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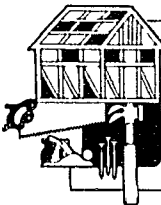
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Meet the home builders — families who helped in the construction of their island residences, 17A.

These pelicans came in from the storm, but not all wildlife was so fortunate. See 'Storm Aftermath', 5A.



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FIRST WITH THE NEWS

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Causeway changes will fund other county bridges — Goss

By Wendy McMullen

Increased tolls and a new disc system will keep the number of daytrippers on Sanibel and Captiva down and help fund bridge building throughout Lee County. Commissioner Porter Goss said today after Lee County Commission

fund bridges throughout the county. Goss explained that the new plan satisfies the needs of Sanibel and Captiva residents who want to decrease the number of daytrippers on the islands as well as the county need to top up its bridge building funds.

Really what a banner year for the people



the island eye



Celebration of customers at Bailey's

Sunday, September 8, is set for "Baileyfest," an old fashioned picnic in appreciation of Bailey Shopping Center's customers. Chuck Skinner, Bailey's manager, announced the celebration this week. "It is a way of just saying thanks to all our faithful customers," he said.

The picnic, with free food, will include entertainment and other activities, and will be held in the shopping center parking lot.

"Invitations" will be extended through newspaper and direct mail advertising to islanders, who during September tend to outnumber visitors.

Further details will be available later, Skinner said. □

It's as easy as ABC...

Islanders busy cleaning house, redecorating, moving, building or just sorting out are asked to donate their used furniture, housewares and other items to the annual Captiva Civic Association ABC Sale, co-chairmen Ann Bruning and

Virginia Parker ask. The Attic, Basement and Closet (ABC) Sale set for Saturday, February 22, 1986, features an auction, books, clothing, electrical wares, furniture, jewelry, linens, plants, shells and bric-a-brac.

Those with items to contribute should call Parker at 472-0855 or Bruning at 472-5367 for pick-up. Those with furniture, call Bob Mandersheid at 472-1554. Chairmen ask that clothing and linen be held until late fall.

The sale last year raised over \$19,000 which the Captiva Civic Association used to support the Captiva Memorial Library and other civic projects. Contributions are tax-deductible. □

Scouting down memory lane

Were you a Girl Scout? Yes? Well, did you save your old Girl Scout books, maybe your merit badges or sash, even old photographs of those days?

If you did, the Lee County Girl Scouts could use them for a display of old scouting memorabilia in a Girl Scout Booth for the Centennial Celebration of Fort



Island golfer Jeff Worth was among a group of 240 youngsters under a full week of instructions ranging from golf swing analysis to the history and lore of the game at the National PGA of America Academy of Golf at Boca West Club and Resort in Boca Raton July 13. Worth is pictured with native Floridian PGA touring golf professional Larry Rinker on left. □

Myers August 10-11.

Marion Potts, publicity chairman for Lee County Girl Scouts, says they have uniforms after 1920, but literature, badges and old photographs which could be blown up for

display are still being sought.

She asks that older Girl Scout leaders look in their "attics" for any memorabilia to take us down memory lane. Call her at 481-2858. □

great dates

August

- 1 Birthday of William Clark (August 1, 1770-September 1, 1838). American soldier and explorer; a leader of the Lewis and Clark expedition, which set up a route to the Pacific and stimulated the westward expansion of the American nation.
- 3 Birthday of Ernest (Ernie) Taylor Pyle (August 3, 1900-April 18, 1945). American journalist and spokesman of the American soldier; the most famous American correspondent in World War II.
- 4 Coast Guard Day, anniversary of the establishment on August 4, 1790, of the Revenue Cutter Service, which merged with the Life Saving Service in 1915 to become the United States Coast Guard.



Jesse's Junonia

Jesse Walken, of New York City, grins with the Junonia he found. He was shelling in three feet of water near the Mucky Duck, Captiva, when he discovered the spotted shell. Not knowing what kind of shell it was, he almost threw it back, but decided against it. Jesse must have had beginner's luck, finding the Junonia his first day on the island, for his grandfather, a Captiva resident, is still searching after 30 years. □

FOCUS ON:



Florene Higgins

She has a small sign on the door now below the larger, "Boutique" states the one and "Alterations by Florene", the other.

Neither tells the full story of what Florene Higgins will be up to next year. She is the newly-installed president of the American Business Women's Association for Sanibel and Captiva and will be devoting considerable time to that.

But meanwhile, the boutique means she is now importing cottons from Pago Pago in the South Seas, making beachies, caftans and sarongs from one hundred per cent cotton printed fabrics vivid as Gauguin paintings and watching her customers who've come there for

alterations walk out the door in her creations.

She's extolling the exotic design of the new Pago Pago cottons. "There are shell prints and there are shell prints," Florene says with a slight shrug. "But I've never seen anything like these."

Her original designs also include at least two white "big" shirts with machine-embroidered macaws and parrots, men's shirts she redesigns with lace inserts, 16 new uniform skirts for Gib's restaurant inspired by tennis skirts and an original sari of purple Indian silk for a woman "who does poetic readings".

For a registered nurse who is also a medical lab technician, Higgins is doing well as a businesswoman these days. But that's not unusual in her family. Her sister, Camille, a physical education teacher, now drives racing



cars in Chicago, whence Florene and her husband came seven years ago.

Such switch-about genes are in the family. Her mother, the late Emilie, who knew how to sew, ended up with four bridal shops in and around Chicago before she died. Camille now

manages the shops.

"We were always having brides in the house and just grew up watching my mother sew," says Florene. "She wanted us, though, to do what we felt like doing and so I became a nurse, but then ended up working in her shops in Chicago."

When Florene and her husband came to Fort Myers from Chicago seven years ago, Florene herself "felt like opening a shop called, 'Recycled Jeans', at McGregor and College Parkway."

She and John "had a lark," she says. "I never had so much fun in my

life." Fortunately, she got tired of jeans about the time neither they nor the wallpaper on the wall could get much lighter and the trend headed to big shirts and the outsized covers. "We just closed the shop," she explains.

After a stint at home altering, Florene set up operations at 1223 Periwinkle Way, where she still is. "I didn't want to stay at home and sew," she says.

Meanwhile, she adds other lines, as business dictates. As demand grows for beachies made from cottons from Pago Pago, Florene continues her shell cambray shirts, the monograms on pockets, the shortening of pants and the letting of skirts up and down.

A good businesswoman is sensible enough to keep up with the trends, even if it means wielding a president's gavel as well as a needle. □

New bridge plan for Blind Pass

Blind Pass Bridge, linking Sanibel and Captiva, is to be rebuilt at a cost of over \$2½ million, according to Lee County officials discussing the county budget last week.

Replacement of the 30 year old bridge has been considered for some years but this is the first time it has been included in the county budget.

The new bridge is necessary because the present bridge was not built to carry the loads it is now carrying and the beams are cracking under the strain, according to Lee County Department of Transport engineer, Robert Cordes.

"The struts are rusting and the whole structure has needed a lot of patching in the past few years," commented Cordes.

Currently, the bridge can carry loads up to 63,000 lbs depending on the number of axles on the vehicle.

The engineering company Jenkins and Charland have been selected to design the new bridge. □

Chlorine leak: area evacuated

A leaking chlorine gas cylinder was removed from Sanibel Saturday after firemen had buried it following precautionary evacuation of a small area surrounding Island Condo Maintenance Inc at 1205 Periwinkle Way.

Employees of the shopping center containing Huxter's Market, the Gulf station next door and residents of three homes were advised to leave around 11:30 a.m. by employees of the pool maintenance business before firemen arrived and attempted to seal the leaking 150-lb cylinder.

Leak of the chlorine gas, a high respiratory irritant, may have been due to a "water accumulation problem" in an area on the tank which had already begun to corrode, a problem not uncommon in Florida's climate, Assistant Fire Chief Charles Frederick.

Evacuation was "purely a precautionary measure," he said, as was rerouting by police of traffic along Periwinkle Way to East Gulf Drive and back via Beach Road and Donax Street. □

deaths

Rev. Dr. James W. Lenhart

The Rev. Dr. James Wills Lenhart, founding pastor of Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, died July 18 at his summer home in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. He was 73.

Dr. Lenhart pastored the local church from 1977 until illness intervened in 1979. Before coming to Sanibel, he was the distinguished senior minister of Plymouth Congregational Church, Des Moines, Iowa. He was awarded the George Washington Gold Medal in 1974 for best sermon of the year while there.

A native of Canton, Ohio, Dr. Lenhart was a graduate of Yale Divinity School. He later taught there and at Andover Newton. In 1962, he headed the committee which revised the Pilgrim Hymnal widely used by Congregational churches.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Martha Lenhart, a daughter, son and five grand children.

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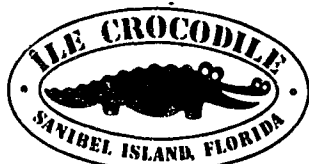
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THE AFTERMATH

STORM DAMAGE

By Wendy McMullen

A week after Tropical Storm Bob swept Sanibel and Captiva with 5 mph winds and 70 mph gusts and dumped more than 11 inches of rain on the islands, some areas remained flooded and damage done by raging seas was still apparent all over the islands.

Many Sanibel Highlands residents were still unable to drive to their homes easily on Tuesday with Atlanta Plaza still flooded. No mail has been delivered and there has been no garbage collection since the storm hit eight days ago, resident Robert Kornick said.

Up until Sunday, people were getting up and down the road in canoes, he added.

Floods also still covered the ground around the Children's Center off Casa Ybel lots either side of Cardium Street, most of the land either side of the road in Gulf Pines and Chateaux sur Mer subdivisions and the Cipriani property between Periwinkle Place and Tahitian Garden shopping centers on Periwinkle.

The greatest damage to buildings was to gulf front condominiums including Sundial Ocean's Reach and Sanibel Arms West all of which had wind damage in excess of \$25,000.

Roofs of gulf front buildings in Sanibel Arms West condominiums peeled back in the winds sweeping in from the gulf. Lacking roofs forced people living in beachfront apartments to move into ones in the rear of the buildings.

Ocean's Reach condominium also suffered substantial roof damage with most of the roof of Building One on the sea being swept away by the wind. Rooftop air conditioners had to be removed and the entire roof replaced, manager Doris Querry reported.

Damage to The Mad Hatter restaurant at Blind Pass occurred when a big tree crashed through the roof puncturing the restaurant's freezer.

Otherwise, damage was reportedly minor. Jon Broderick, certified property adjuster with Sun Coast Adjustments, said he had seen more than 100 claims on the islands and only 10 per cent of these were over \$5,000 and only four claims those put in by condominium associations were in excess of \$25,000.

Broderick said a further 25 per cent were below the deductible of between \$250 and \$500. The majority of claims were between \$2,000 and \$5,000.

Representatives of Horne Hill Insurance Associates said that they had received claims from 100 per cent of the clients on Sanibel and Captiva. The majority resulted from wind damage, she said, but some condominiums reported flood damage also.

Gail Sexton from Associated Insurance Services said they had received 50 claims also mostly relating to wind damage.

The most serious beach erosion problems were in front of the beachfront Mucky Duck Restaurant on Captiva where furious waves uprooted two enormous Australian pine trees causing serious undermining of the end of Andy Rowe Lane. They also burrowed under the Mucky Duck's deck.

The restaurant last month applied for county help in paying for a beach restoration structure to protect the restaurant and the county-owned road.

South of the Mucky Duck an apron like revetment built many years ago with the intention of protecting Sunset Captiva condominiums has been laid bare and juts above the remaining sands.

Each time there is a storm it crumbles some more, observed project manager for the Captiva

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Ann Tibson/Island Reporter

The Cipriani property on Periwinkle has overlooked a scenic lake since the storm shook the islands eight days ago.

Below, one of the pelican chicks which survived the storm and is recuperating at CROW.

WILDLIFE

By Earl Hartman

Tropical Storm Bob affected Sanibel's wild creatures and their habitat possibly as much or more than it did people and their homes.

Wildlife authorities on the island were still checking last Thursday, two days after winds up to 70 mph in gusts and over 11 inches of rain left flooding and sheared trees in its wake and were finding some disruption to animal and bird populations.

But effects of the storm would not be long range and in some cases were even beneficial, they said.

At J.N. Ding's Wildlife Refuge dikes holding impoundment areas from tidal water held up quite well. Refuge Manager Ron Hight said. They and the Wildlife Drive on them were intact, he said. He was surprised that amount of rain didn't cause more damage.

Water in one impoundment area rose from one foot above mean sea level before the storm to 2.4 feet. The minor nature of the storm in the overall scheme of things however was noted when the storm's total could not even be measured against a 100 year storm, even indicated on the steps of the refuge visitor center.

The Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation property in a lowland zone on the gulf side of Sanibel Captiva Road was not as fortunate. Steve Phillips, environmental director said. We're up to our elbows in water out here.

Trails were flooded and those that weren't were slick, he said.

Water seemed to have been the main hazard to wildlife though wind is the likely culprit for the case of the baby pelicans brought in to CROW (Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife) after the storm.

Hight said most of the area's pelican young already had hatched and reached fledging size before the storm. They could fly and seek cover deep in the mangroves of their rookery islands in Pine Island Sound. A check was being made.

Not so fortunate were the three baby pelicans of which two were found on Pine Island one day after the storm and one at Fort Myers Beach a day later.

At CROW director Holly Davies was concerned more would be found hopefully in time.

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LESSONS

By Wendy McMullen

The city is to consider hiring a private meteorologist in the wake of last week's failure of weather forecasters to accurately predict the movements of the Tropical Storm Bob. Sanibel's Mayor Fred Vallin said earlier this week.

We're thinking about hiring somebody because of the total lack of any forecasting last week, said Vallin. The National Hurricane Center lost the storm for some 12 hours and was unable to provide the city with accurate information during that time, he said.

The weather forecasts gave no indication of the severity of the storm and even failed to report its exact location.

The problem is that this storm had an ill defined eye which made it very difficult to pin point where it was, explained the city's emergency management program coordinator Sgt. Jack Primm.

Where we missed getting information was on what we call "the feeder band" the 60 mile section out in front of the storm that feeds the storm, added Primm. That was the most severe section of the storm and the only notice that we had was from Jim Reif from WINK TV who told us it was offshore. No one else even called us.

The private meteorologist who the city is considering hiring for storm advice is a Fort Myers man with radar and all the necessary forecasting equipment to provide short term advice on the kind of weather to expect. The proposal will be discussed at the next city council meeting, Vallin said.

The major lesson to be learned from Tropical Storm Bob is that islanders shouldn't wait until the problem is apparent before leaving the island, according to Cit. Manager Gary Price.

When we call for an evacuation, people will probably look out the window and it will be sunny. I recall last week in the wake of Tropical Storm Bob.

Certainly if Bob had suddenly turned into a hurricane, islanders would not have had time to evacuate the island, Sgt. Primm said this week.

But it never looked as if it was going to turn into a hurricane. At no time were people's lives in danger, he said.

Estimated time to evacuate Sanibel and Captiva is 18 hours but Bob was not even identified as a tropical storm until Monday evening when it was reported lying stationary 140 miles southwest of Fort Myers. Eight hours later the 70 mph gusts had

• please see LESSONS, 11A

Man arrested for 'pot' garden

By Earl Hartman

A Sanibel water was arrested Friday for cultivating marijuana in 24 five gallon buckets in a clearing in a wooded area off Casa Ybel Road after police spotted the garden July 1 and kept an eye out for its gardener to show up.

Lamar S. Stokes 31 of 2721 Island Inn Road a water at Wil's finding and long time resident of Sanibel was charged with felony possession and cultivation of marijuana after detectives observed him in the clearing to the south of Middle Gulf Drive.

He was reportedly watering the plants with plastic jugs containing what police said appeared to be Miracle Grow liquid fertilizer. The pots were camouflaged in their placements in the field and each contained a marijuana plant mulched and fertilized.

After Stokes' arrest a fresh marijuana plant

was found in his right front pocket at police head quarters they say.

The garden was first discovered by Officer Kevin Morehouse as he searched the area for a woman's purse missing and presumed discarded after an auto break in.

After periodic surveillance police hit pay dirt Friday about 12:23 p.m. when Det. Dick Church approached the clearing's entrance and observed Stokes whom he watched until he started to leave.

Eighteen of the 28 pot laden buckets were retrieved, Det. Wayne Hinz said Tuesday. The others were either emptied or the plants had washed out in heavy rains earlier in the week.

Felony charges were lodged against Stokes because weight of the plants retrieved totalled 154 grams. Anything over 20 grams is considered a felony offense, Hinz said. Under 20 would be a misdemeanor.

BRIDGE

from 1A

Tolls would have to come off that bridge within five to seven years said Goss. And if that happens Sanibel and Captiva will be inundated with daytrippers.

Goss said that the county would use the Sanibel toll as an anchor for a county wide bridge program.

That might have the impact of raising the tourist non-commuter toll to \$5 which will be used to help us build the Cape Coral bridge and possibly the road to Lehigh Acres he explained.

Goss said the county's first priority was to get rid of the present ticket book system and to replace it with an automatic electronic tag system. This would increase revenue and stop cheating Goss said.

The deal system will also improve traffic flow by allowing commuter cars with the disc on their

windscreen to pass straight through the electronic scanner without stopping.

Daytrippers snarling up the island's roads in season have been a major reason behind the city's attempts to buy the causeway. It was felt that if the city had control over the causeway it could regulate the cost and therefore the volume of traffic coming over the bridge.

But Goss said that the increased cost of one time tolls and the elimination of ticket book sharing would decrease the number of daytrippers.

This was not our purpose but it should have that consequence said Goss.

"Sanibel and Captiva are getting some protection under the free enterprise system and the rest of the people in Lee County are getting a terrific deal because the tourists are the main ones who will pay the increased tolls he added.

The news that the causeway was to be returned to a new toll system established came as a total surprise to Sanibel City Council.

The county however does not seem to be interested in selling its valuable money spinning asset.

We're not pursuing the buy sell agreement at this time said Goss. From the perspective of Sanibel they want the bridge because they want to keep the toll. From the perspective of Lee County the toll is one of the only ways we can get our hands in the tourist pocket legally and I'm very interested in having the tourists pay the way.

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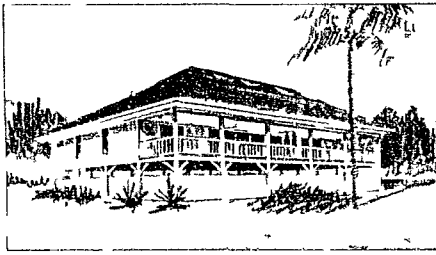
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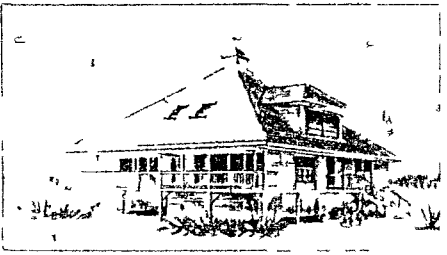


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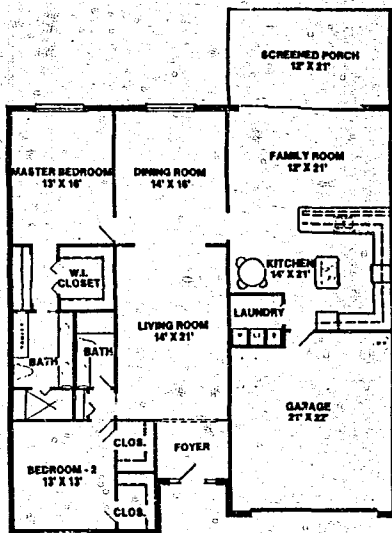
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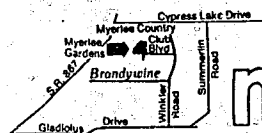
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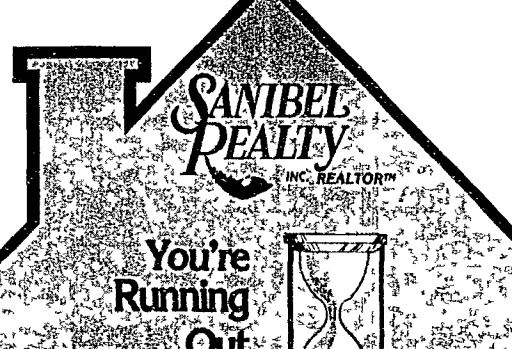
AGENDA

- 9:00 A.M.** Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
(Huge up)
Approval of Minutes of 6/18/85 and 7/02/85
Planning Commission Report
City Attorney's Report
a) Discussion of Comprehensive Land Use Plan
Five Year Review Adopt on Process
b) Proposed Settlement: Sanibel Capital Inc. v. City of Sanibel
Public Comments and Inquiries
City Manager's Report
a) Request for exemptions from requirements of Ordinance GA 84-05 (Resort Housing) by:
1) Dave & Heidi Parilla 1114 1116 Seagrape Lane and 1171 Seagrape Lane
2) James Pro et al 754 Donax
b) Review and approval of a Resolution authorizing a contract with B. H. Z. H. for weather forecasting service
c) Review of recommendation for authorization of Acting City Manager
d) Review and approval of a Resolution transmitting a proposed ordinance amending the Comprehensive Land Use Plan to the appropriate State Regional and County Agencies (Flood Maps)
e) Review and approval of a Resolution providing

- an agreement for insurance coverage with all gator handler licenses
f) Review and approval of a recommendation to participate in the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers (NIMLO) trust fund to support litigation of provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act as interpreted by the Supreme Court
g) Review and approval of a recommendation to change employees' health insurance coverage to Sanibel Life of Nebraska
h) Request Council approval to remove from inventory and to request sealed bids on the following equipment:
1) 1952 Willys Overland Jeep
2) 1974 Chevrolet 1/2 ton pickup truck
3) 1977 Ford 1/2 ton dump truck
i) Monthly Status Report of Approved City Capital Projects
j) Monthly Status Report of Council Authorized Tasks
Appeal of Planning Commission Denial
a) Appeal by Joseph Galen's President of Sanibel Island Hotel Inn for relief from denial of revised development permit condition on closing hours for Brass Elephant Restaurant
Discussion of proposal by Neumann Realty regarding Sunday office violation
A Resolution approving an agreement with Charles A. Nave Jr. and Barbara L. Nave resubmitting a prior BMRH commitment authorizing the City Manager to execute same and providing an effective date
11:00 A.M. Public Hearing and First Reading of an

- ORDINANCE RELATING TO BELOW MARKET RATE HOUSING (BMRH) AMENDING ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE SANIBEL CODE OF ORDINANCES REVISING RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY AND THE HOUSING FOUNDATION REQUIRING REMEDIAL WORKS BMRH RENT AND SALE PRICE LIMITATIONS QUALIFICATIONS FOR BMRH TENANTS AND PURCHASERS AND SELECTION PROCESS FOR TENANTS AND PURCHASERS PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND SEVERANCE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
11:30 A.M. Continuation of Public Hearing and Second Reading of an ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF A PARCEL DEDICATED AS A PUBLIC CANAL ADJACENT TO LOT 60 SHELL HARBOR SUBDIVISION PLAT BOOK 23 PAGE 79 IN SECTION 20 TOWNSHIP 46 SOUTH RANGE 23 EAST LIMITING THE CONSIDERATION OF SAID VACATED PARCEL IN THE DETERMINATION OF PERMISSIBLE DEVELOPMENT INTENSITY FOR ANY ADJACENT LAND PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND SEVERANCE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
11:30 A.M. Public Hearing and First Reading of an ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11.1 OF THE SANIBEL CODE OF ORDINANCES REDEFINING COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL FOR PURPOSES OF MANDATORY COLLECTION OF REUSE PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
11:30 A.M. Public Hearing and First Reading of an ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15.2 OF THE SANIBEL CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR A

- NEW TERM: ROOF LIGHT GRAPH C AND A DEFINITION THEREFOR AMENDING SECTION 15.3(A) OF THE SANIBEL CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CLARIFY THE NUMBER OF STREET GRAPHS EXEMPT AMENDING SECTION 15.11 OF THE SANIBEL CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR THE REMOVAL OF UNAPPROVED OR UNPERMITTED SIGNS IN PUBLICLY OWNED AREAS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY AMENDING SECTION 15.42 TO CLARIFY THE TYPES OF TEMPORARY REAL ESTATE STREET GRAPHS PERMITTED AMENDING SECTION 15.4 OF THE SANIBEL CODE OF ORDINANCES SETTING FORTH GENERALLY WHICH TYPES OF GRAPHS ARE EXPRESSLY PROHIBITED AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR TEMPORARY INSTALLATIONS OF SEASONAL LIGHTING PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND SEVERANCE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
Mayor and Councilmembers' Reports
a) Memo from Mayor suggesting additional meetings for specific amendment hearings
Rescess for Lunch
1:30 P.M. Public Hearing and Second Reading of an ORDINANCE SPECIFICALLY AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN SECTION 3.3.2 RESIDENTIAL YARD REQUIREMENTS TO PERMIT CONSTRUCTION OF A CANOE LAUNCH RAMP ON BLIND PASS (BAYOU) AT BOWMAN'S BEACH COUNTY PARK LOCATED WEST OF BOWMAN'S BEACH ROAD IN SECTION 13 TOWNSHIP 46 SOUTH RANGE 21 EAST AS SUBMITTED BY THE CITY OF SANIBEL PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND SEVERANCE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE



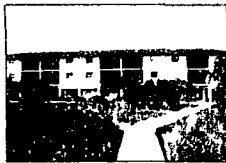
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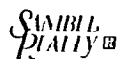
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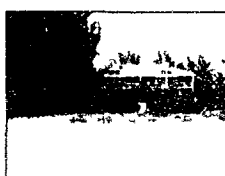
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1:40 P.M. Public Hearing and Second Reading of an Ordinance SPECIFICALLY AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN PART 3.9 ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS SECTION 3.9.1 DEVELOPMENT IN THE GULF BEACH GULF BEACH RIDGE AND BLIND PASS ZONES TO PERMIT THE PAVING OF EXISTING SHELL DRIVES AND PARKING AREAS (APPROXIMATELY 13,690 SQUARE FEET) SO AS TO EXCEED IMPERMEABLE SURFACE COVERAGE LIMITATIONS A* CASA VIEL RESORT COMPLEX SITUATED AT 2255 WEST GULF DRIVE IN SECTIONS 35 AND 36 TOWNSHIP 46 SOUTH RANGE 22 EAST AS SUBMITTED BY MARINER PROPERTIES INC. PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND SEVERANCE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

1:50 P.M. Public Hearing and Second Reading of an Ordinance SPECIFICALLY AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN SECTIONS 3.2.2 DEVELOPMENT INTENSITY MAP AND 3.3.1 RESIDENTIAL DENSITIES TO PERMIT DEVELOPMENT OF 14 DWELLING UNITS ON A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 2330 WOODS LANE (NORTH SIDES) IN SECTION 26 TOWNSHIP 46 SOUTH RANGE 22 EAST AS SUBMITTED BY JOHN VAN HEEMST PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND SEVERANCE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2:00 P.M. Public Hearing and Second Reading of an Ordinance SPECIFICALLY AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN SECTIONS 1.2.2 DEVELOPMENT INTENSITY MAP AND 3.3.1 RESIDENTIAL DENSITIES TO PERMIT DEVELOPMENT OF TWO DWELLING UNITS (A DUPLEX) ON A PARCEL OF LAND OF APPROXIMATELY 29,206 SQUARE FEET FRONTING AN UNIMPROVED PORTION OF VINCAWAY ROAD EASEMENT ON THE EAST SIDE OF APPROXIMATELY 300 FEET NORTH OF PERKIN WAY IN SECTION 25 TOWNSHIP 46 SOUTH RANGE 22 EAST AS SUBMITTED BY ALFRED HELO AND JOHN DOORAMAN FOR L.F. AND REGA SMITH PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND SEVERANCE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2:10 P.M. Continuation of Public Hearing and First Reading of an Ordinance SPECIFICALLY AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN SECTION 3.3.2 RESIDENTIAL YARD REQUIREMENTS TO PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BOATHOUSE ON A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE GULF DE SAC AT THE EASTERLY END OF PINE TREE DRIVE IN SECTION 12 TOWNSHIP 46 SOUTH RANGE 21 EAST AS SUBMITTED BY CATHERINE TREMBLAY FOR LYDIA L. FREEM PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND SEVERANCE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Public Comments and Inquiries
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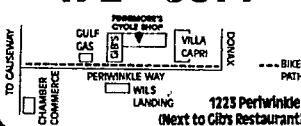
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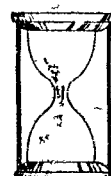
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DAMAGE

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Erosion Prevention District, Dick Stevens. "It never did much good anyway."

Stevens also reported some erosion at Turner's Beach and a lowering of the beach slope near Tween Waters and Blind Pass. He said that the South Seas Plantation Beach had a 20-foot wide shelf cut into it by the waves and some sand loss but added that the shoreline had not receded.

On Sanibel, the rocks around Santiva Cottages were seriously undermined and the gulf cut a channel into Clam Bayou east of Santiva Cottages opening it to the sea.

Waves also eroded the beach in front of Ocean's Reach condominiums. It was only two months ago that new fill costing \$2,000 was placed on the beach in an effort to overcome erosion problems. Native vegetation planted in an attempt to retain the fill had not even taken root before Bob robbed the new beach of its sand.

Floods affected much of Sanibel, including Sanibel Captiva Road in the Blind Pass area and west of Tarpon Bay Road and Periwinkle in several places.

Also flooded was Rabbit Road, Casa Ybel near Thistle Lodge, South Winds Drive, the land surrounding the Children's Center, parts of Periwinkle Trailer Park and Buttonwood Lane.

Trees came crashing down everywhere. Two Australian pines which came down south of the

causeway toll booth blocked Summerlin until the branches over the road were lopped off, and a tree blocked Dixie Beach Boulevard for several hours.

Along the coast many trees fell when the waves undermined their shallow roots.

Winds also bent the flagpoles at The Colony on East Gulf Drive and the Chamber of Commerce on the Causeway, toppled the phone booth in Bailey's Shopping Center, brought down a Cablevision line on Lighthouse Way and knocked down the Palm Ridge Plaza sign.

Nevertheless, it was generally agreed that Tropical Storm Bob was a minor storm with minor damage compared to what could happen on a barrier island. The last storm which caused damage on the islands was the No Name Storm in July, 1982. □

WILDLIFE

• from 5A

She said a northern garnet, a bird normally found far at sea, was brought in, but died. A brown noddie, another rare bird here, found in the Dry Tortugas, had just been brought in, but was dead.

Both birds showed no outward signs of injury, but died of lack of food, Davies said. Both were swept up by the storm, which is not unusual, she said.

Along with the pelican chicks, a baby dove and baby wren have been brought to CROW. Davies

surmised that wind dumped them from the nests — in the case of the pelicans, possibly into water in their nests, and they floated ashore.

Of the young birds, Davies said, "So far most of the ones we are getting will make it."

Black skimmers on one causeway island have not fared well, Hight said. "It's too late. They don't normally lay their eggs this late. Their eggs have been scattered, cooked in the sun, and pecked at by gulls."

The skimmers will come back stronger next year, it is believed by SCCF's Phillips, for not having raised young this year.

Phillips said about Sanibel's wildlife in general: "Immediately there's some impact, but it evens itself out in the long term."

Phillips answered five or six calls after the storm to check on alligators which were straying into territory people thought they shouldn't. Two incidents at Gullside City Park and two at Tortuga Beach Club were reported to police. High water was causing the gators to move, he said. He would like to have left them alone, but there was "too much conflict with man."

Hight spoke of effects on the refuge: "We see this new surge of water as very positive." After a dry spell when some projects had to be put off because of conditions, "water is where there should have been water."

For instance, Hight said, alligators have been

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dispersed in the refuge. Also the Bailey Tract is flooded a measure curtailed though planned after a controlled burn of overgrown vegetation in one section. Calling it very positive. Hight said the promotion of spartina marsh grass there has led to growth of four and a half feet.

He called the high water timely since it was flushing out the freshwater impoundment which had increased salinity from lack of rainfall.

Birds in the refuge did well he said. I haven't seen any mortality due to the storm. Most young had already fledged. I think they fared fairly well.

At least two gopher tortoise populations have been affected by the storm. SCCF's Phillips reports a colony there migrating from an upland lowlands ridge to interior ground to find drier conditions.

One species is having a heyday. That's the gam busia fish, a mosquito larvae-eating fish two to three inches long which thrives in areas as small as puddles. They're all over the island. Phillips said.

Turtles are also enjoying wet conditions. Mud turtles disperse during rain storms or flooding he said. Box turtles are also abundant.

SCCF's native plant nursery got inundated he said, but all plants are doing well. After all they're native, he added. □

LESSONS

from 5A

brought two enormous pines down blocking access to Fort Myers and ten hours later the causeway was closed because of high winds.

I got called at 3 a.m. The storm was here by then, said Primm. I had to stay across the other side to supervise the clearing of the trees across Summerlin.

The city is also considering buying its own wind and rain measuring equipment to provide accurate data for the island.

The Alert Radios which provide information direct from Sanibel City Hall during an emergency may in future be ordered through the city administration. The small crystal radios sound an alarm when there is a new emergency message from Sanibel.

Evacuation was never considered at any time, he commented. We knew that the storm could not be life threatening and that the road and weather conditions would make any attempt to evacuate total chaos.

Vaitin said Tropical Storm Bob was easily the most violent storm in terms of wind and rain that he had experienced in the 13 1/2 years he had been a full time resident on the island.

But what we experienced in the way of property damage was relatively light, he added. It could have been much worse. □

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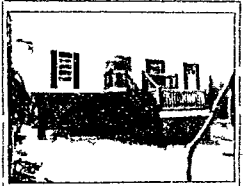
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■ **TIGHT SPOT** A Fort Myers man was cited for failure to obtain a Florida driver's license by police Saturday about 6:24 a.m. after his 1985 Honda 2 door sustained an estimated \$2,500 damage from hitting a tree along Periwinkle Way near Casa Ybel Road intersection Steven Nettesheim 11011 Dublin Fort Myers said he ran through a large puddle to avoid another vehicle which was coming down the middle of the road and lost control

■ **BUMPER CARS** Three vehicles were involved in an accident in front of Tahitian Garden shopping center Periwinkle Way Saturday when one coming from the rear hit a car stopped for another ahead pushing it into that car. The driver who made first contact Marquis Mummert of 1008 Demere Lane Sanibel said he tried to stop. He was charged with following too closely. No estimates of damage were given

■ **STOP! STOP!** Lisa J. Rintjema of Ontario Canada, was charged with running a stop sign Sunday about 4:50 p.m. at Tarpon Bay Road and the intersection of Periwinkle Way when she hit

a car in her path. No estimates of damage were given

■ **AGAIN AND AGAIN** Fourteen vehicles were cited for illegal parking at Blind Pass restricted parking lot after a complaint was lodged with police Sunday about 12:37 p.m. Saturday police answered a complaint and advised owners of vehicles they were illegally parked. Most moved their cars to Turner's Beach public parking on the other side of Blind Pass Bridge police say. One car was cited

■ **KF'S RELIEVED** Police stopped a Sanibel resident Sunday about 2:52 a.m. in the driveway of Loggerhead Cay condominium after a call that he was intoxicated. They took the keys of the truck he was driving and its registration and the man's driver's license for the truck owner to pick up later that day

■ **LONG SHORT RIDE** A Sanibel woman called police from an elevator at King's Crown Condominium to say she was stuck inside on the ground floor Saturday about 8:30 p.m. Sanibel

Fire Department was called but one minute later the woman called back to say the elevator started and the door opened. Police cancelled fire department response

■ **I HAPSO OOPS!** A friendly male Lhasa apso which its Fort Myers owner said was wearing tags and was a little over a year old jumped from her car near the Lighthouse on Periwinkle Way and disappeared Sunday about 3:58 p.m. Police are on the lookout for the dog

■ **CENTERLINE HOG** Ernest W. Hoeselstein 31 of 3145 W. Gulf Drive was arrested Friday night and charged with driving intoxicated after police spotted him straddling the centerline for over 200 feet and weaving along the causeway road in a 1985 Buick

■ **SPFED AND MORE.** During the week ending July 29 Sanibel Police cited one driver for going 60 mph in a 35 mph zone, one for having a suspended or revoked license and two for improper passing □



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this type of background fit the job requirements "I love Sanibel, that's why we came here," said the one time CBS news anchorman on "The World Today" radio program with Edward R. Murrow.

Meeker received his education in Europe. His father, a pioneer in talking motion pictures with Vitaphone and Movietone, was based in London. Returning to the U.S., Ken was hired by CBS due to his multi-lingual background.

He was with CBS in New York City from 1938 to 1940 as an announcer, broadcasting music live with the big bands of the era and working with the likes of Murrow, H.V. Kaltenborn and Elmer Davis.

From 1940 to 1953, Meeker was an announcer, writer and producer, first in radio, then the

fledgling medium of television, for WHAS Inc. in Louisville, Ky.

In 1953, he entered the advertising agency field with Mulligan Company in Louisville as an account executive, leaving as president in 1965 to form his own company.

Meeker's two companies in Louisville handled advertising and public relations for local and regional clients until 1968, when he joined Frame House Gallery Inc., Louisville, as vice president and head of marketing for this publisher of fine, limited edition art, which had over 400 dealers in the U.S.

During this time, he was author/narrator of three series of radio and television programs and "That's the Story," a series of 2,000 short stories syndicated nationally.

He was president and a charter member of Bluegrass Chapter of Public Relations Society of America, charter president of Louisville Chapter of the American Federation of Radio and Television Artists, director of the National Advertising Agency Network and president of Louisville Community Concerts Association.

Since coming to Sanibel in 1978, among other activities, he has become an institution as head of the *Island Reporter* annual Fourth of July Family Road Rally, which he began with the Lions Club. He is a Lions member.

The local Chamber of Commerce is most known for promotion of tourism, but Meeker said it "goes beyond that." He cited such work as its youth employment summer program, and the merchant alert system, which it helped promote as examples. □

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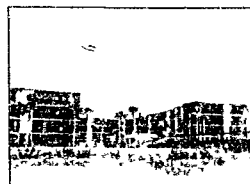
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from the legislative budget were now placed in the legal budget. This also explained the decrease in the legislative budget. Pries said.

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Streets and other appurtenances take up a further 18 per cent and administrative costs nearly 13 per cent of the proposed budget.

The first hearing of the budget will be held at City Hall on Tuesday, September 10 at 5:01 p.m.

clubs and community events

■ **ROTARY CLUB** Sanibel Captiva Rotarians were anticipating a visit from Rotary district governor August 29 and had invited Rotary Ann's the Indies auxiliary to that meeting.

The July 26 meeting was a business meeting at which projects were discussed. Improvements at the Sanibel Little League field were promoted by Dick Manche of Kiwanis and \$750 has been donated by Rotary.

Need for an additional griddle for next year's pancake breakfast was noted for the purpose of

speeding up serving.

Past president Jack Slagle favored keeping up and increasing youth promotion and exchange activity by the club.

Membership of 39 has seen six new members join while six have left.

Addition of a new fund raising project yearly was advocated by a visiting Rotarian. Discussion centered on an auction and a Red Carpet Ball.

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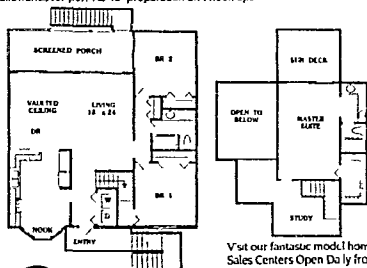
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Give children the truth, not a myth

To Island Reporter Captiva Memorial Library's summer program was off to a good start with Island Critters and Joe Wightman's memories of the old days. But I must object to the misinformation fed to young minds regarding Captiva's early history. The island had nothing to do with the pirate Gasparilla if indeed he ever existed. It was named for Captiva Pass which on early Spanish maps is identified as *Puerto de el Cautivo* (Captiva's Pass (masculine)).

In my history *The Sea Shell Islands* which is on library shelves I explain that a Spanish youth Juan Ortiz was taken captive by Indians at about that place in 1528. He was about to be burned alive when the chief's daughter pleaded with her father to spare him. His adventures with the Indians and later the De Soto expedition make an exciting true story. In fact it is believed that it was the basis for the John Smith Pocahontas legend of a century or so later. This is what should be taught our children — not a pirate yarn which no responsible historian accepts as fact.

I find it disappointing that my six years of research into the history of both Captiva and Sanibel Island and Sanibel (which was not named for Queen Isabella) should be disregarded in favor of perpetuating a myth. For the children it is a lost opportunity to impress on their minds the great importance of our area in American history.

Flinore Dormer
Sanibel

Electronic bridge pass is 'ridiculous'

To Island Reporter Maybe five and one hundred dollar bills come easy for Porter Goss for me and my friends they do not.

I do not object to the present toll on Sanibel nor would I object to paying a toll to go to Cape Coral to help finance that bridge.

The electronic pass suggestion is ridiculous. What happens to the person who owns a car, motorcycle and pickup but can only drive one at a time? A person may need to pick up something in town which is too big to fit in their car or he may like to use his car to drive into town to go bowling or he may like to take a ride on his motorcycle on a beautiful day just for the fun of it.

How would a \$100 electronic pass good for six months be better than three commuter books at \$10 a book which is only good for six months? Any fool who can add comes up with \$30 versus \$100. Point is many of our year-around island residents have to buy these books and only make about six or so and even less trips across the bridge in a two-month period unable to use the rest of the tickets and too late to be of any use to any one else. If I have to buy an electronic pass I'm going to do more of my shopping in Fort Myers than Sanibel and that is just going to cause more congestion and traffic on the roads and causeway but I won't have to count tickets.

I would like to say I have lived on Sanibel Island for 24 years and in Lee County for 42 years and I love it but I am sick and tired of hearing the day trippers being put down. Not every one in the world can live on or near the beaches and water. How can people who profess to be Christians and love God be so greedy not to share the beautiful oceans and beaches which I believe God intended for us all to enjoy.

As far as day trippers being responsible for all the trash left on the beaches and island not true. I have seen many a tourist staying at motels or in campgrounds leave trash on the beach. I also know of day trippers who not only pick up their trash but the surrounding area and carry it off with them. I know people personally who come across the bridge from Fort Myers area to just have lunch dinner or to shop.

Well looks like in the future my personal friends in Fort Myers may suppress any sudden impulse they may have to come visit me for an hour or two.

I just hope Fort Myers, Labelle, Cape Coral and other surrounding towns do not start charging us \$5 to cross their city limits.

Jackeline K. Frazer
Sanibel

How about a bypass for Periwinkle Way?

To Island Reporter Halleluiah! Lee County is finally thinking about building a high arcing, fixed bridge to a one for building 20 years ago an obsolete low level drawbridge. It was that latter structure that proved to be a monstrous bottleneck for both motorists and boatmen.

The county commissioners revealed that a \$22 million package of improvements to the Sanibel Causeway included the replacement bridge and four laning its other two fixed bridges. The proposed package would be funded solely from the causeway tolls.

To a regular user of the causeway it seems that the elimination of the draw bridge bottleneck should result in an unimpeded flow of vehicular traffic which those two fixed bridges should be able to accommodate and feed smoothly into the two-lane approach road on Sanibel.

Instead of that four-laning how ever the county might revive its 1974 plan to build a two-lane northern bypass for the already congested Periwinkle Way which is Sanibel's main commercial thoroughfare. That bypass would handle the increasing volume of traffic to unincorporated Captiva Island. The authorizing resolution for the causeway bonds provides for the funding of the bypass from causeway tolls.

There probably are other aspects of the county's proposed package that could be polished up by input from the causeway's regular users. It would seem in order therefore the public hearing be held soon at the Sanibel City Hall for taking that input.

Paul A. Howe
Sanibel

Let bridge users pay the price

To Island Reporter I just got done reading the Fort Myers News Press story on the causeway. I don't mind raising the toll to \$5 but why should the residents out here have to pay more to cross the bridge?

The figure of \$100 for six months is insane. Now I barely use all of my books. It cost \$30 for six months now. This represents over 200 percent in increase. Do you think everybody that lives here is rich? If anything permanent residents shouldn't have to pay a toll or it should be lowered.

As far as this electronic pass or a car what happens if one sells his car or has two vehicles but can only drive one at a time? I think it's ridiculous residents should have to pay these unreal amounts because we live on the island. Not only that I don't feel I should have to pay for the bridges going to Cape Coral. Let those people that would be using it pay for it!

Steve Sullivan
Sanibel

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New commercial plan favored subject to refinements

By Earl Hartman

City planners have been given a go signal by Sanibel City Council to refine a commercial zoning plan which would establish residential and non-residential uses for existing commercial space and any to be developed. The term non-residential was redefined by Mayor Fred Valtin from tourist-oriented as city planners originally referred to it.

The concept first was presented to the planning commission in May and received a generally enthusiastic response.

Planning Director Bruce Rogers asked city council to provide direction in three major areas. These were:

Should the city regulate commercial development in terms of permitted uses and make a distinction between what we would call primarily tourist uses and limit the location in which they are permitted?

How much incentive should the city provide to have residential development in place of existing commercially zoned land?

To what extent would the city consider option parcels those which we feel have some potential for rezoning to residential or may be obtained under eminent domain or public purchase?

Rogers prefaced discussion with remarks concerning the city's move to limit density while attempting to establish a more residential character for the island.

Ken Pfalzer, assistant planning director, presented the plan. He said 25 percent of commercial space had been added since 1981.

I don't see where additional residential type demands have primarily been met. Pfalzer said but what we have is our commercial inventory being utilized to capture the resort market.

I don't know that that means the residents needs are going unmet. It just means there's a development intensity that's serving a non-residential population.

Tourist or non-resident uses would be largely shell shops, gift shops and specialty apparel stores such as T-shirts and beachwear. Pfalzer said earlier.

Rogers said no effort was to be made to restrict people from using any district. We're not trying in any way to restrict movement of people.

Valtin said it had increased the tax base but Rogers said it also increased public services.

The plan calls for a residential-commercial town center district encompassing Tarpor Bay and Palm Ridge Road, general retail services and utility use districts, and a tourist or non-residential use district encompassing Tahiti and Garden Periwinkle Place shopping centers.

Discussion of office use and neighborhood districts was also included.

During a second discussion period Klein, along with Councilman Bill Hagerup, expressed general favor for the plan.

Johnson had reservations about land costs and rents — whether owners would be able to put residents down to attract residential type businesses.

Mayor Valtin said he thought the plan might create excess floor space for residential related commercial use, creating more resident space than there is a demand for. He asked planners if they had a feel for space needed to meet future residential needs.

City attorney David LaCroix said the city did not have to define tourist or resident oriented uses. We define them simply by creating the district and listing all their permitted uses.

LaCroix said although we're going to get law suits out of it, no one has the right to expect zoning laws to stay the same. Approval is given for size of structure and layout, not permitted uses when development permits are granted.

Valtin said he had some problem with the fact he knew so many of the businessmen affected by the plan. Existing use provisions would grandfather them in until such time as they vacated their shops at which time new permitted use criteria would have to be met.

It would make it immeasurably difficult to hold the line, he said. In all likelihood we would have to make exceptions.

Hagerup said. Everyone sitting here has commented on the fact that we want to avoid being a destination shopping center. I don't see how else we can possibly put that into effect except through this type, maybe not this exact thing but certainly this type of plan.

Valtin said the consensus showed favor for the plan and after refinements by the planning staff the city council will look at it in more detail.

John Knaff, representing COTI (Committee of the Islands) asked the council to consider such measures as turning the Cipriani land between Tahiti and Garden and Periwinkle Place into a public park, studying access to Periwinkle Place with the thought of limiting it such as is done to Summerlin Road and using a garden club to persuade businesses to let them build buffer zones and tradeoff signage for loss of exposure.

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By Wendy McMullen

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One way some energetic residents have discovered is to take on part of the work themselves. This work can range from selecting and getting bids from the individual contractors — saving about 15 per cent — to actually doing the construction — saving up to 50 per cent.

But even just doing the contracting takes a lot of time, hard work and worry.

Brock and Barbara Johnson who contracted their home on Harbor Lane reckon they saved 20 per cent — savings which allowed them to build the type of luxury home they wanted. But in order to achieve those savings, Brock was working 40 hours a week for a year and a half.

"It was like doing two full time jobs," he commented.

Contracting a house, it seems, is no simple matter as Dick and Jane Hale, who contracted their home in The Dunes last year would confirm. "We had 21 separate contracts and got three different firms to bid on most of them," said Jane Hale. "That meant sending out 57 specifications."

Even Dick had difficulty believing they used as many as 21 different contractors. But Jane listed the jobs — surveying, clearing, piling, frame-building, roofing, plumbing, electric, tile, cement slab, exterminating, the finish carpentry and the solar heating — the list was endless.

Then there was purchasing the materials. Again the Hales tried to get three bids on big items like lumber, tiles, cabinets, carpentry, windows, bath, sinks, siding, gutters, doors, fans and air conditioning units. Even the little items like light fixtures, doorknobs, bolts and nails had to be bought.

"We were there every day ten hours a day seven days a week," said Dick.

The Hales did none of the actual construction themselves, but feel the planning and contracting alone involved an enormous amount of work.

"Some people say they built their own homes when all they did



Left, Brock and Barbara Johnson with daughter Kelsey in front of their Harbor Lane home which they contracted themselves.

was to hire an architect and a contractor. That's not really building a home," asserted Hale.

They spent approximately 100 hours in planning their house, consulting an architect only for comments on already drawn plans.

Another 100 hours was spent preparing to get the Rate of Growth Allocation required by the City of Sanibel.

"You need a Ph.D. to figure that out," claimed Dick.

Even to apply for ROGO, applicants have to provide a slew of information including maps, plans for the site, the vegetation and the drainage, soil tests, a legal description and preliminary plans.

Then for the points necessary to get to the top of the list, would be home builders have to show that the house has hurricane protection, that as much native vegetation as possible will be kept and that it is energy efficient.

The Hales' study was worthwhile. They got the second highest ROGO rating for that period and the highest energy efficient rating ever.

"One of the reasons we wanted

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Jay and Karen Halverson, above, with baby Kari, did most of the work on their transported Kincaid Street home themselves.

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- Waiting (for ROGO, materials, men, the rain to stop).
- Disaster (death, money running out).
- Marital conflict.
- Dealing with Lee County Building Department.

TIPS FROM THOSE WHO'VE BEEN THERE

- Try it! Don't be afraid.
- Read the Sanibel Land Use Plan.
- Be prepared for it to take longer and cost more than you anticipated.
- Use all the free help you can get (Lee County Electric will provide free energy efficiency calculations and the Sanibel Building Department provides as much free advice as you can use. Contractors will help too.)
- Talk to people who've used the contractors before.
- Get up strict guidelines for each contractor.
- Never pay 100 per cent on anything until the job's finished.
- Get release forms from contractors.
- They can put a lien on your property if you don't.
- Get a good book on building and subscribe to a magazine such as "Fine Homebuilding."
- Hang in. Don't give up. □

Floridians plan to buy less houses but more cars and appliances, says survey

Although the proportion of Floridians planning to buy houses in the next six months declined from May to June, they do plan to buy more cars and major appliances, according to the latest survey of Florida consumer attitudes.

"People in Florida are getting worried about what's going to happen with the federal deficit and tax reform," said Lucia Dunn, who heads the survey program at the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

Currently 8.5 per cent of Floridians plan to buy houses in the next six months, which is down from 9.1 per cent in May. "Nevertheless the figure is still substantially higher than it was in March," Dunn said, when 6.7 per cent said they planned to buy houses in the near future.

The June survey is the first one taken since President Reagan announced his tax reform package, and Dunn said Floridians are aware the reforms could have a negative impact on the real estate industry and on second home ownership.

Under the tax reform package, Dunn said, people will still be able to take deductions on interest paid on their first home, but beyond that they will be limited to a total of \$5,000 worth of deductions on interest payments.

People here expect mortgage rates to edge up slightly in the next year. In June consumers felt mortgage rates would rise to 13.19 per cent in a year, while in May they felt the rate would be 12.99 per cent one year in the future, according to the random survey of 433 people.

The good news in the June survey is the increase over May in the percentage of respondents who said they plan to buy cars, air conditioners, furniture and carpeting, televisions, and eight other specific household items in the next six months.

This reflects the overall attitude that consumers expect Florida's economy to be strong in the coming year. In June, 68 per cent said they expect Florida to have a strong economy, while in

May 66 per cent felt that way.

Results of the June survey dropped the Florida Consumer Confidence Index to 97.1 from the May level of 102.6. But this is still higher than the June national consumer confidence index of 96.5, calculated by the University of Michigan.

Dunn said the fall in the state index was caused primarily by Floridians' concern about the strength of the national economy.

"People are very confident about Florida's economy, but they don't know about the national economy as a whole," Dunn said. In June, 67 per cent of Florida's consumers felt Florida's economy will do better than the national economy in the coming year, up from 61 per cent in May.

There may also be a seasonal factor in the recent drop in Florida consumer confidence. "Summer is an off season for much of the business sector in the state, and we might expect our confidence index to be somewhat lower in the summer months," Dunn said. □

LOVE

• from 17A

to contract our own house was that we'd lived in the tropics in India, Pakistan and Burma and had a lot of ideas we wanted to implement. Dick Hale said listing such features as 18 ceiling fans, a ventilated under roof soffit, louvred doors, a cupola in the roof for cross ventilation and a tin roof to reflect the sun. With these features, the Hales say they rarely need to use air conditioning.

ROGO was a huge bear for all the self-builders.

When you're going through all these rules it's difficult to appreciate what the city is doing, but afterwards you do, said Wyman Atkins who moved one of the old Sanibel Cottages from West Gulf Drive to its present Sanibel Gardens site, adding several rooms and renovating it.

It took two meetings of the city planning commission and two of city council to finally get permission to move the historic cottage and a period of 11 months while it sat on the site before the Atkins could even begin work on it.

Like Atkins, all the Sanibel homebuilders appreciated the need for ROGO and were full of praise for the city building department.

We had an excellent experience with them, said Dick Hale. They were very helpful and provide an excellent watchdog.

Those people in the building department — Archie Cowan, Max Anderson and Dick Baker — were absolutely cooperative and so helpful," said Atkins.

Not so, Lee County Building Department Captiva resident Dr. Bob Martin complained that the department approved his plans for a roof extension on his Captiva home and then on inspection told him the entire roof would have to be changed.

I've done some renovation on Sanibel and people in the building department there are always glad to talk to you, but Lee County is very difficult to work with, he said.

There are other perils aplenty in the process of building. Those long delays for one.

There are days when nothing

seems to be moving at all and you feel utter despair," confessed Karen Halverson who with husband Jay, a former man on Captiva, moved the old cottage next to the historic White Heron house on Sanibel Captiva Road to their lot on Kincaid Street and who did much of the work on the added rooms and the renovation themselves.

But even working with builders there are the inevitable delays.

We were fortunate in that we were building next door to Brook's parents and there was a telephone so that the builders could contact us because if things aren't there they just pack up and go home," commented Barbara Johnson.

Time constraints were also of concern to the Hales who planned and built their house in just seven months from start to finish and spent only three months in building. They were particularly anxious because they faced the possibility of being out on the street with a half finished house at the end of the three-month period. We wouldn't try it again in the

same time period," said Dick. We needed at least six months."

Then there are those many unexpected and unplanned-for disasters which always seem to occur at the worst possible time.

Like the weather. The Halversons built in the summer of '83 and Jay faced day after day of torrential rain as he was trying to lay plywood under the old leaky tin roof.

Curt and Kathy Foulks who did much of the construction on their distinctive cedar home on Pine Avenue were faced with calamity when the contractor they were working through died in the middle of their project.

It was particularly difficult because he'd engaged all the contractors and obtained the financing for us," Kathy said.

The greatest peril of all, however, is underestimating the amount it's going to cost. With one exception all those interviewed ended up spending more than anticipated some by as much as 25 percent. □

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There were days when we just wanted to give up — and Karen Halverson

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We laughed a lot and
Atkins said me doing things I
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learned a lot," added Wyman. "I learned things about planning and building I never thought I would."

There's a great deal of satisfaction in physical work," said Bob Martin.

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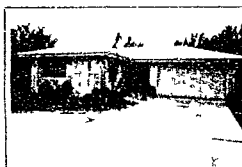
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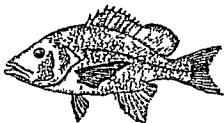


By Yaron Forester

The freshwater runoff from the canals have turned the waters red and redfish love it, according to Island fishing guide Captain Ted Cole

Cole reports, "The redfish are so thick it's unbelievable"

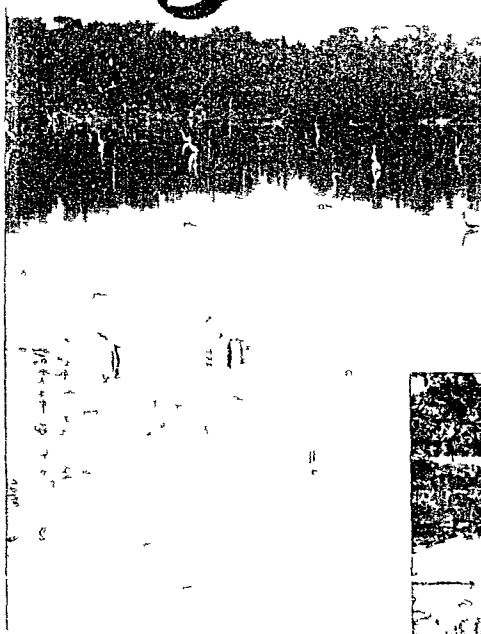
They're big up in the sanctuaries and in the mangroves averaging nine pounds each and are best hooked with big shrimp or small pinfish for bait



Red Snapper

Redfish will be progressively better through fall as the season peaks in September and October

The trout are running small and tarpon are still around, some in Pine Island Sound, according to local fishing enthusiasts who have also noted catches of red snapper, in the mangroves and also lots of snook. Remember, though snook is out of season and illegal to keep through August 31 □



Wildlife of all kinds, including these egrets left, converge on the refuge and so do people. Just this show below watching an alligator. People also visit the refuge to catch blue crabs as witnesses by the sign, above



THE PEOPLE PLACE

Not only birds, but people, flock to Sanibel's wildlife refuge, sometimes at the rate of 102,000 visitors a month

By Earl Hartman

J N. Ding Darling Wildlife Refuge is more than a place for birds and their habitat; it is a place for people.

During some of the 1833 years of one of the most visited refuges in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service system — more visitors per year than Everglades National Park — assistant refuge manager Ralph Lloyd pointed out features at Ding Darling which work to control three functions of the refuge. These three are outlined by Lloyd:

habitat management
species for wildlife management
the management of people who visit the refuge

All of Ding Darling are interconnected and the first two are interconnected.

The visitor center, just off Sanibel Captiva Road serves as a information and orientation spot to begin a tour of the refuge's five mile Wildlife Drive. Over 7,000 visitors viewed exhibits and sought literature here in May alone. It is says Lloyd, part of the refuge's people management program.

Other in the drive itself is a trail, a center trail in low interference. We manage to get it done. I think that's in of the management aspects here. Sheer number of visitors make the management program

to cope with problems entailed with the influx, he said. Fifty-eight thousand people visited in May (normally a slow month) up from 25,000 in May last year. February's record number was 102,800 this year.

Leaving the visitor center, the drive is the most popular feature of the refuge. It's meant to be driven at leisure, stopping or at least slowing below the 10 m.p.h. limit to catch sight of flocks of egret, roseate spoonbills, herons and countless other species.

“We manage people I think that's one of the most important aspects here”
— Ralph Lloyd

The drive, however, is more than a tourist attraction or an accommodation for bird lovers. It is in effect a barrier. It divides the tidal mangrove hammocks on the right side from two kinds of water in the mangroves on the left.

These impoundments on salt water first encountered the other brackish further on first were built primarily for mosquito control. Lloyd says, each is managed

differently, however.

Boards in a water control structure are opened in winter to allow tidal water to flow into the east or salt water impoundment. The salt mud flats are flooded, allowing nutrients in as part of a tidal food chain.

The west or brackish impoundment is generally closed off from tidal water. Lloyd says, but luck of rain this summer has created "super saline water" and birds have been pulled to allow a flushing out.

The two impoundments get a diversity of habitat which fosters both numbers and variety of birds.

This is why we have so many birds here, Lloyd says of the impoundments.

Fish captured in the impounded water adds to the attractiveness of the Wildlife Drive area for migrating species of waterfowl, he says. Not everyone thinks the impoundments are good. One school of thought is that they're good, the other that they're bad, Lloyd says, as he guides the four-wheel drive vehicle along the dike top.

If you weigh one aspect to others, there are some negative aspects. I think we have a good combination here. I think it's worked out well.

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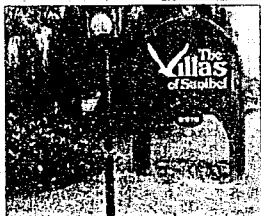
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What's worked the best, he says, is the diversity of food and type of habitat.

Experiments in opening windrows in mangroves on the right of the drive to give people more to look at there have not always proved the best. Lloyd points to erosion cuts that have made along the drive, forming new pull-offs and crochins on the banks.

They were another technique for managing folks, he says. Near the end of the drive, there is a newly marked off area where yellow-crowned night herons have been nesting. Such barriers to keep people out of wildlife habitat have become necessary in the refuge and out, such as the black skimmer area posted on one causeway island.

Although the causeway is not part of the refuge, personnel there feel obligated to attempt to provide safeguards for birds and other wildlife wherever they are threatened, Lloyd says.

Numerous islands in Pine Island Sound and elsewhere are managed as part of the refuge as well as the area known as Ding Darling. Driving back down Sanibel

Captiva Road, Lloyd pulls the vehicle off the road and enters a strange, otherworldly area known as Legion Curve. Here, attempts are being made to control exotic growth such as Brazilian pepper from taking over native species, crowding them into extinction.

In April 20 acres of this tract were burned in a controlled burn for the purpose of eradicating the noxious pepper trees, which had stunted native growth. It no longer looked burned now, but piles of bulldozed pepper limbs sat waiting for reburning. Not far away, spartina marsh grass was once again flourishing.

"If you've got good pasture, you've got good cows. We feel we've got good pasture."
— Ralph Lloyd

We work on the worst first, Lloyd says of the refuge's exotic plant control program. Pure stands of Brazilian pepper are grubbed up, followed by treatment with Banole 720 foliage spray. Controlled burns used selective



Above: Ralph Lloyd shows where spartina grass has flourished following the controlled burn. Below: left, an anhinga in typical pose with its wings held out to dry.

ly and with precision are a good way to manage spartina marsh grass, which will flourish after fire, Lloyd says. When it comes to fire, we're still experimenting. Our burn was successful, yet I can't say until all the surveys are in, but I think it was.

Also burned was a small portion of the Bailey Tract off Tarpon Bay Road, which today after only three months gives a pristine appearance from what it looked like then, and what another unburned section looks like today. Interpretive signs are planned for this section for public information.

Otherwise, the management strategy of the refuge's habitat protection program is to leave it alone, Lloyd says.

To Lloyd, a native of Davis, Fla., this is a thriving, busy land area.

below Fort Lauderdale, the Ding Darling Refuge is like pasture for cows if you've got good pasture, you've got good cows. We feel we've got good pasture.

Wildlife management itself is "very little here," Lloyd says. There is no hunting program. A reintroduction program for such species as alligators and animals treated by CROW (Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife) on the island and banding of Florida ducks is the extent of it, Lloyd says.

He feels that "Ding" Darling is somehow unique among refuges, being more people-oriented. Some he says are not even open to the public. "Ding" Darling is unique and challenging that it may present it also presents opportunity. People know it's here. □



Bank finances refuge sales bags

Sales bags used at the book outlet at the Wildlife Refuge's visitor center have been funded for a second year by Bank of the Islands. BOTI donated \$850.20 to the J. N. Ding Darling Wildlife Society for the bags. The society administers the book sales outlet. Profits from sales go to produce literature and other visitor aids and to require materials used in providing assistance for interpretive programs.



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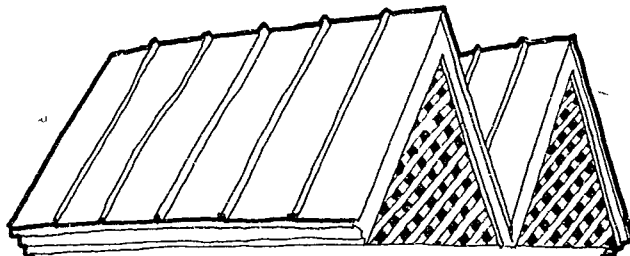
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A shark's eye view: good or bad?

A Florida researcher sets out to discover how well they can see

By Darcy Meeker

Beachgoers who ease their fears with the old scientific doctrine that sharks see them merely as a blur of movement or as a flash of light should think again, says a shark vision researcher.

If sharks don't have sharp vision, how did they earn their reputations as mighty hunters? asks University of Florida graduate student Robert Hueter, who has set out to discover how they really see.

It's really been a lack of information that has led people to say shark vision is poor.

Hueter is working to show that the shark's brain and eyes are specialized for vision on a more subtle level.

In painstaking 14-hour experiments at UF's Whitney Marine Laboratory near Marineland, he correlates points in the brain of the lemon shark with points in the shark's visual field. The shark is immobilized and deeply anesthetized so it feels no pain.

The underlying idea is that the section of the eye with the most brain power behind it is the section which sees most sharply and is most important, said the marine biologist.

Once you define the area of the visual field where it sees the best, then you can ask other questions like: How small a fish can it see? or How far away can it see a swimmer? said Hueter, who presented his preliminary results in April in Baltimore at a conference on Recent Advances in the Biology of Sharks in Captivity.

Accepted notions of how sharks see correspond roughly to human peripheral vision, which to Hueter doesn't seem good enough for a good hunter.

Think how it would be if all you had was your peripheral vision — no concentrated line of sight at all, said Hueter.

We don't have any idea of what their specific line of sight is or even if they have one — it's hard to say even if and when a shark is actually looking at you," said Hueter, who had to learn neurosurgery to begin to answer the question he's had since childhood: How well do sharks' senses work in their underwater environment?

Because sharks don't have the structures in their eyes that humans (and other animals with which we call good vision) have, scientists have assumed that shark vision is not sharp, Hueter said.

said. There has been none of the traditional structural evidence of good vision. However, there has not been any evidence of poor vision either.

In the dim red light of the lab, green lines squiggle on the oscilloscope and an audio monitor crackles as Hueter looks for evidence that the shark's brain has more working area for certain parts of its visual field. That would indicate an area of more visual acuity.

That's how it works out in the eye of the sea bass — another mighty hunter, which sizes up its prey in front of and below its snout.

By comparison, the docile goldfish, "which grazes on algae and detritus," Hueter said, has an eye set to give equal importance to anything sighted anywhere in its visual field — indicating that it doesn't need to see particularly well to eat avoirdupois and find a mate.

Hueter uses lemon sharks because they're visually oriented. They're hardy in captivity and can pump water through their own gills somewhat unusual among sharks. And in the sea, they interact with man — fishermen divers swimmers.

Although his experimental subjects are young, about two feet long, lemon sharks reach 11 feet. The youngsters are found in abundance in the warm shallow waters of Florida Bay. "The big guys" are out by the reefs. And recently there have been some unconfirmed sightings in the Everglades, Hueter said.

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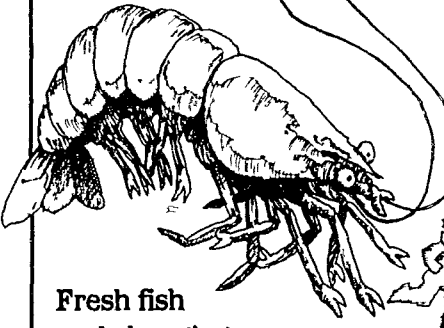
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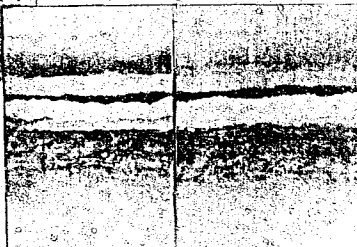
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Left, artist Barbara Besson Delannoy, whose one-woman show will be seen through August at the Sanibel Library, is shown with one of her representational works. Below, a diptych by Besson in which she uses handmade papers combined with watercolor techniques. □



All her own work, from the handmade paper to the finished painting.

By Fran Nuelle

Things have quieted down a bit for Barbara Besson Delannoy even though she's working full-time for the Sanibel Gallery and can paint only on weekends.

Nevertheless, Besson, as she is professionally known, has enough paintings for a one-woman show for a month at Sanibel Library, beginning Saturday, Aug. 3.

Whatever else Besson has done (and hers would appear to be a full and active life), she has found some time to paint for the past twenty years.

Until last May, and for the four years previously, she and her husband, Rene, owned an 18-room inn, Starr Cottage, on Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island. That, of course,

was a full-time, round the clock job "with fascinating people" who were their guests until they moved to San Carlos Island in Fort Myers in 1983.

"We celebrated the 100th anniversary of the house in 1983," says Barbara. It had been her husband's turn to do what he wanted which was to own his own inn.

Earlier, Barbara had gotten Rene into ten years of reconstructing condemned buildings in Wickford, R.I., so that they could be put back on the National Historic Register. "In one of the buildings we established a school for artists," says Barbara.

Painting was important to Besson by then. A dancer at a young age, she had married at 18 given birth at age 19 to children

Wayne, now 32, then later Dianne, now 30, and Leigh, now 29. Those years with an active family had been spent skiing, sailing, camping and, with her daughter, in ballet classes.

But Wayne was out of college when Besson was 42, and earlier she had taken art courses at the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence.

"But they didn't have what I like best — watercolor," explains Besson. She then studied under "very fine private teachers" Helen Van Wyk of Rockport, Massachusetts and Edgar Whitney of New York.

Narragansett was "a very exciting place to be for an artist," adds Besson. "We were within an hour or two of all the major art

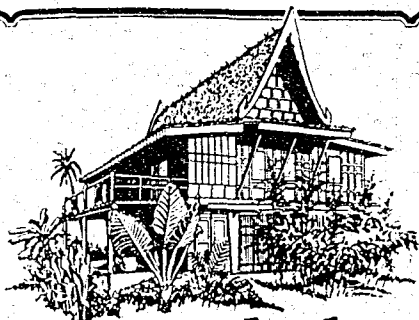
events."

It was a time, too, for her and Rene to take the children abroad and have her sketchbook ready wherever they went. From these experiences emerged two one-woman shows, the first at the Providence Water Color Club and the second at the Altboro Museum in Massachusetts.

Her work is presently in other galleries, besides the Sanibel Gallery, including Artisan in Sarasota, Cordy in New York and Cornell in Springfield, Mass.

Her watercolors are executed both realistically and in abstract and both techniques have appealed to people who pay from \$600 to \$2,400 for a single painting or diptych.

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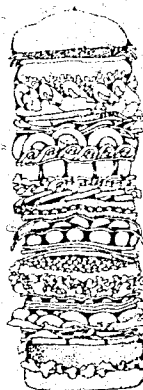
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have been recognized by my peers and that I'm doing something worthwhile," says Besson.

It wasn't always so as she counted as many as twenty rejections following submissions to juried shows. In painting, you don't share your thoughts (as in some creative activities), Besson maintains. It is just you and that piece of paper (or canvas) you are working on. What keeps you going is that you believe in yourself.

Her landscapes are, for the most part, large scenes of earth, sea and sky sometimes as close as the fine detail of a sand dollar or blowing sea oats. Or they can be the suggestion of the outdoors with long horizontal strips of her own handmade paper, painted or unpainted alternating with borders of water color. Still others are collages.

What she thinks may be new because she doesn't know of anyone else working as she does are the use of her own handmade papers in the paintings. But I don't know that for certain, she adds modestly.

Making paper from her own pulp may be as old as farming rice paddy in China where it originated but it is certainly an uncommon applied art in the United States.

Two artists started a resurgence in how to make one's own paper in Boston about six years ago, Besson explains, and I studied under them on how to do it.

She combines bits and pieces of old watercolor papers, one hundred per cent cotton sheets — anything that's rag — in a proportion of about a half a cup to a blender full of water. After homogenizing to pulp in enough operations to make a pulp full, she adds leaves, flowers, seaweed (whatever I feel like) and pours the mass into a mold and screen-covered frame. Next she places over it white felt, turns over the mold and continues this way until she has enough "papers" for her art purposes. The mound of felt and pulp are pressed "I use fifty pound bags of clay, but it's more desirable to have a press

she says. You can buy wonderful equipment but I don't have that. These sheets dry in two or three days and they are then ready for application onto her canvases or in Besson's cases other watercolor paper.

The effect of each painting is a suggestion though she does not intend it, of earth's sea, sky, dunes and horizon, an interpretation of the flat Florida landscape that seems to emerge regardless of intent.

Her latest work — frequently in blues — is bolder than the earlier and the handmade paper striations are not at first recognizable as collage.

Though it would not seem so because her work is so distinctly her own, Besson says she has been influenced — by the painter Helen Frankenthaler and the sculptress, Louise Nevelson, no less.

Visitors to Sanibel Library during the month of August will be able to judge that for themselves.



Robert Toperzer and Carrie Lund

Lund, Toperzer, to stage two-man show on Sanibel

By Fran Mueller

Actress Carrie Lund and actor Robert Toperzer, both of whom double as directors have planned to return to Sanibel at Thanksgiving, in a show involving two characters. Our plans aren't final yet, said Toperzer, except we're working on it.

He has just finished appearing in Ibsen's *Ghosts* with the American Ibsen Theater in Pittsburgh and will act from August 9 until August 18 in George Bernard Shaw's *The Philanderer*.

Lund meanwhile is directing a show for the Green Mountain Bldg. in Killington, Vt. Toperzer said. She will return to Pittsburgh where the two live during the summer months on August 3.

Then we'll begin work on getting things ready for Sanibel in October, Toperzer said. We would be opening at Thanksgiving.

Lund and Toperzer were co-producers with The Company, a group whose plays were a feature of the season at Sanibel's Pirate Playhouse last spring.

August Attractions

Seven local artists' work will be featured in August Attractions beginning Monday, August 5 through Friday, August 23 at the Cape Coral Arts Studio, 4533 Coronado Parkway at S.E. Eighth Place, Cape Coral.

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■ **SCRAMBLES TOURNAMENT** The second annual Broken Niblick Open two man scrambles tournament has been rescheduled because of the heavy rains — for August 4 at The Dunes. The first 50 teams will take to the links beginning shotgun at 9:00 a.m. Entry fees are \$60 per team including a cook out and awards to the top finishers. Phone 472-2535 for details.

■ **WINDSURFING REGATTA** The top three finishers will receive awards in the R&B Liquor Myers Rum windsurfing regatta August 10 at the Sanibel Causeway. A reverse-order regatta all races will use handicaps except for the first one after which all competitors will start their next race in the reverse order of their previous finish. Open class IIB and Wind surfer racers are eligible to compete in the event beginning with registration at 1:00 p.m. For information phone Windsurfing of Sanibel at 472-0123.

■ **JUNIOR CLASSIC** The Sanibel Harbour Resort Junior Classic tennis tournament sanctioned by the USTA and FTA will begin August 24 with a welcome buffet and free t-shirts presented to all players. Boys and girls events include singles and doubles competition in 12, 14, 16 and 18 year-old divisions. Entry fees are \$15 singles and \$7 per player doubles. Entry deadline is August 20. Phone 466-4000 ext. 203 for details.

■ **BEACHVIEW GOLF** The Beachview Men's Golf Association played twice at home and also at Bonita Bay before tropical storm Bob put a damper on their golf activities. The results were July 20: 1 Jim Exson, Bob Sagers, Werner Papke, Mac McClintock. 13 golfer of the week: Werner Papke plus seven. July 18: 1 Buhl Burgoyne, Werner Papke, Don Purcell, Pat McGuffin plus seven off island. 1 Don Purcell, Arnold Goodman, Dave Spoehr, Ken Zeigler. 12 two man. 1 Buhl Burgoyne, Mac McClintock. 61.

■ **SELF-DEFENSE** Techniques of self defense for women will be presented in free demonstrations on August 12, 19 and 26 at the Phoenix Health and Fitness Spa in Fort Myers. Call 275-8263 for information.

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By Pat Flinn
The Dunes



Above: Cathy Ransavage says there were shells everywhere after the storm.

Fishing guide
Capt. Ted Cole



Karen Forster and Ted Cole

Island fishing guide advocates catch and release

By Karen Forester

His life devoted to fishing, captain Ted Cole has guided many an angler in his 14 years on Sanibel to holes where an abundance of fresh catches have realized Cole as one of the premier fishing guides on the island.

Success, however, had not spoiled him or his efforts in conservation to protect his finned friends.

Cole releases nearly all of his catches and says, "I don't believe in taking any more than for a meal or two."

There are guys out there who keep everything they catch just to show it, he continues. That's wrong.

The silvery game fish he released in a recent

tarpun tournament could have turned into more silvery coins for Cole and his fishing partner Jerry Burckard.

If they had only known theirs would be the lone catch of the day.

The duo had banked on another larger catch to win the tourney's top prize money, so they released Cole's fish which was an estimated 70 pounder.

"We lost about \$120 in releasing it," said Cole. "If I had to do it again I would still release it."

A lifelong fishing guide, Cole spent nearly 25 years big game fishing in the Atlantic and Bahamas beginning his career at age 14 in Daytona Beach.

He favors marlin and tarpon fishing and says it's a toss up as to which is his favorite.

Derik's grand slam in tennis tourney

Fraser and tennis tournaments had junior players competing on the courts and in the air last week at the Sanibel Recreation Complex.

Islander Derik Craig scored top honors overall winning first place in boys' singles, mixed doubles and boys' doubles tennis with partner Ryan Schultz.

Final results of tennis were: boys' singles 1 Derik Craig, 2 Mike Toomey, girls' singles 1 Paige Horak, Christina Rogers, 2 Kelley Bailey, 3 Lisa Moot, mixed doubles 1 Derik Craig, Lisa Moot, 2 Ryan Schultz, Christina Rogers, 3 Jeff Bell, Kelley Bailey, 4 Paige Horak, Mike Toomey, boys' doubles 1 Derik Craig, Ryan Schultz, 2 Jeff Bell, Paul Sweeney.

Frisbee results were: 11 and under boys Ryan Schultz, girls Valerie Cope, 12 and over boys 1 Jeff Bell, girls 1 Lisa Moot.

Derik Craig, left, and Ryan Schultz



casting around

SOS (Save our snook) from the gillnetters

By Fritz and Norma Stoppelbein

Since before the Cabinet raised the status of snook from a "species of special concern" to a "protected species", as editors of *Florida Angler*, we have been receiving letters and clippings of newspaper articles concerning netting of snook.

One letter writer from the Hobe Sound area on the east coast reported that from two to four boats had been running just offshore without lights before daylight, each coming in to anchor one end of their net on the beach, then extending the net out about 200 yards, paralleling the beach for about half a mile, then back in to the beach.

The writer asked what percentage of snook trapped in such nets would survive, even if returned to the water alive in accordance with the law.

The answer may come from the report of a similar situation which took place off Stump Pass, near Englewood just north of Boca Grande. There, an undercover Florida Marine Patrol Officer monitored a 200 yard beach seine after fish were observed floating dead inside the net early one morning.

No one came to claim the net until the following morning. When the Marine Patrol arrived the net had been dragged ashore by the commercial fisherman who was burying dead snook in the beach. About 48 snook carcasses remained in the net. Those snook still alive were released. It was estimated that about 40 or more had been buried.

This fisherman was arrested on three separate conservation charges, failure to return snook to water alive, possession of snook during a closed season and unnecessary destruction of food fish — all misdemeanor charges. His net was seized and his bond set at \$1,500.

Another writer from the east coast — "Has anyone ever taken a close look at the effect of gillnets in our waterways and coastal waters?"

Granted there are some netters who don't take snook, but what about the fish that are trapped, then pulled out, only to float off dead? The solution is simple! Save hundreds of snook by depriving sportsmen of excitement and recreation (which Florida stands for) or, save many thousands of these fine fish by banning all netting in shallow water!

Most netters will avoid setting a gill net where they see snook because the snook are capable of ripping holes in the net with their sharp gill rakers. But, from the standpoint of snook survival, if a snook is gilled for the monofilament twin of modern day nets will most likely cause such damage to the gills (which are the fish's equivalent of lungs) that its chances of survival are slim even if released. Not only the handling involved in extricating the net from the gills, but the thrashing around against the net, whether gill net or seine net, lowers the chances for survival. The monofilament twin scrapes away the protective mucous coating of the fish as it thrashes to free itself, leaving the fish susceptible to fungus and disease.

Responsible commercial fishermen are aware of the laws and try to abide by them. But as with many occupations, there are those who do not respect the laws feeling they are meant for someone else. If you see a violation of a fishery law all the Florida Marine Patrol, local law enforcement agency or the State Resource Hotline 1-800-142-1821. Confiscation of equipment and a few substantial fines should make the violators realize that laws are for everyone.

Florida Department of Natural Resources' scientists have recently completed a stock assessment for Spanish mackerel and these are their conclusions:

Recreational catch rates on the Atlantic Coast have declined significantly during 1979-84. The mean weight taken by recreational fishermen has declined on both coasts. Commercial fishing areas for the species, which once ranged from

Volusia County on the east coast to the Alabama border in the Gulf, have been compressed into two major regions, Key West in the Gulf and Martin/St. Lucie Counties in the South Atlantic, the commercial fishing season has also compressed from an historic November through April period to one or two months, greater numbers of more efficient net boats are chasing the fish, but landings are not increasing.

There is an apparent corollary between the introduction of roller rigs and deep gill nets into the Spanish mackerel fishery, and the changes in geographic and annual catch patterns and the declines in size and availability of the fish to recreational anglers. Dr. Elton Gissendanner, Executive Director of DNR said:

In a letter to National Marine Fisheries Service, Gissendanner has asked that an immediate review of the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources Plan be initiated with a view toward banning completely the use of roller rigs and deep gill nets in the Spanish mackerel fishery.

He further requests that the State of Florida "is resolutely opposed to the use of purse seines for the taking of food fish" and states that "This gear should be outlawed for the taking of all food fish."

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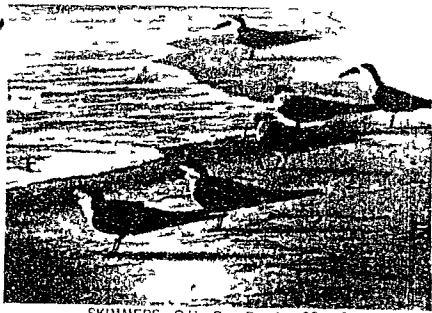
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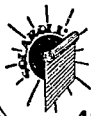
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■ **BANDITS WIN BERTH** The Fort Myers Bandits won a berth to the world softball tournament after finishing fifth in state qualifying competition last weekend behind the hitting of catcher Ron Gekle who won the home run championship. Local players Curtis Nave and Roger Tabor were also instrumental in gaining a berth for the team who is now ranked fifth in Florida AAA softball.

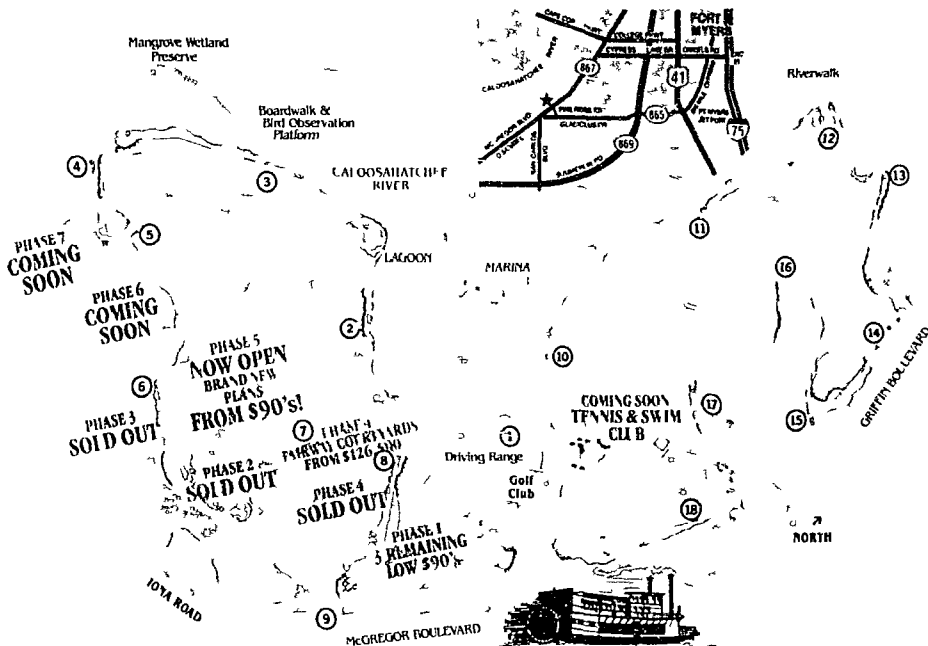
■ **COURSE AND COURTS REPORT** While all of the islands golf courses were drenched from tropical storm Bob, local tennis courts weathered the storm like true champions and all main tennis facilities are playable.

Of the island's three golf courses only So with Seas reports being back to normal as of July 30. The Dunes is allowing golfers to walk their course or use a cart restricted to cart paths on only and golfers at Beachview have only one option until the course dries. Walk

■ **GROUPER TOURNAMENT** Sanibel Island Fishing Club will conduct its next fishing tournament August 24 when anglers will cast their lines for grouper. Phone Sanibel Marina at 472-2723 for details.

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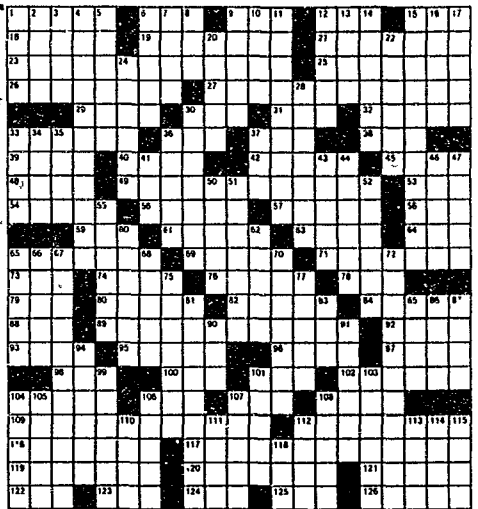
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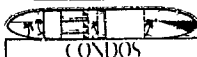
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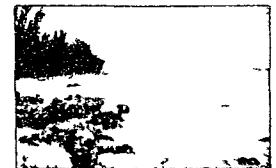


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