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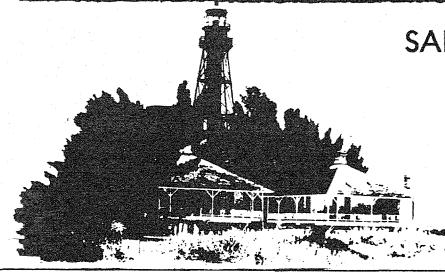
The first in what could be a series of town meetings on the Islands will be held Wednesday, January 26, at the Sanibel Community House on Periwinkle Way.

The program for the first town meeting will feature a 45-minute discussion of Sanibel's financial problems with respect to a \$30-million capital improvements program contemplated by the city council for the years ahead. This discussion will be led by Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss.

A second 45-minute discussion on the agenda for the first meeting will focus on the problem of law enforcement on Sanibel and will be led by Sanibel Police Chief John Butler and City Manager Bill Nungester. There has also been some time set aside at the end of the program for Islanders to discuss their opinions of the town meeting concept itself and to suggest possible topics for discussion at future town meetings.

The meetings are being sponsored by the Committee of the Islands and are intended to serve as a public forum in which Islanders can discuss their views on the future problems confronting Sanibel and Captiva.

Islander Jim Hermes will serve as moderator for the meeting which is expected to last from about 8:00 until 10:00 p.m.



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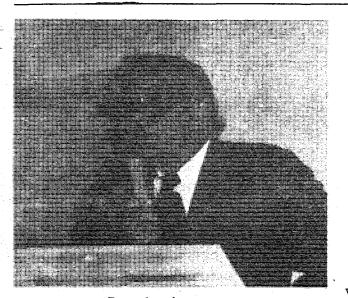
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San-Cap Merger Forum

by Rich Arthurs

"Does Captiva Island prefer to remain under the wing of Lee County government or shall we seek to merge with the City of Sanibel?" Captiva Civic Association President Sam Conant asked an overflow crowd gathered at the Island's Civic Center last Tuesday night.

What Conant termed the "soul searching debate confronting all Captiva voters and property owners" concluded officially two hours later that evening, although it is likely to rage unabated on an informal level throughout the next few weeks.

The number of people jammed into the Captiva Civic Center at the close of last Tuesday's public forum on the oft-discussed merger was greater by half than it had been when Conant delivered his opening address. It seemed that almost all of Captiva and a respectable portion of Sanibel's populance turned out to argue the factual and speculative merits and disadvantages of the merger question—or to listen, cheer or scoff at those who did.

Only seven Islanders ventured to the podium to voice their views publicly, all of them past or present civic leaders and all of them well-informed to speak on one or more aspects of the proposed undertaking. Three argued in favor of pursuing annexation, four against.

The first Captivan to speak was Dewitt Jones, board chairman of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and a member of a committee sponsored by the Civic Association's board of directors to prepare an impartial report on possible advantages and disadvantages which might be expected of a municipal consolidation of the two Islands.

Jones urged his fellow Islanders to vote to pursue the merger in the straw ballot currently being conducted by the Civic Association. Saying that the existing Lee County zoning for Captiva would allow a 170 percent increase in development density for the Island, he expressed the opinion that Captivans would get more for their tax dollars under a Sanibel land use plan.

"To me, the choice is clear," he said, "We need a responsive, non-partisan, non-political government. The price of maintaining the quality of life on this Island is vigilance and involvement."

Newly elected Captiva Erosion Prevention District Commissioner Daniel Burner disagreed with Jones, more on page 26



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What do you think about the cold weather

Editors Note: When we asked this question, we expected to get booed out of the ballpark—it didn't happen. Even though everyone would prefer warmer temps, people who come to Sanibel seem to do it for more than just the climate. Agreed??



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...(Note: Some folks are a little camera-



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Council rejects recommedations from negotiating team

The role of negotiating teams, or "fact finding teams," as the city council newly lesignated them during an active meeting during their last regular session on Tuesday, Jan. 18, at MacKenzie Hall, was completely changed when council rejected the negotiation report and findinfsof one of their own negotiating teams. The report leaned heavily on recommendations made by city planner Carleton Ryffel-recommendations which had been based on requests for direction by the council-appointed team

The actual time when an applicant who wishes to enter the negotiating process with -the vity council over proposed adjustments to the comprehensive land use plan (CLUP) was finally interpreted to mean that an applicant can only do so after he has been before both the Planning Commission and the City Council for preliminary hearings.

Between that time but in not less than 30 days, nor more than 60 days, the city council will have a final hearing on the case. This is a different procedure based on state law interpretation by the city attorney. Someone wishing to go through the fact-finding process must do so within that time frame. Fact-finding teams have been composed of two councilmen, a member of the Planning Commission and may include either the City Attorney and-or the City Planner.

The role issue came to a head when Councilman Francis Bailey read into the record a report composed by him, Councilman Charles LeBuff and Elizabeth Robinson which recommended that Shell Harbor Inn be allowed to construct an additional 32 units, subject to City Council approvement. The report stated that, in spite of neighborhood objection to possible increased traffic on Lindgren, trafficcongcition within any portion of the City of Sanibel is not the result of any single facility. The additional units would provide Shell Harbor Inn with a completed resort facility (i.e. one that includes both a beverage license and a restaurant) a need recognized in the CLUP.

The fact-finding team had based their conclusions upon figures they requested from City Planner Carleton Ryffel regarding the allowable density at Shell Harbor.

Mayor Porter Goss took issue with Rvffel's calculation, saying that Ryffel's figures did not include open space, such as areas between the buildings and beachfront.

Ryffel's calculations of allowable building area had been based on a request he had received from the team and included the tennis courts, driveways and parking lots. From the allowable density, according to the CLUP, Ryffel derived the additional 32 units. To accommodate Mr. Holtzman's wishes, the team increased the number to 32 on the grounds that the extra two units would not severely distort the CLUP.

Ryffel was then directed by Goss to devise a formula to interpret the CLUP, to calculate allowable building areas in cases like that of Shell Harbor.

Later in the week, commenting upon his role, with Ryffel said that he was performing a technician's function in supplying the team with the information they had

"Certainly no malice was intended," he said. "There may have been a possible misunderstanding between the needs of the team and the Planning Office." Ryffel also

told The ISLANDER that he will devise three or four alternatives for council's consideration based on "other zoning ordinances in communities of a similar nature to Sanibel, sound planning principles and in keeping with the harmony of the Island."

"Why set up these teams and not use them?" Holtzman told The ISLANDER. They become an exercise in idiocy. I began my original petition over a year ago," he continued, "and I feel that it is undue hardship against motels versus condominiums."

Speaking for the neighborhood at council. Elisha Camp indicated that the community was concerned about increased traffic. "Mr. Holtzman runs one of the best motels and if he opens a restaurant, people will come to it from all over Southwest Florida."

In a later rebuttal, Holtzman told The ISLANDER that the purpose of the restaurant was to serve his guests, and that he is also interested in preserving the quality of life in that area.

At the council meeting he was referred back to the Planning Commission for a new definition of his allowable building area based on a general formula Ryffel hopes to have ready within two weeks.

In other council business, the Island Water Association was issued a building permit to construct a one million gallon level water storage tank in the mid-island ridge zone on Sanibel-Captiva Road. The tank had been included in the original CLUP version for that area as a necessary public service, but had been omitted from the final document.

The only stipulation from both the Planning Commission and the City Council was that extreme care be used in the removal of vegetation. The Island Water Association old The ISLANDER that construction has ilready begun and the entire project should e in operation by the beginning of October.

A request by James and Helen Evans to hange their property on Rabbit Road from restricted commercial to regular commercial so the Evans' could develop a small shopping plaza was continued until March 1 when Evans will have a second and final hearing before the council.

Goss recommended against the development of more commercial uses at the west end of the Island at this time. Evans produced aerial photographs showing that there was already commercial development along Rabbit Road. The city manager was directed to investigate the alleged violation of the zoning. Evans was scheduled for a final hearing in March.

City Manager William Nungester reported to the city council that their request for fire hydrant funds had been rejected but the application will be resubmitted because Nungester feels that the federal government may find additional monies for the public works act and he wants to have one of the first applications under consideration.

It was also announced that work had been finished on design for Sanibel-Captiva Road. Plans call for the road to be widened four feet from Tarpon Bay Road to Blind Pass on the south side as far as the Weygryn Clinic, and then changed to two feet on either side from the Clinic to the pass. A five-foot bike pass from Tarpon Bay to the school has also

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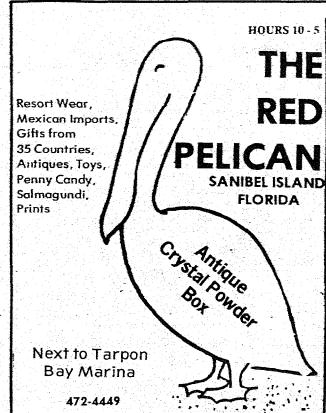
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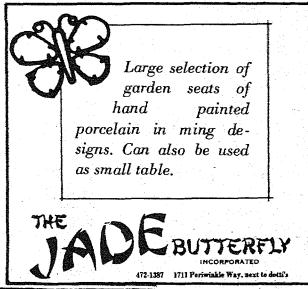
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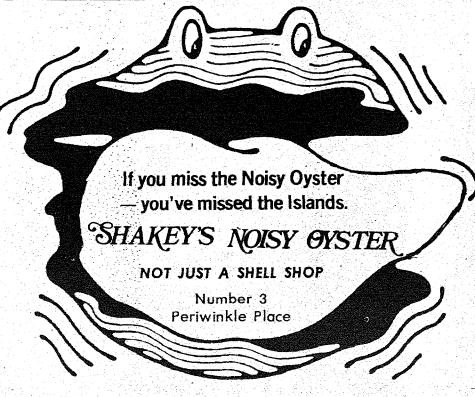
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County recreation Funds earmarked for Sanibel

The Lee County Commission last week approved a \$160,000 recreational improvements package to provide additional recreational facilities at five area schools, among them the Sanibel Elementary School on Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Under the improvements program drawn up by County Division of Community Services Director Larry Gnagey, Sanibel will receive \$30,000 in county funds for the installation of a softball field and restroom facilities at the Islands' elementary school during the current fiscal year.

The ballfield and restrooms will be only one part of the overall recreation facilities proposed for the site, which include an Olympic-size swimming pool, tennis courts, and a regulation Little League field, among others. The entire recreation complex planned for the school is estimated to cost in the vicinity of \$200,000 by the time it is finally completed.

At least five local groups are involved in the project, among them the Lee County School Board, which donated land adjoining the Sanibel school for the complex, the Lee County Citizen's Advisory Committee, the Lee County Commission and the City of Sanibel, which have pledged to jointly fund the work, and the Sanibel-Captiva Youth Sports Fund headed by Dick Muench.

"We're approaching the project a step at a time," said Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss last week. Last year, the county and the city each put up \$15,000 and the project was begun. According to Goss, it is likely that the city will contribute funds to match the \$30,000 approved by the county commission to continue the program over the current



A site adjoining the Sanibel Elementary School has already been cleared for another ball diamond, to be installed with funds from both the City of Sanibel and Lee County government.

nothing but cooperation from all parties involved in this project thus far, and Dick has done a fine job.

"What we need is better coordination of this effort," Goss continued. "We've got four or five different cooks involved in the project and I'm not so sure they're all communicating with one another. We need to get everybody involved to sit down together and work out some details."

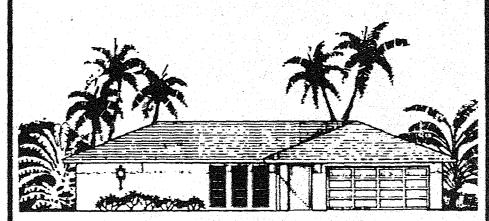
Minor misunderstandings aside, the plans for the Sanibel-Captiva recreational complex are proceeding as rapidly as the available funds will permit. A lack of desire to complete the facility has not been one of the problems with the project thus far, and if Mayor Goss and Dick Muench have any say in the matter, the complex will be finished well within the five-year completion deadline for the project outlined by Larry Gnagey at the time the plans for the facility were first unveiled last year.

budgetary year.

This past December, Dick Muench's group of Kiwanians and other citizens did some preliminary clearing on the site in anticipation of work beginning on the second ballfield at the school. As the clearing was initiated without a city development permit, the city building department was forced to halt the work. Evidently, Muench assumed that no permit was necessary for the preliminary clearing.

"It was a genuine misunderstanding," said Mayor Goss of the recent confusion. "There has been

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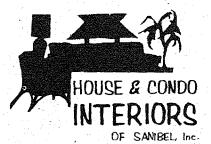
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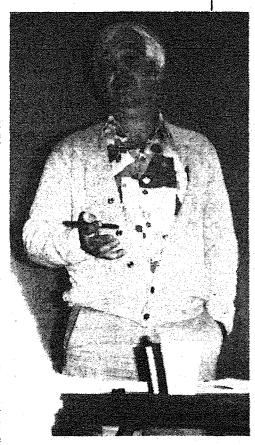
Many residents participate in United Way Programs such as the ymca and Big Brothers. In fact, the YMCA has been running active programs for the Islands' young people for some time. With an increase in Island support, more United Way activities can be made available to Island residents. Unfortunately, even with the increase in Sanibel's population, the contributions to the United Way have dropped for the past two years.

While residents have supported those United Way services we hope we don't need, such as the Salvation Army and Children's Home Society, we must continue that support if we want them to continue helping those who do need their assistance. I urge you to help reverse the downward trend.

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With fond thanks, -s- Keith W. Trowbridge Chairman, 1977 United Way Campaign



The Country Garden

by Jackie Weir

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Upper Islands purchase reviewed

Last Wednesday, the Intergovernmental Planning Committee on Environmentally Endangered Lands met in Tallahassee to review the progress of the State's efforts to purchase roughly 900 acres of environmentally endangered land on Upper Captiva and Cayo Costa Islands for preservation.

As of last week, sales had been completed for approximately 500 acres of the \$8.7 million package slated for acquisition under the State's Environmentally Endangered Lands Program, with the closing of another large portion of the package expected in the very near future.

Last week, the committee also considered a proposal for the State to purchase an additional 87 acres on the southern half of Upper Captiva that had not been included in the original purchase proposal. According to State officials, the additional acreage on Upper Captiva may become available

for acquisition in the near future, and thus would be eligible for consideration under the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program. Under the provisions of the act, the State can only attempt to purchase property which has been offered for sale by the owner.

The recommendation of the Intergovernmental Planning Committee on the new acquisition proposal must be reviewed by the Interagency Advisory Committee, whose recommendation must then be approved by the State Cabinet before any action can be initiated to acquire the 87 environmentally endangered acres on Upper Captiva.

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Director Dick Workman applauded the new proposal last week.

"The State should acquire all unspoiled portions of those Islands," he said. "Barrier islands should not be lived on and the best thing to do is to try and keep homes off of them."

Blue Circle sets record

A dozen energetic members of the Blue Circle met at Fenroc on Monday last (the Captiva home of Priscilla Fenton and Helen Rochow) to roll a record of 175 bandages for the Catholic Medical Mission Board to be sent to the sick poor all around the globe.

Including the hostesses above. the following workers were on hand: Barbara Jones, Gene Peck, Helen Hardy, Mary Kelsey, Ruth Schulp, Georgia Hemphill, Kay Shultz, Lynn Springet and Ruth Hunter, who announced more sheets are needed.



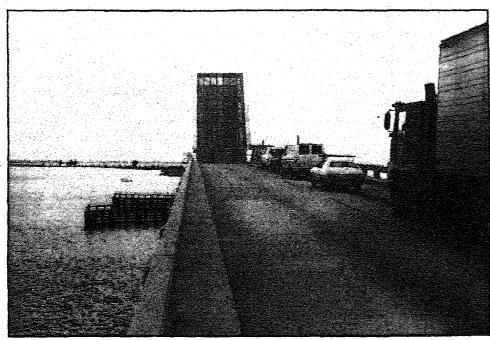
The group was honored with a visit from Betty Weinland, wife of the Rev. Weinland, the new pastor of Chapel By the Sea at Captiva.



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Causeway freeze-up delays commuters



Kiwanis sponsors blood drive

Dick Muench announced last week that the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club will be sponsoring a drive to establish an Island blood bank late next month.

The idea, according to Muench, is for Islanders to donate blood to be reserved for use by their immediate families in the event of an accident or emergency.

On February 26, blood donations will be taken at the Wegryn Medical Clinic on Sanibel-Captiva Road from 9:00 a.m. until about 3:00 p.m. The blood will then be stored at the Southwest Regional Blood Bank in Fort Myers for later use on the Islands as emergencies arise.

As the procedure of giving blood and processing the necessary paperwork is expected to take about half an hour for each donor, the Kiwanis Club is asking prospective donors to schedule an appointment in advance to expedite the process on February 26.

Thus, those who wish to donate blood are urged to register their names on a sign-up sheet at R-B Liquors in the Huxter's Plaza on Periwinkle Way well before February 26. Those who would prefer to register by telephone may do so by calling R-B Liquors at 472-3333.

According to Muench, about 40 Islanders have already signed up to donate blood, while the Kiwanis is hoping that at least 40 more will register to take advantage of this first opportunity to donate blood right here on the Islands.

Muench and John Williams are cochairmen for the drive and invite you to call them for further information on the program.

Some early morning

motorists and commuters to

and from the Islands ex-

perienced a bit of delay last

Thursday as the Sanibel

Causeway drawbridge froze

up in the open position for

about 50 minutes, according

to Causeway Manager

The bridge was stuck open

from about 7:45 a.m. until

8:33 a.m. last Thursday.

Thomas Marvel.

violation of the City Sign Ordinance. When I received the first letter stating I was in violation I was confused:

1. Salon De Belleza is in the Punta Ybel Plaza.

Being a good citizen. I checked both my salons.

one sign all but invisible from the road. I did ask the operators to take from the window one cardboard sign advertising boat trips

Aside from this, I know of no other signs which could possibly be in violation, but if one of you would kindly point out the offending sign to one of the operators inside the shop, I will gladly remove it.

Marvel said, because of a "low voltage output from Florida Power and Light" and because the severe cold weather of the preceeding night had affected the lubricating oil in the gearbox which operates the mechanism.

We asked Marvel if a prolonged cold spell could cause repetitions of the malfunction.

"Your guess is as good as mine," he replied, "We take all the precautions we can to avoid this, but we still can't help it when these things happen."

The fact that county maintenance crews had to be called in from Fort Myers was in part responsible for the length of the delay to commuter traffic last Thursday.

Letters to the editor

A copy of the following letter to Sanibel City Attorney Neal Bowen was sent to The ISLANDER for publication:

Dear Mr. Bowen:

I received your second letter citing me for

2. The address on the envelope was for the Island Shopping Center.

Salon De Belleza at Punta Ybel Plaza has someone asked to be put up.

Sanibel Beauty Salon at Island Shopping Center had in the window one little wooden sign I purchased from the Lions' Club when they were making their signs at the Shopping Center-burnt out letters on wood reading 'Beauty Salon.' It was hardly an offensive sign, but I do like to comply with

know that this type of nit-picking, coupled with the tone of your letters to people who would comply with your wishes, if they knew what they were, is hardly designed to better relations between the City Government and its constituents. Remember, you all occupy chairs, not thrones.

Sincerely, -s- Mary Aleck

The following letter was given to The ISLANDER for reproduction:

Mrs. Ruth Hunter Pirate Playhouse

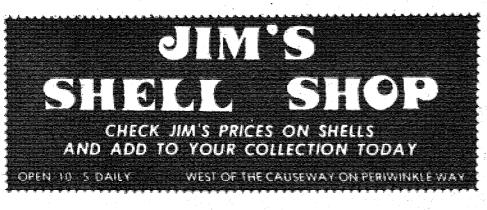
Dear Mrs. Hunter:

We were pleased to receive your note of January 5th and to receive the check you enclosed. Always grateful for your wonderful help for the children.

But we were equally pleased with the clippings from The ISLANDER which reproduced our letterhead—and our message to you and your group. The reproduction came out very, very well, didn't it? Someone on the staff is quite sympathetic, I would say. So thanks to you, and to him-her for this publicity in your

I hope all is well with you and that your coming season will be most successful. We shall pray it will be so.

Sincerely in Our Lord



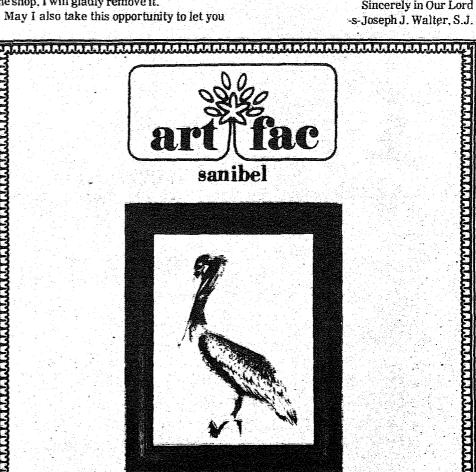
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police reports



Perhaps a waning full moon has something to do with it; oldtimers, of course, will blame it on being an election year, newer oldcomers will attribute it to the unseasonal cold snap, but ALL sorts of strange things (strange in that they haven't happened frequently before-not strange in any supernatural way) have been happening-so where's Red Buttons? Shirley MacLaine sang a delightful bit on "It's not where you begin, it's where you finish for end up)" to Mr. Carter the night before his inaugeration, but Buttons wasn't around the Islands holding his left ear with a "ho, ho ... " BUT ...

Would you believe (another TV series altogether) that alarms went off a total of 21 times, but "that" alarm only chimed three times, whilst two others went off four times each and the rest (six, if thee wishes preciseness) went off all on their own?

Outside of that-the Sanibel Police Department rendered assistance of one sort or another a grand total of 17 times, the EMTs and-or ambulance responded to five calls, seven speeding tickets, either warning or citations, were issued, two other moving violation traffic tickets were issued, one purse was stolen from a car, there were two accidents, one driver's license, one check and one camera viewer were found, nothing was really lost, and 19 "dark house and or office" checks were intensified because of open doors, windows, etc.

By the way, "dark house" checks are regularly made by SPD officers on patrol—it would be a help (and this is a mere editor's note) if you

will notify the SPD if anything unusual is going to take place at your home or place of business-for instance, if your home has been empty for four months and your niece and her new husband are planning to honeymoon, it may save embarrasment for them and added work for the SPD if you notify the SPD that your house will be legally occupied from such and such a time to such and such a date. Also-if you happen to return to your Island home sooner than you expected, a call to the SPD or the LCSO would not be out of order-since this might, among other things, prevent your "glad to be back" souffle from falling from sheer fright when confronted by an officer who wants to know what the oven is doing occupied let alone the rest of the house. Hey, nonny, nonny... Spring or nearly, at any

Complainant called to state that a set of dollys had been lost. After verifying they were neither paper nor female, report noted and investigated. Complainant also stated that he didn't know where he had lost the set of dollys. which reminds us; have you ever wished to respond to "But where did you LOSE it, man??" with "Hey, if I knew WHERE, it wouldn't be lost!" Ah, well.

Complainant stated that trespassers were "constantly" crossing property of complainant to reach large stretch of beach, and was calling because, after speaking with two ladies who used property as access, was told by same that they (the ladies) were given permission by person complainant stated was not authorized to give such permission to use property as an access. More investigation. And more investigation. And more investigation. Ended up owners of property were not agreement about anything (hardly) concerning use of property by trespassers, except for the fact that property was suffering erosion. It was not made clear if anyone involved thought that erosion was caused by trespassers.

Vandalism reported as having occurred during holidays in which relatively regular round appertures were cut out of draperies. Owner notified; repairs made; home re-keyed.

Call came in—LARGE (very) light dog occupying floor space of business having nothing to do with dogs, so that dog shouldn't be there anyway. Officer arrived. Dog was present and was indeed very large—described as a cross between a "St. Bernard and a Huskie." Dog reunited

with owner, who was advised to get license for same for sure.

Dark bicycle reported as having been stationary in a horizontal position in front of caller's home for two days. Officer retrieved bike and brought to SPD for safekeeping.

Trespassing complaint turned into complaint withcivil complications which takes entire matter out of SPD jurisdiction.

Emergency call box

utilized to inform SPD that car was in ditch; no human type injuries. Investigation proved call to be correct.

Theft (later changed to charge of Grand Larceny) reported when building materials reported missing from building site. Doors, locks, wood, keys, paneling, etc. gone. (By the by, 'tis as illegal to buy and-or utilize something you know has been stolen as it is to steal it. Even if you DON'T know it's been stolen, for that matter.)

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Bowman's Beach nudists fined

The two men who were apprehended in the buff on Sanibel's Bowman's Beach last November stood trial last Thursday on charges of indecent exposure.

Although both had originally been charged with unnatural and lascivious behavior by Sanibel police because of alleged obscene gestures they were said to have made while strolling naked on the beach, the state's attorney in Fort Myers later reduced the charge to indecent exposure.

Both Robert Chortkoff, 33, of Fort Myers and Frank R.

Taylor, 56, of Naples, entered a plea of guilty to the indecent exposure charge last Thursday and each was fined \$101 by Lee County Court Judge William Nelson.

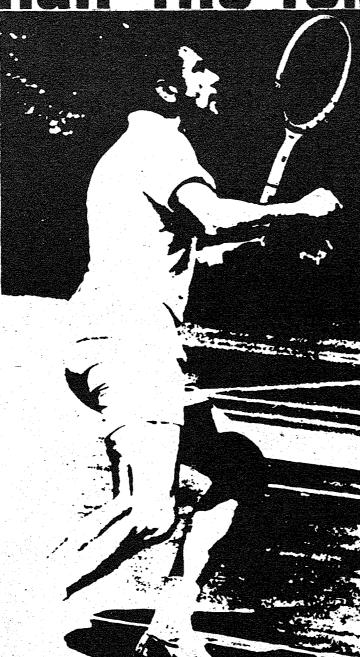
The men were arrested by Sanibel police officers last November 28 because of a complaint from Sanibel resident Alice Kyllo.

Word has it that the months ahead will find Sanibel policemen keeping a watch for nudists on the more secluded sections of Bowman's Beach, which has gained considerable notoriety locally as a haven for nude (lewd?) bathers.

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6:04 20-Sign On! 20-Spanish News 6:15 20-The Lucy Show

6:30 - 11-Morning Devotional 6:35

11-F.Y.I. 6:45

20-Gulf Coast Today 6:55 11-Spanish News

11-CBS Morning News 20-Today 26-Good Morning America

7:00

11-Local News 20-Today in Florida

7:30 11-CBS Morning News 8:00 11-Captain Kangaroo 8:25 20-Today in Florida 9:00

11-Sesame Street 20-Donahue! Tues: "Sudan"

26-Sunshine Showcase: Wed: "Danyon Passage" Thurs: "Golden Horde"

Fri: "River Lady" Mon: Jan. 31: "Gypsy

Wildcat" Tues: "Psycho"

10:00 11-Mery Griffin 20-Sanford & Son

10:30 20-Hollywood Squares

10:58 20-NBC News Minute 11:00 11-Double Dare 20-Wheel of Fortune 26-Love, American Style 11:30

11-Love of Life 20-Shoot For The Stars 26-Happy Days 11:55 11-CBS News

20-NBC News Minute 12 Noon 11-News Eleven 20-Name That Tune 26-The Don Ho Show 12:30

11:58

11-Search For Tomorrow 20-Lovers and Friends 26-Ryan's Hope

12:58 20-NBC News Minute 1:00

11-The Young & The Restless 20-The Gong Show 26-All My Children

1:30 11-As The World Turns 20-Days of Our Lives 26-Family Feud

2:00 26-\$20,000 Pyramid 2:30

11-The Guiding Light 20-The Doctors 26-One Life to Live 2:58

20-NBC News Minute 3:00 11-All In The Family

20-Another World 3:15 26-General Hospital

3:30 11-Match Game'77

3:58 20-NBC News Minute 4:00

11-Tattle Tales 20-Bewitched 26-Edge of Night 4:30

11-Mike Douglas 20-Hogan's Heroes 26-Can You Top This? 5:00

20-Emergency One 26-Big Valley

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

tuesday – 6 p.m. on -

11-News Eleven 20-Eyewitness News

6:00

26-Newscene 6:36

11-CBS News

20-NBC News 26-ABC News

7:00 11-Florida Medical Association Special

20-Adam 12 26-To Tell The Truth

7:30 11-Andy Williams

20-Hollywood Squares 26-Bobby Vinton

11-Who's Who, When CBS News shows you the who and why.

20-Baa, Baa Black Sheep 26-Happy Days

8:30

26-Fonzie Loves Pinky 9:00

11-M.A.S.H. 29-Police Woman 9:30

11-One Day At A Time

10:00

11-Kojak 20-Police Story 26-"Roots"

11:00

11-News Eleven 20-Evewitness News 26-Newscene

11:30

11-CBS Late Show: "One Is A Lonely Number" with Trish Van Devere & Janet Leigh

20-The Tonight Show 26-ABC Tuesday Movie:

"Pray For The Wild Cats'

1:00 a.m. 20-The Tomorrow Show

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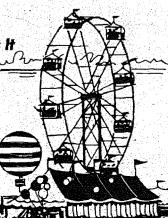
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6:00

11-News Eleven 20-Eyewitness News 26-Newscene

6:30

11-CBS News 20-NBC News 26-ABC News

11-Wild Kingdom 20-Adam 12 26-To Tell The Truth

7:30 11-Untamed World 20-Gong 26-Wild World of Animals

11-Good Times 20-C.P.O. Sharkey 26-Zee Bionic Woman

8:30

11-The Jacksons 20-McLean Stevenson Show

11-Part II of "Helter Skelter," the story of the gory bloodbath resulting from the ritualistic murders carved into history by the Charles Manson family. (Part I was shown Monday evening) 20-Sirota's Court

9:30 20-The Practice

26-Baretta!

10:00

20-NBC Reports: "Danger! Radioactive Waste!"

26-"Roots"

11:00

11-News Eleven 20-Evewitness News

26-Newscene

11:30 11-CBS Late Movie: "Zig Zag'' with George Kennedy and Anne Jackson 20-The Tonight Show

26-"The Rookies" & ABC Mystery Movie: "In The Steps of A Dead Man" 1:00 a.m.

20-The Tomorrow Show

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11 Famed movie mogul

9 U.S. Navy

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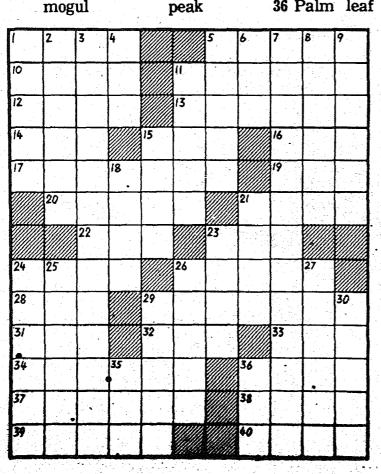
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Parenthood Game" followed (at 9 p.m.) by "Johnny, We Hardly Knew Ye"

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20-ALL SPECIAL NIGHT

NBC:

11-News Eleven

26-Newscene

11-CBS News

20-NBC News

26-ABC News

20-Adam 12.

11-Friends of Man

26-To Tell The Truth

20-Hollywood Squares

11-The Muppets

26-Victory at Sea

11-The Waltons

20-Evewitness News

26-Welcome Back, Kotter! 8:30

26-What's Happening

9:00

11-Hawaii Five-O 20-"Johnny, We Hardly

Knew Ye" - (Continuation of all SPECIAL night on NBC)

26-Barney Miller

9:30 26-Tony Randall Show 10:00

11-Barnaby Jones 26-Roots

11-News Eleven

20-Evewitness News 26-Newscene

11:30

11-CBS Late Movies: "The Girl In The River" with Ole Baldie Telly as Kojak, followed by "The Rest Safecrackers" with Susan Strausberg and Tony Musante

20-The Tonight Show

26-Thursday Night ABC "Giraldo Special: Rivera: Goodnight, America"

1:00 a.m.

29-The Tomorrow Show

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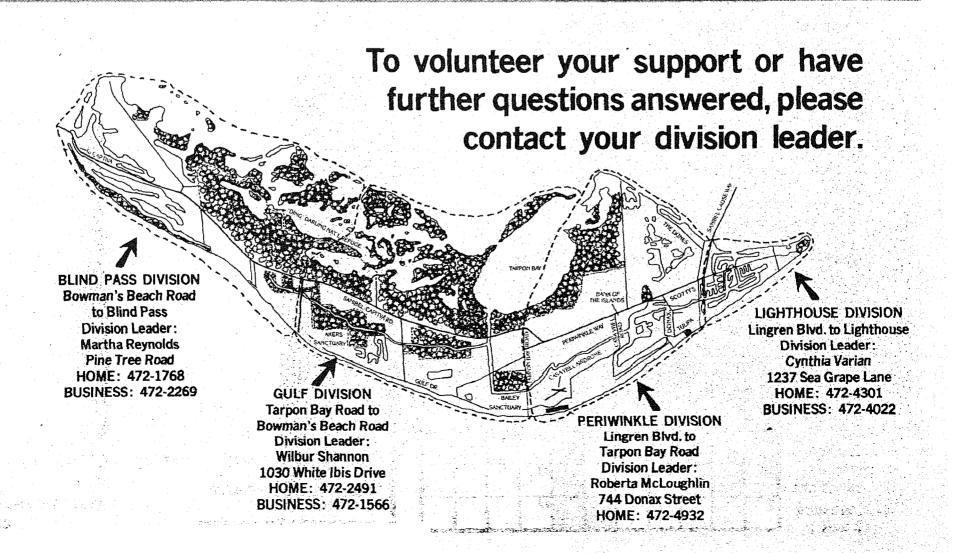
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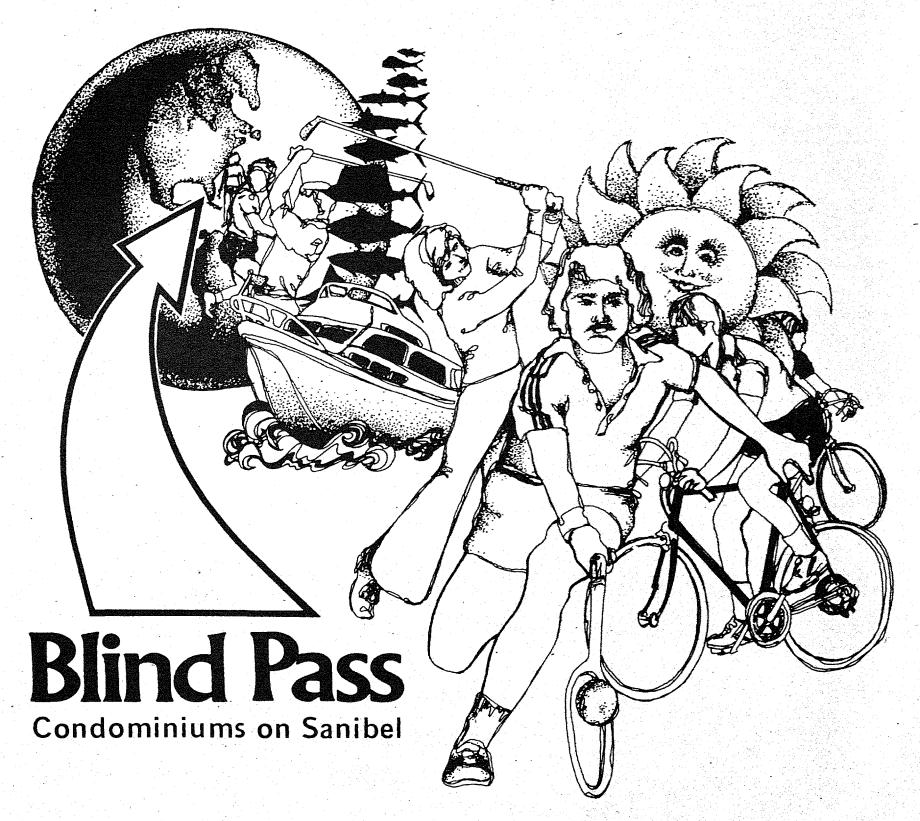
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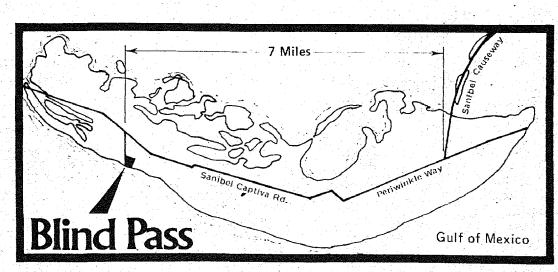
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Sanibel opposes "Estuaries"

by Rich Arthurs

Area ecologists and land planners joined forces once again last week in their continuing battle to defend 6,500 acres of Lee County's tidal wetlands—site of the massive "Estuaries" condominium development proposed by Atlanta developer Robert Troutman for the north shore of Estero Bay.

A plethora of attorneys converged on the Federal Courthouse building in Fort Myers last week to argue the case before Hearing Examiner Kenneth Ayers in what proved to be a week-long series of public hearings on Troutman's appeal to the State Cabinet for permission to proceed with his plans to erect 26,500 highrise units on his predominantly wetland site.

Troutman filed the appeal following the Lee County Commission's second denial of his plans last July 21, asking the Cabinet, sitting as the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission, to overturn the local decision.

In the meantime, a host of local and statewide conservation groups had been granted permission to intervene in the matter, and thus the legal opposition to Troutman last week was formidable.

Aside from Lee County Attorney Jim Humphrey representing the county commission, Attorneys David Bruner, Fred Bosselman and Charles Siemon were on hand to represent the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council; Kevin Davey to represent the Lee County Conservation Association and Florida Wildlife Federation; Lewis Hubener to represent the State Division of Land Planning; and David Gluckman was present on behalf of the Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida, the Caloosa Bird Club, the Florida Audubon Society, the Audubon Society of Southwest Florida, and the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

Troutman's legal battery for last week's hearings included Wade Hopping and William Williams, as well as Attorney Howard Rhodes, who had been granted permission to intervene on behalf of a Wisconsin bank which holds the first liens on much of the Estuaries property.

Another local governmental body was made a party to the county's defense last Wednesday when the City of Sanibel was granted leave to intervene, despite objections from Troutman's attorneys.

The city council passed a resolution opposing the Estuaries at their regular meeting last Tuesday. Their action was based on the city's continuing concern that the residents of Troutman's development might place an undue burden on city beaches and recreational facilities because of the near proximity of the Estuaries site to Sanibel.

In essence, the move was intended to give the city a voice in any legal actions or further appeals which might result in the case, according to Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss. The city maintained a very low profile in last week's proceedings.

The major points of contention in last week's hearings were the possible impact of the Estuaries on county roads, schools, water supply, and other public facilities, as well as the degree of environmental damage which might result from the completion of the project as planned by Troutman. In pre-trial hearings held over the past few months, Ayers had ruled that the taking question would not be an issue in the case, as Troutman had requested upon filing the appeal.

Among the most hotly debated items last week were Troutman's projections for the school-age population of the Estuaries and his proposed interceptor waterway, a 41-mile long serpentine river which is to encircle the development and provide drainage for storm runoff, as well as to provide boating amenities for the future residents of the Estuaries.

Planning council witnesses Dr. Ariel Lugo and Dr. Robert Livingston argued against the interceptor waterway envisioned by Troutman last Thursday, pointing out that the waterway could well become eutrophic and ruin the productivity of the fragile mangrove system of Estero Bay.

Troutman consultants Dr. Eric Heald and Durbin Tabb, designers of the waterway, testified in defense of their concept, while all agreed that as much mangrove as possible should be preserved.

Troutman has offered to set aside 2,800 acres of the site for preservation, but area environmentalists say that as much as 4,700 acres should be preserved and the proposed interceptor waterway should be abandoned.

"If my development can't provide boating," said Troutman in his first appearance as a witness last Monday, "I lose my most important amenity."

Troutman's dream-city came in for more criticism last Friday, as



economics expert Dr. James Nicholas of Florida Atlantic University told Ayers that the Estuaries could cost Lee County taxpayers between \$22 and \$39 million to support. Sarasota land planner Harry Adley then added that the development would be more feasible if the proposed density were reduced to about 7,000 units and development limited to the upland areas of the site—about 1,800 acres altogether.

Troutman had testified Monday that the development of the Estuaries would proceed gradually at a pace commensurate with the area's growth. According to Troutman, it will take 27 years to complete the project as originally proposed after development permits are issued.

"I don't want to hurt this community," said the aging developer, "but if you don't have the right to use your land, you have nothing!"

The debate nearly erupted into fistcuffs Tuesday night as the hearings were opened up for public comment at the Lee County Courthouse. Troutman proponent Stan Lummis of Fort Myers Beach exchanged heated words with project opponent Bill Lewis of Lehigh Acres from the witness stand and a bit of shoving ensued, which ended with

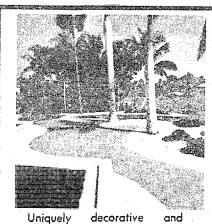
both men being escorted from the meeting room.

Following the close of the hearings last Friday, Hearing Examiner Ayers will make a recommendation to the Cabinet based on his findings. Ayers is allotted 30 days in which to make his recommendation after receiving the transcripts of the hearings, which could take as long as six weeks to two months to prepare, according to the attorneys involved in the case.

The Cabinet, then, has 90 to 120 days to rule on the matter on the basis of Ayers' recommendation, after which their decision could be appealed to the courts, an eventuality Troutman hinted at in his testimony last week.

One point which received considerable emphasis during last week's hearings was that the Estuaries is a project of unprecedented scope—the largest residential development of its kind ever proposed in the State of Florida.

The outcome of Troutman's dream is expected to be a landmark decision in the annals of Florida land planning and local environmental control, and in particular, the State's efforts to preserve Florida's rapidly diminishing tidal wetlands.



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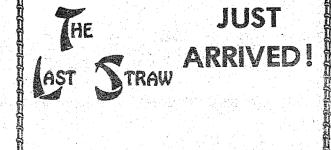
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Island Arts to host one-woman show

Trudie Prevatt announced last week that her Island Arts gallery in Three Crafty Ladies on Periwinkle Way will be host to a one-woman show of the work of Island artist Mell Goodwin beginning later this month.

Mell Goodwin's medium is nothing if not unique. Animals and birds are her subject matter, but rather than painting on canvas, Mell employs weathered barn wood to depict her creatures, using cracks, knot-holes and the grain of the wood to bring her characters to life three-dimensionally.

For instance, she might affix shells, twigs, feathers and the like to the wood to give her creatures an added dimension of reality, as in the case of her chipmunks with three-dimensional whiskers.

The process is rather involved, according to Trudie Prevatt. First, Mell makes a pencil sketch of her subject on paper, then transfers her outline to the untreated wood with chalk, taking pains to design her figures so as to let the natural grain of the wood supply much of the detail. "The right board for the right animal," is her modus operandi.

After fashioning her three-dimensional effects, she finishes the work in oil paint, using nature books and slides as the models for her animals and birds.

Prior to coming to the Islands, Mell's work was widely shown and appreciated in many northern states. At one time, her work was featured in a show at the Cocoran Gallery in Washington, D.C. which also included the work of renowned artist Andrew Wyeth.

After graduating from the University of Maryland, Mell studied at the Maryland Institute of Art, the Rinehart School of Sculpture, and the O'Hara Watercolor School. Thereafter, she had her own studio in Ohio and taught art for twelve years.

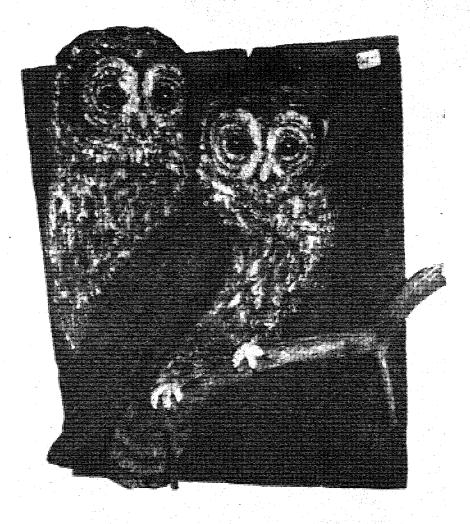
She and her husband moved to Sanibel about a year and a half ago, where they live on San Carlos Bay Drive. The Goodwins have four children and one grandchild.

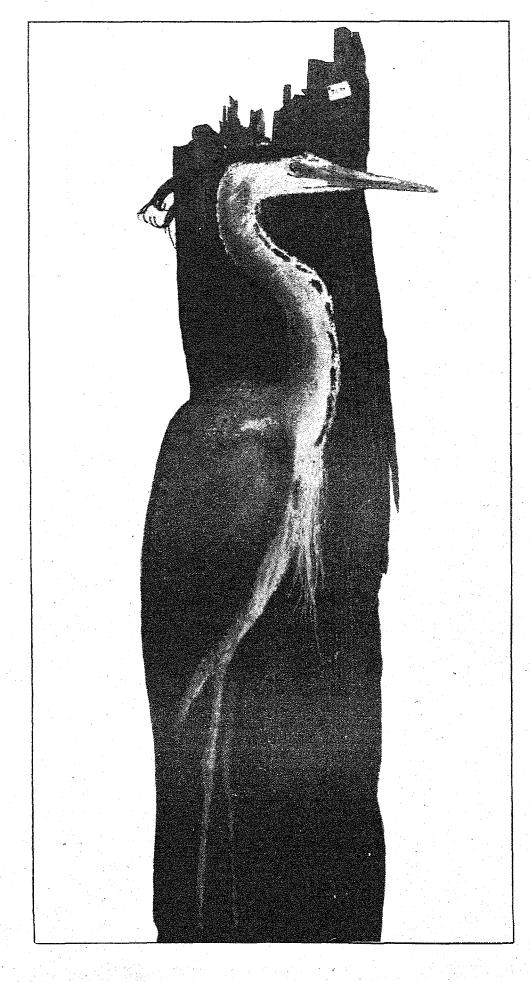
At the present time, her works are being exhibited in various private collections around the country, in a traveling show which tours the United States, at a gallery in Columbus. Ohio, and at Island Arts, with

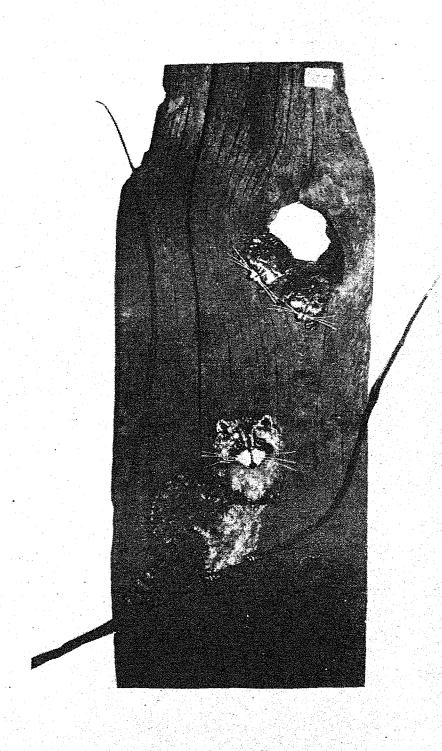
Mell's future plans including both the onewoman show at Island Arts and another onewoman show to be given at the Ohio State University Student Union this coming May.

Her show at Island Arts will run from Monday, January 31 through Saturday, February 5—an excellent opportunity for Islanders to view the unusual work of this talented new Sanibel wildlife artist.

Take it from The ISLANDER, it's an opportunity you won't want to pass up!







Alligators in the News

Alligators come off endangered list

Calling it "one of the most significant complishments America's conservation movement," Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks Nathaniel P. Reed announced last week that most of the nation's alligators have been removed from the endangered species list and placed on the less restrictive threatened list pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

"This shows we can do it," Reed said. "We can reserve the trend toward extinction and save a species... if we want to! Only 20 years ago, these magnificent reptiles were headed toward extinction as hide hunters indiscriminately

slaughtered them and their habitat was steadily being destroyed by development.

"But it was the conservation community and a number of officials in southern states who insisted that federal and local legislation be passed to protect the alligator," Reed continued. "They withstood the disinterest and ridicule from a largely uninformed public long before the word 'conservation' became fashionable, and in about 20 years, it was the conservation community that succeeded in rescuing a species that had already existed for 50 million years.

"That's quite a feat," Reed concluded ironically.

The action, published in the January 10, 1977, "Federal Register," removed the alligator from the endangered category and placed it in the threatened category in all of Florida and in the coastal portions of Georgia, Louisiana, South Carolina and Texas. Almost 600,000 alligators, representing

more than 75 per cent of the U.S. population, inhabit this area, according to the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The alligator remains in the endangered category in all of Mississippi, Alabama, Oklahoma, and North Carolina, as well as in the inland areas of South Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana and Texas, however, less than one-fourth of the total U.S. alligator population inhabits those areas.

The new rulemaking also allows designated federal employees, state employees or agents operating under a cooperative agreement with the Service to take sick or dangerous alligators as well as specimens for scientific or conservation purposes, and to sell the hides according to strict regulations.

Alligator populations vary from state to state, but nationwide there are more than three-quarters of a million of the reptiles, according to the Service-three times as many as there were in the early 1960's. According to conservative estimates based on a 1974 survey, alligators are most numerous in Florida where their numbers are estimated at 407,585 and most uncommon in Oklahoma, which has fewer than a dozen, according to the same survey.

Despite the high figures in the areas where the populations are increasing, the alligators there are still considered threatened within the definition of the Endangered Species Act. Alligator numbers in areas where they remain classified as endangered are significantly lower, and the species is nowhere as abundant or as widespread as formerly.

Large parts of the alligator's range have beer occupied and modified by man to such an extent that they are unusable by the alligator, according to the Service.

The areas affected by the reclassification are entirely within the rapidly developing coastal sections of the Southeastern United States. Alligators in these areas are now considered numerous enough and sufficiently protected legally not to require endangered status, although

the past history of decline gives Wildlife Service officials cause for concern.

When coupled with the history of commercial exploitation of the alligator, the prospects for future habitat loss fully justify the threatened classification, Service officials believe. Alligators have a very high commercial value and could easily be wiped out over large areas in a relatively short time if controls were lifted altogether, they feel.

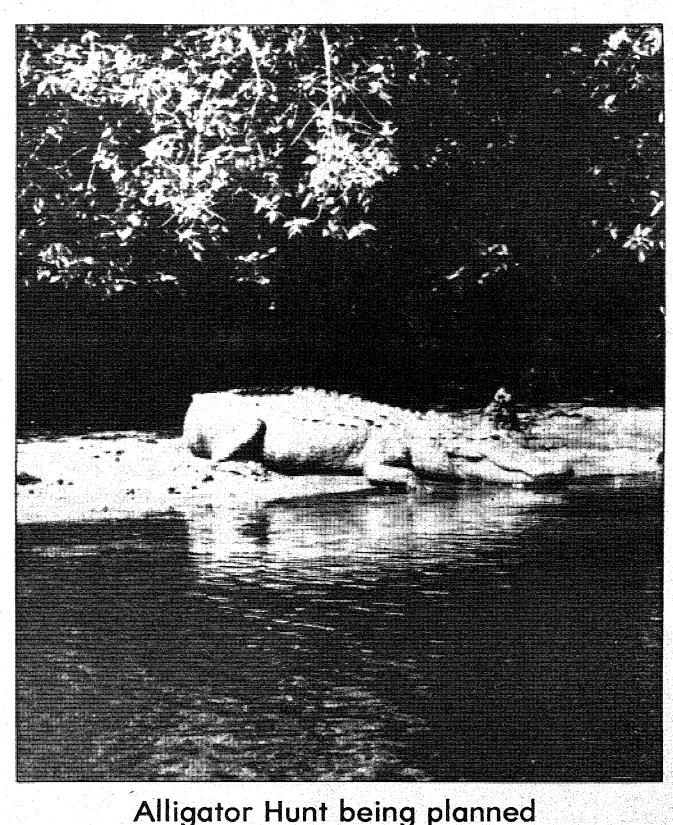
This is only the second time since the Endangered

Species Act was enacted in 1973 that a species has improved to the point where it could be removed from the list. Last year, three species of western trout were reclassified from the endangered to the threatenet category and limited sport fishing was allowed.

Combined federal-state management and law enforcement programs over the last decade are generally credited with reducing the illegal alligator hide market and thereby enabling the remaining

population to begin to recover.

On Sanibel and Captiva, Island conservationists, the City of Sanibel, and in particular George Campbell's Southwest Florida Regional Alligator Association, have made significant contributions to the effort to preserve the once-diminishing local alligator populations. Their work to save our alligators should be applauded by all who respect these venerable reptiles.



Alligators subject of Audubon Talk

The alligators of Sanibel will be the topic of discussion when Island naturalist George Weymouth addresses the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Sanibel Community Association.

Weymouth, recognized as one of the Islands' knowledgeable naturalist and conservationist, has been studying the reptile for a number of years and is currently involved in a tagging project to allow a closer look at their behavior patterns, habits and identification. A member of the Southwest Florida Regional Alligator Association, he is authorized by the State to capture and tag the ancient beasts.

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Among other frequently

asked questions, Weymouth will be answering and explaining just how dangerous an alligator can be, why they should not be fed, how fast they can really run and, "Can you REALLY tame an alligator?"

A man of many talents, Weymouth lives on Sanibel with his wife, Fleur, who, along with her husband, exhibits artistic creations of wood and paintings at the Schoolhouse Gallery.

Among other features planned for the Audubon alligator night are an actual alligator nest and a film, "Will the Glades Gator Survive?" with a strong argument for preserving the Everglades and other environments necessary for the survival of Sanibel's largest reptile.

As soon as the weather gets warmer and the alligators start to move, a limited controlled harvest of nuisance alligators in Florida will begin.

That word comes from Tommy Hines of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission who is coordinating the alligator management plan for the wildlife agency.

"We have already interviewed prospective trappers and tentatively selected six who will be working in a six-county test area in northeast Florida," the biologist said.

The trappers will be working in Alachua, St. Johns, Bradford, Duval, Clay and Putnam counties. Under the program, they will trap nuisance alligators, skin them and store the hides at the Commission's Gainesville research office for future sale

The feasibility of handling

complaint alligators this way will be compared to a test area of Marion, Citrus, Sumter and Lake Counties where Commission personnel will handle all complaint alligators.

Hines said the rest of the state will continue to handle complaint alligators as they have been in the past.

The status of the alligator was changed from endangered to threatened on January 10 by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service which

allows for the management plans the Commission is implementing.

The alligator management plan was approved by the five-member Commission last year in the wake of continually mounting complaints of alligator encounters with man in urban areas

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Little League lined up



Saturday morning saw the dawn of the 1977 Little League season with registration for both boys and girls (with the girls outnumbering the fellows by two to one) after the first half hour at the Sanibel Community Association. Requirements to register are a birth certificate, \$7 and the signature of one

If you missed registration for your youngsters, don't dispair! Dick Muench has extra copies of the necessary forms at the

Periwinkle Trailer Park office for those who slept in Saturday-or somehow mislaid offsprings' certificates. The season will get underway the first week in April with practice starting next month.

There is another reason for seeing Dick Muench or calling him at either 472-1433 or 472-2812, even if you did get your kiddies to registration. "We really need volunteers," says Muench," for scorekeepers and umpires. Umpires should be familiar with fastpitch rules for boys and

softball rules for girls."

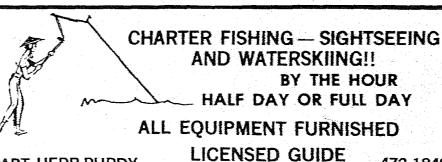
Little League fans should be justly proud of the showings last year for Island teams-they wound up the season with two firstplace teams—the Tigers (Senior Girls) and Yankees (Jr. boys), and one team, the Giants (Jr. girls) won themselves second-place standing in their division. "For a three-year old League, that is really unbelievable," says Muench.

Coach this year will be: Astros-Dino Schultz. Yankees-Karl Whiteman, Giants-Karen Estys, Dodgers-Becky Cowan and Tigers-Ginny Bissell.

Due to the response, the League is adding a junior girls team. All teams, of course, play in the Fort Myers Beach League.

There are some treats in store for this year's Little Leaguers all players wil get special warm-up jacket. and will also be Dick Muench's guest at a Kansas City Royals game in Fort Myers on March 20.

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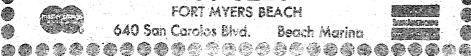
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This may sound easy, but it's not, especially if you are new at the game. You have to know how to converse with other fishermen to find out what is biting and where. If you can't talk the language, then a friendly fisherman can tell you what, where and when and you still won't know any more Than before you asked. In other words, you have to learn to talk and listen fishy.

We've compiled a few key words and phrases you can toss out the next time you run into a buddy at the bait shop or beach.

OFF THEIR FEED. This is an ambiguous term fishermen use when the only thing they are catching is cold beers in their cooler. What the term means is that the fish aren't interested in chasing a lure or eating shrimp. To add to your knowledge, this "off their feed" problem can stem from a number of reasons.

One reason is because the fishes' mouths are sore. Naturally, it is difficult to determine this because to my knowledge, no fish has ever told an angler that his mouth was sore. Don't miss the point here. Knowing when to pitch out this term

can reassure those around you that you do indeed know what the hell you are talking about. And you don't have to have the fish to prove your

Sometimes after you say, "The fish are off their feed. Their mouths are sore," a man will walk away from you and whisper to his wife, "That guy over there really knows fishing around here."

THE WIND'S WRONG. This phrase is your allpurpose excuse and it draws lots of comments from others because the wind is always coming from the wrong way for somebody. You can gleen a great deal of sympathy here.

What you do is walk up to a group getting out of their boat at the dock and say, "No luck for me today (shuffle feet and look down at the sand). The wind was coming from the wrong direction." One member of the party will have to shoot his mouth off and say something like: "Really? We were fishing down near the lighthouse and the wind was just right. So was the fishing.'

You back away quickly, grab the rod and bait, then beat it to the lighthouse. See how easy that was?

A STRETCHY. This term is in the "must learn" category. When you hear a fisherman say he's got a "stretchy," here's what he's talking about.

Say he lands a sea trout (spot-you'll hear about this later) and the fish measures exactly 11 and threequarters of an inch long. Unfortunately, that is onequarter of an inch too small to be kept.

No problem. In full view of witnesses, the fisherman plants a big shoe on the middle section of the trout and transfers all his weight to that foot. Presto! Mister, you now have a trout which has instantly grown a quarter of an inch and is now a keeper. Clever, right? There is, however, one problem... that being how to keep your foot on the fish while a Florida Marine Patrolman measures it.

BULLS, RATS AND SPOTS. Never, never confirm that you are a rookie fisherman by calling fish by their book names. Nothing shuts doors faster than for instance you saying you caught a mess of spotted weakfish. And for heaven's sake, never get caught with one of those fish identification books in your back pocket.

If you want to get intimate with another angler's favorite fishing flats and show him that you can be trusted with secret information, you inquire about the fishing for sea trout by saving, "How are the spots hitting over the grass?" If you call sea trout "spots" (the fish are speckled with spots), then he knows that you know he knows. Follow that?

The same goes for snook. They are called linesides. Redfish are a wealth of angler talk. If you ever, discuss redfish, you say "rats" for the smaller sizes and "bulls" for the monsters. Redfish have a spot on their tails and are sometimes also called spots. If you are up on the game you say, "I caught a mess of hard-mouthed spots (redfish) and a couple of softmouth spots (trout)."

We will have another vocabulary class in a later column, but by now you should be getting the drift of the lessons in how to talk fishy. Here is a review and a phrase you should master and try on one person in the coming week.

The fish are off their feed because their mouths are sore. That's because the wind is wrong, but I did get a stretchy spot."

DUBIOUS TIP OF THE WEEK: If the used boat you just bought comes equipped with a Gidion Bible located in the engine room, you should consider trading boats immediately.

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

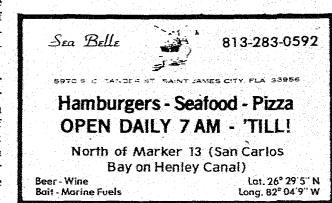
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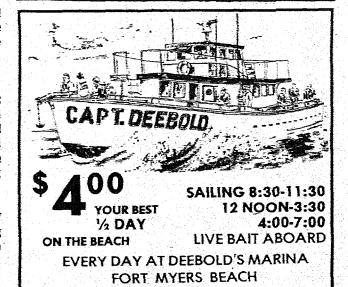
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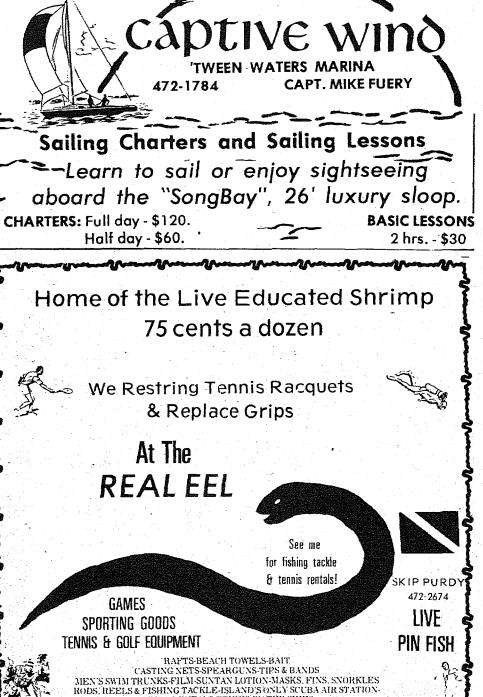
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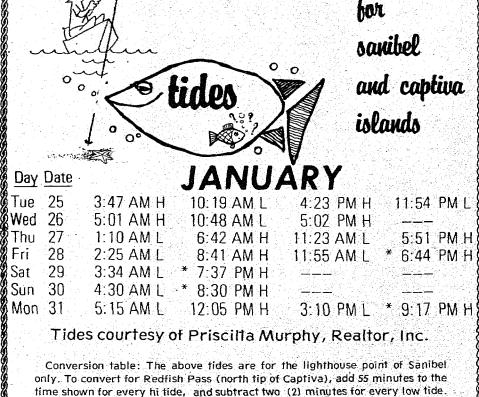






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minutes for each high tide, and add 52 minutes for each low tide. In between these points on gulf or bay -- guesstimate -- and have good fishing

and or shelling.

Laff that off



Robert Swats has all the luck. Here are two cuties, Pamela Toomer of the Children's Center and Trudy Kohlbrenner of the B-Hive vying for his attention⁷⁸

These three actors perform in "Laff That Off" along with Paul Adams, Ed Anderson and Ruth and Philip Hunter.

Philip also directs this Broadway comedy by Don Mullally in which Ruth appeared in 1925 at Wallack's Theater on 42 Street in Manhattan.

"Laff That Off" plays again on January 29 at the Pirate Playhouse: Curtain 8:15; Box Office, 472-2121.

Planning Commission elects officers

In a regular session of the Planning Commission last Monday, two new condominium projects were approved under the comprehensive land use plan (CLUP). In commenting upon the petition of Surfside 12 to build 12 units at 635 Gulf Drive on the east side of the Beachcomber and west of the Surfrider, Commissioner LeeRoy Friday said the developer had complied with all the conditions set down at their first Planning Commission hearing, that fact was very refreshing and "simplifies our task greatly."

The second recommendation for acceptance of a request for a development permit went to Russell B. Totman and Thomas H. Brymer for permission to build a nine-unit condominium on Gulf Drive next to the Island Inn.

In commenting upon the presentation of this request, Commissioner George Tenney remarked that the recommendation for acceptance by the Commission



At the last regular session of the Planning Session, a new slate of 1977 officers were elected. Ann Winterbotham was reelected as chairman; George Tenney will hold the position of vice-chairman and city planner Carleton Ryffel will function as secretary.

of the Condominium requests "contradicts the prophets of doom who had predicted that all Island development would come to a halt because of the density provisions in the comprehensive land use plan. Totman and Brymer have complied with all the Commission requirements and should be applauded."

In making the motion to recommend acceptance, Friday agreed that all problems had been resolved and the developers should be commended for their cooperative attitudes.

(There was a stipulation made that the existing house on the premises would have to be removed. Please see separate photo and picture.)

In other action taken by the Commission, a request for a specific amendment to the CLUP was granted to Mary LeRoux for the construction of additional' storage facilities for "Once Upon a Time."

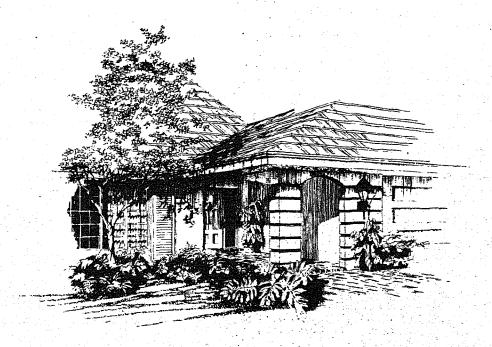
The request was

recommended for passage to the City Council on the basis that it does not overcrowd the land and does not set a precedent. Should the adjacent stores—B-Hive and the Black Pearl—suffer any extra water drainage problems due to the construction of the new facilities, LeRoux promised to remedy any such situations if they occurred.

A waiver to the density allotment of the CLUP was recommended for denial to Lucian A. Barton who wished to build one two-family dwelling and two single family dwellings on a parcel of land he owns behind Periwinkle Trailer Park, just off Elinor Drive.

Under the provisions of the CLUP, the property may contain three dwelling units. It was the opinion of the Commissioners that the request did not contain the extenuating circumstances which would allow consideration of waiving the existing density allocation.





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Your astrological week

especially cast for the Islands

ARIES: Someone you meet can be very beneficial in the future. Aspects favor buying clothes for special events. Take the advice of older or more experienced people

TAURUS: Much confusion now about times and places. A legal matter that has been troubling you will now be brought to a conclusion. Good time to clean out the

GEMINI: Quick action can turn a profit; write down good ideas so you don't lose them. Keep to yourself at work for best results. Be careful with your valuables.

CANCER: Domestic or real estate matters could be bothersome now. Friends may cause your home to resemble Grand Central Station. Skip serious discussions with relatives.



LEO: Avoid clashes with business associates. Now is the time to be on your best behavior when dealing with strangers. Some financial reversal is possible, especially if you depend heavily on others.

VIRGO: Work, business and-or joint resources may suffer if you tell the wrong people your goals. Don't be bashful in group affairs; even blow your own horn a little for best results.

LIBRA: Look over your personal manners and habits for things which could be improved. Money spent in social activities will be well spent. Get in touch with those who can help you.

SCORPIO: Impatience may lead to an accident; drive with extra care. Don't hold on to things you should have given up long ago. Have more than one plan in case the first one goes wrong.

SAGITTARIUS: Take your friend home if he or she needs you to. Be careful about abusing power; put yourself in his shoes. You are likely to have to keep still about something you want to tell everyone.

CAPRICORN: Don't leave a lot of things unfinished. Keep authority informed of things they should know or you will be blamed. Home related problems can easily be smoothed over.

AQUARIUS: Unexpected messages are beneficial for domestic and employment concerns. Verbal disagreements are likely and you should listen to opposing viewpoints or simply postpone discussion.

PISCES: Try not to get too tired; you are vulnerable now to flu and such. Stop any overpowering urges to make drastic changes; this is not the time. Dreams of iaraway places will cut down your ef-



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20-Woody Woodpecker

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11-Morning Devotional

20-The Lucy Show

20-Little Rascals

11-Clue Club

26-Jabber Jaw

Jungle

20-Speed Buggy

26-Schoolhouse Rock

20-Monster Squad

II-Ark II

11-Shazam! & Isis Hour

26-Kroffts Supershow

20-"Space Ghost"

20-Big John, Little John

26-Super Friends

26-Schoolhouse Rock

20-Land of The Lost

26-Schoolhouse Rock

11-Way Out Games

26-Valentine's

Chance

20-Muggsy

A Half Show

26-Schoolhouse Rock

11-"Bugs Bunny"

26-Big Valley

11-Fury

1:00 11-CBS Children's Film

Festival 20-Florida Wrestling Championship

1:30

26-Metro & Basketball: Tulane at Georgia 2:00

11-WINK-END Movie: "A Stolen Life" in which Bette Davis, Walter Brennan, Glenn Ford and Dane Clark superstar in the 1946 flick about a twin, about to divorce a man she fought her sister for, drowns dead and has her place taken by her still alive twin.

20-Ara Parseghian's Sports

2:30 20-Last of The Wild 3:00

20-Music Hall America 3:30

26-Pro Bowlers' Tour 4:00

11-CBS Sports Spectacular 20-NCAA Basketball: Auburn at L.S.U.

11-Andy Williams San Diego Open 26-ABC Wide World of Sports

6:00 11-News Eleven 20-Evewitness News Weekend

6:30 11-Thirty Minutes 20-NBC Saturday News 25-Peter Marshall Variety Show

11-Lawrence Welk 20-Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau 8:00 11-Mary Tyler Moore

20-All Disney

Saturday Movies: "Wonders of The Water World" and "A Horse Called

Commanche" 26-Wonder Woman 8.30

11-Bob Newhart Show 9:00 11-All In The Family

26-Starsky & Hutch

10:00

11-Carol Burnett 26-Roots

11:00

11-News Eleven 20-Eyewitness News 26-ABC Weekend News

11:15

26-American Theater (All night movies till 7:30 a.m. Sunday: "Why Anyone Want To Ki A Nice Girl Like You?" Eva Renzi & Peter Vaughn (1968); · · A Matter Innocence" Hayley Mills, Trevor Howard (1968); "The Pad (and How to Use It)," James Farentino (1967); "Sullivan's Empire," Martin Milner, Clu Gylager (1967); "Valley of Mystery," Richard Egan, Peter Graves (1967).

11-Movie Classics: "Desperate Journey," with Errol Flynn. Ronald Reagan, Raymond Massey. Arthur Kennedy, in which American pilots, downed over Germany, outwit de Gestapo and are helped overland by a girl! Wow! (1942).

20-NBC's Saturday Night, the funniest variety show around (or square).

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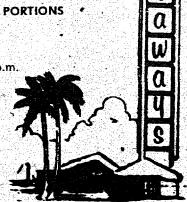
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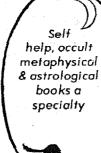


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Art League donates books

Ti.e Sanibel-Captiva Art League has presented an art book to both of the Island libraries.

The Captiva Memorial Library was given "Wyeth at Kuerners" which takes up where "The Work of Andrew Wyeth" left off.

This is a book about the artist by his wife and contains 370 reporductions of his paintings, 315 of which have never been reproduced before. This book will be circulated

The Sanibel Public library

will have available in the reference room of the library "Georgia O'Keefe," also a gift from the Art League. There has been no full color collection of the paintings of this 90-year-old artist until now. There are 108 color plates accompanied by a text written by the artist.

Georgia O'Keefe herself selected the paintings, including many never previously reproduced and a number that have not been publicly shown before.

obituary

CECILS. HUDSON

Cecil S. Hudson, 80, died Sunday, January 2, at his home in Shell Point Village, Fort Myers. Hudson moved to Shell Point in 1971, after living on Sanibel with his wife for a number of years.

A native of Moweaqua, Illinois, he was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Moweaqua, an associate member of the Sanibel Community Church and a member of Masonic Lodge 180 in Moweaqua, by

which he had been awarded a 50-year membership pin.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Cecil (Helen) Hudson of Shell Point (also formerly of Sanibel), a daughter. Mrs. Howard Pedersen of Conn., a sister, Mrs. Haldon Gregory of Illinois and four grandchildren.

Services were held in Moweaqua on January 8, conducted by The Rev. James J. Johnson, and interment took place in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery there.

sunday - all day

6:57

11-Morning Devotional 7:00 11-The Christophers

26-Continuation American Theater Last half hour of

"Valley of Mystery" (See Saturday, 11:15 p.m. listings) 7:15

20-Davey & Goliath

7:30 11-Rex Humbard 20-The Lucy Show 26-The Big Valley

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

11-Far Out Space Nuts 20-God of Our Fathers

9:56 11-In The News 10:00

11-Catholic Mass

20-Day of Miracles 26-The Lone Ranger

10:30 11-Day of Discovery 20-Medix 26-Jr. Almost Anything Goes

10:55 26-Schoolhouse Rock 11:00

11-Riverside Baptist Services Live from Fort Myers

20-Gospel Singing Jubilee 26-Rex Humbard 12 Noon

11-Camera Three 20-Living Tomorrow

26-Issues & Answers 12:15

20-Kiplinger's Changing Times

12:30

11-Face The Nation 20-Meet The Press 26-Directions

1:00

11-Challenge of The Sexes 20-Grandstand 26-Insight

1:30

20-NCAA College Basketball: UCLA at Atlanta

6:30

7:00

26-Love, American Style

1:45 11-NBA on CBS: Basketball 26-Superstars

3:30 20-INA U.S. Pro Indoor Tennis Championship

26-ABC American Sport-

4:00

11-Andy Williams Open 5:30

20-Grandstand

11-News Eleven 20-Last of The Wild

26-Name That Tune 6:30 11-CBS Evening News

20-NBC Sunday News 26-Dolly

7:00

11-Sixty Minutes 20-Wonderful Disney

26-Nancy Drew & The Hardy Boys 8:00

11-Rhoda

20-NBC Double Feature Mystery Movies: Rock Hudson & Susan St. James as "Mc Millan & Wife" followed by (at 9:30) "Lanigan's Rabbi" with Art Carney as Police Chief Lanigan 26-The Six Million \$ Man

8:30 11-Phyllis

9:00

11-SWITCH!

20-"Roots" the last of eight episodes of an American Black's search for his African heritage and family beginnings.

9:30

20-"Lanigan's Rabbi" Second Half of NBC **Mystery Movies**

10:00

11-Delvecchio 11:00

11-News Eleven

20-Evewitness News 26-ABC Weekend News

11:15

26-Sunday Film Festival: "Gunfight In Abilene" with Bobby Darin, Leslie Neilson (1968)

11:30

11-Kiplinger's Changing Times

20-Sunday Showtime: "A New Kind Of Love" - a romantic episode with Paul Newman Joanne Woodward 11:45

11-"I Spy"

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6:00

11-News Eleven

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American Food

11 A.M. - 10 P.M.

20-Eyewitness News

11-CBS News

26-Newscene

20-NBC News 26-ABC News

11-Gunsmoke 20-Adam 12

26-To Tell The Truth 7:30

10-The \$128,000 Question 26-Treasure Hunt

8:00 11-The Jeffersons

20-Little House On The Prairie 26-The Captain & Tennille

8:30 11-Evil Knievel's Death

Defiers! Host: Telly Savalas

9:00 20-NBC Monday Night Movie: "Hearts Of The West"

26-American Music Awards

10:00 11-The Andros Targets 11:00

11-News Eleven 20-Evewitness News

26-Newscene 11:30

11-CBS Late Movie 20-The Tonight Show 26-Streets of San Francisco

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Ecology students clear nature trails

Despite last week's freezing and near-freezing temperatures, a group of about twenty ecology students from Oberlin College braved the tropical cold last Wednesday to assist with a program to remove the undesirable exotic Brazilian Pepper (Schinus terebinthifolius), from the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Nature Trail property to the north of Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Led by Oberlin Astronomy Professor Dr. Lee High, the young ecologists spent most of the day last Wednesday cutting Brazilian Pepper from the vicinity of the many nature trails which transect the property. The vanted vegetation was then mulched in a chipper" donated by Al Muench and left to decompose at the site.

The group has been studying and vacationing on the Islands for a few weeks, while staying at the Dunes on Sanibel's east

Last week's clearing project was spearheaded by Foundation member George Cooley, who explained the purpose of the effort.

"When I came to the Islands 25 years ago, I was delighted to find a few plants of the species Schinus terebinthifolius, but now it's taking over everything and crowding out the natural vegetation that was here originally," said Cooley

According to Cooley, the Foundation hopes to eventually remove all undesirable exotics from the Nature Trail property in order that the area might stand as an example of the way Sanibel was 100 years ago—a worthy endeavor but not an easy task.

"I would say that if I live long enough and get a couple dozen people to help me every day, we might be able to get the job done," said Cooley.

According to Cooley, Erard Matthiessen is heading up a similar campaign on Captiva.

With efforts such as these afoot by both Islanders and visitors, who knows but that the Islands might someday be restored to their native state? It seems odd, however, that no efforts have been launched to pull up condominiums on the Islands, although admittedly, it would take some time after mulching for them to decompose on site.

Shelf Reading

by Margaret & Bill Krueger

Great place, the Sanibel Library! Staffed and operated entirely by dedicated, unpaid volunteer workers (65) and housed in a beautiful building, which is functionally outstanding, yet restful and conducive to the thoughtful selection of books to suit every taste, and built mostly from contributions on land donated for this purpose.

Interested in people? There is a complete range of Biographies and Autobiographies of the great and no-so-great men and women (in alphabetical sequence) giving us the means of knowing and understanding them better. They can also satisfy the curiosity and desire for gossip within us all. Let's examine a few.

Do you sometimes feel sorry for yourself? Try reading "Why Me?" an autobiography by William Gorgan, who at the peak of his acting career, faced both

the loss of his voice and career when he had cancer of the larynx.

Let him tell you of the crushing sense of defeat and then of the faith and courage that lead him to learn to speak again — without a larynx.

Meet the man who "Never Met a Man He Didn't Like"-Will Rogers in "The Man and His Times" by Richard M. Ketchum. The beloved humorist, columnist and broadcaster, Rogers was a friend and intimate of all the great and common people of his time (1879 –1935). Learn how he received 22 votes at the 1932 Democratic Convention which eventually nominated Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Who knows and understands a father better than his daughter, especially when the daughter is Margaret Truman?

In her book, "Harry S. Truman," she gives us a unique insight not only of the man as President in his own

right but also of a family man in the best sense.

Whether you like him or not, her revealing insight, will fascinate you as will the many public and private photographs.

White Mr. Kissinger is reportedly negotiating the publication of his memoirs, you may enjoy reading what Marvin and Bernard Kalb have to say about the public and private man in "Kissinger."

If you need or prefer the larger print, there is a beautifully written autobiography by Helen Hays—"On Reflection."

Incidentally, vice Mayor Zee Butler is an Agatha Christie fan. She also likes British History!



Overheard one evening.

An enterprising ISLANDER staffer seems to spire a reportorial bent in many people met during the day. The following... well, we can't quite call it a story... the following piece is a collection of snips of conversation overheard in a local watering spa in the course of a few hours last week faithfully recorded by the mixologist.

Read with the proper rythum and beat, it just might make a good pop song. It surely makes as much, if not more, sense than most we've heard lately.

- "Yeah but…"
- "But, but, but..."
- "Okay, okay, uh..."
- "YOU know...
- "Yes, YES, yes, yes!"
- "I AM talkin'..."
 "What whatchit..."
- "Now, now..."
- "My, my, oooh..."
- "This IS (mumble)..."
- "You know, you know..."
- "Ah, the a, the a..."
 "WELL..."
- "That a (mumble) ..."

"Cause (cuz) that's

- "I hadda, I HADDA..."
- "Hey, let me, let me..."
- "In, in, in reALIty..."
 "This, this, this is a..."
- "Right ON..."
- "Vel..."(Note: Gotta be a ringer.)
- "Ha, HA..."
- "What'ssaname..."
- "But, but..."
- "You might..." with shy emphasis on last word.
- And that's the last word, alright. Normally before the fall.

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United Way Kick-off

Did you know that the American Red Cross, one of 13 agencies supported by the United Fund, has placed Sanibel and Captiva Islands as their number one County priority in the event of a disaster? That means that, should there be a disaster. relief will come to us first?? Maybe that sounds like a "gimme, gimme" attitude, but when it comes to supporting charities with hardearned and ever scarcer dollars, priorities do have to be established. And, should we require their expert assistance, no one checks at the ambulance or before serving a hot meal, whether or not you gave your fair . share to the United Fund.

The same extends to the work of the other agencies-the Salvation Army, YMCA, Big Brothers.

That was the message to division leaders and their teams at the United Fund kick-off Saturday morning at the Ramada Inn. The room was packed to hear the opening remarks by United Fund chairman Keith Trowbridge as he addressed the group.

Councilman Francis Bailey, representing the city, reminded the group

that donations to the United Way stay in the County and are used to support services in the county in which the donators live. Donations can also be allocated to a specific agency, according to Martha Reynolds. division leader for the Sanibel-Captiva Road area.

In past years, Sanibel Island has gone downhill in their contributions to the United Fund and "This is the year we change." Last year's Lee County chairman for the United Fund, Mickey Hought, said that he is constantly amazed at the accomplishments of the Lee County agencies with so little money. The reason, he said, was simple dedication.

"If I ever hear from someone-'Gee, 1 would have given, but no one asked me, then I know I've failed," he said.

Failing to reach their goal and see their neighbors is one thing that these volunteers, with their Saturday morning enthusiasm are not likely to fall victim to. They will regroup next Saturday with the results of the domestic solicitation. Business solicitation will begin the following week.



Upsel call from comanager who did not know how to protect citrus trees from cold weather damage.

person with proper instructions. Vandalism reported in parking area: Broduce scattered. Officer found paper bags (empty) but no produce of any type in area complained about. Since signs of possible forced entry were visable, steps

Call patched through to

Lady at formal practice

were taken to increase

security of area.

More police reports

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late getting home; found out lady had stopped for a cuppa ...

Possible auto B&E investigated; culprit determined as possibly Ole Man Winter, since absence of tire tracks, feet tracks, pry marks or any other humanly-made botherations were completely absent, while strong wind was quite definitely present and overaccounted for.

Officer on routine patrol flagged down by citizen, who pointed out a tree limb had dislocated itself from its

parent trunk and was partially obstructing vehicular passageway. Officer removed same.

Personage called SPD to inquire as to if they knew the reason power was not on at personage's home. SPD did not know, but did ascertain that Lee County Co-op had not been called. Promised to let those involved know why power was out at one particular place when it was not out at other particular or unparticular place as soon as SPD determined reason. if any.

Another personage cum citizen reported power out. Editor's note: Glad to find out that no one was specifically being picked upoh.

Citizen reported that, while shelling, live unshelled young male was found. Mother of latter reported loss 38 minutes latter. Young male reunited with parent. No report on any other beach and-or shelling finds.

TV disappeared during process of apartment redecorating. All sorts of fascinating people in and out of apartment, including some who merely dropped in to get warm. Investigationcontinues.

Whilst boss is away, the others will play; this time the result was an open door. Immediate result (as soon as report was read) was leaving of approximately seven (7) phone numbers where occupant(s) of same may be located in off hours. Sorry, chief.

Complainant stated car froze up: freeze was mechanical, not weather related. Complainant and dignitary given rides to places of residences.

Causeway bridge stuck open at 8:10 a.m. Thursday, according to info relayed by LCSO. Information further relayed to other various places and persons upon request. SPD officer

reported that draw span was operational at 23 minutes after first report and that. by personal observation, traffic was on the move at time of last report.

Call came in that equipment for catching crustaceans with supremely edible mandibles (or at least that's what they'd be called if the crustaceans were insects, but we're taking advantage of poetic license) were washed up on shore in front of residence of caller. Caller identified owner of equipment and suggested that same be called with view of returning property. SPD called residence named owner; spoke to spouse, who claimed property. Case was cleared.

Letter written to SPD, pointing out that lot, which had been used as beach access a year before, and which, when same was discovered at that time by owner of said lot, was the subject of a discussion which ended in a resolution that lot would not be used in an access manner again ever, ever, ever, but was, in fact, upon inspection a year later, STILL being used [an access point. Owner upset and wished to share emotions with SPD. SPD investigated. Investigation, negotiations and so forth continue.

Citizen reported "suspicious man" who ducked behind something when citizen approached same. SPD approached socalled "suspicious person" who said he was just "fooling around." Case cleared.

Report came in of dog "barking all day." SF investigated and found that person was "dogsitting" in area where dog was reported barking. Dogsitter stated dog had not been barking. SPD officer did not hear dog barking. Assume dog was not barking, since no evidence thereof was heard. uncovered whatever one does with barks. (Birch?)

Hitchhikers beware

hard on your pocketbook as well as your feet, said the Florida Highway Patrol.

Colonel Eldrige Beach. patrol director, said, "Since legislature 1976 the authorized cities to pass their own anti-hitchhiking laws, several have begun studying the possibilities.

Florida has had a law prohibiting standing on the portion of a roadway paved for vehicular traffic for the

Hitchhiking may soon be purpose of soliciting a ride, employment, or business from the occupant of any vehicle for some time. However, it is legal when not standing on the pavement outside of municipalities.

> The director concluded by saying, "In 1976, almost 500 pedestrians were killed in Florida. If anti-hitchhiking laws will help reduce these deaths, we will do our best to assist in every way possible."

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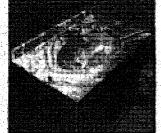
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Island Weather

Although Walter Klie of the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce weather station on Causeway Road reported no freezing temperatures or record-breaking lows last week, it was nevertheless unseasonably cold on the Islands, as the following statistics compiled by Klie indicate.

"We still haven't had any complaints from our visitors about the weather here," Klie added, "Because it's so darn cold where they come from."

Optimistically, Klie told us that "relatively speaking, we're expecting a bit of a warming trend this coming week."

We certainly hope so, Walter. We wouldn't want Grace to end up like a frozen pizza pie: Saucy and Cold!

DATE	HI	LO	RAINFALL (Inches)		
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January 18	54	38	Trace		
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January 20	58	39	None		

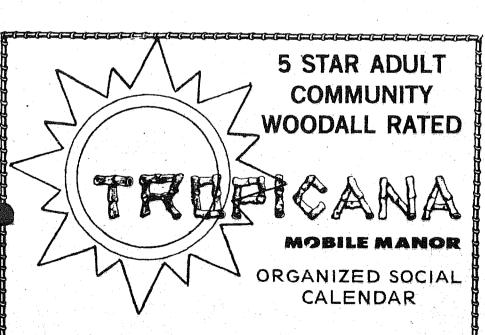
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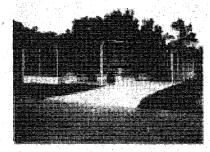
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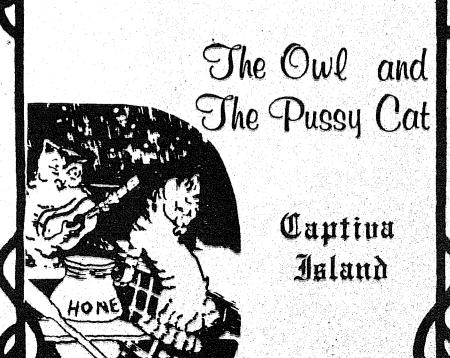
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Islander inventory of business news

With temperatures usually reaching the mid-70's at this time of the year. instead of the colder weather the Islands have been experiencing. The ISLANDER canvassed some local businesses to see how the weather has affected Sanibel-Captivian merchants.

John Kontinos at the Coconut Grove said that the cold weather was driving people into the restaurants-restaurant business seems generally to be well ahead of this time last year. Periwinkle Place Island

Shoppes were crowded and Duncan's reported a steady increase in customers.

Although some visitors have experienced some disappointment over weather conditions, from conversation overheard at the Harbor House, temperatures and conditions are so much worse in other parts of the country, that our less than seasonal climes still are a welcome relief from biting winds, frostbite and two feet of that white stuff that has be be shovelled. An oft overlooked benefit to rain vs. snow. Cars have a greater tendency to run in Southwest Florida too.

And the weather hasn't affected the wildlife-a primary attraction for Island visitors.

Mrs. Shirley Watson, principal of the Islands' Elementary School, commenting on the fact that the school was closed on Thursday because of a possibility of a statewide energy shortage caused by an increased use of heating facilities, said that she was disappointed since a schoolwide study President Jimmy Carter's Inaugeration had been planned-which was scotched when the students were required to stay home.

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money," said Nungester." We are awaiting a court decision on the refinancing of the Causeway. However," he acknowledged, "it is definitely a priority."

Discussion of the proposed sign ordinance was postponed until Monday, January 24 at 4

Finally, the council heard a request to hold another Student Government Day but felt that the day should fall during a somewhat less hectic time and recommended ii for approximately the first of May.

Jim Robson, priprietor of Three-Star, read a letter from Nungester to the president of Lee County Electric Cooperative reviewing a discussion between the City and the electric company. The discussion meeting had been called because of the growing frequency and duration of power outages on the Islands. During the meeting Homer Harold Welsh said there were 195 outages last year and also said that there are hundreds more times where one phase will go down, placing an extra heavy load on the remaining two. Nungester suggested in his

City Council letter that an explanation of Lee County Electric objectives to the public would be helpful and communication, either through a written press release or interview, be arranged.

Nungester endorsed the appointment of a local business person as an acting director for the Electric Company to be a most important move.

Robson compared the power service to the water service which he says loops so that there are safeguards in the water system lacking in the electric system.

Finally, Nungester urged that the completion of the underwater transmission cables, begun two years ago, be completed at the earliest possible time to give the Islands a secondary source of energy.

At the present time, The ISLANDER and Nungester had not been notified that Lee County Electric Co-op had attempted to make the public aware of their goals had there been an answer to Nungester's January 3 letter.

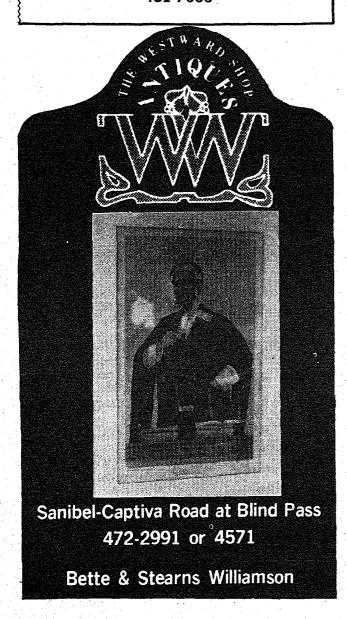
Paul Howe reported to council, however, that there was some change in activity by Lee County Power and Electric Company-they have installed a permanent meter reader on the Island.





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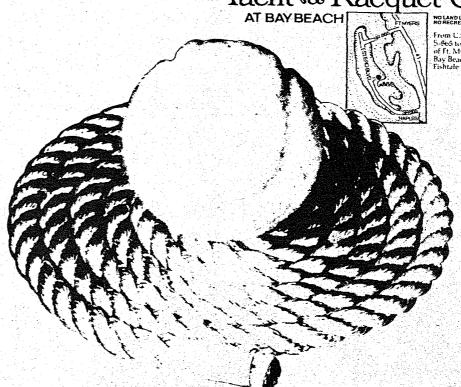
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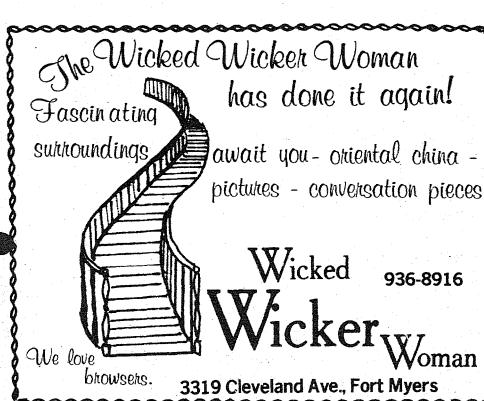
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saying, "I don't think we're faced now with the same problems that confronted Sanibel at the time of their incorporation."

Burner reported that the Erosion Prevention board was opposed to the proposed merger and had informed study committee chairman Ed Lowry

of their concerns in a letter, which Lowry acknowledged had been received too late for inclusion in the committee's report.

Burner told the gathering that the City of Sanibel-Captiva would not be able to support Captiva's ambitious plans for beach preservation and restoration, nor would they, probably, even if they could. Burner cited the



Old-timer Maude Meyer asked, "Why can't we draw up

our own plan?"

study committee's conclusion that Captiva would have a minority vote on the joint council of the new city in this context, while adding that "Captiva sand flows down onto Sanibel beaches."

Burner also expressed a concern that the city might not be able to support and maintain Captiva Road and the bridge joining the two Islands as the county has done heretofore.

"Are you willing to sacrifice your bridge, road and future erosion prevention efforts for a Sanibel land use plan?" Burner queried.

Land use planning was indeed one of the central issues in the controversy last Tuesday, and both Erard Matthiessen and William Stevenson embraced the merger proposal on the basis of planning.

"The overriding consideration here is getting in under a sensible workable comprehensive land use plan," said Captiva naturalist Matthiessen. He proceeded to point out that Lee County government is "strongly development oriented and fast running out of its most attractive resources: unspoiled areas and beaches."

"I don't see how we can escape highrises on the Island in the next five or ten years unless we take matters into our own hands," Matthiessen continued. "We're in for some very serious changes on this Island and they're not going to be very good," he warned.

William Stevenson seconded Matthiessen's feelings, commenting, "We are part of Sanibel-even nature is trying to connect us right now up at the pass! We are really one Island, in bed with one another whether we like it or

Three other Islanders told the assembly that the annexation proposal was in one way or another premature, due to what they perceived to be Sanibel's current legal and financial incapability to provide necessary public services to Captiva.

Past Island Water Association President and Captiva resident for 17 years, Joseph Green, mentioned Sanibel's recent problems with providing planning-oriented serviced and said that he didn't want to inherit Sanibel's administrative and economic problems by way of the proposed

Former Civic Association President John Oster, Jr. pointed up the same question when he said, "The only thing that keeps us going is what the county gives us," but Green went a step further by questioning Sanibel's "Legal qualifications as an annexing municipality." According to Green, the applicable state law requires the annexing municipality to be fully able to provide necessary public services to the area to be annexed and to prepare a detailed plan outlining how it will do so.

South Seas Plantation President Allen Ten Broek was the only Sani resident to take up the microphone last Tuesday. He explained that he was present "to represent South Seas and our considerable interest on the Island," and prefaced his remarks by saying, "I don't feel that an issue should cause friends to divide."

According to Ten Brock, the South Seas Resort comprises about 48 percent of the land area of Captiva and is developed at a density comparable to other areas of the Island: about two units per acre.

Ten Brock disputed many of the statistics offered by the study committee in their report, particularly those pertaining to city finances and taxes. Ten Broek said that Sanibel tax millages were not yet stable and could possibly be increased by factors other than those foreseen by the committee, such as the Sanibel City Council's recurring proposal for the city to sell general obligation bonds.

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figures quoted by Lee County for the maintenance of Captiva's roads were unrealistically low for practical purposes, and pointed out that county building codes allow for the rebuilding of homes seaward of the Department of Natural Resources coastal setback line after hurricane damage, whereas the Sanibel Comprehensive Land Use Plan does not.

"South Seas wants what's best for our Island," Ten Broek told the audience. "However, I don't feel that annexation should be pursued. The City Sanibel is simply not yet ready to bvide the level of service currently offered by Lee County."

The remainder of the session was alloted to an informal audience crossexamination of Ed Lowry on the report of his study committee. Here the debate got lively, with emotions flaring up occasionally throughout the discussion.

Lowry began by apologizing for some ommissions from the report, most notably the question of occupational license fees. Lowry said that the committee had neglected to mention that Sanibel's occupational license fees would have to be paid were the city to annex Captiva, while Captiva businessmen would also have to coninue paying similar fees to Lee County. Lowry offered to supply occupational fee information individually to anyone interested, while adding that the committee was still confident that Captiva would retain its own post office even after the merger, a claim later disputed by Joseph Green.

Captiva resident Maude Meyer asked Lowry why Captiva couldn't prepare its own land use plan, to be submitted to Lee County for inclusion in the

county's master plan.

"That's not really a practical suggestion at the moment," Lowry replied. "This little Island hasn't got the facilities to do that."

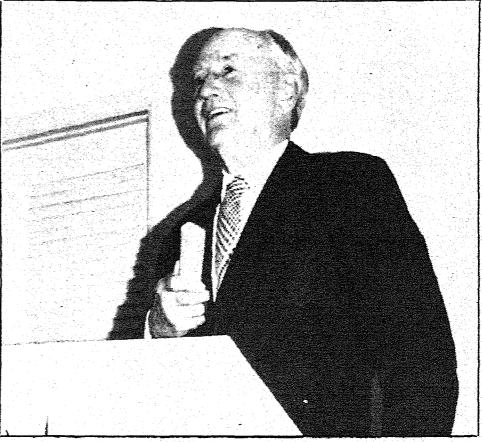
Other questions fielded by Lowry last Tuesday included the eligibility of South Seas residents to vote in the straw ballot, the degree of Sanibel's indemnity for the Sanibel Causeway, and how Sanibel would benefit from the proposed merger.

In response to a number of attacks on the report's factuality with respect to Captiva road maintenance, Lowry said heatedly, "Do you really believe that the city either can't or won't take care of that road?" Lowry claimed that the facts presented in the committee's report were considerably more competent than most of what had been said during the evening.

It came out during the discussion that a few Captiva voters and property owners had been omitted from the committee's mailing list, and Conant promised to provide copies of the report to all those who had not previously received it.

Captivan Jack Scott questioned the procedure to be employed by the Association in counting the ballots from the straw vote and suggested that the Association hire an impartial, outside firm to handle the tabulation. Conant assured him that the Association's tabulating committee would be fair and impartial and shortly thereafter Mrs. Karl Wightman volunteered to serve on the committee.

The Association's board of directors met the following day to select a tabulating committee, and Mrs. Wightman Codman Hislop, Eugene Rochow, Richard Angle and Jack Scott were appointed to count the straw vote ballots.



Study committee chairman Ed Lowry fielded questions from the floor regarding the committee's report.

According to Conant, the ballots were mailed last Thursday to about 250 registered voters of Captiva and to about 550 Captiva property owners who vote elsewhere.

The board decided to give Captivans just over two weeks to decide the "soul searching" question and to return their completed ballots. According to Conant, the ballots will be counted on Friday, February 4, beginning at about 3:00 p.m.

Toward the close of the meeting last Tuesday night, John Oster, Jr. asked Conant to conduct an informal show of hands on the merger question among those gathered at the Civic Center that evening, but Conant and what seemed to be the majority of the audience, declined the invitation, preferring to keep the voting secret.

"I was awfully pleased that people kept their emotions under control and at the large cross-section of the Island who turned out for the forum," said Conant later last week. "I think it was a very good evening."

With the public debate behind them, the soul searching has only just begun for Captivans as they must now sit down with either their little blue or yellow ballots (one for registered voters, one for property owners) to decide the Island's future.

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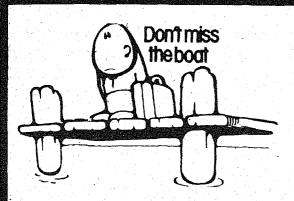
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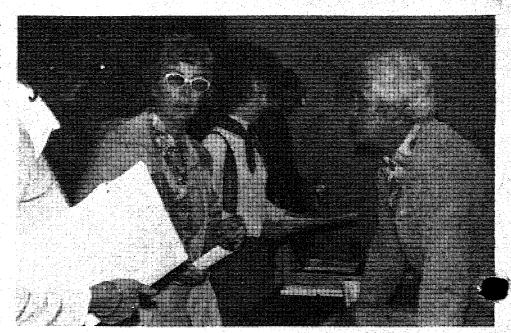
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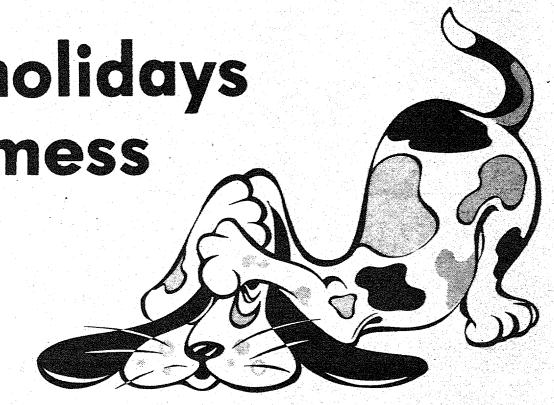
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