

....Student Division, self-collected, Sanibel-Captiva, first place to Terry Shireman, age 12. Terry also received the Mary Cunningham Memorial Award for the outstanding exhibit in Division A, Class 1. (photography by photo-sanibel, inc.)

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FIRST PLACE WINNERS: Top left, Scientific, one small family or subfamily, Dr. Rowland Zeigler, olives. Top center, Artistic, gift items, Joseph Zaccaria. Top right, Artistic, tray and table arrangements, Virginia Ellis, Bottom left, Scientific, one species, Codman Hislop. Bottom center, Self-Collected, miniature or juvenile, Robert Rodrigue II. Bottom right, Scientific, Florida shells, Archie L. Jones. (photography by photo-sanibel, inc.)

ISLANDER JOINS OGDEN NEWSPAPER GROUP

The Sanibel Captiva Islander is joining The Breeze Corporation of Cape Coral, Virginia and Duff Brown announced today.

The Islander, a joint venture of Barrett and Adelaide Brown and Duff and Virginia Brown, began its 15 years of publication in November, 1961.

"We literally fell in love with Sanibel when we drove off the ferry on New Year's Day, 1960," said Virginia. "We saw a need for an Island newspaper for Islanders, and were able to get on with our dreams by the end of the year.

"We had faith in the Islands and were quite willing to invest our time so that we would grow as the Islands grew.

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"We are pleased to join the Breeze
Corporation, in much the same way
proud parents are pleased when their
daughter gets married to a wonderful
guy. We are convinced this action will
result in an even better paper for our
growing community."

Breeze Publisher, Fred J. Cull, speaking for the new owners, said his firm is pleased to have been selected as the new owner of the Islander.

The Breeze is a member of the Ogden newspaper group.

"We believe in strong, active, community minded and locally edited news to participate and take leading rolls in civic and community projects."

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"We hope to present balanced and complete news coverage of Sanibel and Captive Islands", he said. "The Islander will continue to be a force for progress and leadership in the community. At the same time, our columns—are open to those who wish to express their opinions."

Ogden Newspapers, Inc. publish 11 daily newspapers in West Virginia, New York, Iowa and Missouri, with headquarters in Wheeling, West Virginia. Pounded in 1890 by H.C. Ogden, the company is owned by the Ogden family and includes the Wheeling News Register; the Intelligencer; The Parkersburg News and Parkersburg Sentinel in Parkersburg, West Virginia; The Elkins Inter-Mountain in Elkins, West Virginia; the Evening Journal in Martinsburg, West Virginia; West Virginia; West Virginia;

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In New York State, the Ogden group owns the Post Journal in Jamestown and The Evening Star in Peekskill. Iowa papers include the Fort Dodge Messenger in Fart Dodge and the Daily Freeman Journal in Webster City. The company also owns The Banner News in St. Charles, Missouri.

Ogden Newspapers purchased The Cape Coral Breeze, then a weekly newspaper, in February last year. The Breeze now serves Cape Coral twice weekly.



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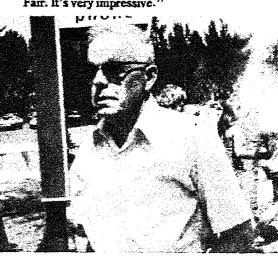
and what's your favorite exhibit?



Mary Davis - Ann Arbor, Mich. "My favorite exhibit is the pelican. It's too crowded inside to enjoy anything. I like the crabs and the live things better than the dead ones. The fair has inspired me to come back to Sanibel and become a conchologist."



Charles Snead - Richmond, VA. "I just got here, but I think the most interesting thing I've seen is the live exhibit. This is the first time I've seen the Fair. It's very impressive.'



Harold Dukelow - Blenheim, Ont. "Oh, it's the first time I've been here and I think it's quite an exhibit. I like the designs made out of shells. They're all good, but those are artistic.'



Mrs. Howard Oberlin - Ft. Myers "I think it's wonderful. My favorite exhibit is the cones because I'm a cone collector. But it's all beautiful. They've got some amazing shells there."



Rita Coyle - Sanibel "I think this is probably the best fair we've ever had. And my favorite exhibit is my daughter's exhibit in the student division."



J. R. Black, - Ft. Myers "Well, I like that cone of Bill Bledsoe's --that's my favorite. And I think the shell show is wonderful. It's one of the nicest in the state. I go to all of them."

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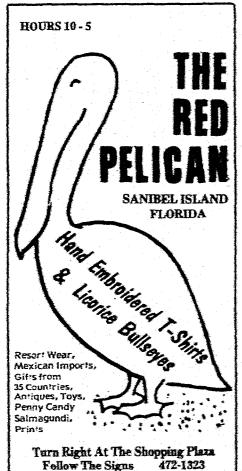
Mrs. JOHN MINARCIN, JR. of Rossford, OH, frequent visitor to the Island and an avid sheller, drove 1300 miles to see her first Shell Fair. She had an additional thrill of finding a perfect 4" junonia shell by the steamboat.

KARL and SOPHIE ROLLINS from Canton, OH, enjoyed Sanibel and Periwinkle Park. They were sorry to leave, but were planning to visit the Keys.

Dr. JOHN and SADIE PETRALI visited CHARLES and ANN KRAUS in Tahiti Shores. Camping is a new adventure for the Petralis. Shelling is new and exciting. They are from Edgewood, MD.

ISLAND INN

Guests at Island Inn are Mr. & Mrs. Morton White of Allentown, PA; Mr. and Mrs. Porter Ellis of Dallas, TX; Mrs. V. A. Carretta and son from Beverly, NJ; Dr. & Mrs. Howard Lee and Mrs. Woodlock, Milwaukee, WI; Mr. Robert Stouten and Mr. & Mrs. William Nichols of Grand Rapids, MI; Mrs. John Sherman, Hinsdale, IL; Dr. & Mrs. Harry Amock, Beverly, NJ; Mrs. E. Page Allinson and daughters, West Chester, PA; the C. V. Carlstrands of Chicago, IL; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Nelson of Alexandria, VA; and from Louisville, KY, Mrs. William Wolfe and Dr. Joan Hale.



Mrs. I. HISON of Ancaster, Ontario, was the winner of the first place round shell table at this year's Shell Fair. DAVID BUNTING of Boca Raton (well, at least that's in the state) won the second table.

EDWARD and KAREN QUINLAN said, "We are from Buffalo, NY. This is our first visit to Sanibel. We like it."

MILTON and FRANCES BUCHANAN are from Waynesboro, PA. They enjoy everything in Florida. The people are unhurried and the pace is slow.

"Fishing has been great!" say RITA dn ED MARGERUM from Louisville, KY, and BEITY HORTON from Ormond Beach.

"We're retired and we enjoy it so much down here that we've coming for 7 years," say JOSEPH and CLAIRE LEITNER from Morristown, NJ.

PLANNING COMMISSION TO MEET

The Sanibel Planning Commission will hold a meeting, to which the public is invited, at 9:30 a.m. on March 14 at City Hall.

The purpose of this meeting is to further review proposals made by planning consultants for the master land use plan.

NO MORE DANCING

The Sunday night square dances at the Sanibel Community House have been discontinued until further notice.

THE COLONY

Out-of-state guests this week at The Colony include Dr. & Mrs. Lincoln Scott and family from Chapel Hill, NC; Miss Jane M. Allen of Glenview, KY; Mr. John A. Prall of Cincinnati, OH; the Joseph Frosts of Linden, MI; Mrs. Robert Schneebeck and Mr. & Mrs. David Noffsinger of Cincinnati, OH; the Walter Cherrys of Winnetka, IL; the Peter Mazurs of Oak Ridge, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Rex Howell of Grand Junction, CO; Mr. & Mrs. George O'Bryan of Edina, MN; Dr. & Mrs. John M. Sawyer of Franklin, OH; and Mrs. Katherine Powell and niece of New York City, NY.

Also here are Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Ranh of Cincinnati, OH; Dr. & Mrs. Ronald Cron of Milwaukee, WI; Mr. Richard T. Secor and family of Toledo, OH; the A. W. Van Leers of Chevy Chase, MD; the M. Sporers of Haddonfield, NJ; Mr. & Mrs. R. S. Mason of Princeton, NY; the Louis Friedmans of Canton, CN; the John Scanlons of Garden City, SC; Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Kubat of Clarendon Hills, IL; Mr. John Horning and family of Alliance, OH; and Mrs. Margaret S. Higgins of Palmyra, NJ.

Florida guests this week are Dr. & Mrs. J. L. Boatright of Hollywood.

Mrs. E. F. Hinkle of Wilmette, IL, has been visiting Mr. & Mrs. S. F. Hinkle of Hershey, PA, and thoroughly enjoyed the weather and her stay.

BUILDING FUND INCREASED

The 1975 Shell Fair grossed a total of \$11,450 this year, which will be applied to the Sanibel Community Association's building fund, according to Dan Moore, treasurer.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

It seems to be an accepted theory that the media influences our thinking beyond giving us "just the facts." Does the media channel our opinions on politics? Media and Politics, Cause or Effect is the title of an address by Barbara Allen, vivacious and articulate newscaster for WBBH TV. Miss Allen has accepted an invitation to the annual meeting of the Lee County League of Women Voters Tuesday, March 18, 1975 at Smitty's Beef Room. The luncheon is planned for 1 p.m. with a happy hour to precede.

This is a great opportunity to meet and hear Miss Allen and enjoy good food. As usual, the League invites and welcomes not only members but anyone interested in the topic.

Reservations must be made no later than March 15, 1975 to Mrs. Bobbie Kemper, 224 S. E. 43rd Terrace, Cape Coral, FL 33904. Cost is \$3.00. Checks should be made payable to Smitty's Beef Room.

FT. MYERS-LEE COUNTY CofC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Fort Myers-Lee County Chamber of Commerce, Inc., Board of Directors meeting will be held Thursday, March 20 at 12 noon at the Hall of 50 States, Edwards Drive, Ft. Myers. The menu includes chopped steak with Spanish sauce and the price is \$3.50.

Please note: Food will not be provided for you unless you phone in your reservation to 334-1133 no later than 12 noon, Wednesday, March 19.

"UP WITH PEOPLE" CAST MEMBER'S WATCH LOST

The "Up With People" group was in our city on the 11th and 12th of January. While they were here, a member of the cast, Susan Davies, lost her watch. Location is uncertain, but we do have a description of it. It's a Bulova Caravelle watch, with the inscription on the back, A' Ma Soeur (To My Sister). If anyone has any information regarding this, please, please write to the owner, Susan Davies, 376 Schindler Drive, Kimberly, Wis. 54136.

TRUMP OUT CANCER

The local Cape Coral Chapter of the ACBL will be sponsoring a "Trump Out Cancer" tournament this Friday, March 14, beginning at 8:15 p.m. at the Cape Coral Bridge Club Center on Del Prado Ave.

For further information and reservations, please call Adelle or Bob Osman, 542-3798 or 542-0029.

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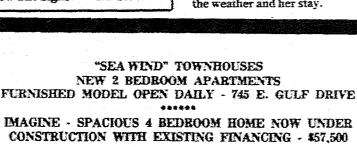
The 21st renewal of the nation's oldest automobile endurance race — the 12 Hours of Sebring — has gained new stature with its 1975 running set for March 22nd. The largest field of sleek and thundering racing cars in years is expected.

Frank Cipelle, Sebring General Manager, views this "Annual Spring Rite of Youth" as "the new wave in automobile racing." He continued, "This year's race is a challenge between the best European and American cars as in years past, but there is one important difference. These are the same type of racing machines which will be racing for the 1976 World Manufacturers' Championship and racing fans will have the chance to preview st Sebring just what these Ferraras, BMWs, Porsches, Corvettes and Camaros can do."

The 12 Hours of Sebring, over a 5.2-mile airport course at this mid-Florida community, has traditionally provided the setting for the very best in sports car action. This year, such international stars as Grand Prix driver Ronnie Peterson; long-distance champion, Brian Redman of England; German Champion, Hans Stuck and Mexican Champion, Guillermo Rojas are expected to compete. They will be facing such American stars as Peter Gregg, Hurley Haywood, Sam Posey, John Greenwood, Al Holbert and George Dyer.

Gregg and Haywood are expected to be the focus of the race as they will be after a fourth straight victory in major American endurance competition. They have won the last two 24 Hours of Daytona and the last 12 Hours of Sebring. But, with new engines for the BMWs and the blinding speed of the Corvettes over this, the nation's longest racing circuit, the nimble Porsches will have their work cut out for them.

More than \$50,000 in prize money has been posted for the two days of racing action which begins on Friday, March 21 with the 1:30 PM Robert Bosch Gold Cup Race for SuperVees to be followed by the 3-Hour Goodrich Radial Challenge Race. Then, at 10 AM, Saturday, March 22nd, the second round in the Camel GT Challenge Series, the 21st. Annual 12 Hours of Sebring.



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PLEASE LOCK UP!

Nothing ever stays the same and we unfortunately have to report that that applies to the crime rate on Sanibel and Captiva. According to Mrs. Carla Blackburn of the Lee County Sheriff's Department, there have been at least 12 reported major thefts on the Islands since December 1, 1974. We use the word "reported" since, for reasons of their own, many businesses and home owners do not wish to report break-ins.

Now, this number may seem paltry compared to "big city" crime rates, but when one considers that the "loss" of a wallet out of a car in front of the old Casa Ybel about 10 years ago brought forth two fainting spells and a number of remarks about "My heavens, NO ONE on the Islands would ever do a thing like that!" (As it so happened, no one had. The wallet in question had been left at home.) the number is frightening. PLEASE lock your doors, inform your neighbors you are leaving, and arrange for regular security checks for your own protection.

True, Sanibel and Captiva are an Eden, but even in the original Eden there was a very not-ok unsavory being. As Police Chief John Butler told us, "The community is changing. Residents and visitors should be made aware that extra precautions must be taken to insure the safety of their belongings, especially when we have such a large transient population,"

Which brings to mind a discussion we had last weekend with a prominent Sanibel businessman.

"Why, you know that a few years ago, you could go off and leave your rod and reel, shoes and bait on the dock and the only reason anyone would take them was because they'd say 'Gee, it's gonna rain, and I'd better take it home so it won't get wet and Ginni should know better than to leave her stuff here where it would get rained on anyway' and then they'd say 'Hey, I got your stuff at my house; come on over and pick it up," " he said. "Now, I maintain, you can leave your fishing rod on the dock, back off from it keeping your eyes on it all the time, reach in your car for your bait and perhaps momentarily taking your eyes from it, or even if you don't take your eyes off it, by the time you get back on the dock it will be gone.'

Which is sad but true. The blame cannot be laid at the feet of the Lee County's Sheriff's Department, or Sanibel's budding new police force. The blame, if any, must be taken by those of us who still trust all the people who visit our islands, and to the undesirable element who are attracted to a community such as ours, where we have the reputation of honesty and openess.

This is not to say that all our visitors are unwelcome. It is just to say (with a great deal of sadness) lock your doors, don't leave ANYTHING in your car, even in the trunk, and be careful. What with official and unofficial tallies of thousands of dollars in cash and jewelry being stolen in the past few weeks—and, to really top it off, a tent from last week's shell fair grounds, please don't think "Oh, it can't happen to ME."

It can.

First aid instructor, Mrs. Anne Stafford, RN, has volunteered to pilot a Red Cross First Aid and Personal Safety Course in sign language assisted by Mr. Russell Graham. The class dates will be set up as soon as enough people express an interest in the program.

Mrs. Stafford is the head nurse in the Girl's Infirmary at Sunland Training Center, Fort Myers, and Mr. Graham is a counselor with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, State of Florida.

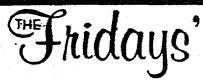
Interested persons may register by writing Lee County Chapter, American Red Cross, P.O. Box 1706, Ft. Myers, Ft. 33902, or having someone phone the office.

At Pirate Playhouse This Weekend . . .

In this picture it looks like chimney sweeps have all the fun in "Brush With a Body." Philip Hunter, here, is coaching the two sisters, Cynthia (Elaine Patton) and Sarah Walling (Kristine Choate) in this delightful play at the Pirate Playhouse while Sheila D'Arcy (Margaret Krueger) and Inspector Harding (Bill Krueger) look on.

The group is joined by actors John Asp, Don and Ginny Bissell, John Choate, Beth Rizzo and Ruth Hunter to give your a snapping performance of the Hunters London import, "Brush With A Body" which plays this weekend, Saturday, March 15 and Sunday, March 16 at the Island's delightful area theater on Periwinkle Way. Curtain, 8:15, box office, 472-2121.





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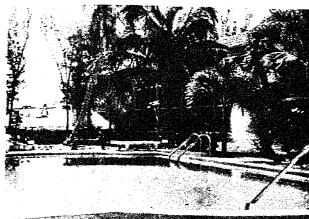
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The Barn Theatre, Fort Myers' own professional dinner theatre, will premiere its production of the Broadway musical, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," on Wednesday, March 12. Produced by Theatre Guild Productions, Inc., this zany and madcap evening of theatre is guaranteed to delight audiences and bring another round of applause for this professional theatre troupe.

A Tony award winner for Best Musical, forum concerns the conivings of a certain Roman slave to achieve his freedom. His young master promises the slave his freedom if he can obtain for him the attentions of the beautiful young maiden, Philia. In the mounting confusion of this side-splitting story, musical numbers and the comedy onstage combine to make a merry and mirthful show.

The professional resident company

The production staff of the Barn Theatre has included a special matinee performance of Forum and a cocktail party after for an invited guest list of over 125 members of the news media and friends of the theatre. In an effort to better interest area performing arts buffs, the management of the Barn is anxious to further acquaint newspeople with their accomplishments and the

Forum is scheduled to run through

Hosts Bill and Jackie Jensen encourage theatre parties and special rates are available for groups. Call 481-1972 for more information concerning the Barn Theatre production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to

of The Barn Theatre will combine their talents with those of area residents to complete the cast of Forum and rehearsals are underway at the Ban Theatre on Iona Road now in anticipation of the March opening.

professional staff of the theatre.

the end of March at the Barn. Not only is professional theatre the fare at the Barn, but area residents can be treated to delicious buffet dinners also, catered by the Sweden House. Wednesday night is show-only night, with reservations requested for Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings for dinner.





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MOZART OPERA 'COSI-FAN-TUTTE' TO BE PRESENTED AT EXHIBITION HALL

The Fort Myers Symphony Orchestra and Opera Association will present the Mozart opera 'Cosi-Fan-Tutte' at Exhibition Hall on Saturday, March 15, 1975 at 8 p.m.

Cosi-Fan-Tutte, (or Women Are Like That) is a delightful comic opera with sparkling music set in 18th century Naples, Italy. The opera will be sung in English and contains a great deal of spoken dialogue of fast repartee with more ensembles than solos. 'Women Are Like That' epitomizes opera buffa.

Jerald Reynolds, lyric baritone, will head the cast of signers and act as stage director for the production. Others include Dan Radebaugh, baritone, a native of Chicago, received the bulk of his education in Tampa at the University of South Florida; Luther Bonsal, tenor, is a member of the Chautaqua Opera Co. in New York and is at present a tenor with the San Carlo Opera Co. in Tampa, FL; Mary Jane Matheny, soprano, received her B.A. and M.M. degrees from the University of South Florida; Mary Ann Henke, soprano, is originally from New York where she was a member of the Brooklyn Lyric Opera; Lucretia Vallette, mezzo-soprano, studied voice in New York City with Marienka Michna and John Fiorito.

Mrs. Virgina Burr is Coordinating Producer for this fully staged production. Set and costumes were designed by Robert Styanger. Costumes were executed by Lillian Gerdes. Chorus Master is Lyle Danielson. Stage Manager is Ollie Smith. In addition to numerous volunteers helping with the production, there will be a chorus of 18 members. The Fort Myers Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Arlo Deibler, will make up a representative Mozart Chamber Orchestra of 18 members.

By special arrangement, the dress rehearsal on Friday, March 14, will be attended by students from the area schools.

Tickets are available at the First Federal Savings & Loan of Fort Myers offices in the area and may also be purchased at the door the night of the performance. Adult Tickets are \$5.50 and student tickets are \$3.00.

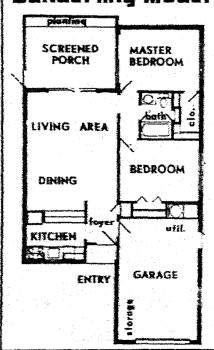
EMPHYSEMA ANONYMOUS INC.

The James O. Winch Chapter of Emphysema Anonymous, Inc. will have their next meeting on March 15, 1975 at 2:00 in the West Room of the cafeteria at Lee Memorial Hospital.

The program will be open to the public. Anyone interested in the work of helping those afflicted with emphysema through education, encouragement and mutual assistance is cordially invited.

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LAST CALL FOR GALA BENEFIT

As announced repeatedly, the gala benefit for the Building Fund of the Sanibel Community Association will be held this week on the evenings of Friday, March 14 and Saturday, March 15 at 8 p.m. in the Sanibel Community House.

The event promises to be one of the highlights of the current season, and it is expected that both performances will attract very fine audiences, as advance sales have been excellent.

For many new residents of our islands and visitors, this will be their first opportunity to see one of Marion Hutton's unusual and fascinating "photoverse" programs, which will feature all his new compositions, never shown before here or elsewhere. Hutton's original technique, blending the beauty of his wildlife color slides with a poetic commentary, has won him national recognition in the field of natural history and conservation before audiences in New York, Washington and 31 Florida cities. On this occasion those attending will also be contributing to a very worthy cause, particularly timely because it will hasten the day when Sanibel had an auditorium and other facilities, badly needed to satisfy the growing needs of our community.

We are informed that tickets, priced at \$5 per person, are still available from the ladies of the committee of which Mrs. Porter Goss is chairman, and will also be on sale at show time on Friday and Saturday evenings.



Mrs. Madeline Zaremba from Middlesex, N.J., caught this 14" live trout at Tarpon Bay Beac h with her bare hands while shelling.



Bill Lippincock from Maryland caught several trout, one weighing 4½ pounds. He was fishing at the Causeway using light tackle and "educated" shrimp from the Real Eel. Sat. he tried again. A 5 lb. pompano and at least a 6 lb. trout was caught. "Keep on educating those shrimp, Skip" he said as he and his wife drove away.

City Council Notes

At Tuesday morning's Sanibel City Council meeting, members appointed George Tenney to the Planning Commission to replace Malcolm Beattie, who declined his earlier appointment.

They also discussed the adoption of five construction and building codes for the new city. Action was deferred until 9:15 a.m. next Tuesday, at which time a public hearing will be held. Any codes have to be adopted by April 28 to retain the Federal flood insurance protection.

Dale Barstow of the Municipal Code Corporation of Tallahassee presented information to council members on the mechancis of codifying the city ordin-

City Attorney Roger Barres reported that he had made an agreement with Lee County Attorney James Humphrey to instruct the County's Building Dept. not to issue any extensions on any existing building permits on Sanibel. Within the year, all building on Sanibel will be under the jurisdiction of the City Council.



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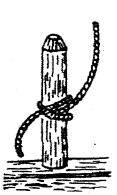
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The Mary Cunningham Memorial Award for the outstanding exhibit in Division A, Class 1 (Elementary School category, Self-Collected Sanibel-Captiva shells) to: Terry Shireman, age 12, of Fort Myers,

The City of Sanibel Trophy for the Best Shell of the Show awarded to: William Bledsoe, Los Angeles, for his Festilyria festiva Lamarck, from the Arabian Sea.

A. STUDENT DIVISION

- Class:
 1. Elementary School Student: Self-Collected, Sanibel-Captiva. 1st) Terry Shireman, age 12. 2nd) Chad Shireman, age 9. 3rd) Blanche Bertolami, age 9. HM) Courtney Ann Coyle, age 8, and HM) Kendra Pinsker, age 8.
- 2. Elementary School Student: Any Source. 1st) none. 2nd) Mark Hyett, age 8.
- 3. High School Student: Self-Collected, Sanibel-Captiva. Sanibel Community Assn. Trophy and Blue Ribbon to 1st) none. 2nd) Marie Denise Hernandez, age 16.
- 4. High School Student: Any Source. 1st) Scott S. Trammell, age 17. 2nd) Tammy Shireman, age 14. 3rd) Marie Denise Hernandez, age 16. HM) Keith Roberts, age 14.

B. SELF-COLLECTED DIVISION Class:

- 1. Adult Beginner (less than 2 years): Sanibel-Captiva Shells. Sanibel Community Assn. Gold Cup and Blue Ribbon to: 1st) Nellie Mattingly. 2nd) Helen L. Jans.
- 2. Adult Experienced (more than years): Sanibel-Captiva Shells. Sanibel Community Assn. Trophy and Blue Ribbon to: 1st) Robert Rodrigue (I. 2nd) Howard T. Sexauer, 3rd) Catherine Oakley Lucas.
- and-or Juvenile; 3. Miniature Sanibel-Captiva Shells (No shell exceeding 1 inch). Sanibel Community Assn. Trophy and Blue Ribbon to: 1st) Robert Rodrigue II. 2nd) none. 3rd) Jayne Grossman.
- 4. Beautiful Shells, beautifully arranged: Sanibel-Captiva. Sanibel Community Assn. Trophy and Blue Ribben to: 1st) Vallere L. Burt. 2nd) Amy Meyer, 3rd) Louise B. Hutsell. HM) Dr. and Mrs. John Z. McFarland.

C. SCIENTIFIC DIVISION ANY SOURCE

Class

- 1. Miniature and-or Juvenile (No shell exceeding 1 in.). 1st) Gladys Rodrigue: 2nd) Reva M. Denson
- 2. Florida Shells. 1st) Archie L Jones, 2nd) Donald K. Moody, Jr. 3rd) William H. Shaw.
- 3. One area excepting Florida (One country, state or locality). Ist) Rose & Gerrit DeGraaff. 2nd) Iola Fae Muller. 3rd) Gerfrude H. Moller. HM) Harold Shireman.
- 4. World-wide. NO ENTRIES IN THIS CLASS.
- 5. One large family or subfamily.
 1st) Eugenia Wright. 2nd) C.G.
 Bennett. 3rd) Leonell C. Strong.
 HM) Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Campbell.
- 6. One small family or subfamily (Needing not more than 2' x 5' for entire exhibit). 1st) Dr. Rowland Zeigler.
- 7. Rare Shells (A display consisting entirely of rare shells).
 NO ENTRIES IN THIS CLASS.
- 3. One genus or sub-genus. Isti William Bledsce. 2nd) Helene Eker.
- 7. One species (To show color, form or growth). 1st) Codman Hislop, 2nd) Mary A. Armstrong. 3rd) Myra Scribner.
 10. Educational (Exhibit in-
- tended primarily to teach). 1st) saise Hernandez, 2nd) W.L. Weiler, 3rd) Myra Scribner.
- 11. Beautiful Shells, beautifully arranged (Labeling Optional). 1st) Gladys Rodrigue, 2nd) Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Campbell. 3rd) William Bledsce, HM) David R. and Judy Dwyer, HM) Margaret G. Jones.
 - D. ANOMALIES DIVISION
- Class: 1. Marine Fossii Shelis. Ist) None, 2nd) Marion T. Kohn, 3rd) Helen VanderSchaaff.
- 2. Unusual Specimens. 1st) None. 2nd) Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. MUTORY.
- 3. Sea Life Other Than Shells (Plants, animals, coral, etc. NO AWARDS IN THIS CLASS.
- E. SHELL OF SHOW DIVISION -- ---- timited in one shell.

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F. ARTISTIC DIVISION

1. Shell Tables, 1st) Dr. and Mrs. John Z. McFarland. 2nd) Phyllis Mount, 3rd) Charlene E. McMurphy.

- 2. Trays and arrangements primarily for use on tables. 1st) Virginia R. Ellis. 2nd) Henry P. Szatinski, 3rd) Dr. and Mrs. John Z. McFarland, HM) Ethel Reynolds.
- 3. Flowers, singly or in containers. 1st) Vallere L. Burt. 2nd) Audrey S. Ritchie. 3rd) Myrtle Weinstein. HM) Vivian Mills. HM) Mary Telesmanich.
- 4. Pictures (Open), 1st) Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worman, 2nd) Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worman. 3rd) Mrs. Marion Webb.
- 8. Antiques (Shells on marine life). 1st) Audrey S. Ritchie. 2nd) Viccinia I. Kildow, 3rd. Mrs. Miona Mackey.
- 9. Items other than shells (Such as scales and hones!, 1st) None, 2nd) 3rd. None. HM) Vegliante.
- G. COMMERCIAL DEALERS DIVISION SCIENTIFIC
- 1. Florida Shells. NO EXHIBITS IN THIS CLASS. 2. World-wide shells. 1st) Elsie
- Malane. 3. One Family, NO EXHIBITS. 4. One Area (Other than Florida).
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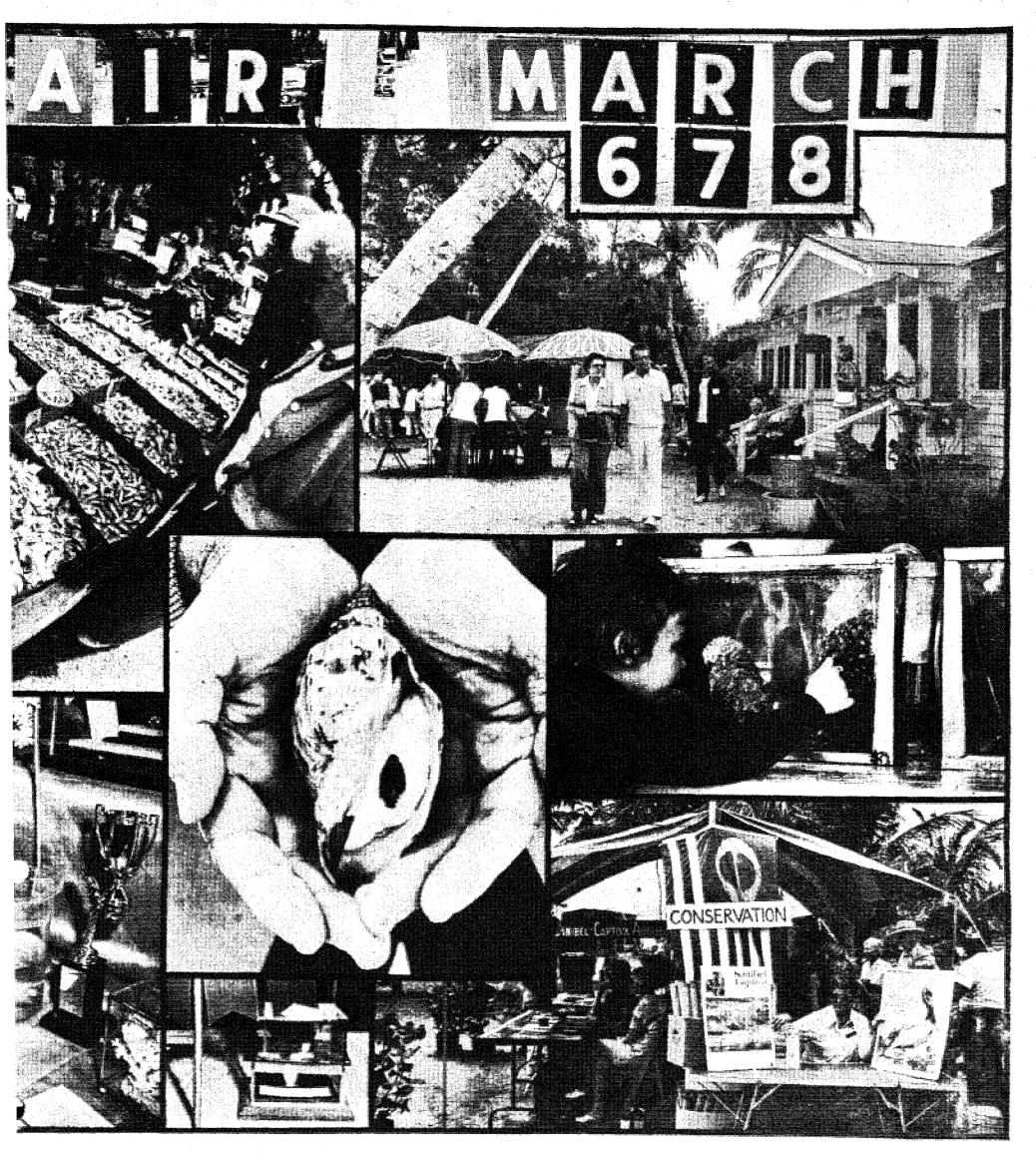
- 4. Flowers, NONE.
- 5. Pictures. 1st) The Black Pearl. 2nd) The Black Pearl.
- 6. Jewelry and Gift Items. 1st) Date and Linda Beatty, 2nd) The Black Pearl, 3rd) William T. Free,

JUDGES' SPECIAL AWARDS NONE.

JUDGES: For Scientific Entries. Dr. C.F.E. Roper, U.S. National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. and William G. Lyons, Florida Department of Natural Resources Marine Laboratory, St. Petersburg, FL.

For Artistic Entries, Robert York, Instructor of Art, Edison Community College, Fort Myers,

... Counter-clockwise, starting top left: Nellie Association Gold Cup for her first place Adu shells. Below, is the winner of the du Pont Trop to the outstanding exhibit in the Scientific Divi by Rose and Gerrit DeGraaff, Lower left, the Dealers, Scientific Division, with "World Wid .. Evelyn S. Buchward is a first place wink osprey. And next to the left, is probably the on murex won Sanibel-Captiva Shell of the Show Shell of the Show was won by Carl C. Withrow . Lower right: Housed under a tent flying island were busy educating Shell Fair visitors fascinated by the live shell exhibit, always a pr



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: Shell Fair enjoying the warm, beautiful weather inter: Members of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club lenter insert: William Bledsoe, of Los Angeles, bian Sea, awarded the City of Sanibel Trophy for ibel, inc.)

Shell Fair Judges . . .

Last Wednesday night, the Community Association sponsored a cocktail party and buffet dinner for the two Shell Fair judges in the general division, William G. Lyons and Dr. Clyde F. E. Roper. The festivities were held at the Lighthouse Point sales center.

The judges were indeed qualified for their task, Dr. Roper being the curator of mollusks at the National Museum of Natural History (Smithsonian Institution) and Mr. Lyons being the Supervisor of Invertebrate Studies with the State of Florida Department of Natural Resources – his specialty, mollusks.

The celebration was somewhat prolonged by the fact that the judges were an hour late in arriving from the judging. When asked why their deliberations took so long. Lyons said, "It took so long because, as I understand it, there were more entries than ever before!"

And he was correct, there were more entrants and a greater attendance at the 38th Sanibel Shell Fair than ever before.

Dr. Roper added, "Fine show. Really. There were some very fine exhibits. We about wore a path in the floor going back and forth between them trying to decide."

We talked to Community Association President, Dr. John Willard, who told us that all proceeds from the Shell Fair will go to a much needed new building for the Community Association across Periwinkle from the present Community House. The proposed new building will have an auditorium, swimming pool, tennis and shuffleboard courts. The old building will probably be converted into a shell museum.

"With luck, work may start next year, but it will be at least ten years until the project is completed," said Dr. Willard.



Shell Fair judges, Dr. Clyde F. E. Roper (left) and William G. Lyons (right).





"Butterflies are free" says Ruth Hunter posing with her exhibit at the Sanibel Shell Fair. "The shells in these butterflies pictured here are free. I picked them up with Koreans on the beach in that country. The Korean lady who put them together are their contents but I didn't. I was satisfied to admire their

beauty."

Ruth Hunter in this picture is wearing an identical Korean costume which she purchased on her last visit to that fascinating country, Korea, As one of the Island's hostesses at this annual event, the Sanibel Shell Fair, it added color for it is made up of an unusual Korean material in seven different colors.

...FIRST PLACE WINNERS: Top left, Commercial dealers, Artistic, beautiful arrangements, The Black Peart. Top center, Scientific, one genus or sub-genus, William Bledsoe. Top right, Scientific, beautiful shells arranged, Gladys Rodrigue. Center left, William Bledsoe with ribbons and awards for his Best Shell of the Show, world. Center center, Scientific, miniature or juvenile, Gladys Rodrigue. Bottom left, Self-collected, adult experienced, Sanibel-Captiva shells, Robert Rodrique II. Bottom right, Commercial dealers, Artistic, jewelry, Dale and Linda Beatty. (photography of photo-sanibel, lac.)

Bill Bledsoe Shell of Show Winner

Another first for the 38th Annual Shell Fair, the premiere City of Sanibel Trophy for best shell of the show was awarded to William Bledsoe of Los Angeles for his Festilyria festiva (Lamarck) from the Arabian Sea. The species was first identified in 1822, Bledsoe told us, and his may be the first live specimen ever taken.

Bill Bledsoe visits southern Florida every winter, staying in the Miami area mostly. He collects the majority of his shells in California, lays out his displays in cases and brings them across the country to show in the Miami show, the Broward show in Ft. Lauderdale, the Naples show, and the

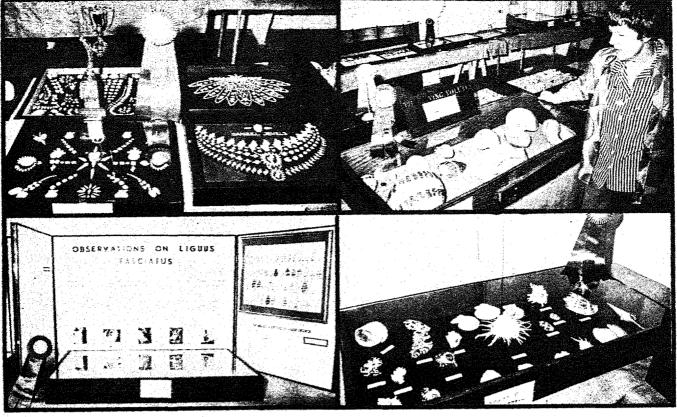
Sanibel Shell Fair.

A relative newcomer to the game, Bledsoe started collecting shells ten years ago while visiting in Florida. The lanky Bledsoe recalls: "I visited Marco Island and saw the shells along the beach and on display in the Marco Inn and in the DeMarco Museum in Ft. Myers—that's how the whole thing started. It came over me like any other hobby would."

Bledsoe first entered the Miami show in 1969 and started showing on Sanibel in 1970. He has since won the Shell of the Show Trophy everywhere he's shown. His large exhibit this year was cones.



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Water Tank Dispute Ended

The six-month-long dispute over the placement of a two million gallong water storage tank to serve the east end of Sanibel came to an end last Thursday at a special meeting of Sanibel City Coun cil held at the American Legion Hall on Sanibel-Captiva Road. By a vote of three to two, with councilmen Butler and Bailey dissenting, the Council turned down the Island Water Association's request for a permit to build the tank on the proposed Dixie Beach Boulevard site, then immediately granted the Water Association a continuous building permit for the county park site north of Periwinkle Way, effective upon the purchase of the land from the county.

The hearing was a continuation of last Tuesday's regular council meeting, of which the entire morning session was consumed by a heated debate between property owners in the Dixie Beach area and representatives of the Water Association over the placement of the much needed tank. The property holders, led by informal spokesman Jack Thomas, argued that the construction of a tank, whether round or square, on the Dixie Beach site would devalue property in the area considerably. The representatives of the Water Association disagreed vehemently, citing the fact that there is already an existing tank in the area and stating that moving the tank down to the county site would place an unnecessary financial burden upon the Association's members. The debate waxed very heated in bursts, so much so that the Council deferred action on the matter until Thursday to give the Water Association a chance to approach the county with a new offer for the county land at Wednesday's county commission meeting. Commissioner Bob Whan was present at Tuesday's meeting and stated that the commission would be glad to hear another offer for the property if it were made more specific, as the commission had failed to understand the terms of the Water Association's previous offer.

At the county commission meeting on Wednesday, the Water Association was told that the county would accept an offer of \$6,600 for the 8.1 acre property, including no footage on Periwinkle.

Yet, at the special meeting on the following day, the Association still pressed their plea for a permit to build on the Dixie Beach site. When asked if they would remunerate property owners for any devaluation of property arising from the tank, Water Association Attorney John Schumaker stated that it would be impossible. Rather, the Association maintained their position that the selfish interests of the few should not outweigh general good of the whole community. The Council finally voted to deny the request for the Dixie Beach site variance on the grounds that spot zoning was to be avoided whenever possible.

According to Walter Emmons of the Island Water Association, the change in sites will cost Association members \$75,000 for 6000 feet of 20 inch pipe and another \$15,000 for fixtures. Emmons also stated that he expects the new tank to be completed and operational no later than September 1.

Later Thursday morning the Council met with the newly appointed planning commission to instruction them in their duties and procedural matters. Councilman Vernon Mackenzie announced that Malcolm Beattie had declined the appointment, so that a replacement would have to be found. George Tenney and Dick Workman were suggested to fill the vacancy, but council postponed making the appointment until the next meeting. The other six members of the seven-man commission are C. Duane White, Don Marshall, Lee Roy Friday, Anina Hills, Joseph McMurtry, and Ann Winterbotham.

Mayor Porter Goss stated that the Council would like to have a comprehensive land use plan completed within four months. Goss also stated that he hoped that the planning commission and the Council will be able to select a planning consultant firm within the month. It will then be the job of the consultants and the planning commission to draft the land use

Council appointed Duane White to be temporary chairman of the commis-

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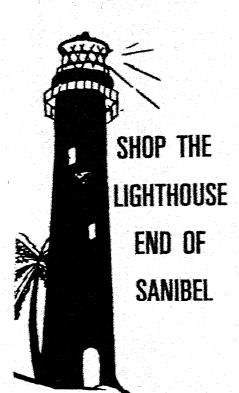
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sion until it holds its first organizational meeting and elects its own chairman. The offices of the planning commission will be upstairs in the second floor city hall offices. The planning commission is allotted \$15,500 for the period ending September 30 in the new city budget.

At the end of the morning session the Council discussed the revised county causeway refinancing resolution, which is slated to come to a vote at the Wednesday commission meeting on March 12.





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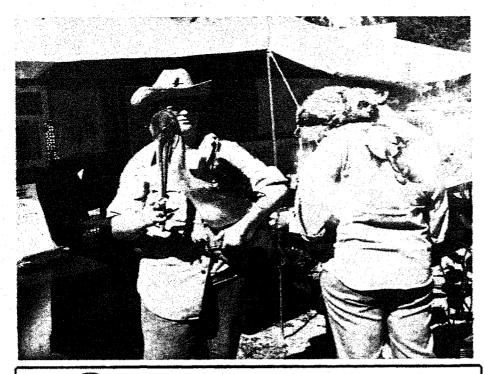
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The live exhibits, always a favorite at the Shell Fair, seemed to attract even greater crowds this year. What with the overflow crowding of devoted conchologists into the Community House, many visitors to the Fair were drawn to the two displays of animate creatures outside.

The year's live aquatic exhibit included hermit crabs, cockles, snails, scallops, olives, crowned conchs, an octopus, left-handed whelk eggs, lefthanded whelks, starfish, blue crabs, horse conch eggs, and seahorses, all of them native to Island waters, except for two tanks of tropical fish from the Florida

Dr. Robert T. Spicer, the man in charge of the exhibit, delighted viewers with his humorous anecdotes and comments on his creatures, for instance: "Seahorses are the favorites of the women," he told me, "for they were the first women's libbers. The female seahorse deposits her unfertilized eggs in a pouch on the male's abdomen, then the male fertilizes them and carries the young during pregnancy. He nurtures them, too." All the while pointing to one certain undulating seahorse which looked no different than the rest --- still, it was an interesting story.

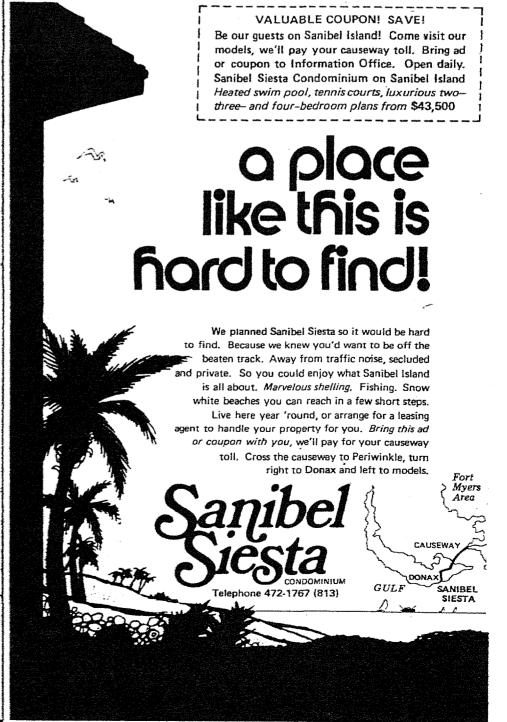
Dr. Spicer asked that certain people be mentioned for their generous contributions to the live exhibit: Mrs. & Mrs. Robert Armstrong, Tom and Virginia Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Ruggles, Adelaide Bailey, Paula and Dick Frieman, Dr. & Mrs. McFarlane, Vaughn Tropical Fish, and Allen Nave, who did the insulation and plumbing fixtures for the tanks.

There were other creatures in the show which did not bear shells that were equally popular. C.R.O.W. displayed three animals that attracted an inordinate amount of commiseration during the three day event. One was Emmett, a

six-week-old Great Horned Owl that had fallen from its nest near West Palm Beach. Luckily, Emmett will be released in a month or so when he is able to hunt for himself. Not so lucky is the fate of Benny, a nine-month-old brown pelican from the Pine Island rookery. Thanks to one person's indiscretion in taking him from the wild and making a pet of him, Benny fell prey to an automobile, lost a wing, and will never to able to return to his natural habitat. The prognosis for Sling, a two-year-old alligator, is uncertain. Sling was rescued from a nest in North Fort Myers when he was run over by a bulldozer, leaving him blind in one eye and with a slung jaw, hence his

The Southwest Florida Regional Alligator Association in concert with the Fund for Animals (started by author Cleveland Amory, who visited the Islands last December) displayed a variety of Island tortoises and snakes, a South American boa constrictor named Milhaus, and an eight-year-old alligator named Spiro. As George Campbell, International Coordinator for the Fund for Animals, explained, Spiro was kept as a pet in a small aquarium for so long that it stunted his growth. Unable ever to survive in nature, Spiro has been licensed to George for display purposes, where he is doing a world of good in drawing attention to the worthy cause of the Fund.

Caretta Research was also on hand at the Shell Fair with two nine-month-old loggerhead sea turtles. The nesting season for this endangered species runs from mid-May to mid-August on Sanibel. The two young loggerheads displayed at the Fair will be released on the first Saturday in June, "Turtle Release Day," along with all the other protected young loggerheads on the Islands. This year Caretta Research will resume work on Captiva under the direction of Pat Hagan.



Coming Audubon Events

The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society will hold the 12th program of the current season tonight, Thursday, March 13 at 8 p.m. in the Sanibel Community House. It will be of special interest to both island residents and visitors, as it will offer an in depth description of Sanibel's famed J. N. Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Featured speaker will be Glen W. Bond, manager of the Refuge, who will illustrate his talk with a number of color slides showing many facilities of the sanctuary. They will include pictures of the many unusual birds and plants to be found in the almost five thousand acres of the wildlife sanctuary. Mr. Bond will also explain how the Refuge fits in the Federal Government and the National Refuge System. At the end of the program time will be allowed for questions and answers.

The following week, on Thursday, March 20, an outdoor event that in past years has proved most informative and successful will be held starting at 9 a.m. near the tennis courts of the Island Inn on Gulf Drive. It will consist of a bird banding demonstration by Dorothy A. Mendinhall, licensed cooperator of the U. S. Wildlife Service. She is a longstanding expert in the field of bird banding, which can be considered one of the most important ways of learning about bird species, especially with regard to their migration habits. Mrs. Mendinhall has pursued this avocation in North and Central America, and on many occasions has banded over 500 birds in one day.

As usual, both programs are open to the public, and all are cordially invited.

Reel Eel Tips

by Skip Purdy

This past week has brought many new and interesting people to the Real Eel. Among them was a very excited Mrs. Madeline Zaremba from Middlesex, NJ. She is spending her vacation in Cape Coral and was visiting our charming Islands for the day. As Mrs. Zaremba was jumping up and down she explained her story. While shelling at Tarpon Bay beach she actually caught a live 14 inch speckled trout. You might think that's not very unusual except for the fact that she caught it bare-handed.

Another good friend of the Real Eel brought in his beautiful speckled trout weighing about 4½ ibs. The proud fisherman is Mr. Bill Lippincock who is a vacationer from Maryland, staying on the Island for the winter. He was very delighted to catch such a nice size trout and hopes for more before he ends back north.

Get out that good ole fishing gear, the snook are biting at the Sanibel Causeway and Redfish Pass. Isn't this what we've all been waiting for? A snook, by the way, is a popular Florida game fish and very good eating. The main characteristic of this fish is the dark lateral line going from the top of the gill across the body to the center of the tail.

There are several methods of fishing for a snook. Use spoons, plugs, or feathers along the mangroves with a jerking motion. Also try still fishing in the passes, rivers, and bays with live bait. Effective at night fishing off bridges is while using a plug make a "figure-eight" motion. Snook usually fight on the surface making leaps and short runs. The minimum legal length is 18 inches, so throw back those little fellas. There is also a daily bag limit of four snook per person.

Besides the trout being caught, we've had reports of pompano being taken off Bowman's Beach and Blind Pass.

My tip of the week has to do with hooks, fishing hooks, that is. Your all-around fishing hook has a medium or regular size shank, 1/0 or 2/0 is good.



The long shanks are good to use when fishing for snook because their gill flaps can cut the leader. The long shanks are also good for catching the fish that tend to swallow their bait, such as, the catfish.

Most of the shanks are straight.

Try to keep the hook as inconspicuous as possible by using the lightest one you can get away with. Of course, if you're after the big game then you must use a heavier hook.

Hooks with a wide gap between the point and the shank are good for using large bait and catching large fish. It gives a lot of clearance for those big mouths.

For those smaller fish that often swallow the bait I suggest using hooks with a sharp angled bend.

A good hook to use for sheepshead is the "wide bend" which allows the fish to come in without bumping the shank.

Happy fishing and good luck!

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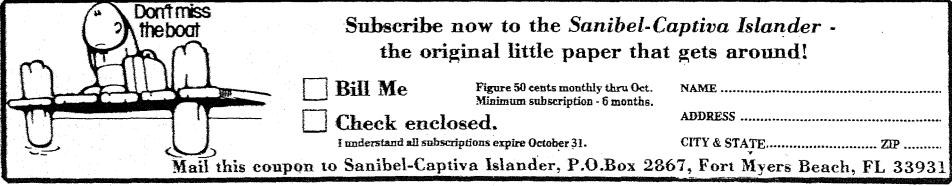








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Ms. Francis Roberts

Executive Secretary

Chamber of Commerce

Sanibel-Captiva Sanibel, Florida

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Regarding your conversation of Tuesday, March 4, 1975 with Mr. R. J. Higginson, my family and I just completed a four day staty at Mitchell's San Castles ending March 3.

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