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## Council Enacts Helmet Law

At their regular meeting last Tuesday in MacKenzie Hall, the Sanibel City Council adopted an amendment to the city's current bicycle ordinance (No. 76-16) which places rather severe restrictions on the operation of mopeds within the city.

In drafting the ordinance, the council was responding to considerable public outcry for some sort of safety regulations to be imposed on this relatively new innovation to the Islands. It seems that the mopeds, actually bicycles propelled by a 1.5 brake horse power helper motor activated by pedals, have aggravated the existing traffic problems along Sanibel's already congested streets to the point where some Islanders pleaded with the council to ban the bikes from the Island altogether.

As state law prohibits moped riders from using specially designated bike paths such as Sanibel's, the gas-saving devices have been forced to contend with automobile traffic on city streets, where their maximum speed of 25 mph has tended to impede the normal flow of traffic, giving rise to the numerous complaints received in city hall over recent months.

As a few accidents have resulted, the majority of them involving Island visitors and rented mopeds, the council undertook in their amendment to the bike ordinance to compel Island moped rental agencies to educate their customers as to the safe, legal, and courteous operation of the machines.

Among other things, the amendment passed by the council last week requires city moped rental agencies to require their prospective customers to signing a statement purporting their familiarity with city moped laws, as well as requiring rental agencies to carry the minimum insurance which the state requires of automobile owners for each moped they own.



Beginning January 14, all moped riders in the city will have to wear motorcycle helmets, as well as observing other regulations approved by the city council last week.

The amendment also requires renters to make their mopeds easily identifiable to city police and prohibits agencies from renting to people who do not possess valid driver's licenses or permits recognized by the State of Florida. Under state regulations, one is only required to be fifteen years old or older to operate a moped.

With respect to all mopeds operated in the city, the amendment sets forth standards for operation and maintenance, including provisions that all mopeds should be equipped with a bicycle flag of at least five feet in height above the axle and should be equipped with a front light and rear reflector to be lit at all times during operation.

As a last minute addition to the amendment introduced last Tuesday, the council inserted a provision requiring all moped riders in the city to wear helmets which comply with the standards for motorcycle headgear established by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. The state regulations governing mopeds do not require riders to wear helmets.

The helmet requirement was debated at some length prior to the final vote on the amendment last Tuesday, although the debate was rather one-sided because of a slim turnout of moped enthusiasts at the hearing. Only one city moped rider rose to argue against the restriction, while both Sanibel Police Chief John Butler and Island cycling expert Allen Mainard urged the council not to require helmets without setting specific standards for the kind of headgear to be worn.

For want of a better model, the council opted for the regulations governing motorcycle helmets.

Chief Butler also recommended that the council delete the provision in the amendment requiring those who rent mopeds in the city to possess driver's licenses, because of the problems he foresees with enforcing such a provision.

After the council had voted unanimously to enact the amendment, long-time Island resident John

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## Permit fees declared an emergency

In a special meeting held last Friday morning in MacKenzie Hall, the Sanibel City Council enacted an emergency ordinance to increase the fees being charged for the processing of building permit applications in city hall.

Under the emergency fee schedule, which will be in effect for no longer than 60 days, city building permits issued pursuant to Sanibel Ordinance 75-25, will cost three-fourths of one per cent of the project's valuation. For a house valued at \$50,000, for example, a city building permit will now cost the builder \$239.50 more than under the original fee schedule.

The valuations for new construction in the city are to be calculated by using the figure of \$20 per square

foot of living, office, or store space and \$10 per square foot of garage, porch or other outside roofed areas, on the basis of a recommendation of the city's Code Compliance Committee headed by George Slay.

The adoption of the emergency measures last Friday followed a two and a half day city moratorium on accepting any new applications for building permits. The moratorium, imposed by the council Tuesday evening, was intended to foil those who might try "to get in under the wire," to quote Mayor Porter Goss, in submitting permit applications under the former, less expensive fee schedule.

Late in their regular meeting last Tuesday, the council finally decided to respond to recent warnings

from City Manager Bill Nungester that the city was getting woefully behind in its processing of permit applications because of the great number of applications coming in and because of the inability of the relatively small city staff to cope with the ever-increasing demand for building permits.

According to Nungester, the overload was causing the quality of work coming out of city hall to decline, as well as what he called a "morale problem" among city employees.

An overworked city staff was not the only problem with the administration of city planning and building matters to receive attention from the council last Tuesday.

It was an unpleasant evening for the four remaining councilmen (Charles LeBuff was absent) as Nungester informed them that the fees then being charged for building permits did not approach the cost to city taxpayers of processing permit applications. According to Nungester, seventy per cent of the city's budget for planning and inspection was being directed toward processing permit applications, while less than thirty per cent of those costs were being defrayed by permit fees.

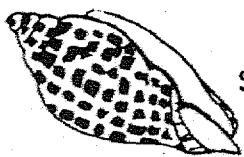
Thus, the council passed the brief moratorium on accepting new permit applications to give the city attorney time to draft the emergency ordinance to make the fee schedule more realistic.

The council predicated the action on policies outlined in the comprehensive land use plan that "new development should be required to pay its own way" and that the city "should employ a system of fees which recapture the costs of administering and accommodating new development."

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The city council put in a lot of hours last week. They passed one ordinance regulating mopeds and imposed two moratoriums on their handling of building permit applications.



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# In your opinion...

What do you think of the city ordinance requiring moped riders to wear motorcycle helmets?



"It's going to put moped businesses out of business. The city should have waited until moped licenses expired before passing such an ordinance. Each license costs \$110 and if they have to wear motorcycle helmets, it is going to kill the business. And wearing non-ventilated approved motorcycle helmets is going to kill moped riders on hot days."  
Wayne Kock, Sanibel, modeling a moped with the required helmet.

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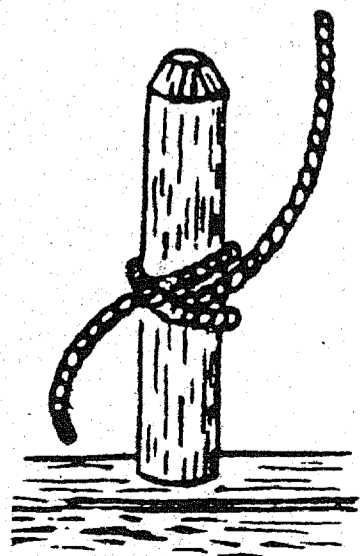
"I don't really understand what the Council's objective was. People watch out for bikes because they have been around for so long—it would be nice if they could be trained to watch out for mopeds though I realize that's not easy. My folks went to Bermuda and got the idea of opening a moped business here because they enjoyed them so much there. What I would like to see is the banning of automobiles on the islands except for necessary commercial trucks. I love to ride them—little pollution, great gas mileage. We give out a bicycle helmet that is ventilated and used by bike racers who often travel at the same speed as mopeds."  
Cindy Butler, Sanibel (Daughter of the Mackinsons who own The Pedaling Pelican)



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"The roads here are just not made for mopeds and I own one. A moped can't compete with the commercial trucks and huge campers that travel Sanibel-Captiva Road and Periwinkle. I use mine for running around Captiva and it's great. I also own a Honda 325 motorcycle and a truck which I use when I'm on any of the main roads. The Council was not thinking of moped riders when they passed the Ordinance because mopeds aren't safe for the moped riders on busy roads."  
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# First town meeting scheduled

Come one, come all to the first of what could be a series of town meetings on the Islands intended to give Island residents an opportunity to exchange ideas and express their concerns on the problems confronting Sanibel and Captiva.

In response to a plea from Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss for increased citizen participation in working out Island problems, the Committee of the Islands (COTI) agreed to sponsor a series of town meetings to be modeled on those traditional gatherings at which New Englanders sort out their problems and differences.

The COTI board of directors appointed Helen and Bill Webb of Sanibel to coordinate the program, and for the past month or more they have been sounding Islanders as to what topics they would like to discuss and their overall degree of interest in the town meeting idea.

The Webbs announced last week that the first town meeting on the Islands will be held at the Sanibel Community House on Wednesday, January 26, from 8:00 until 10:00 p.m., with later meetings to be held only if there is sufficient community interest generated by the first.

The agenda for the first meeting provides for 45-minute discussions of two questions of no trifling importance to most, if not all Island residents.

In one, Mayor Goss will probe the question of where the funding is to come from for an estimated \$30 million capital improvement program contemplated by the city council for the years ahead. According to the Webbs, Goss will present the city's problem with funding the much-needed capital improvements on the Island and will be available to answer any questions Islanders might have with respect to city finances and the council's

proposals for generating revenues.

The other topic to be discussed at the first meeting is the need for low income housing on Sanibel and the problems to be overcome in providing such housing. This discussion will be led by Sanibel Vice-Mayor Zee Butler, chairman of an ad hoc committee appointed by the council to study the problem. The emphasis here will be on whether or not Islanders think there is a need for low income housing on Sanibel, and if so, who should take the initiative in providing it. According to the Webbs, Mrs. Butler will welcome any proposed solutions to the problem for the committee to consider.

The last half hour of the meeting will be devoted to discussing whether or not to continue the series and what problems Islanders would like to discuss at future town meetings. Among those that have been suggested

for future discussions are beach access, Sanibel traffic, utility rates and conservation of water and electricity, recreational facilities, and law enforcement, the Webbs reported.

"We're approaching this with knocking knees, not knowing really whether the public will want to get involved or not," Bill Webb told the ISLANDER last week.

As Islanders are notoriously a civic minded bunch, it seems likely that the town meeting format will succeed as a forum for the exchange of ideas on matters of local concern.

For further information on the upcoming town meeting, the Webbs invite you to call them at 472-4084.

In the weeks ahead, the ISLANDER will feature short articles outlining some of the particulars involved in the two topics to be discussed at the January 26 town meeting.

## Correction: Webbs resign over housing debate

The ISLANDER learned yesterday that Helen and Bill Webb have resigned as organizers for the series of town meetings described above because of a disagreement with the COTI board of directors over the discussion of low income housing slated for the first meeting.

According to H. Wilson Smith, Chairman of the COTI board, the board has decided that the issue of low income housing for Sanibel will not be discussed at the first town meeting to be held on January 26th, in contradiction to the scheduled agenda for the meeting circulated by the Webbs last week.

"The matter is already being considered by the city," said Smith, "and we thought we would be stepping on the council's toes if we were to initiate a discussion of the same problem."

According to Smith, the COTI board suggested that low income housing could be discussed briefly at the close of the first town meeting, but the Webbs rejected the suggestion.

"They took such a strong position that they wouldn't stand for a compromise," said Smith.

"We had a fundamental disagreement on the emphasis to be given the issue of low income housing at the meeting," Bill Webb told the ISLANDER on Monday.

"When we agreed to take the job of organizing the meetings, we thought we were to have complete autonomy from the COTI board," he continued. "When the board decided to withdraw that autonomy, we felt we had to resign the task."

The COTI board was to have met Monday afternoon to select a substitute moderator for the meeting, as well as to consider other possible topics which might be substituted for low income housing on the agenda for the first meeting. According to Smith, the question of law enforcement on the Islands is another likely candidate for discussion at the first meeting.

In all other respects, the town meetings will proceed as planned, Smith added.

## Helmet law from page 1

Peurifoy rose to say that, because of the helmet requirement, he would not buy a moped as he had planned. When asked if he wasn't afraid of sustaining possible head injuries, Peurifoy replied to the effect that he had fallen off bikes before and was capable of looking after his own safety.

"I don't object to the helmets," said Barbara Mackinson, owner of the Pedaling Pelican, one of at least five moped rental agencies in the city at the present time. The Pedaling Pelican has always provided its riders with protective hockey helmets, she reported, as have some of the other rental agencies in the city.

"It seems to me that they should be the proper helmet for the machine, though," she added.

"I think motorcycle helmets will cause more problems than they solve during the summer months," Barbara told the ISLANDER last week. "Those helmets are designed for use at higher speeds and aren't ventilated, and I think people will be dropping from heat exhaustion during the hot summer months here on the Island."

"There are other, ventilated helmets that would protect people just as well," she said, citing both the hockey helmets currently supplied by the Pedaling Pelican and the specially designed Bell bicycle helmets that Allen Mainard had proposed to the council.

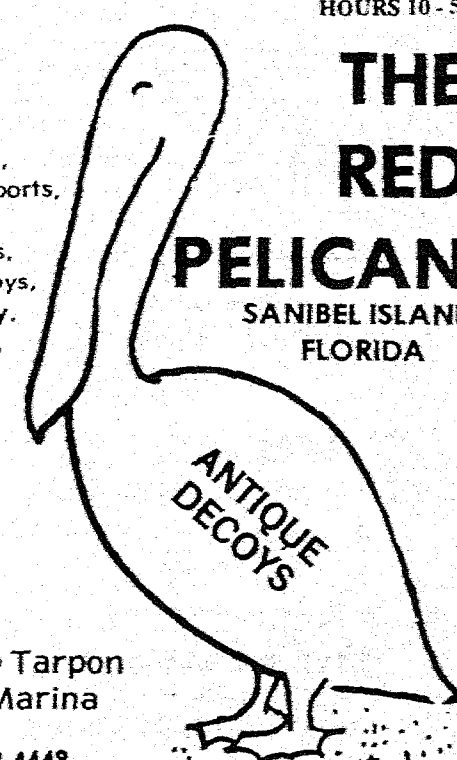
Unfortunately, she was informed of the helmet proposal too late to make her concerns known to the council.

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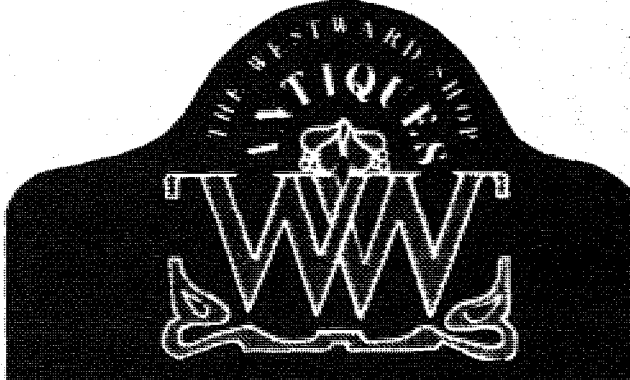
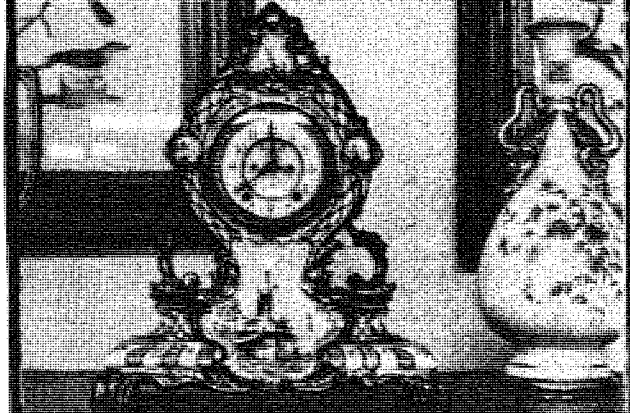


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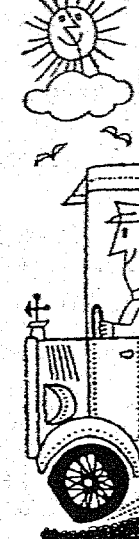
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# Estuaries hearing to begin Monday

On January 17, Atlanta developer Robert Troutman will once again confront Lee County Commissioners and environmentalists over his cherished dream to build a massive condominium city on the north shore of Estero Bay.

Troutman's proposed dream city, dubbed The Estuaries, has been the subject of intense controversy in the area ever since the developer first unveiled his plans for the project roughly five years ago.

Since that time, the county commission has twice denied him a zoning change for his approximately 7,000-acre property on Estero Bay to accommodate the proposal, most recently this past May 25.

In their past denials of his plans, the county commission has been responsive to the concerns of numerous state and local environmental groups, all of which contend that Troutman's proposed 26,500 dwelling units and interceptor waterway for his waterfront dream city would substantially destroy the fragile ecological balance of Estero Bay's valuable estuarine wetlands system.

Supporters of The Estuaries include mainly local builders and contractors who stand to benefit financially from the construction of the massive development, while the county commission's primary concerns have been the impact that the project will undoubtedly have upon the county's already overtaxed schools, roads, water supply, and other public facilities when occupied by an estimated 75,000 new Lee Countians.

In an attempt to placate environmentalists, Troutman offered to set aside 2,800 acres of the site for preservation in its natural state at the May 25 hearing, to no avail. Among the groups opposing the development at that hearing were the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and the Sanibel City Council, which passed a

resolution urging the county commission to deny the requested rezoning. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council has also been a prime mover in the opposition to the Estuaries.

Later last summer, Troutman appealed the commission's denial of his plans to the State Cabinet, asking them to overrule the local decision or to acknowledge that his property had been confiscated without due compensation.

Thus, cabinet-appointed hearing examiners will be in Fort Myers beginning next Monday to entertain legal arguments in the case. Over the past few months, Troutman's attorneys have been cranking up their offense in hopes of invalidating the commissioner's reasons for the previous denials of Troutman's dream.

On the other hand is the consolidated opposition to the developer, which includes a full list of such groups as the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and the Florida Audubon Society, as well as the county commission. In preparing their defense, local officials and environmentalists have contracted with two college professors and a professional planner from Sarasota for expert testimony at a cost of about \$9,000. Other expert witnesses are also slated to testify in the hearings on behalf of the county, among them Island photographer Peter Larson who photographed the site.

Many state and local officials feel that the battle over Estero Bay may be the last stand in the state's effort to preserve its tidal wetlands.

For this reason, Sanibel consulting attorney Fred Bosselman, one of the foremost environmental lawyers in the nation, has been retained to assist the county and Regional Planning Council in their defense. Bosselman told the Sanibel City Council last week that the county would propose a compromise solution in the form of an overall



Reflecting on the fate of the tidal Wetlands along Estero Bay. The Lee County Commission prepares to once again consider development plans for the fragile estuarine system.

density reduction for the project to between six and seven-thousand dwelling units, with construction to be limited to the upland areas of the site.

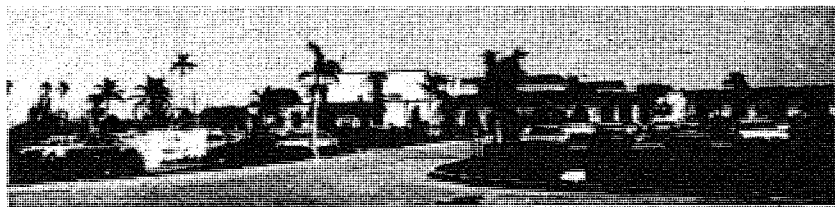
Ultimately, the fate of Estero Bay and Robert Troutman's dream rests with the State Cabinet, who will make their final decision on the basis of the recommendations of their appointed hearing examiners, although it is quite likely that the matter will eventually

have to be decided by the courts. Troutman's investment in the project thus far has given a clear indication that he intends to pursue his dream to the bitter end.

According to county officials, the hearing will be held in the old post office building on First Street in downtown Fort Myers. The hearings open on Monday, January 17.

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The Owl  
 and  
 The Pussy Cat

# Merger hearing next Tuesday

At their meeting last Wednesday afternoon, the Captiva Civic Association's Board of Directors accepted a completed study of factors to be weighed in considering a possible merger of Captiva with the City of Sanibel.

The study, prepared by a five-man committee headed by Ed Lowry, was mailed that evening to 550 registered voters and property owners of Captiva for them to consider.

The impartial study of possible advantages and disadvantages which might be expected of the proposed merger presents a fairly comprehensive array of factors and considerations which "appear to lead confusingly in contradictory directions," as stated in the introduction to the report.

For instance, the study committee estimates in the document that the proposed merger would have the effect of raising Captiva's tax millage at least 2 to 3 mills, while stating that "it is reasonable to anticipate that the present gap (3.065 mills) between the unincorporated millage and the city millage will tend to stabilize and quite possibly to narrow."

The committee recognizes in its report that the many unknowns to be considered in the tax formula, most notably the uncertain availability of outside revenue sources such as the Causeway bond issue, as well as federal and state funding assistance, not to mention the uncertainty surrounding the outcome of the dual taxation controversy in Lee County.

While pointing out that most services currently provided to Captiva would continue to be supplied by the same agencies even after a merger, the report states that the city would take over the functions of road main-

tenance, police protection, and land use administration were the proposed merger to bear fruit. According to Lee County records, the cost of maintaining Captiva's roads and the bridge over Blind Pass comes to a yearly total of about \$28,500.

The Report also informs Captivans that "The City of Sanibel has ambitious long range capital improvement plans in furtherance of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan with a current pricetag of \$30,000,000."

With respect to land use planning, the study committee reports that "the Sanibel Comprehensive Land Use Plan would have to be amended to cover Captiva in the event of a merger," at an unknown cost to the taxpayers of both Islands.

"There is a possibility that after merger and before adoption of an amended land use plan the City Council might impose a moratorium or partial moratorium on the issuance of Captiva development permits," the report states, on the basis of Sanibel's recent experience.

If and when a merger begins to look like a serious possibility, the committee warns, "The same efforts to establish 'vested rights' permits and the same start of precautionary construction prior to a merger (possibly in some instances economically premature) might well take place on Captiva," as was the case with Sanibel, according to the report.

"But despite these factors," the report continues, "The Committee believes the Sanibel plan will have a substantial long range effectiveness not only in restricting the number of

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# With a pinch of salt. . .

by ginni brown

That was quite a holiday season there, so this week's recipes are a collection of remedies and a suggestion for what to do after the turkey.

First one is simple - - - drop two Alka Seltzer in a warm glass of club soda and consume. Results will either be loss of headache or release of pressure.

A REAL day-after cure was discovered this past week, which has some logical if unlikely reasons to succeed. A good friend mentioned that her mother never drank eggnog on Christmas or New Year's Day, but always asked that a pint or so be stored for use the day after. Having just sampled some very potent eggnog brew, we immediately assumed that was so that mother could keep her wits about her till all the guests were served but, no - - - because the friend ended the story with "because there is absolutely no better cure for a hang-over, you know."

We filed the information away but happened to put it to use a lot more quickly than had been expected. Since a guest arrived in a happy but extremely unsteady condition. Figuring what might be good for a cure afterwards might also help during, we promptly poured out pure

(unadulterated by brandy, rum or any other alcoholic substance) eggnog over ice in about a 10 ounce glass. We then watched with fascination as the drink was consumed (over a period of about 45 minutes) with the obvious result of bringing the guest back to a very close resemblance of full control of faculties, such as talking, keeping eyes open and walking straight lines.

Checking the next day with a medical personage, he allowed as how alcohol depletes the body of vitamins, blood sugar and so forth, and that possibly the eggnog could have replaced some of the depleted resources, although he doubted that it could happen that quickly.

All we know is we saw it, and having agreed for years that coffee should not be administered to a person under the influence, since you then have naught but a wide awake drunk on your hands, we've decided to keep a supply of eggnog on hand for future guests with a similar problem.

But enough of liquid talk and on to left over turkey. Having one time made a disastrous experiment with turkey a la king, we've stuck closely to sandwiches ever since, but there does come a time when the bird's got meat, but not in spots long or

wide enough to make an actual slice.

So - - - take about a half cup of diced, chunked turkey (giving skin to cat), brown a little yellow onion in butter in a saucepan, add six eggs and turkey (over low heat); plus salt and pepper to taste, a pinch of garlic powder, a careful sprinkle of curry powder, and stir till about half set. Then add two shakes from a large jar of Romano grated cheese (or four shakes from a small jar—about a tablespoon and a half if you're doing the grating yourself) and continue stirring until eggs firm up. Serve on or with toast or English muffins.

If you like the idea of green peppers, diced green or ripe tomatoes or small chunks of cheddar cheese, add them with the onion in the beginning. Double amounts for every two people you are planning to feed. Don't forget to give the bone to the cat (if the bone is large - - - rib bones are verboten).

Giving credit where such is due, we must admit the above idea, dubbed "Eggs a la four days after turkey day," was created and bravely eaten by our spouse and help-mate, Duff.

"Nuff said. Have a happy...and if you do have any seafood recipes to share, please send 'em in.

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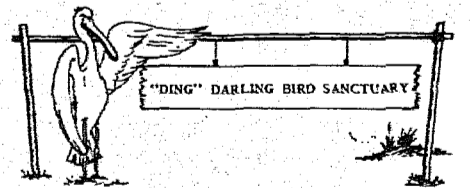
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# SPD appoints new patrolman

Sanibel Police Chief John Butler announced last week the appointment of a new police officer to the Island police force.

Last Monday, Sanibel resident Robert Dysart, 48, was appointed patrolman with the Sanibel Police Department, Butler said.

Dysart, formerly a major with the Sheriff's Department of Richland County, Ohio, comes to S.P.D. with a solid background in law enforcement.

He is a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy and has attended numerous law enforcement schools, while his former police training has been accepted by the Police Standards and Training Commission for employment under equivalency of training.

Dysart resides with his wife at 1673 Atlanta Plaza, Sanibel.

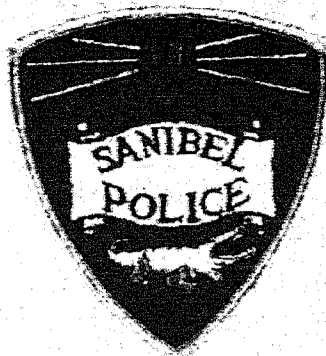
He reported for work last Monday, becoming the eighth sworn officer on the city police force, including the chief himself. Other SPD employees include four full-time dispatchers, one part-time dispatcher, and a secretary.

As the city grows, so does SPD, and to Patrolman Dysart, welcome to the force!



Sanibel's Robert Dysart joined SPD as a patrolman last week.

# police reports



The New Year rang in comparatively calmly for the Sanibel Police Department, the Fire Department and the E.M.T.'s—particularly when you consider both Islands seemed so loaded down with traffic at times, one could almost feel it sinking into the Gulf. (Maybe that accounts for the booming attributed to the Sanibel Shakes.)

Anyhow, the emergency call boxes were used five times, with the emergencies stretching to a moped out of gas to an injured man who needed help. The EMT's and ambulance were called six times, and the SPD rendered general assistance of

one sort or another seven times (practically a record low).

One speeding citation was issued, as were three other traffic violations, "that" alarm went off an even dozen times, with one other joining it to make a baker's dozen, four "dark house" (or office) checks were intensified for one reason or another (mostly open doors), three accidents were recorded and the SPD assisted and/or investigated according to the circumstances, four vehicles which were either out of gas or otherwise disabled.

One dog, two watches and two batches of travelers' cheques were reported as

lost (the dog showed up the next day), and two purses, a set of keys, two dogs and quite a bit of cash, travelers' cheques and identification cards were found, turned in to the SPD and restored to their rightful owners whenever possible.

One middle of the night worker called to report the third occurrence of what sounded like "something punching a dumpster." Officer investigated; did not hear anything but kept checking premises regularly.

Man in car parked in middle of air-strip. Locked door when officer approached and refused to say anything except that he didn't "have to say anything." He didn't—all the way in to jail and then some.

A B&E was attempted (without apparent success) when a business window showed signs of forcible entry being perpetuated upon it. Window proved

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**NOTICE**

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Captiva Erosion Prevention District Commission will be held the second Tuesday of each month at the Captiva Island Association Building. The Commission will convene at 4:30 p.m.

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# Annual bird count nears record mark

The 77th Annual Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society Christmas bird count, held on December 18, identified 119 species of wildfowl on the Islands this year, one less than the record count of 1971.

Approximately 19,000 birds were counted, according to publicity chairman Bud Ryckman, with land water birds showing a low count and shore birds a high count.

Forty-seven Islanders assisted with the sunrise to sunset search, either in boats, canoes, cars or on foot. The annual bird tally was led by Charles and Ella Newell.

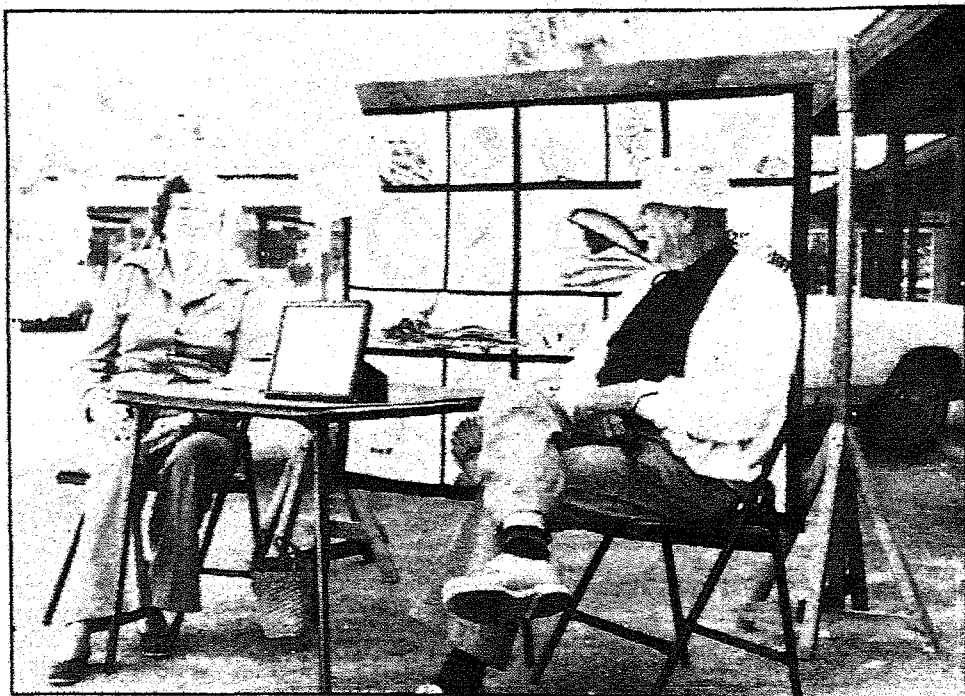
The other participants in the count included Griffin and Jane Bancroft, Richard Beebe, Arthur and Ruth Clark, Opal and Willis Combs, Dorothy and Harry Cottman, George Colley, Dan and Edna Egbert, Al and Mildred Enrick, Robert Ervin, Helen Gilman, Gack Hahsenknect, Dewitt Jones, Mike Kranbune, Edith Levy, Earl Lillie, Betty and Erard Matthiessen, Jalmar and Sally Nelson, Art and David Partridge, Al and Katy Sanders, Billie and Francis Saxinger, Barbara and Victor Thompson, Barbara Trimble, Billie Tyler, Sarita VanVleck, George Weymouth, Jessie Woods and Dick Workman.

Charles Newell was the compiler for the count, which hosted two visitors from London, England, and five visitors from Fort Myers. A total of 115 party hours was logged in the tally, for a total of 194 party miles.

The results of the 1976 Audubon Christmas bird count were as follows: common loon, 3; horned grebe, 34; pied billed grebe, 74; white pelican, 20;

brown pelican, 639; double crested cormorant, 610; anhinga, 86; frigatebird, 26; great blue heron, 57; green heron, 49; little blue heron, 191; cattle egret, 56; reddish egret, 5; great egret, 55a; snowy egret, 57; Louisiana heron, 169; black crowned night heron, 20; yellow crowned night heron, 10; Wood stork, 9; white ibis, 1142; roseate spoonbill, 9; mottled duck, 59; pintail, 47; green winged teal, 54; blue winged teal, 276; American widgeon, 77; shoveler, 112; lesser scoup, 389; hooded merganser, 11; red breasted merganser, 687; black vulture, 75; turkey vulture, 233; sharp-shinned hawk, 9; red-shouldered hawk, 80; broad winged hawk, 1; bald eagle, 1 adult, 3 immature; marsh hawk, 3; osprey, 65; American kestrel, 83; pigeon hawk, 4; King rail, 3; Virginia rail, 1; sora, 1; American gallinule, 154; American coot, 43; American oystercatcher, 4; semi-plover, 52; piping plover, 34; snowy plover, 12; Wilson's plover, 130; killdeer, 33; black bellied plover, 717; ruddy turnstone, 309; common snipe, 1; spotted sandpiper, 7; willet, 105; greater yellowlegs, 116; lesser yellowlegs, 30; red knot, 1221; least sandpiper, 28; dunlin, 1718; short billed dowitcher, 815; western sandpiper, 57; sanderling, 1339; herring gull, 45; ring billed gull, 181; laughing gull, 600; Bonaparte's gull, 1; Forster's tern, 109; royal tern, 679; sandwich tern, 175; black skimmer, 350; ground dove, 127; smooth billed ani, 39; screech owl, 5; belted kingfisher, 55; common flicker, 65; pileated woodpecker, 19; red bellied woodpecker, 106; yellow bellied sapsucker, 8; great crested flycatcher, 2;

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Members of the Captiva Civic Association will be at Bailey's every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from now until the end of February, selling tickets for the February 25 raffle of the beautiful needlepoint rug you see here. Chances on the rug, crafted by the ladies of the Association, are \$3.00 each or \$25.00 for ten.

eastern phoebe, 26; tree swallow, 11; blue jay, 10; fish crow, 859; house wren, 6; Carolina wren, 20; sedge wren, 1; mocking bird, 68; gray catbird, 47; brown thrasher, 6; American robin, 1019; blue gray gnatcatcher, 115; loggerhead shrike, 15; European starling, 161; white eyed vireo, 7; black and white warbler, 6; yellow rumped warbler, 837; yellow throated warbler, 5; prairie warbler, 49; palm warbler, 43; ovenbird, 1; common yellowthroat, 14; house sparrow, 81; red winged blackbird, 198; boat-tailed grackle, 52; common grackle, 15; northern car-

dinal, 85; indigo bunting, 1; painted bunting, 6; American goldfinch, 121; rufous-sided towhee, 28; Savannah sparrow, 14; swamp sparrow, 5; surf scoter, 2; field sparrow, 2; solitary vireo, 2; and yellow headed blackbird, 1.

The results of the Christmas bird count on Sanibel and Captiva will be forwarded to the National Audubon Society's state coordinator for nationwide publication later this year along with the results of other such counts from all over the country.

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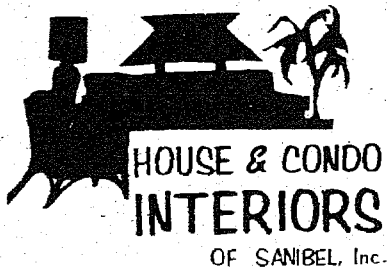
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(Special note: Wednesday, Jan. 12, ABC - Ch. 26, will run an afternoon special entitled "It Must Be Love, 'Cause I feel So Dumb," followed by "Can You Top This?" at 5:30 p.m. "The Big Valley" will not be seen that day.  
 (Also, NBC - Ch. 20, will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of "The Today Show" on Friday, Jan. 14, when the network tips its respectful hat to the longest running weekday program on television. The Silver Anniversary Show, except for current hard news, will show film clips of shows through the past quarter of a century as well as reunite some of the old-timers, including Dave Garroway.)

For full week's TV schedule, place left index finger here → (turn page)

weekdays - sign-on thru 5:30 p.m.

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## Community classes begin this week

The Sanibel Community Association is offering a variety of classes which are to begin this week. Each course will run for five weeks and entail a registration fee of five dollars.

International cooking concepts, to be taught by Don Whitehead, Louis Letizia, Ingalls and Patsy Simmons, Benson King and Jack Van Bell has already been fully registered. The remainder of the courses, Introduction to Ecology, Knit Fabrics Know-How, Know your House, and Introduction to the Stock Market still have openings.

Introduction to the Stock Market has been much requested by island residents and will be taught by Thomas C. Coleman and daughter Mary Coleman, James A. Nolte, and Neal Bowen. The instructors intend to

concentrate primarily on bonds and other investment opportunities. Thomas and Mary Coleman, both of A.G. Edwards, expect to concentrate on the various means of deferring income for tax purposes. Neal Bowen, Sanibel City attorney, will offer instruction on revised tax laws and their effect on investments. For further information on this course one may call Mary Coleman at 334-3505 or Dora Jones at 472-1443.

Introduction to Ecology, taught by Dr. William L. Webb, will begin Wednesday, Knit Fabrics Know-How, taught by Betty Wakefield, begins Saturday, and Know Your House, taught by Mrs. Claussen and Mrs. Hedge, begins Tuesday and will take place at the Lighthouse Point Condominium Clubhouse.

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Betty Wakefield  
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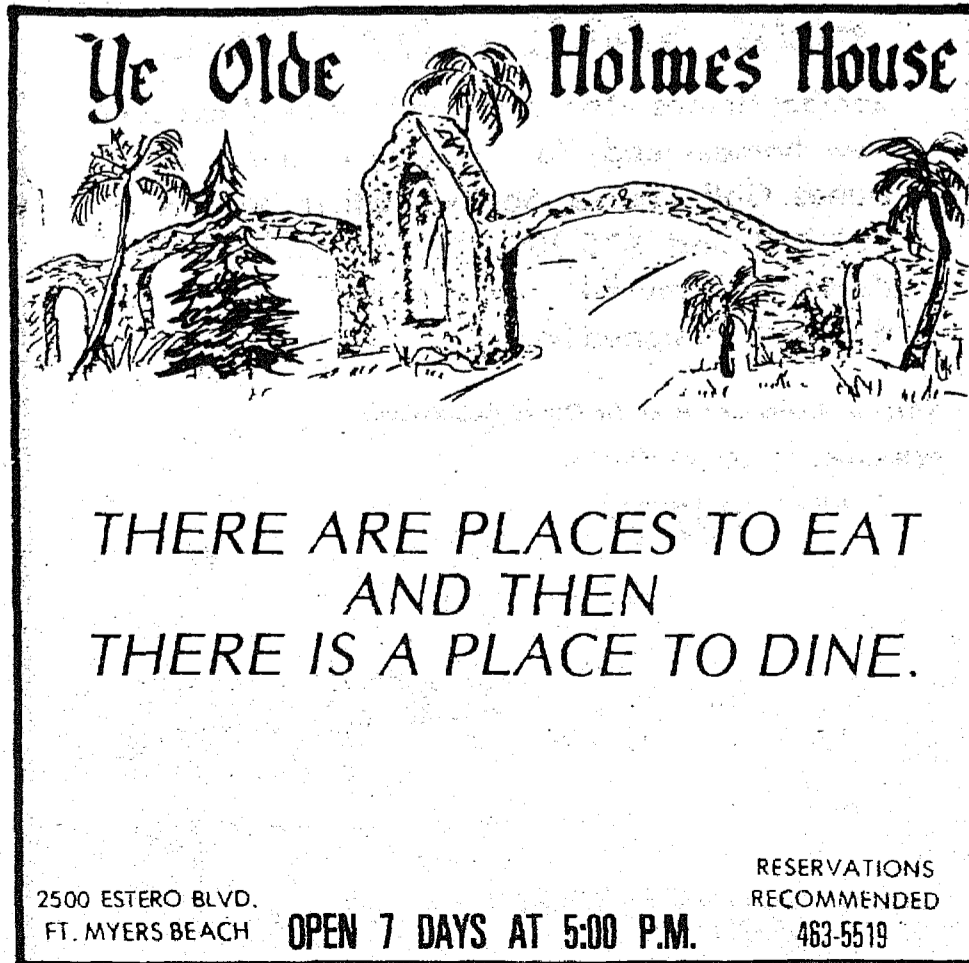
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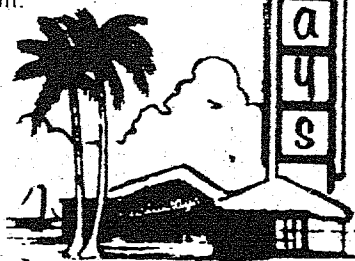


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**Taurus:** Best to postpone important decisions. Emotionalism can draw you into a confrontation if relations with in-laws are issues. What you do not can bring future benefits.

**Gemini:** Be wary of monetary entanglements with friends. Crosscurrents with friends or social groups. The at-

mosphere at home is pleasant unless you spoil it yourself.

**Cancer:** Be careful while talking to friends at the beginning and end of the week. A party will be friendly until early morning. Don't allow emotional reactions to impair your judgment.

**Leo:** You gain most by pursuing background activities, and keeping out of the limelight. This is a good time for you to entertain. There could be a minor domestic upheaval.

**Virgo:** Delays, problems are likely in new beginnings at work. This is a poor time for travel or communications. A bit of social life can help to relieve tensions.

**Libra:** People you deal with can be touchy or temperamental. Expect daring moves by rivals, competitors. Not a good time to take vows or sign papers.

**Scorpio:** The unexpected happens in partnership or competitive relationships. Carefully evaluate public and social relations now. Be patient regarding family, home or parental affairs.

**Sagittarius:** You'll be shocked or surprised about something. Certain irregularities could cost you your job. The waiting game is advised for the time being.

**Capricorn:** Legal crosscurrents with your co-workers. Be prepared for surprising domestic developments now. You are apt to get your feelings hurt by being left out of the limelight.

**Pisces:** You will be circulating more and so will be exposed to romantic prospects. Listen carefully to neighbors or kin who come up with sound speculative or recreational ideas.

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# Remembering...

or, a look at past issues of The Islander...

## 1962

The January 10, 1962 ISLANDER announced that Captiva had experienced its very first house fire since the Island became a fire district in 1960. The half-gutted gulf front home was owned by the Charles E. Potters of Park Forest, Illinois, and, although empty at the time of the fire (which was believed to have started in the electrical wiring of the home) was put out within a half hour of its discovery.

The alarm was first given by Howard D. Reenders of Grand Haven, Michigan, who noticed the smoke billowing from the house as he was walking down the beach. Weilding a handy garden hose, he attempted to fight the fire while his wife ran to South Seas Plantation to call the fire department, which responded immediately.

The fire reminded the Charles Alts of Buffalo of the last Captiva fire in 1948, which leveled the two story Captiva Lodge on the bayside right next to the brand new Alt home. Back then, with the lack of any fire department at all, a hastily formed bucket brigade was able to save the Alt home, although the Lodge fire was too hot to put out and burned to the ground. Fortunately, none of the 40 visitors in residence were seriously harmed.

The second in a series of four articles on the Islands' churches disclosed that the Episcopal Church on Sanibel had a 60-year local history, which started with a gift of land to the Diocese—approximately 78 acres east of Casa Ybel. Miss Charlotta Matthews recalled that Bishop Grey came down from

Orlando to hold Worship Services in her mother's living room and also at the Gables, then owned by the Misses Nutt.

For many years, the Community of the Transfiguration, an Episcopal sisterhood, used the Gables as a Retreat House. Early in 1957, the Diocese of South Florida called a meeting to determine if there were enough Episcopalians on the Islands to justify a Church. The meeting was attended by 25 people led by Fr. Smith of Fort Myers. Shortly thereafter, St. Michael and All Angel's Church was incorporated on Feb. 6, 1958, and Fr. Thomas Madden started holding services in the Sanibel Community Church. In 1958, St. Michael's Mission moved to the Casa Marina through the courtesy of Ernest Kinsey.

Fr. Hubbs, present Rector of St. Michael's said it was his understanding the marina was destroyed by Hurricane Donna in 1960, which occasioned the building of the present church, but we have a memory of a fire somewhere in that general time span. Be that as it may, the present church structure, designed by Gustel Kiewitt, was built and in use by January of 1962. Note: Thinking of changing times, the last line in the story read, "An interesting side note: Father Madden holds services each Sunday for the Colored community—the first offered on the Islands."

On the social side—Mrs. Albert Spalding of Massachusetts and New York, was reported back in her Captiva residence; the Sidney O'Donoghues had returned to the Islands from a visit to the Canal Zone where they had attended the Christening of their

newest grandson, Thomas Peter O'Donoghue and Ethyl Snyder wrote a story about Danny Dever who had a pet alligator named Pericles. Seems that Pericles would respond to a whistle and pop up for dinner. (Back then, it was okay to feed the critters—please don't do it now.) Anyhow, Danny found out that the slough where Pericles lived was due to be drained, so with the help of three strong young men, the next time the whistle sounded, instead of dinner, Pericles got gator-tied and hauled to a nice slough near the Lighthouse. Pericles didn't like the entire program one bit, since he was reported back in his original home three days later.

Twenty members attended the Jan. 2 meeting of the Community Association, where it was bewailed that the Christmas party hadn't made enough money to pay for the children's Christmas tree, so donations were made at the meeting to cover the deficit. John Kontinos reported on a cemetery study and commented that the Bailey family was considering "the possibility" of a cemetery on some of their land behind the Sanibel Community Church.

The report was in on the annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count, when 8,051 birds were spotted during a nine-hour consecutive period, with 86 species (as compared to 79 the year before) being seen, identified and recorded.

The regular monthly meeting of the Planning and Zoning Authority was held, attended by the board of directors and twelve residents; two amendments to an ordinance were passed by unanimous vote

concerning the width of lots and egress and ingress to lots of records not on public roads, the Sanibel Marina and Beachcomber Motel were granted permission to erect signs and Jace Berry wrote a letter asking the Authority how it felt about trailer parks since he wished to build one. The board members decided they approved in principle and, after checking the plat, would recommend a special exception for the park to the Board of Appeals.

## 1965

Since the 1966 ISLANDERS are still in hiding, we dropped back to 1965, when the lead story suggested that the readers could save \$75 by signing up for the Island Water Association membership, since the price was \$108 compared to the \$183 one would have to pay after March, when the water system went into actual operation.

The Shell Fair was in the news, with the first announcement of the categories, prizes, rules and application blank. The Bettys had just sold the B-Hive to Arthur Orloff, Ruth and Philip Hunter had just bought the old one-room schoolhouse and were busy turning it into a theater, the Sanibel Library (which was housed in the Sanibel Community House) announced a total number of almost 1,300 assorted books, which equalled the amount of volumes in the Captiva Library, and Fridays' House of Treasures was selling cranberry jewelry.

Miss Laurie Kearns, who was visiting one grandmother in Atlanta, called her on-island grandparents, Edna and Paul Kearns, with the exciting news that she had

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been able to start going to kindergarten on January 1. Edie Mugridge was in the process of getting specimen shells for the shell table, which was made of maple and measured 18 by 30 inches, and, to top everything off, the price of a full course dinner at Casa Ybel was \$2.95!

More than twenty-five conservation organizations, all located in Southwest Florida, gathered on the Islands for the first "Southwest Florida Conservation Council Conference" sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. The general idea was to see if there was a need for a Southwest Florida Conservation Confederation, and, if so, what goals should the group have and how should they go about accomplishing them. Mrs. Majory Stoneman Douglas, founder of Friends of the Everglades, was the featured speaker.

Other front page news included the fact that a 15-year-old girl, Martha Bowers, had made a \$100 donation to the Foundation, and a \$50 donation to Caretta Research, after she had convinced her parents that the checks were the only presents she wanted for Christmas.

The Steve Reynolds family of Delray Beach was a-visiting at The Gallery, lemon pectens (one of the most delectable pastries ever) were the regular Thursday feature at the Island Bake Shop, the Conservation Foundation had exactly 871 members, two floating houseboats at Sanibel Marina were cited as health hazards by the Lee County Health Department, who investigated after a complaint was made by Dr. Vernon McKenzie, "retired assistant to the Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service in Washington, D.C.," and Robert C. Haynie was re-elected president of the Sanibel Public Library, which was proud of the fact it was now open five days a week, had 22 volunteer workers and a circulation of 6,221 for the past year.

Newly elected County Commissioner Walter Shirey met with the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce and pledged his efforts to help with specific Island problems, such as the sanitary facilities at Turner Park, the need for a dog leash ordinance and the extension of Gulf Drive to the Lighthouse.

The Harbor House featured an "all you can eat" spaghetti dinner each Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. for \$2 a person, Carlos Cardeza of Texas bought three lots in Sanibel Lakes Estates through the Priscilla Murphy Real Estate Office, "The Sensuous Woman" by "J" dropped into fifth place after 38 weeks on the New York Times Bestseller list, Laughrey and Holtz were advertising residential lots on Gulf Drive with walking easement to the Gulf at \$75 a front foot, and frying chickens were 29 cents a lb., bananas 9 cents a lb., delmonico steaks were \$1.58 a lb. and peanut butter was 69 cents for a two pound jar, all at Bailey's.

In January, 1976 the lead story was "The End of CROW" followed by a story about the planning commission's consideration of the number of units to be allowed in the plan's motel allocation section, during which Dave Holtzman said that if he were allowed to use gross acreage in his plan to add 42 units to Shell Harbor, there would probably not be any difficulty, with which the commission agreed.

Dotti McQuade gave John Peurifoy a big hug for his birthday and Susan Holtz commented that birthdays could be weighty matters, since she and her father, Marty, had spent the weekend in Miami celebrating their birthdays (which are two days apart) by going on a weekend eating spree.

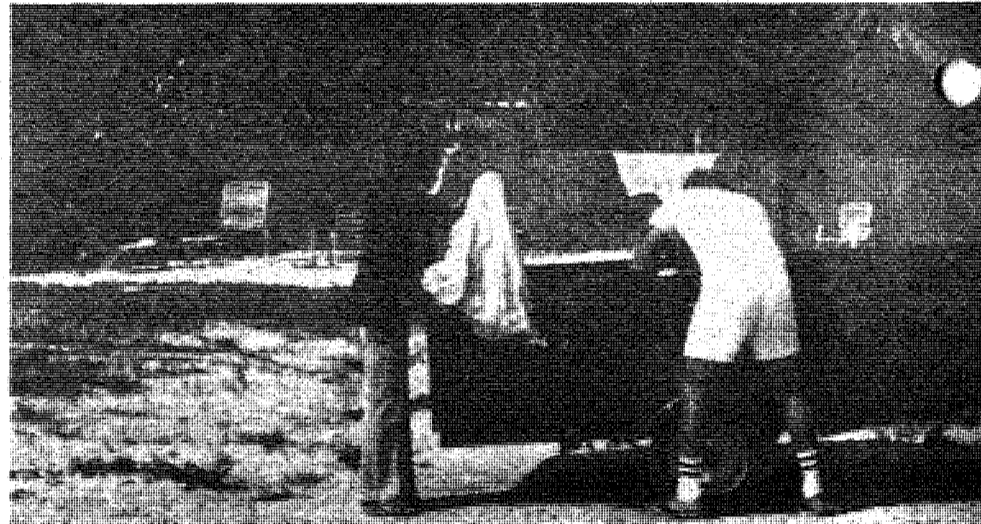
Precincts 16 and 17, Sanibel and Captiva, picked up 41 more voters after a special one-day registration drive on the Islands. Al Muench was appointed interim city manager following the resignation of Dave Bretzke until the arrival of William B. Nungester, who was due to arrive on the Islands March 1.

Mrs. Peter Franks of New York and her twin daughters found a junonia at Castaways. County Commissioner Dick Sayers discussed planning with members of CPOOS, the Florida Department of Commerce announced that 1975 had been "an all time record year for Florida's tourism industry" with over 27 million visitors recorded, enough of whom went to Disney World in Orlando to cause a 15-mile-long traffic jam and four college students spent a few weeks on the Islands in what they termed as "your basic, low budget vacation" and thought the Islands were simply beautiful but "obviously too bent towards pleasing tourists," although they allowed as how such an attitude might be necessary.

# KIWANIS



Not everybody who cleaned the Island beaches during the Kiwanis Sunday clean-up were Islanders: Cathy and Dina A. of Cleveland, vacationing on Sanibel, aid in the clean-up.



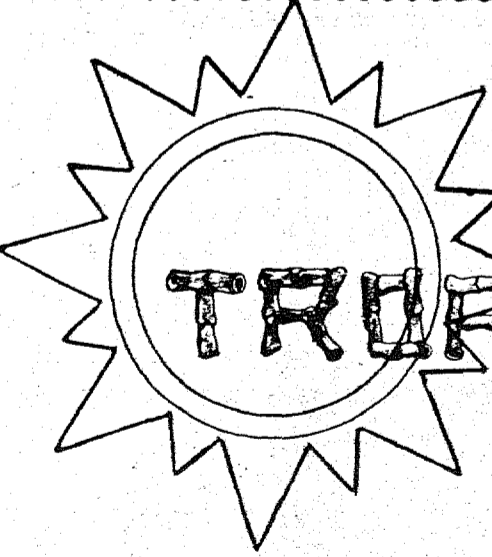
Kiwanians and interested friends dump beach debris during Sunday's cleanup.

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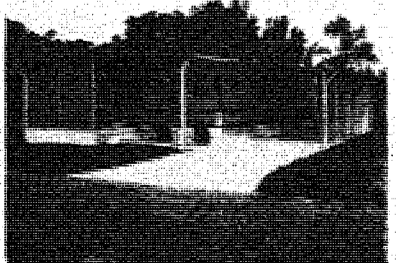
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# CLEANS THE BEACHES

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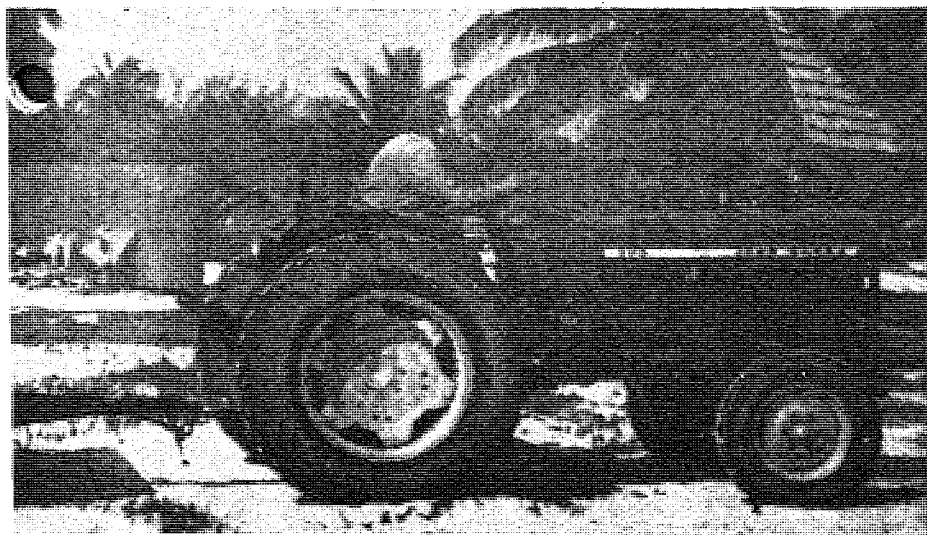
Approximately 50 people walked the beaches prior to the Super Bowl during the clean-up scooping up cans, containers and garbage.

All aluminium cans were separated for recycling and Kiwanians reported that the remaining debris filled several dumpsters. Thanks to all who helped.



All aluminum was separated from other garbage and debris during Kiwanis clean-up of Sanibel beaches.

Clean-up crews came in all sizes



Crash into dumpsters that patrolled the Island beach clean-up.

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# More police reports



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strong enough to foil B&E attempt.

Parked vehicle had open door; investigation showed vent window had been pried open with the resulting loss of 10 eight-track tapes.

Complainant called to state that person "was sleeping in shed." Person (presumably awakened) said he had permission to sleep there from someone. The someone involved stated permission had been given for ONE night's worth of sleeping there. Person, sleeper, et al, advised that sleeping in such a manner was a violation of a city ordinance.

Call came in to report motor vehicle on beach. Seems that driver of same had been sailing and, having lost control of the boat, beached it as soon as possible and then headed for car to take boat back where it belonged. Sailor-driver unaware of city ordinance prohibiting motor vehicles on beach; said it wouldn't happen again.

Complainant came in to SPD station to report the theft of a ring, a wallet and a credit card sometime early in December. Was not aware of theft until he received bill for money charged to the credit card after the 1st of January.

A nice new boat was reported stolen. Boat later turned up with key in ignition moored at a large dock. Key was brought to SPD for safe-keeping.

A citizen called city hall to complain about an "obstruction" caused by a

water dispenser. Officer investigated; "did not find the complaint well founded." Notified City Hall of same.

Complainant reported she had been "run off the road" by two motorcycles. Found operators of same; they said they were speeding, but hadn't run anyone off the road. SPD then informed original complainant of conversation and the fact that a report had been made. Complainant expressed approval of SPD.

A van was reporting as "trespassing." Owner of same notified of violation; van gone on next check of area.

Someone parked a locked car with a purse containing plane tickets and checks, etc., under front seat. Returned 30 minutes later; car still (or re-) locked but purse and contents gone. Car dusted for prints.

Another parked car—this one unlocked with purse in full sight—resulted in the loss-and-or theft of a purse, cash and a watch.

Have ya heard folk song lately?—the one which plaintively asks "When will they ever learn, oh, when will they ever learn...."

Trucks and tractors hauling heavy construction materials blocking road; job foreman notified; all trucks, etc., removed immediately from public right of way.

Complaint made that nude and-or naked people were using bad language. Officer dispatched and talked with talkers.

Medical ID bracelet found and taken to SPD for safe-keeping.

# Shelf Reading

by Margaret & Bill Krueger

The recent spell of cool weather and the end of the football season coming together is opportune. It is a good time for all of us to do ourselves a favor of finding again the benefits and joys of the books on the shelves of the Sanibel Library.

If the insidious power of the television world has lead you away from the attractions of reading, now is the time to turn the tube off and in the quiet time which follows try reading a book.

Don't worry about the new best sellers on a long waiting list—there are so many (over 8,800 volumes)

authors readily available. Books and authors who can claim their right to be read, not because of a brief passing interest shown them now, but because of their all time appeal.

Are you a mystery fan? Good! On the Sanibel Library shelves are all the great detectives waiting for you to match wits with them.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and his creation, Sherlock Holmes, certainly the granddaddy of detectives, is such lasting entertainment value that his adventures are still awaiting your involvement after all these years.

In fact, these classics are so fine that "The 7 per cent Solution," written by Nicholas Meyer in the Doyle manner using his characters, made the best seller list shortly after its publication.

Enjoy a little spice in your reading? Then forget for a time our modern adult novels and read—or re-read—Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales" in modern English for the first few tales and then perhaps in the original old English. They're old time tales, yes, but with imagination, you're right back in the daring and dash and variety of Chaucer's England.

PREVIEW: The Sanibel Library has an exceptionally fine large print section. More about this later.

Incidentally, Mayor Porter Goss is a mystery fan and partial to the British author Dick Francis. He also loves "Winnie The Pooh!" These—and many more—you will find on the shelves.

(Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of bi-weekly library articles written by the Kruegers which will be appearing in The ISLANDER for the season—and we hope much longer.)

# We've come a long way - - -

by Rich Arthurs

In one of the first ISLANDERS of 1973, we published a "letter to the ISLANDER" from well-known Island activist Paul Howe.

Paul opened his letter with this characteristic quip: "The following 'Whatever Happened To' list for 1972 is submitted as our year-end unprogress report by the Sanibel-Captiva Procrastination Club."

Paul proceeded to set down a list of problems and projects which had cropped

up over the preceding year, 1972. Now, four years later, many of the items on Paul's "Whatever Happened To" list are still with us, although at the present time they pose headaches for the Sanibel City Council rather than the Lee County Commission.

In most of these cases, Paul's humorous reference to procrastination no longer applies (for which we suggest you see the article, "New Year's Resolution for Friends of Sanibel," in our last issue), while at the

same time, the fact that many of these matters are yet unresolved would almost lead one to believe that they will always be with us, like the Ancient Mariner's albatross, weighing down the members of all future city councils throughout eternity.

Our assessment of these matters are no nearer to a solution than they were when Paul wrote his satirical letter some four years ago.

Among others, Paul

mentioned "the Bowman Beach court case, the Sanibel-Captiva water rate adjustments and water rationing to new applicants, the County Mosquito Control's planes operating over the western part of the islands, the state's project to establish beach building setback marks, the Wulfert Road development (Sanibel Bayous), the bicycle path project, and the January 11 Sign Ordinance enforcement deadline."

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| 6:57<br>11-Morning Devotional<br>7:00<br>11-Music and The Spoken Word<br>20-The Lucy Show<br>26-Big Valley | 11:55<br>26-Schoolhouse Rock<br>12 Noon<br>11-Fat Albert & The Cosby Kids<br>20-Fla. Wrestling Highlights<br>26-Jr. Almost Anything Goes | 6:00<br>11-News Eleven<br>6:30<br>11-Thirty Minutes<br>20-Eyewitness News<br>26-ABC Saturday News  |
| 7:30<br>11-Fury<br>20-Little Rascals   | 12:25<br>26-Schoolhouse Rock<br>12:30<br>11-Way Out Games<br>26-American Bandstand   | 7:00<br>11-Lawrence Welk<br>20-Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau<br>26-Name That Tune!  |
| 8:00<br>11-Sylvester & Tweety<br>20-Woody Woodpecker<br>26-"Tom & Jerry" and "Mumbly Show"                 | 1:00<br>11-CBS Children's Film Festival<br>20-NCAA Basketball Doubleheader: Vanderbilt at Florida & Alabama at Miss. State               | 7:30<br>26-High Rollers<br>8:00<br>11-Mary Tyler Moore<br>20-Emergency!<br>26-Wonder Woman - Part I (Part II on Monday night)  |
| 8:30<br>11-Clue Club<br>20-Pink Panther Laugh and A Half Show<br>26-Jabber Jaw                             | 1:30<br>26-WEVU-TV Saturday Movie: "Wings Of The Hawk" starring Van Heflin   | 8:00<br>11-WINK Movie Classics: "Conflict," with   |
| 8:55<br>26-Schoolhouse Rock  | 2:00<br>11-Porter Wagoner  | 11:15<br>26-American Theater: All night movies till 6:30 a.m. (at which point you may watch the Lone Ranger if you're still awake) "The Ravine," David McCallum (1970); "Psycho," Anthony Perkins, Vera Miles (1960); "Banning," Robert Wagner, Jill St. John (1967); "A Very Special Favor," Rock Hudson, Leslie Caron (1965) |
| 9:00<br>11-"Bugs Bunny" & "Roadrunner" Hour<br>26-Scooby Doo & Dynomut                                     | 2:30<br>11-WINK-END Movie: "Sea Hawk" with Humphrey Bogart, Alexis Smith and Sydney Greenstreet - a sea story that's a saga! (1940)      | 11:30<br>11-News Eleven<br>20-Eyewitness News<br>26-ABC Weekend News   |
| 10:00<br>11-"Tarzan, Lord of the Jungle"<br>20-Speed Buggy   | 3:30<br>26-Pro Bowlers Tour  |  |
| 10:25<br>26-Schoolhouse Rock   | 5:00<br>20-Joe Garagiola Tucson Open Golf: Semi-final round live from Tucson   |  |
| 10:30<br>11-"Shazam!" & "Isis" Hour<br>20-Monster Squad<br>26-Kroffts Supershow                            | 6:00<br>26-Wide World of Sports  |  |
| 11:00<br>20-"Space Ghost" & "Frankenstein, Jr."  |  |  |
| 11:30<br>11-Ark II<br>20-Big John, Little John<br>26-Super Friends   |  |  |

- 8:30  
11-Bob Newhart  
9:00  
11-All In The Family  
20-NBC Saturday Movie: "The Deadly Tower"  
26-Starsky & Hutch
- 9:30  
11-Alice  
10:00  
11-Carol Burnett  
26-Most Wanted
- 11:00  
11-News Eleven  
20-Eyewitness News  
26-ABC Weekend News

Humphrey Bogart, Alexis Smith and Sydney Greenstreet in a chiller when a man murders his wife for love of his sister-in-law! (Old)  
20-NBC's Saturday Night, with outie gags and funny people.


Correction

Scott Homan, a popular young man with the Island Water Association, is playing the role of young American, Roger Vincent, in this season's Pirate Playhouse production of "Goodnight Mrs. Puffin."

The names of all three were omitted from the original announcement of the cast of the play.

In "Goodnight Mrs. Puffin," Pauline plays the part of Annie, the maid, while her husband Bob is the stage manager for the play, which played to a capacity house on opening night and has been proclaimed a sure-fire hit by all who've seen it.

Also involved with the play are Pauline and Robert Tuttle of the Seahorse Shell Shop on Sanibel.



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PAGAN IN THE PARLOR	SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 6
GOODNIGHT MRS. PUFFIN	SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 12
GOODNIGHT MRS. PUFFIN	SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 13
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LAFF THAT OFF	SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 20
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PAGAN IN THE PARLOR	SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 27
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- 7:30 11-Rex Humbard
- 20-The Lucy Show
- 8:00 20-Jimmy Swaggart Show
- 8:30 11-Oral Roberts
- 20-Old Time Gospel Hour
- 26-The Turney Family with Baby LuLu
- 9:00 11-Thy Kingdom Come
- 26-Old Time Gospel Hour
- 9:30 11-Far Out Space Nuts
- 20-God of Our Fathers
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- 10:00 11-Catholic Mass
- 20-Norman Vincent Peale
- 26-The Lone Ranger
- 10:30 11-Day of Discovery
- 20-Medix
- 26-New Adventures of Gilligan
- 10:55 26-Schoolhouse Rock
- 11:00 11-Riverside Baptist Services Live From Fort Myers
- 20-Gospel Singing Jubilee
- 26-Rex Humbard
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- 20-Living Tomorrow
- 26-Issues & Answers
- 12:15 20-Kiplinger's Changing Times
- 12:30 11-Bill Cosby Show
- 20-Meet The Press
- 26-Colgate Triple Crown Golf
- 1:00 11-Challenge of The Sexes
- 20-Grandstand
- 1:30 20-NCAA Basketball: Notre Dame at Marquette
- 1:45 11-NBA Doubleheader Basketball (till 6 p.m.): New Orleans at Philadelphia; N.Y. Knicks at Golden Gate Warriors
- 2:00 26-Superstars
- 3:30 20-Grandstand
- 26-U.S. Boxing Championship
- 4:00 20-Joe Garagiola Tucson Open Golf Tourney - Finals live from Tucson
- 4:30 26-Wide World of Sports
- 6:00 11-News Eleven
- 20-Last of the Wild
- 6:30 11-CBS Evening News
- 20-NBC Sunday News
- 26-Dolly
- 7:00 11-60 Minutes
- 20-Wonderful Disney World
- 26-The Young Pioneers - Part II
- 8:00 11-Rhoda

- 20-NBC Sunday Mystery starring Dennis Weaver as "McCloud"
- 26-The Six Million \$ Man
- 8:30 11-Phyllis
- 9:00 11-SWITCH!
- 26-ABC Movie: "Little Ladies Of The Night"
- 9:30 20-NBC Movie: "Stonestreet" in which Barbara Eden stars as a private investigator
- 10:00 11-The Seventh Annual "Entertainer of The Year" awards with Jackie Gleason as host of 90 minutes of honoring figures in the entertainment world, taped at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas
- 11:00 20-Eyewitness News
- 26-ABC Weekend News
- 11:15 26-Sunday Film Festival: "Squeeze A Flower" with Jack Albertson and Walter Chiari
- 11:30 11-Kiplinger's Changing Times
- 20-Sunday Showtime: "I Walk Alone" with Burt Lancaster, Kirk Douglas & Lizabeth Scott playing one of the oldest cons of all—if you want to find out something from a man, send a woman. Or that's what it says here.
- 11:45 11-News Eleven

- 8:30 11-Busting Loose
- 9:00 11-Maude
- 20-Bell System Special: "The Man In The Iron Mask"
- 26-The Pro Bowl
- 9:30 11-All's Fair
- 10:00

- 11-CBS News Reports: "The People vs. Gary Gilmore"
- 11:00 11-News Eleven
- 20-Eyewitness News
- 11:30 11-CBS Late Movies: The lollipop guy as Kojak in "Dark Sunday" & "Vendetta For A Saint"

- starring Roger Moore, Rose Marie Dexter
- 20-The Tonight Show
- 11:45 26-NewsScene
- 12:15 26-WEVU-TV Monday Movie: "Walk The Proud Land"
- 1 a.m. 20-The Tomorrow Show



Here's the Pagan, Margaret Krueger (left) as Nooga from the Society Islands, scaring Patricia Krepin (who plays Mrs. Peters) out of her wits. Pat is a pinch hitter. When the original Mrs. Peters had to return to Hilton Head for Christmas, Pat stepped in with one run-thru and no rehearsal to play the part. But then as everyone knows on Sanibel, Pat is in there pitching every time. Pagan will play again Jan. 16 with Pat, Margaret, Allen Mainard, Elaine Patton, Alan Pote, Bill Krueger, Jean Culpepper, Liz Harris, Kris Kohlbrenner, Pat Milligan and the Hunters, Ruth and Philip. Curtain at 8:15 p.m., Box Office: 472-2121.

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- 6:00 11-News Eleven
- 20-Eyewitness News
- 26-NewsScene
- 6:30 11-CBS News
- 20-NBC News
- 26-ABC News
- 7:00 11-Gunsmoke
- 20-Adam 12
- 26-To Tell The Truth
- 7:30 20-The \$128,000 Question
- 26-Treasure Hunt

- 8:00 11-The Jeffersons
- 20-Little House On The Prairie
- 26-Wonder Woman - Part II (Part I was seen Saturday evening)

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**crossword**

by thomas joseph

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## News notes

### Central American birds

Birds of Panama and Costa Rica will be the topic presented to the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society at its next meeting.

The meeting will be held at the Sanibel Community House on January 13 at 8 p.m. Color slides and a narrative on the birds will be presented by John and Harriet Dunning.

Dunning has made photography his avocation and is author of "Portraits of Tropical Birds." For the past thirteen years, John and Harriet have been making three to four trips a year to Central and South America to photograph birds.

He has supplied the photographs for a series of bird books that are in production for children of Central and South America. His most recent book, "Guide Book on Birds of the Tropics," is now in production.

Harriet, a Smith College graduate, has been a co-worker with her husband in producing their outstanding work. When not traveling, John and Harriet live on Fort Myers Beach.

Their program promises to bring an outstanding series of slides to the viewers.

### Community Association dinner

The next Sanibel Community Association dinner will be held on the first Tuesday of next month, Feb. 1, at the Community House. The business meeting and dinner starts at 6:30 p.m., the program—a slide show by Dick Beebe—around 7:30 or 8 p.m.

The Community Association is also giving a series of courses in everything from cooking to the stock market. While the cooking class is almost completely full, we get the idea if enough people apply, another may be formed. (But then again, that idea may be all wet.)

The Association is offering classes in Ecology, the Stock Market, Knit Fabrics Know How, Know Your House and International Cooking Concepts. The classes cost \$5 for five weeks (plus cost of materials) and more information may be obtained by calling Mary Coleman at 334-3505 or by finding the ad elsewhere in this ISLANDER.

We had a chat with Neal Bowen, Sanibel's City Attorney, who will give the fifth and final formal in the stock market course with about an hour's discussion of the new tax laws and shelters, and how they affect every one of us, followed by what he hopes will be a helpful question and answer hour.

"The new tax law revision is amazing," Bowen said. "They've actually been able to make the laws and the forms even more complicated than before—a task which most people would have thought was impossible."

Bowen said that his class, which will be held on Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m., "will attempt to cover the broader aspects of the mountain of drastic changes in the tax laws and shelters which have and will affect us all. There is a mountain of territory to cover, but we'll hit the high points."

### Trowbridge heads Fund drive

Sanibel and Captiva's annual United Way and drive will get underway shortly on the islands under the direction of Keith Trowbridge, president of the Casarina Corp. Trowbridge, who will be the host at a kick-off breakfast later this month, said they hoped to raise at least \$10,000 as compared to the \$7,000 last year.

(Editor's Note: Our handy-dandy little Novus calculator just supplied us with the following figures—with olives going at 2.65 cents each, vermouth at \$2.30 a bottle—which we are assured will last two people an entire year—and Beebeater's Gin at 57 cents a drink (figuring 15 to the quart) or Smirnoff Vodka going at 40 cents a drink (also figuring at 15 to a quart)—if you and your spouse (or whomever) gave up just ONE martini a day for a year, you'd have \$308.99 from vodka drinkers or \$416.10 from gin drinkers to give to the United Way, which helps fund 13 charitable groups in Lee County alone. Look at it this way, it doesn't seem much of a sacrifice at all, does it? As a matter of fact, if you gave up a single olive a day, you'd have \$14.60 to give!

But back to business—the organizations which are funded by the United Way include the YMCA, the Salvation Army, Big Brothers, Red Cross, Children's Home Society, L.A.R.C., Boys' Club, Community

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## Merger

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housing units but in other provisions intended to affect the 'quality of life' of the Islands."

The committee also warns that if the merger were to fall through and the tolls on the Causeway eliminated, opening up the Islands for more intensive visits from day trippers and the like, that "those pressures might in some additional measure be diverted to a planless and councilless Captiva," given the present goals of the Sanibel council and its plan.

In conclusion, the report cites the provision in the state's Local Government Comprehensive Planning Act which requires all localities in the state to adopt a comprehensive land plan by July 1, 1979 and the Lee County Commission's past reluctance to enact such a plan for the county.

"The question arises whether Captiva would be better off with a Sanibel-Captiva Plan or with a Countywide Plan drawn up by the County or the State," the report inquires.

The report also touches on the question of home rule and the identity results of a merger. Under an amended charter including both Islands, Captiva would probably have only one or two representatives on the city council and planning commission, the committee supposes, based on the populations and land areas of the two Islands.

"The City Council of a merged Sanibel-Captiva would generally be closer than the Lee County Commissioners to the interests and objectives of Captiva," the report affirms however, "Captiva voters will not control Captiva affairs whether it remains a part of Lee County or becomes part of a merged Sanibel-Captiva."

With respect to Captiva's retaining its individual identity in a merger, the committee feels that "the Island would continue to have a post office and its own postal address," while proposing that the Island's name could be preserved in a new name for the joint city such as "The City of Sanibel and Captiva Islands" or "The City of Sanibel-Captiva."

According to the report, the legal route to effect a merger would entail getting majority support from the voters of both Islands for a specific

merger proposal to be drafted prior to a referendum on the issue, after which the Sanibel City Council could annex Captiva by adopting an ordinance to amend the city charter to include Captiva.

In one instance, the report turns the merger proposal into somewhat of an ethical question for the residents and voters of the Island.

"The question," it states, "comes down to what further restriction each individual is willing to incur to promote a community goal; and this, in turn, will depend upon how each individual values that community goal. The choice is a very personal one."

"The study committee has done a grand job," said Association President Sam Conant last week. "All of us on the board think it's a very good report."

According to Conant, the Civic Association will sponsor an open public forum on the matter on the evening of Tuesday, January 18. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Captiva Community Center.

"Shortly thereafter the Civic Association will conduct a straw vote among Captiva's registered voters and among Captiva's property owners who vote off the Island," Conant reported. "Ballots will be mailed to each group and the final tabulation will be announced at a public meeting early in February."

"The result of this vote will guide the Governors of the Association in determining whether to pursue merger discussions with the Sanibel City Council," he said.

The council has already vowed to keep an open mind on the proposal and closely monitor the proceedings.

"A very sobering decision faces each of us, thus we strongly urge a very careful reading of this report as it does contain facts that will answer many of the questions that come to mind," said Conant in his letter accompanying the report.

The ISLANDER would also like to urge all Captiva readers who receive the report to take Conant's advice and to attend the January 18 forum well prepared to present your opinions and concerns on this most important question, which is likely to have a serious impact on the future of Captiva Island.

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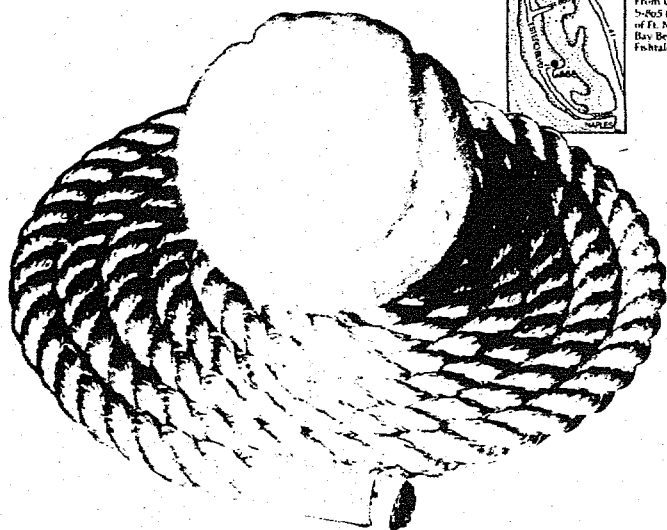
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To the infinite relief and delight of Island residents and visitors alike, there is at last a kitchen open after 10 - other than yours. The Red Tarpon Saloon...popular eating and drinking establishment hidden away on the Gulf of Mexico on Casa Ybel Road is serving in addition to regular meals a late night menu for the hungry and weebegone.

You can purchase hamburgers, cheeseburgers, or

fish fillet sandwiches complete with french fries, or opt for a Polish sausage doped with kraut...any one for 2 bucks and change.

Such a sandwich combined with your favorite or a Red Tarpon Saloon specialty such as the infamous Spin Crash and Burn or a Pina Colada should either straighten you out or curl you up completely.

All this good news comes from John Hill, Casa Ybel Resort proprietor and seeker after late night business. Quote John Hill, "After the regular diners leave (around 9:30 or so), folks come in ravenous. As a

result, we chained the cook to the stove so the famished can be nicely fed and watered at the Red Tarpon Saloon 'til 1 a.m. or so."

The regular dinner menu at the Red Tarpon is served from 6 p.m. 'til 9 p.m., but some visitors have found Casa Ybel so hard to find that they have given up and gone home to fried bait. If you're seriously hungry, drive to Casa Ybel Road (beside the Bank of the Islands) and turn toward the Gulf. Across from the airport you'll find succor, solace, Casa Ybel Resort, and some really terrific chow 'til the wee hours.

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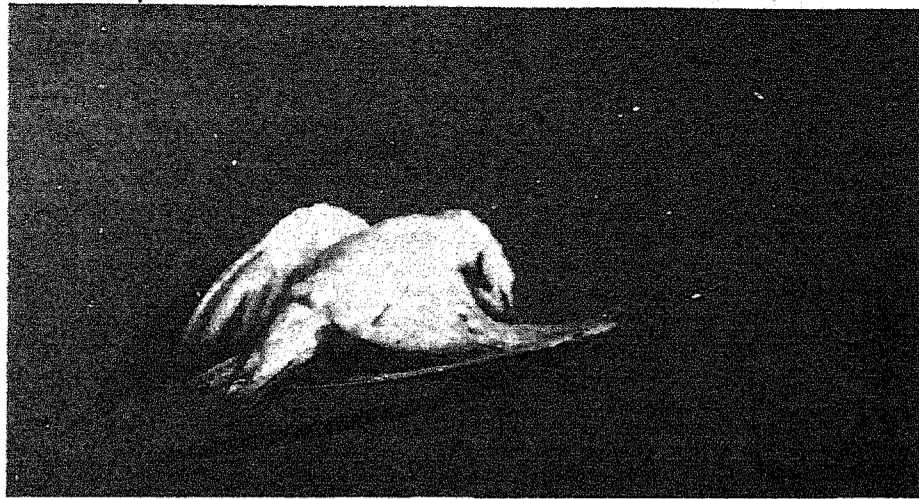
Coordinating Council, Girl Scouts, Legal Sid and the Boy Scouts. Of particular interest to residents and visitors alike is the YMCA, which is already conducting classes on the islands for children and adults, including swimming, arts and crafts and gymnastics.

The YMCA would like, according to General Director Thurston, to expand its activities on the Islands, and in particular, would like to have a building and-or meeting place of its own. Every dollar you give may be a part of the cornerstone of the Islands own YMCA—so when Keith and the other United Fund workers call on you for contributions—please give them your support!

## Pro Life of Lee

The Life of Lee group held a meeting last evening (Monday) at St. Francis Xavier's Hall in Fort Myers. If you would like any information on the pro-life, anti-abortion movement, please call 472-2121.

# Letter to the editor:



To the Editor:

In crossing the causeway during the past few weeks, I have noticed the growing number of dead seagulls that are appearing on the bridge. This is apparently caused when the gulls swoop low to land on the railings and collide with oncoming vehicles. In addition to the sad effect on the gulls, it also poses a safety hazard to cars.

I realize that lowering the speed limit on the causeway during the season would cause a traffic jam; perhaps the existing speed limit should be more strictly enforced and, more importantly, a larger sign warning unwary tourists about the low-flying gulls. Currently, there is just one very small sign—so small that some of my friends have never noticed it at all.

(s/ Sue Horstmeier)

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Wed	12	12:06 AM	5:03 AM	11:10 AM	* 5:31 PM
Thu	13	1:37 AM	6:58 AM	11:45 AM	* 6:18 PM
Fri	14	2:59 AM	9:30 AM	12:12 PM	7:11 PM
Sat	15	4:09 AM	* 8:07 PM	---	---
Sun	16	* 5:08 AM	** 9:03 PM	---	---
Mon	17	* 5:59 AM	** 9:58 PM	---	---

Tides courtesy of Priscilla Murphy, Realtor, Inc.

Conversion table: The above tides are for the lighthouse point of Sanibel only. To convert for Redfish Pass (north tip of Captiva), add 55 minutes to the time shown for every hi tide, and subtract two (2) minutes for every low tide. (NO, we don't know why, but it works. Instructions following are even less sense-sical but as we stated, they do work.)

For Captiva Island, Gulf side, subtract 30 minutes from each high tide, and subtract 1 hour and 16 minutes for each low tide.

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### The Strip

..An acquaintance of ours lived on a 22-foot sailboat for a couple of years and one day suddenly moved off and put the boat up for sale.

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sitting down and then dressing. Not the best, but it's better than getting punched in the mouth.

### The 1890s

..A boater once remarked that living on a typical sailboat was roughly like living with the same conveniences people had 80 years ago.

We have to buy and then carry ice to our ice box. We use alcohol for our stove fuel, to cook and sometimes heat the cabin. Lights can come from candles. The toilet (or head) is not a great deal improved over the outhouses of years ago. The darn thing still has to be dumped if the boat is equipped with a holding tank.

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### Why Do It Then?

..You trade the surface inconveniences for a couple of things which to most of us make all the difference. One reason we live aboard a sailboat is that intangible feeling of freedom. Always in the back of the mind is that challenge to say, "Let's get away for an hour or a

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**Dubious Tip Of The Week:** There are only two times you must tell the truth about your catch of fish. One is when a Florida Marine Patrolman stops your boat. The other is when the guy next to you has caught all the fish and wants to know how you are doing and would you take a couple of fish for dinner?

(Mike Fuery is captain of Captive Wind Sailing Charters out of Tween Waters Marine on Captiva).

## Island Weather

The Islands' weather last week was a bit cooler than normal for this time of year, as you can see for yourself from these vital statistics:

DATE	HI	LO	RAINFALL
December 31	70	64	18-100 inch
January 1	(New Year's Day - No Reading Taken)		
January 2	(Sunday - No Reading Taken)		
January 3	72	52	7-100 inch
January 4	72	54	None
January 5	70	54	None
January 6	72	56	None

## Solunar Tables

The schedule of Solunar Periods, as printed below, has been taken from Mrs. Richard Aleden Knight's SOLUNAR TABLES. Plan your days so that you will be fishing in good territory or hunting in good cover during these times, if you wish to find the best sport that each day has to offer.

The Major Periods are shown in boldface type. These begin at the times shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter. The Minor Periods shown in regular type, are of somewhat shorter duration.

Use Eastern Standard TIME

Date	Day	Minor Major	Minor Major
Jan. 10	Monday	8:50 3:05	9:15 3:30
Jan. 11	Tuesday	9:45 4:00	10:10 4:25
Jan. 12	Wednesday	10:40 4:55	11:05 5:20
Jan. 13	Thursday	11:35 5:40	11:50 6:10
Jan. 14	Friday	6:30	12:10 7:00
Jan. 15	Saturday	12:40 7:25	1:15 7:55
Jan. 16	Sunday	1:35 8:20	2:10 8:50

## The weather elsewhere

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City & Fcst	Jacksonville pc	67 37 ....	San Diego sy	63 48 ....
Albuquerque f	Kansas City cy	-02 -10 .05	San Francisco pc	57 44 ....
Anchorage cy	Las Vegas sy	49 30 ....	San Juan m	86 69 ....
Asheville w	Little Rock pc	26 17 .56	Seattle cy	35 24 ....
Atlanta cy	Los Angeles sy	64 42 ....	Spokane fg	24 03 ....
Baltimore sn	Louisville cy	25 23 .52	Tampa r	73 42 ....
Billings, Mont sn	Memphis cy	36 23 .08	Washington sn	33 20 .07
Birmingham sn	Miami pc	75 60 ....	Wichita pc	04 -01 .02
Boston r	Milwaukee sn	13 -06 .03	c-clear	
Charleston S.C. pc	Minneapolis pc	-11 -32 ....	cl-clearing	
Charlotte N.C. w	Nashville cy	35 33 .26	cy-cloudy	
Chicago sn	New Orleans fg	72 53 .37	fg-fog	
Cleveland sn	New York sn	30 20 ....	fz-freezing rain	
Columbus sn	Okla City pc	09 01 .76	hz-haze	
Dallas fg	Omaha pc	03 -12 ....	m-missing	
Denver sy	Philadelphia fzf	26 13 ....	pc-partly cloudy	
Des Moines pc	Phoenix sy	53 31 ....	r-rain	
Detroit sn	Pittsburgh sn	18 13 .17	sh-showers	
El Paso c	Portland Me. sn	21 -02 ....	sl-sleet	
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Honolulu pc	Providence r	26 14 ....	sy-sunny	
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# City Council notes

## Council rolls over committees

There will be a minimum of changes this year in the membership of twelve standing advisory committees created by the Sanibel City Council over the past two years.

At their meeting last Tuesday, the council filled a multitude of vacancies and openings on the twelve committees for the coming year by reappointing past members to another term of service, for the most part.

Among the few exceptions to this rule were the appointment of Frank Vellake to the city's Historic Preservation Committee, and the appointments of Molly Behrand and Myron Kline to the Vegetation Committee, from which past member Charlotte White resigned.

The city's Public Health Committee was the only standing advisory body to require a major turnover in its membership this year, as all but one of the committee members resigned their posts recently over their controversial proposal to make the city's dog control laws more restrictive. The council last week appointed Dr. Robert Spicer, Dr. Stanley Wegryn and Ruth Anderson to fill those vacancies, with the participation of past member Dr. Mordecai Haber still uncertain, according to ex-officio member Duane White.

Vice-Mayor Zee Butler coordinated the appointments and review of the twelve standing committees in the city, which are the Appeal Review Board, the Code Compliance Committee, the Finance Committee, the Insurance Committee, the Planning Commission, the Sanibel River and Wetlands Management Committee, the Sign Committee, the Site Selection Committee, and the Water Resources Conservation Committee, aside from those mentioned above.

The council briefly discussed combining the Wetlands Management Committee and the Water Conservation Committee into a single advisory body

to be charged with overseeing both the potable and non-potable water systems in the city, although no final action was taken on the proposal last week.

## New sign ordinance considered

The Sanibel City Council last week gave a first reading of a proposed ordinance intended to replace the city's current Sign Ordinance, which has recently been challenged in a lawsuit initiated by Sanibel resident Bob Buntrock.

The new Sign Ordinance is intended to be more enforceable and to clarify some of the vagaries of the current ordinance, which Councilman Duane White called "the most poorly written ordinance on the books."

The enforcement section of the proposed draft ordinance would allow Island businessmen with existing signs which do not conform to its provisions 30 days from the date of its adoption to bring their signs into compliance, except for those whose signs were erected before July 15, 1975, and whose signs do not violate the setback provisions of the ordinance or create a traffic hazard. To them, the ordinance provides a three-year grace period before their signs must be altered, with a possibility for further one-year extensions of their privilege.

For those who repeatedly refuse to comply, the ordinance sets maximum fines for violation at \$500 for each day of offense or allows the city to remove the offensive sign and assess the cost of removal against the sign owner as a lien upon his or her property. If the lien is delinquent more than 30 days, the city can initiate mortgage foreclosure proceedings under the new ordinance proposal.

Although the council recognized that the proposed draft still needs rather extensive revision and refinement, they tentatively scheduled a second reading and possible adoption of the new Sign Ordinance for their meeting of January 18.

## Mayor receives refuge rent

Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss appeared before the Lee County Commission last Wednesday to request payment of \$29,436.12 in federal money to the city.

The funds were those that the federal government pays to the local governmental body to compensate for tax revenues which would otherwise accrue to the local government from federally-owned lands such as Sanibel's J.N. (Ding) Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

The federal government pays the money to Lee County. Prior to Sanibel's incorporation, the Darling Refuge was within the county's jurisdiction boundaries. In recent years, the county has forwarded the funds to the City of Sanibel via the medium of an interlocal agreement between the two governmental bodies.

## City won't appeal Pointe Santo decision

Facing a January 19 appeal deadline, the Sanibel City Council decided not to appeal a recent court decision granting vested rights to the Pointe Santo Development Corp. et al, enabling the firm to complete their Pointe Santo de Sanibel Condominiums on Gulf Drive as approved by Lee County just prior to the city's incorporation.

City Attorney Neal Bowen informed the council last week of Circuit Judge Wallace Pack's denial of the city's motion for a rehearing in the case. Judge Pack's final court order enjoined the city to cease any further interference with the project's completion.

"The city might be better advised to expend its energies in other directions than appealing this decision," Bowen told the council. According to Bowen, the city's special legal counsel, Frank Watson and Fred Bosselman, are both in concurrence with his recommendation.

"I don't think this is the right case to pursue the issue of what constitutes 'a project' under the law," said Mayor Porter Goss, referring to the decision's implication that permits issued by the county for Sanibel are valid indefinitely. "Frankly, they got in just under the wire."

Councilman Francis Bailey was also reluctant. "I hate to give it up, but I think I'd agree to drop it," he said.

Goss suggested that the city erect a sign on the Gulf Drive right-of-way which borders the site to inform the public that the project does not conform to the city's building standards. The other councilmen presumed that the mayor spoke in jest and took no action on the proposal.

The council voted 3 to 1 not to appeal the decision, with Councilman Duane White dissenting and Councilman Charles LeBuff absent.

Later in their long session last Tuesday, the council decided to appeal another circuit court decision denying a city motion for Velna Ridge and Gordon Tracy to pay an additional \$18,060 in court costs for

expert witnesses used in the city's defense against a vested rights suit aimed at the comprehensive land use plan.

Judge James Shands upheld the city's position in the suit late last summer, but Tracy-Ridge have subsequently appealed the decision.

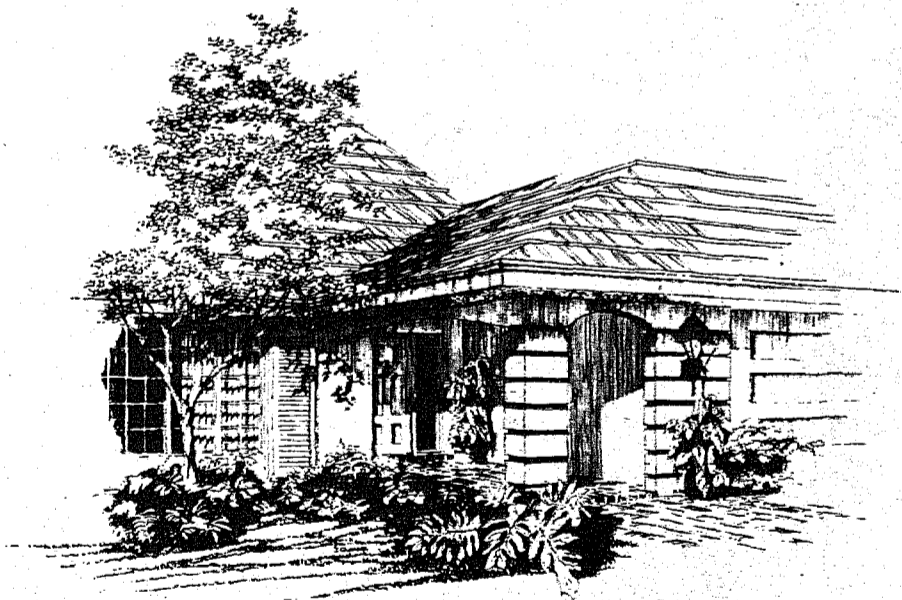
The city's response to the plaintiffs' charges are due later this month, with a decision in the appeal expected by late summer or early fall, according to Special City Attorney Fred Bosselman.

## Kings Crown amendment approved

The council voted unanimously to approve a specific amendment to the comprehensive land use plan (CLUP) last week to enable Latham Corporation President Robert Johnson to construct the final 66 units at this King's Crown Condominium project on West Gulf Drive.

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## Islander obituaries

BURTON E. HAYES

Burton E. (Burt) Hayes died Dec. 23 in Fort Myers following his hospitalization a few months ago. Burt, who has visited and lived on the Islands for almost 20 years, will be missed by his many friends and acquaintances.

A native of Connecticut, Hayes had been in Maudeville, appearing on many famous stages across the country, and, in later years went into the business of teaching and giving demonstrations in ballroom dancing. Besides a rollicking sense of humor, Hayes was a more than adequate Sunday painter and an expert storyteller.

Fr. Thomas Madden officiated at a Memorial Service on Dec. 29 at the Harvey Funeral Home.

H. MILTON WAGNER

H. Milton Wagner, 86, a native of Maryland, died January 1 on the way to Fort Myers after a heart attack suffered on the Islands.

A Sanibel seasonal visitor for a number of years, Wagner had served in Asia with the YMCA for ten years, before returning to the States to take over the family business—the H.M. Wagner Company, wholesale distributors—in 1926 until his retirement in 1946. For the next thirty years, his family have operated a farm in Gettysburg, Pa.

He was survived by his wife, Margaret, three children, Margaret Harley, Harry M. Wagner and Joan Brucker, and 12 grandchildren.

## City Council notes

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The approved density for the remaining 6.12 acres of the site represents the culmination of negotiations between the city and the developer—an even split between the density approved by Lee County and that allocated to the property in the CLUP.

The council approved the settlement despite requests from King's Crown residents Walter Wuebold, Abner Hook and K. Kemper that they defer action on the matter pending an investigation of interval ownership sales practices, which Latham Corp. is currently considering for the 66 new units to be constructed upon the issuance of a city development permit for the work, according to Latham Executive Vice-President Steve Johnson.

The council respectfully declined to intervene in the matter, and acted unanimously in upholding the recommendation of the city team which negotiated the matter, under the chairmanship of Vice-Mayor Butler.

In other amendment action last week, the council granted Jim Robson's request for a variance from the CLUP's commercial yard setback requirements, to permit an addition to his Three-Star Groceries at the corner of Palm Ridge and Tarpon Bay Roads.

Only Councilman Duane White opposed the request. "I don't want to willy-nilly say yes to everyone who comes up here for an exemption to the plan," he said. "I would like to hear a good reason why we should grant this exception."

Robson's reply satisfied his fellow councilmen, but White voted to deny the amendment.

Later, the council voted unanimously to deny Big Spring Oil Company President Charles J. McCullough a variance from the CLUP's coastal con-

struction setback line to insure the saleability of his four lots in the Sanibel Harbors Subdivision on Woodring Point.

## American Legion gets facelift



The wrapping on the package is the same but the inside of the American Legion on Sanibel-Captiva is decidedly different. The Legion is now accepting reservations for private parties in their newly refurbished Home.

From a stark hall reminiscent of an airplane hangar, the American Legion Home on Sanibel Captiva Road has undergone rather a radical transformation. The bar area has been completely moved, enclosed and panelled. The meeting hall, which can seat 100, has had some panelling added to it and new drapes installed.

The ceiling has been lowered, new lighting and air conditioning units installed. The kitchen, although not completely finished, is in operation as members of the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club can attest, after holding a very successful dinner meeting there last Thursday.

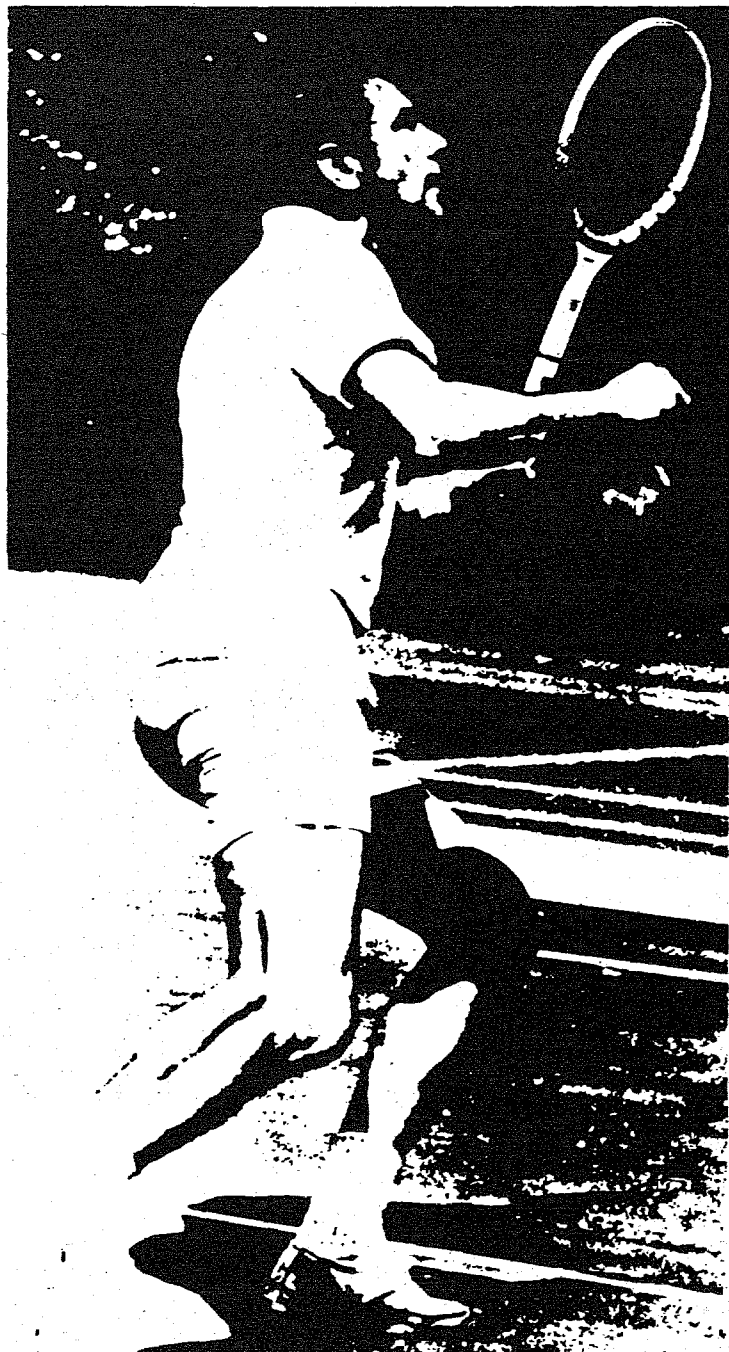
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terested in making itself available to groups and organizations for meetings and parties and can arrange to have a party catered or provide the kitchen facilities so that groups may provide their own food service. There is a nominal rental fee and arrangements should be made with the Legion at least a week ahead of time. For more information, call

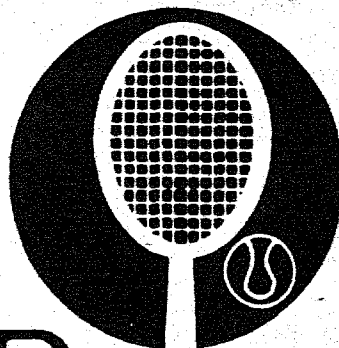
the American Legion at 472-9979.

One night that the Legion usually is occupied, of course, is on Wednesday evenings for weekly Murex (Bingo) which begins at 8:30 and is open to the public. So if what you need is a meeting place on any other evening, consider the newly refurbished American Legion

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# Planning Commission rejects amendments

Strict compliance with the provisions of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) dictated the decisions reached by the Sanibel Planning Commission in their recent session. The requests for amendments to the CLUP plan to reclassify non-commercial use were all rejected on the grounds that they violated the intent and the provisions of the plan.

In a theme she repeated several times throughout the day, Commissioner Robinson said that the plan provided for controlled commercial growth and in allowing any exceptions, the Commission would be promulgating growth over and above what has been deemed adequate for Sanibel Island.

The second general conclusion that became apparent during the hearing was that the inability of Periwinkle Way to handle traffic congestion during peak periods was a strong determining factor in the Commission's reluctance to grant any amendments changing non-commercial zoning to commercial zoning along Periwinkle until an alternative method of handling traffic has been found.

It was for these two reasons that the Commission again turned down Dale Beatty's request to construct a shopping center directly across from Periwinkle Place on residentially zoned land. In arguing his case, Beatty told the Commission that traffic on Periwinkle is as bad as it can get because there simply is not room for any more cars on the road during high traffic times and, with only one access and egress as well as a service road to be built at his own expense, he would not be adding to the traffic problem. The Center, Beatty explained, would be built on stilts with shell drives and, of the 722 trees on the property, only 42 would be removed to build the center.

Paul Howe indicated that he was violently opposed to the location when he said that even without congestion, the access road is on a bad curve and poses a serious safety hazard.

In denying his petition, the Commission

told Beatty that they were in sympathy with what they termed a well-designed center, but only if he could find a location on property already zoned for commercial use.

John R. Goode said that he sold his home and business to move to Sanibel when he purchased a piece of property fronting on Periwinkle just west of the Trailer Park. At that time, it was zoned commercial and he planned to open an ice cream business. When the property was rezoned, Goode said that he had approached four banks and Monday stated to the Council that he had not been able to obtain a land mortgage because the banks could not "see homes in that area."

When The ISLANDER checked with a banking authority later in the week, we were told that he had probably been turned down on the basis that all mortgages are based on market values and when any property is reclassified and has not been sold in the existing area under the new zoning, it is difficult to determine the fair price of the property.

Although his petition was denied at this time, Goode was told by the Commission that property such as his that had been zoned "residential" in a commercial area would be reviewed.

Paul Howe likened the property in question to a "gap like a missing tooth." However, he continued, any new commercial property along Periwinkle adds to the congestion and that re-thinking about this kind of zoning should go hand-in-hand with re-thinking the solution to the vehicular problem, a point that was agreed to by Commissioner Marshall.

In another petition to open a small retail area of "about 500 square feet" in the front of the duplex she now owns with her husband on Casa Ybel Road, next to the Sanibel Center Building. The land had been zoned commercial and under that zoning Mrs. McNamara had obtained an occupational license to sell lamps.

The zoning map had included their property although the CLUP wording made

it actually part of Lagoon Estates. Mrs. McNamara said she believed that, with a warehouse on one side and a shopping center on the other as neighbors, they were definitely part of the business community and "should not be penalized for the city's mistake. We have put a lot of money into redoing the house," continued Mrs. McNamara, "and we will abide by whatever restrictions the Commission or the City impose."

Many of the McNamara's neighbors attended the hearing to voice their opposition to the proposed amendment. Harold Gentry, who now owns a major land tract in the area and is planning to acquire more, voiced an objection to the plan on the basis that there is inadequate parking area at the McNamara's for a retail operation and that, while the McNamaras have been operating a wholesale operation for several years from that location, customers have been using their property as a parking area.

In response to Mrs. McNamara's statement that the city had erred and they were suffering, Acting Chairman Twink Underhill observed that there had been several discrepancies between the CLUP and the supposedly corresponding map that had caused the mistake leading to the issuance of an occupational license in a residential area. The Commission voted to deny the request which now passes to City Council.

In another request to amend the Plan, Quinton McNew did not gain permission to alter the density requirements for Little Lake Murex subdivision. The density requirements call for one house every two acres; McNew's plans call for one house per half acre.

The subdivision is located north of Gulf Drive between Island Inn Road and Rabbit Road and had originally been scheduled for 100 lots, which McNew had reduced to 49 prior to the incorporation of the City of Sanibel. McNew's argument in changing the plan was primarily based on the fact that he should be allowed to have the same kind of

density as adjacent subdivisions, carrying a density of 2.2 units per acre.

General amendments involving more than 20 areas are referred to county and state officials as well as the City.

A final decision is still pending for Charles H. Smith, Jr., President, Virginia South Corporation. Smith wants to sell 46 lots at one end of a tract of land that runs from Gulf Drive, west of Rabbit Road, to Sanibel-Captiva Road.

His petition was continued until January 17 when a legal determination of the specific application of density can be reviewed by the city attorney.

Outer Island Development represented by David Thompson appeared before the Commission to request a change in the plan to allow them to alter the density of an area just north of Ocean's Reach Condominium. The current density is one house per five acres. Outer Island Development now owns 3.5 acres on which they wish to build two dwelling units per acre.

During the session, residents living in the area brought out the fact that the 3.5 acres in question were part of an original parcel of land that was owned by Outer Island and included Ocean's Reach Condominium Complex. Resident William Webb argued that, including the condominium, this is one of the highest areas of density on the Island. The question of whether or not this is a "transition case" is one which the Commission felt that they could not address and suggested that the developer meet with the City Planner to discuss the question. The petition was, however, denied.

At the end of the full-day schedule, City Manager William Nungester presented the Planning Commission with a new set of standards determining the meaning of the provision in the plan that calls for on-site retention of the volume of rainfall produced in a five-year level storm. The new set of standards, prepared by the Cape Coral engineering firm of Howard, Needles, Tammen and Bergendoff, are guidelines the Commission felt can be followed by engineers without difficulty.

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# Julie Daugherty - Model of the year

Julie Suhling Daugherty, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Avery Daugherty of Sanibel and a sophomore at Cypress High, won the coveted "Model Of The Year" award Wednesday evening at the Fort Myers Sheraton where she competed with 23 other students ranging in age from 13 to their mid-30's who had just completed a four month course at the Zenobia King High School of Charm and Modeling in Fort Myers.

"I just couldn't believe it," Julie told The ISLANDER. "When I saw how beautiful and happy everyone else was, I almost cried when I was told I won. Even my mother had been talking to my sisters in the audience and told them 'Now, you tell her when she loses that she was really good anyway'... but when I started to almost cry, she said, 'Now, don't do that—you'll make your makeup run'."

"I don't think I'd like to make modeling my prime occupation," Julie said, "although being a photographer's model has always been my dream. In modeling, you see, they get used to you and you get old then you don't have a peer anymore."

She paused and looked off into what must have been the future, and then flashed a pretty grin. "But I surely wouldn't mind doing it for a while. I must admit that going to New York and modeling seems very attractive."

When asked, Julie demonstrated some of the turns which models have to use effortlessly, no matter how complicated they are—the pivot (which we recognized as a quarter turn), the Dior, which we shan't even try to explain since it involves pivoting in what looks like a place three ballet step using both heels and the ball of the foot not quite simultaneously but almost, and the two and four point... where in the model looks delightfully saucy and does a wide legged half and then full turn pivot with almost incredible grace.

"I wanted to go into modeling and to the school because it looked like so much fun, Julie said. "All the girls are having such a good time and communicating their joy—even just the very joy of being there and being able to show you pretty clothes—that I just wanted to be a part of it."

Julie, who says that she thinks she'd like to be an interior decorator as a fulltime career, is a lovely young lady—and we are quite sure she will become a part of whatever she chooses, be it modeling, interior decoration or any other vocation she may select.

The judges the night she won were Linda Hart Sutherland of Naples and Joy Hart, who are cousins and also graduates of Zenobia King Hill's very first class in Fort Myers, and Betty Anderson of



Julie Suhling Daugherty, a sophomore at Cypress High, is a real winner—even in an early morning pose two days after winning the "Model Of The Year Award" last Wednesday evening in Fort Myers.

Lehigh Acres, who is a News Press columnist.

"The Hart girls are cousins," Ms. Hill told us, "and while I've been able to get them to judge contests before, this is the very first time they've both been able to be a judge at the same time. In my very first class here in Lee County, Linda came in first, and Joy was first runner up. I was so proud."

Ms. Hill, when asked how long she had been in the modeling and charm school business, replied "Oh, dear, I don't really think I want to answer that. I started dancing around 12, and modeling around 15, and taught in Alabama before coming here. Suppose you just say 'for years and years'?" she said with an almost audible smile.

Ms. Hill, who is a member of the Modeling Association

of America, on the Board of Directors of the March of Dimes and is a member of the Lee County Alliance of the Arts, must run her school for the enjoyment of it, for there is not enough money to pay for what she teaches young women of all ages. If you will notice, almost every pretty girl you see in a local paper, or who wins a local beauty and talent contest, is one of her students or graduates. She is

to be saluted for the fine work she has done—as Julie is to be saluted for learning so very well.

The very best wishes for today and forever to both of them—to Ms. Hill for her ability to help young girls turn into beautiful women and to Julie for being such a good student.

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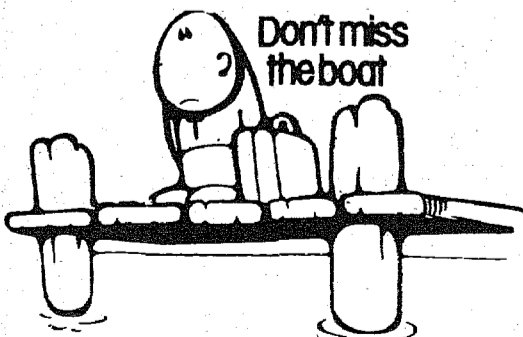
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# Permit fees

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Citing another provision calling for the plan to be "implemented at a pace consistent with the city's capability to provide administrative and economic support for development," the council instructed Nungester to slow down the permitting process to relieve some of the confusion in city hall.

For the time being, permit applications will be assigned a number as they are received and will be processed orderly in sequence as time allows, rather than being rushed through to suit the convenience of the applicant, as has been the case since the plan's adoption last July. The council gave some consideration to phasing the issuance of building permits, but withheld action on the proposal until phasing becomes absolutely necessary.

In the two months until the expiration of the emergency ordinance, which is intended only as a stop-gap measure, Nungester will be renewing the fee schedule to work up some precise calculations of the

city's expenses for processing permits to be incorporated in a permanent ordinance to replace the temporary measure. He will also be working closing with city Planning Director Carleton Ryffel to arrive at a streamlined approach to the business of processing applications.

"Although it's by no means the final word," said Nungester of the fee schedule outlined in the emergency ordinance, "I do think it will return what we've projected and probably a little more."

The council voted unanimously last Friday to adopt the emergency ordinance, despite the apparent reluctance of all members of the council to do so.

"I think we have a serious problem that needs instant remedial action," said Goss. "The overriding concern is that we've been failing to live up to the plan, not because we don't want to, but because we haven't had the time and the personnel to attend to our priorities."

"We've got more of a load than we can handle and we'll need more time and people if we're going to do this right," the mayor continued. "It will also cost more," he added.

In another action late last Tuesday, the council imposed a moratorium on the city's undertaking any

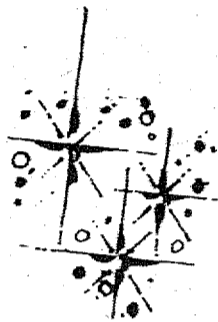
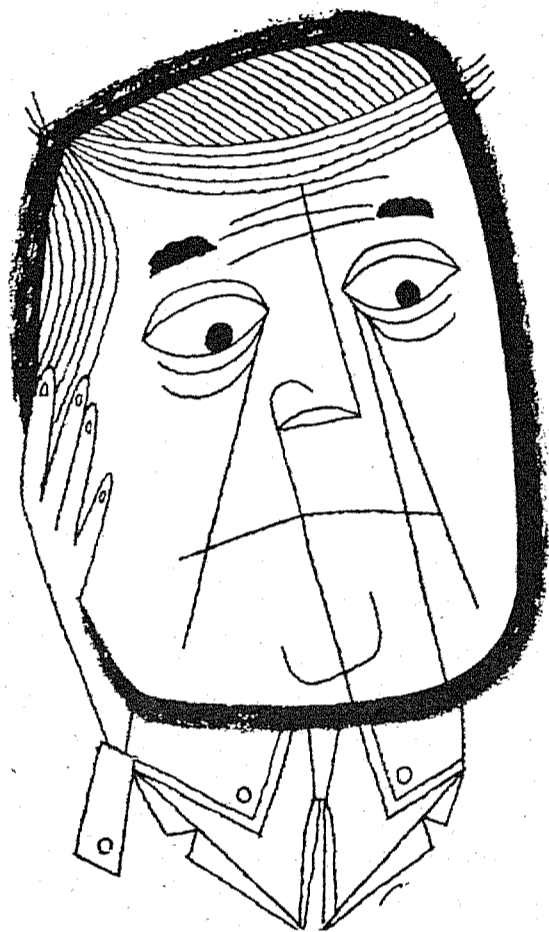
new legal advertising pursuant to Article IV of the land use plan because of a possible conflict between the city's accustomed public hearing and legal notice procedure with a state law enacted last July 1 governing legal notice requirements for zoning changes.

Mayor Goss told the council that the city was on the border of doing "irreparable damage to the plan," after Special City Attorney Fred Bosselman informed him of the possible conflict with the recent state law, which Bosselman and City Attorney Neal Bowen were instructed to investigate.

The results of their investigation should be forthcoming within two to three weeks, according to Bowen, at which time the moratorium will be lifted.

The moratorium precludes the city from undertaking legal advertising only for any new permit applications which might be submitted and will not affect ongoing cases of applications received in city hall before last Tuesday.

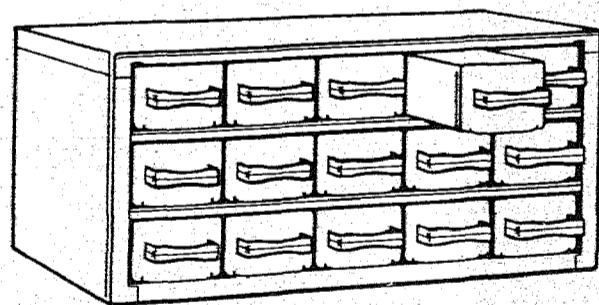
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