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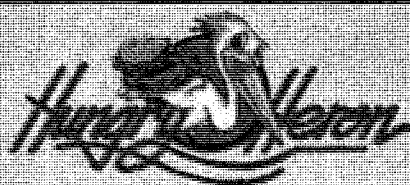


L.C. and Theresa Miller are Mardi Gras king and queen in this year's annual celebration at Periwinkle Park. See page 8.

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San-Cap Art League awards and show

By Laura Nickerson
Staff Writer

Awards were presented Monday evening, February 7 for the Sanibel-Captiva Art League's juried show. The award presentation was held at the Sanibel Library, where the show will hang through February 28.

First Prize was awarded to Anne Kittel for her lovely painting, "Gumbo Limbo." Anne said, "I think it looks like the trees are dancing the limbo." The judge loved her sense of design.

Second Prize was taken by Stanley Timson, whose vibrant fantasy landscape painting, "Birds of Paradise" commanded attention. Stanley said, "All I know is I start, and the painting just seems to keep on going."



Third Prize was given to Rita Skoczen for her sensitive painting of an Oriental woman in a traditional robe, carry-

ing an umbrella, entitled "Mei Ling." Rita said, "First I found the umbrella, then a while later, I bought the Oriental robe, but I needed a model. Eventually, a



friend introduced me to a Chinese woman who was willing to pose for the painting."

Three Merit Awards were given, to Evan Charney, for a stunning woodblock print; to Terry Shattuck, for her charming watercolor of a Historical Village cottage; and to new member Karen Weeks, for her masterful acrylic painting.

Three Honorable Mentions were presented: to Maya Bryant for her intense depiction of a banana tree in bloom; to Gordon Coughlin, for his colorful and thickly

Photos by Laura Nickerson

Top right: Anne Kittel with top award winner "Gumbo Limbo;" Above: Stanley Timson's second prize painting, "Birds of Paradise." (Timson wasn't available for a photo.) Left: Rita Skoczen with "Mei Ling," the third place winner



layered landscape painting; and to Pat Smart for her delightful paper collage.

The Lola Katchen Memorial Award was presented to Karen Ann Ball for her "no-name" painting.

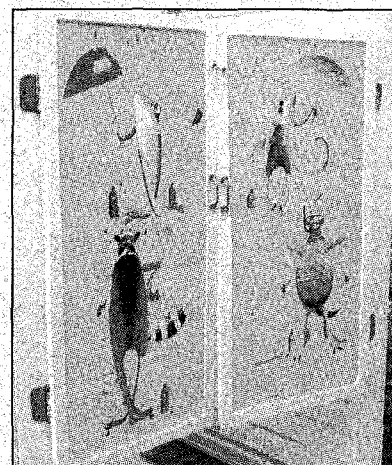
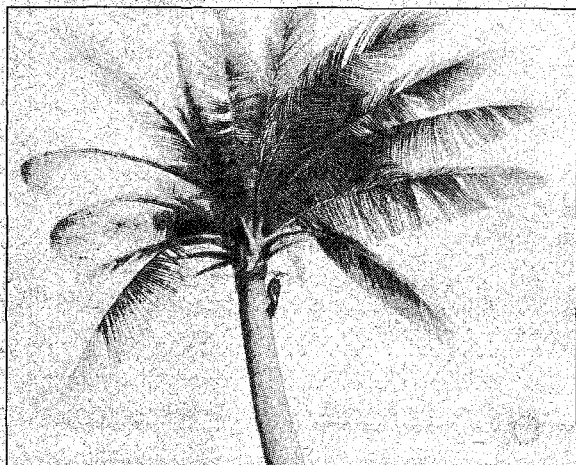
The show had 85 entries from 54 artists, and 67 of the entries were chosen for the show, which was juried by Lynn Loscutoff, a nationally recognized artist whose studio is in Naples. All paintings are for sale, and can be viewed during regular library hours. For further information, call the library at 472-2483.

Kaihlansen exhibit at RedFish BluFish

Artist Laurie Kaihlansen, known on the islands for his colorful paintings of whimsical "critters," will have a special showing on Sunday, February 13 at RedFish BlueFish restaurant on Captiva, starting at 4 p.m.

Post-Hurricane Charley, his paintings have been reflecting some of the islands' rebirth and rebuilding, especially on

Captiva. "Storm," right, incorporates several different views of the after-effects of Charley: the CCA sign, the decapitated stumps of the now-gone tree canopy on Captiva Drive — but as the eye sweeps from right to left, there is a slowly rising crescendo of regrowth. While tinged with sadness for what has been lost, his true message is not that of destruction, but of



hope and rebirth.

His black-and-white palm features a pileated woodpecker adding a dash of red.

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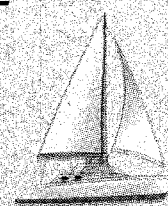
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**From the City of Sanibel
Red tide update**

Laboratory results for *Karenia brevis* from samples of marine waters collected by Lee County Health Department on 2-7-05:

- Site #1 Boca Grand Low-A levels / 13,000 cells/liter of sea water (possible respiratory irritation)
- Site #2 Captiva Island Negative
- Site #3 Sanibel Island Negative

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Gift from the Sea 50th anniversary

A 50th anniversary edition of Anne Morrow Lindbergh's locally-inspired, best-selling book, *Gift from the Sea*, will be launched at a book-signing event with the author's daughter, Reeve Lindbergh, on February 22 on Captiva Island, Florida.

The 50th anniversary edition includes a new introduction by Reeve Lindbergh, award-winning author and daughter of Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh. The special edition is being published by Pantheon Books, a subsidiary of Random House Inc.

After its initial publication in 1955, *Gift from the Sea* remained on the New York Times best-seller list for an entire year. The pressures of family, work and community still strikes a chord for many in today's society.

The book-signing will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Captiva Island Inn at 11509 Andy Rosse Lane on Captiva Island. The event is open to the public, and there is no admission fee.

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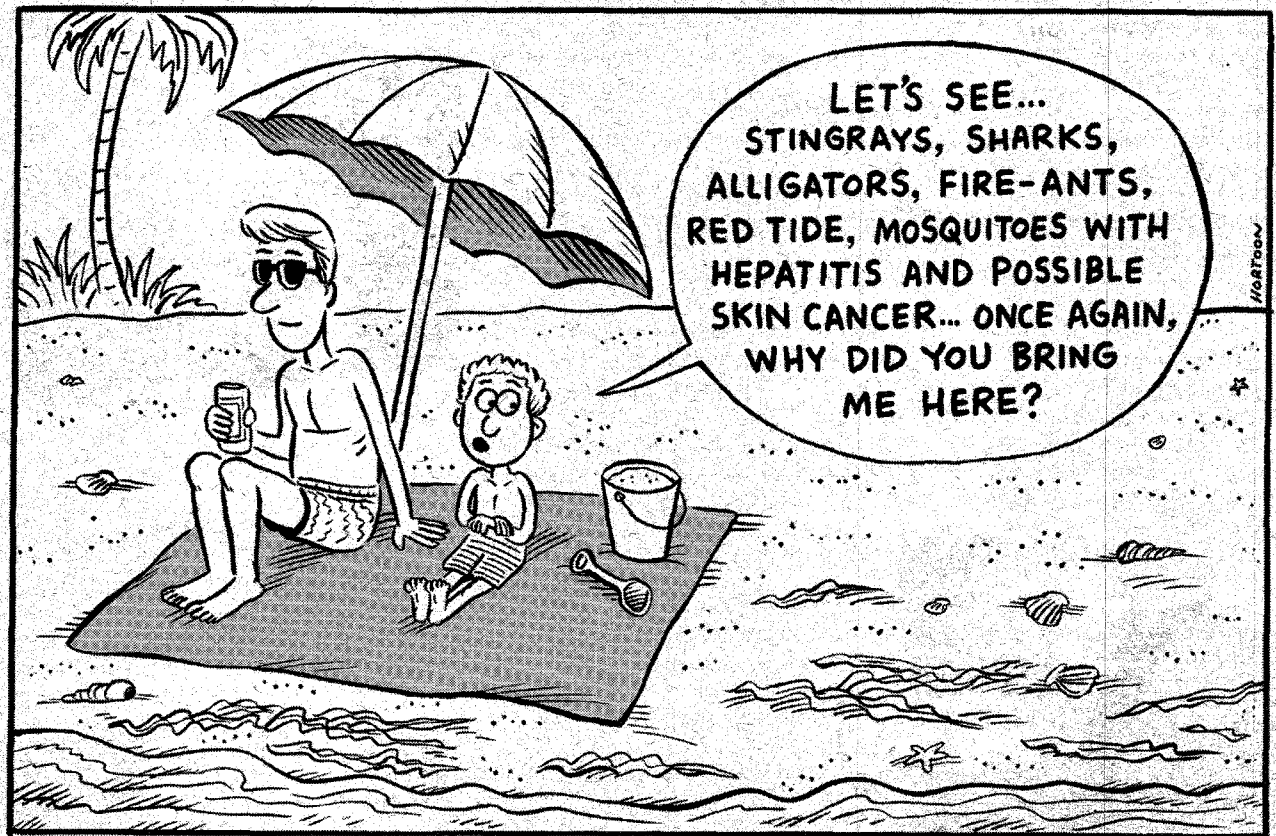
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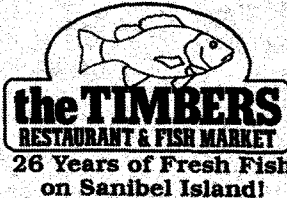
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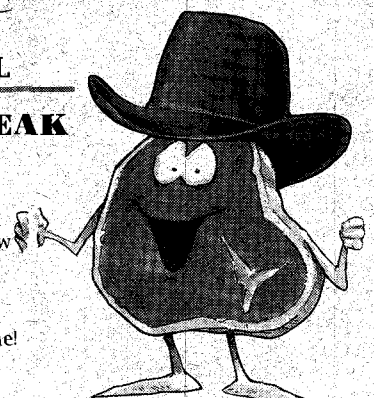
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OBITUARIES

Anne Grant Louwers

Anne Grant Louwers, born May 21, 1921 in Michigan, resident of Fort Myers and Sanibel Island, FL died on January 27, 2005.

A memorial service was held at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ on Sanibel on Tuesday.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to Hope Hospice, 9470 Health Park Circle, Fort Myers, 33908.

John Thomas Scott, Jr.

John Thomas Scott, Jr., 86 died January 26, 2004 in San Diego, California after a brief illness. John was a part time resident of Sanibel from 1992 to 2002, where he was active with the Chapel by the Sea. He was also a lifetime member of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

John was born in Houston, TX on August 11, 1918. He was a loving husband and father to surviving wife, Florence Scott and deceased daughter, Susan Holly Scott, a former Captiva resident. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews and brothers-in-law.

A much decorated Lt. Colonel in the United States Army during World War II, he was wounded and captured as a prisoner of war in France in 1945. While he was being transported to the German prisoner of war camp, John managed to escape by jumping out of a fast-moving train and rolling to freedom with another American soldier. He made his way back to the allies, and was very instrumental at the

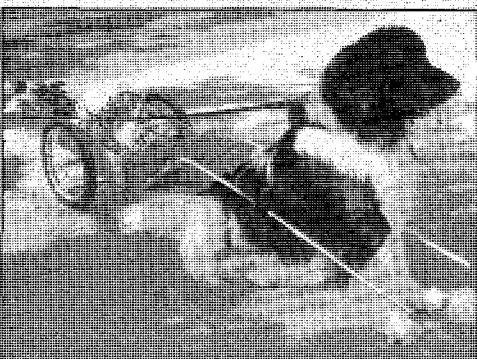
battle of Normandy, returning after the war as an American hero.

Upon retiring from the United States Army, John joined the Standard Oil Company as their Director of International Security. He, Florence and Suzi spent many years living abroad and seeing the beauty in all people and things. They lived in Japan, Africa and South America, as well as many other exotic locations.

After moving to San Diego in 1989, John became a community volunteer and philanthropist. In 1995, he founded the Susan Scott Foundation, a charity that benefits children by assisting with their social, health and educational needs.

John Thomas Scott, Jr. was a very generous and kind man, beloved by everyone that he encountered. He will be deeply missed.

Funeral services were February 5, in San Diego. Burial was February 7 in Fresno, CA. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Chapel by the Sea are encouraged.

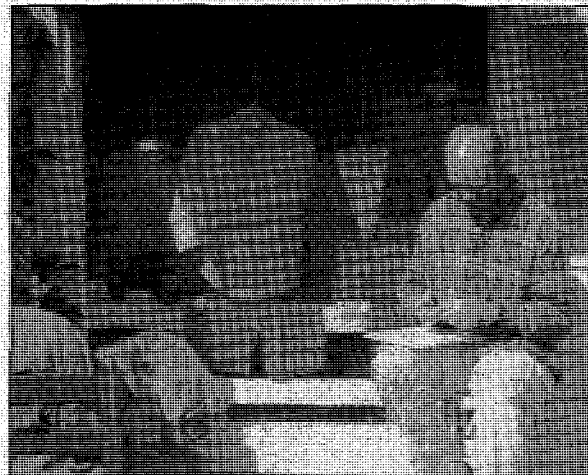



Doggie Do a (bow-)wow

The Third Annual Doggie Do at the Village Shops was a huge success. More than 100 dogs and their owners enjoyed a sunny day filled with treats, trinkets, artwork, massages and much more.

All the combined activities earned \$500 for the Animal Refuge Center. The merchants thank all of those who worked so hard to provide a day of light-hearted fun for pets and their people.

Lisa from Island Grooming; Mary from Poodle Boutique and judge of the Dog Show Mike Workman drawing a caricature.





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Destiny Kosloske and Crystal Falde practiced rescuing volunteer John Carney from the deep end of the Sanibel Recreation Complex pool during Safe Boating Day. Destiny threw a lifeline to Carney, who then helped her repack the equipment.

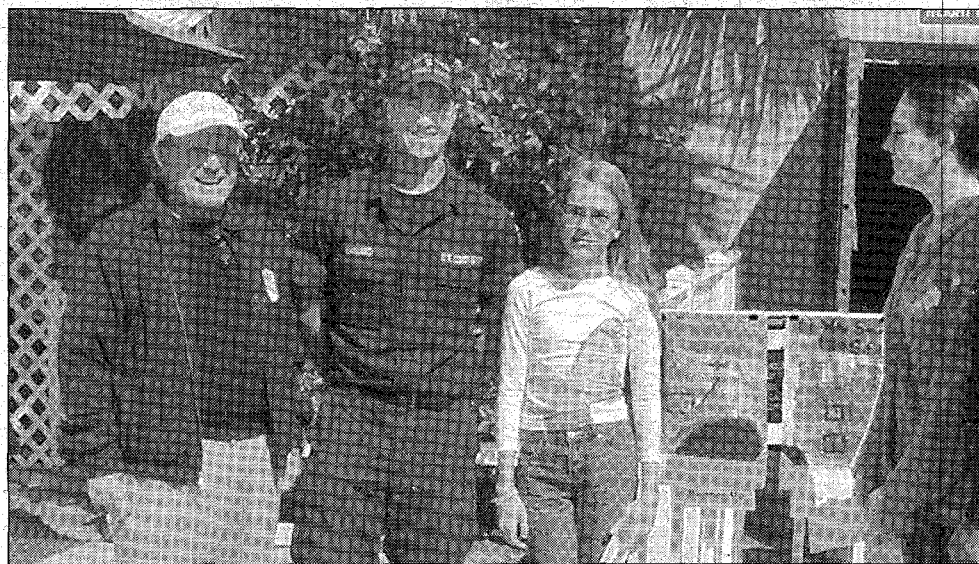


Winners of the Sanibel Power Squadron's Boat Safety poster contest received their prizes from Mayor Marty Harry at the city Recreation Complex on Saturday, February 5.

First place winner was Kim Greenplate, who received a \$100 savings bond.

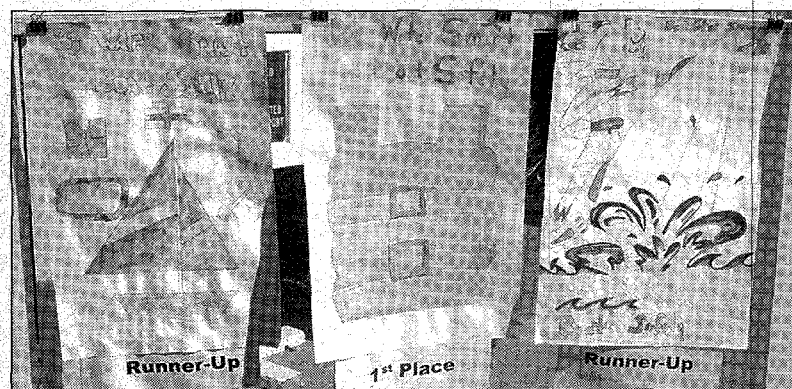
Runners-up Anna Craig and Jennifer Algarra each received a \$50 savings bond, and all three were invited to take a ride on a U.S. Coast Guard cutter.

Sanibel Safe Boating Day



Photos by Jenny Burnham

Above: Mayor Marty Harry, along with Bosun's Mate Class 3 Justin Maynard of the U.S. Coast Guard and Lt. Jamie Phillips of the Sanibel Police Department, with poster contest winners Anna Craig (left) and Kim Greenplate (right). Below: Winning posters.



Upcoming Audubon outings

- Saturday, February 12 at Bunche Beach, across the Causeway approx. 2.5 miles (third light); right on John Morris Road to end. Meet at 8 a.m. Be sure to wear shoes that can get wet.
- Saturday, February 19 at the Sanibel Fishing Pier. Meet in Fishing Pier parking lot. \$2/hour parking.

- Saturday, February 26 at "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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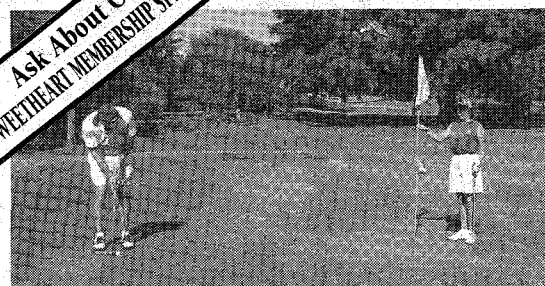
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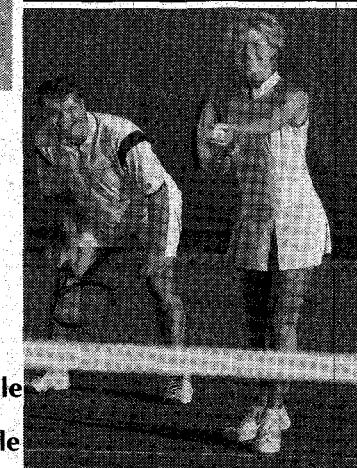
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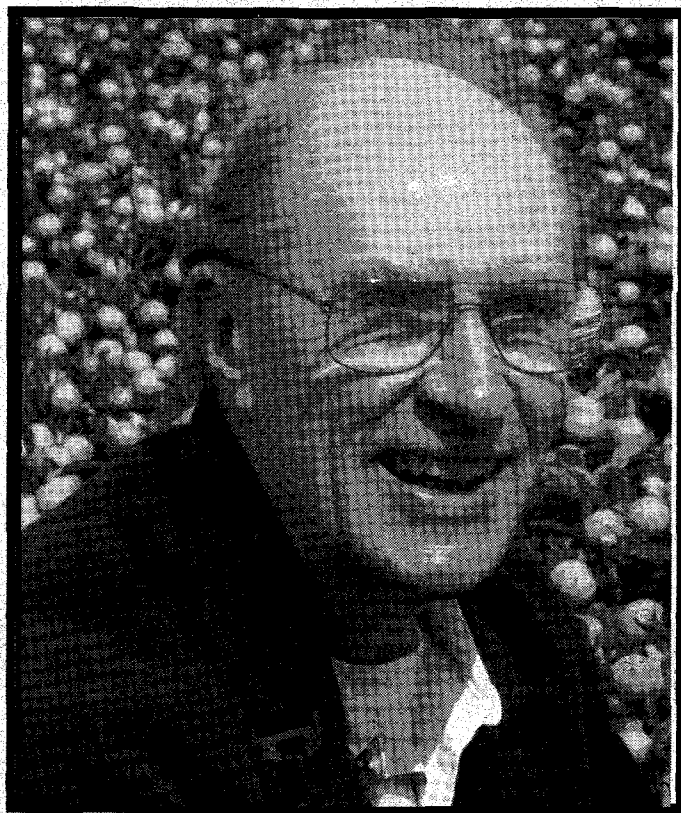
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Sanibel Reads: Small Wonder

I have an addiction to two, fortunately for me, legal substances — one is to chocolate and other is to books. In reading *Small Wonder* by Barbara Kingsolver, the book chosen by Sanibel Reads as one of the books everyone on Sanibel is invited to read, I am struck by its similarity to a box of fine chocolates. At the risk of stretching this metaphor too far, some of the chocolates are sweet, some chewy, some bitter, some actually made my heart hurt. The best way to read this book is one small piece at a time and to savor it before moving on to the next morsel. This book demanded that I take it slow, not because it is in any way difficult, but because it is so delicious and rich.

Barbara Kingsolver will be speaking on Sanibel on February 25. She is part of the Sanibel family because part of her family lives on Sanibel and she writes about Sanibel explicitly in one of her essays called "Setting Free the Crabs." She writes about Sanibel indirectly and all other natural wonders in most of her essays. She is a trained biologist, and she sees the sacred in nature. She is an American, but she understands that all people are equal and valuable wherever they live, and she also understands that politics and patriotism are not the same thing.

Her essays often begin as personal stories and end as universal messages. In "Lily's Chickens," she begins with a beautiful story of her daughter's intimate relationship with pet chickens and she ends with the story of how the intimate connection with the food that we used to grow has disappeared into genetically engineered and hybrid food. She sees one solution to all environmental problems and even to our safety and future existence as to losing our dependence on food we don't grow ourselves, either personally or within our own national boundaries. "The strategy of our nation is to run on a collision course with the possibility of being able to feed ourselves decently (or at all) in twenty years' time."

Events and conditions of the world intrude on her world and she, like us, must react, as she does in her essay on Columbine, "Life Is Precious, or It's Not" and her essay on homelessness



Nola Theiss

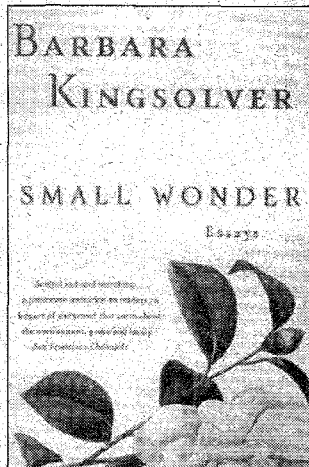
"Household Words." Discussing the events of September 11, 2001 in her essay "Flying," she writes that things as horrible as the deaths of 3,000 have always been happening in the world, they just hadn't happened to us, while homelessness and child violence seem to be particularly characteristic of Americans and she asks why? In "And Our Flag Was Still There," she discusses how the flag belongs to all of us. She quotes

her husband, who says, "You can't let hateful people steal the flag from us" by telling us that only their patriotism is the right kind of patriotism. As she says, "Questioning our government's actions does not violate the principles of liberty, equality, and freedom of speech; it exercises them and by exercise we grow stronger" and "...governments don't remain benevolent to the interest of all, including their less powerful members, without constant vigilance and reasoned criticism." Of course, she has been called a communist and "Patriotically Incorrect" by people who took her words out of context and, of course, that could never happen on Sanibel. Good thing she's coming to speak soon.

Sweet stories like "Letter to a Daughter at Thirteen" and "Letter to My Mother" will bring tears, especially if you are a daughter or have a daughter. Lighter subjects, like reading short stories, the demise of the small book store and writing about sex fill in the spaces between profoundly important subjects, but even these essays have a message about big business vs. small business, small truths in small packages, and even evolution. She finds meaning and truth everywhere, from a chicken's egg to buildings collapsing in New York or Baghdad.

Read her essays slowly, savor the drawings, think about the small wonders in your own life. Get your neighbor to read them, too, so you can talk together. Wonder why you are so lucky to live here and wonder what your responsibility is to this small wonder. If you see the world as Kingsolver does, most things are a wonder and we are responsible for all of it.

Isn't it wonderful?



SCCF Open House

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation will hold its annual Open House on President's Day, Monday, February 21, 2005 at its Nature Center on Sanibel-Captiva Road.

The Open House will include games, activities, music, programs and refreshments for people of all ages.

It will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. with original sawgrass music about Southwest Florida provided by Cindy Hackney. Food and beverage is being pro-

vided by Sheilah and John Morley.

Bring a friend and/or meet new ones at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Open House.

The Nature Center is located one mile west of Tarpon Bay Road, on Sanibel-Captiva Road. Overflow parking is available at the Shell Museum.

There is no roadside parking permitted. People are encouraged to use the overflow parking or ride on over by bicycle. Hope to see you there!

Sanibel's Postmaster

By Laura Nickerson
Staff Writer

Kenneth Rufo became Sanibel's postmaster on July 21, 2004, three weeks before Hurricane Charley wreaked havoc on the island.

He is originally from Cleveland, Ohio, where he was a postal employee for nine years. He and his family moved to Southwest Florida 15 years ago, where Rufo continued to pursue his postal career. By 2004, he was a supervisor in a Fort Myers Post Office branch.

"The next logical step in my career was postmaster," Rufo said. "As supervisor, I was a level 17. This postmaster position is a level 22. It was offered to me on a temporary basis during the summer. I had only just begun when the hurricane hit."

Like everyone else, he wasn't allowed to come back on the island for five days. Rufo reminisced, "We were allowed back on the Wednesday following the storm, and we immediately began mail pick-up here at the post office. You couldn't navigate enough streets yet to run home delivery service. But by one week after Charley we were back on track, with regular mail delivery and packages being sent to and from the island. I think everyone did an incredible job getting the island up and running after the storm."

The new appointment became permanent for Rufo on January 8. Though he lives in Cape Coral and has no plans to move to Sanibel, he said, "They'd have to

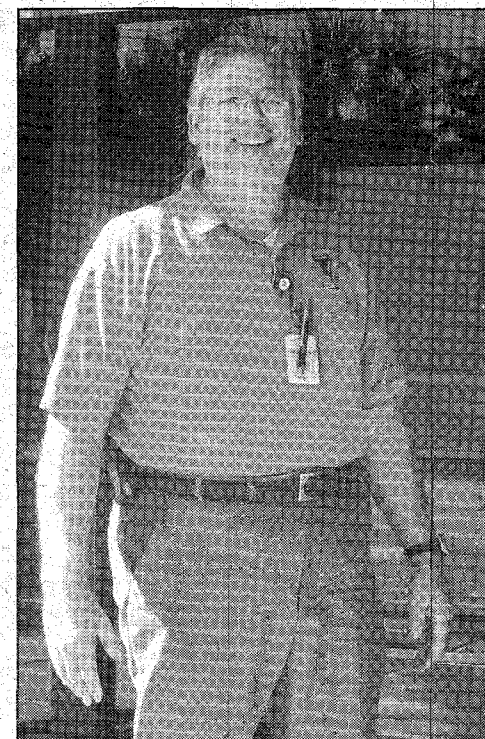


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Sanibel Postmaster Kenneth Rufo

carry me out of here to get me to leave this job. Every morning, driving to work, watching the sailboats on the water is so relaxing, I can't believe I'm actually driving to my job."

Rufo replaced David Taylor who began as Sanibel's postmaster in October 1995, and transferred to Georgia last year.

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Mardi Gras at Periwinkle Park

By Laura Nickerson
Staff Writer

Periwinkle Park has been a friendly place to live on the island for 34 years. Their annual Mardi Gras celebration, held on Fat Tuesday, the day before Lent, has been going on for just as long. These folks have the preparations down to a science, and have raised the creative fun to a fine art form.

This year on Tuesday, February 8, a costumed Mardi Gras parade zig-zagged through the park, ending up in the center crossroads, where the Island Band performed rousing marching tunes.

One street over, pianist Mary Jane McKinsey, an Eastman School of Music graduate, tickled the ivories with some exciting ragtime, whenever crooner David Leschewski wasn't wailing out a love song.

L. C. and Thelma Miller — this year's king and queen — were driven through the streets seated high on the back of a vintage convertible roadster and bedecked in jewels and sequins.

Some residents and guests put remarkable effort into their costumes. There were alligators, birds, and other Florida wildlife cavorting on two legs, side-by-side with the usual assortment of clowns, gypsies, pirates, and other masked men. Beads were thrown wildly and worn by everyone who caught them.

Hula girls danced intermittently at specified road stops along the parade route, and the crowds swayed right along with them. Cheering the marchers to the end of the line were "The Ladies in Pink from Street 2E." Their street had been given over to entertainment and refreshments for the day.

Park owners Dick and Jerry Muensch provided the

makings of a picnic style cook-out with sizzling burgers, franks, corn on the cob, salads, and drinks. Dessert — under the special guidance of Sharon Seaward and Donace Vantreese — were the pièce de résistance and absolutely everyone wound up there.

Volunteers from Periwinkle Park lend a hand at CROW, SCCF, Ding Darling and other agencies that continue to make Sanibel so special. It has been said many times, in many places on island that without the help of the Park residents, there would be no way to staff those organizations or provide service at the level that is currently accomplished.

Bob and Sylvia

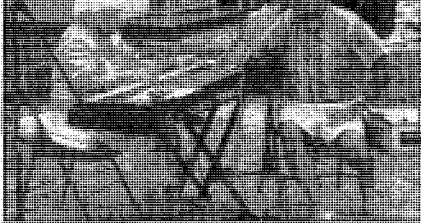



Clockwise from above: Jerry and Dick Muensch; the pink ladies from 2E; Pianist MaryJane McKinsey and singer David Leschewski; the Island Band; Bob and Sylvia Chamberlain, event chairpersons and hula girls.



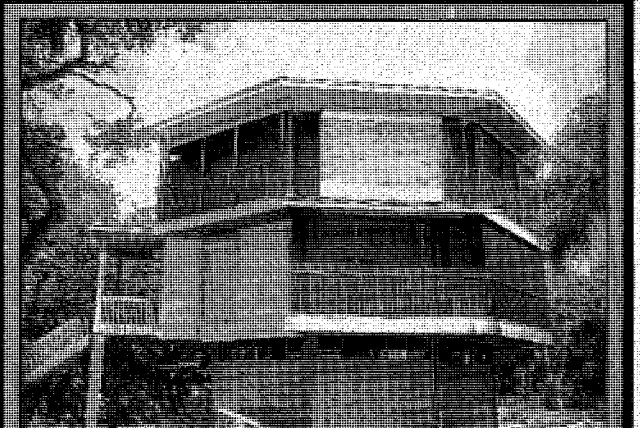
Chamberlain, chairpersons for the event, agree. "This park is like no other on earth," Sylvia said. "I've never known such a lovely, caring group of people in my life." If anyone deserves a day of gentle partying, surely they do.

Other entertainment during the event, which lasted until 3 p.m. included Marge's Sanibel Singers, the Sanibel Troubadours, jazz singer Laura Edelman, and the Schoolhouse Theater troupe.





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Holistic Health Notebook: Minerals



Carol Simontacchi

Minerals may be one of the most fascinating fields of study in the larger study of nutrition. When I first began studying nutrition in the early 70s, vitamins were at the forefront of interest. I learned how vitamin C is important to the immune system, to the structure of collagen tissue (it literally helps hold the body together), and works as a powerful antioxidant. I learned that antioxidant Vitamin E targets fatty tissues. Of course, the entire B complex drives every enzyme in the body and as such, is vitally important to every metabolic function in the body. Vitamin D acts as both a vitamin and a hormone; Vitamin A is important for skin and for the immune system.

But it is minerals that take a leading role in the science. I respect companies that "put their money where their mouth is" and do the research. A company high in the Sierra Nevada Mountains is doing that.

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There were no changes in liver or other functions during the course of the trial. There were significant reductions in all disease activity over time in the SierraSil(tm) groups, with significant reductions in both stiffness and pain. The benefits appeared in less than two weeks. There were no changes in the placebo group.

On the average, participants reported a 76.5% improvement, with no significant side effects. Researchers concluded that unlike placebo, SierraSil(tm) provided a significant reduction in the arthritis symptom score, without adverse effects on blood, liver, cardiovascular, or renal (kidney) function.

The results of this study are, at this writing, still being compiled and should be considered preliminary, but both clinical reports and research results look extremely promising.

The mineral supplement has been used in a clinical setting with patients suffering from fibromyalgia, Crohn's disease, physical injury, and other conditions of inflammation with positive results.

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Aquatic exercise and buoyancy

**By Jane Ranieri
Special to the Islander**

Webster defines buoyancy as the "tendency of an object to float or rise when submerged in a fluid". Although a 150 pound rock will sink to the bottom, a 150 pound person will not because it is not as dense or compact as the rock. When the lungs are filled with air the body is more buoyant. Increasing lung capacity through aerobic exercise will increase the body's buoyancy and will provide a cushioning effect when performing aquatic exercises.

Most of the resistance equipment used in aquatic exercise is buoyant. This type of equipment includes Styrofoam hand bars, noodles and ankle cuffs. Buoyant equipment is light to the touch and when submerged, creates resistance that varies from person to person. There is no "weight value" assessed since the resistance created depends on how deep the object is pushed toward the floor; how much force is used to push the object down; and how long the lever is pushing the object.

There are two types of muscle contractions: the concentric phase is the shortening of the muscle when tension is created, and the eccentric phase is the lengthening of the muscle. When using buoyant hand

bars for resistance in aquatics, the muscle action is concentric toward the pool floor. There is an eccentric muscle contraction as the buoyant equipment rises - provided it is done in a controlled manner. If the equipment is allowed to "pop up" to the water line, no resistance is created.

Quite the opposite, when working with weighted equipment on land where gravity is involved, the resistance is felt concentrically as the weight is lifted and eccentrically as the weight is lowered. Therefore, when doing what looks like biceps curls during aquatic exercise, the major muscles being worked are the triceps.

The same principle applies when any type of buoyant equipment is involved. Movement toward the surface is buoyancy assisted and movement toward the bottom of the pool is buoyancy resisted.

Because a person's weight is affected by buoyancy when submerged in water, there is less stress to the joints. This also allows the person to exercise more frequently without the likelihood of injury. So, if you're having concerns regarding your land workout, try aquatic exercise. It's a friendly environment for everyone!

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Messages in Bronze at BIG ARTS

BIG ARTS is pleased to invite the public to a talk by internationally-known sculptor and artist R.T. (Skip) Wallen in Phillips Gallery Monday, February 14 at 10 a.m. Skip is presently working on Sanibel for an extended period. Entitled "Messages in Bronze: A Sculptor's Work Serves Causes from Alaska to Africa" Skip's lecture will cover his work for the River Blindness Foundation as well the basic processes and challenges of producing larger than life bronze sculptures. Admission to the morning's talk is \$5.

R.T. (Skip) Wallen is an internationally recognized sculptor and printmaker from Juneau, Alaska. He works in many media but has specialized in printmaking. He is best known for his stone lithographs of Alaska wildlife and native people. In 1988, he completed his first monumental sculpture in bronze, a commission from the city of Juneau to commemorate the first 25 years of Alaska Statehood.

In 1993, Skip volunteered his time to the River Blindness Foundation to produce an edition of small bronze sculptures entitled Sightless Among Miracles. The bronze is a study of a blind African man being led by a young boy. A larger-than-life version of this work was commissioned, donated and then dedicated by President and Mrs. Carter to the Carter Center in Atlanta in 1996.

Skip has most recently placed two monumental bronze cougars at the University of Houston and an Alaska/Siberia World War II Memorial for Fairbanks Alaska and a site in Russia. He is presently working on a larger than life monument commemorating the cooperation between Russian and American pilots in Alaska at a studio located on Sanibel. In his lecture Skip will cover his work on these three monuments as well as some of the process of producing a bronze sculpture, pointing up (enlarging), mold-making, casting and so on.

Skip's work can be found in museum collections in the United States and in many other countries, including the royal/national museums of Denmark, Germany and Jordan. His work has been exhibited in Europe and in Asia.

For more information on this special lecture opportunity



Photo above and (right) of American aviator provided. Skip Wallen working on his sculpture of a Russian aviator, with the bronze maquette in the foreground.

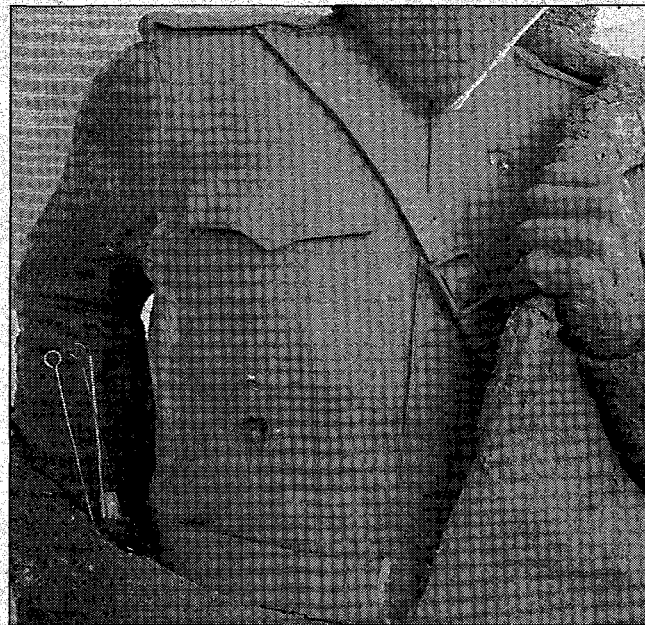
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Talking to Skip Wallen

By Karen Nelson
Managing Editor

Skip Wallen expects to complete work on the clay sculpture of the Russian aviator (from which the bronze will be made) in about two weeks, especially since he has the help of his brother, Bob, who is visiting from Windsor, Wisconsin.

The World War II Memorial will be the centerpiece of a park in Fairbanks, Alaska, commemorating Fairbanks' role in the hand-over of nearly 8,000 U.S. warplanes to Russia under the Lend-Lease program. There will also be an American aviator (see maquette, right). The Russian aviator will remain in the Sanibel studio until the American aviator is roughed out. Wallen has not yet determined whether he will cast the Russian in the studio (possible bringing in people from the foundry to help) or whether he will cut the sculpture into sections and send



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them to the foundry for casting.

Wallen will talk about the five-step process of producing a bronze sculpture at BIG ARTS: making the sculpture (a positive of the final product); making the mold (a negative); lining the mold with wax (a positive); making a ceramic mold (a negative); pouring the molten bronze (the final positive).

In brief, once finished, the clay sculpture will be sectioned off, with each section covering no more than a square yard. The mold is then made in two parts: a soft layer "with the capacity to read and remember details," and a hard outer layer, which provides rigidity and durability. Wax is painted into the soft mold and wax fingers — called sprues or vents — are added at the edges of the wax positive. These will become the channels in the final mold through which the melted wax comes out and the molten bronze is poured in.

The wax is then either painted with or dipped into a ceramic slurry until the ceramic is built up thickly enough to withstand the molten bronze. The wax is then melted out in a kiln and the molten bronze is poured in. At the end of the laborious process, one takes a sledgehammer to the ceramic mold. "It looks like a brutal and indelicate way to treat the thing," comments Wallen.

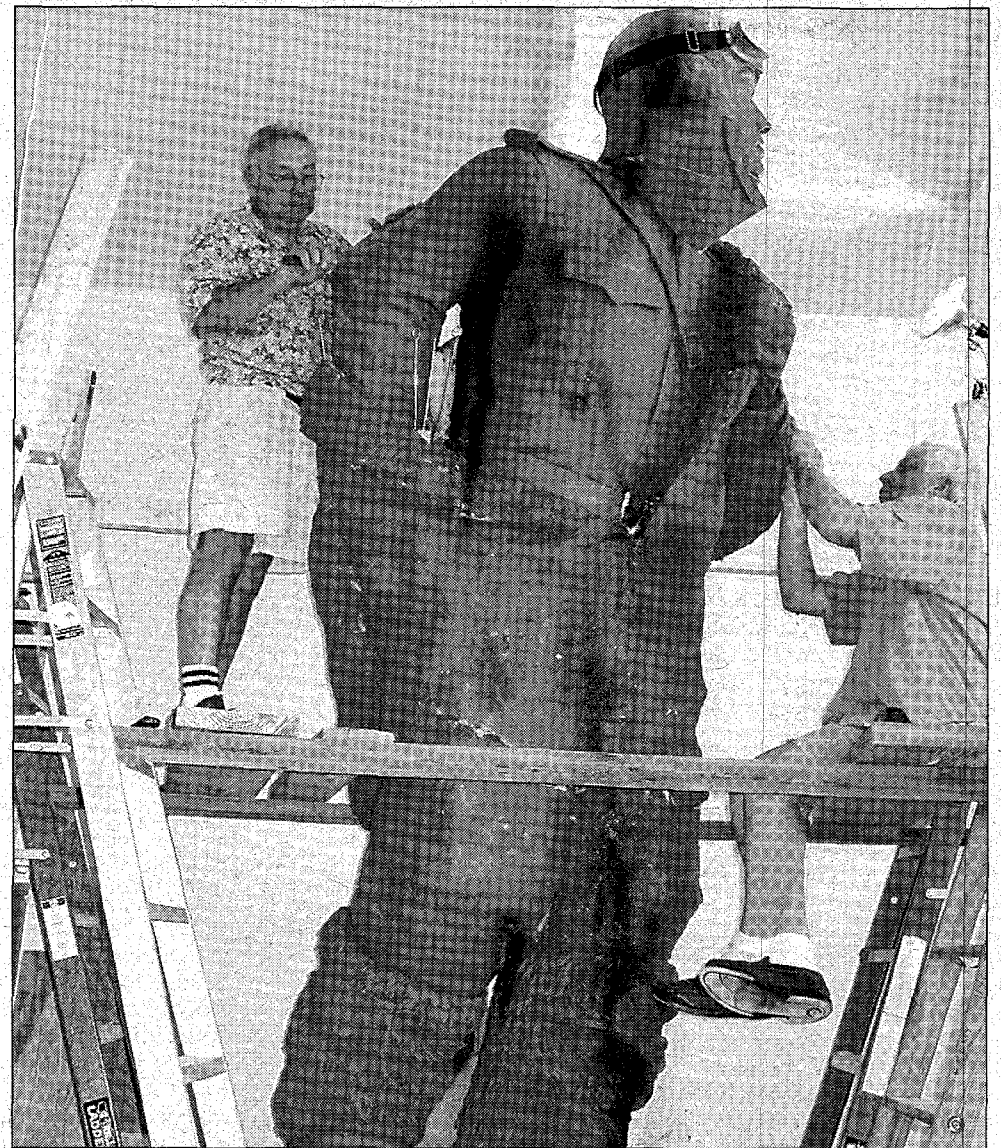
The face of the Russian has the controlled and heroic feel of classical Greek sculpture; the pose conveys motion and urgency, yet there is a time-stopped quality that transcends the individual. Notes Wallen, "Sometimes, where I'm here at night, about to turn the lights out, I think it's starting to become its own being."

As Wallen works on the larger-than-life-size final sculpture, there is a constant process of fine-tuning: The shoulder epaulettes have been angled up slightly so that the insignia can be seen from the ground. The strap that comes around the cuff of the sleeve was lengthened because "It's how you would fasten it."

The Russian aviator has his right shoulder pulled back. However, the sculpture will be viewed head-on, and Wallen felt that the softer line at the shoulder didn't give enough force to the figure, so he has been building up the shoulder by adding to the deltoids, to give it strength. "When you deal with something that doesn't have a life force, you use whatever tools you have to give it strength."



An American aviator will also be part of the memorial.



Photos by Karen Nelson

Left: Some of the blue foam "armature" can still be seen: the light bottom edge of the "helmet"; the belt buckle; by the aviator's right arm just above the fur edging; on his chest just above his left hand. Right: Skip Wallen (standing, left) and Bob Wallen, at work on the monumental Russian aviator.

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CENTER STAGE

ABT Studio Theatre at BIG ARTS



Marsha Wagner

Joy Schein presented and introduced a fantastic evening of ballet to the totally sold out house at Schein Hall last week. Clinton Luckett, artistic associate director of education and training for American Ballet Theatre Studio Company gave the audience some background on the unique ballet company. The company is a chamber ballet company of 12 dancers connected to the internationally renowned American Ballet Theatre. This elite group tours the country and the world performing classical and contemporary dance.

Now in its eighth season, the Studio company provides opportunities for gifted dancers. These dancers are hand-picked from all over the world by the artistic staff of American Ballet Theatre. The dancers train and are coached in the program for up to two years before joining American Ballet Theatre's main Company as well as other leading national and international, professional companies. These are the future stars of tomorrow and their enormous talents are a preview of the future "artists to be" in the ballet world, since this company serves as a bridge between intense training from the ballet studio to the professional stage. Believe me, the ballet world is in for a surge of fabulous dancers two years from now if last week's performance is any indication.

No sooner had I taken my seat when the gentleman next to me very excitedly informed me that he was the dad of one of the dancers, Joseph Gatti. He proceeded to tell me that his other son, sitting next to him, was a ballet director for an Orlando Ballet company, and that the son next to him was a semi-professional baseball player and that Mr. Gatti himself had been a professional "swing dancer." This charming man made my enjoyment of this incredible ballet evening even more enjoyable by his

sheer enthusiasm.

The opening ballet "La Vivandiere" was a delightful ballet based heavily on August Bournville a famed Danish choreographer of the 19th century. The dancing was performed meticulously and correctly, with the sprightly charm called for in performing this type of ballet. The dancing was layered into a musically satisfying and technically articulate crisp and clean performance. Gray Davis, the only male in this ensemble piece for five females, showed off some fine jumps, clean precision turns and keen partnering skills.

The second piece was the Grand pas de deux from *Don Quixote* starring Joseph Gatti and Nicole Graniero. This is a bravura pas that is a real test for the two dancers. I thought Gatti's dad, sitting next to me, was going to pass out from the strain of nerves watching his son dance his challenging solo section. He fanned himself with his program, covered his eyes during the difficult jumps and turns, and finally removed his jacket before jumping to his feet to shout bravo at the ending. His son Joseph was as cool as a cucumber as he spiraled and whipped through space like a human rotary blade. Gatti performed with panache, passion and style, as did his partner, the equally elegant Nicole Graniero. Her dazzling technique and delicacy of manner made a triumph of this beautiful grand pas classique. Both of these fine dancers danced with such precision and attack that the rivalry called for in this pas was totally believable. I told Mr. Gatti, who was a total wreck at the end of the pas de deux, that his son had a brilliant future ahead of him and to sit back and bask in his limelight. How very dear it was to see what a parent endures for their offspring. I wonder how much my mom and dad endured to see me dance on the NYC Ballet and Broadway stages?

"Tea and Temptation" opened the second half of the evening an interesting ballet, a sort of *Upstairs/Downstairs* on pointe shoes. This ballet by Brian Reeder to music by Franz Schubert was a study of social repression. It is a model of

economy and craft, filled with emotional penetration and it was danced with flair as well as wit. The cast danced so well that we realized the nuances the choreographer intended and they demonstrated the pockets of musicality — both as an ensemble as well as in the solo sections. In other words, the entire cast sparkled as they showed off not only their fine dance technique but also their acting abilities, which have always been the trademark of American Ballet Theatre.

"Duet from Milk Pool," with choreography by Laura Miller, was a torrid, yet playful Latin-flavored adolescent dance for two to the music "Cucurucucu Paloma." Danced with mischievous fervor by Isabella Boylston and Alex Wong, their sculptured sensual moves were anything but dove-like. They were equal in their partnering, impeccably dancing and acting with integrity and passion.

"Hush" was the finale piece of the evening, with choreography by Stephen Mills and music by Philip Glass. This exquisite series of pas de deux featured the entire cast. Portraying decisions to separate and part with perfectly composed embraces and disconnections, these moves were danced like exalted sculptures, although more anguished than erotic. In this last piece the cast displayed its versatility by adapting to different styles of dance, from the very formal dance shapes of the opening ballet "Vivandiere" to the very fluid modern dance vocabulary of this last ballet. The cast performed with a reined in emotional elegance. This particular ballet showed off the dancers performing at the top of their spectacular abilities.

This two-year-old twelve member company of artists is not only well schooled, it is a pretty company, made of up-and-coming young performers. Their technical prowess and dramatic intelligence do justice to the evolved, challenging new choreographic works as well as classical choreography.

This was a scintillating performance and one that I and the entire sold-out audience thoroughly enjoyed. Thanks again, Joy, for your tireless efforts to bring the best dancing and dancers to the Big Arts audiences and BRAVO ABT Studio Company!

Island Seniors Bazaar

Preparations are underway for the next Island Seniors Bazaar. This ever-popular bazaar will be Saturday, February 26, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Civic Center on Library Way off Palm Ridge Road. Many specialty items will be available such as shell items, jewelry, beautiful dolls, European soaps, Calamondin marmalade, bromeliads and a wide variety of handi-

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Ah, but then, the clincher... Would you go out of your way to see two of the finest actors in the entire Southwest Florida theater community? And see them caught up in a beautifully written play that challenges them to reach and stretch, as they



Sidney Simon

bring to life two of the most satisfying performances either of these dazzling pros have ever given? I'm talking about the indomitable Bill Taylor and the incomparable Lisa Marie.

Then, to see the work of one of the finest directors in the area — FGCU's Diane Stewart, who has done more than 100 productions during her 30-year educational theater career. The work she has created with Bill and Lisa is superb. But, then, the writing of Deborah Brevoort, the prize winning playwright of *Signs of Life*, demanded nothing less.

The dialogue is rich. You come to love the two characters. They are funny, vulnerable, nutty and endearing. The play is really sweet. I won't tell you the plot and whether it has a happy ending or not.

Well, I will tell you this much. The play is loosely based on the Old Testament story about Abraham and Sara. She's the one who had a baby in her nineties. Remember that from your "Genesis?"

But, this Abraham and Sara are a blue-

collar husband and wife who live in a trailer with a leaky roof at the edge of the foul-aired landfill of their New Jersey town. Abe has received a message from on high that tells Abe he has to leave with Sara, but not where they are to go or why. There is the hint that it might help her with her woman's problem. What problem? She hasn't been able to conceive. Her biological time clock is ticking loudly.

Again, I ask you what would it take to make you want to see this play? Well, you could take my word for it. I'm going back a second time, and maybe a third. I liked it that much.

I urge you to be part of this cutting-edge piece of theater, this world premiere, this chance to watch two of the most exciting performances you will see in a long time, in a play by a playwright who has already won a silver medal in the Onassis International Playwriting Competition and the Kennedy Center's Fund for New American Plays award — and directed by a real pro, Diane Stewart.

Signs of Life will be playing Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. and a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. But only until

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Tickets are a bargain, \$16 and \$7 for students. Call Theatre Conspiracy at 936-3239. If you're moved to come, maybe I'll see you there, because I am going back. I've been thinking about Abe and Sara ever since opening night.

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Island Seniors is presenting the second annual series of lectures on Coping with Life's Challenges. "We decided to do another series due to the interest in last year's series generated," said Sandi McDougall, the Senior Center's coordinator. The speakers are well qualified in their respective fields. All lectures are at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays:

- February 22 - Help for Hearing Loss: Understanding the Causes and Advanced Hearing Devices by Leslie Neal, Ph.D., Audiologist
- March 8
Macular Degeneration - By Trevor Elmquist, D.O., Ophthalmologist
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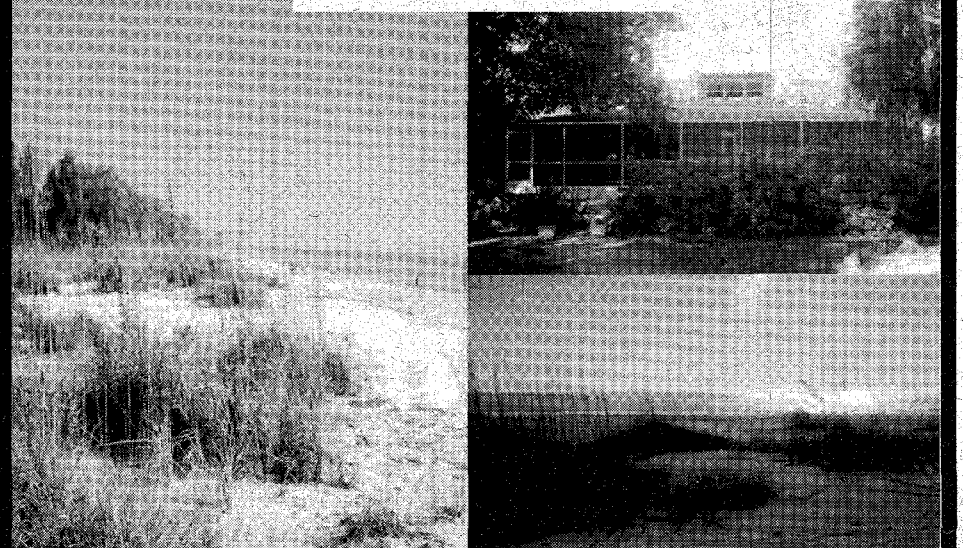
"(Post's) depiction of Mark Twain is nothing less than brilliant, and each sentence and song is a gem... This is a show that should be Broadway-bound!" Penelope P. Dann, program manager, The Smithsonian Associates.

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Zonta supports Southwest Florida Addiction Services

Susan Denham and Suzanne Weinheimer, members of Zonta attended the dedication of the SWFAS (Southwest Florida Addiction Services) Meditation Garden and Cottage Creations program on February 3. They were inspired by testimonials, the unveiling of a uniquely created sculpture by Roy Benton and honored by the inclusion of a plaque of gratitude to Zonta on the new wall of the garden.

In addition to the healing oasis created by and for the men and women who are recovering from alcohol or drug addiction, SWFAS has added new programs to help their clients move back into the work force. As the program noted:

"Cottage Creations ... enables residents to earn wages in an atmosphere that reinforces recovery principles, fosters individual skill development, and promotes healthy work habits." Product offerings include Personalized Brick Pavers and Facers, Engraved Ceramic Tiles, Etched Glassware, Vases and Candy Dishes. For more information, call 239/338-2977, Ext.27, or visit www.swfas.org/cottageindustries.

Zonta is a proud participant in the work of SWFAS through financial support, gifts of household goods and clothing, and volunteer participation. Both Zontians and the women of SWFAS have found the partnership between the two organizations to be fruitful and as



Rosemary Boisvert, assistant director of the Transition Living Center showing Suzanne and Sue the plaque honoring Zonta's contributions.

the two groups learn from the lives of the other.

The Sanibel-Captiva community has also supported SWFAS and the Transitional Living Center (TLC) through participation in the fundraisers of Zonta such as the upcoming House Tour Peek at the Unique (March 12) and raffle, Chance at the Unique. Please watch for details including the phone number to call for tickets next week!

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva is a service organization of professional women working together to provide hands-on assistance, advocacy, and funds to strengthen women's lives on the islands, in Lee County, and around the world through Zonta International. Additional information about Zonta is available at www.zontasancap.com.

Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner unfazed by Iraqi elections

Submitted by Bob Wimbush

Sanibel Captiva Kiwanis is proud and happy to report that despite a few obvious similarities they do not think this year's Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner - scheduled for February 26 at the Community House — will be impacted by recent events in Iraq. This had been a major concern to the club since their annual dinner was touted worldwide in Kiwanis International's otherwise obsequious magazine a couple of years ago. International acclaim is a heavy burden to bear.

Although some areas in northern Iraq ran out of ballots, there is no danger that Kiwanis will run out of either raffle or dinner tickets, regardless of party. Unlike the Iraqis, Kiwanis expects a large turnout. Expect long lines of brave, determined people, but be assured that except for unusually pleasant exchanges between local office seekers, no one has ever been eviscerated waiting in line at the Spaghetti Dinner. In the true spirit of internationalism, Kiwanis has offered to feed any suicide bomber. Just identify yourself to the maitre d'.

So far the dinner has received no threats, but several international bodies (oh, please no puns), most notably the Al Zontas, have demanded that all servers be fully clad in thongs this year. As an alternative, the club offered that any guests will be fully fed, and offered seconds on food, but, because that is no departure from current practice, negotiations continue. Whatever results, it will be win/win. And

speaking of winners, write down these names: Bank of the Islands, Century 21 J.B. Novelli Internationale, Bailey's General Store, and Sanibel Captiva Trust Company — sponsors who appreciate the good Kiwanis does in the community.

Fortunately the EPA is still unable to analyze the mystery ingredient in Kiwanis red sauce, so until the feds figure out just why everything tastes so good, diners may expect the same delicious sauce, meatballs, spaghetti, salad and garlic bread to be accompanied by vintage screw-top wines, sodas from pitchers and seats next to all your friends.

After 30 years, Islanders know the drill: Tickets are still \$7 in advance or 8 bucks at the door. Children 10 and under eat free (as do any Lions accompanied by their parents). Get your tickets from any Kiwanian or at Periwinkle Park. There will be dancing, neighborly conversation, reestablishment of friendships, a raffle, excessive desserts and lots of fun for the kids.

Doors open around 4, and everyone from the islands will be there. Unless they live at Periwinkle Park, this may be only chance snowbirds will get to observe the San-Cap Cro-Magnon as he seats the guests, but that, too, is part of the fun. In short, after more than 30 years at this game, Kiwanis knows how to throw an island good time. And if you don't know how to have one, please stay home. After all, this dinner's international standing must be maintained — regardless of what happens in Iraq.

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Matlacha Watershed Adventure a sell-out

By Karen Nelson
Managing Editor

How better to spend a day than shopping, eating a tasty lunch, cruising the

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's first Watershed Adventure of the season, departed from Port Sanibel Marina, courtesy of Adventures in

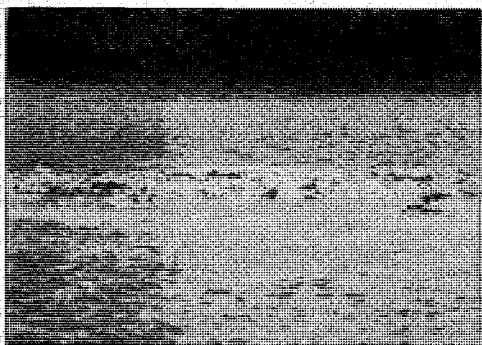


waters of Pine Island Sound and learning about the amazing estuary which embraces Sanibel and Captiva islands?

Paradise, on January 26 and it was sold out.

Organized by Dee Serage Century and ably narrated by Serage and Megan Tinsley (from the SCCF Marine Lab), with an assist from Richard Finkel (SCCF Environmental Educator), the trip provided an opportunity to learn about the Caloosahatchee River watershed and the impacts of man-made changes to that system. Watershed Adventure passengers got a chance to get up close and personal with some plankton (viewed through a portable magnifying gizmo,) and to see bald eagles

Watershed, see page 16



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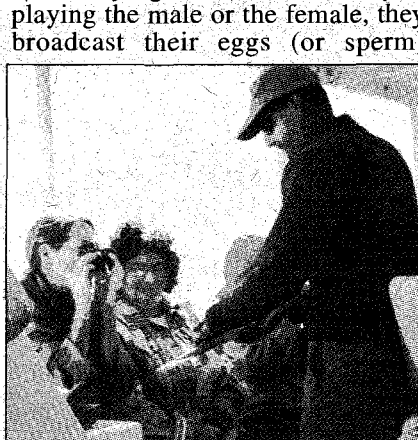
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soaring overhead while oyster catchers strutted along the oyster bars.

Tinsley and Serage displayed a spat catcher (say, what?), which looked suspiciously like a citrus fruit bag



with a couple of cords attached. (And, indeed, that's what it is - a citrus bag anchored to a cinder block; they're set up at several locations in the bay). Spat collectors are being used by the Marine Lab in a study of the bay scallop population in Pine Island sound. Scallops are hermaphroditic: once they figure out whether they're playing the male or the female, they broadcast their eggs (or sperm)

through the water — called spat. Eggs and sperm do their thing, while the spat anchors on what presumably looks like a nice place to grow up.

docking by the Wild Child gallery in Matlacha, lunch was served (in colorful plastic flowerpots that we got to keep) at Leoma Lovegrove's Matlacha Art Gallery, and there was a little time to wander the galleries lining Pine Island Road.

The next Watershed Adventure will be to Mound Key in Estero Bay (the capital of the domain of the Calusa Indians when the Spanish arrived in the early 1500s). Archaeologists Corbett Torrence and Theresa Schober will guide and the trip will be on Wednesday, February 23. In March, visit the Babcock Ranch, including Telegraph Swamp. Call the Conservation Foundation at 472-2329 for info and to register.



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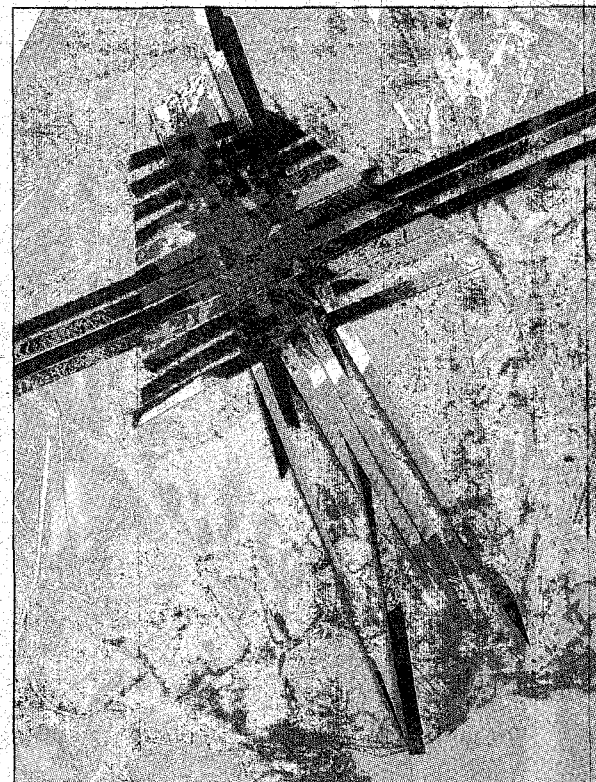
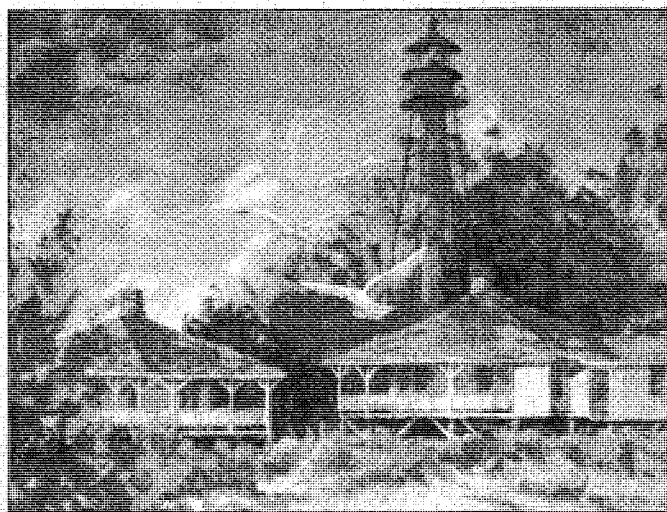
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On February 14 from 5 - 8 p.m. the twelve members of The Hirdie-Girdie Art Gallery located on 2490 Library Way in Sanibel invite everyone — from the most avid gallery visitor to the passerby who never intended to visit an art gallery — to join them and meet the Artist of the Month, Betty Weise. Each month, beginning in December and continuing through April, the members host a reception and showcase the work of an Artist of the Month.

A retrospective of the work of the late Lola Katchen was featured in December 2004; David Goodspeed was featured in January; and upcoming Artists of the Month are Judy Barnet in March and Cindy McIntyre in April. Each



month a portion of the proceeds from the monthly reception sale goes to an island charity. In January, it was the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. The Sanibel Historical Village & Museum will benefit in February, FISH (Friends in

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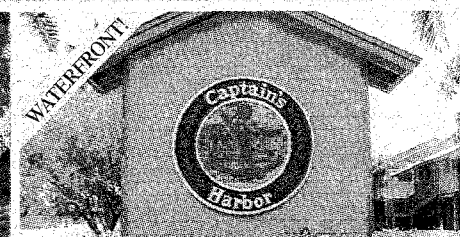
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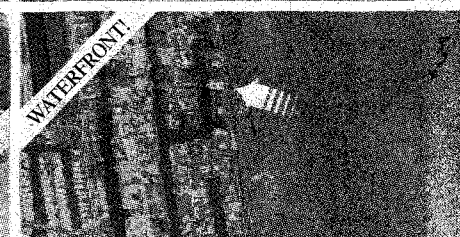
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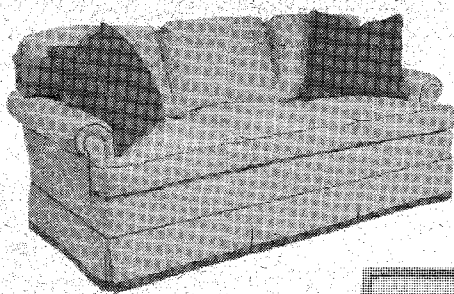
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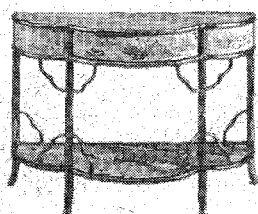
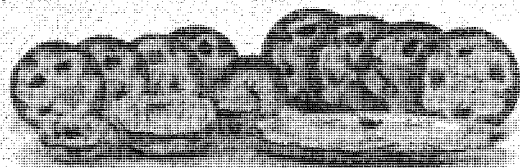
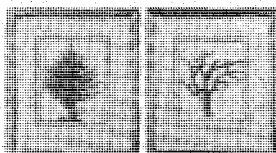
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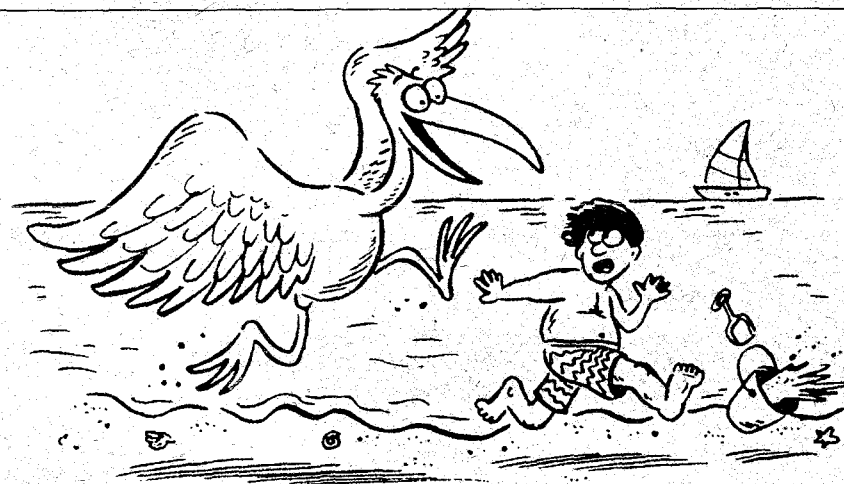


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Pruning protects plants, prevents fires

By Laura Nickerson
Staff Writer

February and March are known as tree-trimming months in Florida, after the threat of chilly nights or even frost is past, and before the rainy season inspires mold and fungus to take hold.

There is one more really important reason not to procrastinate too long in trimming shrubs and trees each Florida spring — fire.

Brush fires are very common in Southwest Florida this time of year because our weather now is so dry. The extremely low humidity and sunny, breezy days make our area a hot spot for winter tourists and snowbirds. Unfortunately, they also present a potentially dangerous opportunity for fires, particularly if dead plant material on private property is not cut off, cleaned up and hauled away.

Beth De Grauwe, SCCF's Native Plant Nursery manager, concurs.

"In Southwest Florida, certain plants are called flammable. These would be primarily cabbage palms, but also wax myrtles, spartina grass (cordgrass) and leather fern. They should only be planted 30 feet or more away from your home, and they must be pruned each year to remove dead fronds and branches. If you want vegetation near the house, use gumbo limbo, myrsine, mahogany, or other hammock

species that are not considered to be flammable."

DeGrauwe continued, "If you are planting native plants, there should only be three reasons to trim and prune. Maintenance and fire prevention is the most important consideration in this locale. All dead material should be removed from the plant and from the area, but no green or living material should be cut, unless another problem is present."

She explained further, "The second reason to prune is to end or limit disease or infestation. For fungal problems or insect control, such as aphids, scale, or spider mites, lop off damaged sections. Then in each case apply the appropriate insecticide, fungicide, or perhaps just soap and water."

She summed up, "Lastly, you can prune for better or more desirable shaping, so a plant will not beat up against the house or out-do a neighboring shrub. Otherwise, one of the purposes in planting native is to eliminate the need for most pruning, by letting everything grow the way it does naturally."

DeGrauwe also said that SCCF pruning shears are kept in a gasoline approved container with several inches of mineral spirits in it at all times, which keeps them sharp and supple to work with. Just before each use they are removed from the liquid, and towel dried.

"All pruning is technically wounding to a plant, but pruning with dull shears is like torturing the plant, or slowly ripping its skin off," DeGrauwe said. "Correct pruning can make a tree or shrub beautifully full but free flowing. Cut above a node where fresh growth would form new lateral branching. Ideally, each cut should make the tree branch twice. Check your trees"

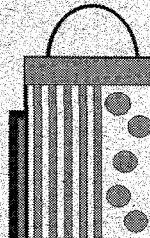
On old growth, there is the potential for disease or insect entry at any point where two branches are continually rubbing together, and these should be pruned.

SCCF's February programs include "Menacing Maintenance" on February 23, from 2-4 p.m. The afternoon is completely hands on, and includes techniques for planting appropriately, organic solutions to pests, and how to mulch and prune. Call 472-1932 for registration or information.




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Beth DeGrauwe of the Native Plant Nursery at Sanibel-Captiva Conservation foundation.



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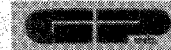
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Service Here) in March and the Sanibel School Foundation Art Department in April.

Tania Begg, an artist new to The Hirdie-Girdie, brings her whimsical Lizzart to the gallery. These wearable jewelry lizards are wire sculptures accented with



glass or semi-precious beads, distinctive in their originality, and representative of Tania's talent for jewelry design. Well-known clay artist, Kathy Boynton features Raku, a centuries old method of firing ceramic earthenware. Her lifesize, outrageous feline raku sculpture — with its whiskers and eyelashes — is an irresistible showstopper displayed among her many other individual pieces.

The custom woodcarvings of Don Case are highly valued and his new "Morning Dove on Wing" is one of his most recent and authentic carvings. Gordon Coughlin is best known for his landscape paintings in oil. Reviewers and judges of Coughlin's work at recent exhibits have described it as "sensuously tactile" and "Plowed Fields" is a dramatic example. A popular new painting is Coughlin's "Claret and Red Peppers" representing a more impressionistic style.

Don Daniels has a long-standing reputation as a watercolor artist whose paintings are recognized for their quality, attention to detail and Daniel's ability to capture nature throughout the United States. Gordon Coughlin and Don Daniels were both among the original



organizers of the Hirdie-Girdie gallery ten years ago. Adding a different dimension to the gallery is Judy Andrews Friedman's hand-glazed ceramic tile art. Her custom-designed tile commissions add beauty to many homes. "Tile designing appeals to me, especially since it adds another sense through texture — the one of touch. Tile work has an eternal quality. It resists the elements and can last for centuries," Friedman points out.

Woodturner Phil Krum obtains his materials from trees that have been felled by Mother Nature. He boasts that one of the first pieces he turned using mahogany was from a tree brought down by a tornado in Key Largo; more recently, he has been working with wood from trees felled by Hurricane Charley. He pays particular attention to the fishing of each piece, sometimes using as many as 50 hand-rubbed coats of different formulas; the fine fish achieve accents the distinctive knots in the wood of each piece.

Bea Pappas, another energetic gallery organizer and artist well known for her antique automobiles, is now introducing more abstract paintings — sometimes combined with a bit of collage as seen in her "Rockets Red Glare". Sue Pink says that when it comes to art, she allows the paint and paper to direct her, never knowing whether the painting will be completely abstract or dominated by realism. On display along with other of her vibrant, contemporary water media paintings is "Doc's-Bonita Beach".

Mary Ross works in collage and, with her artistic layering of handmade papers, creates light and airy images like "On the Coast" — with its purple-toned accents — which compel the viewer to return again and again. Nancy Cameron Ross, a highly versatile artist, works in many different media including mosaics, oils, watercolors and acrylics. Her collage, "Beach House II," captures the beauty of the island with all of its whimsy.

Newcomer Jeff Springer adds photography to the gallery's repertoire and his archival quality black and white images are limited to fifteen per negative. His goal is to "capture what nature provides for us" and, since

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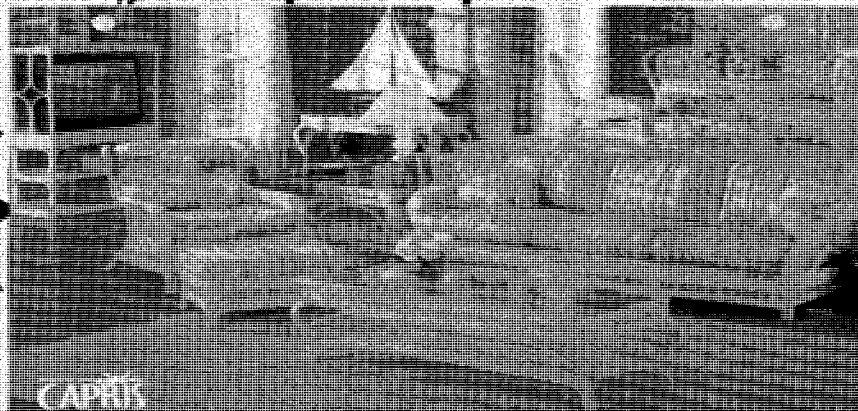
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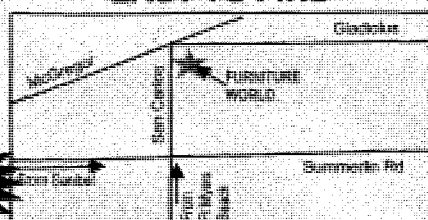
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Come Fly With Me is playing at the Schoolhouse Theater through March 5.

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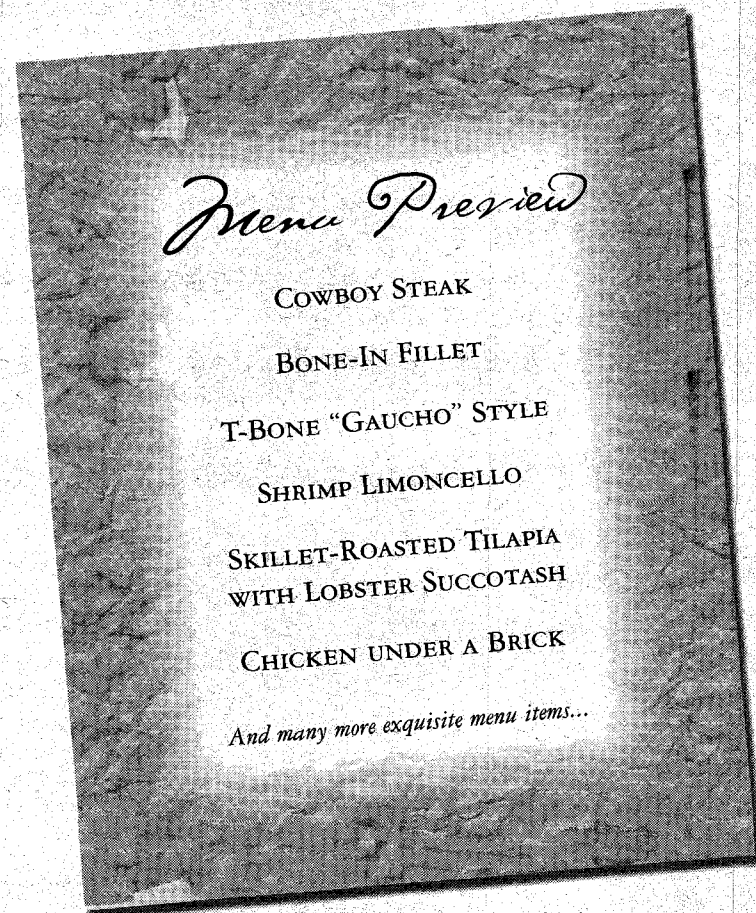
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Preservation Hall Shines at Schein

Jazz, America's "Classical" music and unique art form celebrated throughout the world, was heard in all its glory on Saturday, February 5 at Schein Hall. Sponsored by Merrill Lynch and presented by BIG ARTS, the world famous Preservation Hall Jazz Band presented their patented New Orleans Dixieland jazz before a packed, sold-out house. The festivities began with a ten-minute film depicting various scenes of the band performing in its Preservation Hall home, including one of its original pianists, "Sweet" Emma.

Tonight's concert featured seven musicians: Lester Calliste, trombone; "Little Joe" Lastie, drums; Rickie Monie, piano; Don Vappie, banjo and vocals; Ralph Johnson, clarinet; Jeffrey Hills, tuba; and John Brunious,

trumpet and vocals. They performed traditional or "Crescent City," New Orleans dixieland jazz with its characteristic four accented beats to a bar as differentiated from the later Chicago dixieland style with accents on the second and fourth beat.

Following the long established tradition, the trumpeter/leader set most of the tempos by stomping his foot on the floor or with his trumpet notes. Another tradition that these New Orleans musicians incorporated was their sitting on chairs and then collectively standing at the song's climactic ending or "out" chorus.

Upon completion of the film, the banjo, piano, trumpet and tuba players walked on stage and played, "Ain't She Sweet." An impressive banjo improvisation by Don Vappie displayed excellent technical command of his instrument and his mature jazz articulation. Next, trumpeter and vocalist, John Brunious set a moderate tempo for, "If I Had My Life To Live Over." To support his vocal, the banjo effectively simulated the drums by tapping on the banjo's body. Upon completion, drummer "Little Joe" Lastie walked out, sat at his drums and played a drumroll and "sendoff" for the classic, "Bourbon Street Parade." Midway through "Bourbon Street Parade," trombonist Lester Calliste strolled out on stage, playing slippery glissandos. He was followed by clarinetist Ralph Johnson, wailing obligatos. The ensemble — now in its full glory — induced the receptive and appreciative audience to clap along and join the fun. It was indeed a happy sight to behold. W.C. Handy's, "Saint Louis Blues" was next and featured John Brunious growling with a trumpet and plunger and vocally lamenting how he hates to "see the sun go down."

With banjo alone, Don Vappie performed a solo rubato chorus of "The World Is Waiting For The Sunrise." He then segued into a blistering tempo of this song, displaying great technical facility as the banjo's notes shimmered like the sun on the water. The last selection before intermission was a cute, raunchy, novelty tune with audience participation titled, "Shake That Thing." The audience left for the customary wine and cookies as well as smiles of joy on their faces.

The second half opened up with Clyde McCoy's "Sugar Blues," played and sung by John Brunious. I found this selection somewhat incongruous as it has no

connection to traditional New Orleans jazz and was originally performed by McCoy in a "swing era" context. This rendition however, allowed Brunious to sing and also growl with his trumpet and plunger and it effectively created a nice mood and feel.

Musically, and not so much visually, a highlight of the evening's concert was listening to pianist Rickie Monie perform the gospel song, "His Eye Is On The Sparrow." His opening chorus created a gorgeous pastiche of wonderful harmonious tonal colors similar to the great impressionistic American classical composer, Eastwood Lane. He then segued into a swing feel and, finally, ended with solo piano once again, decorated with beautiful chromatic harmonies and colorful "waterfall type" runs.

An entertaining and roaring tempo rendition of "Tiger Rag" followed, featuring a duet of trombonist Calliste and drummer Lastie. During the extended drum solo that followed, and keeping in the established tradition, the band members departed from the stage as to allow an unencumbered view of the drummer's lightening fast hands splashing across the cymbals and drums.

The mood quickly changed as the soulful and in-tune clarinet started to play the familiar, "Just A Closer Walk With Thee." Don Vappie then sang an equally soulful and excellent chorus of this old hymn and, upon completion, segued into a very fast rendition with John Brunious singing the vocal. A creative and most interesting duet between tuba and drums was incorporated in this arrangement.

As a tribute to Mardi Gras which is now taking place in New Orleans, the band played, "Joe Avery's Blues" complete with the New Orleans tradition of the band members walking into the audience, collecting a "conga-line" of happy participants. What a sight it was to see members of the audience who, two hours earlier, had hobbled into the auditorium with stiff legs and tired bodies but were now energized as they swayed hypnotically to the infectious rhythm and melody of "Joe Avery's Blues" and then the New Orleans Dixieland theme song, "When The Saints Go Marchin' In." It was a joyous and perhaps a therapeutic experience for all of the many attendees and a wonderful sight to behold.



Harold Lieberman

An Evening of Songs

On Thursday, February 3, the young Italian-American tenor, Leonardo Capalbo, accompanied by pianist, Jonathan Kelly presented an evening of mostly Italian Opera songs. The concert was sponsored in part by the Marilyn Horne Foundation, dedicated to encourage the art of the vocal recital.

During their residency in Sanibel, the artists visited various schools in the area demonstrating their music and encouraging young people to experience and appreciate classical singing.

Capalbo, trained at The Juilliard School of Music, has received awards and honors from numerous foundations and made his American and European Operatic debuts in 2004. Pianist Jonathan Kelly received a Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance from the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music and is presently

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viewers tend to focus on different parts of a composition, he leaves his compositions untitled.

The Haitian art has always been a tradition at the gallery and, while the number of Haitian paintings is limited due to the turmoil in Haiti, the Haitian crafts have become more varied and now include popular iron hangings.

In talking about this distinctively named gallery, Coughlin explains that the gallery inherited its name from the former candy store and — like the old candy shop — “There’s something for everyone here. The artists are local and

you can look at the work in the context in which you are living.”

Being part of a cooperative such as The Hirdie-Girdie demands that the work of the members must meet a certain standard. Furthermore, when you visit Hirdie Girdie, it is the artists themselves who greet you from behind the counter. They are very knowledgeable about the work of all the artists in the gallery and will happily answer questions. It’s not only good art but congeniality that invites people to return to The Hirdie-Girdie Gallery again and again.

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on the music staff of the Manhattan School of Music in New York City. He was very adept as an accompanist, displaying sensitivity in matching the vocalist’s bravura style. Both artists were well rehearsed and professional in their presentation.

Except for “Three songs, Op.3” by the English composer, Roger Quilter, (1877-1953), the other thirteen selections were sung in Italian and thoughtfully had the English translations attached to the program. Unfortunately, it was difficult to read in the darkened hall. The first three selections were arias written by one of the celebrated composers of bel canto opera, Vincenzo Bellini (1801-1835.)

Capalbo quickly demonstrated his full-voice and dynamic energy in the first aria, “Malinconia, ninfa gentile.” The second aria, “Vaga luna che inargenti” followed and led into the last Bellini aria, “Bella

Nice.” Mr. Capalbo has a strikingly powerful and resonant tenor voice full of over and undertones but somewhat flawed by intonation problems. His pitch, most noticeably in phrase climaxes, wavered and was not always in the center of the pitch. Possibly, the out-of-tune piano did not help and contributed to this distraction.

The before mentioned, “Three Songs” by Roger Quilter, “Love’s Philosophy,” “Now Sleeps the crimson petal,” and “Fill a glass with golden wine,” was not convincingly sung. Capalbo did not depart from his operatic vocal style and did not capture the subtle nuances that one would expect in these late Romantic English love songs.

The recital featured five arias by the famous Italian Opera composer, Pietro Mascagni (1863-1945). They were,

A Gathering of Women

Suzanne Weinheimer will be leading a six-week workshop on Monday evenings, starting on February 14, “Finding Me: An Inside Job: A Gathering of Women.” The theme for the 2005 classes is “Being Peace.” In these informal sessions, participants explore ways to find equilibrium, using meditation, stories, healing and music. Weinheimer also had a practice as a healer, tailoring her sessions to the needs and comfort level of her clients, pausing often in the process to gauge the level of engagement.

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There is no charge for the six-week “Finding Me: An Inside Job.” Donations are accepted for materials and refreshments. Classes will be held on Mondays from February 14 through March 21 from 7 - 9 p.m. at Loggerhead Cay on Sanibel. For more information, please call Suzanne at 472-0214.

“M’ama, non m’ama,” “Pena d’amore,” “Alla luna,” “Risveglio,” and “Rosa.” Kelly was very exact in following Capalbo’s many rubatos, ritards and fermatas. The last aria, “Rosa,” was quite dramatic, allowing the tenor to step forward from the piano’s crook and with arms, hands and body movement, together with a full fortissimo voice, he lamented the sadness of a lost love’s “poor rose from the moor.”

The melody and harmony of the next song, “Angiolin dal biondo crin” was a Lied from the pen of the great Hungarian Romantic composer and pianist, Franz Liszt. Using the composer’s brooding, dark and introspective music, Marchese Cesare Bocella wrote his loving, poetic text dedicated to a “Little fair-haired angel.”

Lighter Italian songs followed, with “Tu

ca nun chiagne” by deCurtis, and the familiar “Maria, Mari” (Way Marie) by the famous composer of Neapolitan songs, Eduardo di Capua (1864-1917). Born in the romantic city of Naples, Italy, di Capua’s songs capture the true essence of Neapolitan songs and Capalbo communicated this wonderful, gay feeling to all. The printed program ended with a spirited march-like “Marechiaro” by the Italian-born, English-singing teacher and composer, F.P. Tosti (1846-1916). The concert concluded with an encore of another Neapolitan song in triple meter titled, “A Kiss.”

With excellent stage mannerisms, a strong and projecting voice, Capalbo has all the necessary requisites to sing Italian Opera, and his young career, with some refinement, should blossom and flourish.

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Cindy-Lee at RedFish BluFish

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In addition to popular standards, highlights from Cindy-Lee's cabaret shows will be part of the program. Jazz pianist Ron Hadley will be at the keyboard and there is a good chance owner Gaye Levine will join in on electric cello. Selections from *The Blonde Songbook*, a musical-comedy montage celebrating the career and persona of unique, theatrical blonde

bombshells, include songs like, "Just in Time," "Falling in Love Again," "I Wish You Love," "The Lady is a Tramp" and more! From her show *Songs in The Key of C*, a tribute to composer Cy Coleman, highlights will include "The Best is Yet to Come," "Witchcraft," and "Hey, Look Me Over."

Laura Nickerson of the *Islander* wrote: "The well-executed dancing, aptly delivered one-liners and general cavorting in no way prepares the audience for the amazing qualities of Cindy-Lee's voice." Di Saggau of *The River* wrote: "The pacing of the show was right on target and boy can (Cindy-Lee) belt out a tune."

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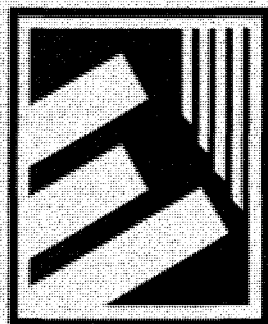
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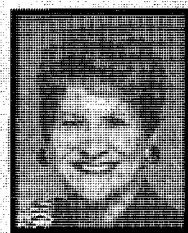
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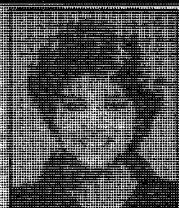
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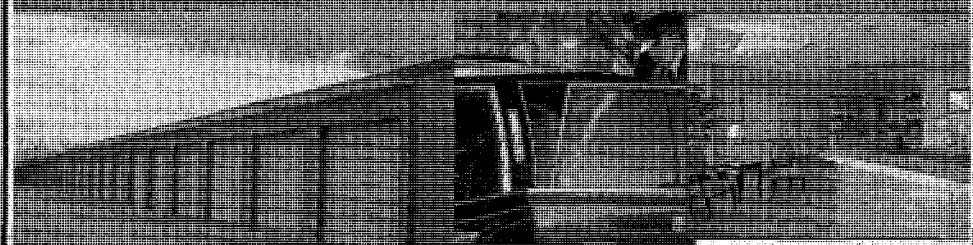
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Additionally, Fishbach and Lee, will be joined by pianist David Pasbrig to perform in recital on Monday, February 21 at 8 p.m. For more information and tickets call the Gulf Coast Symphony Offices at 472-6197. Tickets are \$20.

Lee and Fishbach are participating in a Gulf Coast Symphony artist residency, part of the Symphony's Musical Gateways Education Program. They will be performing and working with students in ten area elementary, middle and high schools during their week-long residency.

The Gulf Coast Symphony is Southwest Florida's only non-professional community orchestra. Tickets are \$25 for premium seating and \$15 regular seating. Tickets are available by calling the Symphony office at 472-6197 or that evening at the Anderson Hall Box Office. For info, please call the Gulf Coast Symphony office at 472-6197 or email info@gulfcoastsymphony.org.

BRAVO!Ballet is back!

For the third year, principal dancers from the world renowned New York City Ballet (NYCB) will return to the Anderson Theatre in Fort Myers to perform BRAVO!Ballet, a benefit for Gulfshore Ballet, scheduled for Monday evening, March 21 at 8 p.m.

This year's BRAVO!Ballet will star NYCB dancers Jock Soto, Wendy Whelan, Darci Kistler, Nilas Martins, Miranda Weese, Jenifer Ringer, James Fayette, Maria Kowroski, Charles Askegard, Yvonne Borree, Jason Fowler, Joaquin De Luz, and Edwaard Liang.

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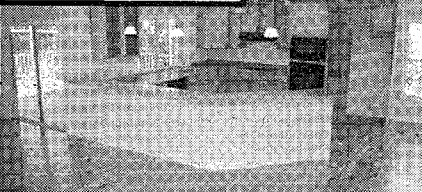
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The program will include classic favorites as well as two new ballets: *Thou Swell*, choreographed to the music of Richard Rodgers by NYCB Ballet Master in Chief Peter Martins; and *Liturg*, by NYCB Resident Choreographer Christopher Wheeldon. "These two new ballets have never been seen outside of New York," said Roy.

Event Co-Chairs are Tom and Linda Uhler. General admission reserved seating tickets are priced from \$35-\$65. Benefit tickets, including center orchestra seating, an invitation to a pre-performance cocktail party, and preferred parking at the theater, are available for \$150. For tickets call 239/454-5200

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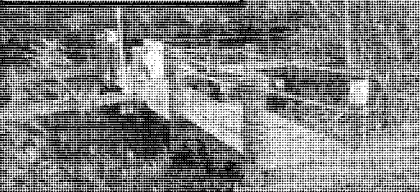


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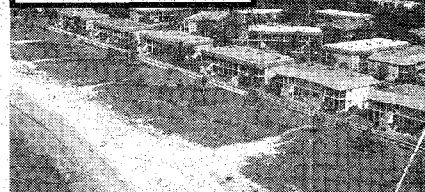


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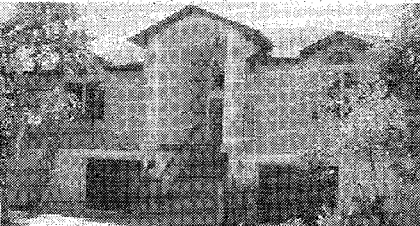
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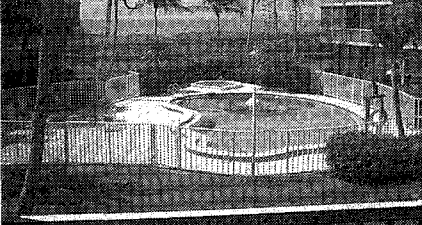
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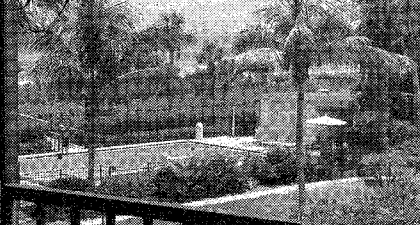
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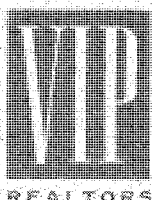
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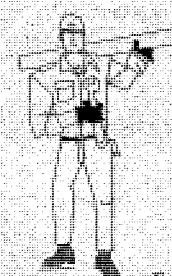
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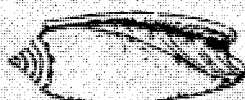
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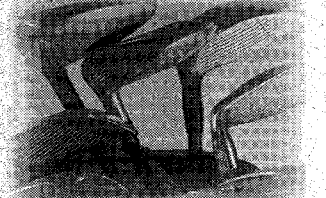
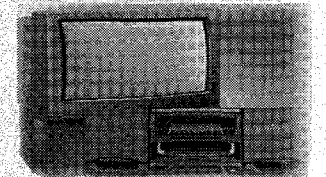
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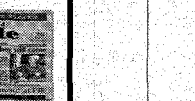
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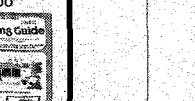
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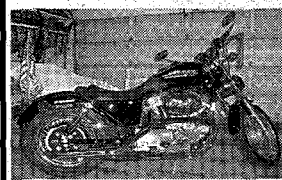
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Visiting from Madison, Wisconsin where he lives with his wife and his son, Henkes has been drawing since he was a small boy, encouraged by his parents and teachers. He loved books so much that he took them everywhere he went, reading them again and again. At the age of 19 he became that person he had wondered about over the years—an author-illustrator. With his portfolio in hand he went to New York City, hoping to find a publisher. At Greenwillow Books he met an editor who made his dreams come true by publishing his first picture book „All Alone.% And as they say, the rest is history. Since then he has written and illustrated many picture books and written several novels. Most well known are the picture books „Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse%, „Wemberly Worried% and „Chrysanthemum%. Novels for older children include „Protecting Marie%, „Zebra Wall% and „Olive's Ocean%.

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The first speaker, on February 16, is The Rev. Dr. Walter Schuman of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in

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The second speaker, February 23, is The Rev. Dr. Anne Kimball, formerly Associate Dean of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University and a winter resident of the island.

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