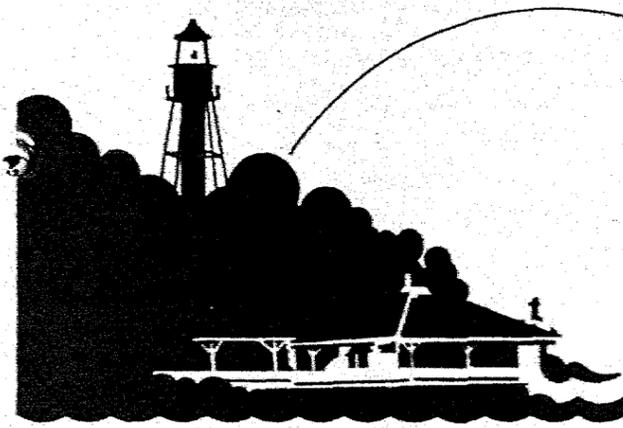


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elections today

sanibel's first mayor steps down

by rich arthurs

Sanibel city councilmen will face a tough decision at the outset of their regular meeting today, December 6, in MacKenzie Hall.

Ever since the city council's initial organizational meeting on December 16, 1974, Porter Goss has presided over the city legislature as mayor of the City of Sanibel. He has been elected mayor of Sanibel by a unanimous vote of his fellow councilmen for the past three years.

The council holds an annual election for the posts of mayor and vice-mayor at about the time of the anniversary of their formation each December. They are scheduled to reenact this annual ritual at the beginning of their meeting this morning in city hall, but this year city fathers will not be able to follow their accustomed routine of voting Porter Goss the ceremonial chieftain of the Island city.

Goss announced last Thursday that he is abdicating the mayor's chair in favor of one of his fellow councilmen. He said further that he will not make any suggestions as to which of his four co-councilmen should fill his shoes in the coming year.

"I feel that it would be unfair for me to pick a successor, so I will not offer a nomination at Tuesday's meeting," Goss said last week.

The mayor explained his reasons for resigning in a press release issued last Thursday.

"I have ultimately made this decision after considering many fac-

tors and I conclude that this action will be in the best interest of the community," Goss stated.

"I do not think the city's charter intends that one individual monopolize the mayor's job year after year, nor do I think it proper for one individual to do so under the normal functioning of a council-city manager government such as we have," Goss continued. "I fear that longevity in the mayor's office at a minimum tends to negate the concept of the 'weak mayor' and, more seriously, could eventually undermine the smooth functioning of the city manager and his staff."

One administrative problem that has troubled the city government throughout its three-year existence is the chain of command in city hall. The city's charter calls for the council to address itself primarily to legislative matters, while the city manager is charged with the responsibility of managing the city's administrative operations.

Goss said that on too many occasions in past years Islanders have brought the city's administrative problems to

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doctor charged in visitor's death

Four people, two of whom were complete strangers to each other and two who knew each other only slightly came together on Sanibel last Thursday evening. None of the four lives would be the same again. By the end of the evening, one man was dead and a second one was charged with second degree murder - a life and career in shreds.

Dr. Leslie McClimans of Clearwater was attending an osteopathic convention at South Seas Plantation last week. He told Sanibel Police that his

wife was to have joined him but her car had broken down enroute. After dinner at the Plantation Dr. McClimans apparently travelled down the Island stopping off at the Mucky Duck and Timmy's Nook.

The same evening, the deceased, Milton John Leake of Cincinnati, Ohio went to Chez Rondelet for dinner, accidentally meeting an old friend. During the course of their dinner, they espied a lady who was by herself and invited her to join them. She refused but did join them after dinner. The trio

wished to go dancing and first tried the Ramada Inn, which was closed. They then stopped off at the condominium at Sunset South where Leake was staying. They decided then to go to the Sanibel Inn with Leake travelling with the lady, also an Island visitor.

At the Inn, they apparently met Dr. McClimans who stopped by their table to chat and then joined them. According to Sanibel Inn personnel, Dr.

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activities

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mayor

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the mayor's office for remedial action, rather than taking administrative matters to the city manager, as is stipulated in the city charter and the council's adopted policies. On some occasions this has resulted in breakdowns in the city's chain of command and has disrupted the smooth functioning of the city government.

"There's no question that the city manager has always run this administration, and I've got to say that our city manager has done a great job," Goss commented. "One of my biggest problems as mayor has been trying to stay out of the city manager's way."

Goss said last week that his increasingly hectic schedule over the past few years also played a minor part in his decision to step down.

Over and above his duties as a city councilman and busy ceremonial role as mayor of Sanibel, Goss serves on an impressive number of state and local advisory committees. The mayor's current committee responsibilities include a seat on the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization, the state's 701 Advisory Committee, the state's Tourist Tax Investigation Committee, a vice-chairmanship on the Florida League of Cities' Committee on Environmental Quality, as well as a seat on the state's Coastal Zone Management Committee which is charged with formulating a plan for the management of Florida's hundreds of miles of coastline.

Goss also serves on the board of directors for the Canterbury School in Fort Myers and the Lee County Mental Health Center.

"It has required a tremendous amount of homework and I've been over-busy for a long time," Goss said of his ambitious work schedule of recent years. "I think it's somebody else's turn to take over the mayor's ceremonial duties."

"I really didn't expect to be the mayor when I was elected to the city council," Goss added, despite the fact that he gained far more votes than any other candidate in Sanibel's first council election in December of 1974. "The mayor's job carries a big image problem with it. I think it's an overrated job."

In terms of the effect his decision will have upon the city's ongoing projects and business, Goss feels the impact of his resignation will be minimal.

"As a city, I think we're in great shape right now," the mayor said. "We've got a good staff and have succeeded in maintaining a low profile government. We've come a long way in the last three years thanks to the efforts of many people."

In regard to what he foresees as the problems facing the City of Sanibel in the years ahead, Mayor Goss is by the large optimistic.

"I think we're just about over the hump of the water problem by now," Goss said. "In terms of what lies ahead, I feel strongly that now is the time for us to get a handle on the Island's growth rate."

"It has been a singular honor for me to serve as mayor during this exciting time in Sanibel's history and I owe an immeasurable debt of gratitude to the countless numbers who have so diligently supported my efforts and sustained me so well with personal encouragement," the mayor stated in announcing his resignation from the post.

As for the three years remaining in his current term as city councilman, Goss said, "While I will no longer be a 'weak mayor' I do intend to be a strong councilman and will continue to work responsibly for the best interest of our community." He holds seat number three on the city council, to which he was reelected for a four year term in November, 1976.

As Sanibel's first mayor and one of the city's foremost founding fathers, Porter Goss well deserves and will undoubtedly be accorded a prominent niche in all future histories of the Island city.

But today, Goss and his fellow councilmen face the difficult decision of choosing Sanibel's second mayor.

We hope that their choice will be able to represent Sanibel's landmark planning and environmental protection efforts as admirably as Porter Goss has done during the city's formative years.

doctor charged

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McClimans did not appear to have known any of the group prior to that time.

At the close of the evening, the lady drove Milton Leake to his residence, then was to direct Dr. McClimans back to Captiva. When they arrived at Sunset South, there appeared to be the start of an altercation between Leake and McClimans so the lady started her car and drove up Donax to wait for the doctor's arrival. When the doctor pulled up, he said he thought there was something amiss with Milton Leake.

During their trip back down Donax, to check on Leake, Patrolman Ray Rhodes, on routine patrol, followed the pair to the condominium. Upon investigating what he thought were unusual actions by the two, he found

the body of Milton Leake in the driveway at Sunset South. Leake had apparently been run over with a car; tire tracks were visible on his shirt. Dr. McClimans was placed under arrest and charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Homicide.

Witnesses at the scene said that, when McClimans' car was raised by the wrecker, traces of human tissue were visible under the car.

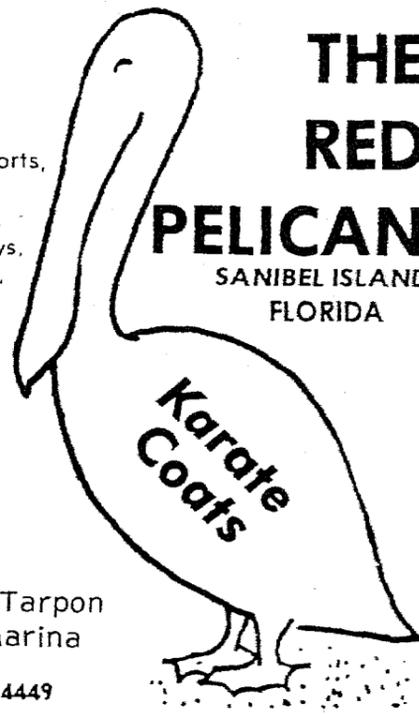
Lee County Judge James Thompson, in a preliminary hearing Friday morning, bound McClimans over on suspicion of second degree murder. McClimans later posted bail. The suspect's attorney is John Dew of St. Petersburg, Florida.

Milton Leake's body was sent to the T.P. White Funeral Home in Cincinnati, Ohio for burial in Spring Grove Cemetery.

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commentary

by gwen stevenson

Bing's special in poor taste

Not an avid television watcher, a bright-eyed Kathy Crosby reminded me on Thanksgiving Day that Bing's final Christmas special would be aired last week.

It seemed indecent not to watch this, the last effort, of a special man whose

rendition of "White Christmas" is as much a part of family Christmases fondly remembered as are sleigh rides, towering trees and special gifts.

On the contrary, I almost felt indecent watching it. The setting was in merrie old England and it seemed as if

the director simply couldn't make up his mind which century he preferred.

There were the traditional carols, and decorations and wonderful Crosby family scenes coupled unbelievably with a star-wars-gone-mad number with British rock star Davie Bowie. What obviously happened was an attempt to appeal to a spectrum of generations with the result that the show alienated all.

How sad. That the show happened in

the first place is bad enough but it could have been salvaged with cuts from other Crosby family Christmas specials through the years. At least for showing in this country. Undoubtedly that will happen next year.

But isn't it a shame that, with Bing's death so recent, and coming at a time of the year he immortalized with one of this century's classic songs, commercialism triumphed over conscience.

letters to the editor

island business marches to own tune

To The Editor
The Islander

We have been attempting to do all of our business on Sanibel to comply with the frequent urging to do so which we have read in Sanibel Newspapers.

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the local business has failed to come through, delaying us 3 to 5 days. Two businesses together recently delayed us a total of 9 days on one job.

Their reaction to our consternation is amazing. It's always the fault of someone else somewhere down the line and always excusing themselves rather than apologizing or really putting out maximum effort to keep their promised deadline.

We have even given the job to Islanders when we got a better price and time estimate OFF the island, but no more. We've learned our lesson. If we have a deadline the job goes elsewhere. If we can afford to go by "Island In The Sun" time, we'll give the job to the Islander business.

I was a professional pilot for 35

years. If we allowed ourselves the latitude of error in the cockpit that seems to be SOP (standard operating procedures) in the Island businesses we have done business with, airlines would not have survived.

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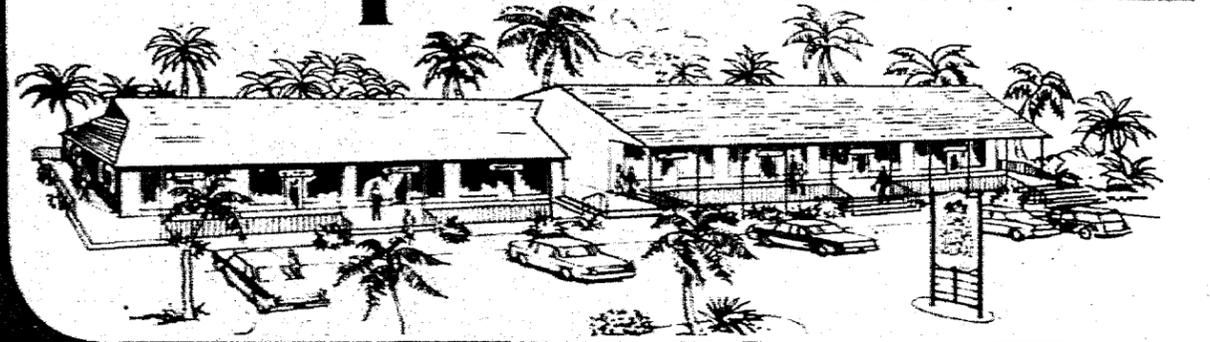
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water permits expected by December 16

by gwen stevenson

The Island Water Association will probably begin issuing water permits on December 16 if all goes according to plan, IWA general manager Larry Snell said late Friday. Results of the IWA's recent pumping tests indicate that there is enough water under the Islands to last at least five years.

This information will be presented to a Dec. 15 meeting of the South Florida Water Management District, the permitting authority for water withdrawals. Dr. Patrick Gleason, technical director for South Florida Water Management District, plans to recommend to his Board that they again allow the IWA permission to

withdraw increasing amounts of water. The SFWMD had told the IWA in a letter dated May 11 of this year, that they would withhold the IWA's permits for increased water withdrawals until more information was known about the Islands' ground water supply.

"As soon as we receive notice from South Florida, said Snell, "the moratorium will be over." It was originally instituted, he pointed out, subject to two conditions: completion of a contract to purchase water from Pine Island—which has been done—and permission from South Florida to drill more wells.

The report from the IWA's consultants, Geraghty and Miller will be presented tomorrow, Wednesday,

December 7 at a special public meeting at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Snell told City Council during the public input session of last week's meeting that Geraghty and Miller had found that, while the Lower Hawthorne Aquifer is charging even slower than originally thought, there is enough water under the Islands to last "20 years with good management and five with poor management."

The Planning Commission is still proceeding with its own study of the water situation. A representative from Wallace, McHarg, Roberts and Todd, the city's planning consultants, will visit the Island Water Association for a week in the near future.

"I never once talked to anyone from WMRT during the months they were working on the plan," commented Snell, "but if the City wants to hire someone else to investigate water, it will be good for us to have confirmation of our plans."

According to an ordinance recently passed by the City, a water hook-up does not necessarily guarantee a building permit: the prospective builder must furnish proof that he has an adequate water supply.

City officials have indicated that a water hook-up letter will probably be taken as proof of adequate water for single-family homes, but the requirements for multi-family housing permits may differ.

IWA suit still contemplated

A group of Island businessmen, who have been affected by the moratorium on water hook-ups, still plan to go ahead with a suit against the IWA and the members of the Board of Directors. The suit will be filed sometime this week. It was delayed because the group's attorney, John Noland, has been in the hospital.

Comprised of Outer Islands

Development Corporation, Sanibel Homes, Sundance Homes, Bayshore Homes, Executive Services, Inc., Development Concepts and David Squires, the group is considering a suit that may charge negligence on the part of the Board of Directors for allegedly failing to confront a water problem that became so acute a moratorium had to be imposed.

"A moratorium is the last resort," said attorney David Thompson, spokesman for the group. "That leads to serious questions about the Board's diligence in the past."

The group is also giving serious consideration to asking for monetary damages in personal liability suits against Board members. Members of the IWA Board of Directors are insured

for a quarter of a million dollars against this kind of liability suit.

"I think the suit is a real waste," said IWA general manager Larry Snell. "If we have to fight lawsuits, we will have to ask the membership to pay for it. When you sue the IWA, you are suing everyone on the Island and the plaintiffs are certainly not going to get any good will out of it."

water shutdown today and tomorrow

The Island Water Association has announced that water will be turned off for six to eight hours today, Tuesday, Dec. 6 and tomorrow Wednesday, Dec. 7 from Sea Bell Road to Pinetree Drive, including Wulfert Point and Sanibel Bayous.

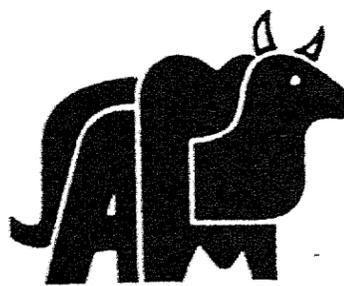
The shutdown is necessary while the IWA hooks their new two million gallon storage tank or Sanibel-Captiva Road to the system.

The water offage will begin at 8 a.m. both days and the IWA apologizes for any inconvenience.

obituary

charles
b.
hammock

Mr. Charles B. Hammock, Sanibel resident of almost 20 years, died suddenly November 29 in Franklin, North Carolina. Requiem Mass was held at St. Agnes Episcopal Church in Franklin, on Thursday, December 1. Burial was at St. Johns churchyard. Rev. Father Madden and Father Carrier officiated the services.



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city litigation summarized

The City of Sanibel currently has 13 lawsuits pending that relate to various provisions in the City's comprehensive land use plan. City Attorney Neal Bowen recently submitted a list of the cases and the status of each one to City Council members. They include:

1. **Broeder vs. Sanibel and Lee County** - a quiet title action that seeks to establish private property rights and beach access in the Blind Pass and Clam Bayous area. A countersuit has been filed by both the City of Sanibel and Lee County alleging a public interest in the property. The suit, filed in Circuit Court, is expected to come to trial in January.

2. **Buntrock vs. City of Sanibel**-Robert Buntrock has filed a suit against the City requesting relief under the City's previous sign ordinance. According to Bowen, the suit appears to have been rendered moot by the repeal of the ordinance and adoption of the Graphics ordinance. John Goods, public works director says that, under the terms of the new ordinance, Buntrock has two years before his sign has to be changed.

3. **Cassavell vs. Sanibel**. This is a recent case attacking the coastal construction setback line provisions of the CLUP and is before the circuit court.

4. **Chianelli et al. vs. Sanibel**. This is the Wulfert Point suit, involving over

400 acres of land at the west end of the Island. The plaintiffs wish an increase in density. The suit is before the federal district court in Tampa.

5. **Estuaries Properties vs. Lee County**. This case involves the development rights in large tract of mangrove and lowlands on the mainland abutting San Carlos Bay. The city of Sanibel has interviewed in the case as a materially affected party. A final hearing before the Governor and the Florida State cabinet is slated for December 20, 1977 in Tallahassee. Mayor Porter Goss and City Attorney Neal Bowen are expected to attend that session.

6. **Frizzell and Kontinos vs. Harry Schooley**-an ad velorum tax case where the plaintiffs as property owners are seeking a decrease in valuation during the period when there was a building moratorium on the Island. The City is involved as an amicus curia in the circuit court proceedings.

7. **Goods vs. Sanibel**-John Goode is seeking a rezoning of his Periwinkle property from residential to commercial. It is now before the circuit court.

8. **Holtzman vs. Sanibel**. This case seeks an increase in density for Holtzman's Shell Harbour Inn and is before the circuit court.

9. **Hoffman et al vs. Sanibel**. A permitted use change case involving three

large tracts of land abutting the Causeway Road. It is before the Circuit Court.

10. **Kennedy et al vs. Sanibel**. This case, involving the Sanibel Harbors subdivision deed restriction and their relation to City building permits was voluntarily dismissed last week.

11. **Mikhail vs. Sanibel**. This case involves a lot in the Shell Harbor Subdivision and seeks an increase in density of one unit from single-family

home to duplex. The case is in circuit court.

12. **Nationwide Realty vs. Sanibel**. The plaintiffs in this case are seeking an increase in density in the Sanibel Bayous area. The case is in circuit court.

13. **Tracey-Ridge vs. Sanibel**-This is a case won by the City of Sanibel; the issue now revolves around the payment of court costs and fees to the city. The matter is in the court of appeals.

vegetation workshop set for friday

In conjunction with their current effort to reassess and redefine city policy relating to the preservation of native vegetation on Sanibel, city officials will conduct a workshop on this subject at 3:00 p.m. this Friday, December 9, in MacKenzie Hall.

According to City Manager Bill Nungester, the workshop is intended primarily for the benefit of area contractors and sub-contractors involved in projects on Sanibel.

Nungester has invited all builders

working on Sanibel to attend the session, in which he plans to explain the city's purpose for protecting native vegetation, how environmental standards for vegetation are enforced on the Island, the role of the city's Vegetation Committee, and what is expected of Island builders, contractors and sub-contractors.

Nungester said the meeting will give contractors the opportunity to comment on and question the city's vegetation protection policy.

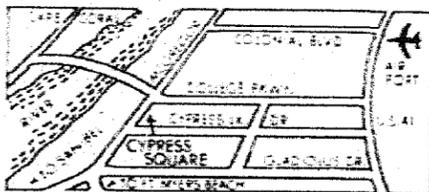
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council hears amendment requests

The City Council heard four requests for specific amendments to the city's land use plan last Tuesday. Only one was a second hearing and that was approved, giving Mark McClintick permission to build a house on a lot he owns in the Tradewinds area of the Island. McClintick's problem arose because, to build a house, he would be in violation of the coastal setback provisions of the land use plan.

The Council agreed to allow the amendment based on certain considerations the Council established in a previous case.

Islander Paul Howe told the Council that he thought the problem should not be solved by allowing construction on the land as it is but in doing something about changing the road that loops through the subdivision.

"That's the reasonable solution," Howe said.

"A lot of discussion has gone into the six or seven lots in this area, said Goss. "There is just no reasonable use for the land without a variance."

A request by Bob and Pat Degand to add a garage to their property was given a first reading. A problem with turnaround space for the garage is to be worked out by the Degands before the second and final hearing January.

Sanibel resident Carol Quillinan had requested a continuation for her application for a specific amendment changing the zoning of her Bowman's Beach Road property from residential to commercial or changing the density to 1.0 units per acre. The Council agreed to continue the application for a change in zoning until December 20 but

referred the request for a change in density to City Attorney Neal Bowen to see if any action on the case might be prejudicial to ongoing litigation that involves the property.

Mayor Porter Goss disqualified himself from discussion of a first reading requesting that lots comprising the property of Casa Turquesa Motel be given the designation and density of partially developed land. According to attorney David G. Thompson, who represents J. Handy Moore, the owner is requesting single family density and plans to build two homes on the property.

A group of residents of Lighthouse Way had a first hearing on their request to construct a seawall to prohibit further erosion of their plantings at the seaward edge of their property line.

evening meetings

not popular

City Council tried a "pilot program" by holding a Council meeting at night so those who normally work during the day could attend. Mayor Goss explained the various proceedings as the meeting progressed, outlining the difference between first and second hearings on amendments.

The pilot met with less than overwhelming success as the Council labored until midnight. "Our minds are rusty at night" said Sanibel resident and veteran council watcher Paul Howe, a sentiment that was echoed by council members and audience alike.

city enacts tough vegetation ordinance

City council passed an "atom bomb" of a vegetation ordinance last Tuesday, as Mayor Goss called it. The ordinance was brought about because of problems with unauthorized vegetation removal, according to Goss.

The ordinance allows the city to place a stop work order on a building or structure where "there is any violation of the vegetation provisions of the land use plan or any other law or ordinance establishing vegetation standards."

Architect Ray Fenton of Fenton, White and Associates, argued that he was not opposed to the vegetation ordinance; he was just opposed to tying vegetation standards to building codes. Fenton argued that a stop work order affects the wrong people. "You aren't going to hurt the builder as much as all the site workers," he said. Fenton suggested instead levying a very heavy fine against the contractors.

"We're not trying to create a monster law," said Goss; "We are just trying to give the city manager a big stick." Nungester told the Council that he had requested the ordinance after one contractor destroyed 2000 square feet of vegetation and the city administration could do nothing to stop him.

"Your arguments are very persuasive," Goss told Fenton. "Unfortunately they persuade me that we are on the right track."

CLUP copies available

According to city manager Bill Nungester, copies of the updated Comprehensive Land Use Plan are now available for those who are interested.

city calls for municipal center proposals

City Manager Bill Nungester told the Council that his office has been contacting local realtors to obtain proposals for a center to house the city's meeting hall and the Sanibel

Police Department headquarters. Anyone with commercial land who is interested in preparing a proposal for the city's consideration should contact the city manager's office.

Horack's development permit in dispute

Robert Horak appeared before the Sanibel City Council last Tuesday to obtain preliminary city approval of a replatted subdivision for his proposed development, Bayshore Village. The subdivision encompasses about 14 acres between Donax St. and Pyrula Ave.

Horak does not yet own the land and he wants council approval of the new plat plan for the subdivision before he closes on the property.

Mayor Porter Goss told Horack that

he would have to go back to the Planning commission for a development permit.

"The Planning Commission has to consider the impact of the subdivision," said Goss. I don't believe that many people in that neighborhood know what is going on."

The city manager was directed to meet with Horack and gather a full file on the proceedings and the City Council will reconsider the case at today's meeting.

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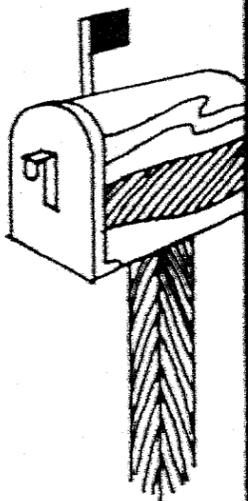
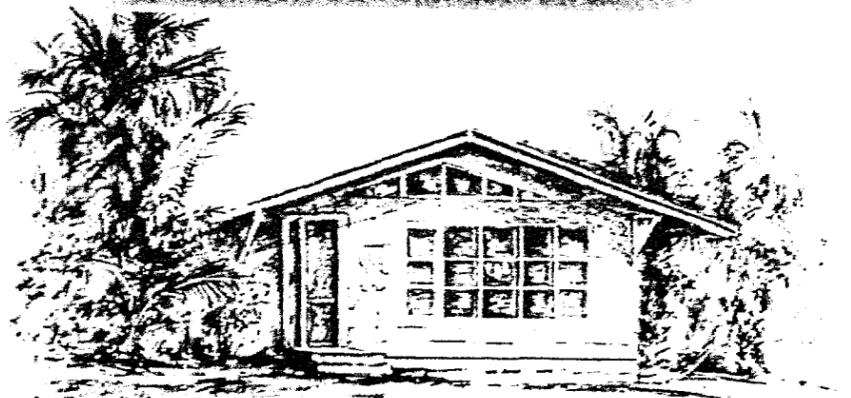


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charlotte's web

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Charlotte Heimann does not particularly care for spiders but the many faceted web woven by this talented Island resident during her years of changing life styles presents colorful trceries.

Few of her good friends here in Sanibel know of her remarkable background, which she modestly shrugs off as ancient history.

The young Charlotte started her string of careers after her graduation from Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass. in 1935. She taught drama and pantomimic dancing at her alma mater, then at Knox School and the University of Pennsylvania. Going on from there she acted and danced three seasons with Charles Coburn's stock company, Mohawk Drama Festival in Schenectady, N.Y.

Charlotte has written copy for a WYCS radio talk show by Adelaide Hawley (Betty Crocker); produced fashion shows and done publicity for DeBeers Diamonds account for N.W. Ayer advertising agency in N.Y.C. She established her own publicity-advertising agency on Madison Avenue and was married in 1950. Had two children; potter Mark, and Environmental Law Institute research editor, Karla. She was divorced in 1970.

For eleven years this ambitious woman wrote "Tips to Mothers", a

five-day-a-week feature published worldwide through the New York Herald Tribune Syndicate and also wrote two books: "An ABC for Mothers" (Simon and Schuster) and "How to Amuse and Outwit Important People Under 10". (Grosset and Dunlap).

Charlotte had been an Island visitor for many years and finally moved to Sunset South in 1974. She joined son Mark in a family enterprise by buying his first partner's interest in THE WHEEL on Periwinkle Way. Since their corporation was formed and called THE WHEEL, INC. the business has expanded in a dramatic way.

Other craftsmen joined the family during 1977. Three other potters: Barbara Hill, Hanna Hilger, and Mike Klein, plus sculptress Emmy Lu Lewis, and silversmith Joan Martin. In November, weaver Evelyn Klein and modeller, Charlotte Heimann, completed the group. It was, according to Charlotte, a trial run to see if so many artists could work together in harmony—minus petty jealousys. So far, this experiment has worked so well that they even help one another wash windows when necessary...

Their first joint Outdoor Show held on November 26th was such a huge success that they are seriously considering having it an annual affair, at least. Perhaps semi-annual. Countless numbers of Island residents and visitors came and went the whole time.



They were fascinated by being able to watch each artist doing his or her own thing and enjoyed the opportunity to buy their own preferences. Hot off the press, so to speak.

Each craftsman (they don't like to be called craftpersons...) donated a sample of their work as a prize. These prizes were raffled off for the benefit of C.R.O.W. (The Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife). The winning tickets for the raffle were drawn by Mayor Porter Goss' son, Chauncey and every delighted winner said exactly the same thing: "It's the first time in my life that I ever won anything!" Future shows will be for the benefit of other worthy causes.

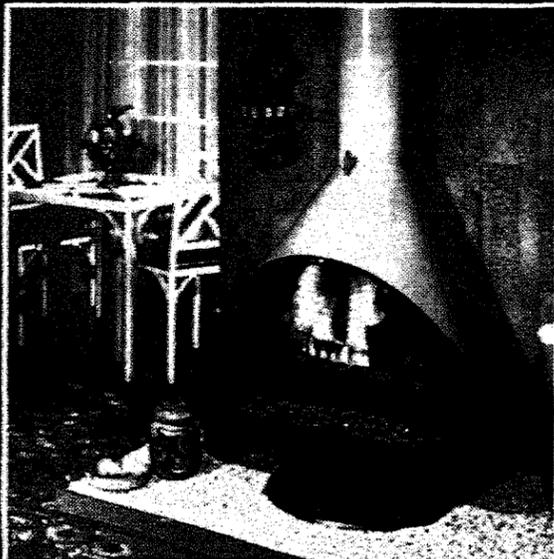
Charlotte founded the Sanibel Environmental Defense Fund in 1976 among other things, but now she says her work is her play. She exhibited and sold her works as a clay modeller at the Kirkland Art Center in Clinton, N.Y. at one time but presently her figures made from stoneware clay and porcelain are exclusively handled by THE

WHEEL GALLERY OF SANIBEL CRAFTS where son Mark fires her specialties in his gas kiln. She concentrates on modelling miniatures, mostly birds, which is her favorite indoor sport. A cute little card accompanying each model says "From the Lapboard Studio of Charlotte Heimann."

This is literally true because this artistic person works at home on a lapboard, using toothpicks, Q-tips, orange sticks, and one professional "Lace tool". The tiny details are enchanting.

And if all this isn't enough—Charlotte bowls 3 times a week on two league-leading teams at the Beach Bowl in Fort Myers Beach, "for necessary mindless recreation." She commuted to work on a bicycle until becoming discouraged by road-blocking construction in the Middle Gulf area. She misses that exercise and pleasure and is an ardent campaigner for longer and better bike trails.

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police reports

An honest visitor to the Islands found \$300 in traveller's checks on Sanibel's beach last week and delivered same to the Bank of the Islands for safekeeping.

The lost checks have been transferred to the custody of SPD.

An Islander called SPD last week to report a man who had been mysteriously slumped over at the wheel of a parked car for an inordinate length of time, possibly the victim of a heart attack.

By the time SPD and Island medics arrived at the scene of the report, the potential heart attack victim had evidently driven away, as the car in question was nowhere to be found.

A concerned Islander called SPD one night last week to report having sighted an injured raccoon in the neighborhood.

The animal had disappeared, however, upon the arrival of the patrolman dispatched to dispose of the ailing creature.

SPD received a call for assistance last week from an Islander who claimed to be having a contractual dispute with

a group of construction workers whom, he averred, were behaving in a drunken and disorderly manner.

At his insistence, SPD interposed in the matter.

Their report states that the construction workers appeared to be quite sober and competent and discussed their contractual problems with the complainant in a reasonable manner.

The owner of a condominium apartment on the Islands called SPD last week to report an attempted breaking and entering at the dwelling. SPD's investigation revealed that attempts had been made to force the door and windows of the apartment with no success.

The apartment had been rented to an Islander who has subsequently disappeared.

The manager of an Island resort reported the theft of twin color television sets, valued at over \$600, from one of the rental rooms in the complex last week.

SPD is now trying to locate the last guests who rented the unit, who registered their residence as a Miami address.

Officers of the Bank of the Islands called SPD last week to report that clean-up personnel at the bank have been receiving numerous anonymous phone calls after hours from an unknown individual who appears to be a black female trying to determine how many people are on duty at the bank at those times.

Island patrolmen have been instructed to keep a close watch on the bank from here on out.

SPD received a call last week from an Islander who reported that she heard a woman screaming the name, "Jim," in the neighborhood.

Upon arriving at the scene of the report, a patrolman found the female suspect in a parked automobile, displaying visible signs of intoxication.

She explained that she had had an argument with a white male she would identify only as "Jim" and promised to sleep in her car that night as she was in no condition to drive home.

She was informed by the investigating officer that any further disruptive behavior would result in her certain arrest, "Jim" notwithstanding.

An Island condominium dweller called upon SPD last week to assist him with getting a

cat down out of a tall palm tree.

Finding the cat in question to be about 40 feet up in the tree, the investigating officer observed that there was little he could do to rescue the feline without endangering his own physical well-being.

At the complainant's request, the patrolman called the Sanibel Fire Department to see if they would not help out with the situation.

"If the cat walked up the tree, it will definitely walk back down," responded a fire department spokesman.

The matter was left up in the air.

An Islander received a written warning for illegal parking last week after another Island resident called the station to complain of illegal parking and littering on his property.

The complainant stated that his beachfront property is currently the recipient of about two bags of garbage per day from beach-goers who park on his property in violation of the no parking signs posted in that area.

An Islander called SPD last week to report having lost her wallet containing over \$800 in currency as well as credit cards and identification.

She said she did not know whether the wallet

was lost or stolen.

In either case, one man usually gathers what another man spills.

An Islander called SPD last week to report that a car sporting Michigan license plate had run over and killed the family's housecat in plain view of his children without stopping to offer assistance or an apology. Upon being located by SPD, the driver of the suspect vehicle said he thought the cat had escaped injury and that he was sincerely sorry about the accident.

A disagreement erupted in an Island drinking spa one night last week when a patron refused to pay her bar tab. After consuming over \$25 worth of liquor, the patron complained that she had not been served the brand of rum she requested and refused to pay the reckoning.

SPD was called in to arbitrate the matter by the bartender at the lounge. After reviewing the evidence in the case, the investigating officer advised the patron to settle her bill and then take up the merits of Ron Rico or Bicardi rum with the state's attorney's office is she so desired.

The bill was soon paid in full, for indeed the rum had been swilled already regardless of brand.

SPD received another report of an injured raccoon on the Islands last week.

By the time a patrolman could arrive at the scene to render assistance, the hapless creature was dead.

A complainant called the station last week to report that a car had been parked with motor running for about an hour near the public fishing pier on Sanibel.

The officer dispatched to the scene discovered two people sleeping in the vehicle and advised them to either fish or move one.

They said they would fish, and the patrolman wished them good luck.

Individual reports outlined above not included, SPD was called upon to investigate five traffic accidents last week, secure five insecure premises, investigate four complaints of lost, found or barking dogs, escort four large trucks across the Islands, investigate one domestic squabble, three noise-related complaints, issue four traffic citations and render miscellaneous assistance on 35 occasions.

The Sanibel Fire Department was called into action on six occasions last week, while emergency medical technicians on the Island were called out three times.

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But land acquisition and protection are only two facets of the Conservation Foundation's overall program, and today's dedication of the new Conservation Center off Sanibel-Captiva Road marks a major step in the Foundation's ongoing effort to educate the public in the way of nature conservation.

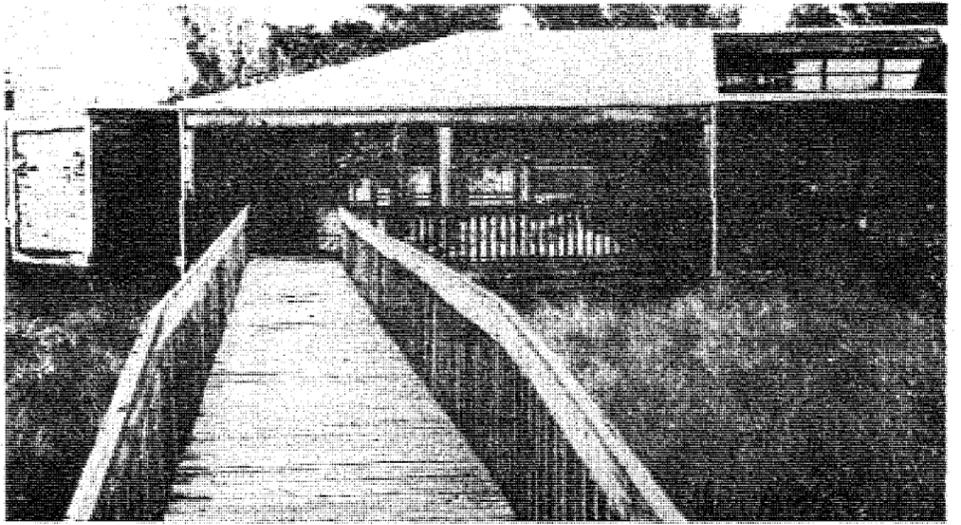
After years in the talking and planning stage, Conservation Center will emerge today as a new focal point for the interests and energies of Islanders and visitors focusing on the distinctive ecosystem of the Islands.

The Conservation Center building, containing offices for the Foundation's administrative staff, laboratory, darkroom, nature library, gift shop and exhibit areas, was constructed this past summer with funds and materials donated by many friends and members of the Foundation during the course of a fund-raising campaign launched at the Foundation's annual meeting last December.

Designed by Fort Myers architects, McBryde, Parker and Mudgett, the elevated frame building is well suited to its setting atop a spartina marsh at the northern gateway to the Foundation's 207-acre nature trail property south of Sanibel-Captiva Road and east of Rabbit Road. Elevated wooden boardwalks lead the visitor to the Conservation Center from the building proper to over four miles of scenic nature trails which lace the property. Delightfully airy within, the rustic structure was designed to take advantage of many energy-saving devices.

Since the completion of the building this summer, Island volunteers have been working rapidly with the Foundation's staff to ready the many exhibits planned for Conservation Center in preparation for this week's grand opening of the facility to the public. The exhibits have been designed and coordinated by Island artist Ikki Matsumoto, director of design for Conservation Center; the Foundation's new director of science and education, Don Dietlein; and Don's wife Nora.

The exhibits present an introduction to the Islands with general environmental information describing the barrier island ecosystem. The exhibits then take the visitor through the distinguishable component sub-systems.



Beginning with the marine environment, exhibits at Conservation Center will afford the visitor a look at seldom seen salt water creatures with information about their habits and roles in the cycle of life. From marine waters, the exhibits will lead to the estuary, and, with the aid of National Geographic Society photographs, will explain why mangroves are extremely productive and so vital to the local environment.

Perhaps the most intriguing natural environment on the Islands is the freshwater wetlands of Sanibel, and exhibits at Conservation Center will focus on some of the many wildlife forms dependent on the wetlands while explaining the wetlands' many additional benefits.

The upland or terrestrial habitat ties in closely with the wetlands but offers a distinct complement of flora and fauna. Some of the less common creatures of the uplands will be viewed in an insect zoo at Conservation Center and a variety of plants will also be exhibited.

A major effort is made in the exhibits to show the interrelationships of each of the environments described. The dependence of the ocean on the estuary, the estuary on the freshwater wetlands, and so on through the ecosystem will be emphasized with each exhibit relating to the others.

After description of the natural ecosystem and a look at some of its inhabitants, the exhibits address the impact of human activity on the environment. Though much of that impact has been negative, Conservation Center exhibits will also present positive efforts to protect the Islands' natural values, such as the work of Caretta Research, C.R.O.W., and the Alligator Association, among others.

From this introduction to the Islands' natural systems, guided walks through the nature trails adjoining Conservation Center will provide guests the opportunity to explore nature with a new awareness.

The new Conservation Center will be formally dedicated by the Foundation's current board chairman Dewitt Jones at the close of the group's eleventh annual meeting, which will be held at Conservation Center beginning at 4:00 p.m. today, December 6. Today's meeting and dedication ceremony will be open only to members of the

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Foundation and invited guests from state agencies and national conservation groups.

The Conservation Center will be officially opened to the public tomorrow, December 7. The facility will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day of the week except Sunday morning, with guided tours of the nature trails slated to embark from Conservation Center at about 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. daily. Additional tours will be arranged as needed to accommodate visitors to Conservation Center.

The small conservation gift shop at Conservation Center will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day.

Visitors to Conservation Center who are not members of the Foundation will be asked to pay a small admission fee to help defray the cost of maintaining the building and nature trails. Admission will be one dollar for adults and fifty cents for children under twelve years of age, a small price to pay when one considers the important environmental work which will be promulgated through Conservation Center.

"I think Conservation Center is a dream come true for everybody," said Dewitt Jones, chairman of the Foundation's board of directors for the past two years. Jones and building committee chairman Malcolm Beattie have been prime movers in the drive to make Conservation Center a reality.

"To me, Conservation Center is a symbol of the dedication of the members of this organization to the natural system of these Islands," Jones added. "We hope that this complex will provide a source of education and interpretation of the Islands' environment and will promote a desire among visitors and residents to protect our natural treasures."

On this august occasion, the ISLANDER would like to commend the members of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation for their devoted conservation efforts over the past ten years and to congratulate the Foundation on the opening of Conservation Center, a facility which we hope will become as important to the human community of the Islands as the interior wetlands on which it stands has been to the Islands' natural inhabitants.



take nature trails to discover wetlands

From its famed shelling beaches on the Gulf of Mexico to federally-protected wildlife sanctuary along its northern shore, Sanibel Island is known for the rare tropical beauty of its natural features.

To many local naturalists and environmentalists, the Island's most intriguing natural feature is the unique freshwater wetland system which marks Sanibel's interior basin.

Sanibel Island exhibits interesting geologic and hydrologic characteristics which result in a shallow freshwater system that underlies most of the Island. Rainfall collects in the low-lying interior of the Island, recharging the system.

Historically, the Sanibel River, a semi-continuous slough system, drained the interior wetlands when enough rainfall collected to overtop the few natural outlets to the Gulf or Bay.

In 1960, however, the Sanibel River was channeled for mosquito control purposes and the natural outlets were eliminated. The result was a dramatic alteration of the natural function of the river, necessitating close management of the Island's interior wetlands to insure that the benefits of this natural system would continue.

In 1967, the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation was formed by

the members of the J. "Ding" Darling Memorial Committee, a group of Islanders who spearheaded an effort which brought about the federal protection of the lands included in the J.N. D'"Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

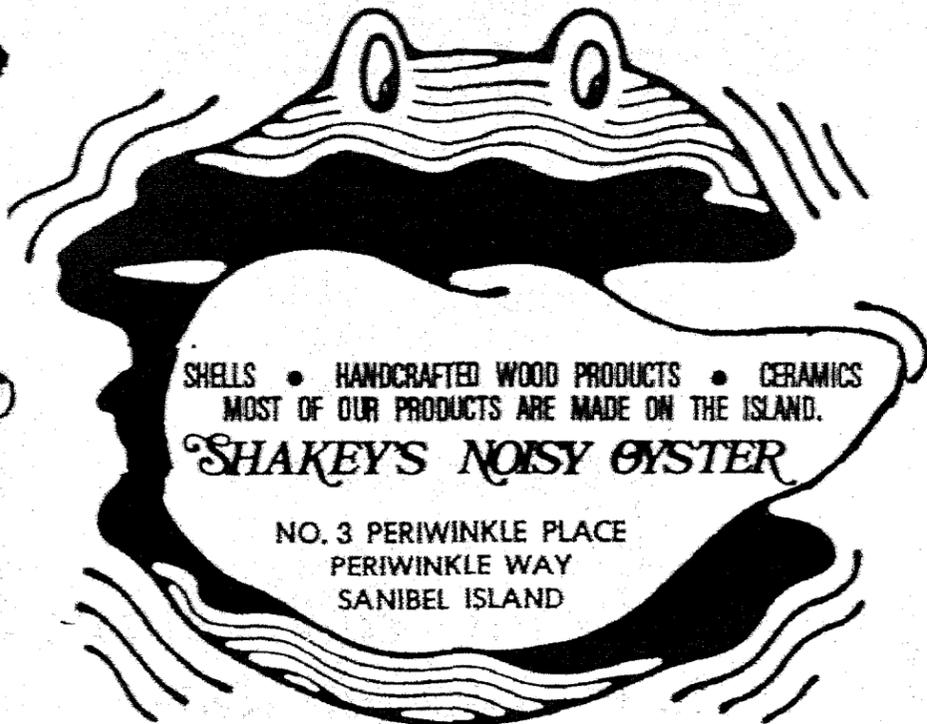
One of the Foundation's primary goals throughout its existence has been the protection of Sanibel's sensitive interior wetland system. With the cooperation of the Nature Conservancy, the National Audubon Society and many Island property owners and residents, the Conservation Foundation now claims protective ownership of over 500 acres of interior freshwater wetlands associated with the Sanibel River.

Today's grand opening of the Foundation's new Conservation Center represents an important step in the effort to protect Sanibel's unique freshwater wetlands.

Through public education and demonstration of proven and experimental conservation practices, the Conservation Center will expose visitors from all over the country to the special environments of Sanibel, Captiva and barrier islands in general.

The new Conservation Center is situated just south of Sanibel-Captiva

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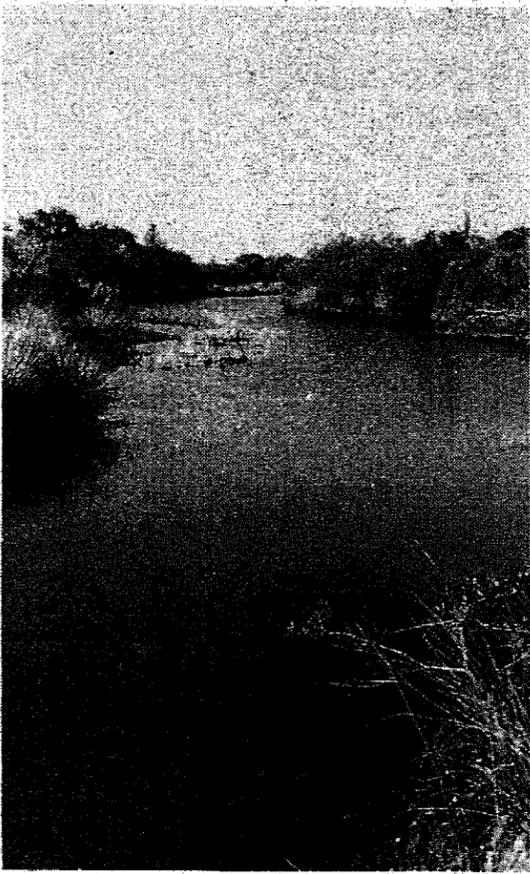
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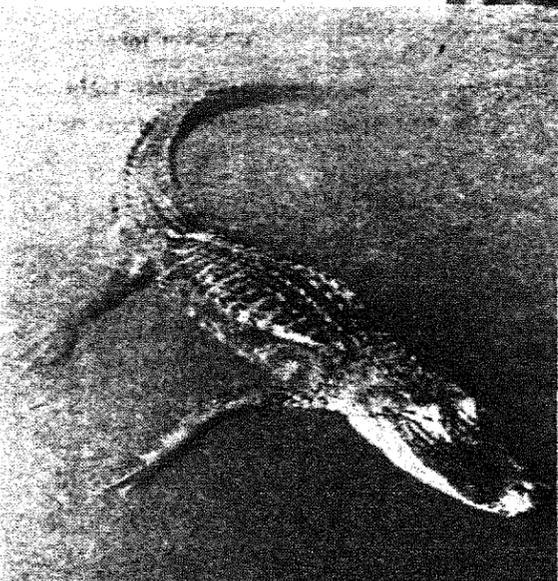


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Road roughly one-half mile east of Rabbit Road, at the northern edge of a 207-acre wetlands tract owned by the Conservation Foundation.

Over and above its role as offices for the Foundation's administrative staff, laboratory, library, focus for community involvement, and clearinghouse for environmental information, the Conservation Center stands as the gateway to over four miles of scenic nature trails through the Island's interior freshwater wetlands.

Hiking trails with names such as the Sabal Palm Trail, Fern Trail, Purslane Trail and Lantana Trail lead adventuresome visitors to Conservation Center on a breathtaking journey over upland ridges and through wetland marshes bordering the meandering thread of the Sanibel River, which transects the tract.

The vegetation supported by the interior marshes is primarily spartina or cordgrass, with leather fern, sawgrass and others. Leather fern grows at the upper edges of the marsh, giving way to spartina which will flourish where water is about a foot deep. At this depth cattails occur in the Sanibel River growing in as much as three feet of water. Woody species such as wax myrtle and sea myrtle have invaded the marsh in areas where the basin has been filled by the slow accumulation of organic material over time.

Where ancient beach ridges interrupt the wetlands, the drier soils support dramatically different vegetation types. Cabbage palms provide a canopy over most of the ridges, sharing the role occasionally with other tropical hammock species such as strangler figs and gumbo limbo.

In the shaded environment beneath these trees a variety of West Indian shrubs occur, among them stoppers, wild coffee, snow berry, wild olive, cat's claw and many others. Many herbaceous or non-woody plants add to the diversity of the vegetation on these ridges and to the total interior wetlands complex.

Unfortunately, this once-healthy marsh has been heavily invaded by exotic plant species such as brazilian pepper, Australian pine and melaleuca. Since acquiring the nature trail tract over the period between 1969 and 1973, the Conservation Foundation has undertaken an ambitious effort to

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remove and control these exotic plant species which compete with native vegetation, although the job of controlling undesirable exotics has been deemed an almost insurmountable problem by Foundation officials.

Controlled burning is another technique which has been employed by the Foundation in their management of the property, while Foundation officials are now planning an experiment to restore a degraded marsh area in hopes of providing a more immediate solution to the loss of marsh habitat.

Sanibel's interior freshwater marshes provide habitat for a diverse and productive population of animal life as well as vegetation.

The interior wetlands support a great variety of lower invertebrates, snails, insects, fishes, frogs, turtles and snakes. Alligators, of course, dominate the wetlands as primary predator and top of the food chain.

Bird life also abounds and the habitat is especially important for water-birds which utilize the area for nesting, brooding and feeding. With water quality problems in the Darling Refuge impoundment, the interior marshes have become the wintering area for many of the migratory ducks.

Mammals which the observant hiker can find along the foundation's nature trails include marsh rabbits, opossums, racoons and a variety of smaller rodents.

Conservation Center is the gateway to the Conservation Foundation's nature trails, which are open to the public daily during daylight hours.

For the visitor who seeks deeper insights into the striking beauty of Sanibel's unique interior wetlands, the Conservation Foundation offers daily tours of the nature trails embarking from Conservation Center. A dedicated corps of trained volunteer guides has been organized by the Foundation to lead small groups of visitors and hikers on interpretive field trips through the Island's unusual freshwater wetlands.

Foundation officers hope that the resulting broad base of understanding and awareness imparted to the public through Conservation Center will provide needed support for local conservation efforts and spread new conservation ideas and practices to communities around the country.



A gopher tortoise is a common sight along the nature trails.

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conservation center: a volunteer effort

Ever since directors of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation announced their plans for Conservation Center at the annual meeting one year ago, the project has thrived only because of the many generous donations of time, money and materials which have poured in from friends and members of the Foundation not only on the Islands but all across the country.

At the annual meeting last December, Foundation Chairman Dewitt Jones initiated an ambitious fund-raising drive to raise the \$200,000 necessary to construct and equip Conservation Center. Checks and donations soon came rolling in from the Islands and all parts of the country, and within eight months the Conservation Center building was completed and occupied by the Foundation's administrative staff.

The Gannett newspaper group donated \$16,000 to the undertaking, while a number of other large contributors preferred to remain anonymous. Among those local businesses which have kindly donated materials to further the equipage of Conservation Center are Sears, Hessler's Carpeting, Maas Brothers and the Naples Dinner Theater.

"As far as I'm concerned, we have reached our goal," said Dewitt Jones last week, "and I think it's a real tribute to the members and friends of this organization."

"Funds are needed now for the continued operation of the building and sustaining the exhibits and trails," Jones added.

Upon the completion of the Conservation Center building this summer, the Foundation sent out a plea for



Conservation volunteer Mrs. H. Stanley Johnson displays the emblem to be worn by all Center staff and volunteers.

volunteers to assist the Center's staff with performing tasks ranging from trail maintenance to exhibits preparation.

By now, more than 70 conservation-minded Islanders have volunteered their time and talents to Conservation Center, according to Carol Davenport, director of volunteer services at Conservation Center.

A group of about twenty Islanders have volunteered to man the Foundation's gift shop, which will offer items relating to the Center's exhibits and programs. Proceeds from the gift shop will help to support Conservation Center.

Another enthusiastic group of volunteers has been trained as trail guides to lead groups of visitors through the wetland trails winding behind the Center from the alligator hole to the Sanibel River. Professional guides George Campbell and George Weymouth volunteered their time to

train this group, while the Foundation's staff of naturalists has also instructed the guides in special fields.

Conservation Center also features a reference library focused particularly on Sanibel, Captiva and the natural systems of barrier islands in general. A small group of experienced volunteers has been involved in setting up and cataloging the library and will continue to maintain the growing collection of books and periodicals at Conservation Center.

In recent months, another group of hardy volunteers has been engaged in clearing undesirable exotic plant species and other landscaping duties on the nature trails under the supervision of the Foundation's administrative staff. Braving mud and mosquitoes, the Island men and women are getting the trails ready for the coming onslaught of seasonal visitors.

Lately, Conservation Center has been the scene of a last-minute flurry of activity as yet another volunteer corps of Island artists and craftsmen has assisted Center staff in jobs ranging from painting to carpentry to prepare exhibits at Conservation Center for this week's grand opening.

Still other Islanders have volunteered for the onerous chore of cleaning up the center in preparation for the opening.

"People have been extremely generous with their time," commented Carol Davenport. "They've stepped in to do whatever's needed. Everyone of our volunteers has been very willing and seems to believe in what we're trying to do at Conservation Center."

Carol added that additional volunteers are needed only to work on the nature trails at Conservation Center, and even this tiresome work has been rewarding to many of the volunteers who have labored for Conservation Center thus far.

"I like being outside and I've really enjoyed working on the trails," said Center volunteer Carolyn Russell. "I



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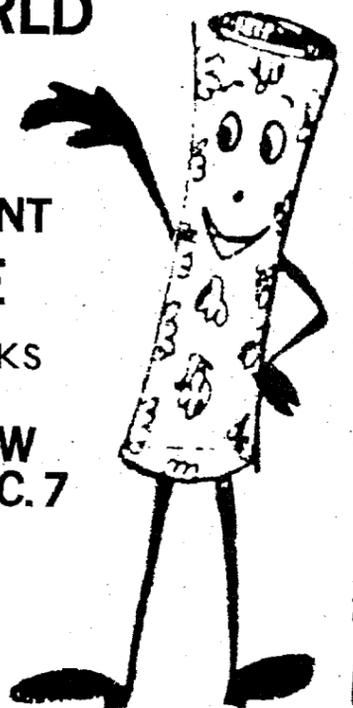
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Foundation board Chairman Dewitt Jones assists with exhibits preparation.

hope our work will make it easier for people to enjoy the beauty of the wetlands."

"I've always worked outdoors," added fellow trail worker Tim Culnan. "I'm interested in conservation and want to learn more about its methods, and this has been a good chance for me to learn something new."

"The volunteers have been fantastic, accomplishing tasks we never could have performed with the staff alone," said the Foundation's administrative director, Dick Workman. "Thanks to the volunteers, we can provide a staff to greet visitors to the Center and talk with them about the Islands, which we couldn't possibly do on a pay basis."

"I'm really encouraged by the success of the volunteer program," Workman added. "The response has been tremendous and we've had more volunteer offers to help than we can accommodate."

"The volunteer program provides Island people an opportunity to get involved with conservation and study the unique natural systems of these Islands," Workman continued. "It's really a unique opportunity for most people as well. It's a fulfilling experience for the volunteer, and it makes the experience much more rewarding for the visitor to Conservation Center."

"This operation is only going to work through the continued cooperation of our volunteers," said Dewitt Jones. "We owe a big vote of thanks to those who have helped out so far, and we hope that the volunteer program at Conservation Center will continue to meet with the high degree of community involvement we have enjoyed up until now."

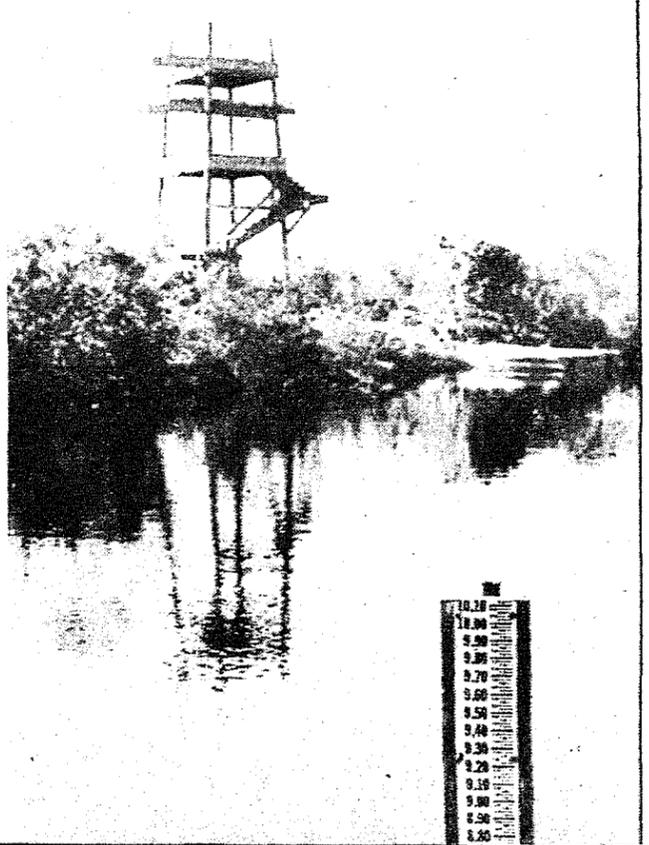
"Community participation in conservation efforts is the primary goal of Conservation Center," Jones concluded. "That's the whole ball of wax."

**OBSERVATION TOWER
TO BE COMPLETED
FOR OPENING**

Directors of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation said last week that a new observation tower overlooking the Foundation's 207-acre wetland tract adjoining Conservation Center should be completed and ready for use by the public by the time of the grand opening of the facility this week.

The tower, which was erected in memory of Captiva resident Betty Matthiessen by members of her family and friends, rises thirty feet above Sanibel's interior freshwater wetlands at a bend in the Sanibel River accessible from Fern Trail.

The Betty Matthiessen Memorial Tower affords a breathtaking view of the river and wetlands and is a valuable addition to Conservation Center.



**CONSERVATION CENTER
GIFT SHOP A MUST**

No visit to Conservation Center can be deemed "complete" without a stop at the Foundation's unusual gift shop.

Located just inside the front door of the building, the gift shop's ticket window is where non-members visiting the Center stop to pay their admission to the complex and its forthcoming special events.

By "hanging a left" at the ticket window the visitor emerges at the entrance to the gift shop, wherein he quickly spies treasures and curios unseen in most retail outlets.

Among the more unusual gift items on sale at the Conservation Center boutique are endangered species pens, miniature wildlife figurines, and everything from tea shirts to cocktail napkins embellished with conservation emblems. The gift shop also boasts a fine collection of nature books relating to Conservation Center programs, including titles by many local authors.

The gift shop is staffed by a devoted team of Island volunteers and will be open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with the exception of Sunday morning.

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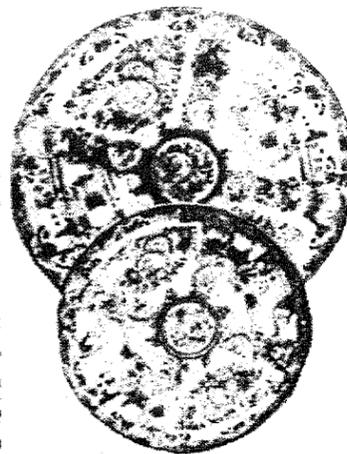
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Up until this past summer, the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's "low profile" administration consisted of only two full-time staffers, the administrative director and his secretary.

With the completion of Conservation Center, the Foundation's staff has undergone some expansion in order to keep up with the work load occasioned by the many ambitious programs planned for the facility.

Carol Allin replaced Charlotte Fetterman as secretary and because of her expanded duties is considering adopting the title of "house mother." Carol Davenport is filling the newly-created position of director of volunteers and is a part-time employee.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Freund Foundation of St. Louis, Missouri, Don Dietlein was hired this past summer to assume the position of director of science and education at Conservation Center. In the past few months, Don's wife, Nora, has become extremely active in the preparations for the opening of Conservation Center and is responsible for many of the exhibits you will find on display. A research biochemist, Nora has also volunteered to set up and operate the Foundation's laboratory at Conservation Center.

The remaining four new employees of the Foundation are working under a one-year program funded by the federal government, one of the few government employment and training programs that cooperates with non-profit organizations as well as public agencies. The program is coordinated through the city of Canibal and Lee County.

On this page are photographs of the faces you will be seeing regularly at Conservation Center in the months ahead.

Dick Workman has been the Foun-

dick workman



dation's administrative director since 1973.

Born in Waynesville, Ohio, Dick attended Miami University of Ohio, Victor Valley College in California, Chapman College in California, and the Florida International University.

After completing his education, Dick taught elementary school, high school biological sciences, and lectured at the college level on the geology of the Mojave Desert. He served as director of the Warren County, Ohio, parks district before assuming his present position as administrative director of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

Since his involvement in organizing activities for the first Earth Day, Dick has worked to promote a public awareness of the natural environment and its proper stewardship.

don and nora dietlein



Prior to their arrival on the Islands this summer, Don and Nora Dietlein had already achieved considerable prominence in their respective fields.

An internationally known zoologist, Don Dietlein served as the director for a number of major zoos in this country before accepting the post of director of science and education at Conservation Center, a role which puts him in charge of the many exhibits and educational programs to be presented at Conservation Center in coming years. Additionally, Don still holds the post of zoological director for King Productions, a division of the Taft Broadcasting Company of Cincinnati, Ohio which owns and operates a number of zoological parks in this country.

Don is the author of numerous scientific papers on entomology, which he penned during his early travels to Kenya, the Sudan and other famous wildlife management areas around the world.

Nora Dietlein is a research biochemist who has specialized in the field of heart-lung research. She earned her Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the Royal Postgraduate Medical School at the University of London for her work in developing the membrane used in the artificial lung, a type of heart-lung machine employed to keep the patient alive during open-heart surgery. She was later involved in developing the prototype of her membrane lung in conjunction with a team of scientists from the Harvard Medical School.

carol allin



A former resident of New York City where she was employed as administrative assistant to the president of a small public relations firm, Carol Allin has been working for the Conservation Foundation for the past year as secretary.

She is a resident of Captiva and has been coming to the Islands for the past 23 years.

carol davenport



For 25 years, Carol Davenport was interested and active as a volunteer in health, welfare and fine arts activities in Cleveland, Ohio.

Three years ago, she and her husband, Dave, moved to Sanibel. Since that time, she has served as the executive secretary of the Sanibel Community Association.

Carol joined the Conservation Center staff in September as director of volunteer services.

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Laura Rider graduated from Ohio University in 1976 with a degree in biological sciences and has been employed as a naturalist at Conservation Center since early August. Her responsibilities include maintenance of the nature trails and establishing a native plant exhibit which includes a breeding area for butterflies.

Having past experience in Ohio state parks as a naturalist, Laura is working with the trail guide volunteers on various interpretive techniques to be utilized on the nature walks.

Besides her involvement with Conservation Center, Laura has recently become a member of the board of directors of the Sanibel-Captiva Audobon Society.

norma jeanne hughes



An Island resident since 1972, Norma Jeanne Hughes has spent the last five years working in the outdoors. As a gardener for the local nurseryman, she developed an understanding of the native and exotic vegetation of our area and went on to start a landscaping business with her husband for Island homes and businesses.

As the groundskeeper at Conservation Center, she will be responsible for landscaping and revegetating areas with native trees and shrubs as well as removing encroaching exotics.

mark westall

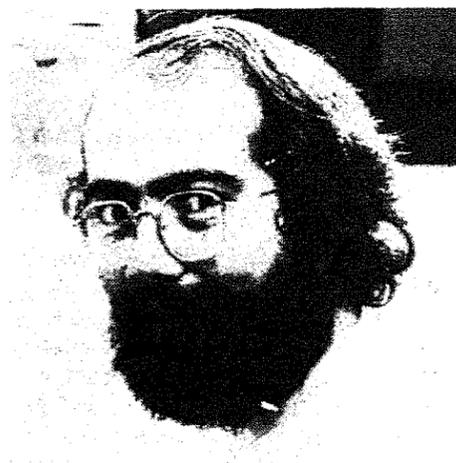


Mark Westall has been working for the Conservation Foundation since August as a naturalist. He has a B.A. degree in anthropology and environmental studies from Indiana University.

Mark was chairperson of the Bloomington-Indiana University Sierra Club for one year and is presently on the board of directors of the Sanibel-Captiva Audobon Society and the Operation Osprey Committee.

His responsibilities include maintaining Conservation Center in a presentable condition and running the Center's laboratory.

bill hennessey



Bill Hennessey attended Northeastern University and the University of Massachusetts at Boston. He came to the Islands two years ago and has been employed variously as a carpenter and landscaper during this period.

His involvement with Conservation Center stems from his desire to serve the community and his concern for the environment. He hopes to remain at the Center for some time in his capacity as superintendent of interior maintenance.

directors to be elected at annual meeting today

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation will hold its eleventh annual meeting at 4:00 p.m. today, December 6, in its new headquarters south of Sanibel-Captiva Road.

The Foundation's new Conservation Center, an ambitious facility combining indoor and outdoor classrooms as well as offices for the administrative staff, will be formally dedicated by retiring board Chairman Dewitt Jones at the close of the annual business meeting.

Jones said that the business portion of the program will be a brief "stand up" meeting, as Conservation Center cannot possibly seat the Foundation's growing membership.

The primary business on the agenda is the election of directors to fill seats on the board being vacated by Clarence Conklin, Bill Hammond, Glen Bond and Dewitt Jones, whose terms expire this year.

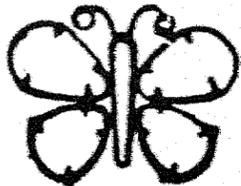
To fill these and existing board vacancies, a nominating committee chaired by Robert Haynie has submitted the names of Elinore Dormer, William Webb, Booth Courtenay, Lillian Pascall, Edward Magee, and Howard Robinson in nomination.

The highlight of today's meeting kicking off the Conservation Foundation's tenth year of existence, however, will be the dedication of Conservation Center.

Born of the J.N. "Ding" Darling Memorial Committee, which was instrumental in securing federal protection for the lands included in the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel, the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation was established as a tax-exempt corporation under Florida law in November of 1967.

The dedication ceremony will be followed by a social hour to give Foundation members an opportunity to explore Conservation Center and its array of nature exhibits within.

Today's annual meeting and dedication of Conservation Center is open only to members of the Foundation and invited guests from state agencies and national conservation agencies.



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from the sea horse shop



from
pool



to patio with
cole of california

Although many Islanders are welcoming the current cold snap, everyone knows that the cool breezes won't last and the Islands will shortly return to a more normal tropical climate.

The ISLANDER visited the Sea Horse Shop this week to see what the oldest store on the Island was going to be featuring during the coming season and got some fascinating glimpses at their forecast for resort and beach wear for the coming season.

Mary Jo Gault modelled some of their newest creations for us and they are designed to make you want to head for the beach immediately. You might be a little cool right now, but the new fashions are so terrific, it is worth it.

This year, the Sea Horse Shop is featuring some designs by Bob Mackie, in swimwear by Cole of California. Mackie has achieved great prominence for his unusual and provocative fabric designs in clothing.

One of Mary Jo's favorites is a green suit with one shoulder bared, accompanied by a long dress with the same shoulder design, made of nylon and spandex for a long and slinky look.

Another great one piece suit is black with beige lace butterflies of nylon and spandex by Jantzen.

"One piece suits are much more popular this year," said Mary Jo. "Yes," added father Joe, "even the very young girls are wearing them."

"I love the way the colors are going," added Mary Jo. "Instead of the traditional citrus colors, this year they are tending in resort wear as in other fashions toward the earth tones."

There is also more flexibility in cover-ups. They range from tunic tops

to strapless dresses and two piece suits.

The suits this year are doing a better job of fitting people—they are stretchier, Mary Jo thinks.

Mary Jo will be in charge of two additions the Sea Horse Shop is making this year—a lingerie department that will be ready by mid-December and cosmetics that will be ready at the first of the year.

Cosmetics lines that she plans to feature include Revlon, Cover Girl, Tom's Natural, Azziza and Prince Machiabelli.

The lingerie lines will include Bali, Vassarrette, Vanity Fair and Lily.

The Sea Horse Shop is also waiting for the momentary arrival of some terrific new sundresses in the popular just-below-the-knee length.

"Lengths are considerably different this year," Joe said. The evening dresses are now skimming the ankles instead of the floor. Perfect for moonlight, barefoot beach walks.

"Dresses are softer, more flowing as well," he continued. "There's more what we call feminine, with an emphasis on softness."

The Sea Horse Shop has a variety of different gift ideas, including the work of Captiva artists Larry Hoff and Linda Ritchie. A sweet shop is also in the offing as part of the Sea Horse Shop and will feature Sanibel jams, and honey, citrus candy, soft ice cream and old-fashioned jars of hard candy.

The Sea Horse Shop is located at the Lighthouse end of the Island and is open seven days a week every day of the year, except Christmas. Do drop in and see them for gifts or just to treat yourself.

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community calendar

by kay pratt

library hours

The Sanibel Public Library will be closed all day on Saturday, Dec. 24 and Monday, Dec. 26.

american legion

A special Christmas Dance will be held on Friday, Dec. 16 at 7:00 p.m. until...? Nostalgic Big Band music—Glen Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman, Count Basie—as well as other kinds of music for dancing will be featured at the American Legion Hall on Sanibel-Captiva Road.

COMMUNITY CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER

71 members and their guests from the Sanibel Community Church enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast at the Community Association Building on Thanksgiving.

Those who made arrangements for the church family to enjoy the dinner were Mrs. Harmon Elder, chairman; Harmon Elder, Marion and John Wilcox, Martha and Bud Ryckman, Marty and Dave Magill.

multihull regatta

Hobie Fleet 173, of Fort Myers, will be sponsoring the "FIRST ANNUAL SANIBEL MULTIHULL FUN REGATTA" to be held on Saturday, Dec. 17, from the beach at the entry to the Sanibel Causeway.

The race will be run from the Causeway to Bowmans Beach on Sanibel, where the committee will

provide hot dog, soft drinks, and special events for the crews.

The regatta is open to all multi-hull sailors, whose boats can be launched from the beach. Starting time will be at 10:00 a.m. with an entry fee of \$5.00 for refreshments and prizes.

Further information on the race can be obtained by calling Hobie Fleet, Commodore, Tim Carney at 936-7295, or Bill Coleman at 936-4426.

fire meeting

The day of the meeting of the Sanibel District Five Commissioners at the firehouse is now being held every second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

sanibel-captiva audubon

The Audubon Society of the Everglades, from West Palm Beach, Florida, spent the Thanksgiving weekend on an interesting birding trip to Sanibel Island. The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Chapter assisted in escorting the visitors through the Ding Darling Refuge. Saturday, November 26th, dawned cloudy and windy as a squall line passed over Sanibel and the "birders" needed extra sweaters and hats to face the chilly wind. Six members of the local chapter met the guests at the Ding Darling Refuge entrance where they divided into car groups. George Weymouth, noted Island Bird Guide, led the tour.

A semi-official count placed the number of tour members at forty-five.

sanibel community association

A Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets may be obtained from the Community Association building from 10 a.m. to 12 noon weekdays; at Jeanne Haff's home, 1515 San Carlos Bay Rd., or from any committee members. They can also be purchased at the door. The hard-working Committee members are: Hazel and Dee Amon, Jean and Roger Dickinson, Eloise and George Fister, Erma Henry, Al and Ardis Midler, Jane and Fritze Myers, Doris and Bob Potts, and Evelyn Piggott. They ask that other Association members please bring snacks and buffet-type food.

The music will be supplied by Sal's Band, the cash bar will serve drinks at \$1.00 each, and the price of the tickets is \$2.50 per person. Jeanne and Bob Haff, Chairmen, hope that the affair will be as big a success as it was last year.

Various shore birds, wading birds, hawks, and vultures were plentiful and easily observed. Billie Saxinger, and Al Sanders of the local chapter, and Leah Schad, Vice President of the visiting group, located the Scissor-Tailed Flycatcher for the amazement of the group. This very unusual bird sat patiently on a road side bush while cameras snapped and it was added as a "first" to many birding lists. Jack Collins and Mark Westall assisted George Weymouth in spotting birds for the group.

Ms. Atha Green, Field Trip Chairman of the Audubon Society of the Everglades, and Bud Ryckman, Acting President of the local chapter made the arrangements and as the sun broke through the clouds and the day warmed up, all agreed that the trip had been a huge success.

kiwanis dinner

The Kiwanians are holding a dinner strictly for members and the fellows who played on the softball team this last season. The dinner will be held on Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Scotty's Pub.

harbor house lauded

The Harbor House is the only restaurant on Sanibel mentioned in Robert Tolf's new book "Best Restaurants in Florida!" Tolf's criterion is a restaurant's professionalism and he looks for those that render honest value and strive valiantly to serve food that does justice to a State known as the winter garden for the nation.

He adds up a lot of things. Ambiance, service, cleanliness, honest value, and carefully prepared food. The ISLANDER congratulates the Harbor House and the hardworking Horstmeyers.

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field notes

by fleur weymouth

The Cajeput (melaleuca quinquenervia) or Punk Tree is native from Australia to Burma. It is a eucalyptus, which you can tell if you crush the leaves and smell them. This beautiful tree, along with the Australian Pine (casuarina equisetifolia) and the Brazilian Pepper, is one of the three Sirens of the plant world for us here in Florida. Each is a beautiful tree, and each is very dangerous for our native plant life. The reason is that, like the other two exotics, the Cajeput also has no natural enemies in Florida, and dense stands are suffocating the native vegetation, especially in the Keys. There isn't yet much Melaleuca on Sanibel. One small stand has begun to grow to the right of San Carlos Realty, on Periwinkle Way; on the mainland, however, huge stands blanket out all other growth. You can see this right at Punta Rassa.

This tree was brought to this neck of the woods by the Koreshan community in Estero. It too is still recommended by Florida landscaping books as a desirable tree to plant, but the Everglades National Park is fighting what may be a losing battle to keep it from completely taking over the native plants there, including the cypresses. The plant books haven't kept pace with what is actually going on. Read David Lahart's "Invaders of the Everglades" in the March-April issue of Florida Wildlife for a true and up-to-date picture of the seriousness of the situation. I thank Mike Lubitch for

drawing my attention to this article. Melaleuca can grow anywhere, and it tolerates frost, wind, and even small fires. "Cajeput" comes from the Maylay's name for the tree which means "free" and "white" and refers to the white trunk.

Bees like the flowers, but the honey is of poor quality, and it seriously lowers the grade of a good honey. The bark can be used for insulation, and its wood is one of the hardest woods grown in Florida, and excellent, I hear, for cabinetmaking. There's a purplish cast to the wood when it's mature.

The free booklet "Flowers, Shrubs and Trees for Florida Homes" (1972) put out by the Florida Department of Agriculture gives this information about the ajeput: "Tender, evergreen, 50 feet or more in Florida. The punk tree is easily identified by the thick, white, spongy, peeling bark; thin, long, grayish green foliage, and the white bottlebrush-like flowers. Larger trees will stand several degrees below freezing and they do well from Tampa southward" (what an understatement!) "The punk tree is used mostly in rows on boundary lines and as a background tree; however, it is also used for accent along the border of woodlands and in parks" (Until it takes over the woodlands and the parks.) "It grows well in wet, moist ground, and has good salt tolerance. Propagation is by seed."

Now listen to David Lahart in Florida Wildlife: "Because it causes both ecological and public health problems, the invading Melaleuca is clearly creating a crisis situation. The Florida

Wildlife Federation has petitioned the Legislature to allocate additional money for research and control of the plant. The need for concerted action, especially in the Conservation Areas and Everglades National Park, is vital. Cypress heads and tree islands are rapidly becoming Melaleuca monocultures. Even the man-made deer islands are rapidly being invaded by this plant species. As the plant communities change, so do the animal populations and few wildlife species use Melaleuca."

"For now," (he continues,) "the exotic plant invaders appear to be winning. The Australian Pine, the Brazilian Pepper, and the Melaleuca have claimed thousands of acres in South Florida and are displacing native plants and animals. Unless an active research and control program is begun, the vegetation of South Florida will consist largely of exotic species. This invasion must be halted."

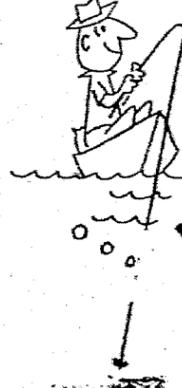
So, here they are: Melaleuca, Australian Pine, and Brazilian Pepper, the Three Sirens, so beautiful, so dangerous. When I first came to Sanibel over ten years ago I looked at them and though them beautiful and photographed them. I still do, but I wouldn't plant one, and you won't find one on our property.



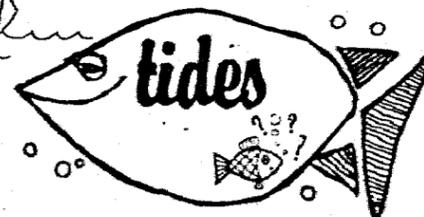
conch society meet

The Southwest Florida Conchologist Society will take their members to "The Deep" at their next meeting at Edison Community College Auditorium on Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. - The deep side of Bonaire, Curaco, and Aruba in the Netherlands West Indies that is.

Veteran sheller Ed Hanley will show some never-before-seen slides of underwater reef life in the Caribbean at the meeting. The public is welcome to the meeting and refreshments will be served afterwards.



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Tides courtesy of THE REAL EEL - Herb (Skip) Purdy

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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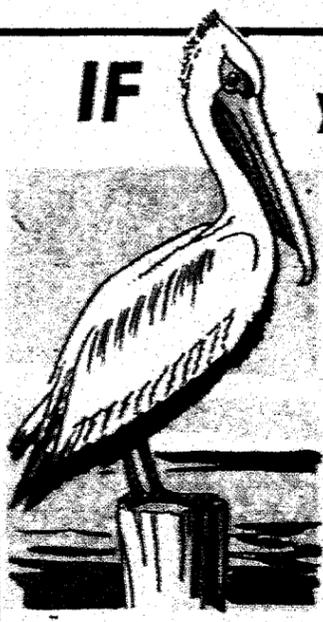
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by mike fuery

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If there is one thing which makes a dedicated trout fisherman mad as hell, it's a school of catfish which decide to commit suicide by taking turns snagging themselves on your hook just as a large trout is about to gobble up your shrimp.

Grown men kick coolers, break fishing rods over their knee and say things which would suggest that such fish never had a legal father. I've heard some anglers suggest that, "There is only one Fort Myers and 90 million catfish are going to find it." They have.

There are only two ways to deal with saltwater catfish. One is to glorify them and get good at catching, eating

and bragging about your catches.

I have a friend you might call the Hank Aaron of catfishing. He calls them "Rock Snook" and is of the if-you-can't-beat-'em-then-eat-'em school of thought when it comes to catfish.

The opposite is the anti-catfish crowd, who consist of about 99 percent of the fishermen and women I know. Upon pulling a grunting, bewhiskered creature from the water, you are compelled to first call it the off-spring of a dog, followed by a threat of bodily harm, adding that you can assure the fish of a quick trip to the Great Catfish Hole In The Sky if it doesn't get the hell of your hook.

Did you say that your engine only starts when the moon, tides and weather are just right and that this occurs about once a month?

Join the crowd, partner, because no matter how much people praise the reliability of their power plant, sooner or later that engine is going to say no when they say go.

There are several things you can do to feel better, if not actually get the

monster going again. One method is to take out the owners' manual and write in a few choice comments summing up your current feelings towards the man who put your engine together. Send it to the president of the engine company.

Another thing you can do which always lifts the spirits, is to hang and then burn your mechanic in effigy. Of course, if you want to solve the problem you can offer the rig for sale just before the fire.

As I mentioned once before, the fella with the most dependable engine prays to it a lot. If your engine isn't running very well, better step up to the altar of the Great God of Johnson and start repenting. You'll be amazed at how well this gets results.

Let's say that you've been boat camping for a couple of nights and suddenly late in the afternoon you find you are out of ice, food, gas, oil and desire for spending another night in the boonies. It's time to go home, but you need gas. You pull into the marina two minutes after they closed.

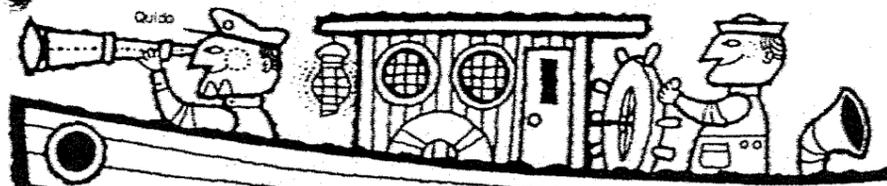
You spot the dockmaster leaving the office by the back door. "Hey," you yell, "can we get a few gallons of gas to get us home?"

If he pretends he can't understand or speak English; says he's sold all his gas; says he's not paid overtime; says he's just quit the job; says he's not really in charge anyway; or says he's just lost the keys to the gas pump—then you call me because I have a special number you can call in Chicago.

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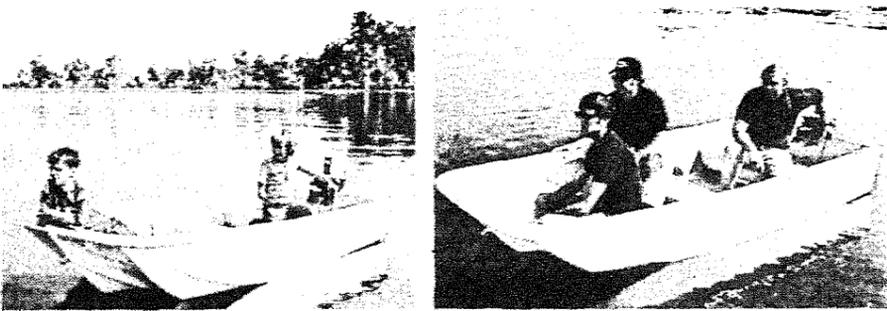
Boom Boom knows how to scare a catfish off the hook; threaten an engine into working like it never worked before; and most of all, he has a "way" with dockmasters.

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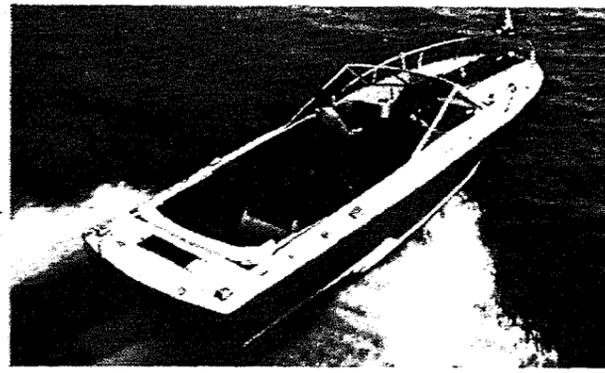
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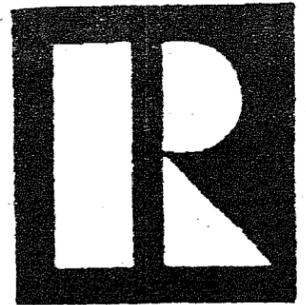




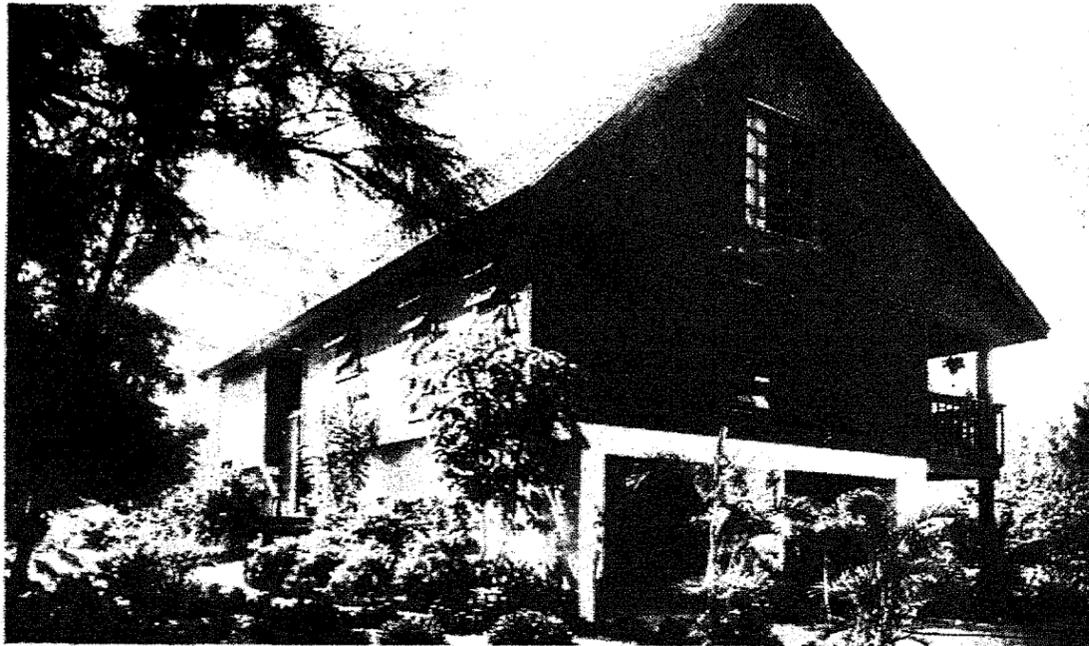
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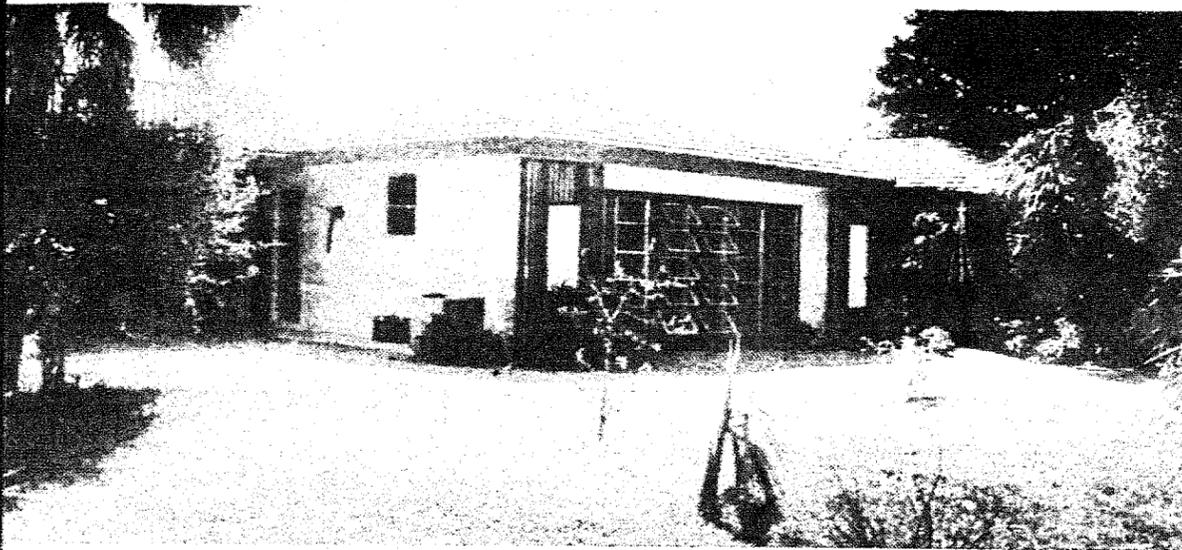
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highlights by roger frey

Cypress Lake High School students enjoyed a Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday and Friday. Then on Monday, November 28, they returned to their usual school routines.

Tuesday, the principal, Raymond Daniel, got on the intercom shortly after first period began. In a very laborious tone Mr. Daniel informed students that some trees in front of the school had been vandalized. He announced that they would be placed in front of the main office for all to see. Mr. Daniels further denounced the act and said that he would go to all extremes to find who did the damage. If the vandals are found, they will be permanently expelled.

Student Council pictures were taken Wednesday. Seniors also received their I.D. cards. The laminated cards contain the student's picture, name and address. No one is too sure yet but it has been rumored that seniors will get into sports events free with the cards.

During homeroom on Wednesday, two surveys were taken. One included preferences for the various clubs in the school. The other survey, given only to Juniors, ask them to pick four candidates for a trip to Washington. One of

these students will be selected to accompany Representatives Skip Bafalis and other Florida students on an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. These students will have special privileges and complete tours of all government buildings.

Wednesday evening was "parent night" for the wrestling team. Parents were invited to come, observe their children, and talk with the coach.

Two field trips were held on Thursday. On one trip the two creative writing classes and their teacher, Mrs. Fuery, went to Sanibel to help inspire the students. The other field trip took some of the afternoon composition classes to Edison Community College.

The Honor Society held another meeting Thursday morning. Their established goal for this year is buying some books for the library. Included will be one set of "How it Works" encyclopedias, an almanac, and a combination offer from Encyclopedia Britannica totalling more than seven hundred dollars. The Honor Society, is having a difficult time getting permission to do some of their past fund-raising activities and finding new ideas to earn the money needed to achieve



Mr. Faurmer, Cypress Lake High School Band Director.

their goal.

During this week the latest policy change on student absences was distributed. In order for an absence to be excused, it must be due to illness, death of a relative, religious holidays, emergencies, educational reasons or others approved by the principal upon parental request. Absences for any other reason shall be considered unexcused and punished by an automatic and mandatory zero on any work missed: homework, classwork, or tests. If no work is missed, a zero must still be recorded and be a part of the student's final grade.

Your reporter was able to obtain more information about the high school band, "Pride of Cypress." Daily four hour practices were started in August two weeks before school began. Afterwards, the band practiced an hour each day plus two hours every Monday afternoon. The marching band has one hundred fifty-five members including eighteen Pantherettes, eight Flag Corp girls, and five majorettes. Mr. Faurmer, the new director, is hardworking and dedicated. He seems to have inspired the band witness their first-place rating at the district contest. The

judges even commented about how much pride was evident in the band's performance. Now that the football season has ended the band will be doing very little marching. Mr. Faurmer therefore, is attempting to transform the group into a concert band. This will not be easy, but the motivation is great and the goal will likely be achieved.

Many seniors have already received their Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores. However, (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) PSAT scores have not been returned to date. Juniors have been told that the scores have been received on the state-wide functional literacy tests. Teachers held a special meeting on Wednesday to discuss test results and implications. It has been explained to students that there will be three chances to pass the test. Those who failed the first test will be placed in special classes to prepare them for the next test. Students have also been told that scores ran higher than expected. At Cypress Lake, ninety-three percent passed the reading and writing portions whereas only seventy percent passed the math section. Students continue to wait anxiously for individual results on the tests.

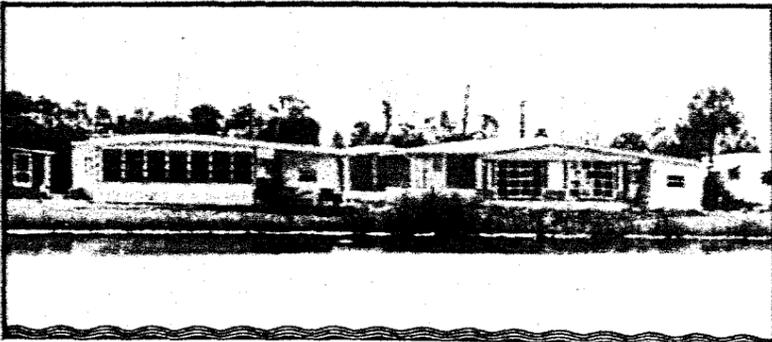


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South Seas names banquet rooms

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According to Peceri, the main room of the new 15,500 square foot facility has been named Lindbergh Hall, in honor of Anne Morrow Lindbergh. "Mrs. Lindbergh," Peceri explained, "is one of Captiva's most respected former residents. It seemed fitting to lend her name to the resort's new meeting hall, which we hope will enjoy as fine a reputation."

Lindbergh Hall, which accommodates 300 persons, can be subdivided to form three private banquet or meeting rooms. These rooms have also been named for present and former residents of Captiva. They are the Meyer Room, named for Mrs. Maude Meyer; The O'Brien Room, named for Alice O'Brien, one of the original investors at South Seas; and The Watts Room, named for the late Brigadier General Walter W. Watts, another original investor at South Seas.

Peceri noted that Lindbergh Hall opens December 10, in conjunction with the opening of the resort's new Chadwick's Restaurant.

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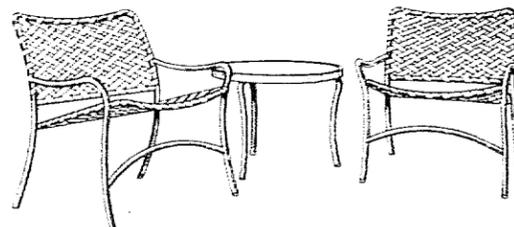
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Twink and Ed Underhill are opening a second Unpressured Cooker with a full line of dining and cookware;

Jack and Sue Duncan will be opening another popular ice cream and family restaurant in the same complex. The Mole Hole, home of unusual gifts and collectibles can also be found in Cypress Square.

Other shops to open this month include The Rings, a quality ladies boutique; Small Talk featuring miniatures, toys and children's clothes; the Happy Giraffe Manufacturing Co., a world of unique

gifts; the Oyster Shell, a restaurant of shellfish and seafood delicacies and Ginny's Gourmet with everything for the gourmet cook and kitchen.

The shops are arranged around a center courtyard with a fountain, children's play area and lush landscaping.

Mariner Properties, Inc., developers of the project plan to open the Square in phases - to provide a taste and charm that will make it an enjoyable place to

shop. When completed, Cypress Square will contain between 35 and 40 specialty shops on its 6.6 acres. In addition to those set to open this month, there will be a men's store, apothecary, jewelry, art store, music, antique and camera shops. Commercial and professional offices are also planned for the site.

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Lighthouse condo units to to interval ownership

A former Canadian who lives on Sanibel met with two Swissnational's in the shadows of the lighthouse last week and an unusual thing occurred.

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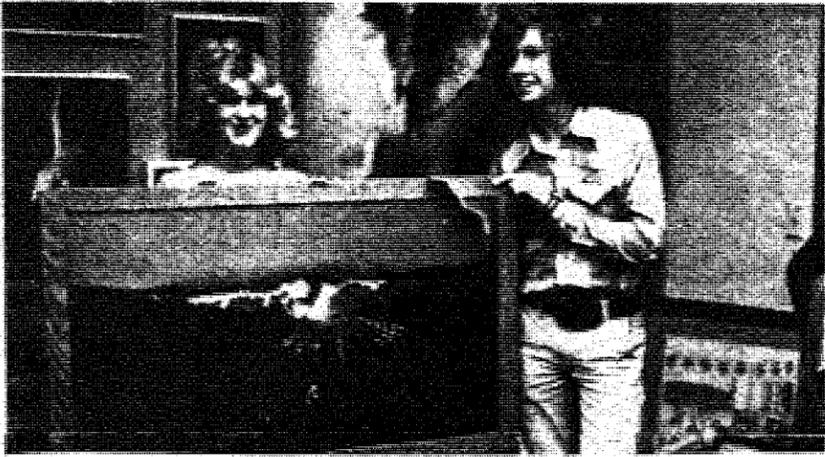
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art fac honors artists



Tom Carberry happily accepts Micheal La Tona's "Osprey in Flight" from Jennie Slosson. Tom won the painting in a successful raffle held by Art Fac Gallery on Periwinkle Way. The proceeds from the raffle went to C.R.O.W. Jennie sold Tom the winning raffle ticket.



Pete Slosson models the newest t-shirt available at Art Fac: a replica of the City's Protected Species label, reprinted on a sunny yellow shirt.



Rev. Lenhart

Wildlife photographer Stan Ashbrook chats with Molly Eckler Brown at the reception held by Art Fac last Friday in honor of the photographers and artists whose work they carry. Ashbrook's specialty is owls.



new congregational church holds first service

Dr. James Lenhart conducted the first services of Sanibel's new United Congregational Church last Sunday. The services were held in the clubhouse at the Lighthouse Condominium.

Dr. Lenhart declared himself very pleased by the turnout, adding that "it was more than I expected."

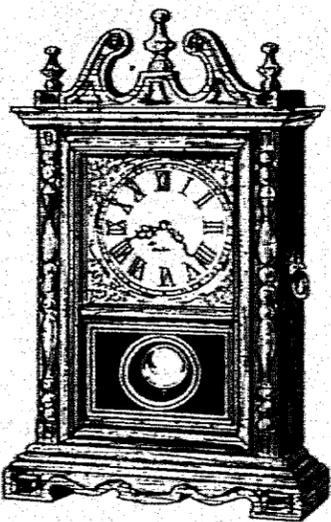
To help celebrate the first service, visiting representatives from U.C.C. churches in Naples, Port Charlotte, Fort Myers, Marco Island and Sarasota were on hand for the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

The Reverend Gary L. Miller opened the service with the prelude. Rev. Miller is on the staff of the Florida Conference of U.C.C. He is the head of its office of Communication and represented the Conference at Sunday's service. Rev. Miller is widely known as the former director of the Celebration Road show which has appeared in hundreds of the U.C.C. churches in the country.

Dr. Lenhart extends an invitation to Islanders to join them next Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

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