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County judge says nude is not necessarily lewd

By Steve Ruediger
Islander staff writer

Charges against three people arrested for being nude on Bowman's Beach on Sanibel were tentatively dismissed in Lee County Court last week.

County Judge Radford R. Sturgis said previous court decisions, including a ruling by the Florida Supreme Court, required that lewd and lascivious conduct accompany nudity or the nudity is not illegal. Sturgis commented that, in effect, it was legal to be naked on Bowman's Beach as long as no arousal or other lewd activity was involved.

However, Sanibel Police Chief Richard Plager asserted Wednesday, May 19, that "It is against the standards of the community for people to be going around naked."

Plager said judges can dismiss cases even though a law is valid and added, "We will enforce the law as it is written."

The three people who were arrested on April 11 were defended by attorney Stuart M. Pepper. He made a motion that the charges be dismissed and a hearing was held on that motion in Sturgis' chambers on Monday, May 17.

Pepper presented the judge with several previous decisions by both the Florida Supreme Court and county courts elsewhere in Florida. These decisions, stretching back over nine years, state that, considering the way the Florida law against nudity is written, simply being naked does not violate the law unless there is also some attempt to do something lewd and lascivious.

Pepper argued that when people walk all the way to the far end of Bowman's Beach, they are obviously not trying to impose their nudity on others in a lewd or lascivious manner.

Officer Brent Cada, who was the arresting officer in the case, told the judge that recently there have been complaints about nudity at Bowman's.

Cada said he only issued four notices to appear because he had only brought five with him to the beach. He said he saw eight to 10 naked people and was told that there had been about 40 naked people on the beach earlier.

In response to a question from the judge, Cada said the people were not doing anything other than being naked.

Sturgis ruled that he would dismiss the charges against the three people who pled not guilty. However, the dismissal would not be final until 10 days have elapsed.



Photo by Kathleen Blase

Checking things out

A few American oystercatchers have become frequent visitors to the drawbridge area of the Sanibel Causeway. The interesting shore birds are easy to identify with their black heads and tell-tale red beaks and red-rimmed yellow eyes.

SPD's Cada claims innocence as chief recommends termination

By Steve Ruediger
Islander staff writer

Sanibel Police Officer Brent Cada said early last week that he is innocent and has "been railroaded" because of union activities.

On the same day he was making that statement, he was notified that Police Chief Richard Plager had recommended his termination for allegedly violating police security.

Final determination is up to Sanibel City Manager Gary Price.

Also last week, Officer James R. Wilson, whose termination had been recommended by the chief, submitted his resignation. Wilson had been arrested in a Fort Myers prostitution patron sting operation.

Cada said that with the termination of himself and Wilson, two of the three leaders of the police union movement on Sanibel will have been terminated.

Plager, pointing out that he personally is a member of the Police Benevolent Association, said Wednesday, May

19, the union organizing had nothing to do with the terminations. Plager repeated his previous observation that both terminations had been started by accusations from outside the Sanibel department.

Cada said last week that the allegations against him come from a convicted felon who has admitted to committing perjury in the past and who was trying to keep from having to go to jail on a recent arrest.

Plager said the allegations against Cada come from several sources.

The accusation against Cada is that, in spite of being warned not to, he let information out that breached the security of confidential police information. The alleged result of this breach of security was the abandonment of two long-term investigations by the Combined Law Enforcement Against Narcotics task force.

Cada said last week that he has been on the force on

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By Frances Adams
Islander staff writer

An ordinance which will make the intentional feeding of wild raccoons illegal on Sanibel is moving swiftly through bureaucratic channels. It was only a month ago that the City Council had accepted the recommendation of the Sanibel Wildlife Committee to consider passage of such a law, which also bans the intentional creation of a condition which causes or encourages raccoons to feed upon garbage, i.e. repeatedly leaving dumpster doors open.

At the first of two public hearings on the

proposed ordinance May 18, the City Council heard plenty of testimony that attests to the problems created by those who feed the critters, but there definitely was not agreement that this particular ordinance is the way to go about eliminating the problems. There also was almost unanimous agreement that the ordinance would be difficult to enforce.

Rob Loflin, Sanibel's conservation officer, speaking in support of the ban, explained that the ordinance is aimed at those in the community who regularly feed the raccoons, attracting an unnatural number

of them to certain areas, artificially enhancing the population, which often results in the raccoons breaking into pool cages and generally raising havoc in neighborhoods. He acknowledged the enforcement difficulties, but added that the educational aspect of the law may get the problem under control.

Erick Lindblad, speaking for the Wildlife Committee, suggested that the council eliminate the word "wild," as it describes the raccoons, and substitute instead the words "free-ranging." He said that it may be that

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All the following information was taken directly from Sanibel Police Department reports.

A severely damaged Huffy bicycle was found near the Dairy Queen Wednesday, May 19. Police said it looked as though it had fallen from a passing vehicle.

Fredrick G. Gisewhite of Sanibel was charged May 19 with driving on a suspended license and with going 63 mph on the Sanibel Causeway.

Robin Elizabeth Blain of Fort Myers was charged May 19 with going 58 mph on Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Ginger Lynne Dierson of Orlando was charged on Tuesday, May 18, with going 60 mph on Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Jacqueline A. Hodges of Rockville Center, N.Y., was charged on May 18 with going 60 mph on Sanibel-Captiva Road.

A white dog was picked up on May 18 at the Nerita Street beach access.

A bicycle was found on May 18 in the St. Isabel Catholic Church parking lot.

Dennis Howard Ramos of Fort Myers was charged on May 18 with going 55 mph on the Sanibel Causeway.

There was a complaint about noise on Peaceful Drive at 2:05 a.m. on May 18. A man turned down his television set when police told him of the complaint.

Loud noise was reported at the Casa Ybel Resort pool at 12:04 a.m. on May 18. When informed of the complaint, a group of guests went to their rooms.

David Alexander Harris of Fort Myers was arrested on three outstanding worthless check warrants and was charged with possession of a suspended driver's license on Monday, May 17. Harris was one of two men who reportedly were in a suspicious car at Woodring Point. It turned out the two men were buying a sofa from a resident. However, a routine check of identifications turned up the warrants on Harris.

Antonello Cristan Collu of Fort Myers was charged on May 17 with careless driving and with driving on a suspended license on Sanibel-Captiva Road.

James P. McGuffin of Sanibel was charged with improper backing after a May 17 accident in the parking lot at the Beachview Golf Course.

POLICE BEAT



Teresa J. Haselden of Fort Myers was charged with careless driving after being involved in an accident on Sunday, May 16, on Periwinkle Way near Palm Ridge Road at a pedestrian crosswalk. John H. Witaszek of Captiva had stopped for a pedestrian in the crosswalk when Haselden's car allegedly hit the back of Witaszek's car.

Stephen R. Craig of Orlando was charged on May 16 with going 54 mph on Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Orville Barmer Ramsey Jr. of North Fort Myers was charged on May 16 with going 53 mph on Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Bradley David Hendershot of Nazareth, Pa., was charged on May 16 with going 68 mph on Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Four people, including the driver of the car, were charged with violating the open container law in a vehicle on Sanibel on Saturday, May 15. Danielle Jean Griffin (the driver) of Fort Myers, Gary Michael Weaver of Fort Myers, Jeffery Melendez of Cape Coral and Darlene J. Griffin of Fort Myers were all charged after the car was

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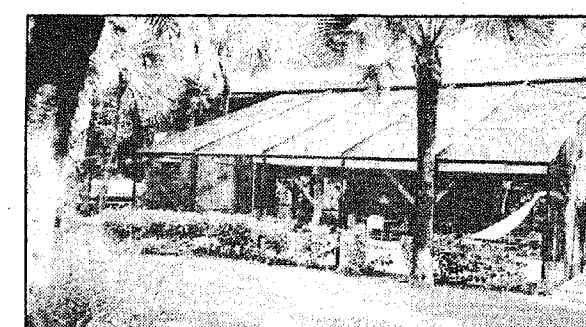
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Variety of issues discussed at refuge meeting

By Steve Ruediger
Islander staff writer

A wide variety of wildlife issues were discussed by the Conservation Council Thursday morning, May 20, as the group learned that recent refuge visitation is up while bird counts on nearby islands are down.

The council is a community consulting group to the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

The number of visitors on Wildlife Drive was up 8 percent in April compared to 1992, said refuge Manager Lou Hinds. Visitors at the Visitor Center were up an incredible 41 percent. Overall visitation to refuge properties in April was up 11 percent.

Large declines in bird populations compared to the previous year were found in an April 19 survey of back bay islands. Significant declines were seen on Tarpon Bay Keys, Hemp Key, Bird Island and Broken Islands. An increase was found on Lumpkin Key and populations were relatively steady on Upper Bird Key and on Lower Bird Key.

However, an aerial survey done the same day on the same islands by the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission showed significantly different numbers of birds. The refuge survey is done by boat.

The biggest decline was in the number of pelicans.

There will be another survey this week.

One group of birds the refuge staff would like to see

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WEATHER WATCH



Last week's temperatures in paradise were recorded at the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce as follows:

	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Monday, May 17	87	68	0.0
Tuesday, May 18	88	70	0.0
Wednesday, May 19	90	71	0.0
Thursday, May 20	84	64	0.0
Friday, May 21	86	64	0.0
Saturday, May 22	87	65	0.0
Sunday, May 23	88	65	0.0

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Numbers from May 22, 1993
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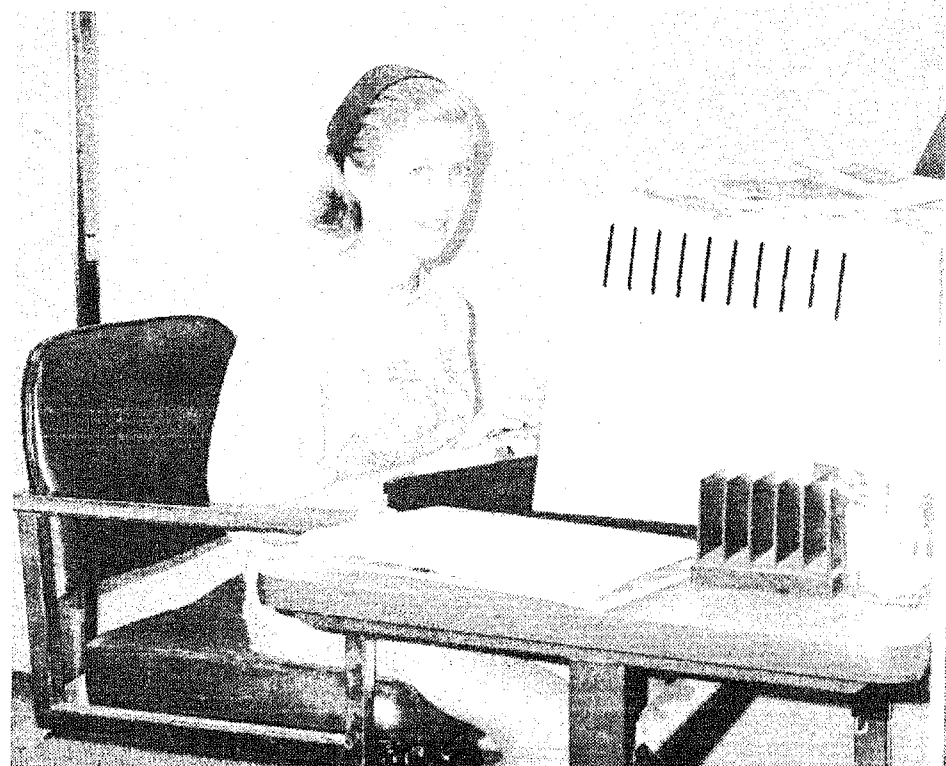
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A new Islander staffer

Photo by Fran Adams

Caitlin Meyer, 11, has been chosen to be a writer for The Islander on Student Government Day, when the fifth-graders at Sanibel Elementary School take over City Hall on Thursday, May 27. About herself, she writes, "I like swimming, running and playing games like softball and other things. My mom's name is Karen and my dad's name is Craig. I have two sisters: one is 13 years old and her name is Brianna and my other sister is 7 years old and her name is Meghan. I have lived on Sanibel for about six or seven years." Caitlin, who has gone to Sanibel Elementary School since kindergarten, gets around Sanibel the speediest way — on roller blades. She looks forward to going to Cypress Lake Middle School in the fall.

Public hurricane preparedness program set for Wednesday at The Sundial

By Christopher Strine
Islander editor

Hurricane season officially begins on June 1 and to help islanders properly prepare for the storm season, a special program will be held on Wednesday, May 26, at the Sundial Beach & Tennis Resort on Sanibel.

The program is free and open to the public.

Sponsored by the American Red Cross, city of Sanibel, Lee County Emergency Management, National Hurricane Center, Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce and WINK-TV, the conference will feature a number of guest speakers.

Those slated to address the audience are Jerry Jarrell of the National Hurricane Center; Jim Reif, a meteorologist with WINK-TV; Sanibel meteorological consultant Bill Zelfoff of Weather Wagon; and Max Anderson, from the city of Sanibel building department.

Topics slated for discussion during the program, which will run from 2 to 4 p.m., include:

- The Hurricane,

- What's Our Risk?
- Your Game Plan
- If You Go to a Shelter
- The Hurricane's Aftermath
- Insuring Your Property

An audience-participation question-and-answer session will also be included in the program.

The island program is one in a series conducted across the county to help residents and visitors prepare for hurricane season, which ends Nov. 1.

Sanibel and Captiva and the rest of Lee County were lucky, escaping the brunt of Hurricane Andrew, the deadly storm that devastated much of South Florida last year. Although it has been over 30 years since a major storm hit the area (Hurricane Donna in 1960 was the last direct strike), islanders should not become complacent. Hurricanes can strike anywhere and city, county, state and national officials are urging that Sanibelians and Captivans be prepared - for the worst.

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A few interesting Snooze News facts

May is Better Sleep Month and the latest edition of Snooze News, a publication of the Better Sleep Council, features a number of interesting facts about Americans' sleep-related habits.

Watching TV is the top sleep-inducer for 49 percent of Americans, according to a Better Sleep Council survey, followed closely by reading, which was cited by 47 percent of respondents.

Twenty-four percent of Americans reportedly take a warm bath or shower before bed, 21 percent listen to music and 19 percent engage in sex. In fact, more than three quarters of Americans (77 percent) report doing something to promote sleep.

In addition, many people tend to avoid caffeine (45 percent), eating (37 percent) and exercise (25 percent) before going to bed.



Islanders at Large



Memorial Day Celebration on the Causeway

The Vineyard of the Islands Church on Sanibel will be hosting a Memorial Day Celebration on Sunday, May 30, on the Sanibel Causeway in the area near the public restrooms across from the weigh station.

At 10 a.m. there will be a memorial service honoring Vietnam vets, and from noon to 3 p.m. there will be a big party featuring free hot dogs, free Cokes, free T-shirts, volleyball and lots of family fun.

All islanders and area residents and visitors are invited to attend. For information, call 472-1018.

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Mammography Unit to Visit Bailey's

The Mobile Mammography Unit from Southwest Florida Regional Medical Center will set up shop for mammogram breast cancer screenings at Bailey's Shopping Center on Sanibel on Friday, May 28. To make an appointment for a convenient, 'on-island' test, call the Regional Medical Center at 939-8678.

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A Reminder ...

If you have a child that will be attending Sanibel Elementary School this fall as a kindergartner, orientation will be held this Wednesday, May 26, starting at 10 a.m. at the school. At that time, school registration packets will be available, and all those attending are invited to stay for lunch at 11 a.m. for \$2.35.

For additional information, call the school at 472-1617.

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Who is That Person in the Picture?

When the Newcomers and Old-Timers meet for lunch at the Sundial at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 2, a special "Guessing Game" will be held to identify pictures of the club members.

Those attending are asked to bring a picture of themselves — old, new, dressed up or not — for the game.

Reservations are a must by Sunday, May 30. Limited seating is available. The cost is \$7.50.

To join the fun, call Dr. Faye Granberry at 472-6940, to reserve your seat.

Don't forget the picture!

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Orchid Discussion Featured at Garden Club Meeting

On Tuesday, May 18, the Shell Islands Garden Club met and were entertained by Sing Tongal, who presented a delightful and imaginative program titled "Orchids in all their Splendor."

Tongal lived in Thailand as a child and told of climbing high in the trees to collect orchids for his parents. Sometimes he was able to reach them from the back of an elephant. He was always warned to knock the plant first in case of a scorpion or snake within.

He said now a permit is needed to collect wild orchids.

He told the group that there are at least 15,000 different species in the world and they grow in every country except in the desert and the polar regions. Saudi Arabia is an exception because of the rainfall there. Also, he said the orchids we know as the Hawaiian orchid is really from Singapore.

The Island Garden Club meets the third Tuesday of each month (except for July, August and September). For information, call Bettie at 472-9332 or Ann at 472-0745.

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'Keeper' Shell Found



Mrs. Ann Adkin of Nottingham, England, was shelling with Capt. Betty Reed on North Captiva Island last week when she found a rare lion's paw shell. Ann and her husband have been coming to Sanibel for vacation since 1981 and the "keeper" shell was her first. In fact, she admitted that when she found it she didn't know what it was. Thankfully, Capt. Betty identified it for her!

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Learn How to Care for Your Summer Flowers

Summer flowers will need special attention during the coming long, hot days, so on Tuesday, June 1, at 10 a.m. at the Sanibel Library, the island Master Gardeners and the Horticultural Society will hold a summer garden workshop. Kaye Cude will lead the discussion.

The program is free and everyone is welcome.

Following the gathering at the library, a "Dutch treat" luncheon will be available at South Seas Plantation with a special tour of the resorts' grounds by Tom Event, the director of horticulture for South Seas. Reservations for lunch and the tour are required. Call Dr. Faye Granberry at 472-6940.

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Islander Graduates from WCU

Forty-two Florida residents received degrees Saturday, May 8, during spring commencement exercises at Western Carolina University. Among those graduates was Timothy George Gordon of Sanibel. He graduated with a degree in sports management.

On May 8, WCU Chancellor Myron Coulter conferred 1,120 undergraduate and graduate degrees, the largest graduating class in WCU's 104-year history.

WCU, one of the 16 senior institutions of the University of North Carolina system, serves a student body of approximately 6,500. It is located in Cullowhee which is 52 miles west of Asheville, N.C., near the great Smoky Mountains National Park.

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FMHS Class of '68 to Hold 25th Reunion

The Fort Myers High School graduating class of 1968 will hold its 25th reunion on Aug. 13-14, 1993. If there is a member of the class that has not received notification, or knows the whereabouts of anyone that might not have received notification of the event, contact Judy Hodson Gattignolo at 995-4223, or write to Class of '68, 3792 Hidden Acres Circle, North Fort Myers, FL 33903.

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Noah's Ark to Reopen for Business

St. Michael's & All Angels Episcopal Church's "Noah's Ark" thrift shop will be open each Tuesday and Thursday, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., starting Tuesday, June 8.

The "Ark" is newly stocked with clothing and household items. For information, call 472-5471.

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Wigley Addresses Kiwanis About Habitat for Humanity

On Wednesday, May 19, Bob Wigley of Sanibel, the director of the Lee County Habitat for Humanity program, spoke to the island Kiwanis Club about the progress the organization has made over the past five years. According to Wigley, Habitat for Humanity has expanded its annual goal from five houses to 22 and it expects to have completed about 100 houses by the end of 1993, making it one of the most productive chapters in the country.

The organization, from management to the builders, is run almost entirely by volunteers. An indication of its efficiency is that 96 cents of every dollar donated to Habitat for Humanity is used for the actual construction materials used in the houses. Each house is 1,050 square feet with three bedrooms.

The requirements for the inhabitant of the house is a job, 500 hours of sweat equity into his and others houses plus additional controls that assure the inhabitant will learn the rudiments of managing a household.

Anyone interested in donating land or money to the organization can contact the local Habitat for Humanity office at 275-7855.

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Another Sanibelian Among TIP Honorees

TIP, the Duke University Talent Identification Program, is sponsoring a recognition ceremony to honor some of Florida's most talented 7th graders at the University of Florida in Gainesville on June 2. Among the honorees is Stephen D. Reynolds, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen D. Reynolds of Sanibel.

All the students attending the ceremony scored as well or better than the average college-bound high school seniors on either the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Testing Assessment (ACT). These tests are administered as part of an annual talent search.

The TIP talent search identifies 7th graders in 16 states in the Southeast, Midwest and Southwest who have scored in the top 3 percent on a national achievement test. TIP provides all talent search participants with information about their abilities and about educational options open to them.

Parents and students interested in TIP's talent search should contact Duke University, which is located in Durham, N.C., at (919) 684-3847.

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Cancer Support Group

Life with cancer can be difficult not only for people with the disease, but it can also affect the lives of those who support, care for and live with them as well.

Lee Memorial Hospital will host a Cancer Support Group on Wednesday, May 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. for people with cancer, their families and friends. It will be held at the Cleveland Avenue Campus in Fort Myers. The program is free and reservations may be made by calling 334-5917.

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move elsewhere are the black skimmers that have been residing on the nearest Sanibel Causeway island recently. Hinds said it is very unlikely they will be able to nest successfully in such a busy area. He hopes they will decide to move off the causeway island, hopefully to Skimmer Island, which the refuge spends about \$2,000 each year preparing for the birds.

The ribbon fence that was up last week on that causeway island was not put up by the refuge but was taken down by refuge personnel. Hinds said the fence tended to draw attention to the birds and increase people bothering them. It was not known who put it up. Hinds said if the skimmers laid eggs, the refuge would put up a fence to protect them.

The yellow crowned night heron nests that were at the alligator curve in the refuge are all gone, Hinds said. He thinks raccoons got them but he has no evidence.

Both the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and the refuge plan to attempt controlled burns near the end of this week and next week.

There were 1,164 entries in the Florida competition of the Junior Duck Stamp contest. The winner was Amy Mathis of Gateway High School in Kissimmee.

The refuge plans to take part in a Lee County Schools program to keep children in school. Hinds will give talks at the schools.

Twelve young people applied for the Youth Conservation Corps work at the

refuge this summer. The seven people in the corps for the summer were selected by drawing. They will do a variety of projects, such as replacing the current fence at the alligator curve with a better looking fence.

The "Ding" Darling birthday celebration and Duck Stamp day will be held on Oct. 30. The 1983-84 Duck Stamp artist, Bruce Miller, will be at the refuge for the event.

Two eagle chicks have fledged at Silver Key. It is suspected that the eagles at Silver Key were the ones that had been at Wulfert. It was announced at the Conservation Council meeting that the deed for the 22-acre eagle buffer at The Sanctuary at Wulfert has finally been transferred to the SCCF. So, the SCCF has the buffer even though the eagles have moved.

Mark "Bird" Westall, a tour guide and Sanibel's mayor, announced that once a month during the summer months he will be available with his three canoes to take children's groups, such as Big Brothers, on free canoe trips.

Eric Lindblad of the SCCF announced that the Lee County Electric Cooperative had agreed to go beyond its normal trimming of Brazilian pepper below power lines. He said that along the borders of SCCF property, the co-op was cutting the pepper to the ground and poisoning the stumps. He said the SCCF planned to continue the work back into its property. The co-op was having the work done along Sanibel-Captiva Road Thursday as Lindblad spoke.

Praise for the co-op also came from Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife Veterinarian Dr. John Kubisz, who said the co-op was proceeding with insulating exposed wires to keep birds from being electrocuted. Kubisz said he considers this work of major significance.

The SCCF made a bid Wednesday, May 19, on the McKeever Keys, three islands near Galt Island, which is beside Pine Island. The purchase, if it goes through, would be financed by the SCCF, the Ding Darling Wildlife Society and the Calusa Land Trust.

The SCCF's sea turtle patrol work has begun, with 40 volunteers taking to the beaches each morning to keep track of sea turtle nests. So far there are three nests on Sanibel and two on Captiva.

There have been two recent sea turtle

strandings on Sanibel but it was impossible to determine the cause of death of the large marine animals.

The foundation has posted a least tern nesting site near the Sea Spray subdivision. Lindblad said there are 40 to 60 birds.

Trapper, the red shouldered hawk who lived near CROW for years, has died. Kubisz said Trapper apparently choked on a rat bone. Trapper's son is still in the area.

Most of the gopher tortoises that were moved to make way for the development of The Sanctuary at Wulfert have died.

Recent bite marks on injured birds have been explained by people observing cormorants and loons being attacked by sharks, according to Kubisz.

CROW will be written up in an article in the May 30 issue of Parade Magazine.

**A new Mt. Sanibel**

A mountain of soil near City Hall at the site of the new public library has reportedly become Sanibel's new highest point. A while back, a large mound of wood chips on the grounds of the then-expanding links at Beachview Golf Course claimed the unofficial island title. It's likely that the construction of The Sanctuary at Wulfert Point and other places has caused similar large soil eruptions on the island.

Photo by Kathleen Blase

Beach historical museum planned

If all goes well over the next few months, in 1994 Fort Myers Beach will have its own historical museum, thanks in part to the generosity of a part-time resident.

Sue Davison, long-time beach resident and a founder of the Fort Myers Beach Historical Society, announced at the last Community Redevelopment Agency meeting that an historic beach cottage has been donated to the society to house a museum.

Henry and Edith Schlickte of New York and the beach donated the cottage, which is on beach-front property they purchased last summer. At first the Schlickte's planned to demolish the cottage, to make way for a new home, but Davison lobbied to save the structure.

Davison is tied to the cottage by strings longer than those of the historical

society. For almost 40 years it housed San Castle Kindergarten, which Davison owned and operated until the property was sold in July 1992.

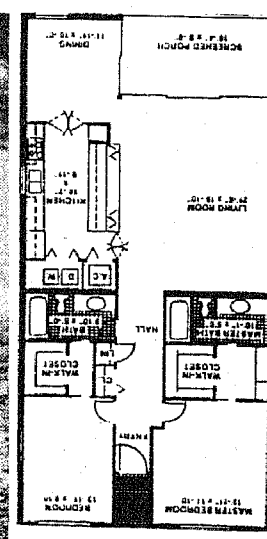
The original structure was built in 1921 by father and son J.A. Davison and Harry K. Davison Sr. It was the first cottage built after the swing bridge was installed and the fifth to be built on Estero Island. The cottage today stands on those same pilings, but the original structure was virtually wiped out in the hurricane of 1944.

Shortly thereafter Harry K. Davison Sr. and Harry K. Davison Jr. (Sue's husband) rebuilt the structure, using lumber salvaged from the original cottage.

Calling the gift a "miracle," Davison is now looking for another one - property to place the cottage. Several areas are being investigated.

Something to say?

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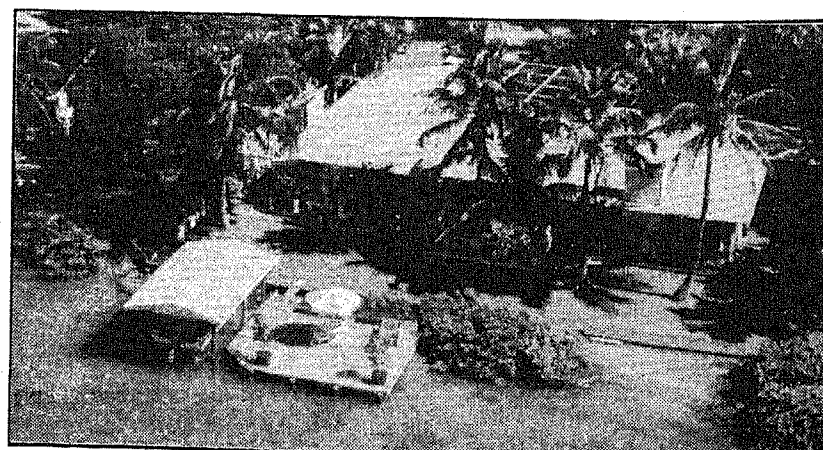
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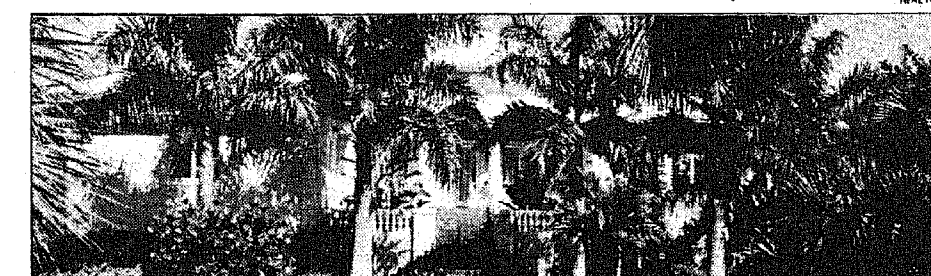
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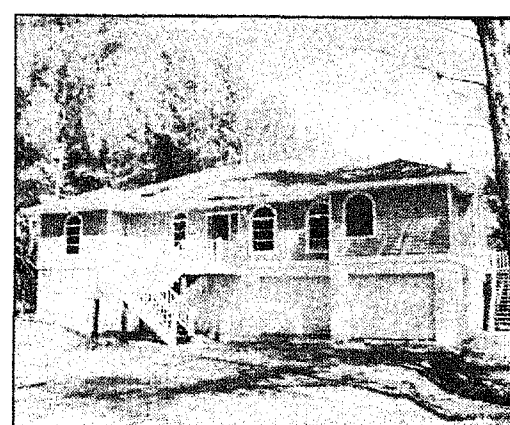
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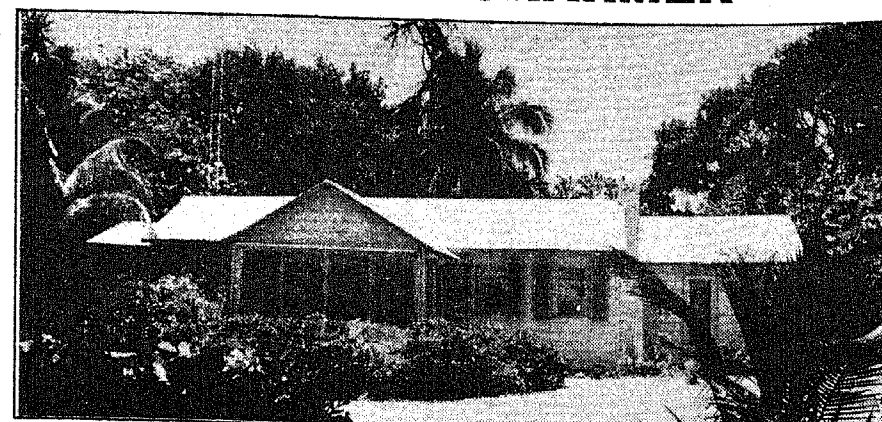
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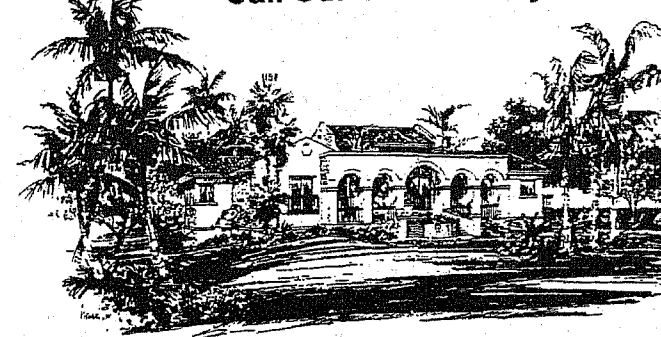
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Pay plan to be aired during city budget hearings

By Frances Adams
Islander staff writer

The Sanibel City Council during the summer budget hearings will discuss thoroughly all the elements of the "qualified step-in-time" compensation plan for city employees, as proposed by consultant David M. Griffith and Associates. Not only that, the public has been warned that they had better be more diligent in their reading of the published agendas and articles in the local newspapers.

That was the verdict May 18 after the council and members of the public discussed at length whether or not to discuss further the compensation plan accepted in concept after a 3-2 vote on May 4. After that meeting, Vice Mayor Wally Kain (one of the two dissenting votes) raised many questions about the plan and how it had been "adopted," and formally requested that the matter be put on the May 18 agenda.

At the May 18 meeting, all four of the remaining councilmen expressed dismay and/or annoyance that at Kain's request the issue was on the agenda again, and at Kain's and the public's claims that the latest compensation plan had not been fully examined, nor had the public been given proper notice that an action so binding was going to take place at the May 4 scheduled "discussion."

Kain and members of the public based their claims on the fact that the eight-page document had not even been distributed to the council or made available to the public until the May 4 meeting was under way, which had been advertised only as a "discussion" of the new plan. At that meeting only about a dozen members of the public were in the audience. At the latest meeting May 18, more than 50 members of the public showed up for the discussion of re-opening the discussion.

Councilman Jerry Muench made it clear that things would stand as they had been voted on, as far as he was concerned, and that how to implement the new plan would be discussed at budget time. He said if the council does its job properly, the plan won't get out of control. Simply because someone is out-voted is no reason to revisit a subject, he said.

Councilmember Daphne Miller said she didn't understand how so many people in the community were "surprised" at what is going on. She reiterated the fact that there had been in-depth discussion of the matter on Feb. 26 and again on May 4.

Miller added that since this is the fourth plan in as many years, it appears that "council is careening around, not having place at the May 4 scheduled "discussion."

Other business conducted at the May 18 meeting of the Sanibel City Council included the following.

Proclamations:

Mayor Mark Westall proclaimed May 16 to May 22 as National Public Works Week, and Sunday, May 30, as Memorial Day on Sanibel.

Dollars paid in lieu of taxes for refuge are too few

During public comment, resident Maggie Greenberg wondered if there is something Sanibel can do to convince the federal government to increase the amount the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service pays to Sanibel in lieu of taxes on the roughly 5,000 acres it owns at the J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge.

This past year, Sanibel received \$47,369 through the Payments In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) program. The 4,755 acres of the refuge, about 60 percent of Sanibel's land, in the fee system are appraised at only \$7.7 million, while the remaining 40 percent of the privately owned land has been given a taxable assessment of nearly \$2 billion.

"This program is really puny and totally unfair to Sanibel," Greenberg said.

She pointed out that in 1983 Sanibel was paid \$32,633 in lieu of taxes, and when "land values were going berserk" in 1988 the federal government paid even less — only \$23,083. She said that in 1992 Sanibel was paid only \$35,165.

Greenberg suggested that Sanibel do something to convince the government that this calculation is very skewed.

City Attorney Bob Pritt and Finance Director Renee Lynch later both agreed it is worth pursuing, but indicated changing federal policy isn't easy. Lynch said the city likely would be contacting U.S. Rep. Porter Goss about the matter.

Residents want sewer capacity sale re-opened if connection is mandatory

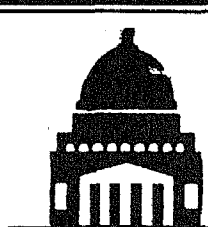
Resident John Friedman, during public comment, requested that the Sanibel Sewer System re-open its offer to connect at reduced rates, now that it has been revealed that the city is likely to make connection to the system mandatory. He pointed out that when the special rates were offered last fall, many residents passed up the opportunity, trusting the city's statement that connection would not be mandatory.

Louise Johnson echoed Friedman's remarks, also asking that the city reconsider the reduced rates.

City Manager Gary Price said the matter would be more appropriately addressed when the council considers the Wastewater Management Master Plan at its June 15 meeting. At that time all matters pertaining to the sewer system are open for discussion.

LaBoda named to Code Enforcement Board

By unanimous vote, Richard LaBoda was appointed to the Sanibel Code Enforcement Board, filling the vacancy



CITY BRIEFS

By Frances Adams

created recently when long-time member Hal Austin resigned. LaBoda previously was first alternate to the board.

Dorothy Krieger, previously second alternate, was named first alternate.

David Fowler was appointed as second alternate to the board.

Sanibel Estates dredging project moves forward

The council approved a resolution authorizing City Manager Gary Price to enter into a contract with Johnson Engineering for the final engineering of the Captains Walk and West Kinzie Island canals for \$23,664, including a stipulation that Windlass Way property owners pick up their full engineering costs of \$5,916.

The council agreed that the city will pay 1/3 the cost of dredging all the canals, including Windlass Way, because the public has contributed to the runoff and silting of the canal and has the responsibility to pay for the clean-up.

Portofino's gets entertainment license

The council granted an entertainment license for a trio to play dinner music on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays between 7 p.m. and 1 a.m. inside Portofino's Restaurant.

For non-payment of sewer bill, water may be cut off

The council passed a resolution approving a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Island Water Association that allows the city to order discontinuation of water service for non-payment of sewer bills. It basically is a renewal of an agreement in effect last year.

City exempts itself from code standards for Gulfside City Park restrooms

The council OK'd an exemption for the city from its own Land Development Code standards for the construction of the restrooms at Gulfside City Park. The project is ready to be put up for bids. The exemption is much like that which was granted for the Tarpon Bay restrooms in 1991.

Position of clerk/typist approved for Building Department

The council approved the addition of a clerk/typist position for the Building Department. Adequate funding is available in this year's budget because all existing personnel are at the bottom of their pay scales. The direct cost of the clerk position to the budget would be \$5,024 for the

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ing principles and consistency." She said she voted with the majority because the new plan is totally flexible, and the council can adopt any or none of the elements. She summed up for the audience that there appeared to be consensus that longevity is redundant, already built in to the step plan, that there may not be a total cost-of-living increment and that there likely will be a cap on employee compensation.

"It's done," she said, adding that she doesn't think it should be discussed again until the budget hearings.

Councilman Bob Janes, who along with Kain had voted against accepting the plan, supported what Muench and Miller had said, that no one should have been surprised.

Janes said the important thing council had accomplished at the May 4 meeting is that it has established some principles, which is important in public policy. The plan needs refining, he said, and that how the plan is implemented will be done during the budget hearings. He said he "sort-of" resents bringing it up constantly and that it is on the agenda again, and that the council shouldn't have to "endlessly massage the thing over and over."

Mayor Mark Westall agreed with what his peers had said, and opened the floor to a flood of public comment from residents, to which the council listened but did not respond.

Bruce Lalor said that for an issue this significant, two lines on the agenda may be a legally correct notice, but it was not sufficient enough and deserved greater notice to the public. He asked that the council postpone adoption until it has examined what the cost will be for each of the next five years, what the city's anticipated revenues are and whether or not Sanibel can afford the plan, the allocation of funds, what other Florida cities are doing in terms of dollars and if it is right to create the expectation that the employees will receive a 7 percent to 8 percent pay raise.

Tom Redford said thus far the emphasis has been on the person, not the job, and that occasionally there is an employee who is getting more dollars than a job warrants. He suggested the city do a survey of job descriptions and examine what is fair compensation for a job being excellently done.

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Photo by Kathleen Bliss

New legal intern

Jacqui Lewis is Sanibel City Attorney Bob Pritt's legal intern for the summer. A 1988 graduate of Fort Myers High School, Jacqui is a 1991 graduate of the University of Florida. She is also currently a first-year student at the College of Law at Florida State University.

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remaining three months of the fiscal year.

Commissioners board the gravy train

The council unanimously agreed to authorize the city to pay for the Planning Commission members' lunches when their

meetings run over into the afternoons. According to City Manager Gary Price, the annual budget impact would not exceed \$1,152.

Until now, the unpaid members of the City Council have been the only city board members allowed the privilege.

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the "owners" of the well-fed broods think they are not wild any longer.

Lindblad also suggested that the law not be made effective immediately, but in 90 days. That would give the feeders time to "digest" the new law, and allow time for them to wean the raccoons from their regular food source. He added that the Wildlife Committee would be happy to work with anyone who would like to learn how to deal with the situation.

City Attorney Bob Pritt explained that raccoons as pets have not been outlawed and agreed the law isn't perfect.

Alice Kylo, a 22-year resident of the island who admits to feeding raccoons, said the ones she feeds are unable to forage for themselves: "Lucy is very elderly, two individuals lost their front feet and one is blind in one eye." She claimed that there is a restaurant on the island which, as far back as she can remember, has been "putting out their hard-to-clean kettles and pans" at night. "When you go back in the morning they're picked clean and all they have to do is run them through the dishwasher."

Regarding her neighbors' broken swimming pool cages, Kylo advised that rather than putting up a high fence without a permit, pool owners could simply "float a rubber snake in their pool — they won't go near it."

Resident Helen Johnson said if people are having trouble with raccoons chewing through screen enclosures to get to their pools, then the city should also ban rats because "they chew through my screen all the time."

John Friedman complained that the city is doing "micro-legislation" and doesn't see why government has to get involved. He suggested that if it is a problem in small areas then the neighbors should work it out.

Councilman Bob Janes said that while he is a strong supporter of the provisions outlined in the "whereas" section of the ordinance (which describe the reasons for and goals of the ordinance), he sees a problem in attempting to translate that into a

law that's enforceable. He claims that the provision aimed at exposed garbage in dumpsters or trash cans ["the intentional creation or maintenance of any condition upon the premises which causes or encourages raccoons to feed upon garbage, is expressly prohibited;"] is too broad and far-reaching, and makes violators out of almost any victim of raccoons' nighttime raids. Besides, he asked, what does "intentional" mean?

Janes said he would rather see the city take a strong stand and handle it by education through public relations.

Councilmember Daphne Miller agreed the ordinance is unenforceable, that it is micro-management — "Big Brother watching people's garbage" — but was emphatic that people should not be feeding any wildlife.

Councilman Jerry Muench defended the ordinance by saying that with more people there needs to be more laws.

Mayor Mark Westall, a licensed alligator handler, said that while the raccoons may appear to be cute, he "would rather deal with a bull alligator than a cornered raccoon, because a raccoon will rip you to shreds while you're standing there watching him." He also acknowledged the ordinance, is probably unenforceable, but so is the shelling ordinance and the alligator-feeding ordinance. He said "there is a place for government to try to establish a mentality" in the community, as Sanibel has done regarding alligators and shelling.

Westall said he doesn't foresee Dick Baker (Sanibel's code enforcement officer) driving around neighborhoods looking for violators.

Janes then formally motioned that the provision relating to exposed garbage be stricken, that doing so would eliminate some of the ordinance's ambiguity. He said the dumpster problem is a public health problem and should be treated separately because the open dumpsters also attract rats and flies, not only raccoons.

Janes' proposed amendment failed, 3-2, with only Miller siding with him.

Pritt explained that ordinance covers two separate violations: one takes care of people feeding the raccoons and the other takes care of the "dumpster problem," which is remedied easily by using common sense. As the law is proposed, the penalty for feeding raccoons is an immediate fine of \$50; the penalty for violating the exposed garbage provision is a written warning for the first offense and a \$50 fine for any subsequent offense occurring within one year of the previous offense.

Pritt said if the council "wants to soften it a bit," then the penalties for both offenses could be made the same, with a written warning being issued first for the feeding offense.

There was consensus to making that change, as well as amending the effective date to 90 days (which would be Aug. 1 if the ordinance is adopted at the next meeting).

Resident Bruce Lalor encouraged the council to adopt the ordinance, even if it would be difficult to enforce. He said if it fails to pass, the public's interpretation would be that the council does not think it is a serious problem.

Westall declared the hearing a first reading of the ordinance. The second reading is scheduled for 9:20 a.m. Tuesday, June 1.



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Food For Thought

By Paul Gaeta

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Sturgis said that would give the Florida State Attorney's office time to research the law to see if there is any precedent that contradicts the rulings presented by Pepper.

If the state attorney's office lets the judge know it has found additional precedent, another hearing will be held. If it doesn't notify the judge and 10 days have elapsed, the cases will be dismissed.

Sanibel City Attorney Bob Pritt said Friday, May 21, that any comment on whether people would be arrested in the future for nudity on Bowman's Beach would depend on the results of the research by the state attorney's office.

Pepper said his research of the law was extremely thorough and that the state attorney's office will find no additional precedents.

The three people arrested who pled not guilty were Lawrence Dunwoody of Fort Myers, William Blakely of North Fort Myers and Kristina Fekete of North Fort Myers.

The fourth person arrested, Michael Reeves of Annandale, Va., did not contest the charges and paid a \$150 fine.

The Sanibel Naturists, a group seeking the legal use of part of Bowman's as a clothing optional beach, paid Pepper's legal fees in defending the three who pled not guilty.

Plager commented last week that personally he is opposed to nudity and thinks it would have a bad influence on children.

On the other hand, Cada, the arrested officer, commented after the judge ruled that he personally would not care if a legal

nude beach was established at Bowman's.

Years ago, Bowman's was a popular nude beach, which sometimes had hundreds of naked people on it on sunny week-end days.

Then a series of raids by the Lee County Sheriff's Department emptied that beach.

However, it has been reported that there has been an increase in the number of nudes on the beach in the past couple of years.

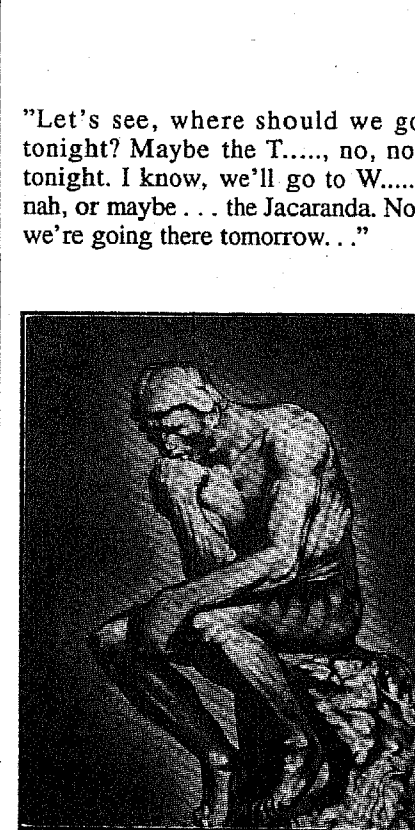
In addition, topless sunbathing by females has been increasing in recent years on Sanibel beaches in general. This is usually being done by European women who aren't accustomed to being required to wear a top.

Sanibel police have usually gone to the beach when there is a complaint and told these women to put on their tops. However, the number of complaints in the past year seems to have declined while the number of topless women on Sanibel beaches has increased.

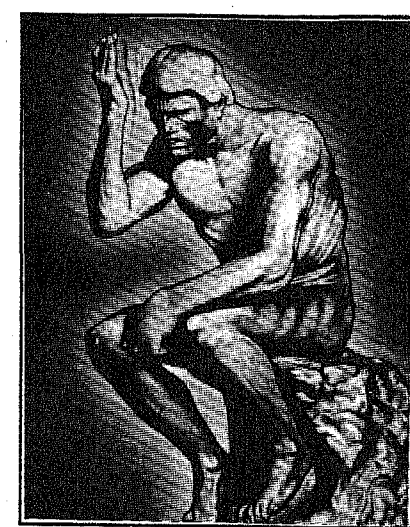
Nudity on beaches elsewhere in Florida currently varies. Topless sunbathing by women is allowed all along Miami Beach and complete nudity is currently allowed at Haulover Beach, a Metro Dade County park just north of Miami Beach. Recently over a thousand nude sunbathers a day have been reported on that beach on week-ends.

The only Sanibel city ordinance listed under indecent exposure in the city code is a law banning nudity in establishments serving alcoholic beverages.

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Calvin Anderson said the credibility of the council would be in question if the employees perceive they were promised one thing and are given another at budget time. He asked that the council reaffirm and adopt a basic concept, that an annual cap be set on the total package and let the city manager administer it and that the personnel budget be based on economic conditions. He said the issue shouldn't be up for debate every year and suggested that the plan be left in place for three years and then reviewed.

Margot Fennhahn objected to rewarding longevity, calling it "offensive" and "vulgar." She said if the city pays well, the employees will stay.

Ralph Kaplan said the city would have a morale problem with the expectation of 7 percent to 8 percent increases, as is in the report, especially if it does not fund all of the elements.

Dick Walsh also addressed the "buzz saw of problems" created because of heightened employee expectation of receiving 7 percent to 8 percent increases. He added that the \$32,000 cost for adjusting the pay scales, raising the pay levels to the next even step, is a "pure windfall" for some employees, and that \$32,000 should be taken into consideration when determining the total personnel budget.

Maggie Greenberg, who complained of the last-minute distribution of the report at the May 4 meeting, told the members of the council that the employees' apparent willingness to accept the plan and Sanibel taxpayers' unwillingness to accept it as is "leaves you firmly impaled on the horns of a dilemma."

She suggested that they "stop talking about gobbledygook — compa-ratio systems and macro-economic indicators — and start talking about human beings."

She said that Sanibel employees have traditionally been paid well and the citizens have received a very high level of service. The employees' loyalty to Sanibel backfired on the taxpayers by 1990 when the spiraling cost of compensation was 1/3 of Sanibel's annual budget.

The subsequent actions taken by the council had an extremely demoralizing effect of the employees, she said, and the result of constant tinkering with three different plans has left Sanibel's employees not knowing what to expect.

Greenberg suggested that Sanibel's salaries and benefits should be commensurate with other Florida resorts of comparable size. She pointed out that Sanibel's tax base is so unusual, with 60 percent of the land not subject to taxes, which leaves the full burden on some 8,800 taxpayers who own 40 percent of the property. She said the employees should understand why the city cannot pay them more than fair market rate, especially with the economy still in recession.

Louise Johnson said it was much better for the council to allow the public the opportunity to debate the issue, rather than to leave their concerns "rumbling around in the community." She, as well as most of the other speakers, said the employees should be paid above average, but she doesn't want to see a great proportion of the budget being

spent just for the support system.

Muench pointed out that the 7-percent to 8-percent increase listed in Griffith's plan is merely an example, and indicated that the council never intended to use it. He promised those in the audience that personnel spending is not going to get out of hand.

"We will be held accountable," he said. "Keep a little more faith."

Westall said he expects the taxpayers to "pay attention, read the papers and keep tabs to what's going on." He said the city goes overboard in trying to make sure everybody understands the issues.

He encouraged those residents who will not be present for the budget hearings to write letters expressing their concerns to the members of the council.

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A "baby faced" 13 to 14-year-old male stole two 12 packs of Budweiser beer Thursday, May 20, from the 7-Eleven at 1521 Periwinkle Way and ran off toward the southwest.

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Sanibel since 1986 and last year made the arrest in the only armed robbery of the year on Sanibel, plus arresting two people that year for selling drugs.

"Now suddenly they say I'm untrustworthy," he said.

Cada pointed out that he was the only police officer to testify at the Public Employee Relations Commission of the state of Florida hearing on setting up union elections on Sanibel.

Allegations are sometimes made against police officers and nothing is done, Cada said, adding that there were far more serious allegations against him eight months ago and nothing ended up being done about that because at that time they would still listen to what he had to say.

"Now there is this union thing and they don't even want to talk to me," Cada asserted.

Cada said he loves his job and will "stand and fight because I know I am right. I need to get my name cleared of this."

Cada said he had asked that an outside arbitrator hear the accusations against him but that had been rejected by the city of Sanibel. Cada said he had not felt that Plager could be fair or objective because he already had his mind made up.

Amy Rebecca Bowman of Fort Myers was charged on Friday, May 21, with going 70 mph on Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Two women complained to police May 20 that a restaurant manager on Sanibel asked them personal questions such as whether they were single and whether they lived

The ousted officer said if the termination goes through, he plans to sue Sanibel in federal court for violation of his rights both for the firing for his union activity and for allowing information to be released prior to the completion of the investigation into the charges against him. It is against Florida law for such information to be released at that time.

Cada had been told initially not to tell anyone he was being investigated. He said he asked if he could discuss his problems with his mother and father and Sanibel officials told him not even to tell his mother and father. A few days later he said he was shocked to learn there was going to be an article about the charges in an island newspaper.

A reporter for that paper had allegedly found the information in Cada's personnel file at Sanibel City Hall. Cada asserts that it violated Florida law for that information to be published at that time.

Regarding the entire situation, Cada said, "I definitely feel I've been railroaded."

He said his case was "just the tip of the iceberg" as far as the situation at the Sanibel police was concerned and his termination could result in more information coming out.

alone. The restaurant manager told police he was just trying to build a rapport with people he dealt with at his business.

An inspector for a Realtor that manages a condominium on Southwinds Drive reported May 20 that a pillow had been moved from a bedroom to a sofa, there was lipstick on a glass, there was trash in a trash can and there were other indications that unauthorized people had been in the condo.

Jonathan Paul Noble of Fort Myers was charged on May 20 with having no proof of insurance, no driver's license and going 58 mph on Sanibel-Captiva Road.



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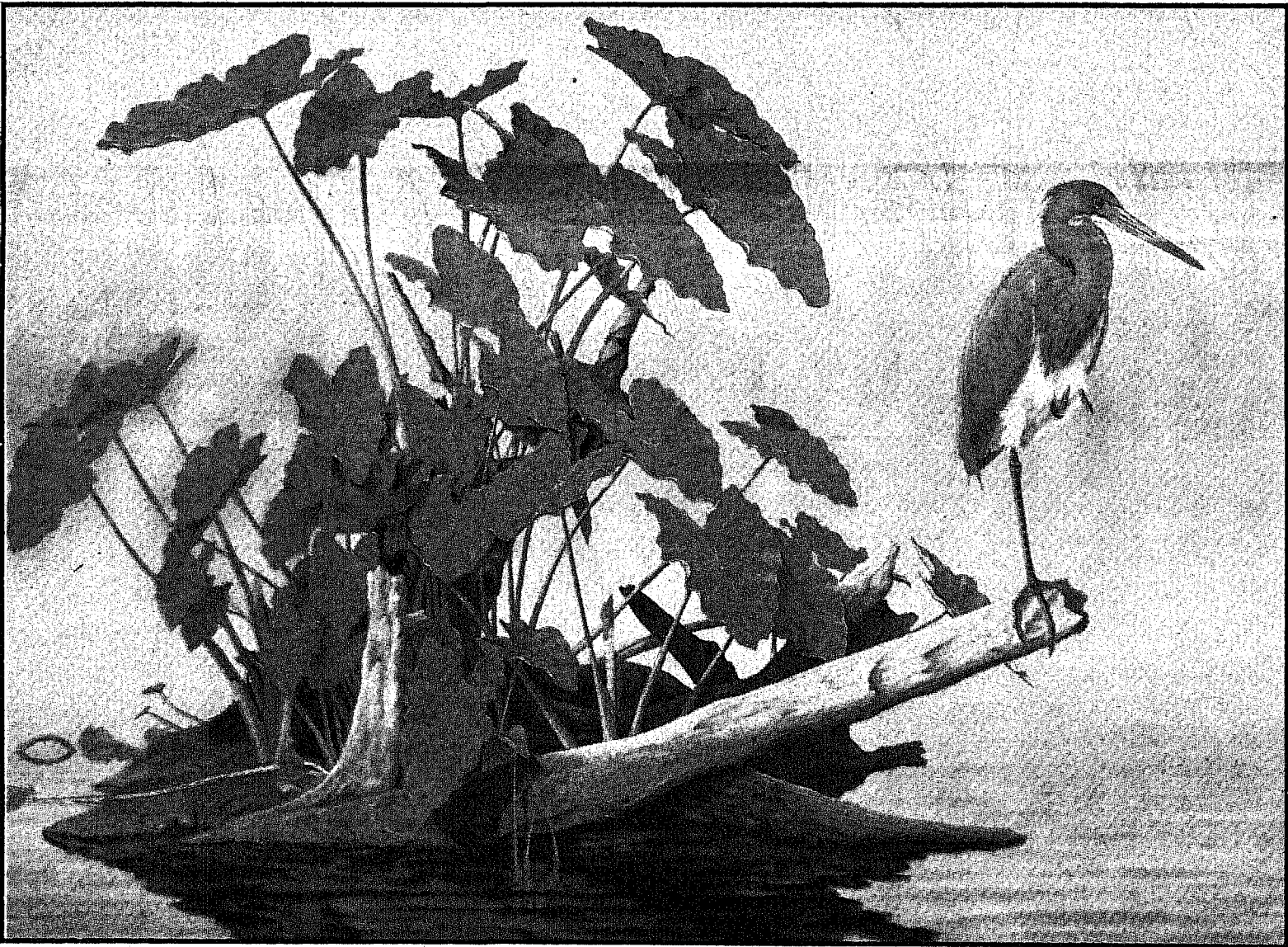


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Retrospective II

A season of tuneful winners at Old Schoolhouse Theater

By Frank Wagner
Islander staff writer

The fall and winter season of musical theater at the Old Schoolhouse Theater on Sanibel has been of superior caliber. The musical genius of its guiding light, J.T. Smith, has offered islanders, their friends and tourists many evenings of pure musical delight.

This has been a season of casts with excellent voices. Their individual vocal prowess also adapted to strong ensemble performance. In fact, their voices blended so well it has been an additional inspiration for J.T. He has concocted some of the best vocal arrangements yet heard at the little gem of a theater on Periwinkle Way.

The strong vocal qualities of the performers certainly were contributing factors to the huge success of "With a Song in My Heart," a Richard Rodgers Songbook and "Up Shubert Alley."

"Up Shubert Alley" proved to be such an audience favorite it was held over and played an extended run from March 25 to May 1.

Unfortunately, a strong voice does not always come packaged with a sparkling personality. Past seasons have witnessed more captivating individuals.

Among this years most vibrant performers one would have to list Lauren Cohn, Peter-Michael Marino and Roger Seyer.



J.T. Smith



Lauren Cohn



Peter-Michael Marino

Hands down, the most brilliant portrayal was that of "Snoopy" played by Peter-Michael Marino. This young man was an audience winner from beginning to end. Incredible energy, totally engaging and purely professional might be a partial description of this dynamite per-

lated knowledge of the business, a sense of humor that happens because your funny bone is somehow attached to your brain, and endless time and dedication. These are the talents J.T. possesses. He uses them for our entertainment.

The Old Schoolhouse Theater season also hosted several performances of the Professional Readers Theater productions during February, March and April.

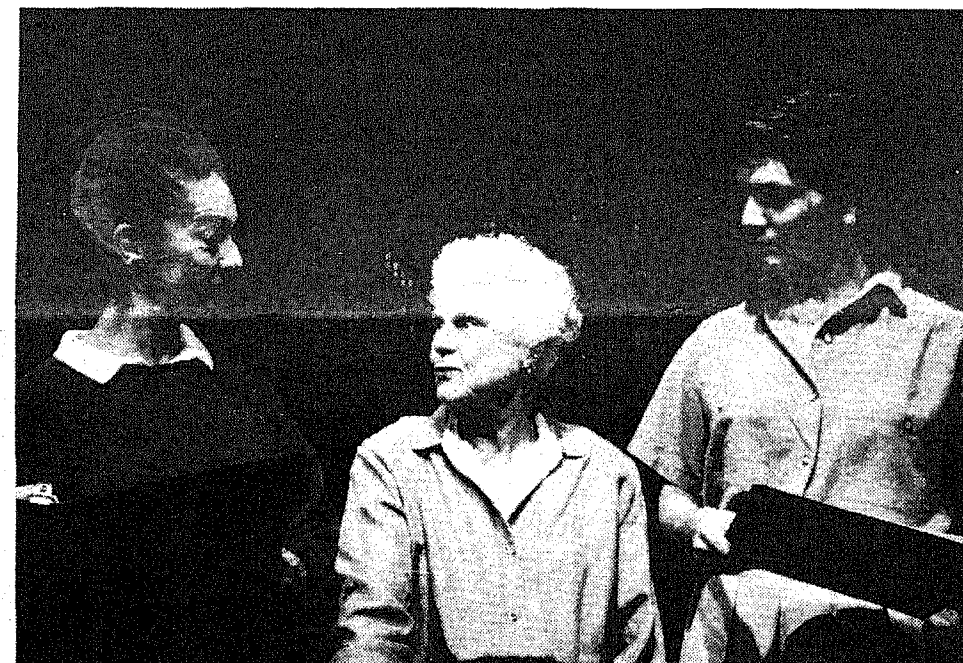
This group is composed of three fine actresses - Charlotte Heimann, Marsha Wagner and Virginia Parker. Their performances in "Eleemosynary" and "Agnes of God" were praised by critics and audiences alike.

This new, yet old type of theater is most stimulating to an audience as they create with the actors.

The grand old dame of the island theatrical community known as the Old Schoolhouse Theater has greatly benefitted by the now defunct Friends of the Old Schoolhouse Theater organized by Jay Halcrow and Donna Kreager. The funds contributed to this non-profit organization were used for maintenance and upkeep of the inside and outside of the building. Their loving attention shows everywhere.

It has been a fabulous season for the musical theater of J.T., Readers Theater and now the Off-Beach Theater have moved in for the summer season. Watch for the announcement of the dates of the upcoming limited engagement during June and July of J.T.'s summer frolic, "Sanibel Showstoppers."

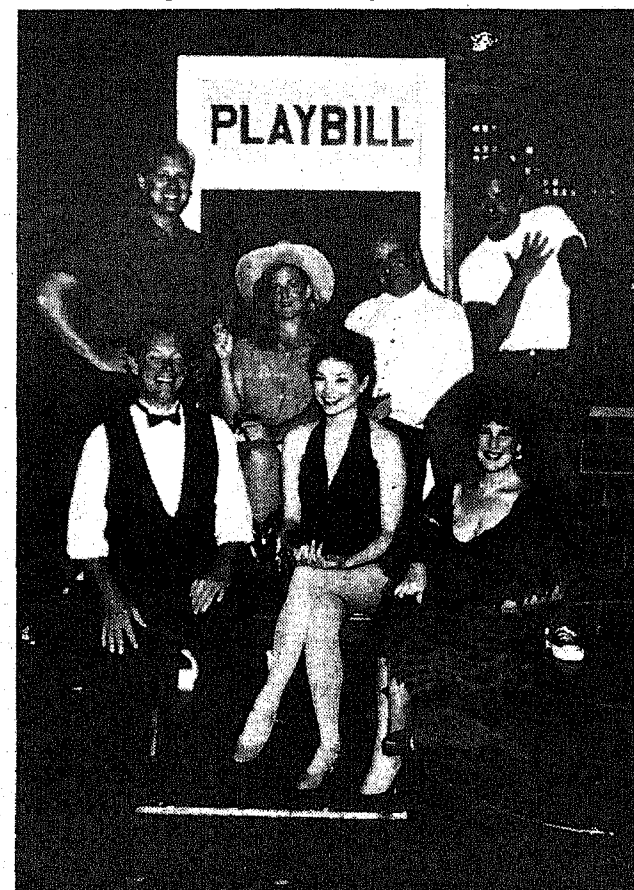
Professional Readers Theater performers, left to right, Marsha Wagner, Charlotte Heimann and Virginia Parker.



Let's look at the season, show for show:

- "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown"

This production was excellent. Each cast member was chosen for type and individuality.



The cast from "Up Shubert Alley."

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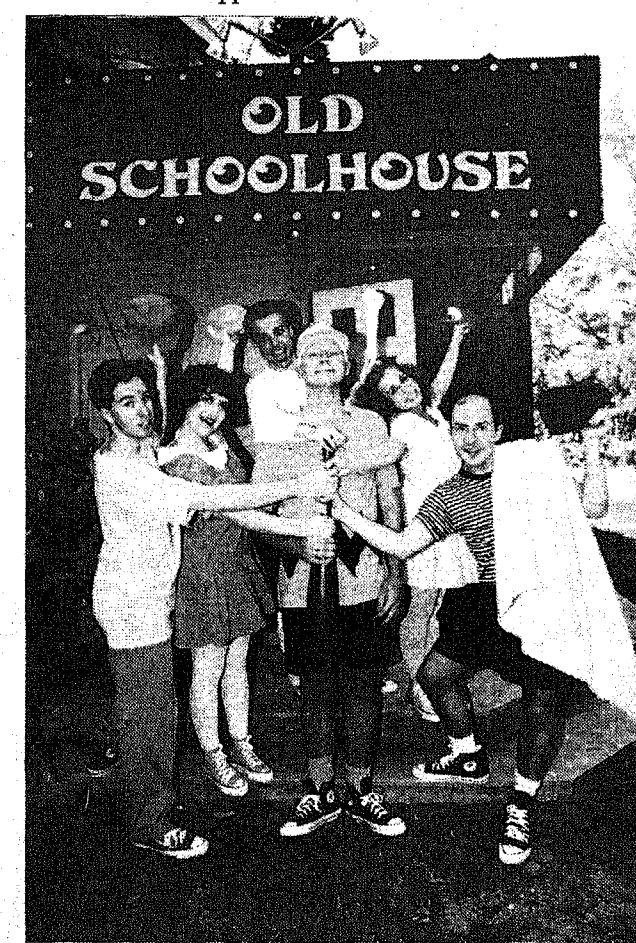
• "A Girl You Should Know" a one-woman show starring Lauren Cohn played Monday evening performances during November and December. This evening with Cohn was especially written for her by J.T. It was an entertaining work in progress. There were some wonderful moments but the entire project needed much more careful plotting, pruning and rehearsal.

• "Ho! Ho! Ho! The Christmas Show" again proved to be the perfect holiday treat. J.T. always adapts the numbers to new performers and that keeps things constantly fresh. This year the show was trimmed to an hour and played twice nightly during a 10-day holiday engagement.

• "With A Song In My Heart" - A Richard Rodgers Songbook was a delight. I don't think that there was anyone in attendance during the entire run that hadn't had a brush or two with a Rodgers' song. The vocal arrangements in this revue were the stars; comedy took a back seat.

• "Up Shubert Alley" sent J.T. into new territory. There was more concentration on movement and dance. It was an important addition. One tends to compliment by saying: "The best yet!" In the case of "Up Shubert Alley," it is not only an accolade, it is a statement of fact.

J.T., the artistic director of The Old Schoolhouse Theater and president of Encore Productions, is theatrically a very special individual. The revue is a format that resists mastering. It is not easy to create, assemble material, cast suitable performers, make vocal arrangements, direct, stage and accompany performers on stage as well as participate as a performer. This takes a lot of accumu-



The cast from "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown."

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The tarpon is an expert at teasing, however. They roll easily on surface, sometimes just yards from the boat. They roll so close you can see their huge black eyes looking at you.

There are a few well-used adages for tarpon fishing you might want to keep in mind:

"They don't feed when they are in the daisy-chain"

"For every one on top, there are 10 below"

"You can't beach-fish them with an outboard, but you can with an inboard."



ON THE WATER

By Capt. Mike Fuery

All those sayings have some truth, but no one really understands tarpon and each year at this time, when the first big run of these magnificent game fish starts, new "tarpon truths" will be added and others dropped.

We got a royal teasing last week in Captiva Pass when hundreds of fish showed up for the entire day. I fished with about half a dozen other guides and none of us got one bite. Some of the other guides fishing south of Sanibel Island were reporting hooking a dozen or more at the same

time. Fifteen miles apart and one school is ignoring us while the other is practically begging to be fed.

That's tarpon fishing and it's our best example of big-game fishing in this part of Florida. Even if you never intend to fish, if you can bum a ride on a boat just to see the fish roll, it's something you'll never forget.

On that day in Captiva Pass when they weren't biting for anyone, my lone angler cast five different kinds of bait (blue crabs, horse shiners, pinfish, pigfish and sugar trout) while I used close to a dozen different kinds of flies.

With fish rolling so close they were splashing the boat and needing casts of only 50 feet or so, the fisherman turned to me on the way home and said, "I never had a better time at catching nothing in my whole life!"

At times you can see a pod of fish moving towards you. You make one long loping cast with a live bait and you get an immediate hook-up. It looks so easy at times and can be so frustrating at others.

Hardly anyone kills a tarpon these days. Laws have changed in the past few years to discourage killing the fish. You must purchase a \$50 tarpon tag before going fishing, if you want to mount your catch. But you can simply measure your fish at the side of the boat and release it, then order an exact duplicate for a mount. None of the real fish is even used in the plastic mounts anyway.

Lots of anglers like to bottom fish for tarpon with dead bait and the most popular this year seem to be shad and mullet. If you happen to see a school of Spanish mackerel off the beach, trolling up the legal limit of five per angler will provide you with excellent tarpon bait.

The other day I had a couple out just after mackerel and when we found a large school off Redfish Pass, there were tarpon feeding on them near our boat.

We'll talk more about tarpon fishing as the season goes on. Methods of fishing for them and baits change over the weeks and each year some different diet seems to emerge.

Good fishing and be prepared for a royal teasing from the big silver guys.

Looking for a king's crown? Try the quiet part of the bay

The king's crown chooses its habitat very carefully, selecting a quiet part of the bay where sea animals the size of horseshoe crabs, or as agile as a fiddler crab, are readily available to be eaten.

Only a few conchs are as aggressive or feed in packs as do the crowns. These black-and-white conchs are favorites with collectors and they get their name honestly from the set of crown projections on the top whorl of the shell. But, it's their selective way of feeding which has always fascinated me.

Most two-sided shells we call bivalves are sift feeders, filtering out microscopic foods from the water. The many clams, oysters and scallops all feed that way.

Then there are the one-sided shells, the univalves, completely wrapped inside a protective hard shell, that can be either sifters or stalk the bivalves over the bottom.

The lightning whelk is a prime example of a large, lumbering shell which slowly works over the sands along the beaches or in the bay looking for clams. The whelks like sunray Venus clams and the rounded clams used for many of our favorite recipes.

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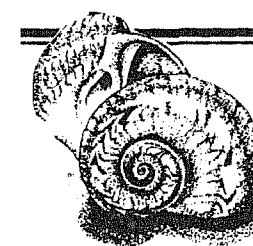
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SHELLING TIPS

By Capt. Mike Fuery

However, the king's crown is an opportunist, not determined to eat just one kind of shell. Rather, it can join other crowns and devour crabs, fish or mollusks.

I had the opportunity to study the crowns recently on the sound side of North Captiva Island where there is a part of a quiet bay I call the horseshoe crab dying grounds.

It's here that many of the large, rounded crabs molt, die or are born. It is the only place where we can consistently get clear, perfect baby horseshoe crab shells - some smaller than a quarter.

Crowns have a terrific ability to sense dying animals and follow the scent to the source. I've seen dead horseshoe crabs, upside down in inches of water with dozens of crowns on the top.

And, there will be dozens of other kings crowns making trails in the sand headed for the feast.

Those quiet bays will likely have a sandy/muddy beach, similar to the areas that the land-based crab, the fiddler, like to call home.

Fiddler crabs are beautifully colored crabs with a squar-

ish body a half inch wide and three-quarters of an inch long. Its name comes from the males, who have a long pincer claw, which makes it look like it is carrying a violin.

The fiddler can die of many reasons, even disputes with other crabs. The crown conchs move about at low tides and devour the remains of the fiddler crabs.

The other day I watched a conch desperately try to consume a dead fiddler, but it just couldn't quite get the large "fiddle" claw down the hatch!

Nothing goes to waste in the underwater world of the bay. You hardly ever find a live king's crown conch on the beaches, but they can be found in great colonies in Pine Island Sound and other estuary waters.

Most crowns are small, under two inches, but some approaching five inches are commonly found. We don't take any living shells, but a close look in the seaweed along the island shores usually reveals several perfect specimens.

Good shelling this week.

Capt. Mike Fuery is a professional shelling and fishing guide.

Life saver

Man credited with rescuing two people on Sanibel

By Steve Ruediger
Islander staff writer

A man who had been taking a walk nearby was credited with saving the lives of two people swept under water by currents at the end of Bailey Road on Sunday, May 16.

Police said Jeff Keim, 35, of Fort Myers saved Beverley A. Hackett of Lehigh Acres and his wife, Grace Hackett.

The Hacketts were wading in the water at the end of Bailey Road on Sanibel near the causeway when they

were swept away from shore by a strong undertow.

Keim dove in and attempted to save both people but found they were pulling him under. So he brought Mrs. Hackett to solid ground before going back for her husband, "who was in poor condition" by that time, according to the Sanibel Police Department report.

Keim luckily managed to get the man, and himself, back to shore.

Both of the Hacketts were taken to a local hospital for treatment.

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28	FRI.	7:43	6:16	1:08	1:25
29	SAT.	8:18	8:01	1:57	3:07
30	SUN.	8:50	9:49	2:39	4:27
31	MON.	9:25	11:27	3:19	5:30

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TUESDAY, MAY 25

Literature — Frank Vaughn conducts Great Books IIA from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at BIG Arts Center. \$3. Walk-ins welcome. Call 395-0900.

Al-Anon — Spouses, family and friends of alcoholics meet at 8 p.m. at Sanibel Community Church.

AA — Closed meeting at 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Congregational Church. For information, call 472-0529.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

AA — Closed meeting from 7 to 7:45 a.m. at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church.

Kiwanis — Club members meet at 7:30 a.m. at Mulligan's restaurant at The Dunes. Visiting Kiwanis welcome. Call 472-3127.

AA — Open step meeting at 8:30 a.m. at Sanibel Community Church.

Drop-in — Join other Island Seniors for a coffee hour at 9:30 a.m. at Sanibel Community Center.

Body fitness — A low-intensity workout for those over age 50, led by Carla Ferrell for Island Seniors, is held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Sanibel Community Center. \$1 members; \$2 non-members. Call 472-5743.

Preschool story hour — Preschoolers, ages 2-5 accompanied by an adult, can enjoy "Frolicious Frogs" during story time at 10:30 a.m. at Sanibel Public Library. Call 472-2483.

Line dancing — No partners needed to enjoy country/western line dancing with Island Seniors' instructor Nancy Hamilton. Beginners at 1 p.m., advanced at 2 p.m. at Sanibel Community Center. Wear loose, comfortable clothing. \$1 non-members. Call 472-5743.

Hurricane seminar — Learn about hurricane preparedness from 2 to 4 p.m. at Sundial Beach & Tennis Resort.

Miracles course — Victoria, of the Creative Genius shop in the Matsumoto Center on Tarpon Bay Road, teaches a course in miracles at 7:30 p.m. No charge. One-hour course is ongoing. Call 472-5600.

THURSDAY, MAY 27

Student Government Day — Fifth-graders take over Sanibel City Hall. Mock "City Council" meeting at 11:30 a.m. at MacKenzie Hall, open to the public.

Drop-in — Join other Island Seniors for a coffee hour at 9:30 a.m. at Sanibel Community Center.

Art League — Sanibel-Captiva Art League holds a paint-out from 9 a.m. to noon at Casa Ybel Resort. Bring a brown bag lunch. Critique follows. Call 472-5274 for information. Visitors welcome.

Sculpture — Marjorie Bronsted teaches Beginning Sculpture from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at BIG Arts Center. Walk-ins welcome. \$12.50 per class, materials included. Call 395-0900.

Body fitness — A low-intensity workout for those over age 50, led by Carla Ferrell for Island Seniors, is held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Sanibel Community Center. \$1 members; \$2 non-members. Donations accepted. Call 472-5743.

Living Again — FISH-sponsored support group for bereaved people, Living Again, meets at 10:30 a.m. at Sanibel Community Church. Residents and visitors welcome. Call 472-0404 or Topper Schram at 395-0130.

Classic films — "Girl of the Limberlost" is shown at 1 p.m. at Sanibel Community Center. All seniors welcome; \$1 non-members.

AA — Open meeting, 11th step discussion, at 6:30 p.m. at Sanibel Public Library.

AA — Closed meeting at 8 p.m. at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church.

FRIDAY, MAY 28

Rotary — Visiting Rotarians welcome at the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club's 7:30 a.m. meeting at Tarwinkles Seafood Emporium. Call J.B. Novelli at 472-5187.

Walk in the wetlands — Meet at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation at 8:30 a.m. and take a guided walk through the grounds for a for an intimate look at wildlife and vegetation of the wetlands. Call 472-2329.

AA women — Women's open discussion group meets at 12:30 p.m. at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ.

ACOA — Adult Children of Alcoholics meet at 8 p.m. at Sanibel Community Church.

AA — Open meeting at 8 p.m. at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church.

SATURDAY, MAY 29

Water aerobics — The pool at the Rec Center on San-Cap Road is reserved for Island Seniors from 10 to 11 a.m. every Saturday. Water aerobics, water walking or water games. \$1 non-members. Call 472-5743.

Arthritis water exercise — Those with arthritis can enjoy therapeutic exercise in the Rec Center pool at 11 a.m. Call Coby at 472-0345.

SUNDAY, MAY 30

Reservation deadline — Today's the last day to make reservations for the special "Guessing Game" luncheon of the Old-Timers and Newcomers to be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 2, at the Sundial. Bring an old photo of yourself from any age. Cost is \$7.50 inclusive; no membership/dues required; everyone welcome. Limited seating, so call Dr. Faye Granberry at 472-6940.

Memorial Day celebration — Vineyard of the Islands holds a Memorial Day celebration across from the weigh station on the Sanibel Causeway. 10 a.m. a service honoring the Vietnam Veterans; from noon to 3 p.m., free hot dogs, cokes, T-shirts, volleyball and family fun.

Seniors' potluck/movie — Island Seniors supplies the chicken, drinks and dinnerware, you seniors bring a dish to share at 5 p.m. at Sanibel Community Center. "A River Runs Through It" starts at 6 p.m. \$1 non-members. Call 472-5743.

Sanibel hams — Sanibel Emergency Radio Amateur Unit is on the air at 7:30 p.m. Sanibel frequency: 146.79, pl of 173.8. Unit welcomes check-ins by visiting hams. Call Jerry Deutscher, KC4PTX at 472-5130.

MONDAY, MAY 31

MEMORIAL DAY

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

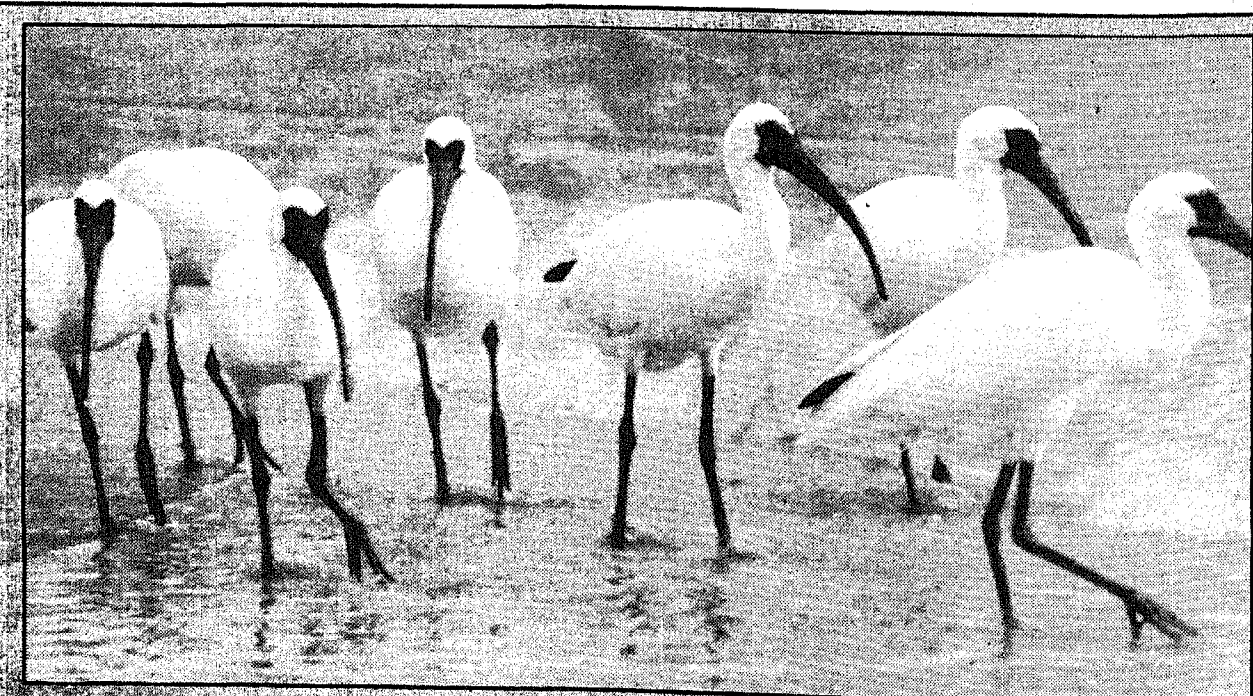
Walk in the wetlands — Meet at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation at 8:30 a.m. and take a guided walk through the grounds for a for an intimate look at wildlife and vegetation of the wetlands. Call 472-2329.

Gardeners — Visitors and residents are welcome at the joint meeting of the Master Gardeners group and the Horticultural Society at 10 a.m. at Sanibel Public Library. Expert Kaye Cude leads the workshop. Everyone welcome; free. Following, at 12:30 p.m., a Dutch-treat luncheon is held at South Seas Plantation, with a special tour of grounds by Tom Ewert. For reservations for luncheon/tour, call Call Faye Granberry at 472-6940.

Caregivers — The Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by FISH, meets at 10 a.m. at Topper Schram's home on Sand Castle Road. For information call Topper at 395-0130 or FISH at 472-0404.

Literature — Frank Vaughn conducts Great Books IIA from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at BIG Arts Center. \$3. Walk-ins welcome. Call 395-0900.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR is a weekly guide to nonprofit community events and activities around the islands. If you would like an event listed, please send clearly written information to The Islander, P.O. Box 56, Sanibel, FL 33957. Deadline is noon Friday prior to Tuesday's publication.



Ongoing Nature Activities

Nature exhibit

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday through Saturday

The educational center at Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation includes interactive games, marine touch tank and life-size dioramas of natural island heritage. SCCF admission fee: \$1 adults; members and children under 12 free. Call 472-2329.

Refuge video program
10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m.
Closed Fridays and Sundays

A 15-minute video program, an orientation to the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, is shown in the Visitor Center auditorium at the refuge. Call 472-1100.

What's Playing
May 25 through June 1

SANIBEL & CAPTIVA

Pirate Playhouse

2200 Periwinkle Way 472-0006

• "Broadway Jukebox," a musical novelty entertainment with musical director Edward Reichert and super-performer Marie Pressman. 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; 2 p.m. matinee Wednesday and Saturday. Final performance Saturday, May 29. \$10.

Old Schoolhouse Theater

1905 Periwinkle Way 472-6862

• Off-Beach Players presents Rick Johnson's "Cahoots," a two-act mystery romp directed by Bert Michaels. 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday. \$10; \$5 for theater-lovers age 17 and under.

BIG Arts Center

900 Dunlop Road 395-0900

In the galleries: Sanibel-Captiva Art League Show in Phillips and Founders. Show continues through the summer. Gallery hours: 1 to 4 p.m. daily.

Island Cinema

535 Tarpon Bay Road 472-1701

• "Dave," starring Kevin Kline, Sigourney Weaver. Rated PG-13. 7:15 p.m. & 9:25 p.m. \$6 adult, \$3.50 seniors/children 11 and under. Check Friday for new listing

FORT MYERS

Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall

8099 College Parkway 481-4849

No attractions scheduled.

HARBORSIDE CONVENTION CENTER

1373 Monroe St. 334-4958

No attractions scheduled.

Arcade Theater

2267 First St. 332-6736

• Hugh Sung, pianist, in concert. Benefit for New Arts Festival '93. 8 p.m. Saturday, May 29. \$10.

In preparation for the New Arts Festival, beginning July 25 through Aug. 14. Fabulous dance and chamber music concerts by world-class artists.

Lee County Alliance of the Arts

Claiborne & Ned Foulds Theater

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Parking entry off Royal Palm 936-1818

No attractions scheduled.

NAPLES

Naples Philharmonic Center, "The Phil"

5833 Pelican Bay Blvd. 561-1900

In the galleries:

The Art of Frances Wolfson and The Work of Warren Brandt: A Retrospective. Through June 13. Gallery hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Tuesday,
May 25, 1993

Arts



Leisure

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Potpourri

Theatrical reminders
for the Pirate Playhouse
and Old Schoolhouse Theater

• "Broadway Jukebox" is in its last week at the Pirate Playhouse on Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. It will close on May 29.

This delightful summer entertainment features the talents of two charming performers: the lady who sings the songs, Marie Pressman, and the gentleman who plays them for her, Edward Reichert.

You, the audience, choose the songs you want to hear. They perform them for you. "Name That Tune" proves to be great fun. In this segment David Redford ably assists.

"Broadway Jukebox" doesn't solve any of the world's problems, but you will have a good time. The price couldn't be better - \$10 per person.

Please call 472-0006 for further information or ticket reservations. The playing schedule is Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and matinees at 2 p.m. on Wednesday and Saturday.

• "Cahoots" continues its successful run at the Old Schoolhouse Theater on Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

This Off-Beach Players production has been extremely well received and word of mouth is favorable.

There are two interesting new actors involved in this aptly-described "pepper mill murder." Their names are Diandre McGee and Emory Bortoff. Both performances are first rate.

Vince Kelly, Evelyn Mercado and Charles Epranian complete the cast that has been ably directed by Bert Michaels.

The playing dates remaining are: May 27, 28, 29 and 31, and June 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

The price is \$10 and for avid theatergoers under 17, the special entrance fee is \$5. Group rates and reservations are also available by calling 472-9357.

Hugh Sung to perform at Arcade

You are in for a special treat if you attend the benefit concert by pianist Hugh Sung at the Arcade Theater in downtown Fort Myers on Saturday, May 29, at 8 p.m. The proceeds from the concert will benefit the New Arts Festival '93, which begins July 26 and continues through Aug. 16.

Sung was only 12 years old when he made his debut performance with the Philadelphia Orchestra. He graduated from the Curtis Institute of Music and since that time has been an active recitalist-soloist and chamber musician in major cities across the U.S., Canada, Central America, Japan and Korea.

Admission is \$10. You may call 332-6736 for reservations.

Attention future directors,
actors and actresses

Any or all of the above are going to be given the opportunity to showcase their talent at an upcoming media festival.

The 18th Annual Lee County Student Media Festival for elementary students is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26. The secondary student media festival is Thursday, May 27. Both are in the Fort Myers High School auditorium at 7 p.m.

Almost \$2,000 in cash prizes and trophies will go to the winners in 11 different categories of multimedia presentations. First place winners will continue onto regional competition in June.

The Lee County Sheriff's Department, the Coalition for a Drug Free Lee County and the Advertising Federation of Southwest Florida are the sponsors of this year's festival.

For further information, call 337-8386.

Hoggatts take their clay expertise
to Heights Elementary School

By Frank Wagner
Islander staff writer

On Friday, May 14, the principals of Sanibel Elementary School (Barbara Ward) and Heights Elementary School (R. Paul Cochran) were in Washington, D.C., receiving their well-deserved National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award from the U.S. Department of Education.

Back home it was a Blue Ribbon day for Heights Elementary students, especially the 21 clay concoctors from the gifted children's fourth grade class, taught by Ms. Tanya Reasoner.

Why? Friday was the day for clay creativity. The clay sculpture scholars are divided into three groups of seven and they work every other Friday in three half-hour sessions with the Hoggatts.

The Hoggatts' daughter, Celia, is 9 years old and a fourth grader in the gifted children's program at Heights Elementary.

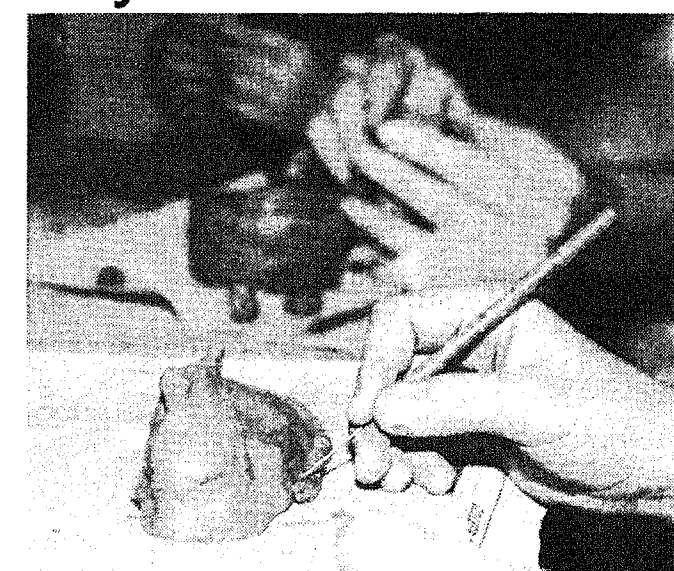
When asked how long they have been volunteering their services at Heights Elementary School, Dave said, "This will be our second year."

"We were contacted last year by Celia's teacher, Judy Gault. Gault, a Golden Apple Teacher, said that she had read on our parents' questionnaire we would be interested in volunteering our time for a project. She suggested that we give pottery classes every other week. We agreed. They selected the students, we furnished all the supplies and teaching expertise. At the first class I don't know who was more excited, the students or Barbara and I."

In describing how the classes are conducted, Barbara said, "Since the time is limited, we choose a subject for each lesson. We help them in molding and fashioning the clay, show them different techniques and make suggestions. We then take the raw object back to our shop on Sanibel, Touch of Sanibel Pottery, and fire them. Once completed they are returned to the students. Actually, each student is so proud of his or her work, they usually take them home to be admired by family and friends - and themselves."

And while many of the works do go home, some are left on display at the school.

"The large display of masks you see here in the library is one of the most popular exhibitions of students completed work. Each mask is different and most creative," David



Photos by Kathleen Blase

Inexperienced, yet skillful hands shape the clay pieces into decorative works of art.

said.

The first class was at 9:30 a.m. Principal Cochran had declared May 14 as Hat Day in honor of the Blue Ribbon award. Any student or teacher could wear his or her favorite chapeau while in class.

Seven students arrived in a flurry of excitement; each had on distinctive, startling and creative headgear. I think my favorite was a multi-layered cap creation with many decorated protruding bills, each pointing in a different direction.

An oversized sombrero demanded a place of prominence at the table set for seven clay designers. An innovative member from the second class sported a rather fetching moose-head cap.

The Hoggatts dispensed seven balls of clay, plus one which Barbara proceeded to work on herself. The unleashed fourth grade creative forces sprung into action making any animal they desired. Barbara coached from her seat, while designing an alligator of distinction. David

Please see CLAY, page 11B



Potter/mother Barbara Hoggatt, right, helps her daughter/student, Celia, with the finishing touches.

March 29, 1994: A date islanders should remember

By Frank Wagner
Islander staff writer

Tuesday, March 29, 1994, is a date to mark on your reminder chalk board, your '94 calendar (if available), your refrigerator if you use it for things to remember or your memory bank.

It may seem a bit early, but time marches on most rapidly.

On that date, the Pirate Playhouse and the Island

Theater Wing boards will be holding their first annual membership ball in a tented pavillion in front of the theater on Periwinkle Way, across from the Sanibel Community Center.

"The Phantom of the Opera Bal Masque" is the major fund-raising event for The Pirate Playhouse's Campaign 250. This is the current, ongoing drive to secure contributions for the playhouse totalling \$250,000.

The 'Phantom' ball will begin with cocktails and hors

d'oeuvres, followed by a seated dinner.

The theater's artistic director, Robert Cacioppo, will devise fashionable entertainment to be performed between the dinner and dessert courses. Dancing to "Music of the Night" will follow.

Members are requested to now note the date and include a costumed appearance at this noteworthy event.

Recreation

Tuesday,
May 25, 1993



Photo by Kathleen Blase

Calling it a night

After an afternoon of boardsailing off of Sanibel Island, a group of windsurfers meet and practice their unique sport off of the Sanibel Causeway. The colorful boards and riders are common sights nearly every day of the week.

Island Seniors Bowling action at the Beach Bowl on Fort Myers Beach continued last week. Nancy Darling led the way for the women bowlers with a 156. Frank Rosen topped the men with a 199. For additional information about the "bowling for fun" league, call Lloyd Kylo at 472-1235.

On Tuesday, May 11, in Beachview Men's Golf Association tournament play, Ralph Ariss, George Brauch, Quin Sathre and Dick Hawthorne led the way with a +11 score. Taking second with a +7 were Jim Manecke, Milt Reik, Les Snell and Tom Judson.

On Saturday, May 15, Quin Sathre, Howard Seyffer, Rudy Mikulic and Jeff Dean teamed up and finished first with a +15. Sharing second with +11s were the foursomes of Mel Bleiberg, Wally Rahn, Bill Reynolds and Fraser Burgess, and Tom Judson, Milt Reik, Les Snell and Tyke Wilcox.

The Dunes Men's Golf Association held a Two Man Best Ball, 90 Percent of Handicap round on Wednesday, May 19. Leading the way in 18-hole play were Dave Sutherland and Sam Clark with 64s. Norm Goodwin and Bob Ochs were second with a 65. Ed Fowler and Al Cross were third with a 68. In nine-hole play, George Kalvin and Lenn Lorensen were first with a 36. Joe Vasko and Alan Boers were second with a 38.

The Beachview Sizzlin' Summer Swingers played a Low Net Team and Low Individual game (nine holes) on Wednesday, May 19. The Low Net Team winners were Elsie Strong, Tommy Yeager and Betty Puff. They carded a score of 100. The Low Net Individual was Elsie Strong with a 31.

On Monday, May 31, the Dunes Golf and Tennis Club will be hosting a Memorial Day Scramble. The event is a four-man scramble and play will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a

Cypress Lake football team to participate in spring jamboree

Cypress Lake High School Panthers will be competing in the 1993 spring football jamboree to be held Friday, May 28, at Estero High School.

The teams featured in the annual spring bash include, in addition to the Panthers and the host Wildcats, Barron Collier, Clewiston, Fort Myers and Lely.

The jamboree begins at 6:30 p.m. with Lely taking on Clewiston, followed by Cypress versus Barron Collier. The final half will feature Estero battling Fort Myers.

In the jamboree, the regular rules of play apply except there are no kickoffs or returns. Play begins with the ball placed on the 30-yard line where the offense will take over.

There will be punts - but no rushes or returns, all punts will be fair caught.

Admission to the games is \$2. For any additional information about the contests, call 947-9400.

TMS/Lazy Flamingo regains first place in men's softball league

Posting two victories, the TMS/Lazy Flamingo team has claimed a slim, half-game lead in the standings of the 1993 Sanibel Men's Softball League.

On Thursday, May 13, TMS/Lazy Flamingo scored seven runs in both the second and fourth innings en route to an 18-4 drubbing of Adventures in Paradise. The TMS/Lazy Flamingo crew backed victory that with a surprisingly easy, 10-0, decision over Sanibel Glass & Mirror/Westwind on Tuesday, May 18, to run its season mark to 12-2.

One-half game back of the leader is Barrier Island Title with a 12-3 record. After receiving a bye on May 13, the Title crew came out and dusted Tarwinkles, 10-2, on May 18, to move into sole possession of second place.

Sanibel Glass & Mirror/Westwind holds third place with an 11-4 mark. The squad stumbled a bit in the standings after losing 7-4 to Tarwinkles on May 13 and the TMS/Lazy Flamingo team.

Rounding out the standings are Tarwinkles at 7-7-1, Friday's Jewelers/Sanibel Rental (6-7-1), Adventures in Paradise (1-13) and Sanibel Sam's (1-14).

In the other game on May 13, Friday's Jewelers/Sanibel Rental rushed out to an early lead but then had to hold on for a 12-11 win over Sanibel Sam's. A 10-run fifth inning assisted Sanibel Sam's in its attempted come-back.

On May 18, Friday's Jewelers/Sanibel Rental scored 11 runs in the first and then seven runs in the second in a 21-6 rout of Adventures in Paradise.

In the league's "home run derby," Jim Thomas of Barrier Island Title continues to lead the way with 10. Sharing second - still - are Richie Price and Michael Murray with five each. They, along with Bruce Macafee, who has hit three home runs, play for the league-leading TMS/Lazy Flamingo unit.

League games are played each Tuesday and Thursday at the Sanibel Rec Center fields at 7, 8 and 9 p.m.

Barrier Island Title wins, holds lead

Barrier Island Title remained unbeaten on Wednesday, May 19, with a tough, 10-7, win over the Lazy Flamingo as play in the 1993 Sanibel Women's Softball League continued.

Barrier Island Title now owns a 4-0 mark in the league. Trailing by just one game at 3-1 is Ocean Reach, which defeated Bailey's, 7-6, on May 19.

In the first game of the evening, Barrier Island Title opened with a bang, scoring seven runs in the first inning. Lazy Flamingo, however, bounced right back, scoring seven in the second. Barrier Island Title then tallied three runs in the third and held on for the win.

The Ocean Reach-Bailey's game was a nip-and-tuck affair, with Ocean Reach scoring six runs over the last two innings to overcome the five runs Bailey's had scored over the last three frames.

Bailey's holds third place in the standings at 1-3 while the Lazy Flamingo continues its quest for its initial victory at 0-4.

Games in league are played each Wednesday at 7 and 8 p.m. at the Rec Center fields on Sanibel-Captiva Road.



Kiwanis help build bleachers for island Little League

Tracy Walters, the president-elect of the Island Kiwanis Club, presents a check for \$1,000 to Dick Muench, at left, the founder and head cheerleader for the island's Little League program. The funds are for the recently completed construction of much needed bleachers at the Little League ball diamond at the Sanibel Rec Center on Sanibel-Captiva Road.

A review

Packed house applauds pianist Val Parker in concert

By Frank Wagner
Islander staff writer

On Tuesday, May 18, was a very special night at the Phillips Gallery in the Barrier Island Group for the Arts Center on Sanibel. The unsuspected turnout proved beyond a shadow of a doubt, first, islanders do support their own and, second, they will attend summer music concerts.

I couldn't believe my eyes as gentlemen kept hauling extra chairs from the storeroom and placing them almost anywhere in the gallery there was a tiny bit of empty space. Obviously, an audience of some 150 music lovers had not been anticipated.

Once everyone was seated, the president of BIG Arts, Laverne Phillips, took to the platform and expressed her gratitude and thanks for the overwhelming support of the

concert. She announced the star of the evening, Val Parker, then took her place beside the piano to turn pages for the evening's concert artist.

Parker's entrance was unimposing, his dress was casual, his few words of appreciation were to the point and before beginning - off came the shoes. You simply can't get more informal than that.

The first part of the program included familiar compositions by the masters: Bach, Haydn, Beethoven and Chopin. The second half moved on to Scriabin, Palmgren, Ravel, Gershwin, Satie and Joplin.

Parker plays with a very light touch, he handles difficult fingering quite well and relishes executing passages with cascading chords.

Personally I wished for added swiftness and delicacy in

the Chopin waltzes, a more moodish "Moonlight Sonata" and a certain lushness of tone in the Scriabin. Those are minor requests in an overall evening of excellent musical entertainment.

My favorites were the preludes by Scriabin, Satie's Gymnopédie #1 and #2 and "Solace" and "The Chrysanthemum" by Scott Joplin.

Parker received many bravos at the conclusion of certain numbers and a standing ovation at the end of the evening reaffirmed the audience's total pleasure. It also must have been most gratifying to Parker.

It never occurred to me that anyone may not be familiar with Parker and his island musical involvements. But if that is possible, here is a thumbnail sketch.

Parker is the organist of St. Isabel's Church on Sanibel. He earned a degree in church music and a graduate degree in electronic music from East Carolina University. He studied classical piano at the New England Conservatory of Music. Last month his CD album "Global Island" was released and has been heard on many local radio stations.

You could sum it all up by saying, it was an extremely entertaining and satisfying evening. You listened to good music, well played. You were surrounded by excellent art work and in the company of many island friends.

Thank you Val Parker and BIG Arts.

Collect from wrongdoer not the city, Pritt tells parent

By Steve Ruediger
Islander staff writer

The father of a young man injured last year while attempting to help Sanibel police has been trying to get the city to pay his son's hospital bill. Sanibel City Attorney Bob Pritt recently suggested to the father that his efforts might be more successful if he tried to get the money from the wrongdoer his son helped capture.

Michael T. Hansen of Minnesota, a college student, was on Sanibel vacationing about a year ago when a person being questioned by Sanibel police on the beach knocked down a policeman and started running. Hansen knocked the escaping person to the ground and held him until police took over.

Hansen broke his ankle in the process and was treated at Gulf Coast Hospital, which has been trying to collect on the bill ever since.

His father, Robert E. Hansen, wrote to the hospital on April 26 to say that his son was a student with no money or insurance. He said he had hoped that Sanibel would pay the bill but was disappointed to find it wouldn't.

"It seems incredulous to me that in this day of civil unrest when finally you do run across someone who is willing to come to the aid of law enforcement, he is the very person who is penalized for it," wrote the father. "The explanation we get from the City Attorney is that the police did not ask for any assistance. My response to that

is, on the other hand they certainly didn't turn the assistance down either."

Hansen promised to make monthly payments on the hospital bill.

Pritt was sent a copy of that letter and wrote to Robert Hansen on May 4 to suggest that Hansen consider trying to collect the money "from the wrongdoer whose flight instigated your son to take action."

Pritt sent the father the name and address of the alleged wrongdoer, Aaron P. Cooper of Hudson, Ohio.

The Sanibel City Attorney added in his letter that he knew Hudson, Ohio, and it is "a very up-scale community and there is reason to believe that the claim might be collectable."

Pritt even suggested an attorney to call in Hudson.

Pritt said Friday, May 21, he is sympathetic to the concern of the father that his son not be penalized for going to the aid of police. However, Pritt said, a city cannot just give people money without a legal reason for giving out that money. He said it was the city's insurance carrier that decided there was no basis for a claim.

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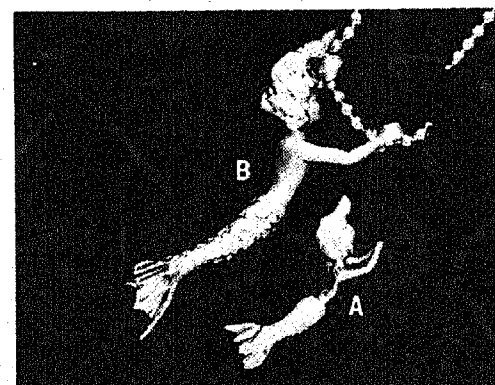
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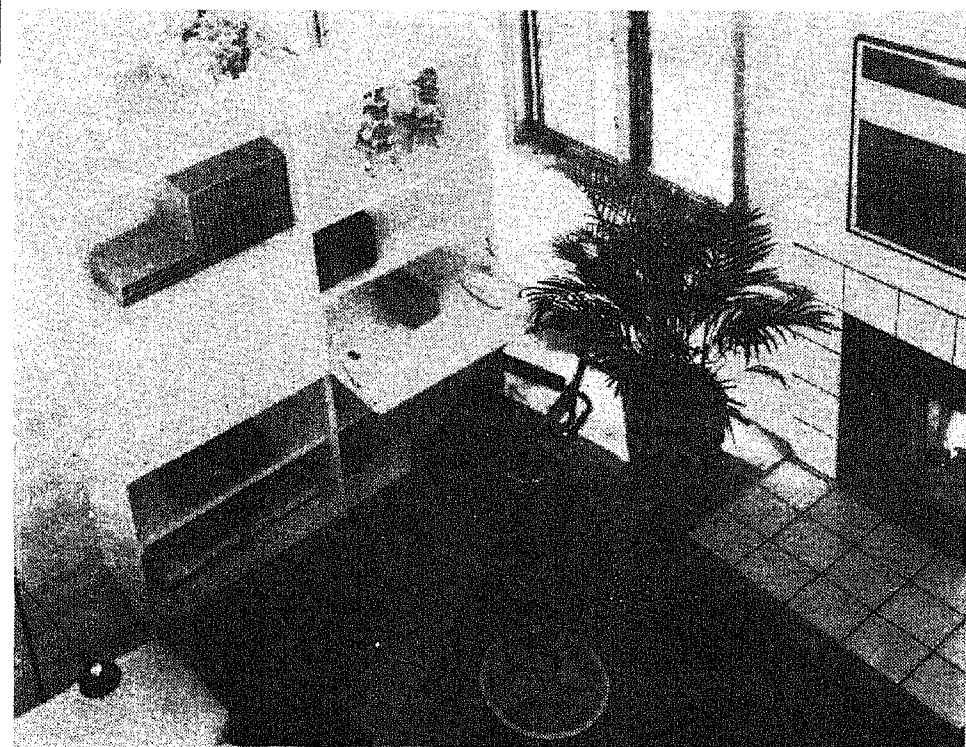
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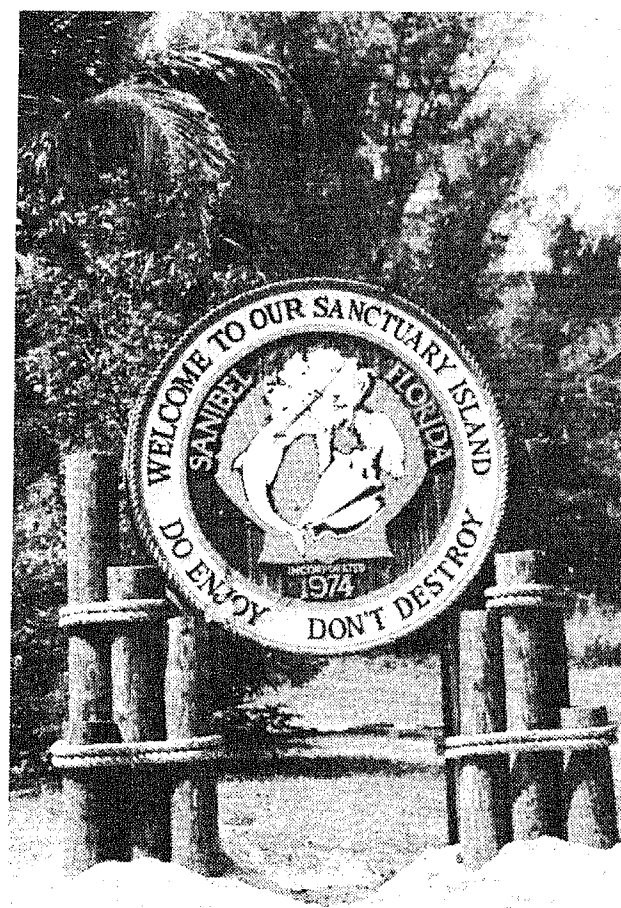
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The official city of Sanibel "welcome" sign on Causeway Road is back. A few weeks ago a motorist accidentally ran the sign over. Last week, the city installed a new sign, a few feet further off the road to the right of the spot where the old sign stood.

Photo by Kathleen Blase

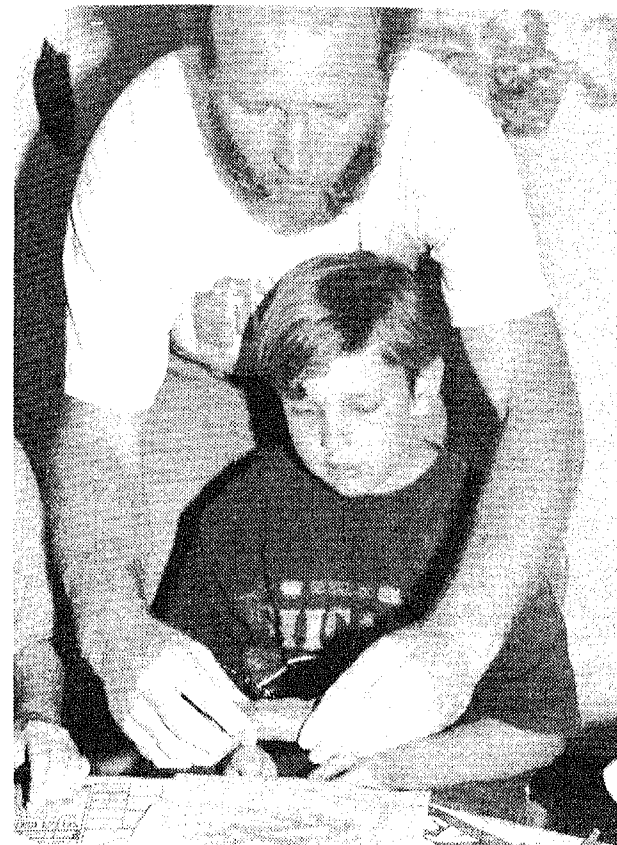
SPD investigates island connection

Alleged burglary ring broken

Sanibel Police Department detectives are currently investigating the possible connections between an adult-organized teen burglary ring in Cape Coral and a string of burglaries recently on Sanibel. The alleged burglary ring was broken up last week by a series of arrests by the

Cape Coral Police Department. Several arrests were made in Cape Coral during the week in relation to the reported burglary ring.

The reported island burglaries under investigation took place primarily in the West Gulf Drive area on Sanibel.



A helping hand

Student sculptor John Morrill, who is creating an alligator out of his clay, gets some valuable first-hand assistance from Dave Hoggatt.

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roamed about the table giving one-on-one assistance to the needy.

Suddenly, clay animals began to come into being. There was a horse, a cat, alligators and a cobra's head high in the air with its body resting on the side of a receptacle.

The young man with the sombrero quickly decided that he was going to attempt a koala bear. He informed me of his intent but the clay seemed to refuse to bring forth a koala. I was then informed he'd changed his mind. He was now going to design a Mexican mouse. This he did.

A half-hour session goes quickly when you're having fun. Before I knew it, David was gathering the finished products, signed and dated by each student. He carefully placed them in a box. They would be taken to A Touch of Sanibel Pottery for firing in the kiln.

Several of the students begged the Hoggatts to continue the classes during the summer and promises of regular attendance on every other Friday were hastily made. The Hoggatts explained they did not think it would be possible as they also must have their vacation.

One lasting thought, if the old saying is true: "Idle hands are a devil's workshop," these clay-makers will have nothing to worry about.

For those of you who do not know the Hoggatts, David and Barbara, they are the master potters who own and operate A Touch of Sanibel Pottery, 1544 Periwinkle Way, on Sanibel Island.



Photos by Kathleen Blase

From koala to mouse

After some lengthy deliberation and consideration, artist Robbie Phareuf's work, which started out to be a koala bear, ended up being a mouse.

Safe Boating Week set for June 6-12

National Safe Boating Week is an annual event that focuses the attention of recreational boaters on safety on and around the water. This year, Safe Boating Week is set for June 6-12.

During that week, the Safe Boating Council of Lee County, which is comprised of U.S. Power Squadrons, Coast Guard Auxiliaries and state, local and governmental agencies, provides the public with much needed information in this regard.

On Wednesday, May 26, the Lee County Commission

will issue a proclamation at 9:30 a.m. in commission chambers at the Lee County Courthouse in Fort Myers.

On Tuesday, May 25, Sanibel Mayor Mark Westall will issue Safe Boating Week Proclamation at 9 a.m. at the City Council meeting at Sanibel City Hall.

The Sanibel/Captiva Power Squadron will be at the launching ramps at Punta Rassa from 6:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and the Sanibel Boat Ramp from 6:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, June 5 and 6, with information on safe boating and vessel inspections.

Obituary

Fidelia Waite Turner

Fidelia Waite Turner of Fort Myers, Fla., and formerly of East Dennis, Mass.; Tomkins Cove, N.Y.; and Bennington, Vt., passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, May 13, 1993.

Mrs. Turner was educated at Horace Mann School for Girls, Marymount College and the Sorbonne in Paris. She was a former clothing merchandiser with Macy's, McCrery's and Lord and Taylor.

She was married to the late Kenneth William Turner and was the mother of Gail Turner of Brewster, Mass., and Parker Turner of East Dennis, Mass. She was the grandmother of Jessica Turner Spier, also of Brewster.

Mrs. Turner had been a volunteer with FISH (Friends in Service Here), the Sanibel Conservation Center, the Sanibel Library and the Shell Point Gift Shop. Donations in her memory may be made to your library.

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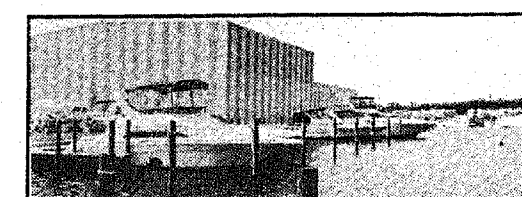
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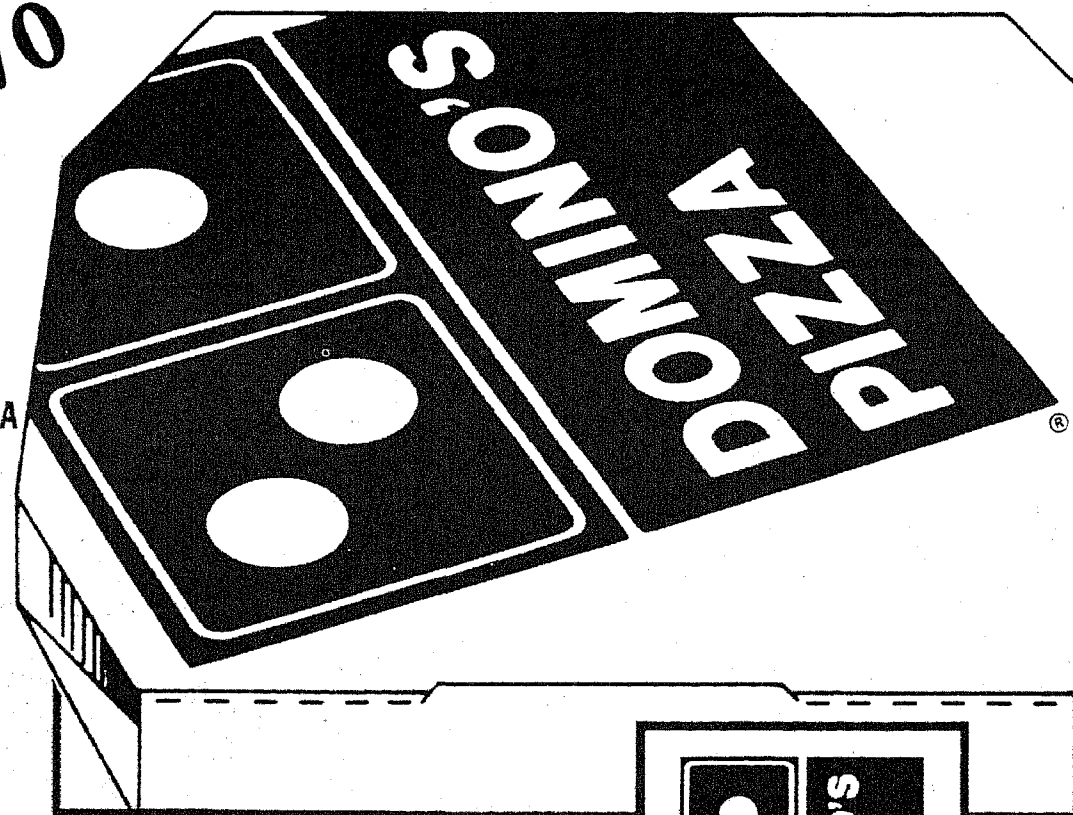
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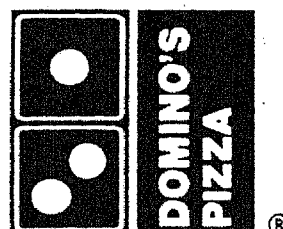


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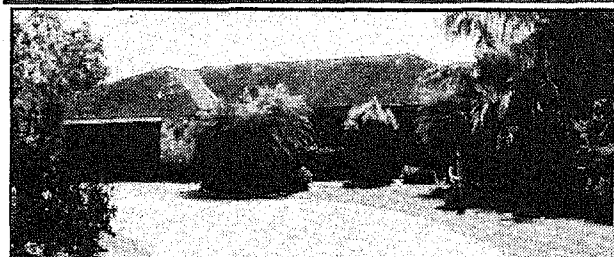
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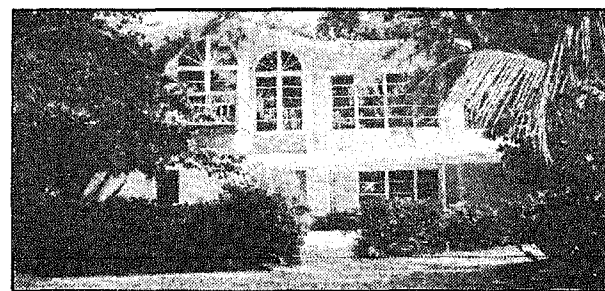
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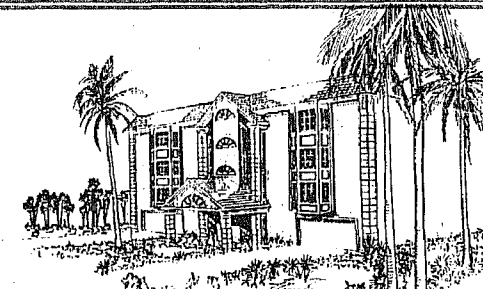
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Commentary

Why I switched from McDonald's to McSPOIL

When the first McSPOIL (McDonald's - Sanibelians Protecting Our Island Life-style) petitions were passed around, I refused to sign. My reasons were entirely pragmatic. I have a 5-year-old whose idea of grand style "going out to dinner" is an evening at McDonald's climbing through multi-colored pipes, diving into brilliant-colored plastic balls and whooping down the slide with a bunch of similar aged kids.

The food is incidental. My daughter's not so much interested in the cheeseburger as the toy that comes along with her "Happy Meal" (God forbid I should order a cheeseburger from the regular menu at half the price — it's the toy she's after).

And it's not so bad for adults, either. As any parent of young kids knows, to get a whole meal out, actually digest one's food and get time for coffee afterwards is nigh on impossible in a restaurant that doesn't have a playground. And their chicken fajita and salad was quite edible. (Certainly, McDonald's at its worst is a whole lot better than fast-food restaurants on the island where the food is inedible, expensive as fast food goes and there's nowhere for the kids to play).

GUEST COMMENTARY

By Wendy McMullen-Humphrey

So in my sloth, I thought the prospect of a two-minute trip to a McDonald's on Periwinkle to spend a summer evening sitting outside watching my daughter play while I sipped coffee rather inviting.

As to the detrimental effects, I considered many of the arguments against McDonald's specious. They come from those not familiar with our city's excellent and stringent codes regarding vegetation buffers, lighting and signs. Unless the Sanibel City Council has changed dramatically since I covered City Hall as a reporter six years ago, Sanibel's development codes will not be bent for this, or any other fast-food merchant.

Also, as a native of England, I had seen McDonald's forced to blend in with the architecture of such lovely old cities as York and Chester and I knew that the city of Sanibel would be equally stringent.

The trash and traffic arguments are not really very strong either. Has anyone bought take-out food from Bailey's recently? Styrofoam containers and a paper bag. (McDonald's has at least stopped using Styrofoam). As for the traffic, no one's going to come to Sanibel just to visit McDonald's. The Shell Museum will generate much more traffic and no one's protesting about that.

No, these arguments simply do not hold water. There is only one valid reason why McDonald's should not be allowed on Sanibel. The vast majority of the residents and visitors simply do not want it. Why?

Ask the question and you'll get such vague answers as: "It doesn't belong on Sanibel," or "It will change our 'quality of life.'"

What does "quality of life" mean? Why doesn't it "belong on Sanibel?" Why can't people define more clearly what they mean?

The reason is because the answers are more mystical than they are material. The argument is a spiritual one. In its position paper, McSPOIL tried to define the words "ambiance" and "character" by listing the reasons why their members moved to Sanibel.

Many of the reasons they gave were the same as those that made me decide I was going to live here forever when I first came to Sanibel in 1984 for two

Please see SWITCHED, page 4C

'Why are those stop signs so high?'

Recently the city of Sanibel's engineer, Gates Castle, provided a report to the City Council outlining the various federal and state standards which guide the city's decisions with regard to traffic control and transportation-related construction projects.

This report contained answers to many questions we all have asked at one time or another. The complete report is available at City Hall, if you are interested, but I have taken excerpts from Gates' report to answer some of the more frequently asked questions.

"Would a stop sign slow traffic on our streets?"

Stop signs installed in the wrong places for the wrong purposes usually create more problems than they solve.

One common misuse of stop signs is to arbitrarily interrupt traffic, either by causing it to stop or by causing such an inconvenience that motorists are forced to use other routes. Studies made in many parts of the country show that there is a high incidence of intentional violations where stop signs are installed as "nuisances" or "speed breakers". These studies showed that speed was reduced in the immediate vicinity of the "nuisance" stop signs. But, speeds were actually higher between intersections than they would have been if these signs hadn't been installed.

At the right place and under the right conditions, a stop sign tells drivers and pedestrians who has the right of way. Nationally recognized standards have been established to determine when stop signs should be used. These standards, or "warrants," take into consideration, among other things, traffic speed and volume, sight distance and the frequency of traffic "gaps" which will allow safe vehicle



FROM THE DESK OF THE CITY MANAGER

By Gary Price

entry or pedestrian crossing.

Most drivers are reasonable and prudent. But, when confronted with unreasonable restrictions, they frequently violate them and develop a general contempt for all traffic controls - often with tragic results.

"Why not lower the speed limit to reduce hazards in our area?"

An unrealistically low speed limit can actually lead to accidents. Here's why:

- First, many studies conducted over several decades in all parts of the country have shown that a driver's speed is influenced more by the appearance of the roadway and the prevailing traffic conditions than it is by the posted speed limit.

- Second, some drivers will obey the lower posted speed while others will feel it's unreasonable and simply ignore it. This disrupts the uniform traffic flow and increases accident potential between the faster and the slower drivers.

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Letters

(Editor's note: The following two letters were "composed and typed" by the children of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Fridley of Atlanta, "after several family discussions around the dinner table.")

Help keep these two islands beautiful

To the editor
The Islander

I am 10 years old, and I live in Atlanta, Ga. This summer will be my 10th summer going to Sanibel and Captiva, so I feel very strongly about not letting McDonald's on Sanibel. I think that if McDonald's is put on the island, Wendy's will want to come, and then Taco Bell and KFC, and pretty soon, every restaurant you can think of will be on Sanibel and Captiva. Next will come all the major hotels and motels. So many people will then start coming that the islands will become overpopulated. They will go from beautiful, luxurious, well-kept secrets to loud, rude, trashy places for those kinds of people. I know nobody on the islands wants that, so please help keep two beautiful islands beautiful, and vote to keep McDonald's off Sanibel.

Tyler Fridley
Atlanta

Just say no!

To the editor
The Islander

I am a 14-year-old girl living in Atlanta and I have been coming to Sanibel and Captiva for nine years (10 this summer). One of the reasons that I love the islands so much is because they are not very commercialized. Living in Atlanta, I eat in McDonald's pretty often. Believe me, it is not that great. In fact, it's not even good. Long lines, severe lack of cleanliness - you get the picture. Take it from me, the Ritz Diner is a million times better.

The islands are supposedly a nice, classy place. The people should be the same. Anyone who has so little class that they would prefer McDonald's to the many wonderful, unique restaurants on Sanibel and Captiva has no business being on the islands in the first place.

I hope to live on Sanibel or Captiva some day. But what kind of place will they be 10, 15, 20 or more years from now? McDonald's will lay the groundwork for very other fast-food chain in the country. After all, what do major corporations love more than a new place to expand into? Nothing. And it doesn't matter to them who or what they hurt in doing so. Businesses such as McDonald's

have helped ruin almost everywhere else in the world. Sanibel and Captiva are rare jewels in the wasteland of our modern Earth. We absolutely cannot allow them to be destroyed.

The fragile habitat of the islands has remained mainly intact for billions of years. Let's keep them that way for the billions to come. So, to the Sanibel Planning Commission, when it comes time to vote on McDonald's, do the right thing, and just say no!

Caroline Fridley
Atlanta

Why do we have to have McDonald's?

(Editor's note: The following letter was accompanied by three newspaper clippings concerning McDonald's.)

To the editor
The Islander

My family and I have been coming to Sanibel for 12 years. We love your island; it's beautiful and unique and different. No street lights, traffic lights, expressways. So why do you have to have a McDonald's restaurant? Please read these three articles, and I hope there will be no McDonald's on Sanibel Island.

Mrs. Pat Sconza
Mt. Prospect, Ill.

Aren't there enough McDonald's restaurants?

To the editor
The Islander

My parents, who know how much my husband and I dearly love Sanibel Island, sent us an article from the Lakeland Ledger discussing the prospects of McDonald's opening a franchise on your lovely barrier island.

As those of you who live on Sanibel already know, life on a barrier island is ever changing. I know that life, as I know it, is ever changing, too; but Mickey D's on Sanibel? Please, this must be a bad dream.

If you've been to Paris, you know that McDonald's has defiled nearly every view of that lovely city.

McDonald's is in the airports, the subways, the theme parks, hospitals, college and high school cafeterias, stadiums. Dear God, please, don't they have enough? Is their

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Having a few people over for Memorial Day? Try this menu

In this area, Memorial Day is the first day of summer. Let's have a few in for supper. The menu is simple but utterly delicious. Start with a Mulligatawany Soup, which should be made the day before so it will "mellow." Serve a nice, hot Italian bread with it. Follow this course with a most unusual beet salad and then a simple fruit dessert.

MULLIGATAWANY SOUP

5 tablespoons butter
1 medium onion, chopped
1 tablespoons curry powder
2 Granny Smith apples, cored, peeled and diced
1 small carrot, trimmed and diced
1 stalk celery, diced
1/2 green bell pepper, cored, seeded and diced
1/3 cup flour
4 cups chicken stock

1 16-ounce can Italian plum tomatoes
1/2 cup long grain white rice
2 teaspoons lemon juice
1 1/2 teaspoons sugar
1 teaspoon ground cloves
1/2 cup heavy cream
2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut in half and diced
Salt and pepper
Parsley minced for garnish

Melt butter in a large, heavy saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion and curry, cook for about 5 minutes or until the onion is soft but not brown. Add the apples, carrots, celery and bell pepper. Cook 5 minutes stirring all the while. Mix in the flour and stir to coat the vegetables thoroughly. Slowly whisk in the stock and the tomatoes with their liquid. Add the rice, lemon, sugar, cloves, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, stir, turn to simmer, cover

and cook 20 minutes. Add the cream and chicken, cook 15 minutes stirring occasionally. Remove from the stove and when it's room temperature, refrigerate. When ready to serve, reheat and cook 10 minutes. Ladle into warm soup bowls and garnish with the parsley. This easily serves 6.

The following salad is most unusual and delectable. The catch is to not use canned beets.

GRATED BEET SALAD

1 1/2 pounds fresh beets, boiled until tender, cooled and peeled
2 tablespoons sesame oil
1 tablespoon safflower oil
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
1 tablespoon caraway seeds
1 tablespoon fresh thyme, minced
1 tablespoons fresh lemon grass, minced (you can use basil)
Salt and pepper
6 leaves loose leaf lettuce
6 plum tomatoes, cored and quartered
Fit the grater blade in your food processor and grate the beets. Place them in a bowl and set aside. In a bowl, mix the rest of the ingredients together except the lettuce and tomatoes. Pour this over the beets and toss. Leave at room temperature. When ready to serve, place the lettuce in a salad bowl and put the beet mix on top, garnish with the quartered tomatoes. This serves 6.

WHAT'S COOKING?

By Bobbie Sharp

STRAWBERRY MOUSSE

2 egg whites
Pinch of salt
1/2 cup sugar
1/3 pound fresh strawberries, hulled
1 cup heavy cream, whipped
Fresh mint leaves for garnish

Beat the egg whites with the salt until they hold soft peaks. Beat in the sugar two tablespoons at a time. Beat until the meringue is stiff and shiny and all the sugar has been absorbed. Puree the berries in a food processor or blender. Fold them into the meringue. Fold the whipped cream into this mix and divide into six sherbert-type glasses. Chill at least 3 hours. Before serving, garnish with the mint leaves. Now if you really want to "gild the lily," put a dash of Framboise or Chambord into the whipped cream. This serves 6.

Bobbie Sharp has been cooking for family and friends for 50 years. She has studied under Chef Tel and Julie Dannenbaum at the Creative Cooking School in Philadelphia. She moved to Sanibel in 1981 from Berwyn, Pa.

Tuesday
May 25, 1993

Environment

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Inflatable rattlesnakes, road kills, rats and live shells discussed

By Steve Ruediger
Islander staff writer

A variety of topics including inflatable rattlesnakes, road kills, rat traps and the possibility of banning the collection of all live shells were discussed at the monthly city of Sanibel Wildlife Committee meeting held Thursday, May 20, at Sanibel City Hall.

The committee began discussions on the possibility of toughening shell laws in order to ban all collecting of live shells on Sanibel. Committee chairman Erick Lindblad said a survey needs to be done to find out the views of the Shell Club, Shell Museum, shell shops, shell guides, people in general on the beach, etc. The discussion will be continued at the June 17 meeting to be held at 1:30 p.m. at Sanibel City Hall.

Currently it is illegal to take more than two live shells per species per day on Sanibel. It is also illegal anywhere in the state for a non-Florida resident to take any live shell without first getting a Florida salt water fishing license.

The wildlife and conservation organization display at the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce will be taken down within a month and done over. It is hoped that each organization represented on it will rewrite its part of it, Lindblad said.

The Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife has been distributing free rat traps. CROW's veterinarian, Dr. John Kubisz, reported to the committee that over 100 traps have been given out. He said his experience is that the following items make the best bait to put in a rat trap: peanut butter, caramel and pepperoni.

The committee is considering resurrecting the past activity of counting road kills on Sanibel. This involves going out very early, before city Public Works employees pick them up, and counting the dead bodies of the assorted creatures that didn't make it across major roads. It was suggested that perhaps Public Works might assist with the survey.

It was reported to the committee that the placement of a long, inflatable imitation rattlesnake on the top of a pool cage had completely eliminated a raccoon problem at an island home.

The inflatable rattlesnakes are available at Wal-Mart. Some committee members were skeptical regarding how long the raccoons would continue to be fooled by the fake snake.

First loggerhead nests found on Sanibel, Captiva

Congratulations Sanibel and Captiva! The first loggerhead sea turtle nests of the 1993 season were found on the two islands on Saturday and Sunday, May 15 and 16, respectively.

According to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, which patrols the beaches looking for nesting loggerheads and monitors the nesting sites, if all goes well, hatchlings from those first nests will emerge and find their way to the water in the dark of night in approximately two months — around mid-July.

Each year, female loggerhead turtles come ashore on the islands depositing 40-180 Ping-Pong ball-sized eggs in nests they dig in the sand. The females may return to nest two or three times during the same season. Adult loggerhead turtles can grow to more than three feet in length and weigh between 250-400 pounds. The big sea turtles nest and the hatchlings emerge from the sand after dark.

Beach-front businesses and residents are asked to keep lights near the beach off or shielded during nesting season, May through October. Artificial light near nesting beaches disorients nesting loggerheads and their hatchlings.

The SCCF urges residents and visitors to leave nesting turtles alone — never shine lights on them or make noises while they are nesting.

For additional information or to report sea turtle disorientations, contact the SCCF at 472-2329 (days) or 851-3296 (after 5 p.m.).



Photo by Kathleen Blase

Skimmer season

It's nesting time of the year again, and the skimmers have reappeared on the Sanibel Causeway. In years past, the odd-looking black and white birds with the short legs and the protruding lower beak nested on the causeway. However, due to interference from beach-goers, the nesting seasons for the birds were not too successful. In more recent years the birds have been lured to more secluded islands in Pine Island Sound. However, each year they reappear on the causeway before, area wildlife experts hope, moving on.

Sanibelians accept Take Pride in Florida awards

By Christopher Strine
Islander editor

Lee County was recognized on Saturday, May 15, at the Take Pride in Florida awards program at Tree Tops Park in Broward County near Fort Lauderdale, and all four local award winners included or involved Sanibel organizations.

Those island groups earning notice during the awards presentation were the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, the J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge, the Island Water Association, Sanibel Elementary School and Visitor's Television (VTV).

The programs honored were the Children's Environmental Education Program, a joint effort of the "Ding" Darling Refuge and Sanibel Elementary to educate

children in grades 1-5 about environmental issues; the "Ding" Darling Refuge's participation in the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest and Conservation Program; the joint SCCF Native Plant Nursery-IWA program to educate people about water conservation and the restoration of wildlife habitat on the islands; and, the SCCF-VTV venture to produce informational programs highlighting local conservation issues for residents and visitors.

Attending the program from Sanibel were Ruth and Warren Deuber of the SCCF and Island Water Association, respectively, Rick Huffines of the "Ding" Darling Refuge and Barbara Lensing, a volunteer at Sanibel Elementary School.

Take Pride in Florida is a state-wide program recognizing those individuals, groups or organizations that promote the environment — educating people about our natural resources and how to best protect and preserve them.

The 1993 Take Pride in Florida awards program was called "A celebration of dedication to the future of Florida." It was sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources and hosted by the Broward County Parks and Recreation Division and the Broward County Board of County Commissioners.

In all 28 counties were recognized.

'Glades restoration under way

Restoration of the Everglades moved a step closer recently with the signing of the final environmental documentation by the acting assistant secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

Dr. G. Edward Dickey signed the record of decision of a \$97 million project which will provide changes in water flows to the Everglades National Park.

"The restoration of the natural hydrologic conditions in the Everglades is moving forward today," Dickey said in a press release from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dated May 12. "We have been working with the Everglades National Park and the South Florida Water Management District on an experimental program to modify the water deliveries to the park. This milestone project will allow us to go a step further toward restoring the Everglades ecosystem by re-routing water through the historic Shark River slough."

Construction of the project includes new water control structures, pump stations and a seepage levee/canal system. With the removal of an existing 10-mile canal and levee, the existing park will be joined with an area of about 107,600 acres in the East Everglades which will be incorporated into the park.



Proudly displaying the awards they accepted at the Take Pride in Florida awards ceremony are, left to right, Ruth Deuber, Warren Deuber, Rick Huffines and Barbara Le-sing.

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Building permits recorded at Sanibel City Hall during the week ending May 21, 1993, included:

\$300,000: Vance and Donna Jola, 2417 Wulferf Road, single-family residence by Carlton-Naumann Construction Inc. (5-19)
 \$24,860: Gayl Ponce, 1237 Seagrave Lane, alteration/remodel by Lake Plaza Custom Homes Inc.
 \$11,340: H. Welles Steane, 375 East Gulf Drive, addition by Lake Plaza Custom Homes Inc. (5-17)
 \$6,000: James Nail, 760 Sextant Drive, shutters by RolSAFE. (5-18)
 \$7,000: Whiff Eagleton, 9097 Mockingbird Lane, shutters by RolSAFE. (5-18)
 \$6,792: Eugene and Rita Skoczen, 1799 Middle Gulf Drive, addition by D.L.A. Residential Development. (5-18)
 \$4,500: Frey & Son Homes, 2303 Troon Court, screen enclosure by Radmer Construction Inc. (5-18)
 \$2,086: John Besilise, 1048 Kings Crown, boat lift by Tropical Marine Construction. (5-18)
 \$1,250: Sanibel Community Association, 2173 Periwinkle Way, sidewalk by Mark McQuade. (5-19)

Deeds recorded at the Lee County Courthouse during the week ending May 8, 1993, for more than \$80,000 included:

\$1,200,000: William C. Bowers and Joanne Kennedy to

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days holiday. I tried to remember my impressions when I visited Sanibel the first time. Here's what I came up with: greenery, unspoiled, imaginative, whimsical and out of the ordinary.

The first two were important, but it was the last three that were the real clinchers. I loved the natural vegetation, but even more I loved the imaginative names of businesses such as "She Sells Sea Shells," "Three Crafty Ladies" and "Shirley's Spirit of Foolishness." I liked the absence of bright lights on Periwinkle and the relaxed low rise resorts with shell driveways, but even more I liked the easy attitudes. I even enjoyed being told at one resort (The Jolly Roger, I think) that "if you need a telephone in your room, you shouldn't be on Sanibel." Crass materialism was absent here. Sanibel was unusual and exciting and I wasn't going to leave.

The people on these islands, I reasoned, are those "who march to a different drummer." They are people who dare to defy the conventional and mediocre to create a community which goes against a prevailing culture of sameness and ordinariness.

I was not mistaken. And I grew to appreciate how difficult that is to achieve in the face of constitutional rights and developers and business people who want to make the most of their investments.

Certainly things on Sanibel have changed. Low rise resorts have largely gone. I'm sure there aren't too many rooms left without telephones and many shell roads have given way to asphalt. But I believe that spirit of unconven-



PERMITS & DEEDS

Stuart O. and Elizabeth G. Smith, parcel in government lot 13, section 3, township 46 S., range 21 E.

\$270,000: The Sanctuary Residential Property and Sanctuary Development Corporation General Partners to Seagrave Development Corporation, lot 48, The Sanctuary at Wulferf Point.

\$236,000: Abby J. Parkerson to John W. and Rebecca N. Krueger, lot 93, Lake Murex.

\$230,000: Phillip R. and Cynthia M. Varian to Pedro P. and Gayl V. Ponce, government lot 3, section 21, township 46 S., range 23 E.

\$208,500: Alan S. Rader and Louise I. Rader to National Investment and Development Corporation, parcel in government lot 1, section 13, township 46 S., range 21 E., Sanibel.

\$202,500: Martin Jr. and Jeannette Hup to James G. Taggart and Joseph C. Archambault, lot 226, Sanibel Bayous II.

\$172,000: Wyman B. Jr. and Anne F. Atkins to D. Patrick and Mary R. Welsh, lot 4-8, block 34, unit 4, Sanibel Gardens.

\$120,000: Jean M. Swanson and Jean M. Swanson Trustee and Jean M. Swanson Trust to Hans Henning Hofeld, lot 1, lot 50, Little Lake Murex.

Condominium sales recorded at the Lee County Courthouse during the week ending May 8, 1993, for more than \$80,000 included:

\$537,500: Martin J. Harrity to Charles A. and Candace G. Haine, unit C302, Beachcomber.

\$375,000: Jack C. and Martha H. Foote to Ellen B. Marshall, apartment 100, Nutmeg Village.

\$300,000: Glenn R. Baker and Dennis A. Guenther to William R. and Pamela S. Murphy, unit 5B, Harbor Cottages.

\$300,000: Charles L. Gleason and Charles L. Gleason Trustee and Martha S. Gleason Trustee and Martha S. Gleason and Gleason Trust to Jon P. and Theresa M. Hendricks, apartment C, building SSS, Sunset South.

\$225,000: Pedro P. and Gayl V. Ponce to Roy A. and Karen M. Mongelli, apartment C, building SS7, Sunset South, Phase II.

\$217,000: Thomas J. and Deborah O. Carpenter to Bruce R. and Sandra A. Wilgins, unit 132, building I, Lighthouse Point.

\$205,000: Thomas E. and Mary Lou Good to Felix and Linda Trombetta, apartment 6-106, The Sundial.

\$80,000: John D. and Betty Chehak to Carol Lyn Boudeman, unit 10-13, Casa Ybel.

McSPOIL. It doesn't belong here. I now believe it will change the nature of islanders and it is because of the people who live here that I want to stay forever.

Well, don't let's do it. Let's force me and others like me over the causeway to the conventional land of "getting and spending" for fast food. Let's go to City Hall at 10:30 a.m. today and join those trying to get drive-through restaurants banned so that McDonald's won't find our island such an attractive investment.

Let's keep the mystique of our island intact.

Wendy McMullen-Humphrey, formerly the editor of The Islander, is a free-lance writer and Realtor on the islands. She has lived on Sanibel nearly nine years.

CONA meeting commentary

At its regular April meeting, the Committee of Neighborhood Associations heard a presentation from Erick Lindblad of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation relative to the city's Surface Water Management Program. The SCCF appears to be taking the position that higher water levels in affected areas will tend to attract more birds and other desirable wildlife, yet the SCCF appears genuinely concerned about several subdivisions in those affected areas that might experience some adverse effects on septic systems and certain landscape foliage. CONA will be keeping an eye on what develops.

CONA's delegates voted to present the City Council with a position paper relative to Below Market Rate Housing. This was presented and read to the City Council at its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 4. In essence, it asked the City Council not to continue increasing other-

wise lower land parcel densities for new BMRH projects, to get a handle on ever-increasing subsidies to Community Housing Resource's BMRH that drive taxes up and to reduce overhead costs. CONA feels that CHR (the management organization for BMRH) should properly only manage BMRH units rather than be involved in a myriad of other activities that drive costs up.

At its regular May meeting, CONA delegates discussed the new sign ordinance, vehicular clutter and what we might do about it, abuse of the sticker lane at the toll booth, the city's employee compensation plan, lack of due process in the property assessment appeal process, free parking at Sanibel beaches, etc.

CONA's delegates and all Sanibel residents are urged to attend Student Government Day in the City Council's chambers on Thursday, May 27, at noon. The kids from Sanibel Elementary always put on a great show as they take over the government of Sanibel.

Lernie Klaudd, the chairman of the Planning Commission, was the guest speaker at CONA's May meeting. He addressed a number of issues certain to be controversial in the year to come. On June 10, Dick Downes (also of the Planning Commission) will be addressing other issues on CONA's agenda.

If you wish to attend as a guest and see what CONA is all about, and what it can do for you, call Jon Liljequist at 472-0805.

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Business Briefs

Island Century 21 to again serve as MDA's 'jail'

An all-points bulletin has been issued to capture individuals in the Sanibel and Captiva island communities for whom arrest warrants have been placed. This is the Muscular Dystrophy Association's second annual "lock-up" sponsored by Century 21-Islands International Realty.

The captives will be picked up, handcuffed and put into the "mock" jail at the Century 21 office on Tarpon Bay Road in Sanibel for one hour between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 10. The only way the captives will be released is to raise their bail on mobile phones, donated by GTE Mobilnet, and then contribute the money to the MDA. Once their bail is raised, they will be escorted back to their place of business in Royal Floridian Limousines.

The money raised from the lock-up will be used to provide services for the patients in Southwest Florida served by MDA.

The event is part of MDA's year-long fund-raising campaign which is spearheaded each year by the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon seen locally on WEVU-TV, channel 7.

Moet & Chandon to celebrate 250th anniversary at South Seas

When South Seas Plantation Resort & Yacht Harbour on Captiva hosts the Eighth Annual Southwest Florida

Wine Fair, June 5-6, one of the wine fair participants will be celebrating a milestone anniversary.

Moet & Chandon of France, the producer of Dom Perignon, one of the top selling champagnes in the U.S., is celebrating its 250th anniversary in 1993.

Widely known since before the days of Napoleon, Moet & Chandon has been producing fine wines since 1743. In fact, before he abdicated the throne, Napoleon bestowed his own officer's cross of the Legion of Honor to Jean-Remy Moet.

During the wine fair at South Seas, Robert Gourdin will be demonstrating Moet's famous champagne fountain - a pyramid built of champagne glasses in which Moet poured over the top flows downward to fill all the glasses.

Included in the package for the wine fair are an alfresco luncheon, wine tasting, reception, winemaker's dinner, a champagne brunch, seminars, panel discussions and the final grand tasting.

For any additional information, call (800) 237-3102.

Century 21: Home sales increase

According to statistics compiled by Century 21 Real Estate of Southern Florida Inc., contract home sales in its Southern Gulf market area were up more than 21 percent during the first four months of 1993, as compared to sales during the same period last year. Further, the firm reported an increase of more than 40 percent in contract sales in April, as compared to contract sales during the same month,

one year ago.

The Century 21 Southern Gulf market area includes the communities of Naples, Fort Myers, Fort Myers Beach, LaBelle, Cape Coral, Bonita Springs, North Fort Myers, Marco Island, Lehigh Acres, Immokalee and Sanibel.

Century 21 Real Estate of Southern Florida Inc. is headquartered in Miami. Closings nationwide rose more than 13 percent through April, as compared to sales during the same period in 1992. There are more than 6,000 Century 21 offices world-wide.

Island post office to collect mail on Memorial Day

In an attempt to improve its service to its customers, the Sanibel Postal Facility will be making a mail collection on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31.

According to Thom Traucht, the post office's supervisor of Customer Services, this special collection will only include the blue collection boxes located throughout the island. Mail in those boxes must be deposited by 2 p.m. on that date.

As an added note, the Sanibel post office always delivers Express Mail on Sundays and holidays. For any additional information, call 472-1655.

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30 Years Ago This Week - May 23, 1963

Dick and Vivian Kearns will host the "last trip" to Punta Rassa and back aboard the Rebel and the Best, two Kinzie Line ferries, next Sunday, the day the Sanibel Causeway opens. The guest list includes many of the island's old-timers, who will enjoy a late breakfast as they say "goodbye" to something we all loved.

25 Years Ago This Week - May 23, 1968

At Bailey's General Store you can buy a 3-pound can of Crisco shortening for 59 cents, a 5-pound bag of sugar for 39 cents, a head of green cabbage for 6 cents a pound, fresh Puerto Rican pineapples for 29 cents and a 10-pound bag of white potatoes for 49 cents.

20 Years Ago This Week - May 24, 1973

About 60 people attended the first meeting last week at the Community House of a new organization called FISH. Sponsored by the churches on both islands, the group will benefit any islander in need of temporary or emergency help.

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greed so pervasive that even Sanibel must be covered with cups and cartons, straws, bags and happy meals?

I can see the osprey nests in "Ding" Darling now - cartons from Big Macs, straws, apple pie boxes and McFish cartons dangling gaily from their already messy but wonderful nests.

Please, no fast food for Sanibel - ever.

Mary. M. Steeb
Lenexa, Kan.

Soon-to-be jailbird makes public plea

To the editor
The Islander

Help ... I'm going to jail June 10. Won't somebody help bail me out? You can help spring me by sending a check in any amount, payable to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, to me at P.O. Box 53, Sanibel. It will help "Jerry's Kids" and they might let me out for doing good time.

Ken Meeker
Sanibel

Something to say?

All letters to the editor for publication in **The Islander** must contain the sender's name, address and telephone upon request of the sender. The right to edit letters is reserved by the editor. Send your letters to:

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• Third, when traffic is traveling at different speeds, the number of breaks in traffic to permit safe crossing is reduced. Pedestrians also have greater difficulty in judging the speed of approaching vehicles.

Florida Statutes, Chapter 316.183, deals with unlawful speed. This law states that "No person shall drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions, and having regard to the actual and potential hazards, then existing."

"Are there guidelines for the proper installation of mailboxes and newspaper delivery boxes?"

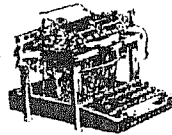
Each year, 70 to 100 people are killed in accidents involving rural mailboxes. Many accident victims that are not killed are often blinded and disfigured for life because mailboxes and their supports penetrate the windshield and hit the victim in the face.

Mailbox owners are limited only by their imagination. Steel tractor wheels, water pumps, milk cans filled with concrete, chains and massive I-beams are a few devices used to support mailboxes. Although such supports may be artistic to some, most are serious roadside hazards to motorists.

In a publication entitled "The Law and Roadside Hazards" sponsored by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, it is stated that "Private individuals and corporations, as well as governmental entities, may be liable for their roles in creating or maintaining highway hazards."

The use of massive, rigid mailbox supports such as bricks around the mailbox, heavy metal posts, concrete posts and items of farm equipment, such as milk cans filled with concrete, must not be used.

In Florida, uniform minimum standards and criteria from the design construction and maintenance of all public streets is presented in the "Manual of Uniform Minimum Standards for Design, Construction and Maintenance for Streets and Highways." This publication, referred to as the "Green Book", developed by the Florida Department of

**REMEMBER WHEN?****15 Years Ago This Week - May 23, 1978**

In action by the City Council this week, Clarence Rutland's house on Periwinkle Way was added to the list of historic sites and structures on Sanibel Island. Residents would like to see the Rutland home eventually turned into a museum in tribute to the pioneering families who first developed the island.

10 Years Ago This Week - May 24, 1983

The city has put the mechanism in place for a Below Market Rate Housing program which would provide affordable housing to island workers. Now the city will take the first step toward implementation by negotiating with one or more non-profit housing foundations about administration of the project.

5 Years Ago This Week - May 24, 1988

The City Council passed a resolution urging Lee County commissioners to approve zoning changes that would cut the density allowances in half for the area south of Summerlin Road, between the Sanibel Causeway and Gladiolus Drive. The changes were originally proposed by Committee of the Island members Bruce Lalor and Daphne Miller. They say less development would provide for a hassle-free trip if evacuation were necessary.

1 Year Ago This Week - May 26, 1992

City employees strongly and openly criticized the recommendations made by the HayGroup, the consulting firm hired to examine and to suggest changes in the way the city compensates its workers. The employees don't like the way the study was conducted and they dispute the results. Councilman Francis Bailey wanted to throw out the entire \$30,000 study, calling it "wasted money," and Councilman Mark Westall said he was close to going along with that idea.



Photo by Christopher Strine

Adorable adoptables

Three tiny kittens are currently available for adoption through PAWS, the island organization that finds homes for feral cats on Sanibel. The kittens were found at Compass Pointe condominiums and it is believed they had been handled too much by humans, so their mother abandoned them. PAWS, specifically Elaine Adler, came to the rescue. The kittens, who were so small when they were found they had to be hand fed for almost three weeks by Elaine, are now on solid food and ready for adoption. Holding the kittens are Elaine's daughters, Carly, left, and Shelley. Those interested in giving the kittens a good home can call the Adlers at 472-9198.

Chapter 316, which deals with the "State Uniform Traffic Control".

Florida Statutes, Chapter 316.187, authorizes the Florida Department of Transportation to set maximum and minimum speed limits for travel on the roadways under its authority as it deems safe and advisable, not to exceed 55 miles per hour or 65 mph on certain designated segments of interstate highways.

Florida Statutes, Chapter 316.189, presents the authority for establishment of municipal and county speed zones maintained by these agencies. This section indicates that the maximum speed on any municipal or county maintained road is 30 mph. However, the municipality or county may set speed zones altering such speeds, both as to maximum and minimum after investigation determines such a change is reasonable and in conformity with the criteria established by the FDOT.

Traffic engineers throughout the country use the normal driver's speed as a guide in setting speed limits since most drivers tend to regulate their own speed according to traffic, road and weather conditions.

For a speed limit to be effective, at least 85 percent of the drivers must voluntarily comply with the law. It is important to remember that the speed regulation informs the driver of the limits in which one can safely operate a vehicle under normal circumstances and within which the driver can be expected to react safely. Setting speed limits at appropriate levels will create a reasonable uniform flow of traffic, discourage violation of the law and help keep streets and highways safe.

If you would like to review the report, or further discuss a particular point, please feel free to call City Hall at 472-4135.

Sanibel City Manager Gary A. Price periodically addresses issues of interest to the community and submits his commentaries to The Islander for publication.

Transportation, states that guidelines for the location of mailboxes and the types of support are given in the AASH-TO publication "A Guide for Erecting Mailboxes on Highways - 1984". The "Green Book" also states that Geometric Design Objective #6 is to: "Provide a hazard-free environment that is 'forgiving' to a vehicle that has badly deviated from the travel path or is out of control."

Why are those stop signs so high?"

In Florida, as in most states, the standard for signs, signals and pavement markings is the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices". This publication by the U.S. Department of Transportation serves as the standard for the installation of all traffic control devices.

The MUTCD indicates that "in business, commercial and residential districts where parking and/or pedestrian movement is likely to occur or where there are other obstructions to view, the clearance to the bottom of the sign shall be at least 7 feet. ... Signs erected at the side of the road in rural districts shall be mounted at a height of at least 5 feet, measured from the bottom of the sign to the near edge of the pavement."

One major reason is the improved visibility that results. In urban areas, parked cars and other obstructions often obscure signs that are too low. Also, pedestrians are not likely to collide with properly mounted signs under conditions of reduced visibility (darkness). In rural areas, bushes and even weeds can block signs that are installed too low.

Another reason for installing signs high enough is the improved condition and life of the sign. A sign seven feet above the ground is less susceptible to vandalism. It is also less likely to be sprayed with dirt from passing cars. And finally, signs mounted at their correct height have been found to command more respect than those that are too low.

"How are speed limits established?"

In Florida, speed limits are set by Florida Statutes,