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which requires conditional approval by the Marco Island City Council. All parties agreed with removing the residential density with the exception of MHC. Naples Community Hospital (NCH), which owns the Marco Healthcare Center, explained that they wanted to build a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) on the land. A CCRC consists of independent living, assisted living and skilled nursing units. The Marco Island Planning Board worked to create zoning for a CCRC, which also includes

a medical facility open to the public 24/7. The first reading of the CCRC language goes before the Marco Island Planning Board on November 17. As usual, MICA will be present representing the residents of Marco Island.

While a Continuing Care Retirement Center might be nice to have on Marco for approximately 200 individuals, it should not be done at the risk of losing 24/7 health care for all residents and visitors. In addition, land must be available to allow for future expansion of the health care facility as the population of Marco Island expands.

It is morally, legally, and ethically right and proper that this land be used for its intended purpose as declared by the Deltona Corporation when they developed modern day Marco and donated the land for a medical facility.

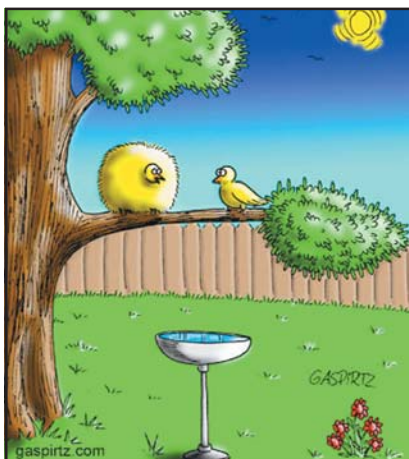
MICA is cognizant that a full scale hospital will most likely not be built on this property, however we expect that NCH, a non profit that had a banner year last year, would put the needs of the community first and not the desire to maximize their profit. MICA expects that an appropriately staffed medical facility will be available to the residents and visitors to Marco Island 24/7.

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both parties have worked very hard at developing a strong, committed, trusting and professional relationship and this diligence and commitment to the students and families of our school's stakeholders has

yielded something that has never been achieved in the history of the State: a local public school district assuming the financial burden of providing a new facility from which a local, grass roots charter school can operate. The cost of the project will be approximately 18 million dollars

of which our school has already committed approximately \$775,000 and anticipates spending another \$75,000. The remaining dollars or approximately 95% of the money for the project is being provided by the District School Board of Collier County.



Some idiot poured fabric softener in the bird bath!

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The 2006
Marco Island Civic Association
July 4th Celebration
at Residents' Beach



See page 30 for more pictures!

Beach Week at Marco Community Bank!



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The Sea Turtle Crawl

by Ruth McCann



With no hurricanes or tropical storms to speak of, the sea turtles that crawled ashore at Marco had a gentler year this year than the past two.

A total of 56 nests were laid, which is an increase over last year but nowhere near previous years when 80 to 90 nests were counted. This year 51 of the nests hatched, producing a total of 4,560 sea turtles.

How do we know this? Mary Nelson, Marco Island's Turtle Lady, actually counts the eggs after they hatch and the last nest hatched on October 6.

Sea turtle season occurs every year from May 1 to November 1. A sea turtle typically lays between 50 and 200 eggs per nest, with the average being just over 100 eggs.

This year the lowest number of eggs per nest was 66, with the greatest number being 146!

Mary Nelson noted that the lighting situation improves each year, but until there is full compliance with the "lights out for turtles" code, more public awareness is needed during turtle season.

Letters!

MICA,

Thanks for the great job you do for us! The July 4th celebration was just great!

Kaye W Thompson



Finnegan Creighton, (shown right) grandson of Kathy and Bob Creighton, was visiting Marco Island with his parents and was one of the first youngsters to enjoy the brand new playground equipment! Kathy works at the MICA office.



MICA's July 4th celebration
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MICA's Members Only Holiday Celebration



Concert by The Platters (begins at 5 p.m.)

Their hits include: "Only You," "The Great Pretender,"
"You've Got the Magic Touch," & "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes"

Friday, December 22, 2006
Residents' Beach, 3 p.m.



Santa Claus, Children's Games

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