

City launches pilot clean-up program



Teacher Pam Toomer helps the young Islanders to gather beach litter into plastic bags for disposal

Last Monday, a group of youngsters from the Children's Center of the Islands swept down over Sanibel's bay beach near their school to gather up cans, bottles, paper litter, and other man-made debris which had accumulated along the shore through the carelessness of boaters and beachgoers on and around the Island.

The young students from the Children's Center went about their work with high spirits and even managed to make a game of it, rather than listlessly plodding through their somewhat onerous chore like so many other paid workers would have done.

In this respect, the young Islanders of the Children's Center gave City Manager Bill Nungester some grounds on which to be optimistic about the success of a pilot program which the city hopes will serve to keep Island beaches clean as well as to benefit a number of youth groups on the Island.

Notwithstanding the laudable clean-up projects sponsored by Island service groups such as the Lions and Kiwanis Clubs in recent years, the city has

nevertheless found itself paying other off-Island groups to pick up litter along Sanibel's streets and beaches in the past.

In hopes of making Sanibel's beach clean-up program a community project, Nungester proposed that the city pay Island youth groups rather than off-Island firms to perform regular beach clean-ups. This, Nungester felt, would serve not only to benefit the youth organizations financially, but would also tend to encourage Island youngsters to take pride in their community by working actively with the city to keep Sanibel's beaches clean and litter-free.

In accordance with Nungester's proposal, the city recently signed up a number of Island youth groups to participate in the program by reserving one Sunday each month for a concerted clean-up effort. Each group is to be responsible for one section of Sanibel's beachfront. Upon completion of the monthly clean-up for the section to which they are assigned, each group

will receive \$30 from the city for their pains.

To be eligible to participate in the city's clean-up program, all youngsters must submit a parental consent form to Assistant City Manager Tom Locker, who is responsible for coordinating the pilot project. Further, at least one adult must accompany children participating in the clean-up effort.

In the project's first trial run last Monday, the young Islanders from the

Children's Center collected enough refuse to fill two large plastic bags which the city provides to all groups taking part in the effort.

Not a bad accomplishment, considering the diminutive size of the students at the Children's Center, who because of their natural short attention spans, will pursue their clean-up duties more often than once each month.

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After 15 years visiting Sanibel Island I thought I'd seen everything until I came upon this scene at the Bailey tract entrance post. At first I thought it was either stuffed or tamed but he allowed only one picture to be taken and then flew off.

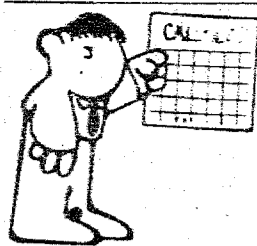
Best regards,
Edwin B. Kolsby
Art Director, The Reader's Digest
International Art Department, N.Y., N.Y.

Home needed for karate class

The Island Karate School is looking for a place to hold their classes. An area of about 1500 square feet is required. The school meets two nights a week.

Currently, these are Wednesday and Sunday evenings, but students and instructor alike would be willing to alter this to obtain a facility.

The School has accomplished so much in such a short period of time and have represented the Islands outstandingly in their competitions. If you know of a facility that can house this Club, please contact Lew Phillips at 472-3111. Let's help this group continue their excellent beginning.



Activities Calendar

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things to do

BINGO MUREX — American Legion Home, Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. No minors. Sanibel Captiva Rd., 472-9979.

BIRD TOURS: Griffing Bancroft, 472-1447; George Weymouth, 472-1516; Dick Frieman, 472-1315.

FISHING GUIDES FOR CHARTER: Capt. Ted Cole, 472-2723; Capt. Doug Fischer, 472-1551; Capt. Baughn Holloway, 472-2802; Capt. Belton Johnson, 472-1122; Capt. John Johnson, 472-1020; Capt. Bob Sabatino, 472-1784; Capt. Duke Sells, 472-1784; Esperanza Woodring, 472-1126; Capt. Chic Kennedy, 472-4087; Capt. Herb Purdy, 472-1849; Capt. Jerry Way, 472-1784 or 472-1007.

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NATURAL HISTORY FIELD TRIPS: to Sanibel's wildlife habitats. For reservations, information, times and fees, call 472-2180.

SAILING (lessons and/or charter): Southwind, 472-2531; Paul Taylor, 472-1551. Rent and/or learn, Snook Apts. 472-1345; Chic Kennedy, 472-4087; Mike Fuery, 'Tween Waters, 472-1784. Ft. Myers Yacht Charters, Roger Nodruoff, 463-2320. Twin Palms Marina; Papa Nui, 332-1200; Off-Shore Sailing School, S.S.P., 472-1551, ext. 4141.

SHELLING TOURS Beach Bay Bayou, 472-1315; Baughn Holloway, 472-2802; Duke Sells, 472-1784; Tarpon Bay Marina 472-1323, Jerry Way, 472-1784.

SIGHTSEEING TOURS Herb Purdy, 472-1849. Tarpon Bay Marina (canoes), 472-1323; Capt. Chic Kennedy,

472-4087; Capt. Herb Purdy, 472-1849, Mike Fuery, 472-1784; Jerry Way 472-1784.

TENNIS & SCUBA EQUIPMENT (RENTAL). The Real Eel, 472-2674.

WATER SKIING Herb Purdy, 472-1849

OFF ISLAND DAY TIME ATTRACTIONS: Edison Home in Ft. Myers, 334-1280; Shell Factory, U.S. 41 North Fort Myers; Jungle Cruises, 334-7474, Fort Myers Yacht Basin; Waltzing Water, 283-6636, Pine Island Road.

libraries

CAPTIVA LIBRARY: Tuesdays and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon.

SANIBEL LIBRARY: Hours: 10-4 every day except Sun.

fraternal groups

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL — area meetings. Fort Myers, Tuesdays at 12:15 in the Shrine Building off Cleveland Ave.; Fort Myers South, Mondays at 12:15 in the Sweden House off Rt. 41; Fort Myers Beach, Thursdays at 12:15 in the Holiday Inn on Estero Blvd.; Cape Coral, Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. in the Cape Coral Country Club. For information call Dick Vann, 463-9436.

KIWANIS CLUB meets at Scotty's Pub each Wednesday morning at 8:00.

BOY SCOUT TROOP NO. 88 meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the school.

LIONS CLUB of Sanibel-Captiva meets at 6:30 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at the American Legion, Sanibel-Captiva Road.

AL ANON — Every Friday, 8:00 p.m. at St. Michael's and All Angels Church. For information call 472-2491.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS open meeting, St. Michael's and All Angels Church, Periwinkle Way, Friday nights, 8:00 p.m. For information call 332-1300.

how to get there

BOATS (FISHING) TO RENT • Blind Pass Marina, 472-1020, Island Boat Rental, 472-2228, 'Tween Waters Marina, 472-1784, Tarpon Bay (canoes), 472-1323.

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MOTORCYCLE RENTALS Sanibel Motorcycle Rentals 1203 Periwinkle 472-2001.

BICYCLES FOR RENT: Hines Rental, 472-2874 or check the motel you are staying in.

political and governmental

SANIBEL CITY COUNCIL meets the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays of every month at 9 a.m. at City Hall, unless special meetings are called. The public is invited.

SANIBEL PLANNING COMMISSION meets the 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays of every month at Sanibel City Hall unless meetings are called. The public is invited.

FIRE DEPARTMENT meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7:30, Palm Ridge Road Firehouse.

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30.

SANIBEL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at the fire house on Palm Ridge Road.

clubs & civic groups

AMERICAN LEGION POST No. 123 American Legion Home, second Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.

LADIES GUILD of the Sanibel Community Church meets at 1:30 every third Thursday of the month. For details, phone 472-2425.

SANIBEL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. Sanibel Community house, 1st Tuesdays, 8:30 p.m.

THE SANIBEL-CAPTIVA UNIT OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS meets the third Monday of each month at the clubhouse of the Sanibel Moorings Condominium on East Gulf Drive at 10:00 a.m. Public invited.

Church Calendar

ST. ISABEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
Fr. Gerard Beauregard, Pastor
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Sunday Masses
vigor (Saturday evenings) 5:30 p.m.
Sundays 8:30, 10 & 11:30 a.m.
Other Masses
Friday Mass (1st Friday) 7:30 p.m.
Daily 8:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Holy Days (Vigil) 7:30 p.m.
Confessions before each Mass.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
The Rev. Gerald Frost, Minister
SUNDAY SERVICE:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Services 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY EVENING:
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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The Rev. James D.B. Hubbs, Rector
SUNDAY:
Holy Communion 7:30 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship,
2nd & 4th Sundays 9:30 a.m.

SANIBEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
The Rev. Bruce E. Milligan, Pastor
Sunday Worship Service 9:15 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School
(Kindergarten thru 2nd) 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School
(3rd thru 8th grades) 10:15 a.m.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES
Ramada Inn (end of Donax Street)
Room 253
Sunday - 11 a.m. Wednesday - 8 p.m.

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
The Rev. Nicholas Sitaras
Services held in the Redeemer Lutheran
Church corner of Canal and Broadway,
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Sunday 10:00 a.m.

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Rabbi Simon Friedeman
Friday Worship 8 p.m.

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The Christian Thinkers of America, 3520
Acline Road, Punta Gorda. Worship Service
Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

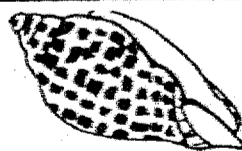
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So you want to see a bird . . .

by ginni brown

For the past three months or more, (with the exception of March 18, when we were in Sebring) we have been wanting to do a "Sanctuary at Sunrise"—or as Wildlife officer and Refuge manager Glen Bond would probably prefer us to word it—"refuge roundup at wake-up time."

Anyhow, whether you've noticed or not, for the past three months or so, every Friday sunrise has been obscured by, 1. dense fog, 2) pouring rain, 3) extreme cloud cover, 4) a combination of the above three.

Well, Friday morning dawned beautifully bright, and since we had thoughtfully brought along our camera with the long lens, we gaily left the Sanibel Police Department, throwing a comment over the shoulder—"Hey, Lew—if the office calls a... I says I haven't been heard of in the past three hours, the place to start looking will be in the Sanctuary (sorry, Glen, refuge)."

It was said rather smugly, because, after all, we've lived here for nigh onto 17 years and have never, NEVER gotten stuck in sugar sand, any more than we ever got stuck in new fallen snow in New York.

"The secret's simple," we'd say smugly "Just keep on going—SLOWLY—if you don't stop and don't turn your tires too fast, you'll be okay."

Sure! We did not take two things into account. Number one, it was April 1—(April Fool's Day) and two, the birds in the J.N. (Ding) Darling Refuge have always seemed to have a personal animosity—such as not flying until we're changing film, or have just put the camera down to scratch a bite or whatever.

Blithely, we start the five mile refuge drive along the top of the mosquito control dike. First picture—an alligator! (Turned out to be the top of a floating green bottle with a tail of water weed). Oh well, on to the next.

Sigh! a beautiful clutch (seven?) of roseate spoonbills, who, as soon as we direct the camera out of the window, take off in all directions at once, while the camera, of course, is focused on the mangrove trees where they HAD been roosting.

That was okay—two ducks (for some strange reason, we always get along well with ducks, who seem to like posing) who sweetly stayed in the same position long enough to get a nice clear in-focus shot. Possible outline idea ran through our head—"Who you callin' a turkey, turkey?"

or "When I say duck, friend, I MEAN it" or "They went that-a-way..." and so on.

Then, the downfall—one of those beautiful crested white birds who really doesn't look like much all folded up but, when they extend their wings, preparing for a take-off, oh, are they ever breathtaking. As a matter of fact, not one, but a whole bunch of them.

One, however, seemed to devote itself to game-playing of the worst sort—we'd be driving along, steering with the right elbow, whilst the camera was held steady (more or less) out the window with the right hand, while the left hand kept adjusting the focus to keep up with the hops of the darn beautiful thing, who would only open his/her wings when obscured by bushes.

We FINALLY got a clear shot—focused in on the neck (no mean trick when said focusing is done while steering with one's right elbow) when the bird turned to look at us, showed signs of spreading its wings and then promptly folded in on itself, which caused us to lift a foot in anger and there we were, stalled in sugar sand.

No big problem, right? Ha! Out of the car, scuffle around in the sand, clearing the softer top layer away.

Back in the car, rocking said vehicle back and forth between reverse and first.

Out of the car to inspect progress.

No progress.

Make like a terrier and use both hands to scrape sand away. (Bird, by the way, has now hopped up within 10 feet of the road's edge and is watching the proceedings very critically. Camera, of course, is in the car,



"Who you callin' a turkey? turkey!"

unfocused.)

Brilliant idea. Get newspapers (wonder where they came from?) and stuff two between tire and dampish sand layer we have now gotten down to. Ah Ha!

Back in car. Start rocking and presto—forward at LEAST two feet. Car stalls. Oh well.

Out of car. Start process from beginning. This time not only get to bare, dampish packed sand, but have THREE folded newspapers under each back wheel for traction. Carefully pick up shredded pieces of original papers and cautiously approached Early Morning Camera Owner

(complete with tripod of the species) and carefully wait till camera clicks before smiling sweetly and asking, "Say, sir, will you come lean on the back of this car for a bit?"

Slight look of astonishment and then, "Of course. Let me dismantle this (the camera-tripod) first."

"Sure."

Smile.

Wait.

Dampish sand starts drying out. Not too drastic yet.

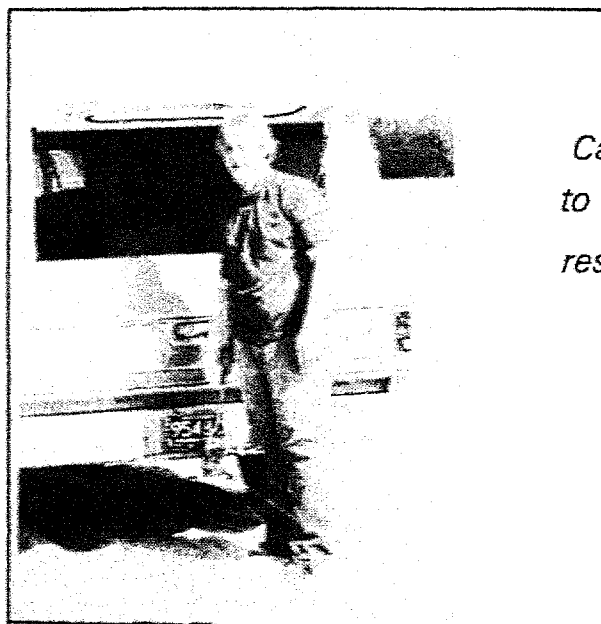
E.M.C.O. approaches. "Ahhh, ummm, push here?"

"Good show," we reply. Just about to apply pressure (car in neutral), EMCO from back of car and ye editor from driver's side door frame, when a Large Car stops. On hard sand, we note ruefully.

"Need help, girlie?" was the joyous question. "Now," turning to a member of the group in the car, "you stay put. We'll handle this."

Four Nice Gentlemen pour out. EMCO exchanges semi-grin-frown with us.

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Council hears water committee report

In response to widespread public concern about the safety of fast moving traffic along the narrow seven-mile stretch of Sanibel-Captiva Road and pursuant to recommendations from the city manager and chief of police, the Sanibel City Council moved unanimously last week to direct City Manager Bill Nungester to draft an emergency ordinance which will reduce the speed limit along Sanibel-Captiva Road to 35 mph.

The council took no action last week on related recommendations from Nungester and City Police Chief John Butler that the city should impose weight restrictions on trucks and other oversize vehicles using Sanibel-Captiva Road, the only link which connects Captiva and Sanibel's western end with the Causeway, and thus, mainland Lee County.

According to Nungester, the recommended weight restrictions and speed limit reduction were based upon what Nungester called a "Cursory examination" of the condition and relative stability of Sanibel-Captiva Road, which city officials feel has been rapidly deteriorating in recent months due to the effects of fast moving trucks running off of the pavement and onto the sandy shoulders of the road as a result of the narrow surface of the highway.

Nungester said that each lane of the road is only nine feet wide, while most trucks and campers are about eight feet wide, leaving little margin for error to those who drive along Sanibel's main artery to Captiva.

The city is planning to upgrade and widen Sanibel-Captiva Road as part of a proposed long-range capital improvements program, but the funding for the much needed work is uncertain and city officials want the county to pay for a part of the cost since the road serves unincorporated Captiva.

Nungester told the council that city engineers feel that the paved surface of the road will continue to crack and

deteriorate if the road is not immediately repaired and widened by at least two feet on each side.

As the city currently has little money available for the project, Nungester recommended that a lower speed limit and weight restrictions for Sanibel-Captiva Road might help to slow down the road's deterioration as well as improving traffic safety along the highway as a temporary measure until the city can come up with the money to effect the necessary improvements.

Nungester suggested a weight restriction of 40,000 pounds for two-axle vehicles and 55,000 pounds for trucks with three or more axles, while recognizing that such weight limits might present a hardship for some large delivery trucks en route to Captiva.

At the outset of the council's discussion of the problem last Tuesday, Councilman Duane White voiced opposition to the proposal.

"I think the problem is really a problem of enforcement," said White, suggesting that a lower speed limit would not help to alleviate the problem if even the current speed limit cannot be enforced.

White proposed that if anything, the speed limit for trucks should be lowered to 35 mph, while maintaining the current 45 mph limit for automobiles. His proposal was rejected by other members of the council who felt that such a measure would complicate the problem by necessitating that cars pass the slower moving trucks along the narrow roadway.

Both Councilmen Francis Bailey and Islander Allen Ten Broek objected to the imposition of weight restrictions on trucks using Sanibel-Captiva Road. Ten Broek said that he believed reducing the amount of weight anyone truck can carry would necessitate more trips to move the same quantity of material, which he thought, is likely to damage the road as much if not more than having one heavy truck make one trip.

"Reducing weight increases volume," Ten Broek said, and suggested the city should do more research into the problem before enacting weight restrictions for the Island's main road.

"I don't think we have time to do a detailed study before doing something about that road," Vice-Mayor Zee Butler told Ten Broek. "We have a problem on that road and it's dangerous to drive on!" she said.

Councilman White then asked if it might be feasible to require developers at work on Captiva and the western half of Sanibel to barge their fill and other building material in, rather than relying upon trucks to do the hauling.

Ten Broek replied that truck hauling costs about 45 per cent less than barging and pointed out the relative absence of docking facilities for large barges on the Islands. Ten Broek endorsed the proposed speed limit reduction, however, and informed the council that he has asked Sanibel Police Chief John Butler to be extremely strict in enforcing the existing speed limit for trucks hauling material up to South Seas Plantation, of which Ten Broek is president.

"I think a combination of weight restrictions and speed limit reduction

is the right approach," said Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss. "My primary concern is not having any more accidents on that road, and big trucks cause accidents."

"I think everyone's in agreement that we have to fix that road," Goss added, "the problem is how to get those who use it most to pay their share."

Vice-Mayor Butler concurred with Goss, saying, "I do not feel that the (city)-taxpayers should have to foot the bill for keeping that road up to par because of the growth on this Island and on Captiva."

The council will act on the emergency ordinance to reduce the speed limit on Sanibel-Captiva Road at their meeting today, April 5, in MacKenzie Hall, while continuing their consideration of weight restrictions for Island roads.

The proposed 35 mph limit on Sanibel-Captiva Road will become effective immediately upon the adoption of the emergency ordinance, which requires a two-thirds vote of the council to enact.

According to Nungester, the city will be able to post signs displaying the new speed limit for the road within a week or so of the ordinance's adoption.

Letters to the editor:

To the editor:

Having survived the Blizzard of '77 (yes, I live in the Buffalo area) I plan to leave soon for Florida and

stay on Sanibel till April 24... Read with interest about "no feeding of alligators"

In past years there was a

"pit" in a waterway by Periwinkle Apts. on Jamaica Drive. We'd stop and call "Oscar" and he'd climb up on the grass and we threw rolls to him.

Everyone did it... he hasn't been around for a few years... maybe he was moved for his sake and the sake of we un-informed visitors. Have some very good pictures!

-s-Mrs. G.D. Lester
Elden, New York

To the editor:

From what I understand that is going on here on Sanibel, is that what this town needs are less people saying what this town needs.

-s-Dahl Ross
Djakarta, Indonesia

What's happening today at city hall

MacKENZIE HALL

APRIL 5, 1977

9:00 a.m. 1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance (Goss). 2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held March 25, 1977. 3. Correspondence. 4. Planning Commission Report.

9:30 a.m. 5. To consider granting several pending sign applications, under EO 77-6, including continuation of a hearing of an application by Stephen D. Keene, Jr. (Santiva Plaza).

9:45 a.m. 6. Consider adoption of Emergency Ordinance to replace Emergency Ordinance 77-6 (Sign Moratorium).

9:50 a.m. 7. Bid recommendations - re Equipment.
10:00 a.m. 8. Consider EO to regulate vehicular speed on Periwinkle Way and San-Cap Road and further discussion of City Manager's memorandum of March 25, 1977 re San-Cap Road.

11:00 a.m. 9 City Attorney's Report.

11:05 a.m. 10. City Manager's report.

11:15 a.m. Mayor and Councilmen Reports. Public Inquiries and Comments. Lunch Recess.

1:30 p.m. 11. Final Hearing to consider a request by Mary R. LeRoux for a Specific Amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The petition requests a waiver to Section 3.3.5: Commercial Yard Requirement, to permit construction of additional

storage facilities with a setback of ten (10) feet to the property line on a parcel in the NE ¼ of Section 26, Township 46 South, Range 22 East, Sanibel, Lee County, Florida (2361 Periwinkle Way).

1:45 p.m. 12. Final Hearing to consider a request by Richard J. Smith for a Specific Amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The petition requests a waiver to the provision of Section 3.3.2 of the Plan. The area affected by the amendment request is 836 Angel Wing Dr.

2:00 p.m. 13. Final Hearing to consider a request by Mr. and Mrs. Elliott T. Arnold for a Specific Amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The petition requests a waiver to Section 3.2.2: Development Intensity Map of the Plan. The area affected by the amendment request is lots 3, 4 and 5, Sanibel Shores (Donax St.).

2:15 p.m. 14. Final hearing to consider a request by Robert E. Hastings for a Specific Amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The petition requests a waiver to the provisions of Section 3.2.2 and Section 3.3.1 of the Plan. The area affected by the amendment request is Lots 3, 4 and 5 of Gulf Pines II Subdivision.

2:30 p.m. 15. Final Hearing to consider a request by Jonathan L. Bourne for a Specific Amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The petition requests a waiver to the provision of Section 3.3.2: Residential

Yard Requirements. The area affected by the amendment request is Lot 90, First Addition, Shell Harbor Subdivision (746 Sand Dollar Drive).

2:45 p.m. 16. Final Hearing to consider a request by Jimmie Cipriani for a Specific Amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The petition requests a waiver to the provision of Section 3.4.10: Filled Land (Permitted Uses). The area affected by the amendment request is the southern portion of a parcel in the North ½ of Section 25, Township 46 South, Range 22 East, Sanibel, Lee County, Florida (2029 Periwinkle Way).

3:00 p.m. 17. Final Hearing to consider a request by Myton and Daphne Ireland for a Specific Amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The petition requests waivers to Sections 3.7.1: Floodproofing, 3.3.2: Residential Yard Requirements, and 3.1.3: Coastal Construction Setback Line. The parcel affected by the amendment request is Lots 2, 3 and 4 of Sanibel Estates Subdivision, Unit 4 "unrecorded" in Section 20, Township 46 South, Range 23 East (west end of Lighthouse Way).

3:15 p.m. 18. Consider Resolution concerning replat of Beachview Country Club Estates correcting existing plat.

Adjournment

Karate . . . empty hands without weapons



Cindy Butler, in the formal prelude to a kata, shows the "empty hands" symbol, indicating that she bears no weapons

At 8:30 one February night in Manhattan, a girl locked her car and started for her apartment a half block away. It had stormed recently and there was a single path carved out in the snow where people had beaten it down. Suddenly, two men materialized in front of her and lunged.

She was carrying a bag of groceries and a carton of soda. Dropping the groceries, she swung the carton and landed it on the side of the man's head closest to her and ran for her apartment.

Two weeks later, she decamped for the suburbs in the middle of the night, leaving half a lease behind. The attack had left her shaken and vulnerable.

Violence in major metropolitan areas is a fact of life and while

residents of Southwest Florida may feel removed from it, one doesn't have to be domiciled in a city to be exposed. It can happen on a visit, or a country road. Self-protection has become such a necessity to so many people that the carrying of guns and knives is not considered unusual.

The best weapon in self-defense is that which comes as a surprise and which requires no weapons other than the skillful use of one's own body.

Karate, meaning empty hands without weapons, is one of the oldest of the martial arts and one of the most effective. The karate prayer is formalized in three gestures: the closed hand—"karate is my secret," the open hand signifying "I have no weapons," and the supplication, "may I use it

well."

By using it well, karate practitioners would rather not use it at all. "Karate is not aggressive or violent. It is used only in defending oneself or someone weaker than his opponent."

Defending oneself can be an art as well as a skill to those involved with karate. Lew Phillips, a first-degree black belt in karate, has been teaching for eleven years, believes in the power of this martial art and is teaching it to 41 Islanders for the past eight months.

And success in this field is measured by tournament competition and in the short time these youngsters have been competing they have come home with fourteen trophies. The number of contenders in these tournaments have ranged from 400-700.

Clearly, they have accomplished outstanding gains in a very short period of time. "And the kids have been winning by makeshift," said Lew. They have had two homes so far and right now are working out in the firehouse for want of any other space. Every piece of equipment they own and all their transportation to tournaments, their lodging all comes from a group kitty they raise themselves through events like bake sales and car washes.

"All we need right now is a home and that we can't drum up ourselves," said Lew. (The area required is 30 x 50 square feet.)

While Lew is the instructor technically, he functions within the group as an advisor. The kids do their own thinking, he told the ISLANDER.

What do the kids think about karate? "It's a part of my life," said Jody Welker. "I couldn't stop now if I wanted to—it's far more than a sport." "When you miss a class, it's as if you missed your whole life."

Most didn't realize the impact it would have on their lives when they started. "It was something to do and a way to meet people when I first came here," said Cindy Butler.

Most activities that occupy other young people in a similar area have been legislated against on the Islands—camping out, cookouts and that kind of

thing, said Lew. Karate, because of its physical demands, does provide a healthy outlet as well as a practical application. Jody Welker said that she expects that her future career will take her to big cities where she will live a far more comfortable life secure in the knowledge that she can defend herself if need be. She will not have to choose her residence out of fear.

Karate is often mistaken to be aggressive, violent, said Lew. It's not. "In fact," Cindy said, "if a club member does start a fight unnecessarily, they can get kicked out of the club—I'd rather run, she added. I'd fight only if I had to."

Jody Welker added that she would avoid a confrontation if at all possible because "I'd hurt someone and I wouldn't want to." So they don't spout off about their abilities—karate is their secret. They do it well.

Karate classes are basically divided into two: students and instructor. The degree of skill of a student is evidenced by the color belt they wear. There are four grades of novice: white, yellow, blue and green. Each takes approximately three months to accomplish and is a combination of mental and physical skills.

The Island Karate Club is part of the Shuri-ryu karate school and their form is distinct from other schools of karate. To attain a higher level, each student goes before a committee of black belts in the area to perform both Kata—which is a series of pre-arranged forms and Kumite or fighting techniques. The mental requirements involve the history and philosophy of the art as well as physiology of the body.

Each testing time involves not only the immediate requirements for the next level but also those katas and techniques which have been mastered earlier. "It's like learning a language," said Cindy. "Your knowledge is cumulative—you're using all you've learned all the time."

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Their adorable efforts mark the opening of the city's new pilot project to clean up Sanibel's beaches.

- ACROSS**
- 1 On the ocean
 - 5 Having no key, in music
 - 11 Dutch assembly
 - 12 Actress, Dorothy —
 - 13 Actress Lanchester
 - 14 River in Nebraska
 - 15 French marshal
 - 16 Prompt
 - 17 Pronoun
 - 18 Without ethics
 - 20 Polish wifely title
 - 21 Thames estuary
 - 22 Sea eagle
 - 23 Shabby
 - 25 Airport need
 - 26 Yodeler's delight
 - 27 Actuality
 - 28 Actor, Will —
 - 29 On familiar turf (2 wds.)
 - 32 Colorado Indian
 - 33 Lady lamb
 - 34 Sesame
 - 35 Nonprofessional
 - 37 Stick of candy
 - 38 Contented (2 wds.)
- DOWN**
- 1 Bullring
 - 2 Oregon city
 - 3 Long on looks (4 wds.)
 - 4 Oklahoma city
 - 5 Sealed vial
 - 6 Narrative
 - 7 Palm leaf
 - 8 See 3 Down (4 wds.)
 - 9 Teevee appurtenance
 - 10 More cautious
 - 16 Author, Joyce —
 - 19 Part of a turbine
 - 20 Part of Ty Cobb's nickname
 - 23 Habitual
 - 24 Kind of rayon
 - 25 Appraise
 - 27 Acted like a toady
 - 30 Under legal age
 - 31 Pupil (Fr.)
 - 33 Facility
 - 36 Tumbler's safeguard
 - 37 Wheel projection

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by thomas joseph

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friday - 7 -m. till sign-off

7:00	26-ABC Friday Movie: "Bang The Drum Slowly"	12:30 a.m.	26-Friday Night Theater (All night movies till 7 a.m.) 1) "The Very Edge," Ann Heywood, Richard Todd; 2) "Horror Castle," Christopher Lee; 3) "The Spy Strikes Silently," Lang Jef- fries; 4) "The Flesh Eaters," Rita Morley (1966).
11-Hee Haw			
20-Adam 12			
26-To Tell The Truth	10:00		
7:30	11-"Breakthrough," an Oral Roberts Special		
20-Candid Camera			
26-Nashville On The Road	20-Police Woman		
8:00	11:00		
11-Here Comes Peter Cottontail!	11-News Eleven		
20-Sanford & Son	20-Eyewitness News		
26-Donny & Marie Osmond	26-News scene		
8:30	11:30		
20-Chico & The Man	11-Master's Golf Highlights		
9:00	20-The Tonight Show		
11-"Nashville 99"	26-S.W.A.T.	1 a.m.	
20-The Rockford Files	11:40	20-The Midnight Special	
	11-CBS Late Movie		

saturday - all day

6:57	26-The Oddball Couple	7:00	11-Lawrence Welk
11-Morning Devotional	12:25	20-Eyewitness News	
7:00	26-Schoolhouse Rock	7:30	20-"Easter Is..." starring Benji and Waldo
11-Music & The Spoken Word	12:30	8:00	11-Mary Tyler Moore
20-The Lucy Show		20-"King Of The Beasts," an animated musical version of how the lion, who (it says here) started out as an ac- cident prone kitty who became the leader of them all.	
26-Big Valley	1:00	26-Mrs. Blansky's Beauties	
7:30	11-Children's Film Festival	8:30	11-Bob Newhart
11-Fury	20-Grandstand	20-"The First Easter Rabbit," with Burl Ives' voice as the Gre Bunny	
20-Little Rascals	1:15	26-Fish	
8:00	20-NBC Major League Baseball '77: "Milwaukee Brewers at New York Yankees," unless it's the Montreal Expos at Philadelphia Phillies	9:00	11-All In The Family
11-Sylvester & Tweety		20-NBC Saturday Movie: "Where The Redfern Grows," with Stewart Peterson, James Whitmore, Beverly Garland and Jack Ging in the story of a poor Oklahoma boy who buys two redbone hounds and suffers.	
20-Woody Woodpecker	1:30	26-Starsky & Hutch	
26-"Tom & Jerry" and "Mumbly Show"	2:00	11-Alice	
8:30	11-WINK-End Movie: "The Sisters," with Errol Flynn, Bette Davis, Ian Hunter, Anita Louise and Donald Crisp in the 1938 film version of Myron Bring's novel in which two sisters un- tangle their own love lives whilst helping the third sister during her domestic crisis.	10:00	11-Carol Burnett
11-Clue Club		26-Dog & Cat	
20-Pink Panther Laugh and a Half Show	2:30	11-News Eleven	
26-Jabber Jaw	3:30	20-Eyewitness News	
8:55	26-Peter Gunn	26-ABC Weekend News	
26-Schoolhouse Rock	4:00	11:15	26-"American Theater" During which one can watch movies till 7 a.m.: 1) "Buck & The Preacher," Sidney Poitier; 2) "Backtrack," Doug McClure; 3) "The Thin Red Line," Kier Dullea;
9:00	11-New Adventures of Batman		
11-"Bugs Bunny" & "Roadrunner" Hour	26-Pro Bowlers Tour		
26-"Scooby Doo" & "Dynomut"	4:00		
10:00	11-The Master's Tour- nament		
11-Tarzan, Lord of The Jungle	4:15 Approx.		
20-Speed Buggy	20-More Major League Baseball when the San Diego Padres play the Cincinnati Reds unless Minnesota Twins take on Oakland Athletics.		
10:25	5:00		
26-Schoolhouse Rock	26-ABC Wide World of Sports		
10:30	6:00		
11-New Adventures of Batman	11-News Eleven		
20-Monster Squad	6:30		
26-Kroffts Supershow	11-CBS News		
11:00	26-Peter Marshall Variety Show		
11-"Shazam" & "Isis" Hour			
20-"Space Ghost" and "Frankenstein Jr."			
11:30			
20-Big John, Little John			
26-Super Friends			
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26-Schoolhouse Rock			
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Aries: Try to maintain your good humor when petty annoyances come up. An unpleasant decision regarding a friend may be necessary. A breakdown in communications could cause difficulties at work.

Taurus: Be careful of buying, or any long range financial plans. Be sure to keep your routine chores and duties up to date. A health problem could affect a partner.

Gemini: Don't be so impatient about family matters, you could cause a large emotional upheaval. This is not a good time for social activities or entertaining friends.

Cancer: Be careful in your speech and writing; a thoughtless word could bring

resentment into the open. Don't get involved in bickering with co-workers.

Leo: Don't get involved in financial involvements with friends. Many minor hindrances will be a nuisance. Some unexpected or added earnings are likely.

Virgo: Now is not the time to make an important business change. You may soon be thinking of changing to larger quarters, but don't overload yourself with unnecessary tasks.

Libra: Don't give confidential information to in-laws or others. Make an effort to ton down suspicion or it tends to hamper your leadership and drive.

Scorpio: Discuss practical affairs with partners, practical responsibilities are emphasized. Your unwillingness to compromise could backfire on your health.

Sagittarius: You are likely to receive depressing news, try to avoid being temperamental and unpredictable. Put your mind to work on a long range project, ignore unworthy friends.

Capricorn: Maintain a confident attitude, this is a time when petty irritations in business matters can cause ruffled feelings. Watch your health, try running away from home for a couple of days.

Aquarius: Be practical in attending to correspondence. Concentrate on tax matters, if you don't you are likely to regret it. Aspects favor entertainment, social enjoyments and romance.

Pisces: Give some thought to your future outlook, be careful not to let your checkbook get too low. Correspondence, news, messages will keep you unusually busy.

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police reports

Just in case you've forgotten, the Sanibel Police Department has access to a radar speed gun, which is a cute little do-hickey an officer can point at a moving vehicle which immediately registers such vehicle's forward moving speed. We remind you of this since 22 written citations and-or warnings were issued to

speeding vehicles in the past week.

Citations were also issued for two other vehicle violations, seven complaints of "illegal" parkings and-or camping were checked out, two noisy motorcycles were reported as being extra loud, the Sanibel Police Department officers rendered assistance on a

variety of things 25 times, the ambulance, helicopter and-or EMTs were called and responded eight times, two wallets, one set of keys and a ring were reported lost, while a pair of glasses, a pair of goggles, a watch and a social security card were found.

"That" alarm went off a mere seven times, and was joined by two others, for a total of nine alarms checked out and the emergency call boxes were used 21 times, on subjects such as an officer on patrol checking in (as well as checking whether the box was working) to a warning of an alligator to a car without keys.

A concerned citizen reported that an RV

(recreational vehicle such as a motor home) was dumping sewage in a parking lot. Investigating officer found that the shut-off valve was closed, and the liquid appearing in the parking lot was from a sink in which the RV's occupants had recently rinsed off their shoes and was, in the opinion of the officer, plain water and not sewage.

A call came in to complain of "loud music" which seemed, to caller, to be coming from a nearby parked vehicle. Officer investigated and found that the occupants of a nearby apartment, not car, had their hi-fi turned up to a loud degree. Hi-fi owners agreed to turn it down.

Report came in stating that caller believed camping was being performed in a large RV parked directly across the street from caller's home and that the campers had a generator running, to boot. Officer found that the RV belonged to occupants of a legal rental unit and the generator was being run to charge their batteries.

A call came in to report that a van pulled into a cottage court two nights ago and stayed in front of one of the cottages for exactly one hour to the minute. SPD informed caller that the call would do more good if it were made when the vehicle in question was doing the alleged parking, rather than two days later.

A call came in on the emergency bar to report a missing 6 year-old, who had been gone for about a half hour. The SPD dispatched two officers and a fireman. Nineteen minutes later the fireman radioed he had found the missing girl and was restoring her to her parents, at which point the SPD officers were called off the search.

Note: The emergency bar is for EXTREME emergencies—your house is burning down, a guest is having a heart attack and needs immediate medical attention or you're being killed by a robber.

Please call 472-3111 or 472-2313 for police and EMT information and situations requiring help, but not of an extreme nature, and 472-1717 for fire information.

The number 472-1414 should ONLY be used when absolutely necessary. For instance, being locked out of your car when your kid is waiting at school to be picked up may seem like an emergency to you, but you'll receive help just as quickly by calling one of the other numbers, leaving the emergency line open so that a life may be saved or a fire might be reported without delay.

A trespasser was reported trespassing, in that a man had been sitting in a car on private property and kept looking at the pool. The caller said he had taken a picture of the vehicle and man in question, and that it was his opinion the man was there for the purpose of watching females in the swimming pool. Other tenants of the property reported seeing vehicle, presumably with same occupant, there before and the vehicle had been reported as being "suspicious" a few days earlier in another location. A check on the license tag revealed that the vehicle was not stolen nor wanted.

A complainant reported the theft of an aluminum beam from a parked truck.

A parking lot attendant called to request aid in stopping "a fight in progress

concerning campers." Office and auxiliary men arrived to find a couple arguing about how to put up a tent at the rear of the parking lot. The officers advised the couple that camping was not permitted on Sanibel except in the trailer park, and noted that the "fight" had been a verbal rather than a physical one. Would-be campers left. All quiet.

An anonymous person who did not wish to reveal her name called to state that "several" vehicles were speeding on a specific Gulf Drive and that "if an officer ever showed his face down here we would not have these problems." After the officer on duty was released from a "fight in progress" call, he proceeded to the named street and did clock the vehicles driving thereon with a radar gun for a length of time. The vehicles averaged between 36 to 38 mph.

A call came in to report that the caller had passed a parked white auto of a certain brand, and had noticed a male driver "having a violent argument" with a female passenger, who, according to the caller, was attempting to get out of the vehicle and was being restrained by said male.

Officer arrived at the area reported and did not see such a car on the road. He did notice that a female was using a flashlight to search for a wristwatch while walking alongside of the road, while her husband waited in the car for her. No arguing or anger seemed to be present. The vehicle was also not the brand-name reported by the first caller. Case cleared.

A visitor walked into the SPD requesting a "jump." (That's when your car battery is dead and it needs a quick charge from another vehicle to start.) SPD complied by jumping him. Rather, his vehicle, which then went its merry way.

A man came in to report the loss of his wallet, complete with cash, identification and so forth. Another call came in thereafter, reporting the finding of said wallet, which was returned to owner intact (which is one of the reasons the Islands are so great).

Officer on duty reported a vehicle was stuck on a rock in a parking lot. Seems that driver of said vehicle stated he had "cut the corner too sharp" which action landed him on a rock instead of the road. Officer and driver agreed a wrecker would come in handy so the wrecker was called and removed the car from the rock.

A complaint came in that smoke from a beach fire was being "thrown" into the windows of a nearby condo and was "disturbing a lot of people." Fire Department investigated and found that a fire permit had been

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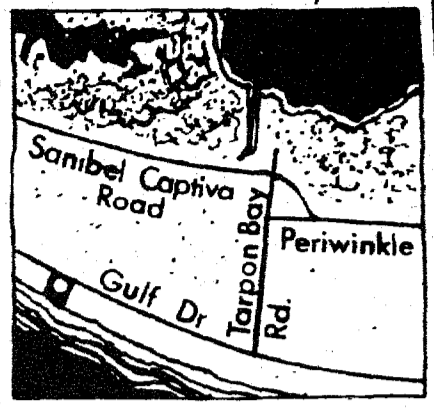
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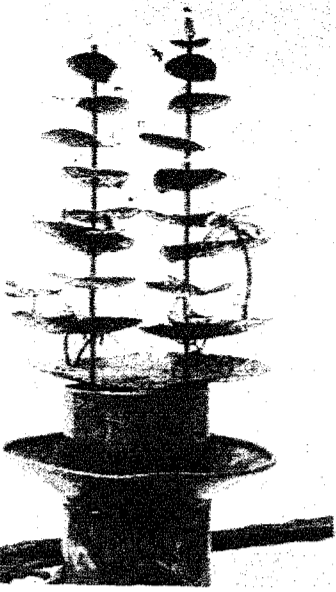
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Linda and Larry have been Captiva residents for a year and draw their inspiration for their works from the natural panorama that surrounds them daily at their Gulf front Captiva home and workshop.

Both will design ideas upon request and will be present on Thursday to talk about their work and techniques.

Susan Read will be presenting a collection of suspended tables and

There will be a special showing of the works of Island artisans this Thursday, April 7, from 12 to 6 at the Owl and the Pussycat on Captiva Island.

The artists' works will be displayed in a pavillion erected on the grounds especially for the exhibit.

Among the artists represented will be Linda Ritchie and Larry Hoff with their creations in metal sculpture. Of course, he will also display birds at the show, including a reddish egret he is currently working on. Linda's works will include a metal replica of The Eagle, the Tall Ship that led the Fourth of July parade up the Hudson River. Her special feeling for wind is also evidenced in her trees, all of which look like they could be growing along the Coast.

Each piece that Linda and Larry do



Linda and creation



Larry Hoff

lamps, wall hangings and hangers often referred to as "designer macrame" that are truly unique and must be seen to be appreciated. Included in her exhibit will also be a collection of children's wall sculptures.

Also exhibiting on Thursday will be Char Gregory who has shown her work in many of the top shows in Florida, winning many awards for her fiber sculpture and weavings. She graduated from Radford College with a degree in art education and did graduate work at several institutions including the Arrowmont School of Crafts in Tennessee and Sophia University, in Tokyo.

Another craftsman in metal sculpture, but with a completely different approach to his art, will be Ellis Bradley. The humor in his work was recognized by United Press International and photographs have appeared in newspapers and magazines from coast to coast. He received top honors at the

St. Augustine Arts and Crafts Festival and the University of Oklahoma.

His unique work has been featured on many television shows including NBC's Today Show.

The Owl and the Pussycat will also host Susan Karr's Searamics, a selection of works by Helene Sparkes and books written by authors who live and write about the Islands.

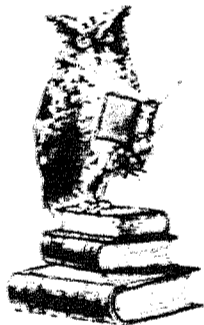
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"Can of worms" reopened by health committee

The city's public health committee met on March 28 and again on April 4 to continue the work of preparing two legislative proposals for the city council to consider at their meeting today, April 5, in MacKenzie Hall.

One of the committee's proposals, an animal control ordinance for Sanibel, closely resembles the former health committee's unpopular proposal for a dog control law council last year.

Whereas the former committee's recommendation called for a "leash law" and the prohibition of dogs from city beaches for health reasons, the current public health committee proposes to submit all domestic cats in the city to the same controls as those desired for dogs on Sanibel.

The ordinance envisioned by the committee would call for the city to hire an "animal control officer," or dog catcher, to patrol the Island in search of dogs and cats which "roam at large," and would therefore be considered abandoned under the proposed ordinance.

Committee member George Campbell wants the aforementioned animal control officer to be commissioned to set traps for Sanibel's reportedly large population of sickly feral cats, which would then be "humanely destroyed" by the city.

Campbell also wants to write the proposed ordinance so as to require all domestic cats in the city to be "belled"—both measures intended to reduce the current threat to Island wildlife posed by feral and domestic cats.

The committee was also at work on a policy for the council to incorporate in an ordinance which would require all shopping centers on Sanibel to provide restroom

facilities to their customers, pursuant to a state health regulation which calls for public restrooms to be provided in all places where the public is freely invited.

In recent months, the city has become increasingly responsive to the pressing need for additional public restrooms on Sanibel.

According to Councilman Duane White, the city is hoping to be able to install public toilet facilities at three locations on the Island in the near future.

The council will hear a report of the Public Health Committee's recommendations at their regular meeting today in City Hall.

Corps hearing

to be held on

Punta Rassa proposal

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, has scheduled a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, to entertain public comment on a request from John Kontinos and architect William Frizell for Corps permits with which to develop a proposed 525-unit medium and highrise condominium project on an 80-acre parcel of land on nearby Punta Rassa.

A dredging permit from the Corps is required for work as the proposed development calls for the excavation of two lagoons of about 4 acres in total area, with the developers having offered to donate 25 acres of tidal mangroves bordering the site to an appropriate public agency.

The hearing, which is intended to ascertain if the proposed development is in the public interest, will be held in the Lee County Courthouse in Fort Myers.

IWA annual meeting on April 11

The annual meeting of the customers of the Island Water Association has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 11.

The annual membership meeting will be held at the Sanibel Community House on Periwinkle Way, according to IWA General Manager Larry Snell.

City hall site selection workshop April 26

The Sanibel City Council has scheduled a workshop session for 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, to meet with the city's Site Selection Committee, which has for the past few months been considering offers of property which the city has received for the proposed municipal office complex for Sanibel.

At their two most recent meetings, the three-member Site Selection Committee considered three new offers of property which the city received in recent weeks and reassessed their assignment of priorities to all of the offers received thus far in preparation for making a recommendation to the city council.

In a meeting last Monday, the committee decided not to consider any new offers which might be received in the weeks ahead for the purpose of their report to the council, although any new offers will continue to be received by the city for the council to consider in making their final decision on the site for the proposed city hall complex.

According to Councilman Duane White, a question has arisen of late concerning the legality of an offer of property submitted by the Sanibel Community Association for consideration as a possible city hall site.

White said that some members of the Association contend that the group's by-laws prohibit the sale of Community Association property.

According to Site Selection Chairman Fred Valtin, the Community Association's offer of 4.6 acres of land directly across Periwinkle Way from the Sanibel Community House is the most appealing offer that the city has received to date.

The Association is asking \$195,000 for the property.

Unification Church denied license

The Sanibel City Council voted unanimously last week to deny a petition from the Unification Church of Florida for a city occupational license with which to solicit contributions to the church fund on Sanibel.

David A. Cooper, public relations officer for the Tampa-based branch of the Unification Church, has requested city permission for members of his group to conduct door-to-door fund solicitation on Sanibel during the month of April.

Citing the council's past policy of trying to discourage door-to-door solicitation on Sanibel insofar as possible, Vice-Mayor Zee Butler urged her fellow councilmen to deny the requested occupational license.

Reverend Bruce Milligan, pastor of the Sanibel Community Church, seconded Butler's words of warning, saying, "This group just takes funds out of the communities where it is active."

Ultimately, the council voted to uphold their standing anti-solicitation policy for the Island city.

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10 hearings later, Anderson amendment denied

Last Tuesday, the Sanibel City Council decided to deny Donald J. Anderson's plea for a variance from the city's coastal construction setback line which would have permitted him to build a single family home on an irregular shaped lot south of Gulf Drive in the Tradewinds Subdivision off Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Anderson estimated that last Tuesday was around his tenth appearance before the city to argue his case, while claiming that his attempt to build on the narrow Gulf-front lot dates back six years to obstacles he encountered with the Tradewinds Property Owners Association long before the city's incorporation.

Now, the Tradewinds residents are apprehensive that the denial of Anderson's right to build might allow the city to buy the property for a public beach access, and so

"I find it highly unsatisfactory," Anderson told the council last Tuesday. According to his calculations, White's solution would give him less than 1,500 square feet on which to build his long-awaited home.

White claims that the partial abandonment of Gulf Drive would yield at least 2,000 square feet of developable land for Anderson.

"If we do violate the setback line, we'd better make sure that there's no other alternative," White said, "but I'm convinced that he has another reasonable use of his property."

"I think this council has gone way beyond its duty in trying to find a solution to this problem," White added.

"You know what my recourse will be," Anderson added.

"As they've left me no alternative, I intend to sue," he told the ISLANDER after the hearing.

Tradewinds resident Mrs. John Salemi argued with the council in behalf of

construction of a single family home on a parcel of land currently classified as Mangrove Forest in the Ecological Zones Map which accompanies the plan.

The proposed specific amendment ordinances listed above are slated for a second and final hearing before the council on the afternoon of May 3.

Goss appointed to '701 advisory committee' for state

Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss has been appointed to serve with six other elected officials of the area on the new 701 Advisory Committee, under the supervision of the state's Department of Community Affairs.

Among other things, the state's 701 program makes state funds available to assist with the preparation of local comprehensive land use plans.

Nungester directed to contract for weir

The Sanibel City Council last Tuesday authorized City Manager Bill Nungester to execute a contract with H.L. Kelley Construction Company for the construction of a salinity weir in the Sanibel River at Beach Road, subject to the city's acquisition of all necessary easements for the proposed work.

Recommended by both the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and the city's Sanibel River and Wetlands Management Committee, the proposed weir is intended to maintain a 2.5 foot water level in the Sanibel River and prevent salt water intrusion into the River's freshwater system.

A \$15,000 grant from the state Department of Environmental Regulation (DER) has already been approved for the project, which is estimated to cost no more than \$35,000 by city consultants Johnson Engineering.

Nungester reported that the city must still acquire two easements in the vicinity of the proposed work to obtain DER permits for the project, with an April 8 deadline for signing a contract with the construction firm fast approaching.

Kelley Construction Company submitted the lowest of four sealed bids for the project, which were opened by the city on March 18, Nungester reported.

Five temporary signs approved

The city council voted last Tuesday to approve the issuance of temporary sign permits requested by:

—Ralph Bartholomew for a sign at the new Phillips 66 gas station at Blind Pass.

—Drs. Paul and Phyllis Douglas for a sign at the Sanibel Outpatient Office of the Coral Veterinary Clinic on Periwinkle Way.

—Paul Ephranian for a sign at his Health and Happiness health food store in the Punta Ybel Plaza on Periwinkle Way.

—Robert F. Care for a sign at Bob's Island Floor Covering in the new Holoopeter Shopping Center on Periwinkle Way; and

—Sam Price for a sign at Sam's Meats and Provisions in the Holoopeter Shopping Center.

The council voted to deny a permit to Leslie Schurck for a temporary sign to identify his Sani-Cor Lighthouse Apartments at 219 Lighthouse Road, while moving to continue the hearing on a request from Stephen D. Keene, Jr. for a temporary sign at the Santiva Plaza at Blind Pass.

All temporary sign permits issued by the council pursuant to the current emergency sign ordinance must be renewed upon the adoption of a new Street Graphic Ordinance for the city, which the council hopes will be ready for final consideration within the next few months.

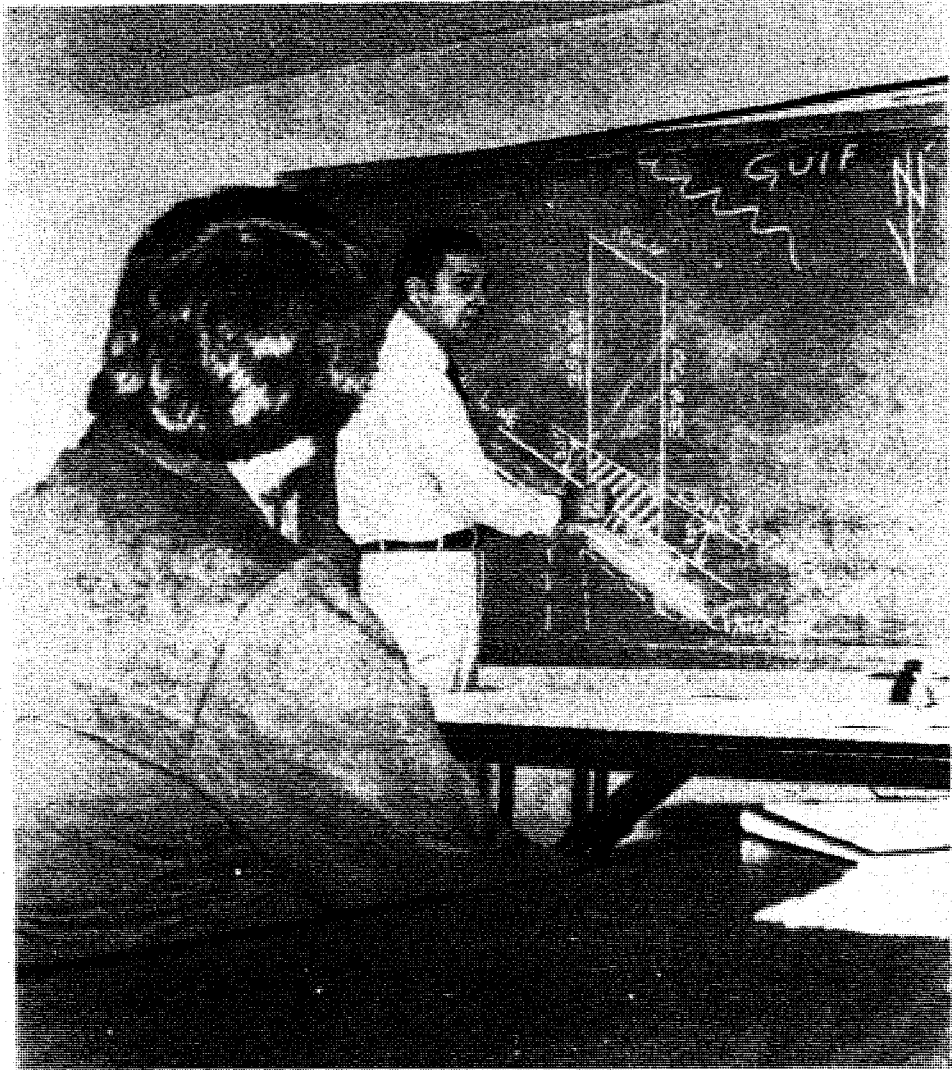
Tax anticipation note ordinances introduced

The city council heard first readings last week of two ordinances geared to continuing the issuance of tax anticipation notes for the young City of Sanibel.

One was an ordinance appropriating \$237,375 from the city's 1976 ad valorem tax receipts to repay tax anticipation notes and accumulated interest for notes issued in May, 1976. The ordinance calls for 1976 series notes to be retired on May 1, of this year.

The other ordinance would allow the city to issue up to \$200,000 in new tax anticipation notes this year.

Both ordinances will get a second reading and be eligible for adoption at the council's meeting on April 19.



Donald J. Anderson looked on disapprovingly last Tuesday as City Manager Bill Nungester outlines a proposal for the city to abandon the southern half of Gulf Drive in the Tradewinds Subdivision to enable Anderson to build a home on a narrow Gulf-front lot in the neighborhood.

they support Anderson's proposed specific amendment to the city's comprehensive land use plan.

Anderson's requested amendment entails about a 40-foot encroachment on the coastal setback line, which falls rather far up on Anderson's lot and therefore restricts the size of the home he is entitled to build on the property to what he feels are ridiculous dimensions.

As the four undeveloped lots contiguous to Anderson's are similarly affected by the setback line which the council has hitherto been loath to violate, the city has been diligent in its pursuit of another solution to resolve the development dilemma for all five lots at once.

The council voted last week to approve the recommendation of Councilman Duane White calling for the city to abandon the southern 25 feet of the right-of-way of the small section of Gulf Drive bordering Anderson's lot on the north to give him enough room on which to build a house without violating the cherished coastal setback line.

White's proposal is supported by almost all of the Tradewinds property owners, with the notable exception of Donald J. Anderson.

Anderson's requested amendment.

"Why does the subdivision have to make all of the concessions?" she demanded. "Why can't the city give a little on the coastal setback line?"

Ultimately, the council scheduled Anderson's case for another hearing before the city planning commission on April 11.

The council also voted unanimously last Tuesday to deny the request of the Outer Island Development Corporation for a density increase to 2 units per acre on 3.55 acres of land off of Camino del Mar near Ocean's Reach Condominiums.

In so doing, the council decided to uphold the recommendation of a city fact-finding team to permit Outer Island Development only 2 units for the entire parcel.

In other hearings last week, the council gave first readings of ordinances to amend the land use plan as proposed by:

—Howard C. May to permit the construction of a single family home on three contiguous lots in the Sanibel Isles Subdivision on Angel Drive;

—Gordon Tracey to permit the development of 8 single family lots on a 4.71-acre parcel of land off Demere Lane; and

—John and Susan Morken to permit the



Children's center kids clean up. See story page one

City takes low-key stance on live shelling

Despite pressure from many Island residents concerned about the indiscriminate live shell collecting which has been witnessed on Sanibel's beaches over the past winter, the Sanibel City Council decided last Tuesday to assign a relatively low priority to the pursuit of a proposal to ban the taking of live shells from city beaches and from the waters surrounding Sanibel.

Instead, the council adopted a resolution containing a rather conservative, conservation-oriented stance on the issue of live shelling for city residents and visitors to follow in pursuing the Island's most popular pastime—"the Sanibel stoop."

While recognizing "the importance of mollusks as a major attraction to visitors and key components of the uniqueness and economy of the City of Sanibel," the resolution passed by the council last week "affirms that mollusks are entitled to respect as living creatures and encourages the public to become aware of the shells' role in the marine environment."

In their resolution, the council also endorses a policy of trying to educate the general public in the environmental and economic importance of mollusks in the city, as well as encouraging a scientific study of Sanibel's seashell populations "designed to provide comprehensive baseline data useful in

evaluating detrimental environmental or harvest pressures upon the molluscan community of the city."

The problem with obtaining such scientific data with which to gauge the effect of live shelling and other factors on the shell populations in the waters surrounding Sanibel has long been one of how to fund a competent scientific study of the scope envisioned by the city. The resolution passed by the council last Tuesday contains no allocation of funds for the purpose, although the council has asked their committee on live shelling to investigate other sources and Island groups which might be willing to share the cost of the desired study.

The committee on live shelling was responsible for drafting the policy resolution adopted by the council last week, which addresses the matter of an ordinance to regulate live shelling in the city only in the broadest terms, to wit:

"The council favors passage of intelligent and adequate legislation which shall safeguard the city's sea shell resource and hereby directs the live shelling committee, in consultation with the city attorney, to hold public meetings and draft an ordinance aimed

at that goal."

It was this section of the resolution that ignited the most heated debate to be heard by the council at their regular meeting last Tuesday—a controversy which has not abated much since the council's first public hearing on live shelling last July, which resulted in the formation of the committee on live shelling.

"I don't know whether we really favor passing a law at this point," Francis Bailey told his fellow councilmen last Tuesday.

Ed Underhill, chairman of the committee on live shelling, reassured the council by pointing out that the applicable section of the resolution was drafted to be as broad as possible so as to leave the interpretation of "intelligent and adequate legislation" entirely to the discretion of the council.

"The committee has no preconceived notions that we need an ordinance right now," Underhill said. "What we need is more information."

Calling the resolution's conservative stance on live shelling "a foot-dragging technique," Islander Paul Howe argued in behalf of the need for the council to enact tight controls on live shelling in the city to prevent any

further abuses such as those which have been reported in recent months.

"What are you going to study?" demanded Howe, one of about twenty Island residents who have petitioned the council to adopt a ban on live shelling immediately. "If you don't pass an ordinance now you won't need one, because there won't be any shells left on this Island in five years," Howe said heatedly.

Earlier in their meeting last Tuesday, the council entertained a resolution presented by Don Moody, vice-president of the Southwest Florida Conchologist Society, in support of seashell conservation but opposed to a total ban on live shelling for Sanibel.

Saying that his group represents amateur and commercial shellers from the Islands and elsewhere in Southwest Florida, Moody told the council, "There's no question that there are abuses by greedy shellers on this Island. I'm concerned about the environment of Southwest Florida and about what I've seen here, but I don't think approaching this matter in an ordinance will solve all your problems."

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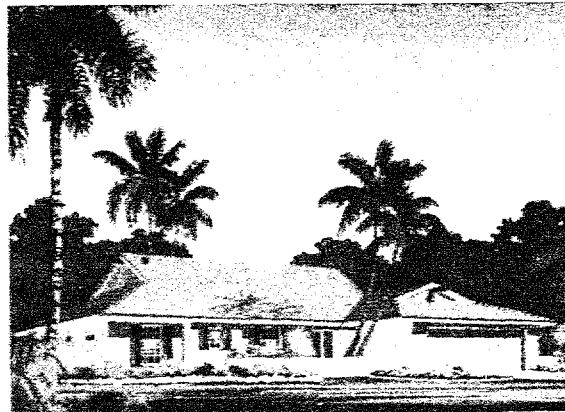
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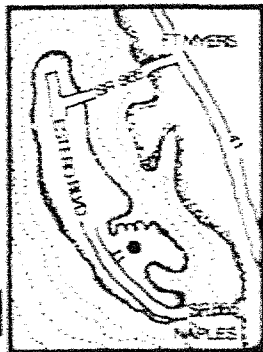
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said ruefully. "Then my knees just didn't do what they should have. It isn't as easy to land as it looks. It's one thing to jump off a tower and quite another to come down thousands of feet."

Was she frightened? "I sure was! When I was out on the strut of the aircraft, I kept asking myself, 'What in the hell am I doing here?'"

Fear or nervousness is natural, says Curry. It's the body's way of warning you to be careful. He said that generally the only time jumpers get hurt, or bounce (jumper euphemism for getting killed) is when they forget the body's warning system and are not careful.

The cost of learning is surprisingly inexpensive. Curry charges \$100. This includes 3 to 4 hours of ground training (or as much time as he thinks it takes to make a

breaking almost every bone there was to break. Not because sky diving is dangerous, but because the rigs he was testing were not reliable.

They related other antics jumpers have been known to engage in—one couple jumped and attempted to accomplish what they considered the ultimate in marital communication, and failed because of wind velocity; one couple was married mid-air complete with minister, best man and maid of honor; one of Curry's crew is considering a jump onto Bowman's Beach or Upper Captiva suitably unattired. Other less controversial accomplishments include jumps into the water, deliberate and otherwise, and night jumps.

What happens if you get caught in a tree? "You climb down," was the calm reply.

And into the water? "You try not to get caught under your chute, much as you would want to be caught under the sail of a cap-sizing boat, unbuckle your rig and swim."

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They are part of a small but growing number of people in this and other parts of the country who sail often through the blue with only nylon lines between them and eternity—sky divers.

The initial reaction of most people when confronted by those who do, or did, participate in sky diving is, "Why would any sane individual willfully leave a perfectly good aircraft?"

"For many reasons," said Bob Curry, who operates his own name parachute school in Fort Myers. "I do it because it is my kind of tranquilizer. When I'm up there, there isn't anything in the world that bugs me. No one bothers me, bill collectors and other problems just disappear. They don't exist. I really feel on top of things—it's my escape."

His feelings were echoed by a novice diver with only four jumps to her credit so far. "You can't believe the tranquility and peace when you are floating beneath that canopy."

Another reason is the almost unbelievable comradery among jumpers—a spirit usually found by those participating in traditional team sports or perhaps sailing.

Florida has become to sky divers what Colorado is to skiers and Hawaii to surfers—the Mecca for the sport. The climate is one obvious reason, the terrain is flat and the kind of people who like the sport are those who are used to the outdoors.

Sky diving isn't for everyone.

"It's like any other kind of sport," says Curry. Some people like it, some don't. Some are naturally good at it, some aren't. Only one in ten usually stays with it as a full-time hobby."

One advantage sky diving has over the other sports is that the novice gets pleasure from it immediately.

A common assumption is that former paratroopers or pilots who learned to jump in the service would probably form the nucleus of sky divers. The opposite is just the case.

"Frankly," said one paratrooper now living on Sanibel, "I went into jumping in the service because of the money. It was an extra \$50 a month. I wouldn't do it now." But, in his service photo, he still points proudly to the wings on his uniform.

Jim Pickens said "The only time I jumped was when an aircraft I was flying in the service quit flying on me . . . and then I was out the door as fast as I could go, right behind the crew chief, and that was only because the crew chief was closer to the door than I was."

He admits that he was glad to know how to jump, but to do it for pleasure—"Never!" Airplanes were made for flying—and birds, not me, I have no feathers!"

Another Islander, who wished to remain anonymous because her family wasn't aware of the experience, said that she had tried one jump.

Why just one?

"It was a great rush until I landed," she



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student jumper ready), 15 jumps, the necessary gear plus the plane and pilot costs. To purchase a full rig runs between \$200 and \$300 and each jump costs an average of \$3, depending on how high the plane goes.

Since the ISLANDER believes in firsthand reporting, we joined some sky divers on their jumps and as we took off were reminded of boy scouts off on a camping trip UNTIL jump time. Then they were as dedicated as any jet pilot or doctor.

The most amazing aspect about sky diving was the unbelievable speed with which it happens. From film clips it seems that they move in slow motion—and while they can vary their speed considerably, they are almost out of sight of the plane in milliseconds.

They all meet at a certain altitude and then follow through maneuvers already rehearsed on the ground. The ability to control the speed and direction in the air is done by the use of arms and legs as a windbreaker.

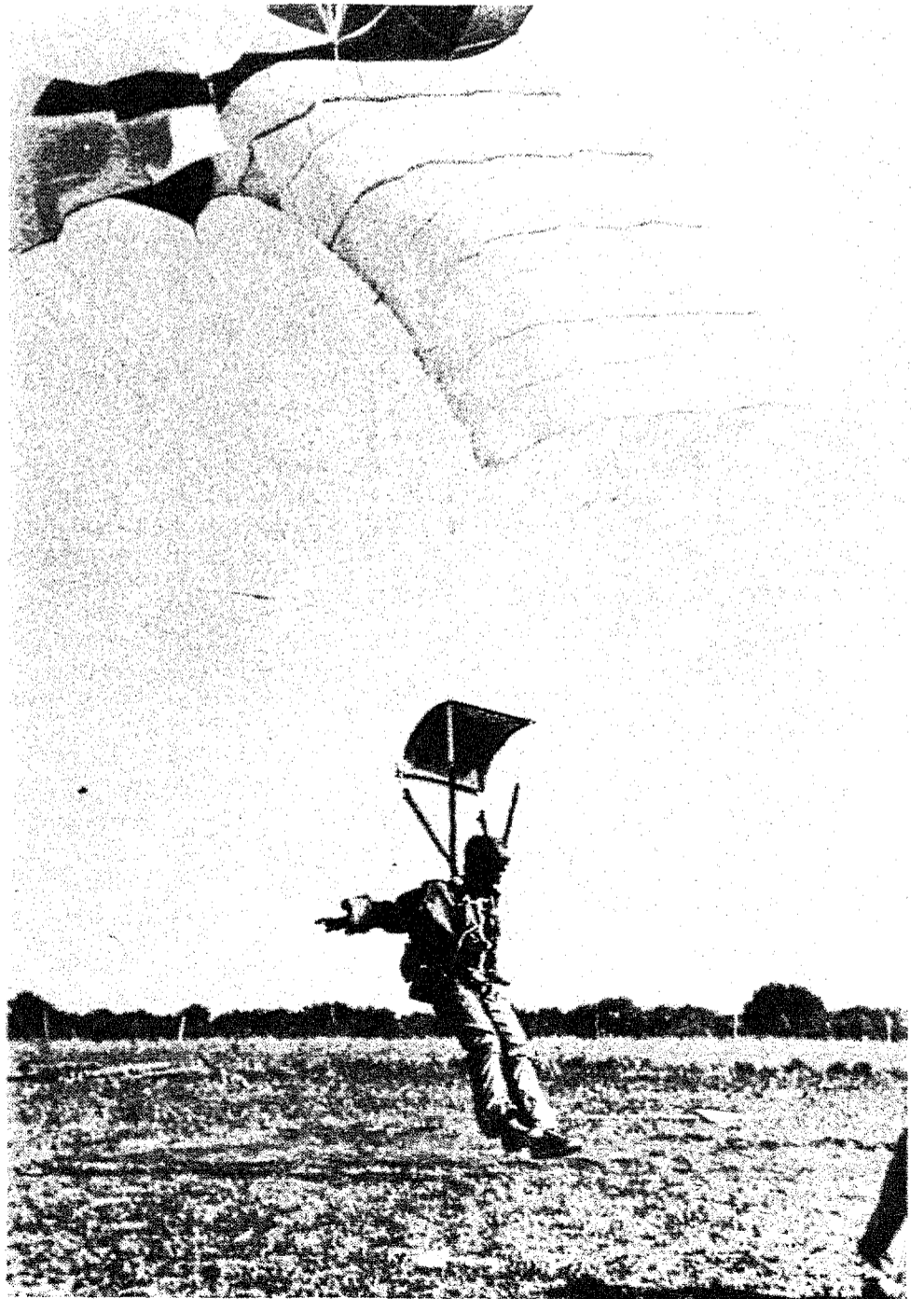
The more spread the diver has in his arms, including the glove flares on his suit, the slower he will move.

Sky diving codes do vary across the country. While the divers we talked to open their chutes at 2,500 feet, one, Keven (Grub) Martin, reported that in California, a jumper was considered an amateur if he opened his chute above 1,000 feet at the highest. The Floridians were aghast at this heresy because 2,500 feet gives them time to make adjustments in the event of landing problems.

What about hang gliding? A new air sport that is catching on like wildfire in the north and west, the ISLANDER inquired, frankly expecting a "That's for sissies answer."

"TOO DANGEROUS" came the unanimous and emphatic reply.

"There are far more casualties in hang gliding than in diving," said Mike Gainey. And he should know, after spending years at Camp Pendleton, just north of San Clemente on the California coast. He was a test jumper for the Marines, trying out innovations in parachutes, after jumping in Vietnam. He received a medical discharge last year after



and touchdown!

(Jumpers landing near water wear flotation devices, as well.)

What does it take to start? The hundred dollars, mentioned earlier, and a few windless days when the student jumper jumps with static lines controlled by the instructor in the aircraft who will ensure that the chute opens at the right time. The student is guided in his landing by a large white arrow

on the ground controlled by another experienced jumper who turns the arrow as a guide to how the student should direct himself . . . and the nerve!

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Eddie McCrary carefully repacks his parachute after a jump from 7,500 feet. The actual packing of a chute will often occupy as much time as the jumper did using it.

Council hears Water Committee report

After hearing a report last week from the city's Water Resources Conservation Committee, the Sanibel City Council directed City Attorney Neal Bowen to investigate the feasibility of the city acquiring jurisdiction over the operating franchise of the Island Water Association (IWA) from the Lee County Board of Commissioners.

The committee, including Arthur Wycoff, Franklin Butler, Bob Dugger, Ingalls Simmons, George Campbell, Larry Snell and Chairman Marshall Holtz, was appointed to investigate the quantity and quality of Sanibel's potable water supply and to make recommendations to the city council as to how an adequate supply of drinking water for Sanibel might best be insured.

In a four-page report to the council, the committee recognized that the burden of supplying water to Sanibel's residents falls primarily to the IWA. In light of the city's commitment to insure the availability of necessary services to its citizens, the committee addressed itself to the need for increased coordination between the city and the IWA in planning for the future growth of Sanibel.

The report points out that, "On Sanibel, foreseeable need to restrict water use relates to the limited capacity of the existing system to serve an influx of seasonal visitors as well as new residents. IWA has certain powers and capabilities in limiting use, but public policy would appear to be needed."

Among the IWA's regulatory powers

are those of denying service to new customers when they believe the system is no longer able to meet the existing demand and limiting the purposes for which water may be used.

Within the past month, heavy seasonal demand for water on the Islands has forced the IWA to begin purchasing up to 350,000 gallons of water per day from the Greater Pine Island Water Association, while contemplating the possibility of imposing a moratorium on new hook-ups to the IWA system, according to IWA General Manager Larry Snell.

The report touches on the need for expansion of the IWA system with the grim prediction that "disruption of the population balance threatens serious temporary shortage." Snell has reported that the IWA's storage tanks contain only a two-day supply of water for the Islands at the present time.

As an adjunct to their recommendation that the city investigate the feasibility of acquiring the IWA's franchise, the committee emphatically urged the council to "act promptly to provide that all land use or development permits be conditional to a competent determination of water availability."

"We believe it is a function of the city to fix policy and set standards as to how and under what circumstances water would be rationed," states the report.

With respect to an IWA study which revealed that a substantial portion of the water used on Sanibel and Captiva goes for lawn and garden irrigation, the committee recommends the

"device of penalty rates for horticultural and similar uses" as a means to provide IWA customers with a "natural incentive to restrict use," and so to conserve the Islands' meager water supply.

The committee feels that such a rate structure might help to recover some of the cost of expanding and maintaining the system, which, they say, is not commensurate with the current rate structure and new connection fees charged by the IWA.

"It is apparent that connection charges do not account for the full impact of increased demands on the system," the committee reported.

"The committee has the highest esteem for the current management of the IWA," Chairman Holtz told the council last Tuesday. "We have no criticisms whatsoever."

While saying that the committee does not advocate that the city should purchase the IWA system, Holtz passed on the committee's highest priority recommendation that "the city should investigate the feasibility of governing and regulating IWA activities."

"At this point, I think we ought to think long and hard before taking on any more problems. Since the IWA is doing such a good job, we ought to let them take care of themselves," said Councilman Francis Bailey in reply.

"I don't want to upset the apple cart as it's rolling now," Bailey added, "although I agree that these things you've brought up should be looked into."

IWA Manager Snell argued in sup-

port of the committee's recommendation, while informing the council that a city takeover of the IWA's franchise might involve legal problems in that the water company also serves customers on Captiva, which is still under the jurisdiction of Lee County.

"The problems of the water company are the problems of these two Islands," Snell said. "and the control of our operations belongs on these Islands. I'd rather be under the control of the city council than under the county commission."

"The membership of the IWA wants more control of our franchise by the city," Snell added.

Admitting that the city's only long-range water policy is a vague commitment to insure the availability of potable water for Sanibel in the city's comprehensive land use plan, Mayor Porter Goss concurred with the committee's recommendations, saying, "I think the way to get better working arrangements between the city and the IWA is through a franchise agreement."

"You've done a tremendous job of unearthing some problems that have been buried for a long time," Goss commended Holtz and the work of his committee.

The council voted unanimously to direct City Attorney Bowen to meet with IWA attorney John Schumacher to investigate the legal possibility of the city's acquiring the IWA franchise, and to report his findings back to the council as quickly as possible.

County zoners approve Captiva development

In a meeting last Monday in Fort Myers, the Lee County Zoning Board voted to approve the issuance of a special permit for a development concept proposed by the Carter-Keathley Corporation of Captiva.

According to corporation President J.E. Keathley, the firm's proposal calls for the development of about 75 single-family homes on about nine and one-half acres of land bordered by the Gulf and the bay just north of the Captiva Civic Center.

County approval of a special permit for the project was necessary to allow the company to cluster homes in the development around a network of winding shell roads and cul-de-sacs planned for the subdivision.

Houses in the new subdivision are to be elevated wood-frame units designed by Captiva architect George A. Tuttle, Jr.

According to Keathley, his firm has a contract to buy the property from the Deltro Corporation of Captiva, which is controlled primarily by Island resident John Oster.

The zoning board also voted last week to recommend approval of a zoning change requested by the Useppa Dock and Inn Company, a limited partnership of Mariner Properties of Sanibel, to permit the development of an exclusive resort complex on an 80-acre Useppa Island site in Pine Island Sound.

The plans for the development of Useppa calls for the renovation of the 60 year-old resort on the island, as well as the con-

struction of new cluster homes, hotel accommodations and docking facilities on Useppa Island.

Both development proposals are slated for a final review and possible approval by the county commission at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, April 11, at the commissioners' meeting room in the Lee County Courthouse.

Another development which was begun recently on Captiva is the 10-unit Ventura Captiva project overlooking the bay just south of Timmy's Nook.

Upon completion, Ventura Captiva will feature five elevated duplexes around a heated swimming pool, with private docking facilities to be included in the purchase price for each unit.

The 1.6-acre site is being developed by Fort Myers realtor Bob Bass.

Further, plans were announced recently for the \$2 million expansion and renovation of the Tween Waters Inn resort overlooking the Gulf and bay about halfway up Captiva.

Spokesmen for Rochester Realty, owners of Tween Waters Inn, say that long-range plans for the resort include the renovation of the existing units and restaurant on the property, as well as the construction of 74 additional units, another restaurant, and expanded docking facilities at the Inn.

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Shelling

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Citing obvious problems that the city would experience in trying to enforce a ban on live shelling, Moody said his group would be much opposed to such a ban for amateur collectors on city beaches, although they would support legislation to control the destruction of entire shell beds by commercial collectors in the tidal waters around Sanibel.

Moody's group offered "support and advice in seeking solutions" to the problem, but could not pledge financial support for the proposed scientific study of Sanibel's molluscan resource.

Ultimately, the council voted unanimously to adopt the committee's broad recommendations as contained in the resolution, while Mayor Porter Goss was careful to instruct City Attorney Neal Bowen that the proposed ordinance to regulate shelling on Sanibel is not to be viewed as a high priority project on his busy schedule of

pressing city legal matters.

One task such an ordinance might take would be along lines as suggested last Tuesday by Councilman Duane White, which were applauded by a number of Islanders in attendance at the council's meeting.

Citing malacological authority Dr. R. Tucker Abbott as the source of his idea, White proposed that an inexpensive, short-term study by Island shell experts might succeed in pinpointing molluscan breeding grounds on the bars and flats around the Island, which could then be designated by the council as prohibited areas for any kind of shelling whatsoever.

Some opponents of the ordinance claim that any legislation to control shelling in the waters around Sanibel would be illegal in that it would encroach upon the state's jurisdiction of all tidal waters in Florida.

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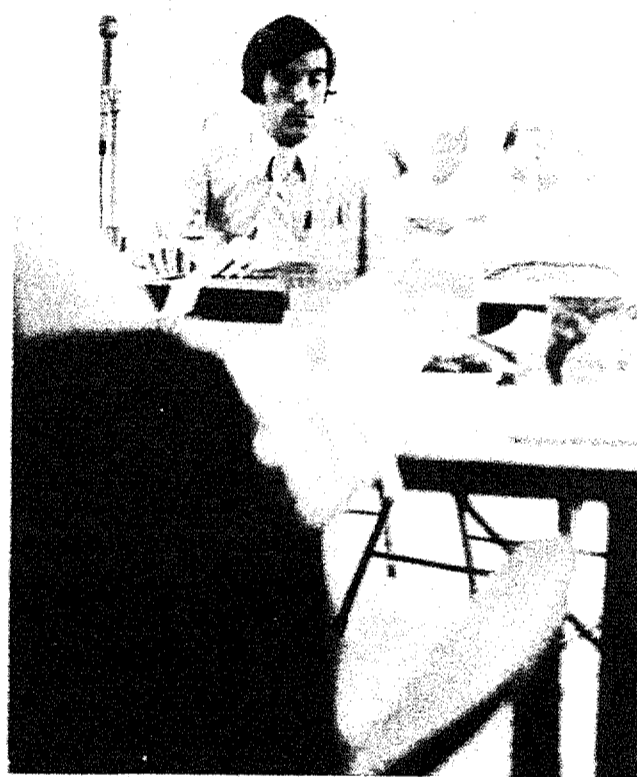
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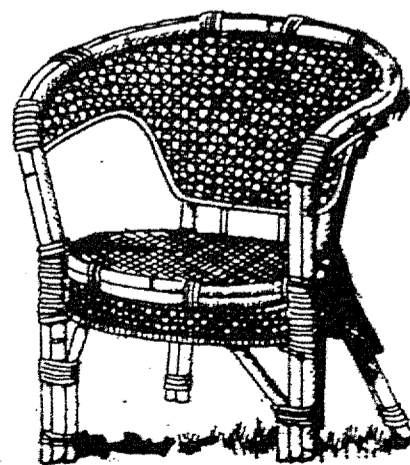
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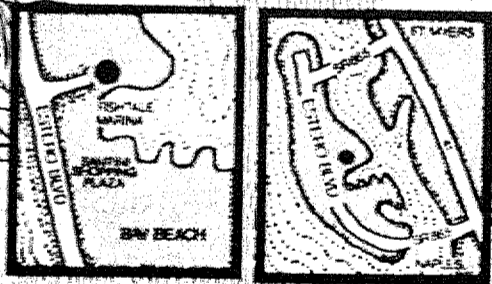
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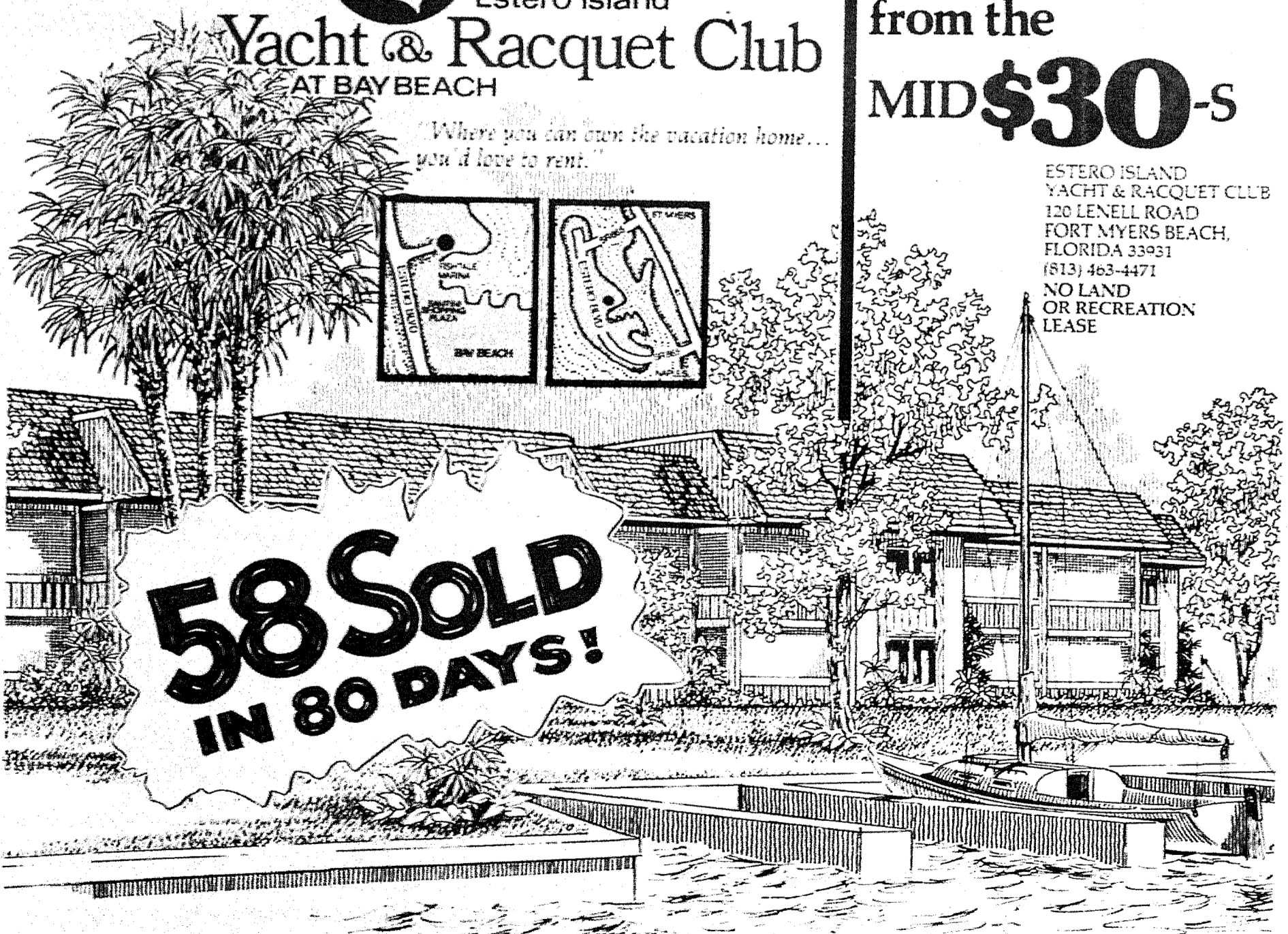
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Patrol nabs 4 for pot



Officers of the Florida Marine Patrol, conducting a routine inquiry Saturday night stumbled on a cluster of fishing boats off Fort Myers Beach apparently involved in a large marijuana smuggling plot.

The marine patrol had been stepping up their surveillance of the area recently due to a growing dispute between shrimpers and crabbers in the area. According to Sgt. Warren McLaughlin of the marine patrol, the officers spotted "five or six boats which we thought at first were crab boats, and we thought they might be taking matters into their own hands," in the ongoing disagreement with the shrimpers.

The lawmen discovered that the boats were snapper-grouper types, and since

there was no obvious evidence of any wrongdoing they were about to pull away.

"But an officer noticed an expired registration decal on one of the boats, so we boarded it, and when we got aboard we noticed the bales of marijuana," McLaughlin continued.

The other boats doused their lights quickly and started scattering, dumping the bales in the five to eight foot seas churning up the gulf Saturday night. A Marine patrol boat from Naples intercepted another

of the boats, but at least three and maybe four vessels escaped cleanly, according to McLaughlin.

"We feel that they all dumped their marijuana, however," he added.

Authorities have recovered nearly 300 bales of pot, with 124 bales found aboard the first boat which was boarded.

Lieutenant Robert Patterson of the marine patrol, heading the investigation, said that while some of the drugs may still be floating around in the water. "We feel that we have recovered

most of it."

Jailed in the incident were: Nelson Valladeres, 28, of Opa Locka; Armando Valladeres, 31; Francisco Fuertes, 42; and Felix Rioseco, 30, all of Hialeah.

They are currently in Lee County Jail on charges of possession of marijuana.

Fuertes and Nelson Valladeres are under \$50,000 bond, while Armando Valladeres and Rioseco, additionally charged with counts of introducing over 100 pounds of marijuana into the state, had their bail set at \$100,000 each.

Coast Guard personnel (top) unload part of the massive haul of marijuana confiscated over the weekend after the marine patrol apparently cracked a smuggling ring off Fort Myers Beach Saturday night. Four Dade County men are in Lee County Jail, charged with possession of the drugs. At right, Coast Guard Chief Thurman Smith and Third Class Petty officer Larry Pailles count the bales recovered from the Gulf on Sunday.

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Softball association formed

Softball fans of both sexes met at the Community Association on Tuesday, March 29, to hammer out some guidelines and deadlines for the newly formed Sanibel-Captiva Softball Association.

If you are a girl and over 15, or a guy and over the age of 17 and either live on the Islands, or work somewhere on Sanibel or Captiva 20 hours a week, you are eligible to join the Association.

At press time, there are five women's teams and eight men's:

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The Association would like to see if one more woman's team could be organized by Roster Deadline (which is

April 15) for the Tournament Roster and May 15 for the Regular Season Roster.

The season begins with a double elimination tournament over the Memorial Day weekend and will end with the No-See-Um tournament the last week in October. Games will be limited to one and a half hours, with five innings constituting a game. There will only be a five-minute delay in the beginning of a game to wait for all players—no fewer than nine players will be considered a team. If, at the end of the waiting period there are not enough men, the game is forfeited.

The County has a very strict rule forbidding the presence of canines on the property. The Association has been told that if this rule is not followed, field privileges will be withdrawn. Players and spectators are urged to cooperate.

All safety precautions are to be taken during the Season—the fun of the game is the important thing, the Association was told. An insurance policy for all

members of the Association is being worked out by Chris Wallenberg of the Sanibel-Captiva Agency and the cost will be announced when available.

If you wish more information, or a complete set of rules, call Phil Verdung, at the Firehouse, 472-1717 or Dick Muench, 472-2812.

Chamber annual meeting set April 12

The Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, April 12, at 8:00 p.m., Chamber President Mike Peceri announced recently.

The most important items of business on the agenda for the meeting are the election of officers for the coming year and the election of four new members to the board of directors to fill the expired terms of Fred Lang, Allen TenBroek, Claire Walter and Bob Parcels.

The Chamber's nominating committee has prepared a slate of eight nominees to fill the vacancies on the board of directors.

Nominees include John

Naumann, Jeannette Daniel, Mac Hamby, Fred Comlossy, Larry Van Till, George Kohlbrenner, Lou Blaufuss and Betty Zajicek.

Other business to be considered at the meeting includes the president's

annual report and a number of proposed amendments to the Chamber's by-laws.

The annual meeting will be held at the Chamber of Commerce building on Causeway Road, with all Chamber members strongly urged to attend.

Lions pancake breakfast Saturday

The Sanibel Captiva Lions Club will sponsor a pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 9, at the Community Association from 7 to 11 a.m.

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Fire extinguishers need regular inspection

Captain Jake Mathews, fire inspector for the Sanibel Fire Control District, would like to caution every owner of a fire extinguisher that it needs regular inspection—a visual one every month, and, once a year, it should be inspected for proper pressure, etc., by a reputable fire extinguisher service company.

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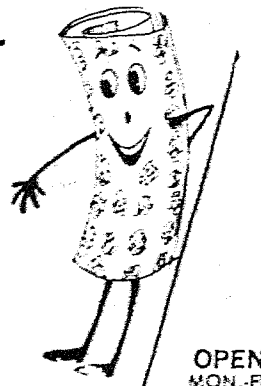
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issued for a beach fire. Since the wind had started blowing on shore (or on-condo?) after the issuance of the permit, the Fire Department representative asked if the permit holder would douse the fire in question and use the permit at a later date or time when the wind had died down. All agreed.

A lady called in and said that her self-cleaning oven wouldn't shut off and could the SPD help? Officer dispatched, but lady called back two minutes later to report the pesky thing had finally shut off, thank you very much, and SPD assistance was no longer required.

Soft drink vending machine coin box complete with coins (probably about \$15 worth) was ripped off at end of weekend. Soft drink manufacturing company advised to change lock.

Business person called in to report that a large dog was occupying some space in her shop and obviously did not wish to venture outside, since all attempts to get him to leave failed. Since this dog has pulled a number of similar tricks in the past few weeks, dog's owner was called and told to, 1) restrain the dog and 2) get a Sanibel tag for the dog. The dog owner was also informed that if the dog was

not restrained and tagged, that the next time it was caught romping around where it had ought not to be, the dog will be given to Animal Control in Fort Myers.

A very complicated incident involving a bike, a car, a knife and three people was finally resolved (after such remarks as "It doesn't make any difference whether I'm a full time resident—I still should not have to endure being struck by a car" and "you did that on purpose" and "You're insane; I wouldn't hit someone on purpose" and other such meaningful phrases, was finally resolved when no one felt inclined to press charges.

One of the beach-located call boxes was used, asking for assistance in getting the caller's car out of the sand where it was stuck. After advising caller that he wasn't allowed to drive a car on the beach anyway, and if he did so again, he would be cited, a tow truck was sent to get the car out of the sand. In the process of doing so, the truck broke its front axle and, in turn, had to be towed off by a four-wheel-drive vehicle.

Long time resident called SPD to report tube in which a newspaper is delivered had been ripped off. SPD

dispatcher assured resident that paper would be notified to replace tube.

A complaint was made concerning a gas barbecue grill which would not turn off, and indeed, had been burning when complainant started using it. After "much calling around" located relative of person responsible for turning off grill. Call original complainant back with this information, who said that, yes, someone had called and said the grill would be turned off, but complainant had not checked as it was the children's bedtime.

Condo manager called in to report that one of the tenants had reported seeing a palm tree on fire on a specific road. Fire Department officer was dispatched. After searching named street, plus every other street in vicinity, he reported back that if a palm tree was on fire, it wasn't in that area.

Personage reported to the SPD that a female was going around selling key chains for a religious organization and personage believed this was "illegal selling." SPD inquired with proper authorities, who said that such selling could be done without a permit, but that the person doing the selling should stop in at city hall, identify themselves and then get a card which would permit them to conduct such selling. Officer was unable to locate person to inform her of this.

A building manager reported that someone was apparently living in a

parked vehicle on back of building property, the said vehicle usually used for transportation rather than living purposes in the normal course of life. Officer checked and did not find person living in vehicle, but after checking with occupant of nearby truck, found that first vehicle was normally occupied. After talking to employer of both vehicle and truck residents, said employer informed SPD that employees would be "spoken to about this." In the meantime, the investigating officer rechecked the original vehicle and discovered an occupant just waking up. Officer then reported that said occupant was "told of consequences if he did this again."

A complaint was phoned in regarding two big cars parked between mailboxes on street in front of caller's home. (For a point of information, it is illegal to park along any street, road, etc., on Sanibel, unless the area is so designated for parking—so "IF IT ISN'T MARKED—DON'T PARK). Anyhow, seems that caller tried to inform said parkers of this fact, and the persons "acted as though they could not understand" what caller was trying to tell them. Caller requested than an officer inform them of this fact. Shortly after the complaint was filed, the caller re-called to report that vehicles "have both left on their own" presumably driven by operators.

A citizen reported that a sick raccoon was suffering from something. Officer dispatched and disposed of

suffering animal. The Lee County Health Department was checked to see if they wished to examine animal; they responded if it hadn't bitten anyone, they didn't want to see it.

An unknown female called in on an emergency call box to report that someone had asked her to call the SPD because some persons were trying to "rope an alligator" and while she wasn't sure of location, she thought SPD should know. She then gave a tentative area where said roping might be taking place.

Officer on duty checked area out to see if someone roping an alligator could be found, and found a resident who had a string around an alligator because the resident thought the alligator might wander onto the main road and get hurt by a car.

About 16 minutes after original call, a renown alligator expert called SPD and stated that he'd heard of the alligator being on a side road and that his concern was that the gator be led to water. The officer on duty advised that the gator had at that time been "unstrung" (unstrung?) about 100 feet from water, towards which water gator was heading on his own. Expert said that he was satisfied with turn of events. Officer then cleared.

Business person called and requested officer to come by to inspect a \$50 which might possibly be counterfeit. It wasn't.

Call came in to report that heavily laden trucks with fill and heavy equipment were speeding up and down a

street "most all day long" for the past several days and that the situation was dangerous as the heavy equipment was bouncing around and the trucks were spilling dirt. Officer dispatched with radar gun and observed traffic for a specific length of time, during which no speeding violations were observed.

Complaint was called in regarding a truck which had been "illegally parked for over two hours" in a parking lot. Officer investigated; found truck operator doing clean-up work in the area. Said worker was advised to move his illegally parked truck, to which he responded he would do so within five minutes. Evidently did.

A call came in asking the SPD to check out a report that a large RV was parked by caller's home, which is under construction and that occupants of RV were dining on the caller's new dock. The caller had gotten the information from a neighbor. Officer arrived in area within 15 minutes and checked all homes in the area which were under construction (three) as well as complainant's home. No one was anywhere.

A complaint was made in that several children were heard screaming and caller thought officer should check situation and screaming out. Officer arrived three minutes later and found a group of children going from one place to another. They all quieted down considerably upon officer's arrival.

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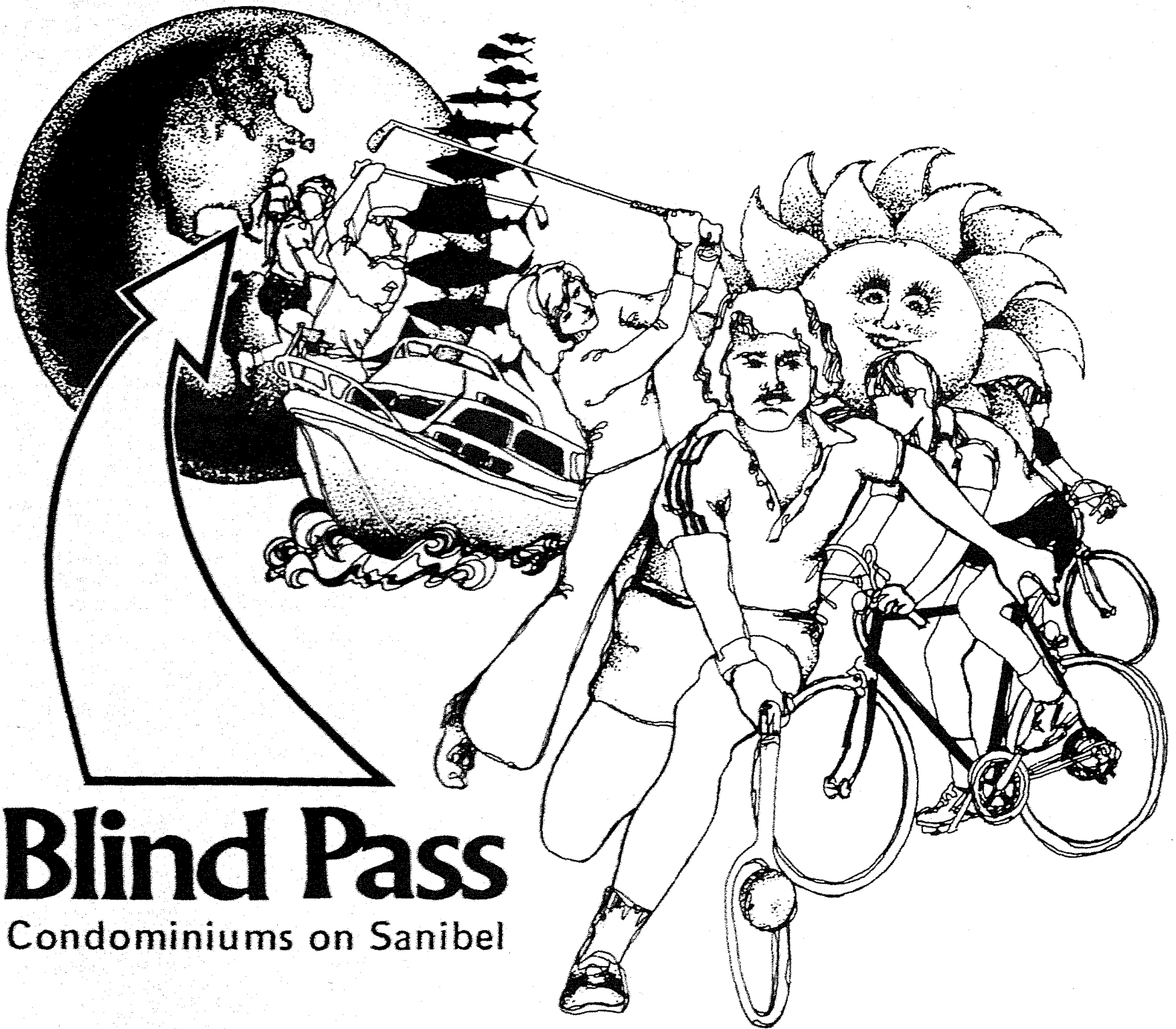
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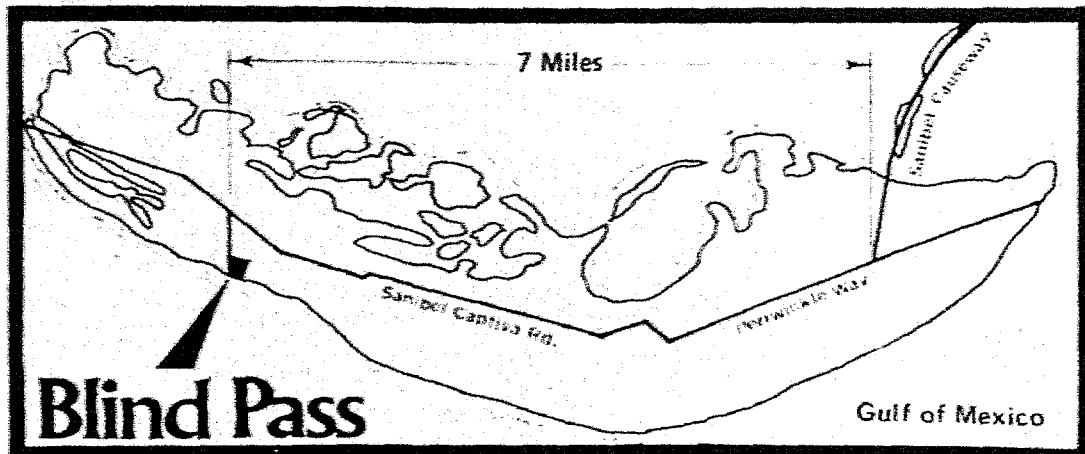
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11:30
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12 Noon
11-Face The Nation
20-Norman Vincent Peale
26-Issues & Answers
12:30
11-Hudson Bros. Razzle Dazzle Show
20-Meet The Press
26-Directions
12:56
11-In The News
1:00
11-Bill Cosby Show
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26-Can You Top This?
1:30
26-Dolly
1:45
11-NBA on CBS (Basketball Teams TBA)
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20-Last of The Wild
26-U.S. Boxing Championship

2:30
26-Ara Parseghian's Sports
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20-WCT Challenge Cup Tennis live from Las Vegas
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26-American Sportsman
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11-Master's Golf
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26-ABC Wide World of Sports
5:30
20-"Life of Fellini," a documentary on one of the world's top film producers
6:00
11-News Eleven
26-High Rollers
6:30
11-CBS News
20-NBC News
26-Name That Tune!
7:00
11-Sixty Minutes
20-Wonderful Disney
26-Nancy Drew & The Hardy Boys
8:00
11-Rhoda
20-"The BIG Event," an international cast of stars play in "Jesus of Nazareth" (Conclusion)
26-ABC Sunday Movie: "The Ten Commandments" as produced by Cecil B. DeMille
8:30
11-Phyllis

9:00
11-Switch
10:00
11-Leonard Bernstein Conducts
11:00
20-Eyewitness News
7:00
11-Gunsmoke
20-Adam 12
26-To Tell The Truth
7:30
20-The \$128,000 "?"
26-Treasure Hunt
8:00
11-The Jeffersons
20-Little House on The Prairie
26-The Brady Bunch

11:30
20-NBC Late Movie: "Clambake," Elvis Presley
11:45
11-News Eleven
12:15 a.m.
11-Delvecchio
12:30
26-ABC Weekend News
12:45
26-Sunday Film Festival: "Fade In," Burt Reynolds

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8:30
11-Busting Loose
26-Monday Night Baseball: N.Y. Yankees at K.C. Royals
9:00
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20-NBC Monday Movie: "Breezy," William Holden, Kaye Lenz
11:00
11-News Eleven
20-Eyewitness News
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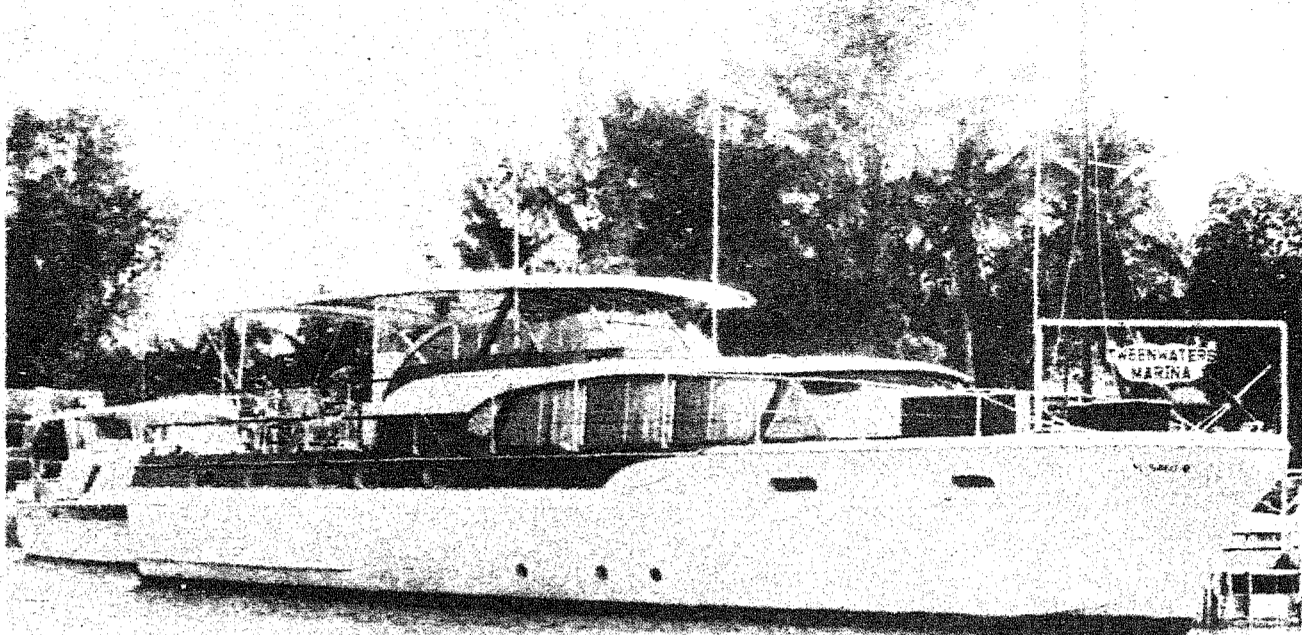
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Update on Captiva channel marker light



Heading out—this craft, which has a 5½ foot draft, navigates the Captiva channel, which, with any luck combined with Coast Guard help, will soon once again be lighted for local navigators.

island weather report

The ISLANDER's weekly weather report is brought to you courtesy of Walter Klie of the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce weather station on Causeway Road at Sanibel's east end.

Last week's weather looked like this:

DATE	HI	LO	RAINFALL
March 25	80	58	Trace
March 26	82	65	None
March 27	(no reading taken)		
March 28	83	66	None
March 29	82	69	None
March 30	84	70	None
March 31	84	70	None

Weather around the nation

City & Fcst	Hi	Lo	Pcp	Houston ts	81	60	0.34
Albuquerque f	41	24	0.12	Indianapolis r	56	45	0.01
Anchorage pc	42	36	0.18	Jackson Miss. ts	82	73	....
Asheville ts	70	55	0.03	Jacksonville f	89	66	....
Atlanta ts	70	57	0.07	Kansas City s	55	35	0.38
Billings pc	42	38	....	Las Vegas r	67	44	....
Birmingham ts	70	62	0.68	Little Rock ts	62	53	1.45
Boston r	69	40	....	Los Angeles f	66	52	....
Buffalo r	52	39	....	Louisville ts	54	50	0.06
Charleston S.C. pc	80	67	....	Memphis ts	60	57	1.62
Charlotte N.C. ts	67	58	....	Miami Beach f	83	74	....
Chicago r	45	36	....	Milwaukee r	39	33	....
Cleveland ts	56	34	....	Minneapolis s	44	31	0.11
Columbus ts	83	61	....	Nashville ts	51	54	2.32
Dallas pc	73	49	0.01	New Orleans ts	84	77	....
Denver sn	38	28	....	New York r	59	44	....
Des Moines s	47	33	0.53	Oklahoma City pc	74	40	....
Detroit r	54	37	....	Omaha c	44	34	....
Duluth s	38	28	....	Philadelphia r	74	48	....
El Paso f	55	31	....	Phoenix s	68	45	....
Hartford r	70	32	....	Pittsburgh ts	63	43	0.06
Honolulu pc	83	70	....	Portland Me. pc	61	27	....

In last week's issue, the ISLANDER printed a story on Channel Marker No. 2 which basically was concerned with local boat owners' efforts to have it lighted at night, so that boaters could be guided into and through the Captiva waters.

A petition had been mailed in mid-1976 to the Coast Guard in which 178 local boat owners requested the channel be re-lighted and appropriately marked. When we informed the Miami Coast Guard station of this, they looked, and they looked and they looked—all the way back to the days of the mail boat (which was the last time the channel was officially open).

Unfortunately, they could find nary a petition requesting the illumination of channel Marker No. 2.


The Miami Commander then called the ISLANDER back to share the information of how to get the marker lighted (and making Marker No. 3 into something else than a mere pole)—a process which involves writing a letter and officially informing the Coast Guard of what they had already learned over the phone.

Jack Scott thereupon volunteered to take on the task. We assume that the letter is probably either in the mail, or at the very least, nearing the mailbox as you read this—and hopefully, in a short time, the channel will be officially lighted and marked by the Coast Guard.

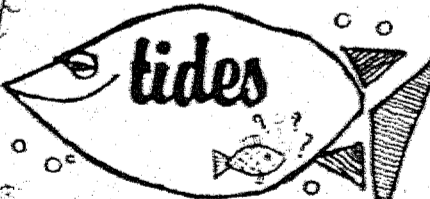
See—it really isn't all that hard to circumvent red tape—a little call'll do it! To the right person, that is!

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Tue	5	1:02 AM	6:46 AM	*12:23 PM	8:11 PM
Wed	6	2:02 AM	7:12 AM	**12:56 PM	* 9:06 PM
Thu	7	3:11 AM	7:33 AM	** 1:35 PM	10:07 PM
Fri	8	4:38 AM	7:48 AM	** 2:21 PM	11:18 PM
Sat	9	3:16 PM	---	---	---
Sun	10	12:33 AM	* 4:31 PM	---	---
Mon	11	1:50 AM	9:46 AM	12:32 PM	6:11 PM

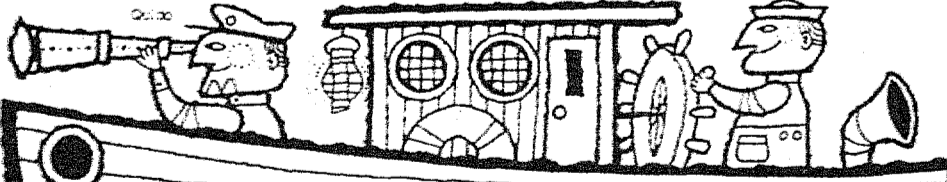
Tides courtesy of Priscilla Murphy, Realtor, Inc.

Conversion table: The above tides are for the lighthouse point of Sanibel only. To convert for Redfish Pass (north tip of Captiva), add 55 minutes to the time shown for every hi tide, and subtract two (2) minutes for every low tide. (NO, we don't know why, but it works. Instructions following are even less sense sical bu' as we stated, they do work.)
For Captiva Island, Gulf side, subtract 30 minutes from each high tide, and subtract 1 hour and 16 minutes for each low tide.
For Captiva Island, Pine Island Sound (bay) side, add 1 hour and four (4) minutes for each high tide, and add 52 minutes for each low tide.
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on the water . . .

with mike fuery



Are you a person who is right most of the time? I don't mean politically, I mean when it comes to answers—have you got any or not? Well, we need your help this week because we have copied down a gaggle of questions from the walls of marinas, the sides of tackle boxes and the tops of coolers—scrawled there by hapless people in search of answers.

Okay answer people, put your talents to work on our collection of How Come? quandaries we face while on the water.

How come, after you have bought every lure in the bait shop (in all sizes and colors), the guy landing the fish next to you is catching them with a homemade lure consisting of a carved clothes pin, colored pipe cleaners and a rusty hook?

How come a rational, careful, thinking person can painstakingly tie a fancy knot connecting his new anchor and line, then throw the works over the side and forget to tie the other end of the line to the boat?

How come a limp, sullen shrimp can be accidently be

dropped to the deck of your boat and suddenly jump like a jack rabbit, making you look like a cricket hopping along behind in hot pursuit?

How come your wife can accurately predict doom for your weekly Sunday morning fishing trip if you miss church?

And along with that, how come, when you go to church rather than fish on Sunday morning, that you could swear that you saw a snook looking in the window at you?

How come trees seem to suddenly come closer after you have cast your new lure at that secluded spot in the mangroves?

How come it never seems to fail? Just after you have told your guests that you have plenty of gas, you run out, then drift onto a sandbar?

How come a fella will buy a nice new boat and engine, with thoughts to exploring distant fishing grounds and end up anchored 25 feet off the same old dock he fished at before buying the rig?

How come, if there are two channels leading to a good fishing area, you will

miss them both and run onto a sandbar between them?

How come you can say to yourself while launching your boat, "Now remember this time to put in the drain plug," then back the boat and trailer into the water and suddenly cry, "Oh no, not again!"

How come your visiting friend from the north (who insists he knows how to fish) somehow manages to throw your rod and reel into the water on his first cast?

And how come when he always says, "Don't worry, I'll buy you another outfit," he always seems to forget?

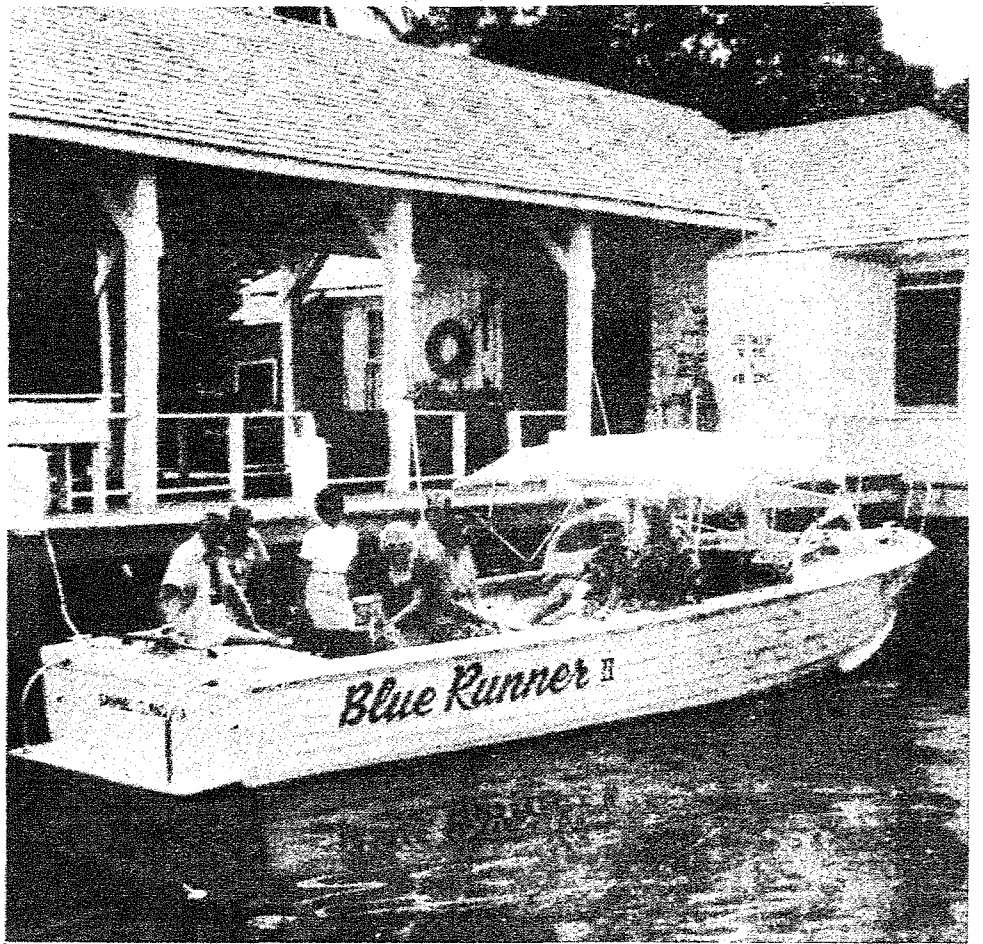
How come your youngest daughter can dump your live shrimp back into the water the moment you turn your back? How come they don't make handcuffs for people that small?

How come you are always fishing alone when you battle and then lose a true record contender and then, when you tell your story everyone smiles and says, "I believe you," but they really don't?

How come you always arrive at a fishing spot just after they have quit biting? Speaking of that, how come there is always one person remaining on the site to tell you in great detail of how much fun it was and how much you missed by getting there late?

Finally, how come the guy who thinks he has all the answers to these questions never catches any fish either? You see, there is poetic justice left in the world. And by-the-way, how come...

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



A
happy
boatload . . .

Capt. Herb Purdy boarded the "Blue Runner II," one of his charter fleet boats, to take a passle of guests for a delightful time upon the water which included a stop of Cabbage Key for luncheon.

Those aboard included long time winter guests of Segunda Apartments on Sanibel. They were: Dr. and Mrs. Edward Ober, Painted Post, N.Y., Joseph Ober, Elmira, N.Y., Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Brailford, Harrison,

N.Y., and Dr. and Mrs. Jack Gray, Hanover, Pa., and Capt. Purdy's wife, Jackie.

This luncheon trip, which is get-able-to only by boat, is called a great experience by all who've had the pleasure of taking it—since the ride is great, the lunch (including cocktails) is delicious—and the fact that the lunch is served at the water-surrounded Hide-a-Way restaurant near Boca Grande adds that extra finishing touch!

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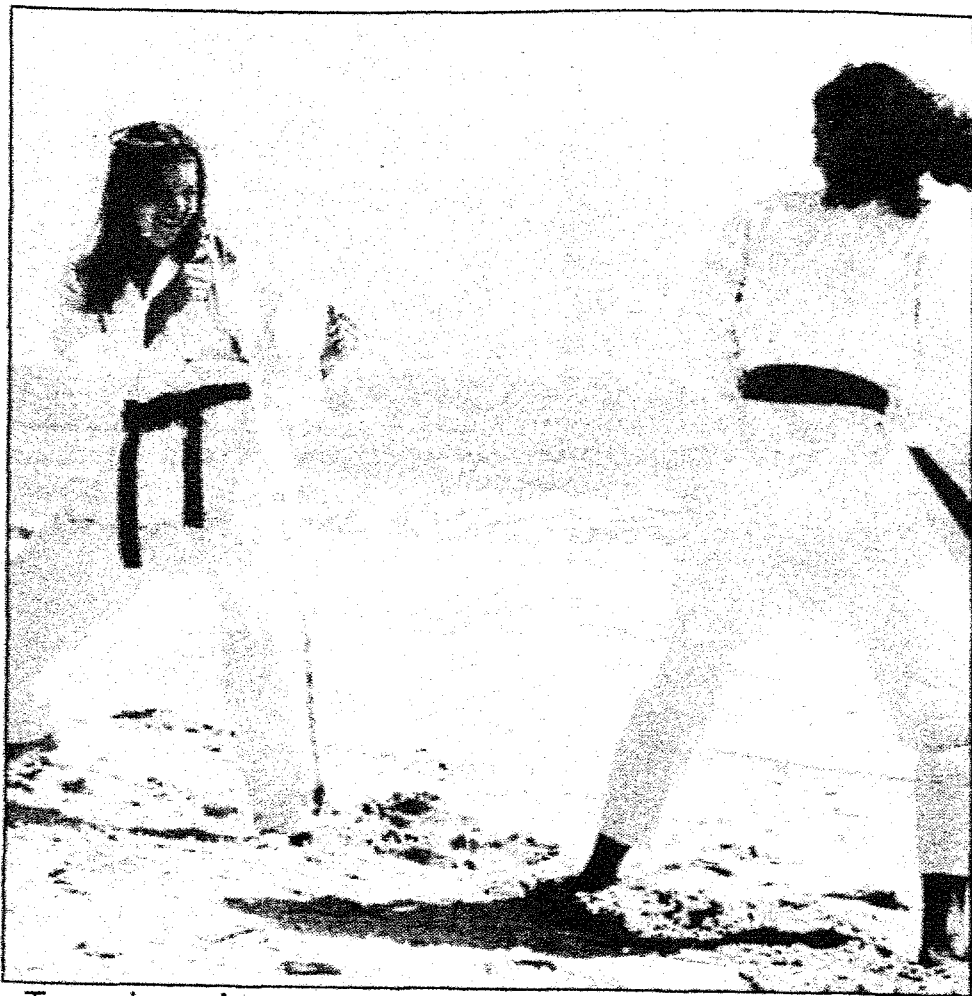
from page five



Karate students in "gis", the traditional robe of Japan warm up before class



Black belt instructor Lew Phillips corrects two students engaged in kumite or fighting



Two champions — Jody Welker, left and Cindy Butler — work on the kumite form that won them both trophies

In competitions with hundreds of contenders, the eight-month old karate club has walked away with a high proportion of awards:

Their first tournament, after only three months of classes yielded the following awards:

Jeanine Welker: Women's Kata 4th place; Scott DeCam: Kata, 3rd place; Kumite, 4th place; Kelly Butler: Kumite, 3rd place; (Kelly, in the PeeWee Division was up against both boys and girls.)

Lew Phillips: Kumite, 4th place; Winners in their second tournament—the 12th Grand National Karate Championships included.

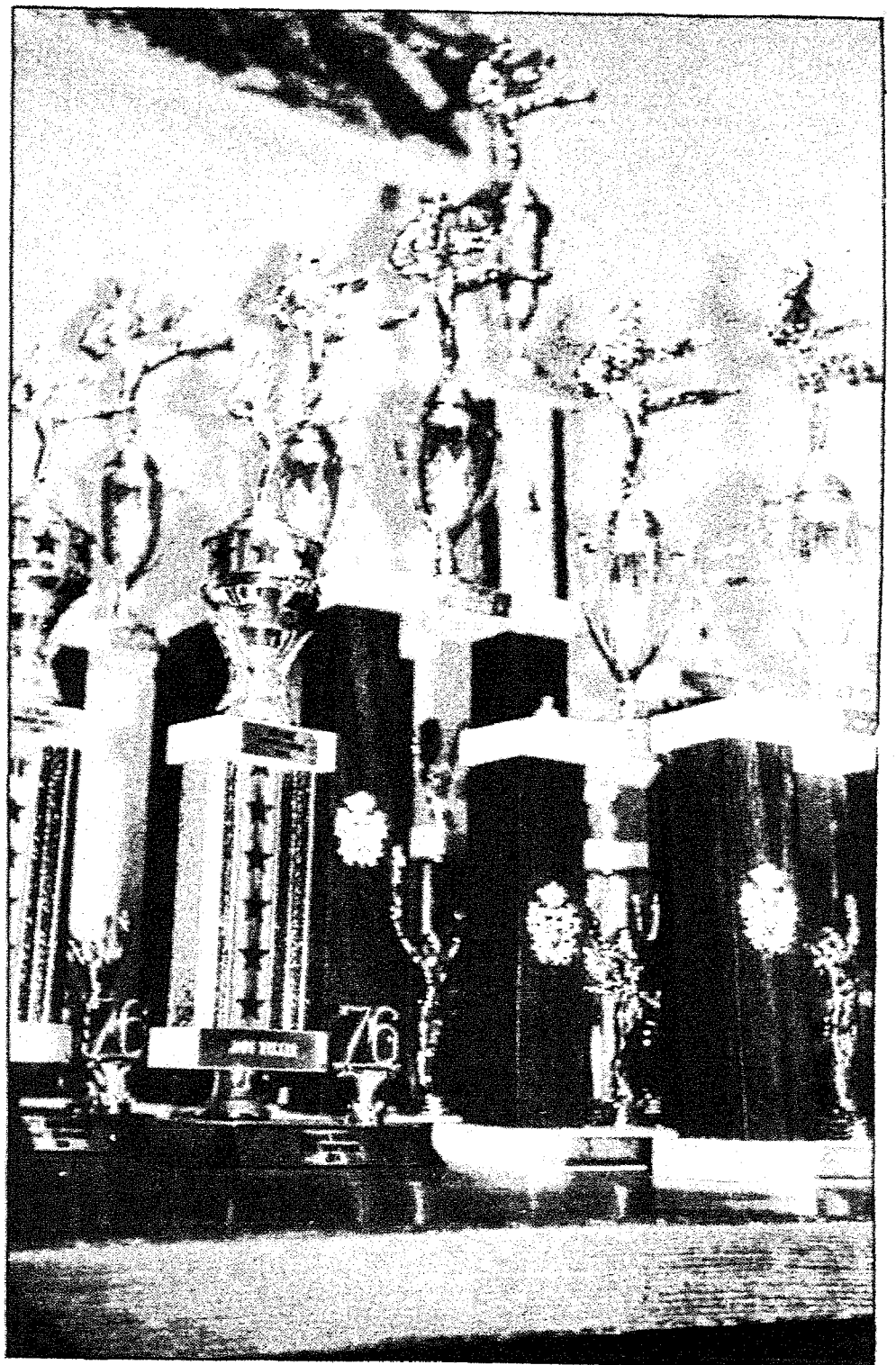
Cindy Butler: Kumite, 1st place; Jody Welker: Kumite, 2nd place; Butch Webb: Kata, 3rd place.

Their third competition: March 12, 1977; the Charley Smith Tae Goju 8th Annual Open:

Butch Webb: Weapons, 3rd place; Kata, 3rd place; Mark Kylo, Kata, 2nd place; Jeanine Welker: Kata, 2nd place; Jody Welker: Kata, 3rd place; Jill Welker: Kata, 3rd place. (PeeWee Class).

Note: Kata is the pre-arranged forms division, while Kumite is fighting.

Bright winning



Here's the cast of actors who will laugh it off on April 11, Easter Monday, for the final performance of "Laff That Off," which will play that night at 8:15 at the Pirate Playhouse.

Audiences have been delighted with this comedy which first played at Wallacks Theater on 42nd Street, New York, in 1925, at which time, Ruth Hunter played "Mopopus," the character enguë.

Standing in this happy group are director Philip Hunter, Robert Swais, Edward Anderson and Paul Adams. Seated with Ruth are Trudy Kohlbrenner and Captiva darling Pamela Toomer, who now plays Mrs. Connelly, "Mopopus" and Peggy Bryant, which part Shirley Booth (Hazel) originated on Broadway.

Laff That Off, April 11, Curtain 8:15, Box Office, 472-2121, Pirate Playhouse.



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Refuge . . .

from page 3

"Now, sweetie, get in the car and put it in drive."

"Uhh, sir, this is not an automatic."

"It'll drive, won't it?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, drive it."

"HEY, you're going too fast! No need to speed."

"Uhh, sir, this is a stick shift, and I think only about two of the four cylinders are working and if the engine isn't revved up, it'll stall as soon as the clutch is . . ."

Modern equivalent of "balderdash," while Nice Gentleman jumps into car and proceeds to rev up enough to dig the rear wheels in above the hubcaps.

"Hm . . ."

"Uhh, gee, sirs, that's awfully kind of you to stop and help like this. Ah, will you be kind enough to do me a favor? On your way out will you call the Sanibel Police Department and ask them to send the four-wheel and a tow-rope and rescue Ginni? They're sort of expecting the call, anyway."

"Sure, sure," with smiles, as they get in car and drive on. (Remember, they stopped on hard sand.)

Open both doors and regret leaving book in office. Also regret not having any insect repellent, but since there's a breeze, it's not too bad. Think of bird. Look around. No bird. No birds. No alligators. Oh well!

Another car stops.

"Are you alone?"

"Yes, ma'm."

Man and wife get out.

"Gee, you're really in deep. I just don't have . . ." and then man discovers what he needs. Proceeds to large bush (very fortunately an "exotic" and disliked Brazilian

Pepper) and starts pulling off branches.

"Uhh, sir, this is . . . (frantic look over shoulder for vegetation-conservation-reprieve expert, who, with our luck so far, would have decided to go for refuge drive that day. No one in sight.) Well, ummm, (bright smile) where you from folks?"

"Pennsylvania."

"Oh. That's a pretty state." Scuffing toe and looking up confidently, "You know, this is the very first time in 17 years we've ever gotten stuck in sugar sand. Didn't even get stuck in snow up in New York before that, either." Sheepish smile.

Brilliant smile. "No, oh, really? We've never gotten stuck in sand either. Or snow, for that matter."

"Ohhh." Slide glance at husband, who is still breaking off branches. "Well. You all staying here long?"

"No, too long." Lady glances at refuge paraphernalia. "Oh darling." (directed towards branch-snapping husband). "This says 'hah' everything in here is protected by law. Isn't hah' interesting? Why, it says 'he birds and 'he live shells and . . . 'he vegetation?"

"Ummm, yes," say we. "But that's only a Brazilian pepper and no one likes them anyway. Besides, if anything happens, they'll blame me, not you."

Branches all in place, husband suggests car is now ready to start.

"Now take it easy. Yes, well, that's the way. Not so fast. . . oh dear, you're on your frame. No traction. . . Sure, yes, we'll be glad to call the police for you."

Smile bravely. Dive for branches (look over shoulder again for possible approaching expert. Fears groundless.) Throw branches over bank. Whew. All gone. Pick up leaves and toss them. Search out shreds of paper from first episode. Back floor of car.

Get back in car. Carefully study way—oh, neat way—dressmaker has utilized pattern

in dress skirt. Also careful not to catch anyone's eye. A few cars pass, slow and. . . "Sure. Thanks a lot. You'll call the police for me? Gee, thanks."

Sun getting hot.

Van, very capable van, drives up. Stops. Gentleman gets out.

"Yup, she's stuck. You (motioning to young man who got out of other side of van) get the winch (?) and cable. I'll move the van so it won't block traffic."

Frantically motion to young man. "Does he know that's sugar sand he's driving into?"

"Yes, ma'm, guess he does."

Under gentleman's direction, young man attached a braided metal cable to front end of press car, another cable to a trailer hitch on back of van and started moving odd-look' handle connecting cables.

Wheeee! As handle is moved, cable shortens. As cable shortens, car just slides out of sand. Wow. Guess that's the winch.

"Wow, thanks. Gee, you don't know how much this. . ."

"Oh, it's nothing."

Semi-silence.

"Oh, will you give me your name for the paper?"

Slow grin. "Guess so. Allan Reetz, Mrs. Reetz, my grandson, Carl, of Lupton, Michigan. We've been staying at Hurricane House. You know Hurricane House?"

"Oh yes. Sure. Why sure, we've been. . ."

"Well, my sister was Mrs. Kearns."

Great relief. "Don't know how to thank you."

"Umm," another grin, "no thanks needed. Glad to be of help."

Promise to send paper. Hope we won't get sued. Take off. Pass a number of the cars who were going to call police.

"Hi. No, I'm not stopping. But you don't have to caaaaaalllllll. . ." as we bump (in second gear) out of sight.

Finally, after much teeth and car shaking, out of refuge. Stop at Mid Island Real Estate and ask to use phone.

"Sure," says Roy.

"Hey, Lew," say we, "got any calls about rescuing me?"

"No, should I have? Just your office.

saying if you didn't show up in another hour, to go looking for you."

"Well, if you get any, disregard."

"Okay."

Enter into conversation with Roy (Bazire) who knows a lot about the refuge and money and conservation and all, being local conservation original treasurer and director and stuff.

Find out that road is woefully neglected because of lack of congressional funds.

Call Glen Bond.

"Money? Sure. \$82,000 this year. And \$72,000 before that. Extra \$10,000 for Egmont Key. Of the total amount, \$57,000 goes on salaries and benefits for four employees, such as uniform allowance, civil service pension and stuff. With all the rest, we can buy lumber for repairing the buildings, buy toilet paper for the public restrooms, maintain the facilities, vehicles, pay for gas. . . and with what's left over, we can pave (read, "gravel") the refuge drive."

"Doesn't leave you much, does it?"

Conversation touches on President Ford's idea of a Bicentennial Land Heritage, under which all Federal refuges would receive \$250,000,000 over a five-year period—almost \$86,000,000 of which would immediately go for basic maintenance and "catch up" repair work on all national refuges.

"You know, Ginni, I did a count starting March 23 for five days. Counted 460 cars a day on the average during that five days using the refuge drive. That wears it down a bit. And all the Wildlife facilities had 163,500 visitors during the month of March."

Talk some more. Talk to other people. Turns out that other refuges nearby receive a lot more money from the Congressional budget, even though they don't have near the amount of visitors the Darling Refuge has.

Why?

Well, those other places have congressional influence.

Anyone know an influential congressman?

Meanwhile, we're awfully glad we met Mr. Reetz of Lupton, Michigan.

And, very frankly, if you want a bird picture, we recommend snow shoes—unless you happen to have an influential congressman at hand.

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CONFESSIONS before and after each Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and on Holy Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

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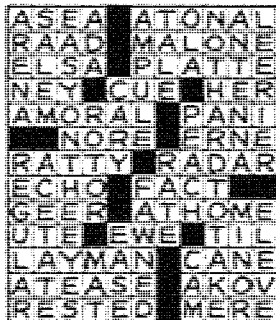
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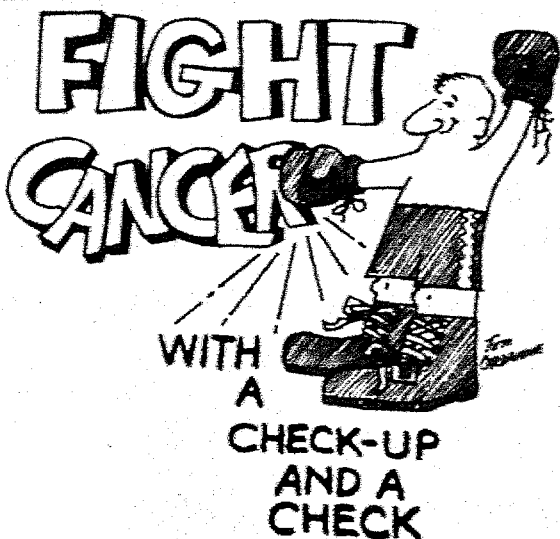
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Beach clean-up

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Other Island groups who have signed up to participate in the project so far include the Teen Club, the Little League, the Community Church Youth Group, the Karate Club, and students from the Sanibel Resources Center, according to Locker.

The Sanibel Resources Center group has agreed to assist with the beach clean-up on a voluntary basis only and has refused to accept payment for their work. In a letter to the city, the students objected to the city's offering to pay Island groups for participation in the program, while suggesting that an all volunteer beach clean-up project might be more consistent with the goals of Sanibel's city government.

Obviously the city will continue to welcome all voluntary help which might be offered to rid the Island's beaches of litter.

"There will always be a need for

people like the Lions and Kiwanis to help us," said Locker last week. "these youth groups aren't equipped to do everything that needs to be done on the beaches."

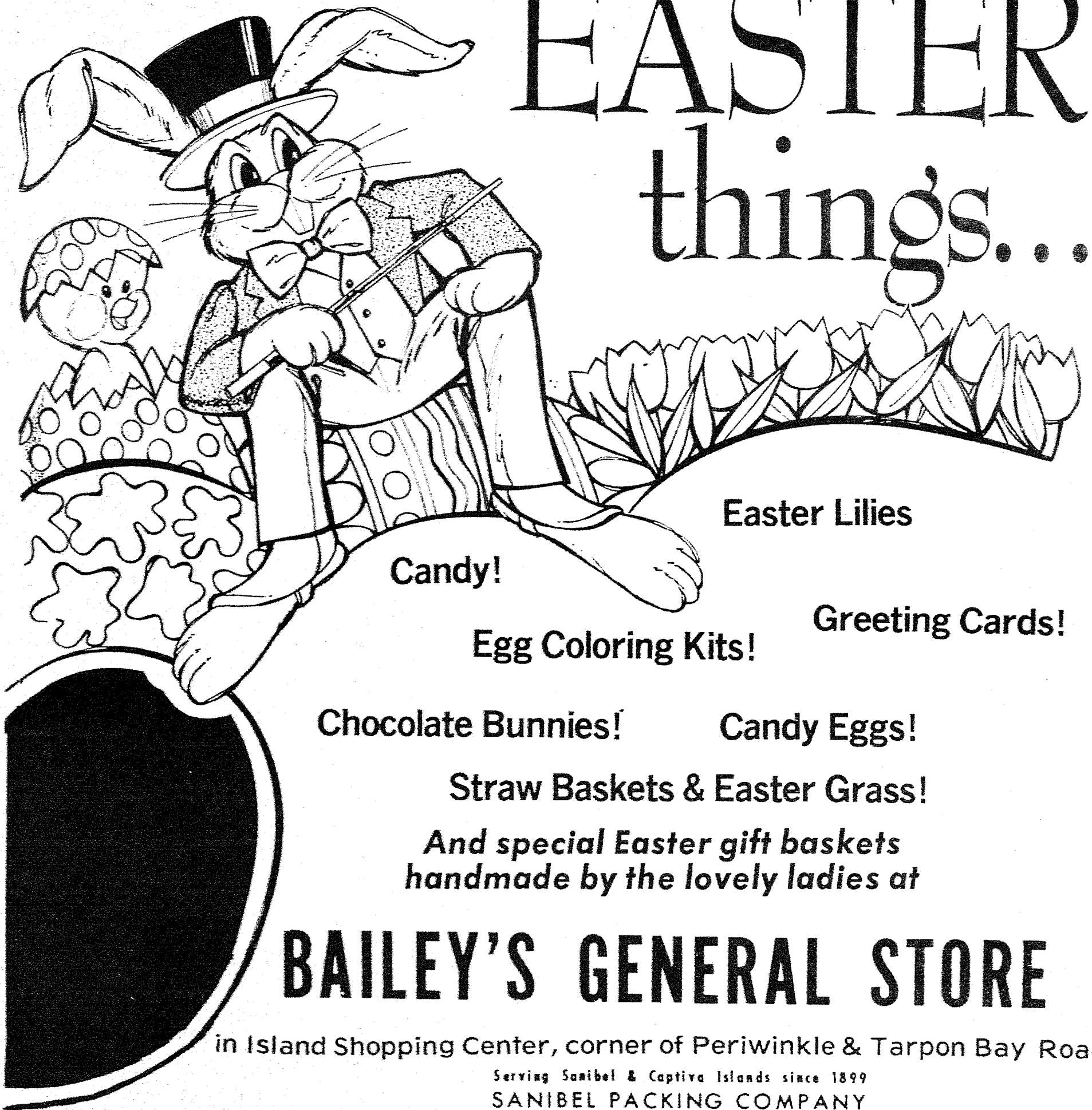
Locker was highly optimistic about the initial phase of the project undertaken by the Children's Center students last Monday.

"I think it was extremely successful," Locker said. "I never saw such a motivated group in my life!"

So in the future, when you feel like nonchalantly dropping that empty beer can onto the sand, try to keep in mind that it will eventually have to be picked up by the youth of the Islands, some of whom have realized what a pity it is for the city to have to pay for the removal of litter and garbage that would never have been there if people weren't so thoughtless.



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