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## Endangered manatee studied

by Rich Arthurs

As harmless and docile as its common monicker, "the sea cow," would imply, the Florida Manatee (*Trichechus manatus latiorstris*) has steadily declined as a species in the face of man's encroachment reaching a point near elimination in its native habitat.

Once, thousands of the gentle air-breathing mammals ranged the coastal waters from North Carolina to Texas, but today the species is focused primarily in Florida and consists of only between 1,000 to 2,000 manatees, according to the most authoritative estimates.

The Florida Manatee is actually a sub-species of the West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), an endangered species on both national and international levels, which ranges throughout the Caribbean and north coast of South America.

The two other existing species of manatee, Amazonian and West African, are also endangered thanks to man's over-exploitation of the sluggish creatures for food. The Florida manatee as well owes its decline to widespread hunting by man, although currently its greatest enemy in Florida is the motorboat propeller.

Known to measure over 12 feet in length and weigh in excess of one ton, manatees often loll just a foot or two below the surface of the water, where they are indiscernible to speeding boaters. Many if not most manatees bear scars left by propellers—those for which the experience was not fatal.

Yet, although man has ruthlessly hunted and eaten the flesh of the manatee for centuries, incredibly little is known about the order, named *Sirenia* because of the fancied resemblance to the mythical siren or mermaid attributed to manatees by early sailors.

In recent months, a scientific study of the manatee has been launched under controlled conditions in an attempt to learn more about the imperiled sea cow by scientists at the Aquatic Institute of Research. The Institute is a Cape Coral-based project under the direction of Dr. D.K. Odell of the University of Miami and Dr. William Ross.

According to director, Dr. Ross, the overall objective of the Aquatic Institute is to investigate a variety of aquatic problems to develop sound environmental management techniques.

While manatee research is currently the primary thrust of the privately-funded institute, Dr. Ross said that the project will eventually include research in controlled shrimp production and other studies as funds become available.

The work at the Institute is geared, in large part, to providing practical benefits for man.

"Man will of necessity become more and more dependent upon the ocean for his food supply in the future," predicts Dr. Ross.

Director of the Institute's manatee research program, Dr. Odell hopes that studies at the Institute will provide the basis for conservation measures and animal husbandry operations to increase the population of the in-



The friendly manatee

creasingly scarce species. If the species can be restored to the point where it can be removed from the endangered species list, scientists hope ultimately to utilize the manatee in controlling the proliferation of aquatic plants, such as hydrilla and water hyacinth, upon which the marine vegetarians feed.

After almost two years of preparation, planning and negotiating the months of red tape involved in obtaining federal, state and local permits required to restrain and study the endangered manatee, the Institute captured two male manatees in the Caloosahatchee River last March. According to Dr. Ross, the Institute is one of only five organizations in the United States licensed to capture manatees for research.

Despite round-the-clock efforts of Institute staff and resident veterinarian Dr. Paul Eder, the smaller of the two manatees died in captivity after only a few weeks, due to a deep head wound sustained in an encounter with a boat's whirring propeller blades.

The foremost problem encountered by Dr. Eder in trying to save the manatee was the utter lack of verifiable metabolic norms for the manatee on which to base his diagnoses, and a prime goal of the Institute's research is to provide such basic scientific information as body temperature, blood count, blood pressure, respiration rates, age at sexual maturity, calving interval.

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## Boat theft ring operating on Sanibel?

by Gwen Stevenson

A particular group of young adults has probably been responsible for the theft and/or vandalism of five boats in the last two weeks, according to U.S. Coast Guard Chief Timothy Vaught. All the boats were stolen from docks on Sanibel and were completely stripped.

One of the boats, stolen from Tarpon Bay Marina, was sighted by fishing guide Jerry Way and retrieved by Tom

Hicks from Tween Waters, while another was refloated and towed to Timmy's Nook by Jack Scott of the Captiva Shore Patrol. A third was simply abandoned at the Nook.

"We are increasing our patrols at night around Sanibel," Chief Vaught said, "and we do have a plan for catching the thieves, but cannot, naturally, reveal the details."

Since there does seem to be a regularity involved with the thefts,

Vaught offered some suggestions about reducing the chances of being victimized.

His first rule was never leave alcoholic beverages on board a boat to entice youth and that, after tying up for the night, dismantle the electronic gear and take it home.

"You can lose \$1,000 worth of equipment in two minutes," Vaught said, "and it only takes five minutes to take it off yourself."

"Isn't \$1,000 worth five minutes of your time?" Vaught asked rhetorically.

Recording the serial numbers of engines and gear and putting them on your insurance policy was another recommendation by Vaught.

Should a boat be vandalized, Chief Vaught recommends that both the police and the Coast Guard be notified because "You're more likely to find the missing gear up the street than out on the water," he said.

# Mariner buys One-Eyed Jacks

by Gwen Stevenson

Mariner Properties officially acquired One-Eyed Jacks yesterday, August 1, a Cape Coral restaurant formerly owned by Al Duncan. Duncan also owns Scotty's Pub on Sanibel. Financial details of the transaction were not available at press time.

Included in the arrangement is a 90-day option for Mariner to also acquire financial control of the Del Prado Motor Inn.

The cuisine at One-Eyed Jacks will be both American and European, according to Alex Stamm, head chef for Mariner at South Seas Plantation. Chef Stamm has been working in the

restaurant for the last few weeks.

Dinner entrees will range in price from five to ten dollars and include such varietal dishes as beef stroganoff, roast beef and yorkshire pudding, wiener schnitzel, veal cordon bleu, fried shrimp in a curry sauce, flounder de Paree—(poached flounder over spinach with a lobster sauce) and that perennial favorite, strip steak.

Dinner hours are from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. Luncheons run from 12 noon until 2:30 p.m. and for approximately \$2.50, diners can make their own sandwiches—the chef will put any combination of concoctions between bread the diner desires.

Al Duncan told the ISLANDER that he was glad to be back full-time on Sanibel and plans to put his time to good use as Scotty's begins construction on an addition in September to double the restaurant's present capacity.

Designed by One-Eyed Jacks creator Dick Hartman, Scotty's new dining room will be different from the Pub and will feature cathedral ceilings, Bahama fans, lush tropical greenery and fountains.

"The restaurant is designed in such a way that it can open up on nice days," said Duncan. He hopes to complete the expansion by December first.

"We still plan to cater to families,"

said Duncan, "with excellent food at reasonable cost but the menu will probably differ in the new facility. Some ideas I've had include fresh fruits, crepes and that kind of cuisine.

"I hated leaving the Island," Duncan concluded while discussing his new plans. "When I realized that I haven't sailed my boat in four months and I could be in Detroit or Philadelphia and live like this, I decided to concentrate my energies on the one place."

A final note: Today, August 2, marks the third anniversary of Duncan's purchase of Scotty's Pub. A "family" celebration is planned after closing for employees. It couldn't happen on a more appropriate day.

## Manatees

(from page one)

gestation period, food habits and environmental limitations.

For instance, scientists know that the manatee is affected by changes in water temperature, although they are still far from having definitive data on this metabolic process. Dropping water temperatures brought by winter cold spells is believed to cause the manatees' migration from northern Florida to south Florida during winter months, and manatees are often attracted to power plant outfalls by the warmer wastewater produced by the facilities. On occasion, drastic changes in water temperature have been held responsible for fatalities among manatees.

Thus far, the Institute's surviving manatee is adapting admirably to his new controlled environment and seems to be in good health despite the characteristic marks of past contact with boat propellers.

The specimen weighed over 650 pounds when captured and Institute researchers estimate his age at about five years—still sexually immature, they think. According to the Institute's staff biologist, Paul Olin, manatees have been known to live as long as thirty years in captivity.

At this early stage of their research, scientists at the Institute are working to determine the conditions necessary to maintain manatees in good health in captivity, such as the kind and quantity of food manatees require to live.

The surviving manatee at the Institute eats between 40 and 50 pounds of lettuce and cabbage per day and seems to prefer lettuce, said Dr. Ross.

The final goal of this area of scientific inquiry at the Institute is to enable scientists to create conditions in which manatees will breed in captivity. While one manatee birth in captivity has been recorded, scientists have never

documented one instance of manatees breeding in a controlled environment. To this end, Dr. Ross said he hopes eventually to acquire two female manatees for the Institute.

The Aquatic Institute of Research is licensed to capture up to three manatees for research purposes, explained the administrative assistant at the Institute, Ret. Col. E. Claude Sturm.

Another of the Institute's ongoing projects is the development of an effective, but harmless, tracking program to chart the manatee's migrational patterns, about which, once again, very little scientific data is available.

Staff biologist Olin estimates that at least five years will be required before any definitive conclusions can be drawn from the pioneering research now in progress at the Institute.

"So little is known about these animals," said Dr. Ross. "They've been too long neglected by the scientific community."

But manatee hunting, on the other hand, has persisted from antiquity down to present poaching despite the advent of a growing bulk of state, federal and international legislation aimed at protecting the manatee in this century.

Manatees have been protected in Florida since the turn of the century, although the original \$50 fine for poaching did little to discourage illegal harvesting of the mammals earlier in this century.

The Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 provided the first real punch to manatee protection by imposing fines of up to \$20,000 for anyone caught poaching, molesting, or possessing any part of a manatee.

The manatee is also protected by the Endangered Species Act of 1973, while legislation is being introduced this year to declare the entire State of Florida as

a manatee sanctuary and toughen restrictions on the capture and taking of the marine mammals.

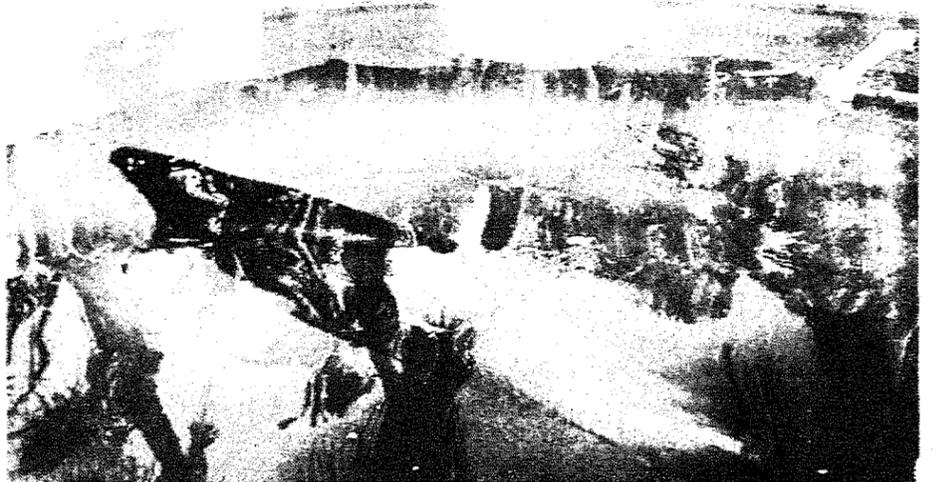
Now, with professional scientific studies of the manatee such as that of the Aquatic Institute of Research in Cape Coral underway, it is hoped that the manatee's trend toward extinction can be reversed and that the species can be restored to its former numbers and range.

The Institute is headquartered at the site of the old Rose Gardens in southwestern Cape Coral and includes facilities formerly used for Waltzing Waters through a lease agreement with

Cape Coral developers GAC.

While visitors to the Institute are not permitted at the present time, because of the nature of the studies, the facility is occasionally opened for educational programs such as yesterday's tour of the manatee research area and adjoining gardens and nature walks conducted for a group of over 120 elementary school children.

The Institute's directors feel that one of the best ways to protect the species is by informing man, its foremost enemy, of the plight of the imperiled manatee.



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# Coti seeks financial support for tax suit

The board of directors of the Committee of the Islands (COTI) met twice last week with representatives of Island neighborhood associations and other interested Islanders to decide on the best course of action to take in opposition to the recent property reassessments conducted for Sanibel by the office of Lee County Tax Appraiser Harry Schooley.

In a special meeting Monday afternoon, the COTI board took no action on a proposal for COTI to take the lead in filing a class action lawsuit against Schooley, contending that the recent reassessments are discriminatory in that Sanibel is the only area of Lee County to have been reassessed because of the young city's adoption of a comprehensive land use plan in accordance with state law.

As the city itself has recently filed suit against Schooley over conflicts in two state statutes which led to alleged inequities in the recent property reassessments, COTI member Paul Howe suggested Monday that the board investigate the possibility of Island taxpayers becoming co-plaintiffs in the city's suit before initiating a second legal action aimed at the same ultimate end, which is revocation of the recent reassessments.

To investigate the feasibility of Howe's suggestion with city officials as well as to attempt to determine the cost of the proposed class action tax suit, a committee was created including Urban Palmer, Rudy Damschroder, Jack Stormer, and COTI Chairman Melina Eskew.

The committee met with COTI board members and other Islanders last Friday in MacKenzie Hall to reveal the results of their endeavor.

Chairman Eskew reported on the committee's meetings with Sanibel Vice-Mayor Zee Butler and City Attorney Neal Bowen.

"They felt that we could not go the route of becoming co-plaintiffs with the city for various reasons," she explained. The foremost consideration, she said, was that Bowen felt that it would not be in the best interests of COTI or other Island taxpayers to join in the city's litigation.

Thus, the other option open to COTI is to press a class action suit on behalf of all Island taxpayers.

To this end, Chairman Eskew called Miami attorney John Fletcher, who was retained by a now-defunct Island group called Sanibel Tomorrow prior to the city's incorporation, for his views on the proposed legal action.

According to Chairman Eskew,

Fletcher said he would be willing to take the case and has agreed to come to Sanibel this week to meet with the committee. Mrs. Eskew said she mailed Fletcher a copy of the Islanders' complaint for him to study.

She said she will publicize the results of the meeting with Fletcher, which is slated for sometime today (Tuesday) in local television and news media on Wednesday of this week.

Some members of the committee expressed reservations last Friday about COTI's ability to take on a financial burden such as that posed by a class action lawsuit.

Committee member Urban Palmer reported that local lawyers he has consulted feel that the suit will ultimately be taken to the appellate court level, and so, stands to be somewhat expensive.

"It's going to be a large bill," said Palmer. "We've got to go first class if we're going to do this at all, and it's not going to be cheap."

Chairman Eskew informed the group that one Islander has already offered COTI a check for more than \$1,000 to further the undertaking, while most, if not all, Islanders contacted by COTI last week have pledged financial support.

Mrs. Eskew proposed that once a decision has been made to press a suit, an Islandwide fund raising campaign be initiated to cover the cost of the litigation.

"Once we have an attorney's opinion of our chances for success and of the

probable cost of this suit, then we can decide which way to go," she said.

The Committee of the Islands will

hold a general meeting next Monday, August 8, at the Sanibel Community House.

## More on property taxes: A letter to the Governor

Dear Governor Askew:

Undoubtedly, the press has made you aware of the inequitable and discriminatory reappraisal of property only in the City of Sanibel by the Lee County Property Appraiser. The net effect of his actions is to improperly require Sanibel taxpayers to pay at least for a year a substantially increased proportion of the entire county's ad valorem taxes. Your training as a lawyer and familiarity with Florida court rulings on such actions must yell out in protest against such impropriety.

As a sincere and concerned tax-paying resident of the County and City, I wrote two friendly letters to Executive Director Harry L. Coe of the Florida Department of Revenue. The first on July 4th; the next on July 10th. They both transmitted convincing press quotations (undenied by the Property Assessor) indicating the presence of gross discrimination in the chronological and geographical reappraisal process. These letters were constructive attempts to quietly have the Department sit down with my

friend Harry Schooley and check on his procedures to correct any maladministration of his duties and avoid any future hint of improprieties.

It is now about four weeks since my first letter was sent. No acknowledgement has been received nor public notice of any action to be taken by the Department to investigate my allegations. This inaction seems to me as a cavalier approach to my sincere and concerned cooperation with the State to enhance the public trust in the Department's discharge of its lawful duties to supervise the administration of the local ad valorem property tax that hits so many of Florida's citizens. There is no apparent excuse for such rude conduct by a public servant.

The State's table of organization assigns the Department to both you and the Cabinet for direct supervision. I, therefore, call on you both to obtain the prompt action to my neglected letters. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

-s- Paul A. Howe

## Islander found dead

Rick Bullock, 25, was found dead in the apartment where he had been staying on Periwinkle Way early last Friday morning.

All indications are that Bullock died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound sometime between midnight and 2:30 a.m. Friday, July 29th. The official Medical Examiner's report had not been returned to the Sanibel Police Department at press time.

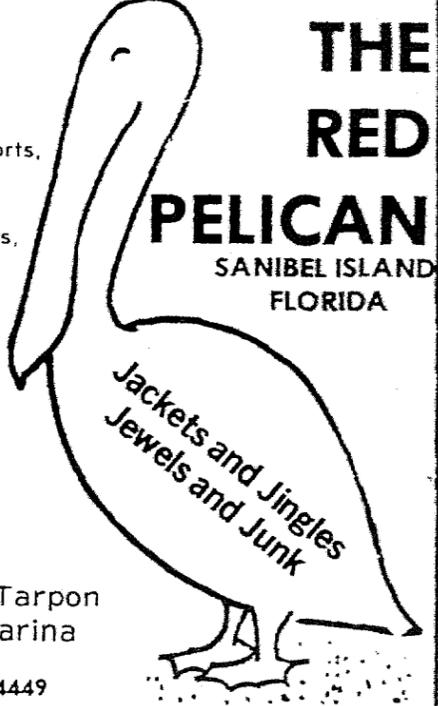
Bullock, a shrimper,

had apparently been despondent because he had been unable to secure employment on a shrimp boat going to Texas.

The body was sent to Wilmington, Delaware where Bullock's father resides. Funeral services were held in Wilmington and burial was in Cathedral Cemetery. Anderson Funeral Home in Fort Myers handled the local arrangements.

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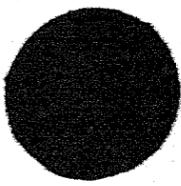


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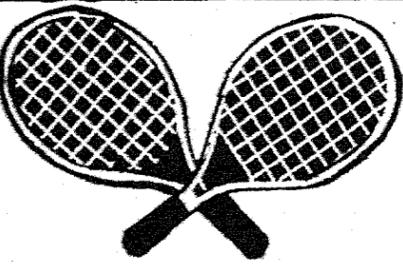
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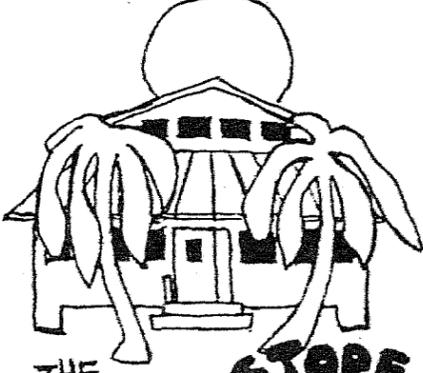


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# Commentary

## Step on the bus, not the gas

Whilst pleasantly cycling along the bicycle path this weekend, a familiar and unpleasant aroma assailed our nostrils. Sniffing the air curiously, the aroma was difficult to identify until, finally, the answer dawned. Carbon monoxide!

Quickly we checked to see who was spewing such foul stuff into the Island air when the realization came that the horrible odor was not due to one gas guzzler, but, instead, to the quantity of automobiles wending their way down Periwinkle enroute for a Saturday at the beach.

It was with mounting horror we recalled the effects of the same noxious fumes on the greenery along the sides southern California freeways—the vegetation had died. Surely subtropical flora and fauna must be even more sensitive to the effects of these fumes.

Which brings us to heartily support the importance of mass transit given by both the City Council's ad hoc committee on the site selection for the municipal services center and the Planning Commission, the latter

placing it high on their list of priorities for their work in the coming fiscal year.

We need it. Not only because of environmental reasons, but also because gas on the Island and the mainland is going nowhere but up. President Carter told a news conference last Friday that the American public is not paying enough attention to the fuel crisis because there is no immediate sign of an oil shortage. He predicted dire enforced conservation controls to come. How quickly the trauma of 1974

has been forgotten—the two-hour waits, alternate days for fuel and, sometimes, no gas at all.

The time for the Islands to act is the time before we are mandated to act by another government. Let us develop a mass transit system in keeping with the character of the Islands and effective and reliable enough to be functional. Surely an area that has led the State in other conservation measures can and should be able to develop a program for mass transit equally as innovative as the land use plan. Soon!

## Letters to the ISLANDER

Mr. James Robson, Chairman  
Island Water Assn.  
3425 Sanibel-Captiva Road  
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Dear Jim:

The Community Association Board of Directors met on July 19, and during the meeting, the water moratorium was discussed. A motion was passed to inform your Board that our Directors support your move to deny further water hook-ups until a water supply adequate in quantity and quality can be assured. This is responsible action and in the best interests of all Island residents, in our opinion as well as yours.

-s-Richard M. Wilson, Pres.  
Sanibel Community Assn.

The Editor:

The objections recently expressed by local motel owners to the new Florida county-optional Resort Tax is understandable. No doubt, it will divert some tourist trade to those counties and off-shore resort centers that do not opt for the tax. That is, of course, if the tax is passed on directly to the tourist instead of being treated as a business deduction by the motel operator or other affected business.

It boils down to me to a question as to whether the lobbyists who backed the new tax were truly representing the tourist-oriented businessman in proposing that the state's taxing power be used to construct facilities that the lobbyists deemed needed to promote

tourism. The Legislature cannot be faulted on that point since no report was made on any dissenting voices being raised from the trade itself during the legislative proceedings. (They can be criticized, however, for violating the Florida Constitution's ban on lending the state's taxing power to aid private endeavors—particularly profit-making ones.)

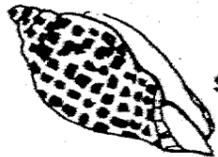
This sort of dilemma seems always to arise when you try to get through a revolving door on someone else's push. It is normal for a lobbyist to enjoy a smug feeling when he is able to arrange successfully for such a feat. It is poor lobbying, however, when the plan backfires.

It behooves the tourist trade to make

it clear to their spokesmen that they reject such tactics that put them in the light of "seeking something for nothing." If the trade thinks that the facilities are essential to them—just as the citrus growers do, they should tax themselves to provide them. Unlike the citrus industry, they should not ask the Legislature to breach the Constitution to do the taxing, and policing.

It also behooves the Florida Legislature to review the propriety of using public treasuries to finance the promotion and internal operations of any private profit-making organizations such as the Tourism, Citrus, Agriculture, and Fishing interests.

-s-Paul A. Howe



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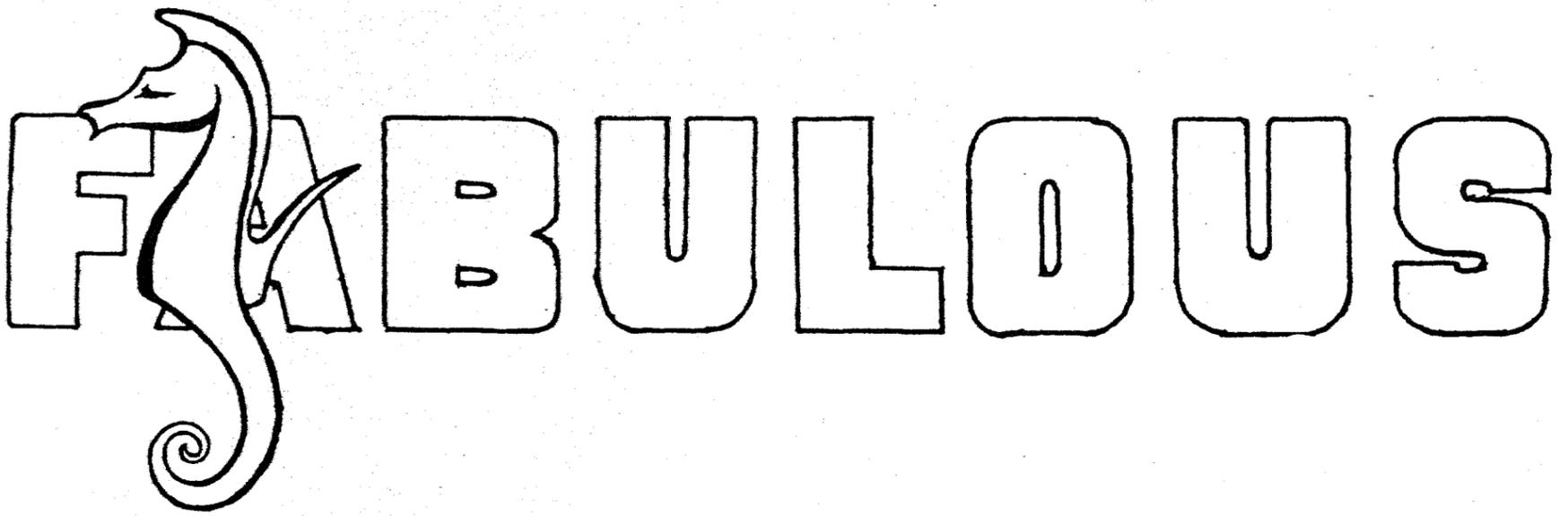
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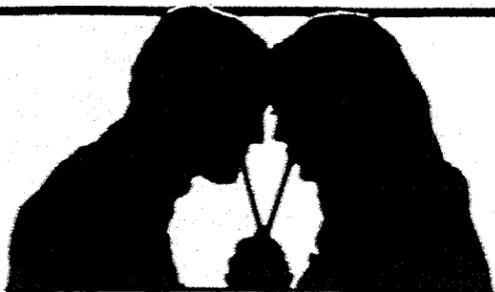
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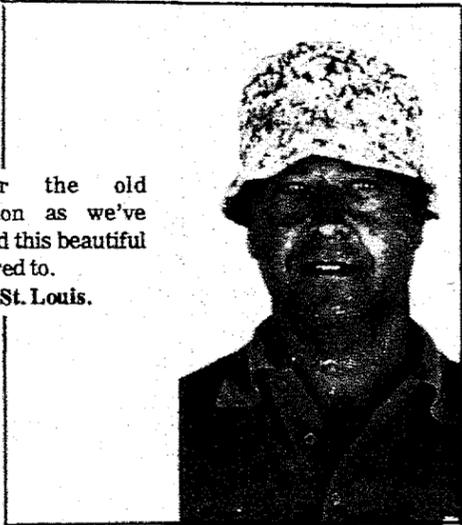
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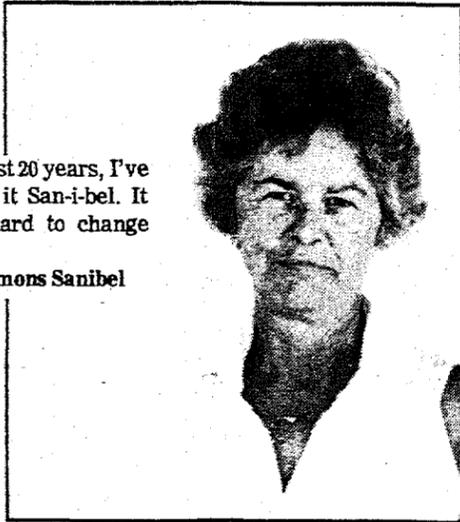
# In your Opinion . . .

What do you think of the City Council's recent action adopting 'San-i-bel (rhyming with cannibel) as the City's official pronunciation? (The other pronunciation for the Island City has the accent on the last syllable and will be indicated as follows: San-i-'bel).

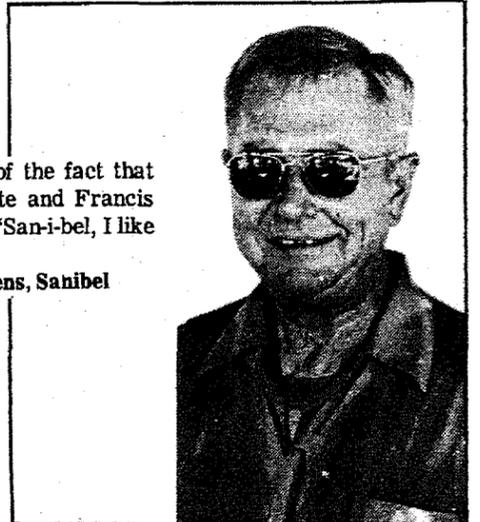
I prefer the old pronunciation as we've always heard this beautiful Island referred to.  
 Lou Kinney, St. Louis.



For the last 20 years, I've pronounced it San-i-bel. It would be hard to change now.  
 Maggie Emmons Sanibel



In spite of the fact that Duane White and Francis Bailey like 'San-i-bel, I like San-i-'bel.  
 John Stephens, Sanibel



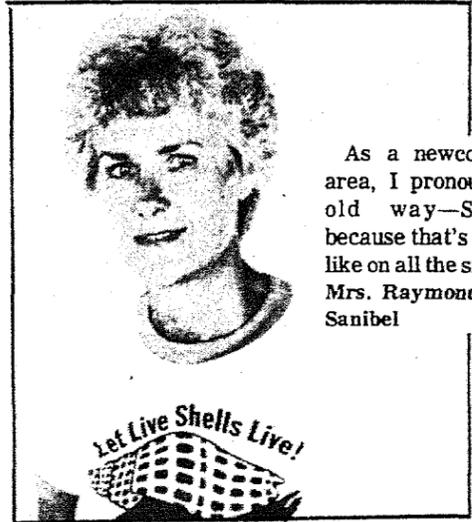
I've always pronounced it 'San-i-bel, but I wish they would add Island to the name.  
 Blanche Jones, Sanibel



I think 'San-i-bel sounds much more elegant than San-i-'bel.  
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# Oysters without an "R"

by Julie Gray

For many years people believed oysters were only good to eat during the months with an "R" in them and not good to eat during the warm weather months.

One reason may have been the lack of proper refrigeration during warm weather, creating a potential health hazard if oysters were not eaten when harvested.

In the past, Florida law has as a conservation measure protected our bumpy-shelled friends by closing the local season from June 1 to Sept. 1 of each year.

Oyster lovers take heart! This year a law has been signed to allow portions of Appalachiola Bay to be open all summer. Certain restrictions will still be imposed as to size and number taken. The State Department of Natural Resources can supply you with more information. (Crown Building, Tallahassee, 32304)

They can also supply you with free oystering permits—might be a fun thing to do on your vacation.

Some folks just can't bear the thought of eating the poor oyster. This column is not dedicated to them, but rather to those of us who conjure up visions of pure gastronomic bliss at the mental image of an oyster stew, oysters on the half shell, oysters parmesan, grilled, served with steak or maybe best of all... roasted.

Picture, if you will, a setting sun (perhaps on your backyard dock or secluded picnic spot on a local island). You have wisely purchased many dozen oysters, have loaves of warm

garlic bread, a salad and perhaps some wine, good friends who appreciate good food—the setting for an oyster roast.

Sound delicious? Well, it is! Not only does it taste good, it smells fantastic.

Oysters are some of the meanest fellows around when it comes to opening up their homes. They believe more strongly in the right to privacy than their friends the clam.

Opening an oyster can be mighty hard on the hands unless you are expert at it. Here's a tip for easier opening:

Put in a 400-degree oven for five minutes, then drop in ice water. The heat will relax the muscle, yet the shell is so heavy that it will not affect the oyster itself. Chilling in the freezer also helps.

## THE DEFINITIVE OYSTER STEW

36 oysters  
3 large potatoes  
4 onions  
4 carrots  
5 cups milk, heated to just under boiling  
salt, pepper, paprika to taste  
butter patties

Clean and thinly slice potatoes, onions, and carrots. Cook in water just to cover about 20 minutes or until tender. Add 36 oysters, shucked and cook them until the edges begin to curl. Pour in the hot milk and season to taste. Dot the top with patties of butter and sprinkle with paprika. Serve immediately with 'oyster crackers.'

## OYSTER ROAST

6 oysters for each guest (at least)  
melted butter and-or cocktail sauce



Wash oyster shells thoroughly. Place oysters on grill about four inches from hot coals. Roast for 10 or 15 minutes or until shells begin to open. Serve in shells with melted butter or cocktail sauce. You'll never have enough for true oyster lovers.

## OYSTERS GRILLED (English Style)

6 oysters (at least) for each guest  
2 Tbsp. butter  
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce for each 6 oysters

Melt butter with Worcestershire sauce. Open oysters and leave them in deep shells. Pour sauce over, season with salt and pepper. Set under broiler about five minutes and serve with lemon wedges.

## OYSTERS PARMESAN

36 oysters shucked  
Parmesan cheese, grated  
3 eggs  
3 Tbsp. cream  
Fine bread crumbs

Dry the oysters and roll in Parmesan cheese. Dip them in mixture of eggs beaten with cream and then in fine bread crumbs. Put them on paper toweling on a rack to allow the coating to set. Melt enough butter in a skillet to cover the bottom about ¼ inch deep. Saute the oysters until they are lightly browned and just beginning to crisp. About two minutes on each side.

Serve very hot with wedges of lemon and-or melted butter with lemon juice added. Don't plan for leftovers, as there won't be any.

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# "Captiva" reborn and rec

by Rich Arthurs

Not since last year's break-up of the original Captiva Band have the sounds of home-grown Island rock and roll been heard between South Seas Plantation and the Sanibel Lighthouse.

Known far and wide for unique shells, wildlife and tranquility, the Islands have tended traditionally to discourage the livelier forms of art and entertainment such as that embodied in the often pulsating rhythms of rock and roll music.

Within the past week, however, a fresh, new musical sound has been heard on Sanibel coming from Lowdin Hall in the old CasaBel Resort on Gulf Drive, where in the past eminent scientists from all over the world have met to discuss quantum theories, and where last week a group of three excellent young musicians was rehearsing for their Island, and perhaps national, debut.

While the band includes only one member whose roots on the Islands go back more than a few months, their sound and style of music was nevertheless spawned by scenes of Island life and is as unique to Sanibel and Captiva as the sensitive tropical environment which draws thousands of visitors annually to Island shores.

The group's leader and founder, Dan Morgan, hails from Cincinnati, Ohio, although he has spent the majority of his 29 years living in Kentucky. Morgan's formal credentials for his present calling include a degree in Fine Arts, and it becomes apparent after even a brief conversation with Dan that his life's goal is the active pursuit of the art and music which he loves.

For a time, Dan Morgan taught Art in the Cincinnati public school system. Later, he worked for two years as an attendant in a hospital to fulfill the terms of his conscientious objector deferment from the military draft, although he never stopped playing music in his spare moments.

Dan admitted last week that he first took up his chosen instrument, the guitar, as a junior high school student back in the pre-Beatles era of Buddy Holly and Chuck Berry.

Earlier in this decade, Dan Morgan was a member of the Apple Butter Band which toured the United States from The Troubadour in Los Angeles to Bangor, Maine, doing club dates and concerts which such prominent recording artists as the Beach Boys, Barry Manilow, George Carlin and

Earl Scruggs, among others.

In recent years, Dan worked the club circuit as a solo artist in the Cincinnati area until about three months ago, when he agreed to fill in for a friend's weekend performing engagement at the King's Crown dining room at South Seas Plantation, which was enough to persuade Dan Morgan to make the Islands his home.

In the music business especially, one thing leads to another, and Dan's one-shot weekend gig evolved into a month-long engagement at South Seas, where his lyrical compositions and funky arrangements of standard folk-rock tunes drew enthusiastic crowds night after night.

While playing at South Seas, Dan met Island musicians Michael Latona, prime mover in the original Captiva Band, and drummer Paul Caron, a member of the band called Natchez Trace which kept the Sanibel Inn rocking for a few months last summer prior to the group's dissolution.

Through Michael Latona, Morgan met Peter Graves, a band leader-musician from the Miami area whose horn arrangements were featured on the last two Bee Gees' albums and other recordings, and whose orchestra, "The Bonaroos," has appeared with major touring acts such as Frank Sinatra, Linda Ronstadt, Paul Anka and others at shows in Miami and Ft. Lauderdale.

After Graves had heard Dan Morgan's solo act at South Seas and decided to record enough of Morgan's material to cut an album, Dan enlisted Caron and Latona as sidemen for the upcoming recording session, although Latona has subsequently opted for a trip to the Virgin Islands instead of the musician's life and has left Morgan's new band.

An Island resident, artist, musician and photographer for many years, Latona will still be making guest appearances with the group from time to time, according to Dan Morgan.

Morgan's choice for his drummer, Paul Caron, is a 26 year-old musician from Cleveland, Ohio, who has lived on the Islands off and on now for the past few years.

Paul's musical training evolved during his high school years in Cleveland, where he mastered many types of percussion instruments while playing in high school orchestras, stage bands, dance bands, and at night, rock bands in Cleveland coffeehouses.

During the height of psychedelia in



Island musicians par excellence, the recently formed "Dan Morgan and Captiva" took time out from their rehearsals last week at Casa Bel Resort to pose for an ISLANDER photographer.

The band, which includes leader-

composer Dan Morgan, bassist Cliff Mayhugh, and drummer Paul Caron, is off for a recording session in Miami this week and will be opening as house band at the Island Resort on August 24.

(Islander Photo by Rich Arthurs)

the late sixties, Paul's local band was booked as a warm-up act for Cleveland-area appearances of such rock heavies as Blood, Sweat and Tears, Canned Heat, Jeff Beck, and the legendary Velvet Underground.

In the early seventies, Paul moved to New England and settled for a time in Maine, where he joined a band called "Home Brew" which toured throughout New England and much of southeastern Canada.

Paul eventually moved to Montreal and continued playing in local bands while taking music courses at Loyola College.

Paul says he has been "hibernating mostly" since Natchez Trace broke up last summer. He returned to the Island just recently from an extended leave of absence in Tampa.

To round out the nucleus of his new band, Morgan called upon bassist Cliff Hayhugh, whom he has known since their mutual childhood in Kentucky, to become an Islander.

Born in nearby Sarasota, Cliff Mayhugh grew up in Independence, Kentucky, and has managed in his 24 years to accumulate more formal training in music than even the above-average rock musician.

Cliff began his musical career playing the string bass while still in elementary school, and has continued his education through a long train of high school and later college orchestras and bands.

After completing his studies of music at Eastern Kentucky University, Cliff, too, toured widely on the club circuit with a variety of groups and has amassed some experience in studio

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# Recording with Dan Morgan

work. Among other credits, Clif's driving bass-lines can be heard in the theme song for the nationally syndicated "Donahue!" television show.

Mayhugh, like Morgan, is nothing if not a versatile musician. Aside from electric and string bass, Clif performs admirably on guitar, trombone, trumpet, tuba, sings and will be assisting Morgan with composing some of the group's material.

Morgan's musical range includes expertise on electric and acoustic guitars, twelve-string guitar, and the Appalachian dulcimer, not to mention a fine vocal range and rich, moving voice.

When we interviewed the band during a rehearsal at CasaBel last Thursday, Clif Mayhugh had only been on the Islands and playing with the group for two days, but already their sound was smooth, full and complex, indicative of coming brilliance, and Clif was ecstatic with "Island Fever," in the sense of the teeshirt logo created by Island artist Molly Eckler Brown.

"I've got a bad case of Island fever," laughed Clif, and Dan Morgan was quick to agree.

Also laughing, drummer Caron asked only to be remembered to his mother in the article.

Despite Island fever and occasional uncontrollable outbursts of levity, the newly-met threesome rehearsed intently throughout last week for their impending recording session at Triad Studios in Ft. Lauderdale.

They were to have left for the east coast this week, and Morgan an-

ticipates that it will require over two weeks in the studio to get a half-dozen of his compositions on tape with the degree of perfection he demands in his music.

Morgan and Peter Graves will be co-producers for the session, and the resulting tapes will feature overdubbed horn arrangements composed and performed by Graves and his band.

Following the session, the group will be returning to the Islands for their August 24 debut at CasaBel. According to Morgan, his new band has been hired to be the house-band at CasaBel for the coming season, where they will appear Wednesdays through Sundays throughout the winter.

Their repertoire includes Dan's interesting and unusual arrangements of popular folk tunes by the Beatles,

Paul Simon, Joni Mitchell, Bob Dylan, Randy Newman, Jimmy Buffet and others, as well as a good selection of his original compositions, which, for want of better words, he describes as "love songs and other tunes which deal with the human condition."

Morgan said that he hopes eventually to add another musician to his band, although if the inveterate ISLANDER art critic is any judge of rock music, and we believe he is, Dan's current personnel produces the finest sounds ever heard on the Islands, no doubt, since Ponce de Leon took the first nude dive into the waters off Bowman's Beach.

As of last week, the three musicians had not firmly decided on a name for themselves, although they were seriously toying with the idea of calling the band "Dan Morgan and Captiva," with Michael Latona's kind permission.

"The underlying purpose of this project is to put out a really positive kind of energy," said Morgan in trying to explain his attraction to the name, Captiva.

"You can do a lot of things to make money, but we want to put out good feelings," Morgan continued, "and the Islands are just full of them."

"These two Islands are an incredible place, an amazing human and natural environment: one of the warmest, friendliest places I've ever been in my life!" he added.

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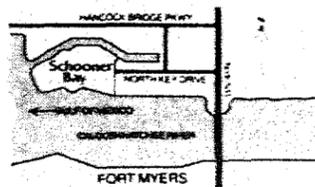
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Roofs have been installed over each of the bleachers to protect onlookers from sun and rain, windows installed in the press box, the field



mowed and the dugout doors were moved to eliminate any possibility of bat boys being hit with flying bats.

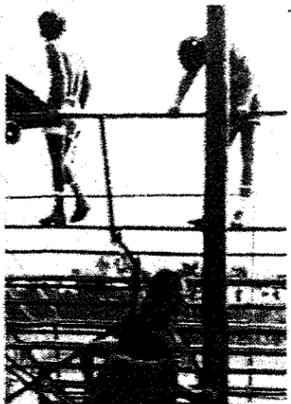
A volleyball court was also installed so volleyball fans are all set. One ball will be left in the field locker, according to Dick Muench, who said he expects that most people will bring their own as the game gets rolling.

No teams have been set up to date. It is expected that when enough people get together, a league will form just as the softball leagues were started.

The field looks like a million dollars and the ISLANDER'S congratulations and ap-

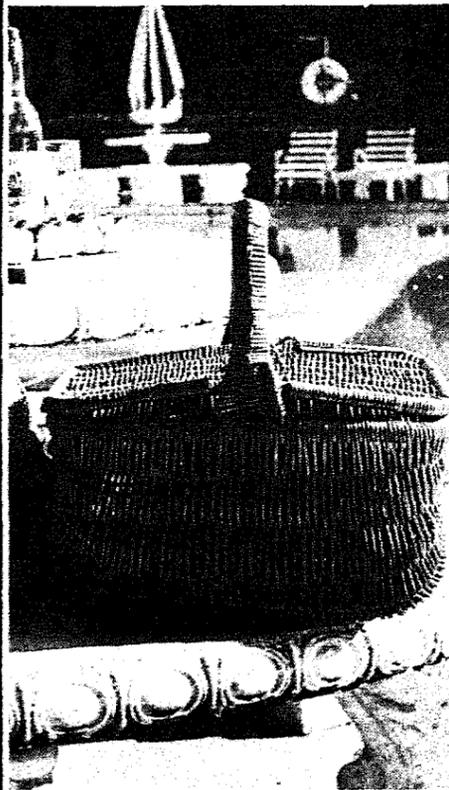


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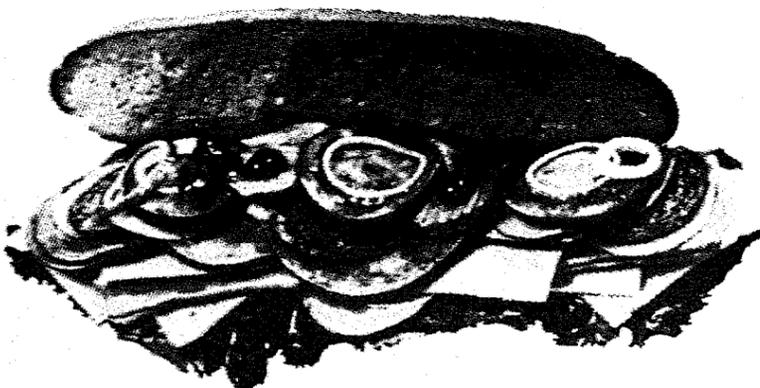
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9:10 a.m. 3. Planning Commission Report.

9:45 a.m. 4. Consider approving an Emergency Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 75-32; Imposing a Vehicular Weight Restriction upon the Streets and Roads of Sanibel; Altering the Speed Limits Along Periwinkle Way, Palm Ridge Road and Sanibel-Captiva Road.

First reading of a permanent Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 75-32; Imposing a Vehicular Weight Restriction upon Certain Streets and Roads of Sanibel and Establishing Speed Limits on all Streets and Roads Within the City of Sanibel.

10:00 a.m. 5. County Attorney, Jim Humphrey, Re: Adopting Resolutions and Interlocal Agreements relating to Sanibel Causeway Bond Issue.

10:45 a.m. 6. Report by Council ad hoc Committee for Site Selection of a Municipal Complex.

10:45 a.m. 7. City Attorney's Report.

11:00 a.m. 8. City Manager's Report.

11:15 a.m. 9. Mayor and Councilmen Reports.

11:45 a.m. 10. Public Inquiries and Comments.

12:00 Noon Recess for Lunch.

1:30 p.m. 11. Public Hearing and First Reading of an

Ordinance Specifically Amending Ordinance No. 76-21; The Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Sections 3.2.3: Permitted Uses Map, and 3.3.4: Commercial Uses for the purpose of clarifying and/or adjusting boundaries of commercial properties. The Official Lee County Tax Map for the north half of Section 25 (indicated as Map 5) as modified to indicate commercial use property boundaries and on file at the Sanibel City Hall, shall constitute the official commercial use property designations. The area affected by the amendment request includes the following parcels of land as they appear on Map 5: Parcels No. 10, 11, 12, 13, 13.1, 14 and 15, Section 25, Township 46 South, Range 22 East, Sanibel, Lee County, Florida.

Recess

3:00 p.m. 12. Reconvene at Sanibel Community Association Building for first reading of a proposed Ordinance adopting Council policy regarding the issuance of building permits.

adjournment

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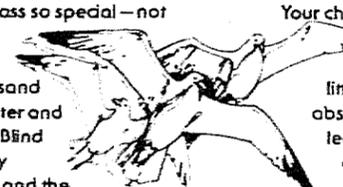
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## Islanders at work and play

by Gwen Stevenson

The Bissell family has been active lately—Steve, in ROTC, has been in Texas and the Carolinas spending time on a submarine and currently attending jump school. The senior Bissells just returned from a two-week trip home to Indiana but cut their vacation short because of the heat in the midwest. The Kiwanians are no doubt glad to have Don back to help bolster their softball strength.

The American Legion wants to remind everyone that there is still Murex every Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. with a \$100 jackpot. Come the middle of August there will be a time change and some promotional "specials" so watch the ISLANDER for details.

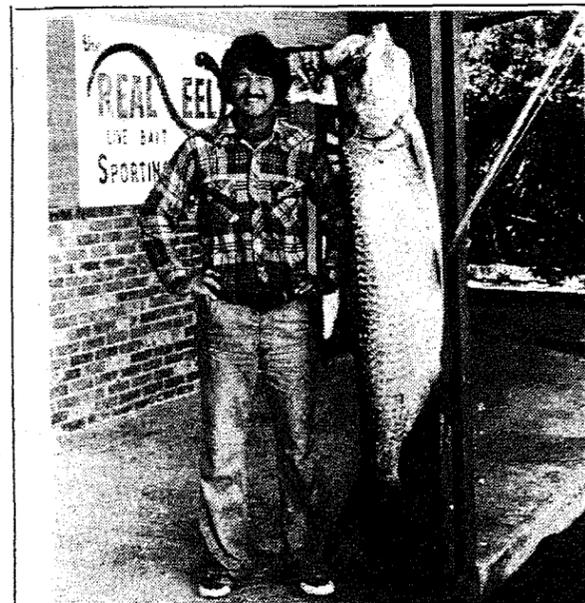
The branch of the Service most familiar to Islanders is probably the Coast Guard, whose help is always welcome in searching for lost swimmers, boats and various other and sundry aquatic commodities. They, the oldest of the services, celebrate their birthday this Thursday, August 4. What is the local Coast Guard doing that day? Taking a busman's holiday and going out on the water—fishing!

Mignon Derbes from Metiere, L.A. celebrated her twelfth birthday last Sunday at Loggerhead Cay. This is the Derbes family's first trip

to the Islands, but Mrs. Derbes tells us she loves it and they will be back. Although the Derbes have seven children, only Tom (15) and Michael (14) are along with Mignon. Four of the other Derbes are expected to join the birthday girl for a trip to Disney World. We hope your day was a very happy one, Mignon!

An evening graduation ceremony was held recently by the Community Church Vacation Bible School on Sanibel. During the ceremony, the classes sang hymns and recited Bible verses.

Certificates were awarded for attendance and for completion of the ten-day course.



Speaking of fishing, Wyman Atkins proudly displays his 85-pound, five-foot tarpon caught last Thursday. Wyman isn't saying exactly where—down by the old log, is as close as he'll come—but he did tell that he caught it with a top water plug on an 18-lb. line from the Reel Eel whilst wading in the Bay. The time of the catch was 7 a.m.

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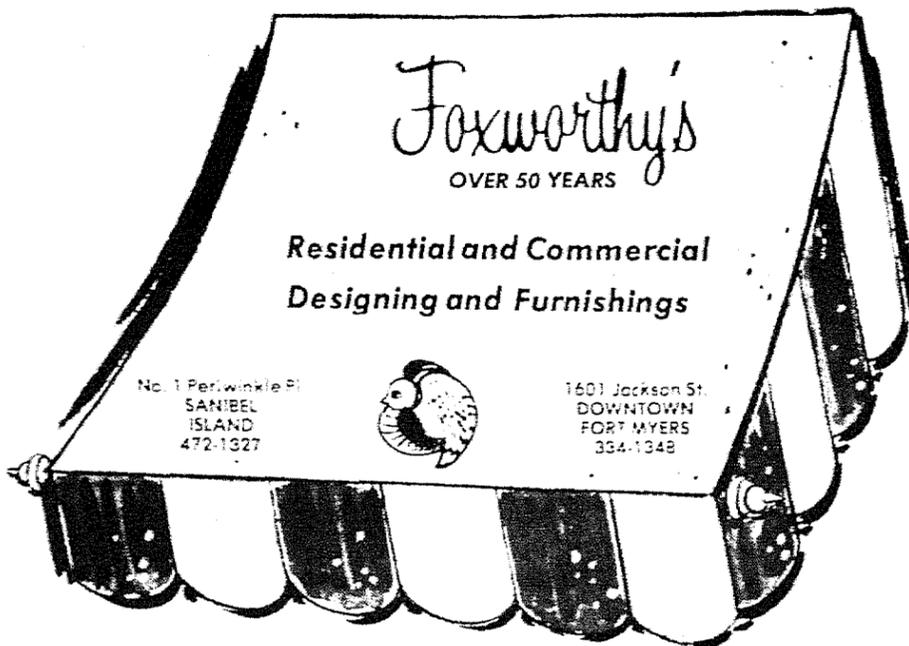
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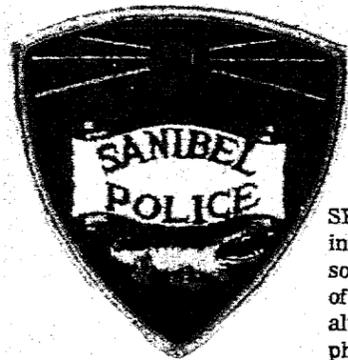
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# Police reports

SPD patrolmen, the inebriated Island visitor soon coughed up the amount of his tab at the bar, although SPD was forced to physically restrain the man from reentering the lounge in contravention of the owner's wishes.

Complainant called the station to report that a large Island dog well known to SPD was bothering her smaller, more genteel pup.

SPD immediately notified the owner of the disorderly dog to secure her pet, while at the same time warning her that her pet will be impounded if another complaint is received concerning the dog's behavior.

An hysterical Island mother called the station last week to report that her teenage daughter was missing in the company of teenage boys from the neighborhood.

But before they could arrive on the scene, patrolmen dispatched to investigate the matter were notified that the prodigal daughter had returned and the mother was satisfied.

And so it goes with mothers and daughters (especially the teenage variety).

SPD received one report last week of swimmers who seemed in danger of drifting out to sea off an Island beach, but before SPD could react, the complainant called back to report that

the swimmers had landed on a sandbar and were no longer in danger of drowning.

SPD received a report of children feeding and molesting alligators near an Island condominium last week. Complainant said that the children's parents seemed unwilling to control their offspring and that the youths would not heed a bit of friendly advice from anyone else.

Patrolmen dispatched to the scene informed the youngsters that feeding and tampering with alligators is most assuredly against the law, not to mention an excellent way to lose a finger, hand, arm, leg or child altogether, which are considered rare delicacies by some local gators who know the ropes.

SPD received a complaint via CB radio relay of an unknown motorcyclist running over alligators and doing wheelies in the sand along the Sanctuary road behind the Sanibel Elementary School.

In short order, a Sanibel patrolman had traversed the entire length of the road from one end of the Sanctuary to the other, but no motorcyclist or mangled alligators could be found.

Complainant called the station to report that a bolt of lightning had struck close to her house and knocked out the circuit breakers in her home. Upon throwing the breakers back on, she said she smelled fire and

requested the assistance of the Sanibel Fire Department.

Before fireman could reach the scene, however, complainant called back to report that her television set had burned up.

She stated that everything was under control, albeit Johnny Carson's face looked somewhat singed.

Patrolmen felt that justice had been done, as it was probably one of Johnny's off-color opening jokes that had caused the conflagration.

SPD dispatcher Hap Payne sent a patrolman to Timmy's Nook last week to look into a report of a large ice chest abandoned in the driveway.

The patrolman's investigation of the matter revealed that the ice chest did, in fact, belong to one Hap Payne, who remembered that he had left it there to be cleaned by rain.

As the chest posed no threat to life or property, it was left at the spot to be cleaned.

A complainant called the station to report that he had seen a suspicious car parked near an Island beach containing a trunk-load of sea oats.

Patrolman dispatched to the scene of the complaint located the suspicious car, but found it to contain only one sea oat.

Whether or not the suspect had disposed of the alleged remainder of the contraband by cooking up a batch of rolled oats is still unknown, although the officer informed the suspect of the state law prohibiting the picking of sea oats.

In Florida, little credence is attributed to the advertisement: "Nothing is better for thee than me."

Last week, SPD received a call from an Island druggist reporting that a young man had asked him to fill a suspicious prescription for narcotics.

SPD contacted the physician whose signature was on the prescription, and he verified that the prescription was a forgery.

The suspect was apprehended elsewhere on the Island and was subsequently escorted to Lee County Jail.

Thanks to last week's sultry weather and full moon, notorious for in-

tensifying bizarre or criminal behavior, the past week has been an awfully busy one for SPD and other emergency services on the Islands.

Aside from the individual cases detailed above, SPD answered nine various and sundry calls for assistance last week, assisted in one domestic problem, investigated two traffic accidents, issued three traffic citations, sought and recovered one stolen boat, quieted one barking dog, and was called upon to secure only one Island business left unlocked by its owner.

Additionally, SPD investigated two complaints of bad checks being passed on the Islands. One of the rubber checks was in the amount of \$550, while the other was only a \$28 overdraw.

The Sanibel Fire Department answered four calls for fire-control assistance last week, while emergency medical technicians on the Island were called into action three times.

And you thought these Islands were quiet?

Last week, Sanibel patrolmen assisted Lee County Sheriff's deputies in serving a warrant issued in Pinellas County on a man staying on the Islands.

The man was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and booked into Lee County Jail.

A complainant came to station with a dog which had been disturbing the customers in an Island eatery in tow.

A check of city dog licenses revealed the owner of the unruly pet, who was immediately notified of the wayward behavior of his canine friend.

A humane complainant called SPD last week to report an injured cat along an Island road.

Officers dispatched to the scene found the cat suffering and crying, its hindquarters crushed by a car evidently.

As no veterinarians were available at the time, patrolmen took the hapless tabby to one of the remoter areas of the Island and put the feline out of its misery.

An Island tavernkeeper called SPD last week to complain of a rowdy patron who seemed adamant about paying his bill, which amounted to \$14.

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# Field notes

by Fleur

by Fleur Weymouth

I hope to touch on lots of things in this column in the weeks to come, and I hope you'll write in to tell us your thoughts.

"Nature." The word covers a lot of ground. Trees, toads, weeds, roads, water, windmills, sunshine, snakes. 'Gators, gorillas, snooks and snappers. Men and manatees, mosquitoes, waders... the list continues endlessly.

Some of us try our best to screen out as much of nature as we can from our lives. We buy cans of insecticide to slaughter the bugs around our houses, write annoyed letters to the editor when we run into a 'gator doing his thing in a parking lot on Sanibel, cover all the green growing things in our yards with heavy black plastic and stones, close all the windows, and insulate ourselves from the living green world outside.

Others choose the other extreme. They let their closely-clipped yards grow up to weeds and bushes so birds can eat seeds, eliminate the aerosol cans from our shopping lists, and look on sugar ants as part of the scene.

We live close by many living creatures, although we often see them during the daytime after we run over them with our cars. Armadillos, raccoons, possums, snakes, frogs, birds of all kinds. Wild creatures live, if they can, in gaps, in places we don't go. Adam Smith found 40-50 Gopher Tortoises within a few blocks of his home, and this included a rattler resting quietly in one of the holes. Last year a 'gator nested within eight feet of Island Inn Road. Not one person noticed it, until— (That's for another column, coming up soon on 'gators.)

Why not just forget about these creatures and go on drinking our mint juleps? What is our place in nature?

In his book "Lives of a Cell," Lewis Thomas calls man 'handyman for the earth,' and says, wondering: "This might turn out to be a special phase in the morphogenesis of the earth when it is necessary to have something like us, for a time anyway, to fetch and carry energy, look after new symbiotic arrangements, store up information for some future season, do a certain amount of ornamenting, maybe even carry seeds around the solar system. That kind of thing. Handyman for the earth... I would much prefer this useful role, if I had any say, to the essentially unearthly creature we seem otherwise on the way to becoming. It would mean making some quite fun-

damental changes in our attitudes toward each other, if we were really to think of ourselves as indispensable elements of nature..."

I think wild creatures take themselves more seriously than we take ourselves. Maybe that's what we respond to in them. From the number of phone calls we get about them, it seems that contact with a wild being touches something in us that maybe brings back some ancestral memories of the days when we also had to forage. Not that we don't, now. It's just that shopping in a local market is mighty different from gathering roots, berries, seaweeds, shellfish and the like. The first is secondhand, the second is firsthand, and we obviously feel safer doing things secondhand. But there's something missing. When my father-in-law bags a beautiful early-morning snook, that's firsthand stuff. His face tells me so. And I think many people feel fortunate, as we do, when they have this contact with nature.

For example, my husband and I have been involved working with a delicate little bird called the Least Tern. Least Terns are the smallest tern you see along the beach. Terns have forked tails and dive in the water. Gulls have rounded tails and do not dive. Least Terns are a whitish-purple Martin-sized bird, with a black cap and a yellow bill. They often hover before plunging into the water after minnows, their main diet. They'll divebomb you if you get too close to their nests. Eight of us were repeatedly divebombed last Sunday, because we were out with Bill Ihle, banding newly-hatched chicks on a sandspit at the southern tip of Estero Island, which the terns are using as their rookery this year. Several of us were also the recipients of very well and deliberately aimed wads of "doodly-do!"

A month ago, my husband and I staked off the rookery at Fort Myers Beach with stakes provided free by Hamilton Lumber Company, and surveyor's red tape provided by Cadastral Surveyors Co. (The signs we put up were read by people passing by, and they kept out, and left the birds to raise their young.)

Starting on Sunday last, and continuing for several days, Bill Ihle banded 65 Least Tern chicks and 41 Black Skimmer chicks, with the help of Richard Beebe, Tom Carberry, Al and Mildred Emrick, Laurie Ihle, Andrew Lile, Adam Smith, George and myself. We spread out in a line (of sorts) and slowly walked over the



dunes. Normally, Least Terns nest in May. Perhaps due to the severe cold last winter, their food supply has not been available until now, and now, two months later, there are still freshly-laid tiny speckled eggs right in the small depressions, and newly-hatched to week-and-a-half old chicks, plus many chicks already flying. Keith Carstens was there also, marking off nests with eggs in them.

Last year Keith kept detailed notes on each nest. This year, he counted 13 nests on June 9th (his first day of observation), and 36 nests the next day, June 10th! At one point, he counted 155 nests with eggs in them, almost half of which were lost during the severe high tide and four-inch rains and wind awhile back. This is possibly one reason why the birds are still attempting to nest.

We all walked over the sand with great care, cautiously studying the area in front of us before we made our next step, where the eggs and young are extremely well camouflaged. They are almost exactly the color of the grainy sand. During mid-day, the chicks can often be found hiding in the shade at the edge of grass clumps.

We went there as early in the morning as we could, and again in the evening. If eggs and chicks are disturbed during the day's strong heat, the eggs will cook, and die. The person who takes a shortcut through this area in mid-day probably doesn't realize how many birds he's killing. But it appeared that no one other than ourselves had walked through, and we are

very grateful to the people who acknowledged our signs and detoured around the surveyor ribbons.

Least Terns trying to nest at the turnoff to Shell Point Village have not been as fortunate. Least Terns like to nest on sandy areas such as a bare area by a borrow pit pond as this particular place is, and in spite of signs and red surveyor's tape blocking off this area as a bird nesting site, hot rodders have come roaring in and have literally run over signs, crushed eggs and young and destroyed countless chicks.

No Least Terns have been found nesting on the Islands this summer, possibly because the only two rookeries that were discovered last summer were thoughtlessly destroyed.

As a result of human intrusion such as this, this species has vacated some of its former nesting sites, and are now nesting on rooftops, where they will not be disturbed. Dr. Herbert Kale, head of the Florida Ornithological Society, is documenting this unique behavior, and several stores (including a large Sears Warehouse in North Florida) are even adding edges to their rooftops so the little eggs will not roll off.

(Ed. Note: Fleur Weymouth first came to the Islands eleven years ago and is a professional observer of nature and its wonders. She met husband George, a noted Island naturalist, on a birding tour—naturally!

They were married in 1975 and are Sanibel residents. The ISLANDER welcomes Fleur, who will be a regular ISLANDER columnist on Island nature.)

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with mike fuery

I like those crazy moments that come from time to time on the water, which, when recalled, always evoke a good laugh, a chill or a slightly embarrassing incident.

One which happened a few days ago went something like this: My wife and I were escorting a shelling party on Upper Captiva Island early in the morning and we had three ladies aboard from Texas. They were not so sure that wading along the beaches for shells was a good idea, because of the many "creatures" which could be found there. Naturally, I assured them that I wouldn't be out there with them if there were any danger. We went on for a couple of hours, leaving our boat on one side of the Island, while we wandered away. We collected what we wanted and returned to the boat and came back to the marina.

There was a large standing around Tween Waters Marina when we tied up and we went down to see what was causing all the commotion. What was drawing the attention was a 200-pound-plus shark—one of the largest I've ever seen taken from the area.

The teenager who brought the monster in from the Gulf came up and said in a loud voice, "I brought him up to the beach right next to your boat." (He was dead, of course!)

I thought my three ladies from Texas were going to fall through the dock—they had been wading and swimming next to the boat a short time before that big shark was caught!

As you know, I like fishing stories and particularly ones that are true. This one happened to have a happy ending. It seems that a couple from the Midwest were down here and had

each brought their mothers with them. The younger couple was getting a little perplexed as to what to do to keep the grandmothers entertained, so they all decided to go fishing.

The four found a guide and headed out. On the way the oldest of the grandmothers, about 80, took the time to recount the days of her earliest recollections when, up in Michigan, she had fished with other kids for bullheads. Did she still remember what a bite feels like?

Well, she guessed she could manage. Did she know how to use one of those new fangled fishing reels—the spinning reels—with the handle on the wrong side, for Heaven's sake! Well, she guessed she might get the hang of it if the guide would quit asking foolish questions and bait her hook!

You want to guess who caught the first fish? Wanna guess who caught the largest and the most fish for the day? Granny was beaming as her son and daughter-in-law, and grandmother number two, lost their bait.

The only problem came when a couple of saltwater catfish were landed and the guide tossed them back. Hey, aren't we going to eat them, they look like bullheads, she demanded. Told that there are better eating fish in the waters, Granny accepted that and settled down to horsing in a few hefty jacks before calling it a day. That is after she tossed down a couple of cold beers. A person can build up a thirst when teaching the youngsters a thing or two about fishing.

And that's a perfectly true story too!

Last week we had a few friends visit from Alabama—they sure talk funny and wear funny

looking socks—stop by for a week. The point is, they learned to snorkel dive for shells for the first time and kept me laughing for hours as they discovered the truly fascinating sport of free-diving the flats.

They were all pretty, young women and three of them were wearing contact lenses. Can we dive with contacts on? Why not? I took the first two over the side in waist-deep water, and in five minutes had taught them how to breathe through the snorkel and how to use the mask and fins. They were on their own and I climbed back into the boat. They went off in separate directions, enchanted with the fish, the shells, the waving underseas grass and the new feeling of being totally free under the water.

A short time later there came two frightening screams. My God, I remember thinking, have they found a shark or a ray?

Then the two stood up, now an arm's length away from each other—they were laughing hysterically.

What had happened was they each went in a large circle, intent on what was below them on the sand, and then accidentally came together—scaring the hell out of each other underwater!

As I said, I like fun sea stories for a change from the ever-present dangers boaters, divers and swimmers face. There is so much to learn and there has never been a single day on the water when I didn't learn something from the sea and the people on it. Have a good, safe week out there in the days to come.

(Mike Fuery is captain of Captiva Charters, offering sailing and fishing out of Tween Waters Marina, Captiva, Florida.)

# From deep centerfield

Hi, Sports Fans!

An interesting meeting of the Island softballers was held last week at the American Legion Hall. Presiding was Dick Muench, ably assisted by Phil Verdung, who, as the fire expert, was there to take care of things in case the discussions got too hot.

Some of the finer points discussed were the interpretations of the rules. It seems that most everybody decided the best course to follow would be the rule book itself. There were a few that felt we shouldn't play the game that way, but what else is new?

In a couple of hard fought games this past week, Charlie's Angels defeated ESI Eskimoes 14-12 and Weeds 'n Things won a squeaker over IWA, 12-11. Paul Formica gets the "defensive player of the week" award for his tumbling catch in left field—one of the finest plays we've seen this year.

In Thursday's action, the West Wind was blowing strongly against Timmy's Nook to the tune of 13-2 and established themselves as the power of the league.

However, Nave's plumbing are, at press time, on top of the order and cannot be considered just a flash in the, uh, pan.

But the real thriller this week — probably the best

ball all season — was a seesaw battle between the Sea Horses (with no wins) and the Lady Lions (with no losses). The Sea Horses took it 15-14. The fast pace of the play had spectators on their feet roaring for both teams. (Since sea horses don't roar, the fans had to do it for them. AND ON TO FISHING, the other great summer sport. Capt. Jerry

Way out of Tween Waters Marina, tells us that at this time of the year Tarpon, snook and trout — those who have escaped your lines thus far — have spawned out and are filtering gradually into back waters.

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Wed	3	* 3:53 AM H	10:06 AM L	* 3:41 PM H	10:42 PM L
Thu	4	* 4:20 AM H	11:05 AM L	* 4:34 PM H	11:14 PM L
Fri	5	* 4:58 AM H	12:13 PM L	5:33 PM H	11:45 PM L
Sat	6	* 5:41 AM H	1:30 PM L	6:55 PM H	---
Sun	7	12:21 AM L	* 6:34 AM H	2:52 PM L	8:43 PM H
Mon	8	1:19 AM L	** 7:34 AM H	4:12 PM L	10:28 PM H

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, subtract two (2) minutes for every low tide. (NO, we don't know why, but it works. Instructions following are even less sense-sical but as we stated, they do work.)

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

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The all-star team members will be selected by the individual teams and they will play according to regular rules, if the plans are finalized. Game times are slated to be at two and four p.m.

The sponsoring organization, the Island Reporter, will donate

trophies and each year, the winners' names will be engraved on the trophies, according to the Reporter's managing editor Mark Twombly.

There has also been some discussion by the Reporter about sponsoring a picnic in conjunction with the all-star games, according to Twombly, but that decision is still pending.

An alternative to the Labor Day date for the games would be at the end of the regular softball season.



Rod Bezanson welcomes Oscar Gavin who batted him in



## Softball meeting a hit

The regular mid-season meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Softball Association was held last week. Decisions agreed upon by those in attendance included:

A September 25 deadline for money and rosters for

October's No-See-Um classic. Team fees are \$25; individual fees are \$1. New teams are being accepted for the tournament.

Teams are limited to two balls per game; the home team supplies the Plate umpire; the visitor's supply the Base umpires. Home

teams are also responsible for lining the field and taking care of the bases.

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Rosters must be submitted 15 minutes before game time.

In case of rain, thirty minutes waiting time is allowed before the umpires decide whether or not to hold the game.

## island weather report

As compiled by Walter Klie of the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce weather station on Causeway Road, here follows the Island weather report for last week:

DATE	HI	LO	RAINFALL
July 22	92	76	None
July 23	91	78	None
July 24	(No readings taken)		
July 25	90	76	None
July 26	92	76	None
July 27	91	76	None
July 28	92	76	1.2 in.

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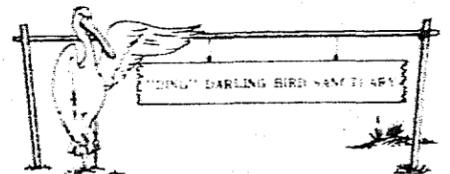
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Team	Wins	Losses
<b>Women's Division</b>		
Lady Lions	6	1
ESI	4	3
Voxes	4	3
Angels	3	4
Cedar Chest	3	4
Sea Horses	1	6
<b>Men's Division</b>		
Nave's	6	1
IWA	5	2
West Wind	5	2
Nook	4	3
Weeds 'n Things	4	3
Kiwanis	2	5
South Seas	2	5
Lions	0	7

July 25	Angels - 14	vs.	Esi - 12
July 26	Weeds 'n Things	vs.	IWA - 11
July 27	Foxes - 16	vs.	Cedar Chest - 2
July 28	West Wind - 13	vs.	Timmy's - 2
July 29	Sea Horses - 15	vs.	Lady Lions - 14
July 30	Nave's - 12	vs.	Kiwanis - 2
July 31	South Seas - 15	vs.	Kiwanis - 9
	Nave - 16	vs.	Lions - 4
	Cedar Chest - 9	vs.	Sea Horses - 3



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Officer Noon works out in preparation for the upcoming competition in the West Wind pool in

## SPD in the swim

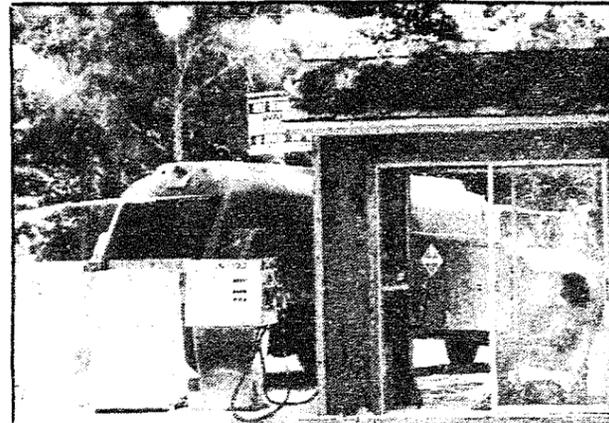
Sanibel Police Department will be sending two contestants to the South West Masters Swim Meet in Venice later this month: Sgt. Bill Trefny and Officer Dick Noon.

Noon will compete in free style and butterfly for his age group and Trefny in free style. Both are reputed to stand a good chance of winning their divisions, according to SPD sources. Noon swam competitively in high school and college and won a swimming scholar-

ship to Illinois State University. He is now 17th in the national standings.

The most dubious honor of his swimming career, according to Noon, was when he got to swim against the world's champ. The champ was already in a sweat suit getting ready to shake hands while Noon was still swimming!

Winners from the South West Open are eligible to attend the more inclusive swim meet to be held in Miami later this year.



A newly opened Phillips 66 gas station behind the Santiva Minimart is a welcome sight for Islanders and visitors alike who no longer have to worry about the long stretch between Three Star and South Seas Plantation.

The station is a self-serve, open from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. and sells regular and unleaded gas.

## Canada candidly

by Lorraine Ashford

I, candidly, used to believe firmly that there was nothing in the world that could rival the natural beauty of our Laurentian mountains, but I have to change my opinion.

Climbing higher and higher into the Adirondacks with my son-in-law enroute to a very special horse show, the views that surrounded us almost defied description (even for someone like myself who will describe anything to anyone!).

We passed the AuSable Chasm—an awesome gorge cut into the mountains and quite a tourist mecca. All along the highway were selections of motels and cottages that would appeal to all people and in all prices.

One of the restaurants that caught my eye was a posh little place called "The Steak and Stinger." My son-in-law mused that they sold you a good steak and "stung" you for the cost. Whatever, it looked like a charming place to dine.

Then, a little further along was a neat little place that

said "Big Jane's Diner." Now, I would have loved to have gone in to meet Big Jane. She's probably a little old lady from Pasadena who uses the nom-de-piume to discourage burglars.

Lake Placid is set right in the hills and it was on the other side that we finally found our destination: the horse show. The jumping wasn't too exciting at that point as the qualifying rounds were still going on but we wandered around enjoying the sight of the beautiful horses and the gals and guys in their very smark riding habits.

At one point, I was wishing I had a press card. We were in the reviewing stands where there was an open bar at one end and the menu for the evening meal was posted at the other. They were having lobster newburg among other delights.

We overheard interesting snatches of conversation from the various tables and I would have loved to have gotten a cross-section interview. Without credentials, though, it would have been construed as an invasion of privacy.

We kept waiting for

someone to ask us what horse we had entered in the competition as we trotted through the stands which were really for the owners, etc. and not the hoi poloi. I was going to say "Sanibel" but she hadn't arrived from Florida yet. I had overheard one man telling another that he was waiting for an expert "from Canada" so why couldn't I be waiting for a horse? Now, I'm just curious enough to wonder what kind of an expert this fellow from here is and it's frustrating to think that I will never know.

The winter Olympic signs were posted all along the highway and that place will be swinging then. I am not even going to try and tell you anymore—you'll just have to travel there yourselves. (The Chamber of Commerce in New York would love me, eh?)

For now, I'll say "au revoir" and return to my native land.

**Aries:** Local travel could be on the agenda for you and a partner. Attending meetings, conferences, or conventions could be to your advantage. Guard your health against the recurrence of a prior ailment.

**Taurus:** You are likely to be in the mood to invest in a new wardrobe, membership in a health club, or lessons in a favorite sport. Be extra careful to avoid minor accidents.

**Gemini:** This is a good time to initiate any sort of joint enterprise, as your efforts will be rewarded. Some of you will profit financially through your creative talents.

**Cancer:** You and your mate will start a new enterprise related to a family problem or a child's future. Aspects will tend to bring hidden things to light of day. Use common sense in matters of diet.

**Leo:** You should try for serenity and an objective outlook for your health's sake. Adverse Uranus aspects will tend to break up a relationship pattern. You will likely have contacts with people who can be helpful in your work.

**Virgo:** You will be in the mood to celebrate, but you should do it at home and not on the road. Don't take too much for granted or be too trusting of unrealistic promises, as words may overlay shaky foundations.

**Libra:** This is not a good time for you to take chances with any funds, yours or

others. Some increase is likely in your income. Don't push legal matters or allow distractions to interfere with your driving.

**Scorpio:** You stand to gain now through partnership, or mate or associates. Be wary of sales pitches or extravagant spending. This is not a favorable time for rehashing old grievances or for discussing touchy subjects.

**Sagittarius:** There may be a connection between your income and travel or legal procedures this month, so a trip you take could be financially motivated. Those married should have seen a definite improvement in this relationship.

**Capricorn:** You will see a happy development in your love life or an intriguing new meeting. Aspects favor long-range monetary and career plans and any kind of financial security program.

**Aquarius:** You could do a lot of thinking or talking about health matters. Impulsive action regarding your work or career will not pay off, so resist it. This is a good aspect for creative expression in your work, however.

**Pisces:** Don't count on your plans going according to schedule as there could be interference with transportation or the arrival of guests. In general, domestic and property interests are favored now, and some will move.

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