comes to the Salvation Army Christmas Kettles and the holiday season. Seventeen years ago, a few men called the Army and asked for two kettles, saying they would do the rest. With a kettle at Bailey's and Jerry's supermarkets, they got started. Today, with over 50 volunteers, these two kettles have been the best producing groups for the entire Lee County, averaging over \$9,000 for the past five years!

So, please come and visit us, see our great stores, many restaurants and visit with our friendly "elves" who are ringing the bells. Also, please do not forget the great selection of Christmas trees sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club. They are as beautiful as ever this year.

Thank you for supporting a worthy cause!

Pat McGuffin
Clint Parsons
Tom Judson

Audubon outings resume on November 27

The first Sanibel-Captiva Audubon birding outing of the season will take place on Saturday, November 27 (tomorrow) "Ding" Darling Refuge. Meet in the

overflow parking lot near the trolley stop at 8 a.m. Entrance fee is required.

All birders are welcome. These outings are open to the public and the suggested donation is \$2. Call Malcolm Harpham at 395-3804 for details.



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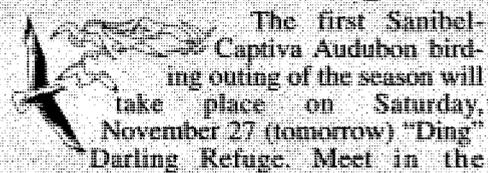
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Conservation Foundation Board nominees

The Annual Meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Council takes place next Wednesday, December 1, at 5 p.m. At that time four new members will be chosen for the board of trustees. The Nominating Committee recommends the following:

Wally Kain

Wally went to Princeton and Harvard Law School with a Korean-era break as an artillery officer with the 82nd Airborne Division. Wally has had several careers, the first in intellectual property law — the world of patents and copyrights. He left this to paint and write on Sanibel, but got caught up in the struggle to preserve the islands from over-development. His columns in the island newspapers on political subjects and conservation led to two terms as councilman and mayor.

Now he works and writes on Sanibel, is a Hammerhead, and chairs SCCF's Land Use Committee. Joan and Wally Kain, who recently celebrated their 50th anniversary, have three children and five grandchildren.

Gwenda Hiatt-Clements

Gwenda's involvement with SCCF began in 1997 when she was working for the Island Reporter and sat down with Dee Fulk to learn about the Foundation's sea-

turtle monitoring program. The experience inspired her to volunteer as a beach walker.

Through her work at the island's various newspapers and magazines over seven years, she has written a variety of articles about many aspects of the Foundation and, after retiring from full-time work as a reporter, Gwenda's volunteer efforts at the Foundation increased to include working with the membership committee and data entry. She now heads the membership committee and is on the committee producing SCCF's history book.

Gwenda came to Sanibel from Indianapolis, where she taught high school English, journalism and photo-journalism for 25 years. She received a Bachelor's in education from Ball State University and her Master's from Butler University and pursued additional training in photography and computer design at Indiana University, where she taught summer journalism workshops.

While vacationing on Sanibel during the winter holidays in 1991, she met her husband-to-be, Len Clements, and they were married in 1994.

Paul F. Roth

When Paul and Lucy Roth lived on Sanibel from 1992 until 1998, Paul served on the Foundation board as treasurer and chairman of the finance committee. In

addition, he and Lucy were active in the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, and Lucy in the Old Schoolhouse Theater Foundation.

After five years in Santa Fe, N.M., they returned this year to live year-round on the island they have loved for more than 30 years.

Paul was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and graduated from the University of Missouri with a B.S. in civil engineering and minor in forestry, followed by graduate studies at Washington University. He joined Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (now SBC) and spent 35 years in a variety of management jobs in numerous cities. He retired in 1991 as president of the Texas operation division.

Since then, Paul served one year as president of the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce, 12 years as a director of the Public Service Company of New Mexico, and has received numerous awards from civic organizations and his university.

Paul and Lucy have been married for nearly 48 years and have three grown children and four grandchildren ages 8 to 15.

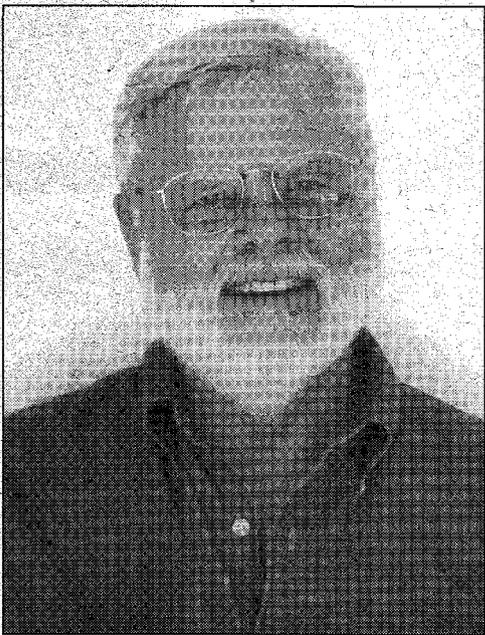
Jack Thomas

A lifetime Florida resident, Jack moved to Sanibel in 1971 and became

active in the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society and SCCF. Serving on the Sanibel-Captiva Planning Board board of directors, he lobbies for the incorporation of Sanibel. With a small group of islanders, he was instrumental in promoting state acquisition of undeveloped land on Cayo Costa and North Captiva. The effort was successful and the land today remains in its natural state.

Jack received a B.S. in business administration in 1964 from the University of Florida. He is president of Jack Thomas Inc., a family-owned real estate business specializing in commercial and industrial properties. He also enjoyed a part-time business as an island fishing guide. Jack is a Life Member of SCCF, has served on the board previously and was its chairman in 1987. He also has been a member of the Land Acquisition, Resource Development and Marine Laboratory Committees.

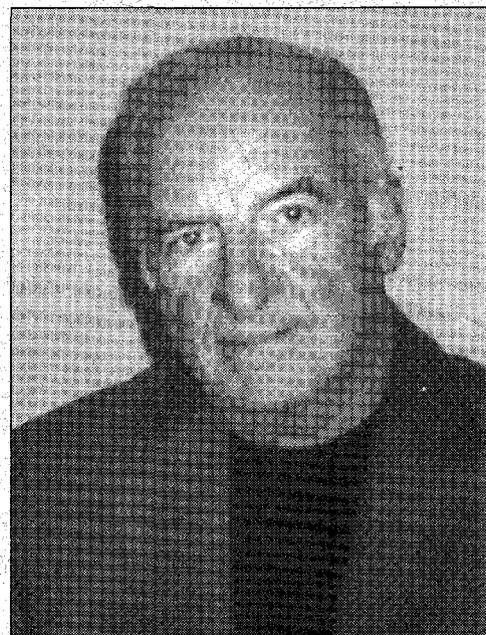
Although there will not be a Snowbird Auction this year, Foundation members are invited to stay for the traditional potluck supper following the meeting. SCCF will supply chicken and ribs; members should bring "sides." Call 472-2329 for more information.



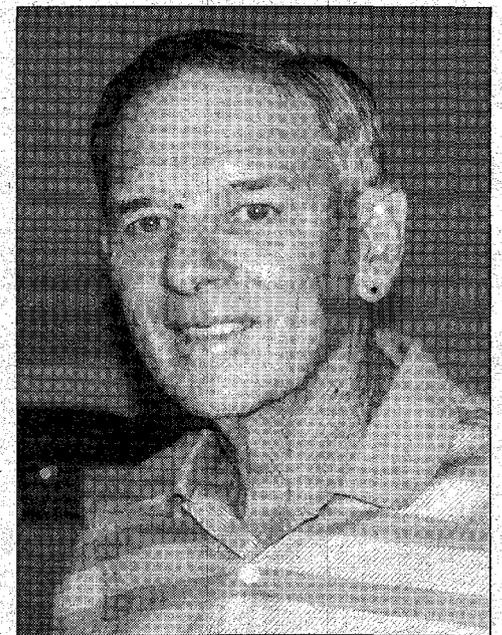
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HAPPENINGS

For items to be included on these pages, they must be submitted by Friday, a week before publication date.

Get on the same page with the inaugural season of **Sanibel Reads**. Headliner Barbara Kingsolver, whose parents own a home on Sanibel, penned *Small Wonder*, a collection of her essays that is one of the season selections.

Notes Sanibel Public Library Assistant Director Kathleen Teaze — who heads the Sanibel Reads committee — “We are also working to schedule a school appearance for Carl Hiaasen, author of this year’s children’s pick, *Hoot*.”

Upcoming Sanibel Reads events include a Hoot book discussion for children at the Sanibel Library (TBA in December) plus several

“Burrowing Owl” programs: one at “Ding” Darling on January 13; an SCCF field trip on January 20 to Cape Coral and the February 12 Burrowing Owl Festival in Cape Coral.

Kingsolver’s parents will lead a *Small Wonder* book discussion at the Sanibel Library on January 26 and author Kingsolver will be appearing at BIG ARTS on February 25.

For a complete calendar of Sanibel Reads events, log onto www.zebis.com/sanibelreads and to nominate book selections for next season, e-mail sanibelreads@yahoo.com.

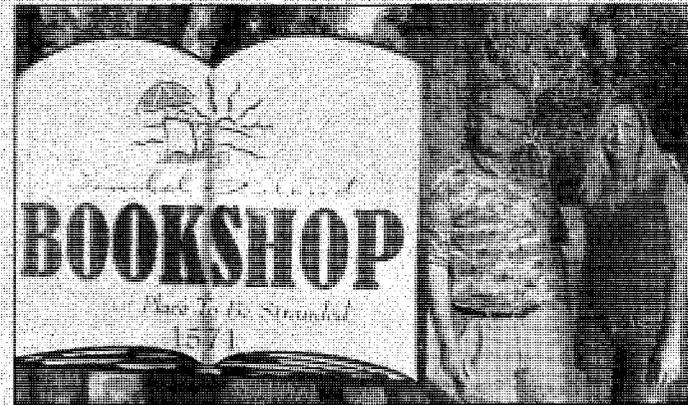
Lee County Library System has announced its first **One Book, One Community** initiative, a countywide reading and discussion program. This year’s book will be the Pulitzer-Prize nominated story, *A Land Remembered*, by Patrick D. Smith, which follows three generations of the MacIveys from the frontier hardships of the 1850s to their rise to real estate tycoons in the 1960s.

Copies of the book are available in several formats and readers may also view the first four chapters online at www.lee-county.com/library; click on One Book One Community.

Planned activities include a “cracker” afternoon in January, with book discussion; an issues forum on growth and the environment on WGPU FM; special programs at the Cahusa Nature Center, Edison Ford Winter Estates, Imaginarium, Southwest Florida Museum of History. And author Patrick D. Smith will be the featured speaker at the Lee County Reading Festival on Saturday, March 19. Call 470-INFO (4636) for info.

Sanibel author **Charles Sobczak** will be signing copies of his four books on Luminary Night, December 3, at the Sanibel Island Bookshop. Festivities begin at 5 p.m., with refreshments being served until 9 p.m.

Charlie’s second novel, *Way Under Contract*, will be available at a special \$10 holiday price. This tongue-in-cheek black comedy tells the tale of a category five hurricane hitting an overdeveloped Southwest Florida barrier island - feeling a



Author Charles Sobczak and Sanibel Island Bookshop owner Hollie Smith.

little *deja vu*? This winner of the 2001 Patrick Smith Award was recently the focus of a BBC radio interview with Sobczak, centering on the uncanny resemblance between the all-too-real Hurricane Charley and the fictional Hurricane Emily. For more info, call Hollie Smith at Sanibel Island Bookshop at their new location, 1571 Periwinkle Way, at 472.5223.

Speaking of Hurricane Charley, June and Jack Koc have made a **40-minute movie of their Charley experience**. Revisit the Causeway on August 12 (with Australian pines lining the shore), eavesdrop on their day-before planning for the impending storm and ride along on their Friday, August 13 2:15 p.m. dash off the island, with winds already at 85 mph.

They stopped by the Holiday Inn Bell Tower, the off-island nerve-center and temporary location of the City of Sanibel offices and scenes of the island shot on August 19 show what Periwinkle Way and some of the Gulf drives looked like to islanders when they first returned home the following week. The \$4.98 DVD is available exclusively at Needful Things; call 472.5400 for info.

Seaweed Gallery on Captiva kicks off the holiday season with an artists reception on Friday, November 26. Enjoy refreshments and music by island favorites, The Trouble Starters. On hand to talk about their work will be artists Christina Wyatt, Sissi Janku, Myra Roberts and Beth Collette. From dreamy mermaids to vibrant seascapes (that come framed with their own colorfully painted frames!), to nostalgic 1940s style bathing beauties to beautifully iridescent fused-glass jewelry, you’re sure to find something for those on your holiday shopping list. The reception is from 6 - 9 p.m. and Seaweed Gallery is

in the Celebration Center on Captiva’s Andy Rosse Lane.

Giving back... Volunteers and financial support are needed for the **17th Annual Nations Association Children’s Christmas Party** being held in the Araba Temple in Fort Myers on December 18. About 1,000 children and their families will be attending; each child will receive a hot meal, candy, fruit and an age-

appropriate gift. Volunteers are needed for set up, to serve the attendees and to assist with clean-up. Tax-deductible donations for financial support can be mailed to: Nations Association Charities, Christmas Party Donation, P.O. Box 1060, Fort Myers 33902; call Debbie at 239.561.5874 for more info.

Everyone’s invited to the **SCA December Holiday Dinner Social** on December 8. Mr. Kaess, a member of the Houston Grand Opera, will be performing starting at 6:45 with his delightful one-man show of wonderful songs — a South Pacific medley, Christmas carols and patriotic medley — with orchestral recording accompaniment. Kaess precedes his songs with short stories or dramatic stagings about the show.

He recently played the title role in *The Mikado* and he has played Captain Von Trapp in *The Sound of Music*, Emile in *South Pacific* and principal roles in many musical and operetta favorites.

Social time starts at 5:30; dinner at 6:15, followed by the performance. SCA members \$13, non-members \$15.

Already feeling frayed by the holidays? Murari Brian Healy (LMT, CKYT) is offering two antidotes to stress at SCA, with his **Healing Meditation** on Monday evenings from 7 - 8 p.m. and **Mindful Yoga** on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9 - 10:15 a.m. No experience necessary. Group meditation can be a truly powerful practice as you explore various techniques for finding inner calm and mental focus. Per class cost for both classes: \$12 member, \$13 non-member (four-class discount cards available).

Duplicate Bridge Play is back at SCA on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. under the direction of Elaine and Herman Jass. cost \$4 for members; \$5 non-members. Call them at 395.0791 for info.

Recent shelling has been great — do you have too many shells and nowhere to put them? SCA’s **Shellcrafters** can put them to good use. Donations of shells are welcome... or drop by on Monday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. and learn how they make all those clever critters and fantastic **Happenings**, see page 10



Sissi Janku and Christina Wyatt will be at Seaweed Gallery, along with Myra Roberts and Beth Collette on Friday, November 26.

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New season begins for Chapel by the Sea

By Amy Fleming
Managing Editor
Captiva Current

Chapel By the Sea welcomes the Reverend Canon Dr. Robert R. Hansel, and his wife, Dale, as they begin their three-year term of ministry at the historic church.

Hansel had been recommended to the chapel board by two previous ministers, Rev. Jim Kennedy and Rev. Gordon Price.

"Gordon told me about this wonderful place — I'd heard about it for 25 years," Hansel said.

After hearing about Captiva for so long, they finally got an opportunity to visit four years ago, when the chapel board invited them to come down and begin the interview process for interim minister.

Chapel by the Sea, which recently celebrated their centennial, is a non-denominational church that meets during season, from November through Easter. Ministers, often retired from full-time service, are invited by the board to serve for three years.

Hansel is a retired Episcopal minister, with an extensive and varied background. Dale Hansel is also an ordained minister, in the Methodist church.

Hailing originally from Cincinnati, he graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1958, with a B.A. in philoso-

phy and classical studies. He graduated in 1961 from Harvard Divinity/Episcopal Theological School, and was ordained that same year. He later received his doctoral degree in congregational development from Seabury-Western Episcopal Seminary, in Illinois. He is a published author, having written *The Life of St. Augustine* and *Biography of Bishop Henry Wise Hobson*, as well a former editor with Seabury Press Publications. Hansel has worked in youth ministries, education, served as bishop's assistant in the Diocese of Southern Ohio, Episcopal chaplain at Ohio State Penitentiary, program director of the National Church Research and Clergy Training Project in Virginia, as well as serving at posts in Australia and England — to name just a few of the high points in his career. Hansel's most recent service was as interim rector at Calvary Episcopal Church in Memphis, Tennessee.

"My whole vocation has been spent working with very different kinds of people," he said. "From elite private boarding schools to penitentiaries — I relate easily to people. My wife is a Methodist minister, so even amongst ourselves, we deal with both very different and complementary faith traditions."

Hansel wasn't drawn to Chapel by the Sea just for the beautiful surroundings, but

for the active ministry to concerns such as children's education and migrant labor.

"I began talking with people about this effective outreach ministry that the people here fund, such as grants to social service organizations — I was really impressed with that.

"I'm looking forward to our first Sunday, I hope I can meet as many people as are down here. I see our immediate task as helping people to come to terms with the fact that change is inevitable, even paradise is not exempt. But it's going to be OK."

The Hansels have some experience with hurricanes, as Dale served as church coordinator for hurricane recovery after Hurricane Frederick hit Mobile, Alabama in 1979.

They are also looking forward to pursuing some outdoor interests while living on Captiva.

"We've packed our Petersons Bird Guide and our Whitneys Star Gazers manual," he said. You may see them out bicycling, or taking their two "very mellow" King Charles spaniels, Maggie and Katie, out for a walk.

Chapel by the Sea is located next to the

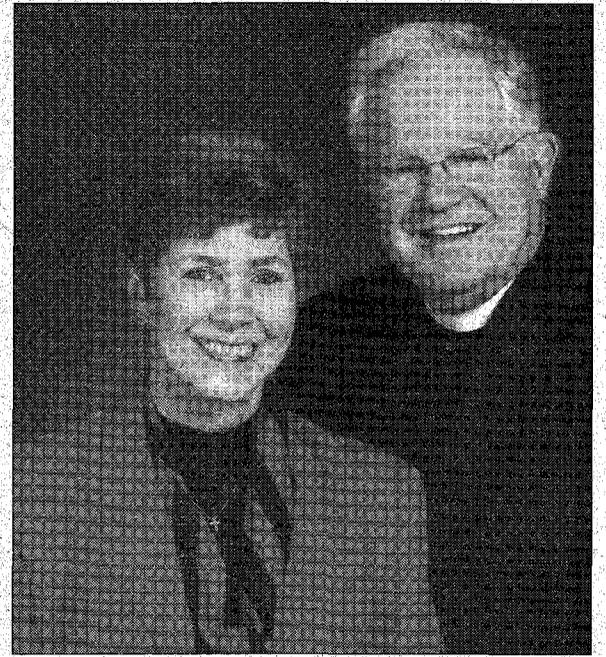


Photo courtesy of the Hansels

Dale Hansel and Rev. Canon Dr. Robert Hansel

Captiva Memorial Library and Captiva Civic building, at the end of Chapin Lane. Weekly services began on Sunday, November 21 at 11 a.m.

ABWA new members

The Sanibel-Captiva chapter of American Business Women's Association recently inducted into membership Marge Meek and Susan Waddle. Marge is an insurance agent living on Sanibel and Susan is a realtor for Sellstate 1st Choice.

The mission of ABWA is to bring together women of diverse occupations to help them and others to grow personally

and professionally through leadership and education. The Sanibel Captiva chapter also provides local scholarships and contributes to Florida's Take Stock in Children Scholarship Program.

Dinner meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. Membership information is available from Fay Carney at 395-1767. (photo right)



Marge Meek (left) and Susan Waddle (right) are inducted in the Sanibel Captiva chapter of the American Business Women's Association by membership chair Fay Carney (center).

ACT needs donations for Christmas party

Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT) is asking for donations of new items for Christmas.

ACT holds a Christmas party each year for over 200 victims and children of domestic violence and sexual assault. Things that are needed are new toys for all ages, new clothing of all sizes, new household items, gift certificates of all kinds, new sports equipment, new baby

items, new electronic items for children, new school supplies, new books and new board games.

Please help ACT provide some season cheer where it is needed by making a donation of money or gifts this holiday.

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Sanibel's Britt DeGennaro wins first place in Pride and Patriotism fiction contest

What lies ahead: The Komi Nashes Story

By Britt DeGennaro

Here he stood on the footsteps of freedom, democracy, and liberty and he cried. He cried for reasons anonymous to his physical being but known all too well to his state of mind. Ahead of him lies his future, and behind him lies his past, a past littered with despair, tragedy, heartbreak, and feud, a past that to your average person would be grounds to end it all. But somewhere between his past and his future is the present, and the present was that his name was Komi Nashes: a boy of seventeen on the outside, but a mental wisdom well beyond his young age.

Komi cried, and cried, and cried and all the while a gathering of people watched, people from all over the world: Libya, India, China, Sri Lanka, the Caribbean, and so many more, all assembled at this place. A place some had dreamed of since they first could dream — a place where your efforts would not be ill-fated, and they all together cried on the footsteps of the gateway to freedom, Ellis Island.

Komi had lived in the African Congo all his life. The dense forest his home, the wildlife his meal, and his village his life. He and so many others like him had fallen victim to racial cleansing. His best friend had been killed in a violent raid that had wiped out half of the village. Komi and his father had been spared only by the essential food that was so vital for their survival, but his three younger siblings and his mother had not been so lucky as to be out hunting, nor were they lucky enough to

avoid the gunfire. No, Komi and his father, Rolla, were now the only two remaining out of what had been a six-person family.

This had happened three years ago, when Komi was fourteen. The last three years had seemed like a haze. He, his father, and the twenty others who survived the raid traveled for a year: a year of hiking through the impenetrable jungles, skyscraping mountains, searing deserts, and long grasslands of Africa. That time had not seemed like a blur. No, that time had felt like an eternity. It had been an eternity of waiting and an eternity of being assailed by disappointment.

But the time in which his father and he had joined a refugee camp, and been brought to America on the jet plane, now that time, that time had passed like an instant. Now he walked into the immigration capital of America with the full intention of making his life mean something. He intended to be just as special as the star athletes of America, and America's movie stars. He wanted to be somebody, he was going to make his life a success no matter what the price.

With \$1,245 a month to live off of, Komi and Rolla had found an apartment in Harlem that cost them about \$700 monthly. This apartment, which would usually be on the upper side of \$3,000, had been found through a cousin of a friend of a friend, and to date neither Rolla nor Komi knew who the apartment was really owned by, but they were thankful.

As employees of the T.G.I. Fridays on

the corner, their uniforms were required to be cleaned and pressed daily. Rolla worked as a dishwasher earning roughly \$7.50 an hour, while Komi — whose sketchy English was still better than 65% of the employees — worked as a busboy, making about \$10 an hour. And off of this modest living they started their lives as Americans. The big city had intimidated Komi at first, but now he was growing more accustomed to the fast paces and cruel ways of the "Big Apple." His and his father's English was improving despite heavy accents. He'd even learned to live and die with the New York Yankees.

But the difference between Komi and the average New Yorker was his love. Love for the city, and love for the nation that had given him a chance to have what would be unimaginable back in the Congo: freedom. So, day in and day out, Komi and Rolla earned their keep in the modest apartment and the restaurant on the corner. Their lives continued through the heartbreak that they knew so well. But as the sun rises and sets, so do the days and the years.

Komi was now twenty-five and a man. Big and strong standing nearly six-and-a-half feet tall and weighing almost 250 pounds. The eight years that Komi and Rolla had lived in America had seen its fair share of coarse times. In the last several years, gangs and drugs had consumed the south side of Harlem. It was all Komi could do to stay away from the devils that sat at every corner.

As Komi walked home, the sun had drawn wearily in the late afternoon and had let the dark clouds drift in from the Atlantic. When Komi first saw it, he didn't believe what he was seeing. But it was true; there sat a girl no more than seven in the middle of what had become a frightening standoff between two local gangs. The next 30 seconds seemed like slow motion. The gun was drawn; Komi dropped his bag and began running. "STOP!" he yelled. "Don't hurt the girl!" The next sound that was heard was one of a twenty-two calibre pistol. Its eerie ring wandered through 131st Street and traveled in all directions. It rang out like the song of a siren and fell to deaf ears. The sound found its way all over Harlem; it managed to find its way through Brooklyn and Queens, and came to rest in the Red Light District.

All of this happened within a fraction of



Photo by Carol Smith

Britt DeGennaro (second from right) on stage at the November 10 Pride and Patriotism celebration at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall ("inset" photo is from a projected presentation).

a second. But the scars that would come from that fraction of a second would last a lifetime. Komi lay not ten feet away from the shooter. He lay with a veil of crimson red draped around his body. He looked to his right and found the little girl too shocked, too petrified to move a muscle.

Komi looked to his left and saw Manuel Seaz holding the hand gun, and then Komi looked to the sky. He stared up into the powder blue sky. The clouds were clearing and a brilliant sunset had begun. The oranges, purples, and reds twinkled about in the heavens. But Komi did not see the colors that everyone else did, nor did he care to. What Komi saw were his mother and three sisters smiling down on him. And as he slipped away he felt no pain, he felt no guilt, no hurt.

He did not have any resentment toward Manuel because in his mind he knew that he had done what he was made to do. He may have not lived in America long enough to learn the 50 states, or how to spell every word in the English dictionary. Komi Nashes never wanted that; he wanted freedom, democracy, and liberty. And this country he loved had given that to him. So as the blood seeped out of his wound, the blood was not only red. No, Komi's blood was red, white, and blue.

Sanibel School eighth grader Britt DeGennaro won first place in the Lee County School District for eighth grade fiction in the Pride and Patriotism Essay Contest, part of a celebration held at Barbara B. Mann on November 10.

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Kiwanis: Greenstein wows the club

Submitted by Walt Hadley
(Bob Wimbush on assignment)

Marge Nordstrom, speaking on behalf of wildlife rehabilitation, gave a short presentation announcing a benefit on Saturday, Dec. 12 at the Congregational Church. The Mastersingers will present The Messiah. She hoped many people would attend, since half of the proceeds will go to benefit animals at C.R.O.W.

After that, Kiwanis was faced with "How Does One Top Last Week's 'The Bravest Man on the Island?'" (County Causeway Czar dances around "dreaded" TOLL). Answer: Recruit an old friend who, perhaps, is the most knowledgeable on "What Happened, and Where Do We Go From Here, Sanibel"?

Steve Greenstein, long time Kiwanian, and tireless executive director of the Sanibel-Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce, gave us a comprehensive analysis of the challenges facing the Islands since the main thrust of the hurricanes has passed. Truly amazing Greenstein, notably famous for outstanding humor, pulled the whole thing off with few comic lines, contrary to what was anticipated. He was steeped in facts, and had a solid grasp of the uphill battle we all face to establish normalcy on the Islands as we once knew it.

He covered numerous subjects, not the least of which was the ridiculous stalemate islanders are experiencing due to the standoff between the Sanibel City Council and the County Commissioners. He said it is truly sad-denying because the business community is being jeopardized by the actions of both. Oddly, each claims to be friends of, and have the best interests in mind for, business. Greenstein indicated "Perhaps, we don't need any more friends like this".

He offered some interesting statistics: The islands suffered a loss approximating one billion dollars in damage.

Surprisingly, there has been little depreciation in price on single family inventory due to the storms. The same, however, cannot be said about multi-family units. About 30% of inventory is still not functioning, due to several factors, but mostly because large developments usually do not control inventory. Those who do, made decisions to do specific things and move on.

Citing West Wind as an example: being in control of their own inventory allowed them to make overarching decisions without having to consult a myriad of owners to move ahead. As a result, they were one of the first to

reopen... when it had been feared they might fall victim to the bulldozer. He stated that many units, which are not progressing along, are older and need more than a face-lift. Some owners are hesitant to take action since the cost of refurbishing after months of lost revenue has disheartened some to a point where they are considering unloading the burden for the best deal they can get.

He stated that other parts of Florida used predatory marketing tactics when we were first hit with Charley. Many other areas of the state shifted dollars of advertising to our area to entice people away from Southwest Florida to vacation in their "untouched" facilities. It was fun to experience "We Too Can Play The Game" when much of the rest of the state got whacked. Steve said our Chamber put many dollars to work in other areas beckoning people to come back to Sanibel "because we are alive, well, and up and running". He lauded chamber membership for coming to the table when the chips were down, by putting up extra funds to do badly needed marketing and help island business get going again.

Steve closed with the announcement that Friday December 3 will be the Island Luminary's 20th birthday, and is an excellent promotion to illuminate island businesses (pun intended). He said The Chamber purchased 800 lanterns to be used in connection with the Luminary Trail. These will be additions to the traditional "bag and candle" to expand the trail. He hoped islanders would get out and enjoy the festivities.

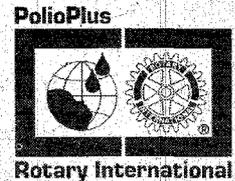
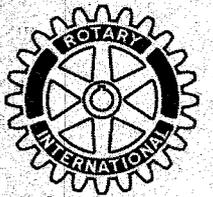
We certainly missed hearing some of the "Best Of Greenstein". In its place, however, we feasted on one of the best presentations regarding the islands we have encountered in a long time. (P.S. For those thirsting for 'The Best Of Greenstein', I have an hour on tape, but you have to sit through an hour of 'The Best Of Hadley' to get to it. "Greenstein-Hadley rock 'em at Sanibel Community". Not sold in stores.)

Speaking of feasting, Kiwanis meets every Tuesday for breakfast at the Dunes. Since I also pulled Bob's turn in the carpool, he owes me 3 bucks.

Rotarians meeting at the school on Dec. 10

Please note that the December 10 Rotary Club meeting will be held in a different location.

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Presented by Margie Davison

GROWING PROBLEM: UNDERINSURED HOMES

A recent study has determined that 64 percent of today's homes are at least 27 percent underinsured. In some areas, homes are underinsured by more than 60 percent. Much of the problem has surfaced by West Coast wildfires and the string of hurricanes in the Southeast, according to analysts at Marshall & Swift-Boeckh. Many policies have shifted from guaranteed-replacement coverage to extended-replacement policies.

Guaranteed-replacement means just that - the home will be replaced if destroyed. Rather than provide unlimited replacement coverage, most insurers now tack on 20 percent to 25 percent of the property's estimated value onto a specific policy amount. Many homeowners (and some insurance agents) don't realize how much construction costs have risen in recent years, so the companies add a percentage onto the estimated value of the property to cover themselves. The insurance industry blames the lack of coverage in some cases on homeowners, many of whom fail to account for rising materials costs and increased value tied to home improvements. Some insurance commissioners believe that insurance agents do not include the full replacement value in their quotes because higher values mean higher premiums, and they don't want to lose customers to their competitors.

Before purchasing homeowners insurance, it's a good idea to have your property appraised. By so doing, you can be sure the full current value of the home is covered and you're not paying premiums for an unnecessarily large policy amount.

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

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First impressions: The return of a snowbird

I didn't know what to expect. It's November and time for the return of the prodigal snowbird.

It starts at the airport. Getting off the plane we looked for immediate signs of Hurricane Charley devastation. The down escalators seemed to be working. The plumbing in the men's room seemed unaffected. The baggage claim carousel appeared to be spinning.

I began to think that maybe I'm being overly sensitive. Why am I looking for damage inside the terminal? At the very least I should wait until I'm outside.

I'm outside now and look around. Nothing seems different. The flow of traffic seems the same and the parking area is full as usual. It now occurs to me that maybe I should hold up on my powers of acute observation until we reach the Sanibel causeway.

I do so and am jarred into immediate outrage when I pull up to the toll both and am greeted with a sheepish look and downcast eyes by the attendant when I hand him three dollars.

"Six dollars!" I scream. "How could the toll go from three dollars to six dollars? That's highway robbery." I paused to admire my impromptu pun while the attendant offered a lame explanation.



Art Stevens

As I crossed the causeway I almost ignored the construction taking place as I focused on Sanibel itself. From a distance it was difficult to discern that anything ravishing had taken place. It really wasn't until I turned right onto Periwinkle that my powers of observation went into high gear.

My first impression was that Sanibel was naked and had had its privacy violated. Every structure along the way was bare and visible. Six months earlier when I had last been in Sanibel all structures were discreetly covered and hidden by trees, plants and various forms of decorative landscaping. The phrase "the emperor has no clothes" jumped into my mind.

Sanibel has no clothes, I thought. No privacy, no discretion. There are no grounds, no landscaping — only naked, visible unadorned structures.

And, of course, the tree stumps, uprooted roots, limbs, branches sprawled in all directions, bare and uncovered areas. I thought to myself that man-made structures fared better than our community of tall and elegant trees. Structures that were constructed following our rigid building codes did reasonably well. But our poor trees had no building code to protect them. They stood up to Charley and took it on the chin.

I drove to my house and found the same situation. House survives, trees down. And nearby houses which hadn't before been visible because of their outerwear of trees and plants were now totally, starkly visible and bare. My thought was that our days of pure privacy are over for the moment. The emperor truly has no clothes.

It will take a while for the Sanibel foliage to grow back, fill in and be lush again. There are still more roots to weed out, stumps to remove, debris to be collected. But nature is resilient and the emperor will have clothes again. There will be life after Charley.

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flowers!

Beginners are welcome and instruction and materials are provided. There is no charge and you have the option to buy your creation at the end of the day. Learn shellcrafting from some of the best on the islands. Call Wanda Will at 472.8059 or the SCA office at 472.2155 for info. Shellcrafter creations are sold to raise money for the Community House.

Speaking of shell donations, the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum also accepts donations of shells for the shell kits that they send out to Florida schools.

Drop by The Community House during Luminary for cider and cookies... and a surprise visit from Mr. and Mrs. Santa. Get some shopping done, too — there will be Shellcrafters gifts for sale.

Kids from 5 - 15 years are invited to bring out their creative side at the Luminary Night Window Painting Contest at Tahitian Gardens. Kids get to paint a window on Saturday, November 27 or Sunday, November 28 (anytime between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.). Luminary night by shoppers will be voting for their favorite and winners will receive gift certificates from participating Tahitian Gardens stores.

Contestants will fill out a form with their name and phone number; each will be assigned a contest number, which will be put on their window painting. Call June at Needful Things (472.5400) for more info.

Help support the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife and have fun holiday shopping at Periwinkle Place with their Holiday Shopping in the Park to benefit CROW.

Enjoy the luminary trail light display, enter to win one of five holiday gift baskets (packed with merchandise and gift certificates from Periwinkle Place businesses) and donate change to CROW. Gift basket drawings will be held weekly and you do not need to be present to win.

Kickoff for this four-week celebration is Saturday November 20 at 2 p.m. with family fun including face painting and balloon sculpting for kids, a center court fashion show at 3 p.m. and musicians from 4 - 7 p.m. from the nationally syndicated radio program Polka Party USA, leading a sing-along and playing all your favorites.

Need a quick getaway? The Southwest Florida Museum of History has two planned.

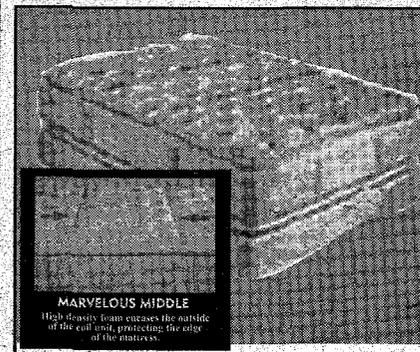
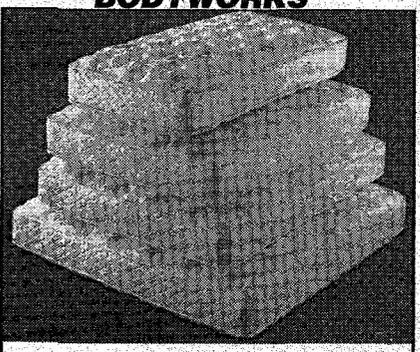
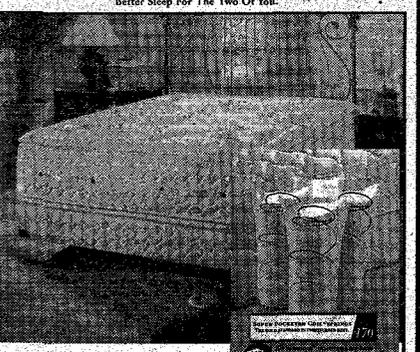
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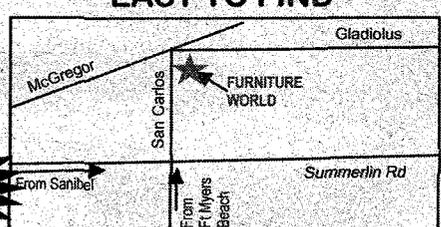
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HOLISTIC HEALTH NOTEBOOK

It's the flu season again... or not.



Carol Simontacchi

I have been following the flu vaccine debacle with some interest over the past few weeks, and since I tend toward a fair amount of cynicism in these sorts of things, I am struggling to keep the distrust in check.

After all, we live in a "demand creates demand" market. If there is a shortage of a commodity, the demand - and the price - goes up. If you are old enough, you remember sitting in gasoline lines in the seventies because of crude oil shortages, but when gas prices approached the unthinkable \$1/gallon, the shortage magically disappeared.

What better way for a pharmaceutical company to ratchet the price of vaccinations up than to declare a shortage?

Putting my horrible attitude aside, I have a better idea. Let's build our immune system so strong that we don't need a vac-

ination. We're trying to break our dependence on Middle East oil supplies; let's break our dependence on meds!

How To Build A Strong Immune System

If you want to avoid getting sick this winter, stop eating sugar. Sugar disables the immune system, making you susceptible to bacterial and viral infections because your body cannot fight back. It is as though the immune system falls asleep for several hours after you consume sugary foods like breakfast cereals, soft drinks, and desserts.

Imagine the child or office worker who eats a breakfast bowl of cereal that contains more sugar than soft drinks (ounce per ounce) a piece of toast with sugary jam, and a glass of sugar-sweetened fruit juice. That child/office worker sits in a classroom/office with other sneezing, sniffing, coughing youngsters/co-workers, and is defenseless against the onslaught of germs headed his way.

Second, wash your hands thoroughly several times per day. Doctors tell us that one of the best ways to avoid getting sick is to simply wash your hands. Teach your kids how to scrub under their nails and suds-up before they put food or fingers into their mouths.

Third, get plenty of sleep. The cold and flu season is not the time to take on extra work, forcing you to stay up later at night. Before Thomas Edison invented the incandescent light bulb, our ancestors went to bed shortly after the sun, and awoke with the first rays of light bursting over the horizon. We should do the same. We do not have to stay up late to watch our favorite TV shows. Snuggle into your covers early in the evening and enjoy the company of a good book before dozing off to sleep around 10 p.m. Your well-rested body will be less likely to catch the next bug floating around.

Fourth, supplement your diet with well-chosen vitamins, minerals, and herbs. One of my all-time favorites is the

classical Wellness Formula, comprised of twenty-six nutrients and herbs like vitamins A and C, minerals zinc and selenium, herbs like garlic, propolis, horehound, and astragalus. When you feel the first symptom of illness, I recommend taking one tablet every hour until you feel your old energy returning, then three or four tablets per day for a week or so. It frequently stops a cold or flu in its tracks.

Another classic is the homeopathic formula, Oscilloccocinum. Do not let that unpronounceable name stop you from enjoying the benefits of this French remedy. At the first sign of trouble, I place a few pellets under my tongue, let them dissolve, and repeat the process every fifteen minutes until I feel well again - which is usually within one hour. An amazing formula!

Stay well this winter!

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

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Care packages for our troops

MOAA and American Legion Post 123 are collecting goods to be shipped to troops now serving in Afghanistan and Iraq, for shipment on Saturday, December 4.

Items can be dropped off at the American Legion at 4249 Sanibel Captiva Road every day after 10 a.m. until December 4

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Lee County's School Resource Center needs supplies

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Shelling news



Left: Suz Janney (pictured above with Gene and Cara, in the middle) found a junonia on Saturday, Oct. 16. She was shelling by Shalimar at low tide and there was one spot with "all these people shelling," where the waves were coming in from both directions. She saw something rolling "and thought, what is that polka-dotted thing?" She didn't know that she had a prize junonia until they got a tide chart from the West Wind Inn. Gene remembered hearing that the shell was rare, and a sister in Fort Myers told them, "oh, you have to get your picture taken!"



Left: Jordan Kuiper from Zeeland, Michigan found a junonia on Thursday, November 18, while snorkeling at Lighthouse Beach. He was off the tip of the point around noon, in waist-deep water when he found the junonia, which was with a lot of big pen shells. His dad noted that the shelling has been really good in that spot for the past couple of days. They found pieces of junonias last year. A sheller for the last five years, Jordan has a good collection, so he knew what he had found. In fact, his dad was underwater when Jordan made his find and Dad heard people screaming; he thought they had seen a big fish. Instead, it was a beautiful junonia.

Right: Lynn K. Lore from Pittsgrove, N.J. found a junonia on a shelling charter with Capt. Mike Fuery on the morning of Saturday, October 16. She and her husband have "been going out with Mike close to 10 years," and Mike had told them that in the past couple of weeks, junonias had been found on two out of three charters. An avid sheller, Lynn found her junonia at 9 a.m. "I danced, I screamed and shouted — it was like finding a million dollars!" The shell was just sitting on the beach... along with a LOT of other shells: they found over a hundred angel wings in good shape, a dozen shark's eyes, large whelks. Normally, Lynn hunts in the water and her husband on the beach but this time they "never got a chance to go in the water" because there were so many shells on the beach. "It was the highlight of our visit."



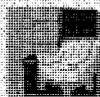
Molly Shane from Santa Cruz, CA found a junonia on November 4. She was shelling by the blue Dolphin and she was about 25 feet offshore, wading in waist deep water when her foot touched a shell. 12-year-old Shane has been shelling since she was one; her mother has been coming here since she was seven and her grandmother for 70 years.



Paul and Sherri Wood from Fremont, CA found a junonia on Cayo Costa on Tuesday, November 16. They were shelling on the Gulf side, about halfway up the island, when they found the shell. Paul has been a sheller since he was 10 years old. He saw an article in National Geographic about Sanibel and dreamed for years of coming here; he and Sherri have come twice before on vacation.

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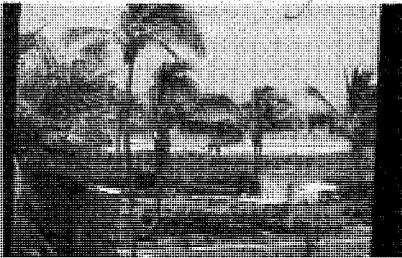


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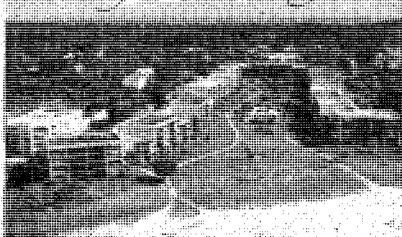


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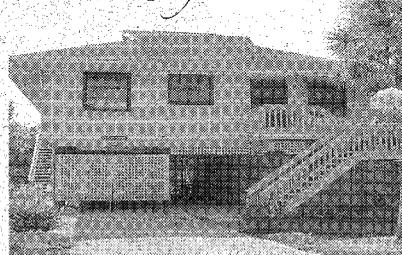
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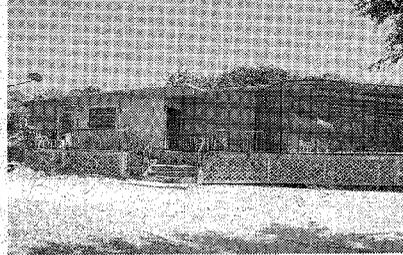


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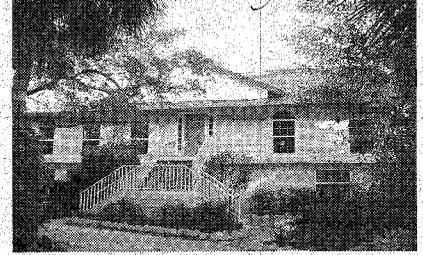


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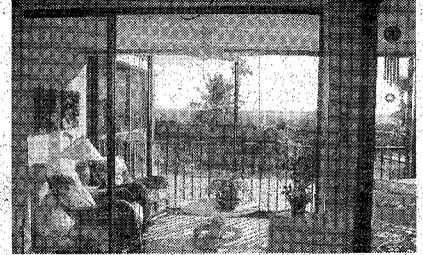


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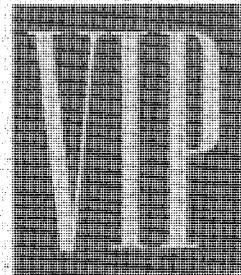
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IN MY OPINION

Another look at the election

It's over. But the Wednesday and Thursday morning quarterbacking last week by pundits leaves me cold. The analyses of how and why the Republicans won are written as if Americans were bovines.

Are all Christian evangelicals stamped out from one mold? I don't think so. Are all Republicans against a woman's right to determine what happens to her body? I don't think so. Are all Democrats for spending and tax increases? I don't think so.

I resent the oversimplification by the pundits of the American voting public. There is a tendency among many political commentators to characterize the voting public like cows herded by instinct rather than intellect.

There is abundant diversity in America. And those I have spoken with have complex motives, each thinking differently than others about the decisions they made in the voting booth. It is not that we are unthinking blocs who follow the leader. The amazing reality is that there is so much individualism in the political life of Americans. We are individualists to an extreme.

This is not to deny that some groups — ethnic, racial, or of similar national origin have shared interests. But even in these groups there is not a monolithic standard to define everyone. Though they may vote for the same individual, still motives are varied and often complex.

On the other hand, common bonds do

unite us. We hold supremely dear certain specific values. First on the list is the authority of the Supreme Court. Even when we disagree with our distinguished judges, the acceptance of their judgments by the voting public saves us from civil strife.



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The sanctity of the right to vote is second on the list. Like no other facet of citizenship, we believe the right to vote is sacred. This right was the engine for the Civil Rights movement. No other aspect was so crucial to the advancement from slavery to freedom by African Americans.

A patriotic unity trumps all other issues and differences in times of national crisis. Threaten us and you will arouse a usually apathetic nation to the height of power and sacrifice.

We are not always a nation that acts justly, humanely or honorably. The shortcomings of our press, leaders and citizens are sometimes inexcusable. Events at the prison Abu Ghraib are a gruesome example of our frailty. But most of us are shamed by our failures. And most of us are determined to correct past error, as individuals and as a nation. Our capacity for self-criticism is truly the source of our greatness, and the flowering of our freedom.

Ed. note: This column was received the week after Election Day.

Happenings, from page 10

Registration deadline in December 18; call for all-inclusive pricing (for transportation, hotel, two continental breakfasts and group tours).

The Museum is also planning an escorted day trip to Vizcaya in Miami on Wednesday, January 12. Tour the Italian renaissance villa and formal gardens, built by industrialist James Deering in 1916. Lunch at the Vizcaya Cafe and then travel to the Historical Museum of Southern Florida for "The Florida home: Modern living." Registration deadline January 4. Call 239.332.5955 for info on both trips.

The Southwest Florida Craft Guild has issued a call for artists for the **Fine Craft Market Day** on Sanibel, to be held at the Community House at 2173 Periwinkle on Saturday, April 9 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Guild sponsors the event to promote member sales and invites area fine craft artists to join them for this juried sale.

The event is the major scholarship fundraiser for area students of fine craft at Cypress Center for the Arts; the art program at the Sanibel School will also benefit. Entry deadline is February 14. For info, call Jerry Churchill at 472-3876.

Volunteers are needed for FISH on Sanibel to ensure the successful operation of Friends in Service Here (FISH). FISH provides a wide range of assistance to those who need it, like: loaning wheelchairs, canes, walkers and other health-care equipment; meal delivery to house-bound patients, non-drivers, and anyone recovering from surgery, an accident or loss of spouse; transportation to appointments at medical facilities; companionship and encouragement; health referrals and help with medical record-keeping; assistance for coping with the illness or loss of a loved one through a Caregivers Support group. Call 472-0404 for more info.

Ageless on Sanibel

Yesterday, I got a year younger. Here's the story. I was talking to a friend about my 50th birthday party, held a long time ago. She asked how long ago and I said, it must be almost 8 years ago as my birthday is in late December and I am going to turn 58. She said her birthday was in February and she was going to be 58 as well, having been born in 1947. Well, I was also born in 1947 and after some counting on fingers, I realized that I had aged myself an extra year and in reality was only going to turn 57.



Nola Theiss

Now there are a number of explanations and/or excuses for such a lapse. One is that it is hard to remember how old you are by calculating your year of birth when you were born 5 days before the end of the year. The other is that chronological age has never seemed very important to me. I was always ahead of myself as a child, having started school early and been double-promoted past 7th grade, thus forever losing square roots and other essential knowledge important to my algebra teacher and not-so-important to the nuns in my elementary school. Then there is the fact that the last few months of hurricanes have probably aged all of us somewhat.

Having lived on Sanibel for a long time now, I know that age is not a significant determinant to how mentally sharp or physically active one is. Even becoming a grandmother no longer means one is old, it just means you have someone else to love and worry about and run after.

But the point is, what do I do with the gift of an extra year, especially one in my 50's, when I'm feeling somewhat chipper and, most years, sharp enough to know how old I am. After some pondering, I've decided I want to do more of the same —

and who could blame me, as this has been a terrific year:

- I've watched our newborn grandson grow from a tiny bundle into a beautiful boy with six teeth who can walk and talk, using a few words of English and a full vocabulary in a language we are not privy to. I have watched myself become the caricature of the besotted grandmother and the privileged mother of a daughter who has turned into a terrific mother, both funny and strict at the same time.
- Meanwhile, our other daughter graduated from college, started law school and — between scholarships and loans — is practically self-supporting, at least for now. I get to experience law school without studying or taking exams and to witness her becoming an adult. And, better yet, she's letting me share her life and even agreed to travel with me for a couple of weeks this summer.
- In spite of a somewhat damaged roof, a huge insurance deductible, big tax bills, and higher tolls, we have once again figured out how to live on a government pension and cobble together a few jobs so that we are surviving in paradise while we are doing things that really matter to us.
- And we get to do those important things with more friends than we ever had when we were busy making a living and raising children — and we never have to shovel snow or worry about the cost of heating oil.

So this year at Thanksgiving, I give thanks for being given an extra year. Who knows — I may just stay 57 for a few more years.

Pet of the week

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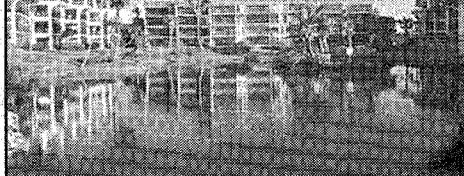
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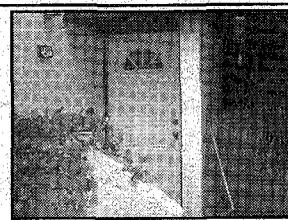
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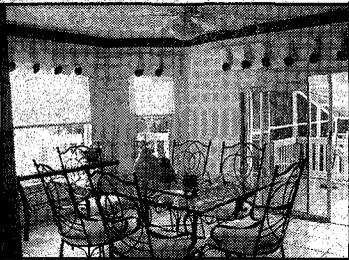
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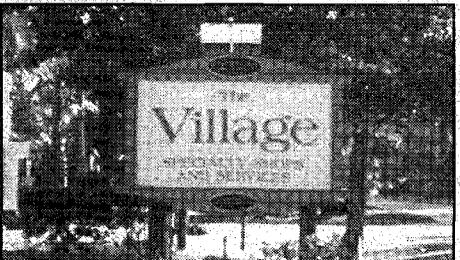


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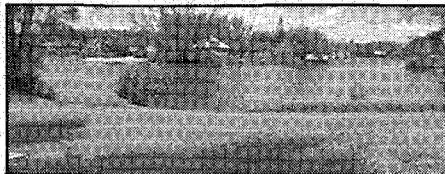
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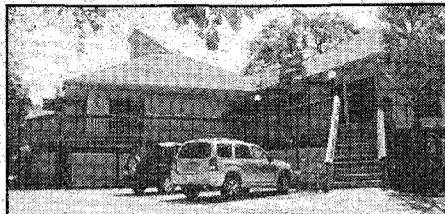
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WHO'S WHO ON THE ISLANDS

There's more to Joan Simonds than books

When Joan Simonds first came to The Island Book Nook in 1986, Phil Johnson her next door neighbor at Ile Crocodile stopped by and exclaimed, "Oh! You're working from the front of your store," to which Simonds replied that she couldn't imagine working anywhere else. "I don't want to be hidden in the back and not have the fun of a window view." Today you will still see her working efficiently or reading a book from her front view vantage point. As she looks up from her comfortable "executive" chair, she admits that her life is a series of fascinating encounters.

Simonds explains that she's always been a bit of a tomboy, loves people and has had several encounters with reptiles, possums and lots of "rare" browsers. In her poem "Rudy the Erudite Alligator" which she calls "A true anthropomorphic tale," Simonds tells her story about the alligator who visited the Book Nook when she opened the back door to get some cross ventilation and remained in the shop after she closed the door a bit later.

Throughout the day people kept coming into the shop and saying things like "What a cute alligator." The customers thought he was a stuffed toy until late that afternoon, when a woman shrieked, "What a cute little crock." Simonds dutifully took a look and saw a three-

foot alligator knocking books off the shelf in the back corner.

She ran next door to Florence's Dress Shop and yelled, "Call the police!" Florence answered, "Can't you see I'm busy." In a very loud voice Simonds yelled, "There's an alligator in my store." and all the customers ran over to The Book Nook to see him. The police responded quickly, declared him non-threatening, recorded Rudy in the Sanibel Alligator Book and let Rudy loose down the Sanibel River.

One Saturday afternoon during the holiday rush a woman poked her head in the door and whispered, "Is there a ladies room in this store?" Simonds whispered, "No, but you can use mine. It's in the back." At that point the woman, speaking in a foreign language, lined up six other people with the same request but all the commotion and flushing never bothered a single shopper.

Another unexpected moment was the day a man puffing on a big cigar came into the shop and asked, "Is it okay if I smoke in here?" Simonds replied, "No, I'm sorry." The man proceeded into the store, puffing furiously on his cigar, and walked slowly up and down the aisles and went out the front door. The customers opened the door and fanned the store but, unknown to Simonds, one of the them was the man's daughter. About ten minutes later she returned, sauntered to the rear of the store and declared, "The air in this place is awful. It's these old books.



Joan Simonds at work, sitting beside her front view window.

They smell!"

One morning Simonds found a baby bird and a baby possum outside her shop door. She put them in her car and transported them to CROW [Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, on Sanibel]. Upon her arrival at the clinic, the bird was removed safely but the possum was nowhere to be found. CROW staffers advised Simonds to put a piece of fruit on the floor of her car and when the possum came out to eat the fruit, grab the possum by the tail and let him go. Simonds tried this again and again without success. However, she luckily caught a glimpse of the possum disappearing into the springs under the passenger seat of her car and noticed the huge size of its rear end. Simonds decided that the best solution to the "possum tale" was to call her friend Mark, the

CROW vet and ask him to come to her shop after work. When Mark arrived, Simonds announced, "Here are the keys for my car and I want the keys for your car." Mark returned the following morning without the possum and announced he had left the car window open overnight and the possum had left on his own. "Why didn't I think of that?" Simonds asked herself

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Nancy Santeusanio



Left above: Donald and Joan Simonds in front of their 1950s Buick convertible. Left bottom: The Model A, owned by the "Whoop-de-doo's" highschoolers in Maine. Middle: Exploring a cave in Bandelier, New Mexico in 1996. Right: A 1990s book-signing for "Totch" Brown, from left: Simonds, author Estelle Totch, Curt Stevens. Front: Ted Lane, who worked in the store.

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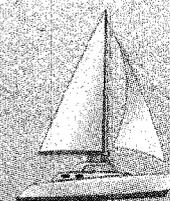
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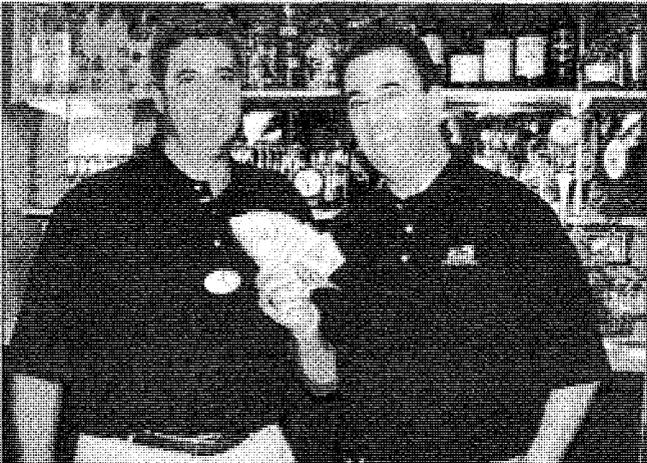
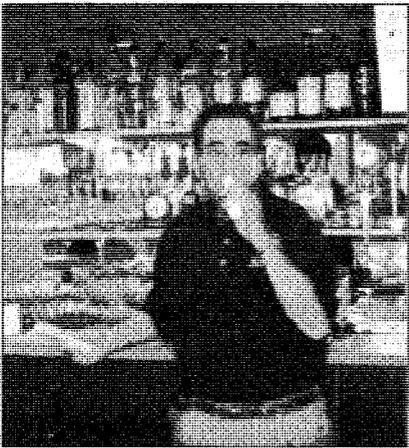
By Terri Blackmore
General Manager

After five weeks of many thirst-quenching evenings of pouring and imbibing to raise money for needy causes, the last drop has been poured.

On Wednesday, November 17th realtors Barb Rich and Linda Gornick were definitely celebrities in their own right as they reigned behind the bar at Dolce Vita for a collage of charities —The Conservation Foundation, CROW, Zonta and The Cancer Society. Not only were the girls getting tips for their mixing skills, but also for the mingling they did on the other side of the bar, which consisted of a raffle for some generously donated items and the opportunity for charity-goers to roll the dice and choose their own charity. The efforts of the ladies added \$2,236 to the collective grand total since the charity promo began in October. Thank-you to Dolce Vita proprietor, Andrea Mucciga, for his participation this year and for the amazing and delicious canapes hand-served by the professional wait-staff to the experienced thirsty crowd.

Last but far not from least, The Dunes hosted Mucky Duck owner Victor Mayeron with assistance from Dunes general manager, Kevin McCune on Friday, November 19. Victor came complete with a wooden train whistle

and blew his horn every time a gratuity was fed to the tip jar. It was a hungry tip jar indeed, benefiting The American Cancer Society which was heavy from the weight of a total of \$6,600. Wow... a great effort from Victor, Kevin and all the well-wishers that came to show their support for The



American Cancer Society, a labor of love for Victor.

Thanks to the Dunes management for the fabulous hot food buffet, which helped balance out the many delicious drinks being poured.

It is great to see the camaraderie in the community supporting this five-week long promotion in lieu of the recent inclement weather our citizens have suffered. Many of us have taken a few steps back since August but have taken a few giant steps forward to the tune of \$17,807.67 — the final tally for the 2004 Guest Celebrity Bar Promo for Charity.

Thank-you to all thirteen restaurant establishments and the many guest bartenders who did such a fine job and worked so hard —even when it came to their competitiveness to win the traveling bar trophy. Last year's winner, Ellington's and their guest tenders Matt Asen and Mary Jo Bogdon, will have to surrender the prize to the Dunes due to the overlying efforts of Victor Mayeron and Kevin McCune. Thanks to so many Sanibel-Captiva citizens, business owners and friends who supported this *Islander* newspaper driven event and an honorable mention to the last man standing who attended each and every one of them —Kip Buntrock of *Times of the Islands*.



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"Randon is such an excellent artist and her gift in designing these cards for CROW is wonderful. We're confident people will enjoy them this year," says Ann Moran, president of CROW.

There are 10 cards to a pack, with five different wildlife designs, and a brief description of CROW on the back of each card. Call CROW at 472.3644 to purchase cards or stop during the 11:00 a.m. presentation to purchase them in the gift shop.

CROW relies exclusively on private donations to operate and the number of patients received by CROW continues to increase. Gifts can be mailed to CROW at PO Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957. For more



information about CROW, contact Birgit Vertesch, director of development at 395.5357, 472.3644, or visit the website at www.crowclinic.org.

Sleeping Beauty at NDT

The fall Ice Cream Theatre presentation at NDT is *Sleeping Beauty*. A fairy tale classic set to music, this romp of a family show follows the story of the young princess put to sleep by the spell of an evil fairy for 100 years until a prince wakes her from the spell by his kiss. Like all the family musicals penned by Jim Eiler and Jeanne Bargo, *Sleeping Beauty* appeals to all ages and is full of humor, lively music and dance.

The cast features Tom Desimone as the King, Andrea Louwerens as the Queen, Lisa Goldstein as Melisande, Kristen Donnelly,

Kate Phillips and Loriann Freda as the Fairies, Booth Daniels as the evil stepsister Trollarina, Bo Price as the Herald and Patrick O. Curry as the Prince. The show is directed by Michael Wainstein, with choreography by Kate Phillips and Musical Direction by Kit Walpole. Stage Manager is Tina Marie Cerny.

Ice Cream Theatre includes a lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, fries and a do-it-yourself Ice Cream Sundae Bar, plus a beverage. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$13 for children 12 and under.

Performances begin at 11am and the show begins at 12:15pm. Shows are November 27, Dec. 4, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 28 & 30. Tickets can be ordered by calling our box office at 239-514-STAR (7827). Naples Dinner Theatre is at 1025 Piper Boulevard in Naples.

Left: Booth Daniels as Trollarina and Lisa Goldstein as Melisande in NDT's Ice Cream Theatre production of *Sleeping Beauty*. Below: The cast of *Sleeping Beauty*.



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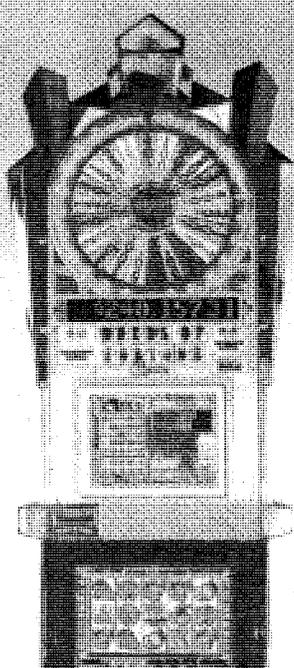
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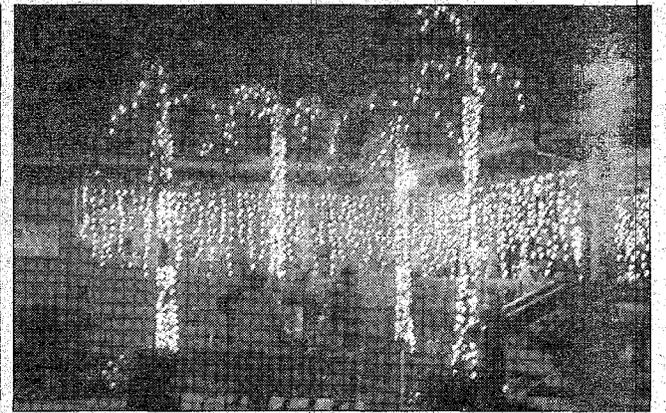
At Sanibel Community Church

The Liberated Wailing Wall Gospel group, a Jews for Jesus group, will be performing at a concert on Thursday, December 9 at 7 p.m.. Their music is rhythmic and reverent, upbeat and translucent. No admission; an offering will be received.

The annual Luminary Celebration at Sanibel Community Church will feature

a live nativity, Bethlehem village, children's petting zoo, Christmas bazaar, light show, concerts and drama and free food and drink. Luminary will be held from 6 - 9 p.m. on Friday, December 3.

Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. For info, call 472-2684



BJ's Big Band at Broadway Palm

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre is featuring BJ's Big Band Orchestra for a Holiday Concert on Monday, December 13. Come and listen to the band transform all of your favorite Christmas songs into the style of the big band era. The evening features David Pryne and Michele James-Pryne with BJ's Big Band Orchestra.

Broadway Palm will be filled with warm holiday memories as we recall two of the most beloved vocal stars of all time, Mel Torme and Rosemary Clooney. In addition, you'll hear the fabulous, swinging sounds of Benny Goodman, Harry James and Stan Kenton and your favorite Christmas songs as well.

Escape the hustle and bustle of the holidays for dinner and a night of spectacular holiday music and fun. This holiday concert is for one night only, so put aside your Christmas shopping and come see a terrific band.

Tickets are only \$39 for dinner and the concert. Dinner is at 5:30 and the show begins at 7 p.m.. Reserve your tickets today by calling 239.278.4422 or by stop-



Michele and David Pryne

ping by the box office located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

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quizzically.

To this day there's a bit of a tomboy resemblance in Joan Simonds. She's slight, looks very athletic and is afraid of almost nothing. As a kid she loved to swim but calls herself a "klutz" at sports. She flunked typing in high school and the teacher advised her that if she couldn't get beyond lesson 6, she should quit and be thankful for a "C" grade. Her family lived in a small town in Maine and in high school she and seven other girls owned a Model A Ford. They would all "chip in" for gas, drive the car as far as they could afford and leave it by the side of the road until they replenished their funds and the gas tank. The local police told the "Whoop-de-dos" as the girls were called that they were violating the law and must discontinue such frivolity.

Simonds admits that she always preferred tall, skinny men. That's why she chose Donald, her handsome husband and, with their penchant for fun, they owned a big, Buick convertible. During her years as a "stay at home" Mom with three children, Simonds went back to college, graduated from the University of

Maine in 1969 and opened her own real estate business. One April after a vacation in Sanibel, Donald and Joan Simonds returned to Maine. Their driveway was deeply rutted and the snow was still falling. They looked at each other, and — the only time they had ever read each other's mind — agreed, "Let's go to Sanibel!"

Today whether Joan Simonds is on a Montana canoe trip on the Lewis and Clark Trail, riding on a carousel in Paris or sitting on the steps of a pueblo cave in Bandelier, New Mexico, she's one exciting lady who still enjoys the fun of a front window view and will never be hidden in the back of her shop.

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THEATRE NOTES

Bill Taylor talks to island writers

Try to get into Bill Taylor's shoes. It's one big pair that guy fills. He's artistic director of Theatre Conspiracy and he spoke to the Island Writers Group on Thursday, November 18.

He talked about what it means to run a risk-taking theater. Bill will be doing, this season alone, three world premieres and three regional premieres. He will direct some, he'll stage manage a few, design and build the sets for others, and probably run the lights on nights when someone calls in sick. My feet would get tired in his shoes.

But, in Bill's talk to the Island Writers, he didn't complain, or play poor-me. He just does what needs to be done. Wearing all those hats comes with the territory.

On top of all that, Bill told us about the nationally recognized playwriting competition that Theatre Conspiracy conducts. The man reads a lot of plays. He delegates some of the reading to trusted friends.

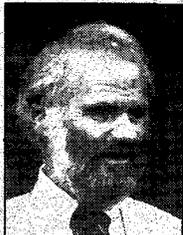
One year, 300 playwrights sent in 300 plays for the contest. It is awinning

process that would stun most people. But, eventually, Bill ends up with a winner and a covey of runner-ups. It's from these new plays that Bill designs the season.

New plays are not without their problems. One of the saddest issues is that audiences aren't very risky. So, a risky producer, risks losing his shirt and shoes.

Fort Myers has not been exactly cutting edge as far as sell-out houses for unknown plays. I urge those of us who love theater — not just the blockbusters, but theater on its journey towards discovery and evolution — to support a guy like Bill Taylor and a theater like the one he runs. He needs us. We're the people who have come to know how theater, when it's powerful, opens our eyes and our hearts, and penetrates and extends our life's experiences.

Go see Bill Taylor's transforming shows and roundly congratulate him. Before he wears out that mighty pair of shoes he fills so creatively and so bravely, and walks away from Fort Myers.



Sidney Simon

Cuttings at Theatre Conspiracy

Theatre Conspiracy is proud to announce the second production of its 2004-2005 season *Cuttings* by Thomas M. Atkinson. A finalist in our Seventh annual New Play Contest, *Cuttings* is a circuitous recounting of a childhood accident and the long shadow it has cast on a woman's life. This gentle, funny and unsentimental story is an exploration of our difficulty in dealing with difference.

Having its original production at Ensemble Theatre of Cincinnati and a workshop production at Odyssey Theatre in Los Angeles, this production will be a regional premiere and feature a talk back session with the playwright, cast and director following the first two performances. Shows will be December 2

through December 18 on Thursday, Friday and Saturdays at 8 p.m. with matinee performances at 2 p.m. on Sundays.

Thomas Atkinson has twice won an Ohio Arts Council Individual Artist Fellowship grant in Playwriting. He also won an Ohio Arts Council Individual Artist Fellowship grant in fiction in 1996. He was a nominee for the Theatre Communications Group Plays in Process Series, and the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park's production of his play *Clear Liquor & Coal Black Nights* was a designated Cincinnati Bicentennial event. His other published plays include *Copperheads* and *Circle of Mystery*. Several of his short stories have appeared in *Clifton* magazine, and his poetry has been published in the *Cincinnati Poetry Review* and *ART/LIFE*.

Cuttings stars professional Equity actress Joanna Olsen a resident of Fort Myers. Olsen's Florida credits include *Wit* at Florida Studio Theatre, *Dancing at Lughnasa* at The Hippodrome and *Road to Mecca* at Palm Beach Dramaworks.

Tickets to *Cuttings* are \$16 or \$7 for students. Season subscriptions also are still available for Theatre Conspiracy's 2004-2005 season of new works. Six shows for \$78 (thirteen dollars a ticket), five shows for \$70 (fourteen dollars a ticket) or four shows for \$60 (fifteen dollars a ticket). Flex passes are available for \$2 extra per person. For reservations or information call Theatre Conspiracy at 936-3239.

CENTER STAGE

Unhappily Ever After at the Sanibel School

Unhappily Ever After by Tim Kelly and Larry Nestor is the first production to play in the brand new Performing Arts Theater at the Sanibel School. What a grand production to open the new theater at the Sanibel School. The Sanibel community, its tax payers, private and business donors are to be commended for contributing monies to these awesome new buildings and our new school. Everyone who lives on our beloved island should make it a point to visit this brand new facility, in order to appreciate what a marvelous thing we have contributed for the enrichment of our young people living here.

Directed by Suzanne Skinner and featuring students from the Performing Arts Division of the Elementary School, with scenery by the 6th, 7th, and 8th Grades, *Unhappily Ever After* played to a fully packed house of parents and well wishers last week. Selected by the students, this musical turned out to be a first rate production, thanks to the teamwork by Director Skinner, the student cast, the School Staff and the Sanibel School Families, after a mere six weeks of rehearsal.

The story line tells how a Family Counselor (Beth Adams) has opened an office to see how various characters are getting along. She quickly discovers that nobody has lived "happily ever after" at all. The Counselor sets about making everything right again, with equally disastrous results. Added to the fun are five catchy musical numbers "Fairy Tales," "I Point the Way," "Can't Take the Cinders Out of Cinderella," "Sleep," "Teamwork," plus a chorus of fairy tale characters with numerous cameo roles and more fun for everybody involved.

Sleeping Beauty (the pretty and musical Kacie Phillips) provokes a comic

Prince Ling (Nic Williams) because she will do nothing but nap. The Frog Prince (Ben Stivers hilariously croaks his refusal to give up his amphibian ways to the dismay of the Pond Princess (the equally funny Erica Fernandez).

Prince Charming (Nick Gauthier) is miffed that nothing can pry Cinderella (Jourdi Hill) away from her beloved cinders. Others involved — and equally unhappy for various reasons — are ruffled Red Riding Hood (Whitney Congress), shy Miss Muffet (Amelia Wright), bewildered Bo Peep (Danielle Clawson), haughty Stepmother (Taylor Nave), Stepsisters One & Two (Corrina Nedell & Melissa Aronoff), added Alice in Wonderland (Amelia Rosen), a grouchy Rumpelstiltskin (Sameer Islam), handsome Jack, of Beanstalk fame (Christian Hansen), funny Aladdin (Christian Cooper), Beauty (Bree Silhavy), Rapunzel (Stevie Fisher), Little Mermaid (Katie McCann), Princess (Brittany Ratliff), Hansel (Georgia Price), Gretel (Lauren Evans), Snow White (Jordan Brown) and last but not least as the delightful Scribe (Kayla Patak).

The entire cast played their characters to the hilt, giving each one a particular personality, and having a great deal of fun doing it. I must single out Beth Adams. In the pivotal role of Counselor; she played her character with a witty command as well as displaying a strong singing voice. Bravo Beth and bravo cast for providing the entire audience a wonderful hour of happiness from your successful production of *Unhappily Ever After*.

Meanwhile keep up the good work and let me know when you guys do another production cause I wouldn't want to miss it and neither should you.



Marsha Wagner

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E.G. Kight gracing the stage at BIG ARTS

Singer/songwriter EG Kight will be appearing at BIG ARTS on Sanibel on December 11. Showtime is 8 pm.

A three time WC Handy Award nominee in 2004 for her Southern Comfort CD, the blues singer/songwriter will belt out some of her old tunes and flavor the show with new songs from her new CD *Takin' It Easy*.



from her 2001 *Trouble* CD.

In addition to her own live performances, both solo/acoustic and with her band, EG has shared the stage with music industry greats such as Taj Mahal, Koko Taylor, Phoebe Snow and Little Feat. Her CD recordings have employed the talents of guitarist Chris Hicks (Marshall Tucker Band), tenor sax player Greg Piccolo (formerly of Roomful of Blues), pianist Ann Rabson (Saffire-Uppity Blues Women) and Grammy Award winner Steve Mitchell.

Kight's music crosses many borders and tastefully incorporates blues, pop, jazz and southern rock. This artist pours her soul into every note she sings, strutting her vocals with confidence and bringing you to your knees with the smokiest of lyrics.

EG has penned some of the most beautiful and original songs. Her talents led her to become a finalist in the International Songwriting Competition for her song "Let the Healing Begin"

EG Kight's shows evoke encores and ovations from audiences everywhere. You, too, will be riveted to your seat during her performances and will walk away breathless at the end. This is one event you will not want to miss! Tickets are available at \$26. Call BIG ARTS, 395-0900.

Riverdance, from left

a celebration of Irish music, song and dance, focusing on the evolution of Irish dance and its similarities with, and influences on, other cultures. Whelan won the 1997 Grammy Award for "Best Musical Show Album" for his original

music and lyrics for *Riverdance*.

Tickets for performances of *Riverdance* are available at the Box Office, by calling 481-4849 or online at www.bbmanna.com. Ticket Prices: are \$59, \$49 and \$39. For groups of twenty or more, please call 489-3033, ext. 3122.

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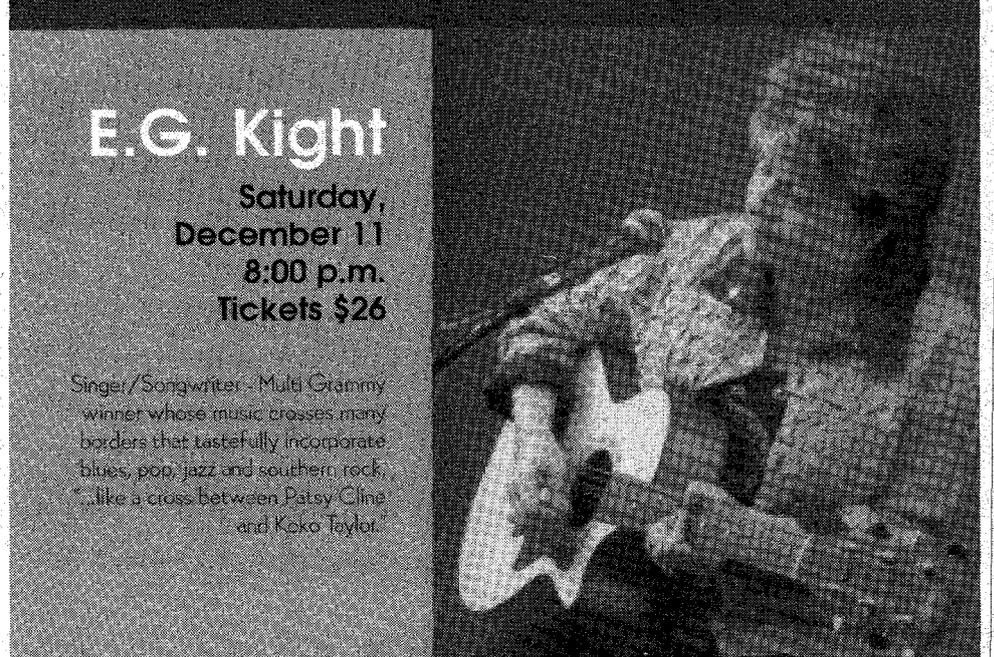
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The Art Fair at BIG ARTS

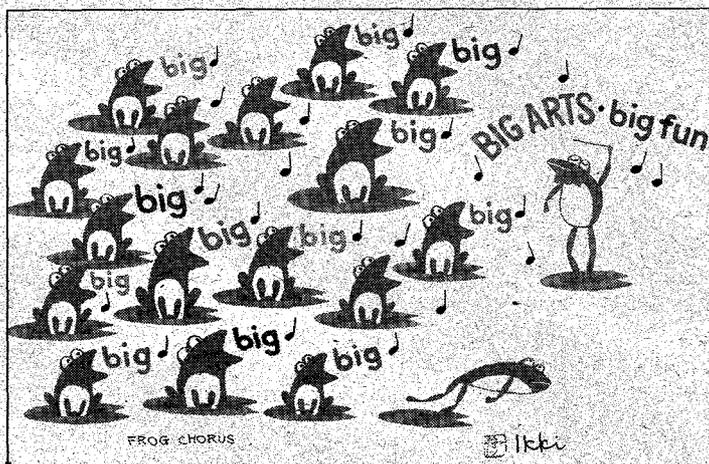
Start the holiday season by attending the BIG ARTS 25th Annual Art Fair. This exciting event will be held on the grounds of BIG ARTS and Dunlop Road, with plenty of free parking close by, facilitated with the help of local Kiwanis Club volunteers.

Artists from all over the world will display their innovative, diverse and high quality creations for your perusal and purchasing pleasure. This juried art fair includes over 70 artists and fine craftspeople. The competitive and highly selective application process assures you of the finest offerings in ceramics, fiber, glass, graphics, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography, sculpture and original, wearable art. Each artist donates a unique piece of his or her work to the BIG ARTS

Raffle. With upwards of 100 pieces contributed, the raffle is continuous throughout the two days!

Join the crowd for this spectacular, fun-filled annual event! BIG ARTS Art Fair offers something for everyone in the family. There will be musical entertainment throughout both days beginning with a special performance at 11 a.m. Friday by the BIG ARTS Community Band followed by music throughout the afternoon by the tropical sounds of The Malibu Duo. At 11 a.m. Saturday, enjoy a free presentation of the family friendly comedy, *The Never Everglades*, *A Play of Environmental Proportions* by The Fantasy Theatre Factory followed by the music of the "Pan Man," JRobert, for the remainder of the afternoon.

The rest of the day, feast your eyes on fantastic artwork, win a piece of art by one of the Fair's participating artists at our continuous raffle and make a craft at the lively children's activity table. Get your holiday shopping done early by buying a special Art Fair T-shirt specially designed by Sanibel's favorite artist, Ikki Matsumoto! Delicious



fun food and drinks will be provided by The Sanibel Steakhouse. Complete your day with a visit to the Sanibel Historical Village and Museum right next door for Sanibel Pioneer Days.

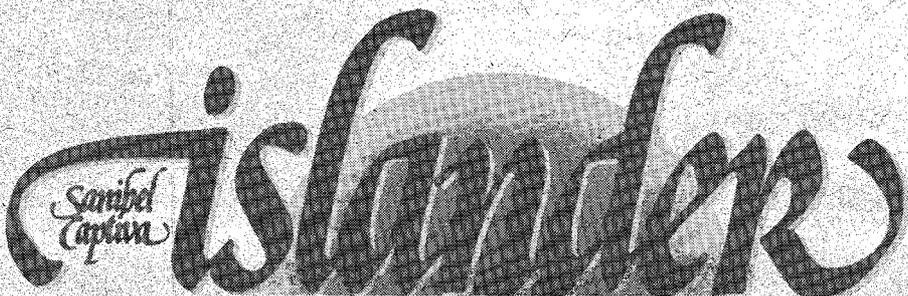
BIG ARTS 25th Annual Art Fair will be on November 26 and 27, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the BIG ARTS Center at 900 Dunlop Road

(next to City Hall) 395-0900. Entry fee is \$3 per person - Children under 12 free - Free parking.

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Although this is a non-juried show, BIG ARTS Visual Arts Committee maintains very high quality standards and reserves the right to accept only appropriate work. Consequently, shoppers are sure to find something to please the most discriminating art lover on their gift list!

Meet the show's artists, December 7th



at an opening reception at BIG ARTS, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Come enjoy the fun and excitement of BIG ARTS' constantly changing art show! For more information, please call 395-0900.

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Fly fishing far and wide

Club president, author and outdoor writer Norm Zeigler will give a slide presentation titled "Fly Fishing Far and Wide" at the monthly meeting of the Sanibel Fly Fishers Thursday, December 2. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at the new Sanibel-Captiva Community Bank on Library Way. The program will include saltwater and freshwater fly fishing in Europe and the United States.

The SFF is a dynamic, growing club affiliated with the International Federation of Fly Fishers. The club is open to anglers of all age and ability levels and focuses on all types of fly fishing, as well as conservation, access

and other issues. Guests are welcome. For more information, call Norm Zeigler at 395-9442, Dave Ford at 395-3540 or Glenn Pittard at 481-7362.

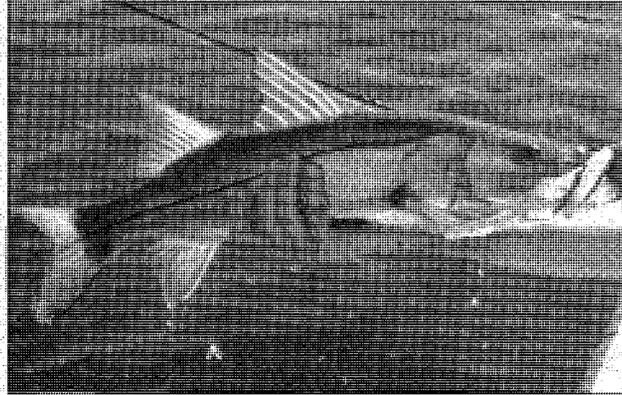


Photo by Norm Zeigler

A healthy snook caught in Tarpon Bay.

Azure Pieces of Life debuts at RedFish BluFish

By Amy Fleming
Managing Editor,
Captiva Current

Among the sounds of clinking dinner plates and silverware, and diners chatting softly while sipping chardonnay, came the quiet tones of flute and keyboard.

RedFish BluFish hosted a premier for Kat Epple's newest recording, *Azure Pieces of Life* last week, the artist's 14th CD.

Epple, a resident of North Fort Myers, is an Emmy-award winning composer and musician, having scored soundtracks for National Geographic, NOVA, the Travel Channel, and numerous other commissions. She has performed at the National Gallery, the Guggenheim, and on concert tours in Russia and China. Epple was co-composer and music director for "Calusa," in conjunction with the Parsons Dance Troupe at Fort Myers' New Arts Festival. She has eight Emmy awards, 10 Addy awards, and even a Grammy nomination to her name.

"The thing I love about this album, is it's all live, no overdubs," Epple said. "Kind of the opposite of what I've done with the soundtracks."

Another interesting aspect of this CD is the spontaneous recording of the music. Epple and keyboard artist Chuck Grinnell have been playing together for many years, sharing the same sonic wavelengths. For this CD, they simply sat down and started playing, resulting in a stream-of-consciousness series of compositions.

A self taught musician, Epple has had a life-long fascination with the flute. She began playing at the age of nine, and now scores her own compositions using computer software.

"I love the fact that the flute comes from all cultures," she said. "It's the most ancient musical instrument. You have drums, and you have the voice, but the flute is the first instrument."

Her interest in the flute deepened after meeting flute players and flute makers from other cultures. An avid collector as well, she now has some 200 instruments in her collection.

"Each one is different, each one has its own story, its own voice.

"It's very rewarding. It's always been my passport to meeting peo-

ple, as soon as I play, I've got new friends," she said.

Epple has found performing to be an interactive experience, as the audience is drawn in to her music. Playing the flute involves getting into a focused, meditative state in which the breath is controlled. Epple noticed that when an audience listens to a flute played well, they will begin to breathe with the artist.

Azure Pieces of Life was inspired by a day spent on Captiva, one of those classically beautiful, bright days that draws people to the island.

"The sky was so blue, the water was so blue. This was one of those days you can always remember — an azure day," Epple said. "This whole album is inspired by Southwest Florida."

The title was further inspired by Robert Rauschenberg's dye transfer "Catfish Tales," featured on the CD cover. In the center of the artwork is a partially obscured sign that reads "ces of life." Epple combined her idea for the CD with the sign text for the title.

The music itself is a soft blend of contemporary themes with ancient influences and instruments. During a live performance at RedFish BluFish that evening, Epple played a variety of instruments, including the Native American healing flute, a double flute that plays two tones at the same time. This was followed by a bass flute, with deep, resonating sounds that one audience member said sounded like the ocean.

Azure Pieces of Life is available on Amazon.com, or locally at Jane's Victorian Garden, and Austin Wine Cellar.

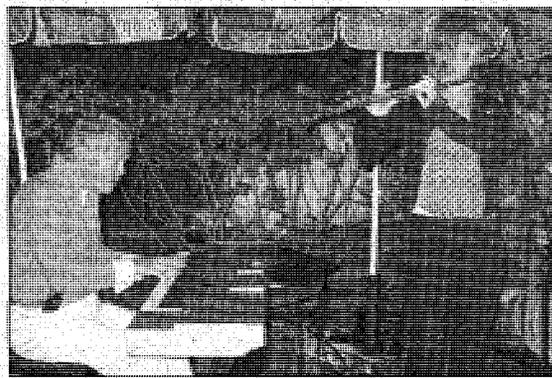


Photo by Amy Fleming

Kat Epple (right) and keyboardist Chuck Grinnell at RedFish BluFish.

Black drum caught at fishing pier

Meet this 27" black drum, weighing 9 1/2 pounds, caught Saturday, November 20, the first day the pier reopened. It is an excellent eating fish, tastes like its cousin, the red drum, popularly known as a red fish.

The reopening of the pier was good news for the anglers catching red and black drum, sheepshead, pompano and flounder. Please come, enjoy the pier and the wildlife and abide by the rules including "Don't feed the birds". This is a sanc-

tuary island where your compliance and their hard work benefit us all now and are designed to provide the same joy to future generations - a critical thought in this post-Charley era.

-Gopal 'Indy' Patti



At the Legion

The Sanibel 123 American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion were present in Labelle, Post 130 Wednesday, November 17 for a dinner to honor a visit from the National President, Sandi Dutton.

The evening was hosted by Unit 130 President, Jackie Moody. Present from the American Legion was National Executive Committeeman and Past Department Commanders, Dennis Boland and Bob Proctor (both Sanibel frequenters), Department Commander Tom Seitzinger, District Commander Bill (Cotton) Koiser, Sons of the American Legion District Vice Commander Kurt Webster. The American Legion Auxiliary was represented by the Department President Maureen Costello, Past Department Presidents Mary Heenan, Pat Humphries and Doris Rash, and District



From left: Lois McFall, Dennis Boland, Sandi Dutton, Kevin Rice and Heather Silbar-Rice

President Lois McFall, just to name a few among many more Officers and Members.

Heather, Sanibel Auxiliary Unit President, and Kevin Rice, Sons of the American Legion Adjutant, were personally introduced to the National President by Maureen Costello, Department President. During the conversation, Sandi and Maureen showed great interest in the welfare of island residents and emphasized that their prayers were and still are with us.



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Historical Village holiday show

By Jeri Magg

The Sanibel Historical Village and Museum celebrates this holiday season with an antique toy show and holiday decorations from the 1930s. The show "It Wasn't So Depressing Here - the 30s" opens on December 1 and continues until January 8.

Milbrey Jenkins Rushworth, display chairman for the Village, reminisces about magical Christmas holidays on the island during the '30s. Her grandparents arrived on the island as tourists in 1902 and stayed at the "Matthews," later named the "Island Inn." Eventually her grandparents bought a cottage next to the Island Inn.

In 1933, at the age of seven Milbrey, her sister Ede and her parents, came to the island for the season. In the depression years it was cheaper to live on Sanibel than in Michigan during the winter.

She remembers that particular Christmas holiday because of her father's unusual gift. "Daddy made us wonderful doll houses out of orange crates," she muses. The Jenkins tree was decorated with shells and oranges stuffed with cloves. Milbrey and her sister used her mother's nylon stockings to hang on the mantelpiece. Her father mixed a tub of grapefruit wine, but it blew up before they could drink it. She recalls children's parties at the Sanibel Community Center on Christmas Eve.

Milbrey can still visualize participating in a Christmas Day celebration at the Sanibel Community Church and remembers her sister dressed as an angel. After services the family ate dinner at the Island



Milbrey Jenkins Rushworth and her mother, Christine Buck Jenkins in front of Buttonwood Cottage on beach in the 1930s.

Inn. During the winter season there were special "Oyster Roasts," at the Island Inn. "Of course," Milbrey continues, "everything was always special on Sanibel."

Her parents moved to the island permanently in 1949. She met her husband Jack in the early 50s. In 1954 she and Jack became the managers of the Island Inn where they remained until retiring in 1990.

Milbrey, who loves to be involved in recreating those magical holidays at the historical village, will use her imagination and artistic talent this year to bring back to Sanibel those "not so depressing Christmas holidays of the 30s."

The Historical Village and Museum is located at 950 Dunlop Road and is open from 10 - 4. For more information about the Antique Toy Show, please call 472-4648.

Poet Joe Pacheco on NPR

Islander poetry columnist, Joseph Pacheco, will be featured on WGPU, 90.1 FM on Friday, November 26, at 8:50 a.m. and 6:50 p.m. on Amy Tardif's *Arts Edition*. Pacheco will recite two of his post-hurricane poems.

Hutchison named V.P. at San-Cap Trust

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company is pleased to announce that Sylvia Hutchison has been named to the position of Vice President.

"Sylvia has developed a strong background in trust administration and private banking that makes her an outstanding member of our team," said Sanibel Captiva Trust Company Chairman and CEO Al Hanser. "We look forward to her continuing service on behalf of our clients for many years to come."

Hutchison has more than 15 years experience in trust and estate administration guiding her efforts on our Trust Administration and Fiduciary Services team. She previously worked in the private banking divisions of Bank of America, NationsBank, Barnett Bank, and First Florida Bank. She attended the Florida Bankers Association Trust School and holds a certificate from the Georgia Bankers Association for Principals of Bank Operations. She was a resident of Atlanta, GA; Panama City, FL; and Memphis, TN before her move to Southwest Florida in 1984. Hutchison



Sylvia Hutchison

and her husband, Tim, currently reside in Cape Coral.

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Steve Bortone from the SCCF Marine Lab will be speaking at the November 30 Shell Club meeting on "The Ecological Impacts of Hurricanes on Sanibel and Captiva Islands." See story on page 24 for more information.

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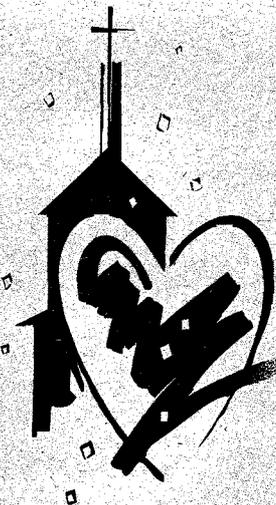
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- **DRAWINGS BY SARITA VAN VLECK** at the Captiva Civic building. Opening reception at the CCA Fall Social, November 23, 6 - 8 p.m.
- **SEAWEED GALLERY** featuring Christina Wyatt, Sissi Janku, Beth Collette, and Myra Roberts. Celebration Center, Captiva. Opening Nov. 26, 6-9 p.m.
- **EDOUARD DUVAL CARRIE**, "World Painting, Vaudou-art/Neo-baroque" Haitian art at Bob Rauschenberg Gallery, Edison College, through Dec. 4.
- **CONTEXTUALS** exhibit at Alliance for the Arts, November 4 - 24.
- **DRAWINGS** by Sarita von Vleck at the Captiva Civic building. Opening Nov. 23, 6-8 p.m.

On stage:

- **BRIGHT LIGHTS BIG CITY** at the Broadway Palm, Oct 28 - Dec. 19. 278-4422.
- **NAPLES BRASS QUARTET** at BIG ARTS Schein Hall. Dec. 7, 8 p.m. \$26 395-0900.
- **E.G. KIGHT** at BIG ARTS Blues artist, Dec. 11, 8 p.m. \$26, 395-0900.
- **THE SURVIVAL GUIDE TO CHRISTMAS** at the Florida Rep., Anxiety, isolation, desperation — the musical. Historic Arcade on First Street, Fort Myers. Nov. 26 - Dec. 19 332-4488



Aimee Turner in *The Survival Guide to Christmas*

- **THE DIAMONDS** at BIG ARTS, Nov. 27, 8 p.m. \$26 395-0900
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Through the month:

- **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 p.m. Tour is about 2 1/2 hours.

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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.

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Evening cruise at 4 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 coffee, juice, and pastry. Also includes visit to the touch tank.

Kayak/canoe rentals daily 8 a.m. — 5 p.m., last rental goes out at 3 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 5:30 p.m. Saturday through Thursday. 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

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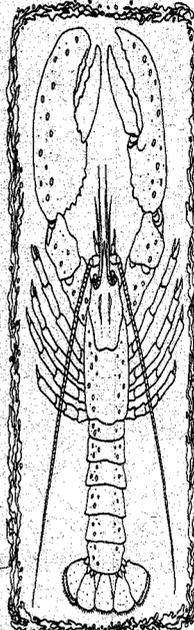
- **BIG ARTS 25TH ANNUAL ART FAIR**, 900 Dunlop Road (next to City Hall) November 26 and 27, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM \$3.00 per person - Children under 12 free. Free parking 395-0900

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

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Saturday 27

- AUDUBON SOCIETY BIRD OUT-ING at the 'Ding' Darling NWR. Meet 8 a.m. overflow parking lot, entrance fee required. 395-3804
- SCALE RAILS HOLIDAY TRAIN SHOW at International College, 8695 College Parkway, Ft. Myers. November 27 and 28, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. /10 a.m. - 3 p.m. \$5/adults \$2/teens, under 12 free.

Every week

- FAMILY FUN AT THE REFUGE guided tour of Wildlife Dr. for the family. 9 a.m. RSVP 472-1100 x222.

Sunday 28

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

Monday 29

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 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.

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- BIG ARTS FILM SOCIETY, this season's theme is "Window on the World." Dec. 6, Himalayan Schein Hall, 7 p.m. \$5. 395-0900

Tuesday 30

Every week

- YOGA/PILATES FOR FUN AND HEALTH at the SanCap Medical Center, 4301 San-Cap Rd. \$10, space is limited. 472-0116
- PILATES WITH MARSHA Beginner & Intermediate BIG Arts Phillips Gallery 8 a.m. and the Senior Center, 3:30 p.m. 395-0900 or 472-0493
- YOGA with Susan Patacky, Senior Center. Moderate level, 10 - 11:15 a.m. \$10/member \$12/nonmember
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- SAN-CAP COMPUTER CLUB meets at the Sanibel Public Library, first Tuesdays. 6:30 p.m. 472-5841
- NORTH POLE AT SOUTH FLORIDA Shell Islands Garden Club meets at St. Michaels, 2304 Periwinkle Way. "Holiday Decorations With a Tropical Twist" noon, Dec. 14. 472-8994

Wednesday 31

Every week

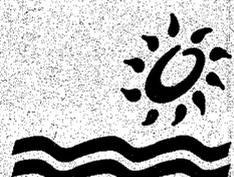
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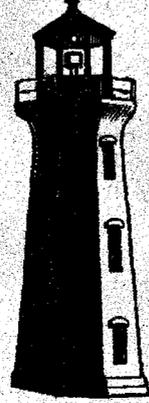
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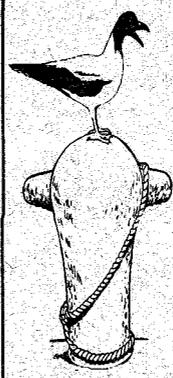
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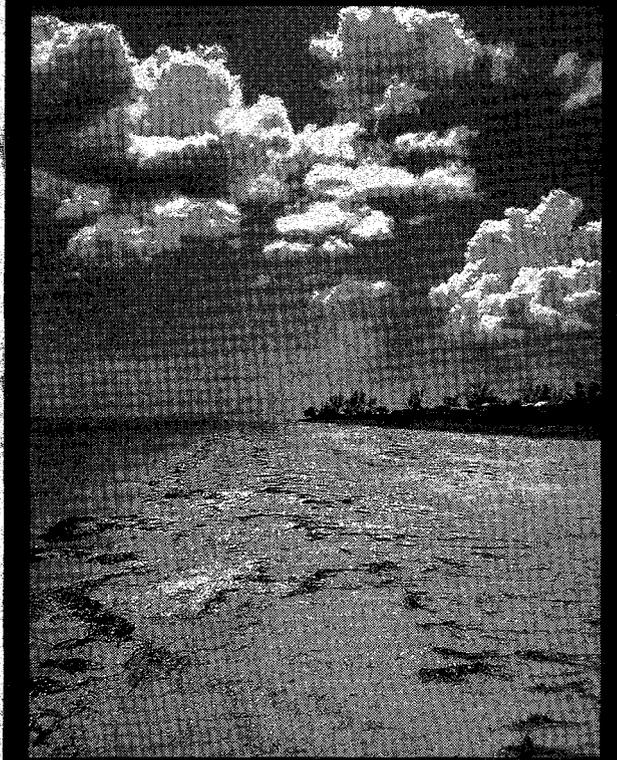
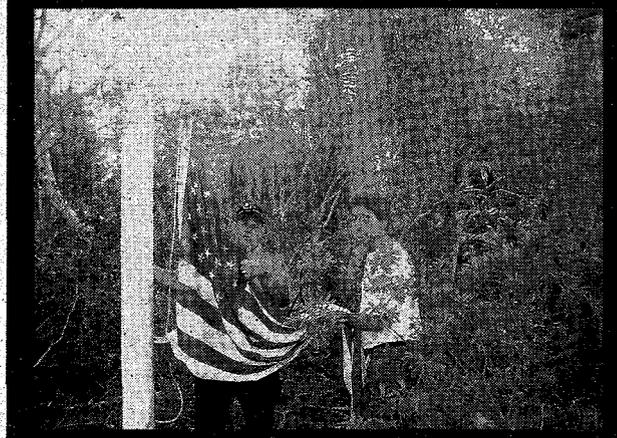
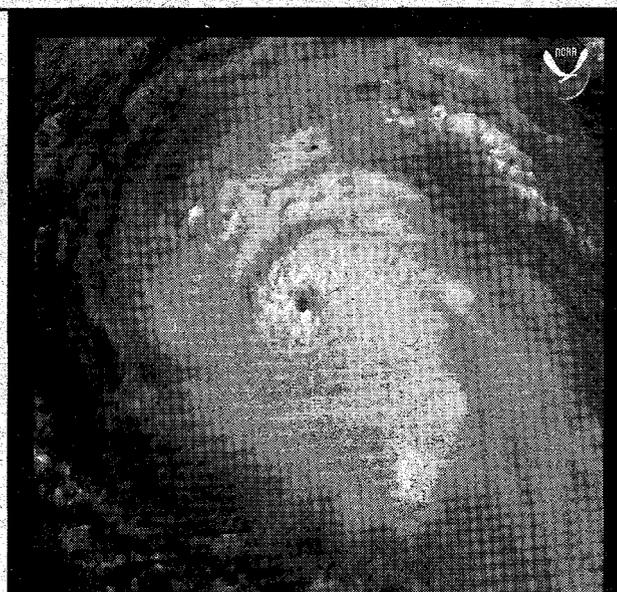
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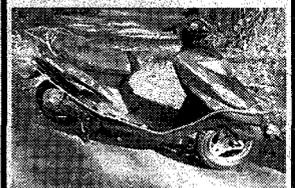
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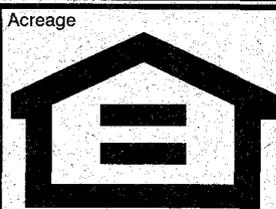
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Steve Bortone discusses ecological impact of hurricanes at Shell Club

"The Ecological Impacts of Hurricanes on Sanibel and Captiva Islands" is the topic of the Tuesday, Nov. 30 meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. at The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum on Sanibel. The presentation will be given by Dr. Stephen A. Bortone, director of the Marine Laboratory at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

"Some hurricane impacts are obvious (e.g., the wind blows and knocks a mangrove down) while other impacts are less obvious (e.g., the lack of leaves on the mangroves allows light to penetrate and heat up the waters below)," explains Dr. Bortone.

"The Marine Laboratory at SCCF has been investigating the effects of the recent storms in our area. The overall effects are widespread and, as indicated above, some are subtle while others are not. Hurricanes are actually a normal part of the impacts sustained by the ecological communities in coastal areas of the Gulf of Mexico.

"Scientists seem to be surprised that they may be called upon, to investigate their impact. A proposal is in development to establish a gulf-wide network of research institutions that conducts sampling activities in anticipation of these

apparently normal, but irregular and infrequent natural events," Bortone adds.

Bortone holds an administrative appointment at the University of South Alabama, a courtesy faculty appointment at Florida Gulf Coast University, and has research professor status at Florida Atlantic University. He was a biology professor at the University of West Florida, where he served as director for the Institute for Coastal and Estuarine Research. He also served as director of environmental science at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. Bortone received his bachelor's degree from Albright College, master's from Florida State University, and Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina.

For the past 37 years, he has conducted research on the life history of estuarine organisms, especially fishes and sea grasses, chiefly in the southeastern United States and the Gulf of Mexico. He is the author of more than 140 scientific articles.

The Shell Club board wants to remind club members and the general public that all meetings of the Shell Club are held at the museum, unless otherwise noted. Programs are sponsored jointly by the Shell Club and the museum, and the museum helps support speaker honoraria and expenses.

There is no admission charge and members of the public are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be offered at the meeting.

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum is located at 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road on Sanibel Island. For further information, call the museum at 395-2233 or 888-679-6450.



Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Marine Laboratory Research Assistant Paul Sokoloff measures the diameter of a mangrove trunk in the aftermath of Hurricane Charley. Data are being gathered to assess the hurricane impacts on the ecosystem as well as its recovery.

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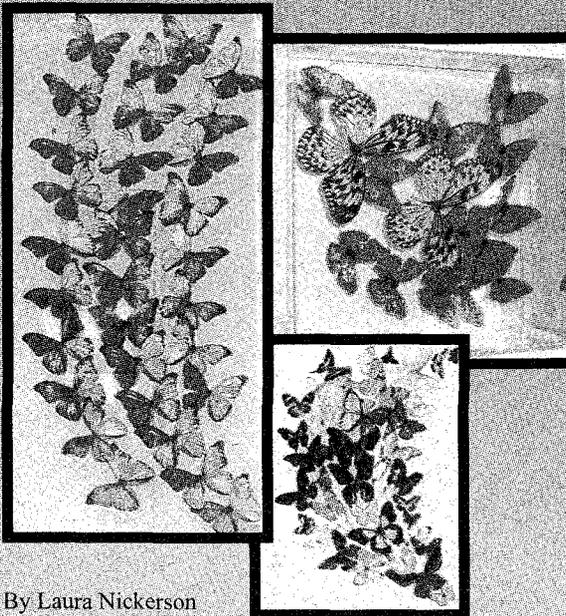
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By Laura Nickerson
Staff Writer

The splashes of brilliant, exotic color and the delicacy of simulated windswept flight in Kelly Murphy's butterfly compositions set the tone for her entire shop. It's almost as though a huge gathering of fairies had landed here to rest, leaving behind, on walls and jewel cases, their magical fairy dust.

Kelly has been mounting butterfly specimens since high school, and her artful arrangements in clear plexiglass boxes certainly show them off to best advantage. The specimens come from many different countries, and their colors and patterns are breathtaking.

She exhibits mounted specimens of the famous iridescent blue butterflies from Greece, and several examples of the only completely red butterfly known to exist, which is from Uganda. Whether you are drawn to yellow, green, brown, or patterned butterflies, such as monarchs, at Kelly's Cocoons all are available in individual or multi specimen cases.

Kelly has done some clever things around the shop to display the butterflies, showing how patterns in the wings of certain species form other animal likenesses, and forming a 26 specimen "butterfly alphabet."

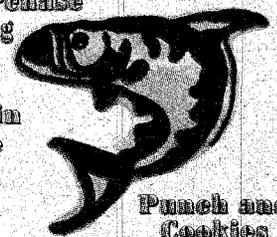
In the numerous jewelry cases there are shining and sometimes bejeweled objects in the shapes of dolphins, manatees, starfish, seahorses, turtles, and of course, butterflies. Jewelry is offered in both 14 karat gold and sterling silver, with precious gemstones. One darling item for an island beach vacation remembrance is a pendant and matching earrings that are miniature beach sandals in gold, set with opals.

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WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	
6 AM	PM	AM	PM
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Gulf of Mexico

BOATING FORECAST
 Wind: E 4 mph
 Seas: 2-3 ft.
 Bay & inland: Light Chop

CHARLOTTE COUNTY
 PUNTA GORDA: 88:88 Wed, 86:68 Thur
 LEHIGH: 82:57 Wed, 78:50 Thur

LEE COUNTY
 CAPE CORAL: 81:84 Wed, 77:82 Thur
 FORT MYERS: 82:88 Wed, 78:81 Thur
 FORT MYERS BEACH: 80:88 Wed, 76:83 Thur

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 NAPLES: 82:87 Wed, 78:80 Thur

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 BOCA GRANDE: 78:89 Wed, 76:89 Thur
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FOX 4 CAST

FOX 4 NEWS AT 10:00

Met. Meteorologist: Dave Roberts

WEEKDAY TIDES

City	Sat. High	Sat. Low	Sun. High	Sun. Low
Cape Coral Bridge	9:22 a.m. 11:41 p.m.	4:28 p.m. 5:34 p.m.	11:08 a.m. 6:15 p.m.	6:01 p.m.
Captiva at Redfish Pass	7:12 a.m. 9:31 p.m.	1:12 a.m. 2:18 p.m.	8:58 a.m. 9:51 p.m.	2:45 a.m. 2:59 p.m.
Fort Myers	12:15 a.m. 10:15 p.m.	5:10 p.m. 6:16 p.m.	12:34 a.m. 12:01 p.m.	6:43 a.m. 6:57 p.m.
Montacha Pass	8:50 a.m. 11:09 p.m.	3:54 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	10:36 a.m. 11:29 p.m.	5:27 a.m. 5:41 p.m.
Pine Island	7:48 a.m. 10:07 p.m.	2:52 a.m. 3:58 p.m.	9:34 a.m. 10:27 p.m.	4:25 a.m. 4:39 p.m.
Point Ybel	8:17 a.m. 9:38 p.m.	1:14 a.m. 2:20 p.m.	9:03 a.m. 9:56 p.m.	2:47 a.m. 3:01 p.m.
Punta Rassa	7:08 a.m. 9:25 p.m.	1:07 a.m. 2:13 p.m.	8:52 a.m. 9:45 p.m.	2:40 a.m. 2:54 p.m.
St. James City	7:37 a.m. 9:56 p.m.	1:42 a.m. 2:48 p.m.	9:23 a.m. 10:16 p.m.	3:15 a.m. 3:29 p.m.

STATE FORECAST-THURSDAY

Location	Forecast
CAPE CORAL	77/82
DAYTONA BEACH	83/87
FT. LAUDERDALE	82/70
FT. MYERS BEACH	80/88
GAINESVILLE	79/61
JACKSONVILLE	79/62
KEY WEST	84/75
KISSIMEE	81/63
MIAMI	82/70
ORLANDO	81/64
PANAMA CITY	75/57
PENSACOLA	75/60
SARASOTA	79/67
ST. PETERSBURG	80/67
TALLAHASSEE	75/59
TAMPA	80/67
VENICE BEACH	81/67
WEST PALM BEACH	82/70

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