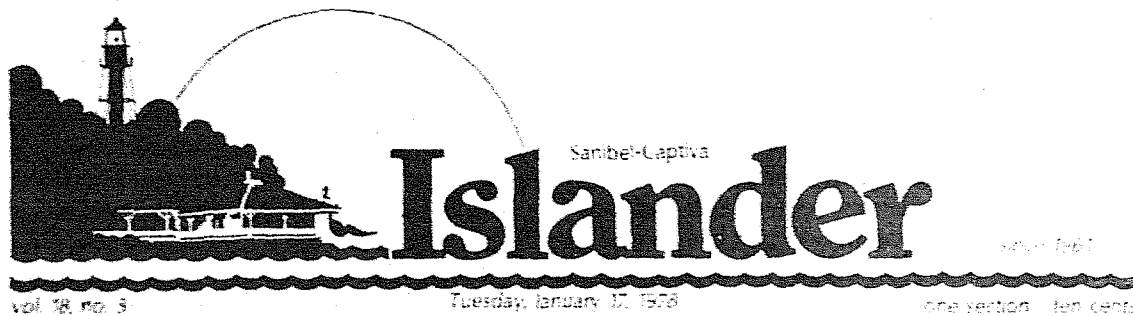
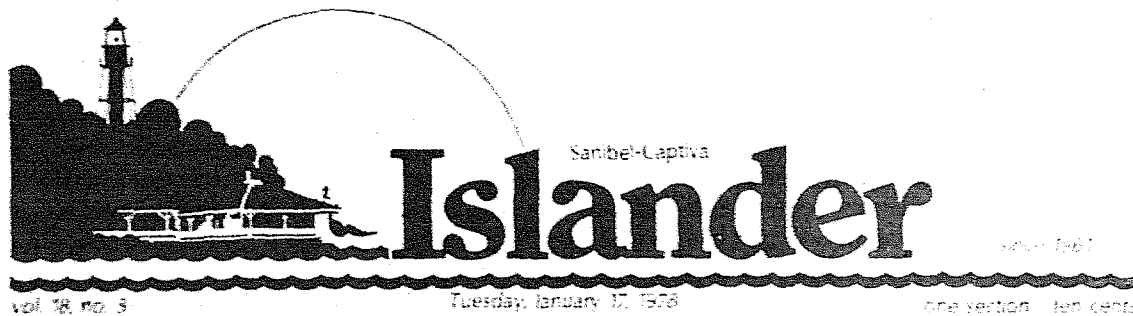


captiva wave damage

*the increasing erosion points up
definite need for beach restoration.*

*See story about an ongoing problem
that recently worsened on page 11.*



further well tests recommended

SFWMD director rejects staff report

by Gwen Stevenson

In a special City Council meeting held yesterday, Monday, January 16th, the executive director of the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Jack R. Maloy, told the council and a crowded city hall that he did not agree with his staff's December interpretation of the Island Water Association's recent report by their ground-water consulting firm Geraghty & Miller.

"I do not agree with my staff's recommendation that the Island Water Association's (IWA) consumptive use permit for the Lower Hawthorne Aquifer should expire in three years and that they cannot consider the Lower Hawthorne for future water withdrawals after that time," Maloy told the city council.

"The staff report has caused a great deal of consternation to the IWA, to the community, and to yours truly, and for that I apologize," Maloy continued.

"I feel a little like Denver's football coach trying to explain how good we were to get there, and then trying to explain why we were so bad once we made it."

The Board of Governors for the South Florida Water Management District meets this Thursday, January 19th, to consider the IWA's original request for an increased withdrawal of .2 million gallons of water a day. The SFWMD staff has recommended that the IWA's allotment be held at the present level. Maloy says that he will recommend to the Board of Governors that there be more tests carried out before a final

decision is made.

"There is simply not sufficient technical data available to say when or if the concentration of total dissolved solids will increase in the Lower Hawthorne Aquifer," Maloy stated firmly.

"To use the phrase 'running out of water' is just not applicable. There are layers of water under the islands," Maloy explained, "and the Lower Hawthorne Aquifer has water both above and below it. That water, however, is saltier than the water in the Lower Hawthorne, and as we withdraw water from the Lower Hawthorne Aquifer, it will be replaced by water with a higher salt content," he continued.

Maloy recommends that more wells be drilled to determine precisely the quantity and quality of the water in the Aquifer. "Until that's done, it's like crying wolf for the SFWMD to tell the IWA they have to get out of the Lower Hawthorne."

Maloy went on to say that he was very favorably impressed by IWA President Jim Robson and General Manager Larry Snell who he said "were right on top of the situation."

The testing will result in one of the following possibilities, Maloy predicted. "The worst is that the series of test wells will show us there is a limited source of raw water in the Aquifer that is treatable by the current plant. If that's true, then the IWA will be faced with either changing their technology or going off island for their water source. If the worst doesn't occur, then Geraghty and Miller will up-date their report and islanders can

expect longer life from their current plant.

"If the worst does occur, then economic considerations will dictate which alternative the IWA should follow," said Maloy.

Maloy stated definitely that the islands could be considered to be in a water shortage situation as his staff had recommended. Based on that recommendation, the Sanibel city council passed a resolution at their January 3rd meeting to request a determination from the districts as to whether or not they would officially endorse that designation.

"In a water shortage situation," said Maloy, "it is the reality of actually going dry or going suddenly from a source of potable water to non-potable water without the necessary equipment."

IWA board president Jim Robson told the council that, on its own, the IWA had decided to pursue further testing and had already planned to conduct a plumbing test on its two best wells and run a test well into the Suwanee Aquifer located under the Lower Hawthorne.

"We also planned to move up to the Wulfert plant site and drill both a test well and a monitoring well to give us a better idea of the range of the Lower Hawthorne," Robson revealed.

"If the results show that we have more water than we thought, we'll be back to the District for additional withdrawal permits in 90 days. If we find a 15 to 20 year supply of treatable water, we will up-grade our current electrolysis plant," he said.

"If, however, the results are bad, the board has agreed to make a fast write-off to that plant."

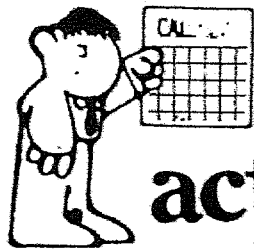
Within six months we will have the answer to the question of the water in the Suwanee. If it's bad, we will go to the Gulf or the mainland, but within six months the IWA will be in a position to take on new customers," Robson concluded.

The only specific water conservation measure recommended by Maloy was a possible city ordinance regulating sprinkling during the peak periods of the dry spring season. He also strongly advocated a public dialogue before any conservation program was undertaken, a suggestion endorsed by Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation President Dick Workman.

Maloy pointed out that if the SFWMD staff recommendation is accepted by the Board of Governors, then "there is no question that whatever bonded indebtedness you have in your current plan would have to be paid off within three years." (Snell said in a recent city council meeting that this amounted to \$3 million.)

"The fact remains," he concluded, "that if the testing confirms the original estimate of a five-year supply of Lower Hawthorne water, then whatever plant indebtedness remains will have to be retired at that time."

The South Florida Water Management District Board of Governors, appointed by the State Senate to four-year terms, will hear discussion on the permits at a public hearing in West Palm Beach this Thursday afternoon.



activities

things to do

BINGO MUREX - American Legion Home, Thursdays, 8:00 p.m. No minors. Sanibel - Captiva Road, 472-9979.

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

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

ELLIE MY'S MUSEUM - By appointment. Call 472-2121.

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

SAILING (lessons and - or charter) - Southwind, 472-2531; Paul Taylor, 472-1551; Chic Kennedy, 472-4087; Mike Fuery, 'Tween Waters, 472-1784; Ft. Myers Yacht Charters, Roger Nodruff, 463-2320, Twin Palms Marina; Pap Nui, 332-1200; Off-Shore Sailing School, S.S.P., 472-1551, ext. 4141. Capt. Hugh Alexander, Island Boat Rentals, 472-2228.

SIGHTSEEING TOURS - Herb Purdy, 472-1849; Tarpon Bay Marina (canoes) 472-1323; Capt. Chic Kennedy, 472-4087; Capt. Herb Purdy, 472-1849, Mike Fuery, 472-1784, Jerry Way 472-1784. Capt. Hugh Alexander, Island Boat Rentals, 472-2228.

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

WATER SKIING - Herb Purdy, 472-1849.

OFF ISLAND DAY TIME ATTRACTIONS - Edison Home in Fort Myers, 334-1280; Shell Factory, U.S. 41 North Fort Myers; Jungle Cruises, 334-7474, Fort Myers Yacht Basin; Waltzing Waters, 283-0636, Pine Island Road.

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clubs & civic groups

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SANIBEL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. - Sanibel Community House, 1st Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

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

THE SANIBEL-CAPTIVA UNIT OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS meets at 10:00 a.m. on the second Monday of every month at the West Wind Inn. The public is warmly invited.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE ISLANDS meets at 2:00 p.m. every second Monday at the Sanibel Community House. The public is invited.

fraternal groups

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

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

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

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - St. Michael's and All Angels Church, Periwinkle Way, Fridays, 8 p.m. For information call 332-1300.

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Hap Payne's ribs are indisputably the best in three counties and the Islanders who turned out to the Legion agreed that things hadn't changed.



Although the weather was nippy outside, Alice Kylo found it comfortable inside and found new friends at the Legion lunch.



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ambulance service should be used judiciously

Lee County Division of Protective Services is justly proud of the service they offer the area in the area of emergency medical assistance. Of all the places in the County, Sanibel and Captiva are probably most acutely aware of the presence of the county medics because of our physical distance from a major medical facility.

With the advent of the jet-powered air ambulance, the County, and the Islands especially, have an even greater degree of protection. But it is still not the same as being within the easy reach of a hospital that mainlanders are. And because it isn't,

it places a special responsibility on each and every one of us, visitor and resident alike.

According to state statute, the county ambulances cannot refuse to transport a patient to the hospital if he requests it. But, when the ambulance leaves the Islands, its emergency support systems go with it, as do the trained medical technicians. A round trip to either Lee Memorial or Lee Community Hospitals can run two to four hours depending on the time of day and traffic conditions.

During the daytime, there is air

ambulance to either act as back-up while the ambulance is off-Island or to do the actual transporting, if it is available--the chopper's territory covers the entire county.

At night, however, the only emergency medical services for the Islands is our own Medic 5. Another ambulance can be dispatched, but their response time, if coming from off-island, would run at least 20 minutes, depending on the location of the emergency.

When there is a medical emergency, people should not hesitate to call the medics, certainly; but if it is a question

of transportation to the hospital, please think twice.

A taxi is cheaper (it averages \$12) and one shouldn't discount the willingness of friends to help out in these situations.

The best thing to do if there is any doubt as to whether you should be in the care of attendants on the way to the hospital is to ask your doctor's advice. Ideally the ambulance should not be used just for transportation. There are other ways to get to the hospital that don't leave the Islands without immediate emergency medical facilities. A little thought is all that is required.

letters to the editor

iwa board requires generalists

The Editor, The Islander

Your January 10th editorial captioned "IWA Board-time for a change?" was well composed and in good journalistic taste. Apparently, however, your briefing on the IWA's modern operations was somewhat

lopsided and failed to give you an up-to-date and knowledgeable outlook on the Association's history and aspirations.

Running a modern water production and distribution system such as IWA can hardly be accurately compared (as you did) to the way in which the

average lawyer or doctor operates his speciality. The bases for his professional decisions are mainly found within the knowledge and training of his relatively narrow specialty. Generally, industry tends to operate on a broader and broader base with conglomerates becoming the order of the day.

As you have said, of course it makes sense "to turn a highly specialized industry over to the specialists". But only to the extent that, and to that segment of the industry that is so highly specialized. Most industries have common characteristics at the top executive levels that require generalists, however, to operate them to produce the maximum of efficiency and profits. The IWA has done just that in the past few years since the broadening of its scope and type of operation. The Board today concentrates essentially on its broad and experienced decision-making powers. Those interests are focused on; the specialized funding required to achieve the goals set forth by the membership of the organization; on maintaining a proper rapport with the various layers of government exercising jurisdiction over the Association's operations; and keeping the technical operations in tune with the desires of the Association's general goals. Those volunteer Board members were selected by the IWA's members because they considered them top-

management specialists trained by education and experience to make prudent decisions.

You must understand and recognize also that the lower-level operators have been selected by the upper-level team for the same reasons so that they can give reliable and accurate advice on the specialized problems with which the latter deal from day-to-day. The same is true of the contract consultants such as: hydrologists; mechanical, civil, hydraulic, and electrical engineers; accountants; lawyers and other specialists needed to run the modern industry.

Your "developer friend" is indeed a bright young man for having made that pact with Prathers that neither one would muscle in on the other's speciality. I would highly recommend such pacts be made with IWA by all those covetous developers, builders, lawyers, building managers, public officials, and other dissidents contemplating the glories of running their own water-supply business - as a side line.

Yes, we should be thinking of locating one or more "professionals." They are in constant demand by well-run businesses. They are the backlog upon which we draw for rounding out any vacancies that may occur on IWA's Board. We have seen the folly of not being so prepared with such a list of prospects in the operations of our local

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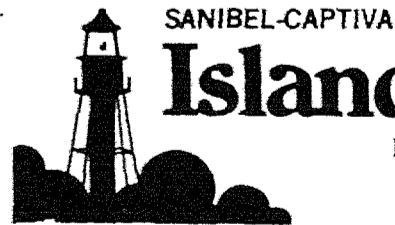
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letters to the editor

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governments. In both these instances, these prospects must be long on their devotion to their employing organizations. They must have the best interests of the local community in

their hearts - rather than their own narrow personal goals. Wolves in sheep's clothing rarely have the sheep's best interests at heart.

Finally, I agree mostly with your appraisal of the treatment we give to

our IWA Board members. It is too frequently true that: "If they are uniformly successful, we praise them - faintly. When they are not successful, we damn them - loudly." Maybe, however, we should ourselves adopt a

single, uniform policy of trying to help them to do our job for us.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Howe

more on cayo costa

The following letters were given to the Islander for publication

- Mr. Roy Bazire
- Mr. Richard Workman, SCCF
- Mr. Larry Gnagy, Dept. of Parks & Recreation, Lee Co.
- Mr. William Hammond, Environmental Education Dept., Lee Co.
- Councilman Porter Goss
- Councilman Charles LeBuff
- Councilman Duane White
- Dr. Peter C. H. Pritchard, Florida Audubon Society
- Commissioner Betty Bowen Evans, Lee County
- Captain Douglas Fischer

Mr. Don Whitehead, ISLAND REPORTER

The Editor, FORT MYERS NEWS PRESS

- Mr. Ray Judah
- Mr. Cleveland Amory

Gentlemen and Commissioner Evans:

I wish to share with you Dr. Pritchard's letter to Captain Alvarez in response to my December 30 letter of which you all received a copy.

I am happy that Dr. Pritchard, one of the world's leading herpetologists, has seen fit to endorse my views on Cayo Costa.

I would be happy if any of you who share these views would follow up with further letters to whomever you feel might be able to help correct what is an intolerable environmental situation on Cayo Costa.

Sincerely yours,

George R. Campbell
FIELD AGENT

P.S. I have also enclosed a copy of the FORT MYERS NEWS PRESS editorial of January 10, 1978, together with copy of my letter of this date to that newspaper.

January 6, 1978

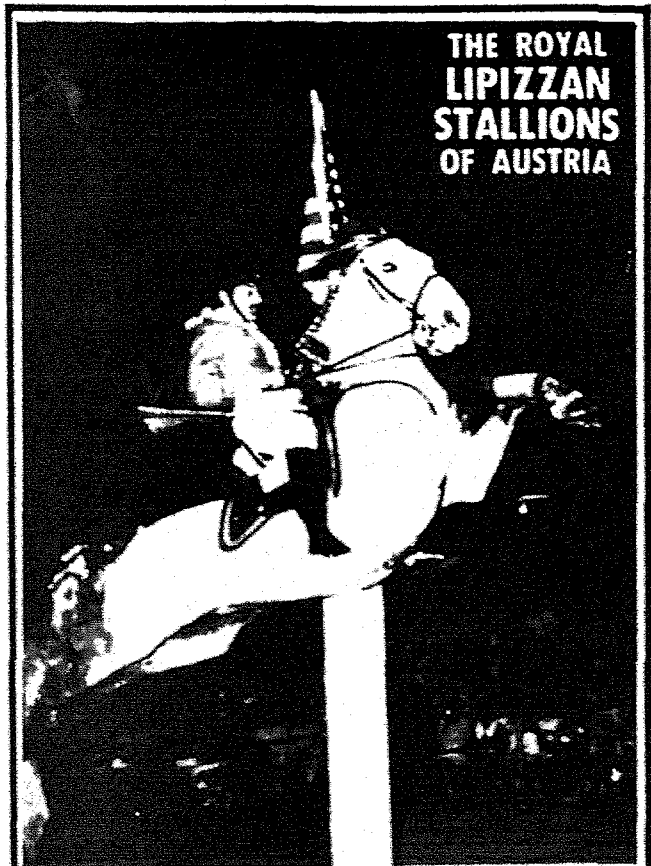
Captain Ken C. Alvarez
Division of Recreation and Parks
Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 398
Osprey, FL 33559

Dear Ken:

I just received a copy of George Campbell's letter to you regarding the Lee County park at the northern end of Cayo Costa.

I must admit that from my relatively

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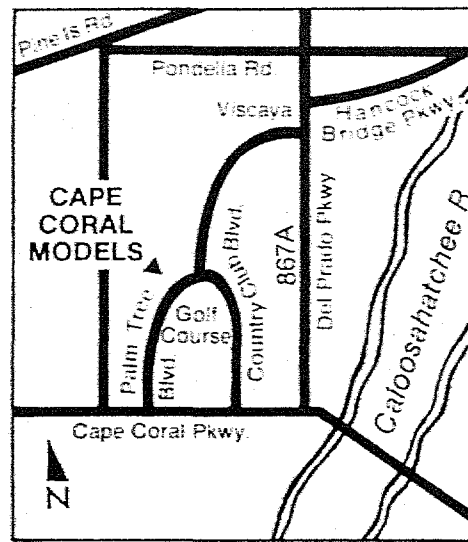
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slight contact with this situation, I have to agree with George. The general junk-pile look of the area behind the dock, presumably the "park headquarters," does little to augment the image of the Lee County Park Department, and since many people may have a less than accurate understanding of the jurisdiction of the area, the negative impression could well result in bad feelings about the State Division of Recreation and Parks. In particular, the huge pigs that hang around the developed area are almost certainly an ecological disaster. It is a matter of record that feral pigs in some areas, such as the Galapagos Islands, are highly destructive of both marine and terrestrial turtle eggs and young; and on my wanderings around northern Cayo Costa I was struck by the apparent presence of large, old gopher tortoises only, the young probably being hard-hit by the hogs. The other ecological problems resulting from the presence of the hogs that George outlined are also valid and serious, and it is highly recommended that the hogs be totally eliminated from the island as soon as possible. Anything you can do to press for this to be done would be most appreciated. I would be glad also if you can fill me in on any subtleties of the local politics that may stand in the way of this needed action.

The huge, noisy generator and miscellaneous agricultural equipment



should also be curbed. If the latter is essential, it should be stored neatly, and I am at a loss to understand why such a low-key little island needs to have such a heavy-duty generator at all.

With best wishes,

Peter C.H. Pritchard, Ph.D.
Vice President-Science & Research

cc. George Campbell, for distribution

SOME KINDS OF ANIMALS JUST AREN'T APPRECIATED

A Sanibel resident has complained to numerous state and local officials about pigsty conditions on the neighboring island of Cayo Costa.

George R. Campbell—writing on the letterhead of an environmentally concerned group that lists Cleveland Amory as president, Rod McKuen as vice president and Mary Tyler Moore as national chairman—complains that pigs have overrun the island:

"These swine root out the understory which would otherwise be good wildlife habitat; they destroy many of the rotting logs which should be left alone in a natural environment; they eat up the turtle eggs...they disturb seedling pines and prevent the development of oaks for they eat up all the acorns; they leave droppings in the footpaths where one is expected to walk with tourists..."

Campbell's observations are confirmed by numerous other visitors to Cayo Costa, where the Lee County Parks and Recreation Department operates a county park with overnight cabins in dilapidated condition. Pigs do, indeed infest the island, overturning garbage cans and making a general nuisance of themselves.

What is striking about Campbell's complaint is that he wrote it as a field agent for The Fund for Animals.

The Editor
FORT MYERS NEWS PRESS
2442 Anderson Avenue
Fort Myers, Florida

Dear Sir:

In your editorial of January 10 about me, you seem astonished that a Field Agent of the Fund for Animals would offer an opinion against the existence of feral and domestic swine on an environmentally sensitive barrier island, Cayo Costa,

Cayo Costa was purchased by the State for a large sum of money so that it could be preserved in its natural state. Swine are not a part of that natural condition. They destroy the environment and therefore must be eliminated from that island in order to protect the citizens' investment. Your own talented environmental writer, Betty Price, recently wrote a feature on the great cost to taxpayers resulting from the numerous exotic animals and plants running wild in Florida. Why don't you try reading your own newspaper?

I am not suggesting that the pigs be eliminated in a cruel fashion. Most of them can be easily confined at

"Dogpatch" where I have often seen many concentrated in a fenced area, and then shipped off the island. The remaining animals that have gone "wild" could be humanely trapped.

I don't have any objection to the utilization of pork. In common with many other environmentalists, I like BLTs too. I think you missed the point. Also, I find objectionable your poking fun at a serious subject. Cayo Costa cost plenty—the protection of that investment is a serious question. I suggest you seek your humor elsewhere.

Sincerely yours,

George R. Campbell
FIELD AGENT

P.S. Since dicating the above, I received a phone call informing me of three "accidents" which have taken place at Cayo Costa when swine attacked and wounded visitors. At least one was quite serious, requiring emergency care. GRC.



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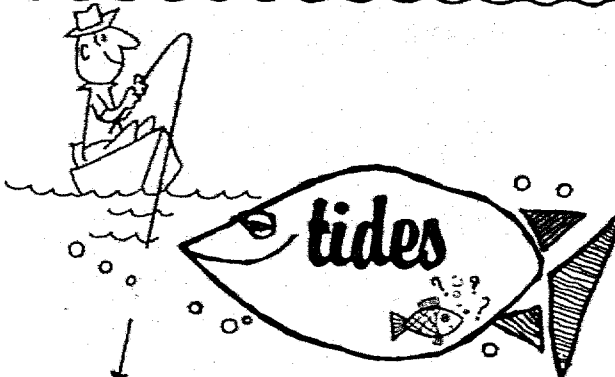
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Conversion table: The above tides are for the lighthouse point of Sanibel only. To convert for Redfish Pass (north tip of Captiva), add 55 minutes to the time shown for every hi-tide, subtract two (2) minutes for every low tide. (NO, we don't know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

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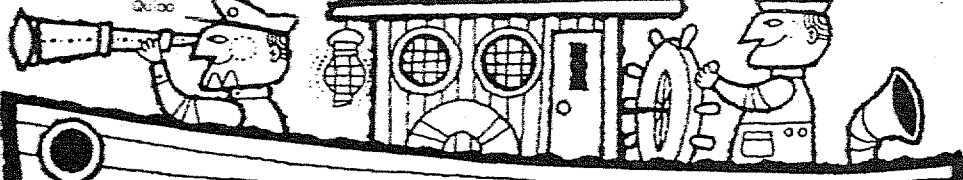
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weather

The Islands' weather last week was marked by a cooling trend in mid-week followed by heavy thundershowers last weekend. The following report was supplied by Walter Klie of the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce weather station on Causeway Road:

Date	Hi	Lo	Rainfall (in inches)
January 6	76	64	None
January 7	76	64	None
January 8	(no reading taken)		
January 9	64	54	.44
January 10	56	42	None
January 11	58	42	None
January 12	70	50	None



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I believe one of the most difficult aspects of fishing to master is making a nice accurate cast. As we move into redfish season, and later when the snook start to run again, we need to get good at placing that bait in a bucket-sized spot from 75 feet away.

I see many fishermen chase redfish and other mangrove feeders such as snook, snapper, sheephead and drum, by casting in a careless manner anywhere their boat happens to stop. As long as it's near a mangrove island then they feel they have a good chance of getting a fish.

Many fishing magazines and "how to" books stress casting up to the lower branches of the mangroves. When they say "up to" they mean inches, not yards. I saw this demonstrated recently when we knew there were "reds" backed into a shallow area at highest tide. Now, on occasion you can play with fish and experiment when there is no doubt that the fish are available. It was an overcast day which is good because the reds will venture out a few feet if they have to, leaving the cover of the overhanging branches to pick up a shrimp under a popping cork.

If we cast three feet from the branches we got no bite. If the next cast was put 18 inches from the hole in the mangroves, we got a fish one out of three casts, on the average.

But, for those who can sail a shrimp, popping cork and hook into the den just under the mangroves, then you have nearly a guaranteed fish. Just 36 inches means the difference between adding a red or two to your fish box or standing in line at the fish store.

Naturally it's not as easy as I have described. First you have to find a liely den along the mangroves and finally present the bait right on the front door of the pack.

When you are looking for likely dens, go on high tide, and position your boat up wind of where you are searching along the mangroves. I shut off the engine up in case the water gets too shallow, then stand on the bow of the boat as it drifts 10 to 15 feet along shore. That way I can see if there are any puffs of sand, a telltale sign of the reds moving just as you get near their hideout.

The redfish is very spooky and if you should approach a good spot and drop

your anchor in the boat by accident, or carelessly throw it over, making a lot of noise, then you can say good-bye to fishing. You have probably scattered the school all over the bay.

One very good sign that you are in the right place at the right time is to cast your large live shrimp up against the mangroves and suddenly see that shrimp of yours jump right out of the water! Look out, because you are in for a strike. Your shrimp is trying to get out of the way of something big down there!

You can often pull some of the larger redfish out of the passes. Get your big shrimp down deep and perhaps there is a snook lying around who is in the mood for a shrimp dinner too.

As I said, there is a great need to be able to really cast accurately. Using the standard spinning outfit gives you a long cast, but the problem most of us have is stopping the bait and cork just before it falls into the branches of the mangrove trees. If you have that arching cast on the way and it looks like it will go too high, you have to quickly turn the reel handle to put the gears to work, bringing down the bail to stop the line.

That's where the revolving reel, or bait casting reel, comes in handy because a touch of the thumb on the spool slows the bait while in the air and lands the bait where you want it under the mangroves.

I personally like the spinning outfit, because of the line capacity and the solid feel of the rod, but I suffered with high casts until I got down a technique you might try next time you are after the reds.

If you can get on the bow or stern, try a side-arm cast where you actually skip the bait and cork up under the branches. It takes some practice and a hard thrown cast, but you can bounce that shrimp right up to the back of the den this way. Give it some practice and you'll find you can skip your bait once or twice just like a stone.

In the meantime, if you get a large fish and would like us here at the ISLANDER to print it in an issue, just drop off a good picture, with everyone identified in it, and perhaps we will be able to use it. We're located in Baywind Plaza on Palm Ridge Road. Good fishing and remember to practice that casting.

fishing round-up

It has been a little chilly out on the water this past week—or did you really need us to tell you that?

Consequently, only the very hardiest have been braving the northerly blasts to dip their lines into local waters.

Those who did, however, have been finding trout catches to be good in the flats on Pine Island Sound and from the back bay at Fort Myers Beach and Bonita Springs.

Red fish catches were also steady in Pine Island Sound, with fish reported weighing in as high as 11 pounds. Mixed in with the above catches were some flounder and a few grouper and jew fish, the latter being hooked by Gulf

expeditions.

Since the weather at this time of the year is probably the least conducive for fishing, it is a good time for the South West Anglers' Club to sponsor a fishing show at the Cape Coral Bank.

The exhibit will run from January 16 through the 20 in the lobby at the bank on Cape Coral Parkway.

The show will feature old and new angling equipment as well as lures, live bait specimens and pictures of fish caught in local waters. The show was put together by Ernie Fous and Col. Claude Sturm.

The display will be open from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. during the run with a dif-

ferent show every day.

On Monday, Bruce Brubaker, the world accuracy casting champion, will demonstrate casting techniques. On Tuesday Bob White of Southern Tackle Distributors will display different rods and reels.

Marshall Treadwell, the Lee County superintendent of parks and recreation, will instruct the visitor on county facilities for fishermen on

Wednesday.

Thursday's exhibit will feature riggings demonstrated by manufacturers representative Glenn Pace.

There will be a double show on Friday with Emil Zanarini talking about wreck fishing and Fritz Stoppelbein explaining offshore trolling.

Visitors may register for a door prize which will be pulled for at 3 p.m. on the last day of the show.



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by al stressen-reuter

Sam the Snook is back. I wondered what had happened to Sam. I had talked to Art Drury, dockmaster at Moss Marina and all I got out of Art was an expletive. I think Art used the wrong terminology since I don't think a female fish has the same nomenclature as a female dog.

Anyhow, I was working on the foredeck of the Papa Nui last Sunday and I saw a shadow through the nets in the water. It was Sam and I'm sure he has added several pounds since last I saw him. The sighting was confirmed by Moss Marina employee Ted Cebulski who estimated Sam's weight at 30 pounds minimum. Ted-Sam will run a lot more than 30 pounds. My guess is that he will now hit 39. You must have seen Sam's little brother.

Sam didn't show up for several days after we got back from Olsen's with the Papa Nui. I thought that he had decided that we were gone for good—in fact I kind of wondered about that myself.

But now, he's back, lurking under the Papa Nui's nets waiting for the morsels that come his way with the every change of tide.

Barnacles do grow best in fast water—a fact I have learned the hard way. Where I used to sail before coming to this area, barnacles were not nearly the problem they are here. Think of it this way. There are always slack tides. At this time the little devils will cling to anything they can. They are almost microscopic and can get into any crevice where there isn't any bottom paint to poison them. Once they take hold and stick, they have a never-ending breakfast, lunch and dinner going past them with every tidal current. Not bad thinking for a barnacle.

After learning about the wall of water that hit Captiva last week, I checked my recording barometer and found that, at that particular time, we had a very fast rising barometer. This brought me to thinking of "seiches",

which are very common on Lake Michigan. That phenomenon is said to be related to barometric pressure variations and conceivably could be the cause of the extra large wave observed on Captiva. Seiches on Lake Michigan can raise or lower the water level as much as four feet in just a few minutes. Fishermen have been swept off breakwaters that were six and eight feet above the level of the lake.

Lake Michigan is no millpond either. It is over 300 miles in length and 100 miles across at its widest. Its depth is much greater than our Gulf until one gets several hundred miles out. Maybe we had a seiche and didn't know it.

The beaches and Bay are again becoming loaded with beer cans, plastic bottles and other trash. This is not only an aesthetic problem, it also makes the water worse than ever. Fish will NOT stay where their natural food and water is being taken over by man's trash and filth. If we are going to use

our beaches and water, we can dispose of our trash properly and not broadcast it all over the waterways.

Most of us have seen the gorgeous and sometimes spectacular sunsets we have on the west coast of Florida. I am sure that there are beautiful ones in other areas, but I'm glad we have them here. They often remind me of a Fourth of July fireworks display only in slow motion and much more spectacular. Watch from the beginning to the end, sometimes long after the sun has boiled down into the Gulf. The everchanging panorama of color change is unbelievable. At times long rays of light will spread all the way over to the eastern sky if there is enough stuff in the air to reflect the rays.

I love the sunrise. While it is usually not as spectacular as sunsets, to me the splendor is a promise of another day full of all kinds of things, and to start a day with that kind of beauty makes you able to cope with most anything!

mid-winter sailing race held during weather lull

For a change, the Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society had a super two days of sailboat racing last week. It was a pleasure to watch and, although the weather was a little light the first day, it was enough to test the skill of the skippers and their boats.

The second day was heavier and the skippers' fleet got a taste of all kinds of conditions, except, fortunately, the rain, which didn't hit until the boats were snug at their docks.

The results were:

First race: Elapsed time: In-

terceptor; First Class A; Good Vibrations, First Class B; Gopher Baroque, First Class C.

Windjammer, Sunrunner, First; Rampage, Second; Good Vibrations, Third.

Corrected time: First Race, Class A: Interceptor, First; Final, Second; Rampage, third.

Class B: Antares, First; Good Vibrations, Second, Beschwippst, Third.

Class C: Long Last, First; Brandy, Second; Gin and Tonic, third.

Third Race: Elapsed time: Interceptor, First; Good Vibrations, Second, Brandy, Third.

Corrected time, Class A, Res Ipsa, First; Neptune, second, Interceptor, Third.

Class B: Good Vibrations, First; Sharon L, Second; Happiness Is, Third.

Class C: Brandy, First; Gopher Baroque, Second; Sha Sha, Third.

Overall awards, Class A: Interceptor, First; Rampage, Second; Res Ipsa, Third.

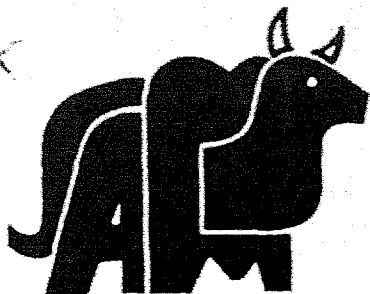
Class B: Good Vibrations, First:

Sharon L., Second; Beschwippst, Third.

Class C: Brandy, First; Long Last, Second; Gopher Baroque, Third.

Overall Elapsed time Awards: Interceptor, Class A; Rampage, Class B., Gopher Baroque, Class C; Windjammer overall awards; Rampage, First; Good Vibrations, Second; Sunrunner, Third.

Overall Corrected time Awards: Good Vibrations and Brandy tied for First; Long Last, Second, Gopher Baroque, Third.



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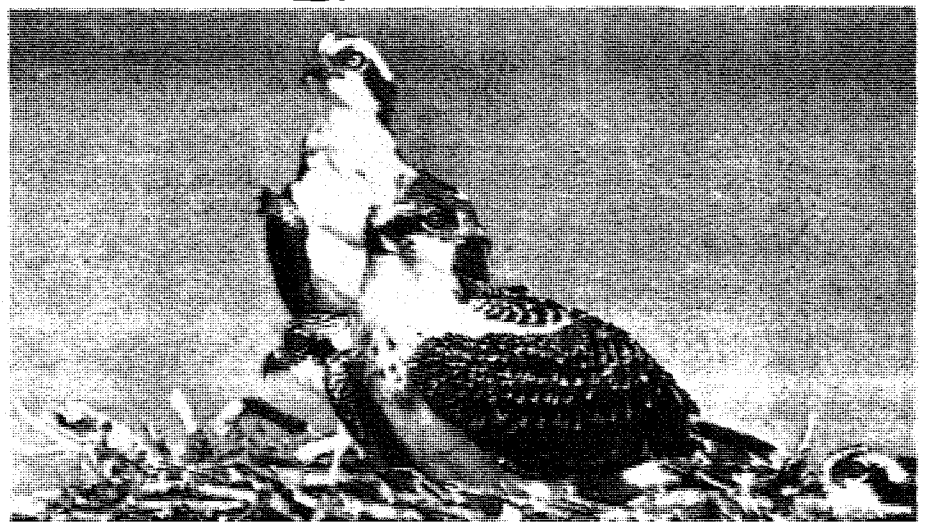
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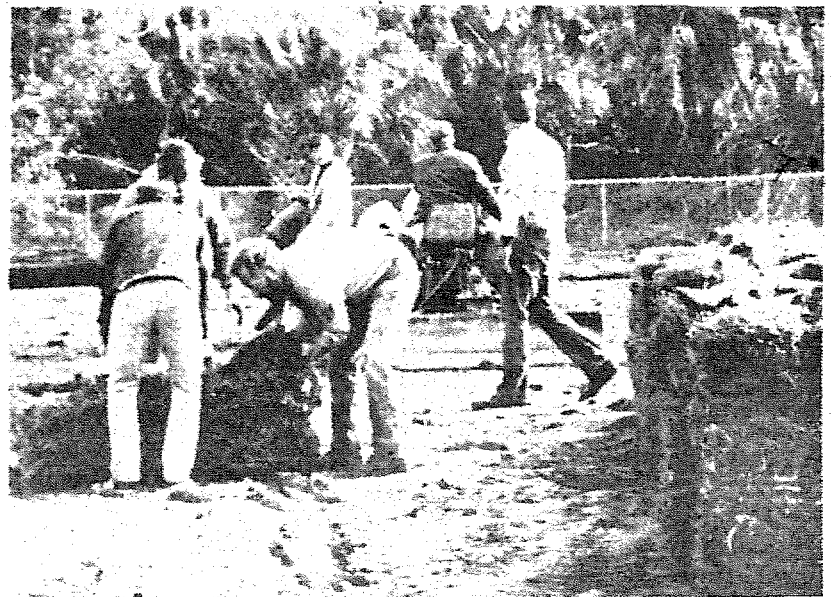
Registration opened on Saturday for all Island youngsters who wish to participate in the 1978 Little League season. According to officials, practice for the season will open as soon as the teams are formed, with the actual season opener planned for sometime in March.

While the moms were busy registering the Little Leaguers at the Community Association last Saturday, the dads were up at the softball park working hard to get the new Little League field in shape by laying the sod for the outfield. Because of the cooperation of so many Islanders, the work went quickly and the sod was in place by noon. The remaining lights are expected to be installed sometime soon.

Little League registration is \$7.00 per child. If you missed Saturday's sign-up time and wish to register your child call Dick or Emily Muench at 472-2812.



The ISLANDER just learned at (past) press time that there will be an additional little league registration session this Saturday at the Community Association at 10 a.m. Let us remind you that it is for both boys and girls and that there will be try-outs for all new kids at that time. Remember, this Saturday, at 10 a.m. is the last sign-up day for the 1978 little league season.



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captiva erosion wave damage points up need for beach restoration

On the evening of January 8, a breaking wave driven by heavy squalls and westerly winds of 50-60 knots caused injuries and property damage at South Seas Plantation Resort and dramatically changed the beach profile at a number of points along Captiva's Gulf shore.

According to eyewitness reports and Lee County Sheriff's Department records, the only injuries occasioned by the lone destructive wave which broke on Captiva at dusk on January 8 were a young couple swept under elevated residences at South Seas Plantation, although moderate sand damage to cars and homes was in evidence along much of the Island's western shoreline.

Islanders Al Blank and Charlie Miller soon cleared the Captiva road of rocks, sand and trees, however, and the customary, peace of Captiva was restored.

But the resulting alterations in the beach profile are being closely monitored by officials of the Captiva Erosion Prevention District.

"There appears to have been a very noticeable loss of sand in some areas of the Island on the order of a two-foot verticle drop in the surf zone," reported Dex Bender, agent for the Erosion District.

"In other areas, some of the sand appears to have been pushed up higher onto the ridge zone, and there was some loss of the escarpment south of the revetment between the post office and the S-curve," Bender said.

"A lot of sand washed over the bar at Blind Pass," he added. "The wave took it off the surf zone and pushed it up over that beach toward the bay side."

Eyewitness reports of the height of the wave ranged from 6 to 18 feet, and

Bender infers that the actual height of the wave was somewhere near the medium between the most extreme estimates.

"To be pushing sand that high up onto the beach it had to be cresting at about twelve feet," he said. "And we didn't really get the full force of that wave. It must have started breaking by the time it reached the surf zone, and the force of the run-up did all the damage."

Bender opined that the lone wave which battered Captiva on January 8 was probably a swell pushed in from far out in the Gulf by a wintery squall line with gusts of between 50-60 knots.

At the present time, the Erosion Prevention District has contracts for two studies of the Island's erosion problem and possible solutions.

Bender said that \$10,000 has been committed to a study of the rock revetment along the portion of Captiva Drive Southwest overlooking the Gulf. The Naples engineering firm of Sub-Oceanics is performing this study, which is expected to be completed later this month, according to Lee County Director of Transportation, Ben Pratt.

The Erosion District is also under contract with Coastal Engineering and Construction Company of Naples for a one-year study geared to developing a sand conservation and beach management program which can be implemented within the District's budget. Bender said that this evaluation should result in the presentation of a number of alternate ways to induce accretion on Captiva and restore the Island's disappearing Gulf Beach.

Additionally, Bender said that beach renourishment and restoration will be the subject of a two-day workshop to be

conducted by the District on March 8 and 9.

Dr. Neil Frank from the National Hurricane Center in Miami, representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the State Bureau of Beaches and Shores, and other state, federal, and local experts on coastal zone management will participate in the intensive two-day workshop on Captiva's erosion problem, Bender said.

The workshop which will be open to Captiva residents and interested members of the public, will be held at the Captiva Civic Center March 8-9.

Beach erosion along Captiva's Gulf shore was accelerated recently when a 12-foot swell pushed up by heavy squalls out in the Gulf broke on the beach, causing injuries and property damage in certain sections of the Island's shoreline.

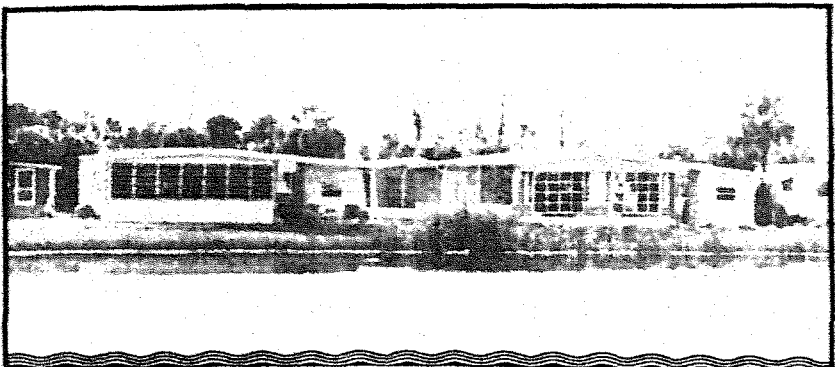
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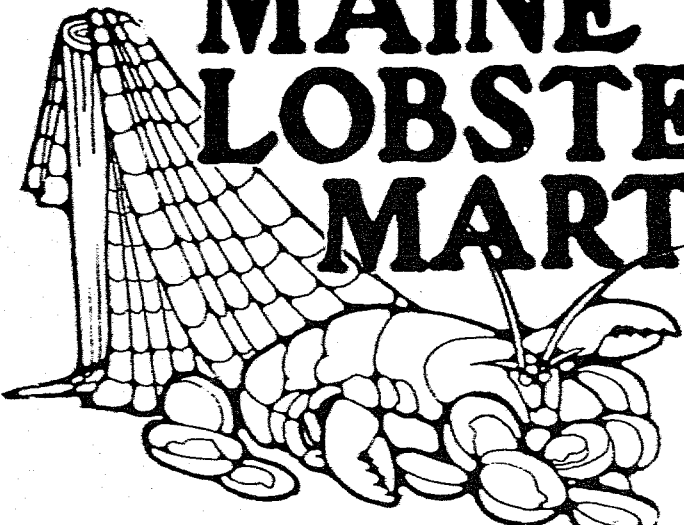
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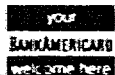
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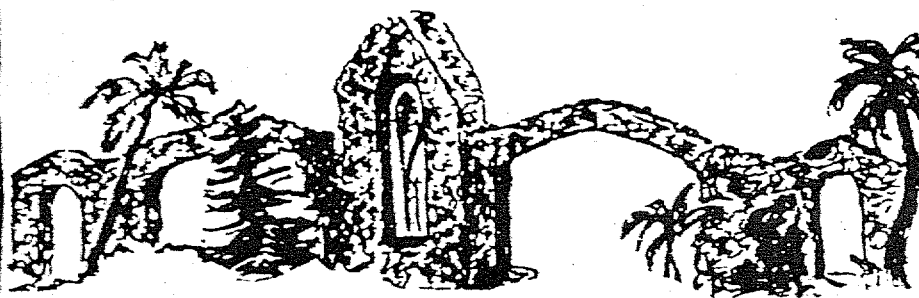
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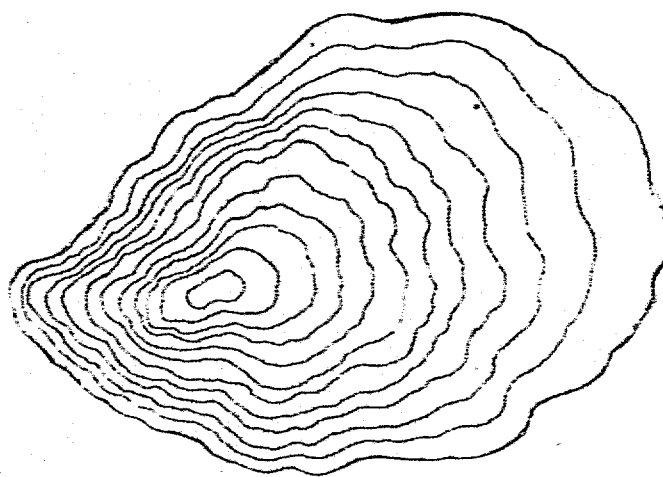
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By JULIE GRAY
Food Editor

"Orange" you glad you're down here in sunny warm Florida right now?

This little cool spell we've been having is just to remind us why we're here.

Chances are, those lucky enough to be the owners (or neighbors of owners) of citrus trees are wondering what to do with all that fruitful bounty laden the trees.

The two leading orange producing areas of this country are Florida, and some state out on the west coast.

We could go on and on about properties of different types of citrus fruits -- which varieties are best for each different climate and so on.

But in this column we plan to share some good recipes for using up the crop. One drop or segment shouldn't go to waste.

We are sharing some of our very favorite citrus recipes and invite you to share yours with us. We'd like to run a sort of contest, with photograph and story on the "winner." Please send your recipes to Julie Gray in care of The Breeze.

BROILED GRAPEFRUIT WITH RUM

- 1 large grapefruit cut in half
- 2 Tbsp. peach preserves
- 1 Tbsp. butter or margarine, melted
- 1 tsp. dark rum

Cut out centers and remove seeds from each grapefruit half. With knife, loosen sections.

Combine preserves with butter. Sprinkle each grapefruit half with rum, then spread with preserve mixture.

Run under broiler, four inches from heat, about three minutes or until top is bubbly.

ORANGE AND DATE SALAD

- 3 medium oranges
- 1 cup diced celery
- 1 cup diced fresh dates
- 2 Tbsp. mayonnaise
- Salad greens
- 6 slices orange
- 6 whole fresh dates pitted

Peel oranges, removing white membrane. Cut in sections. Mix with next 3 ingredients and put on green on individual plates. Garnish each with an orange slice and a whole date.

CANDIED FRUIT PEEL (LEMON, LIME ORANGE OR RELATIVE)

- 4 large navel oranges
- 3 cups sugar

With a sharp knife remove peel from each fruit in quarters; scrape out any pulp.

In two quarts of water in a large saucepan or kettle simmer peel, covered, 30 to 40 minutes or until tender. Drain, reserving cooking liquid. Set peel aside.

In same saucepan, combine two cups sugar and one cup reserved liquid. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until sugar is dissolved.

Continue cooking without stirring to 238 degrees Fahrenheit on candy thermometer, or until a little in cold water forms a soft ball.

Add orange peel, simmer gently, stirring occasionally about 30 minutes or until peel becomes translucent.

Drain peel. While hot, roll in rest of sugar, coating all sides very well.

Cool on rack and let dry about 24 hours.

Cut into strips about 1/4 inch wide. Store, covered in refrigerator.

FLORIDA ORANGE CAKE

- 1 cup butter or margarine at room temperature
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs separated
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. baking soda

- 1 cup sour cream
- grated rind of one orange
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- one-third Grand Marnier or orange-flavored liquor
- 2 Tbsp. slivered almonds.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Cream together flour, baking powder, baking soda and add alternately with the sour cream, stirring until smooth. Stir in the orange rind and nuts.

Beat the egg whites until stiff but not dry and fold them into the batter. Grease a nine-inch tube pan and pour in batter. Bake 50 minutes or until cake is done when tested with a tester.

Combine the orange juice, liquor, and remaining sugar and pour over hot cake. Decorate top with almonds. Let cake cool before removing it from the pan.

LEMON YOGURT CAKE

- 3 1/2 cups flour
- 3 tps. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 2 tbsps. grated lemon peel
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 5 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups plain yogurt
- Powdered sugar

Mix flour, baking powder and salt. Beat butter with lemon peel and granulated sugar. Beat in eggs one at a time. Stir in flour alternately with yogurt to get a smooth batter but do not overmix. Turn into greased and floured 9 or 10-cup mold. Bake at 350 degrees for one to 1 1/2 hours or until pick inserted into center comes out dry. Baking time depends on shape of mold. Cool 15 minutes in mold then carefully invert and cool on rack. Sieve powdered sugar over top. No frosting is needed.



Lemon yogurt cake is a citrus delight

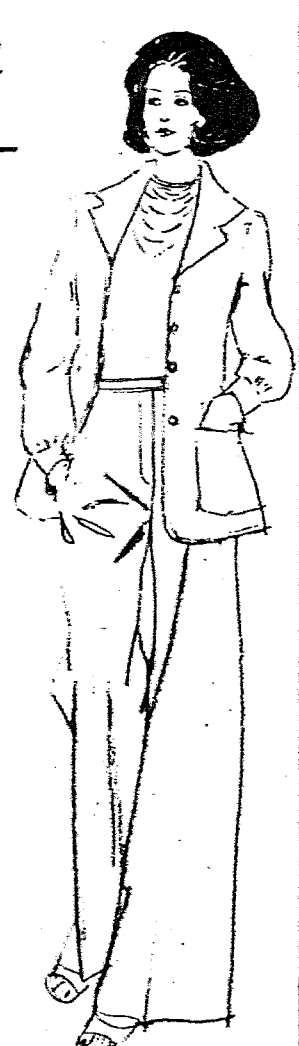
CHICKEN BAKED WITH ORANGE OR OTHER CITRUS SLICES

- 1 chicken cut in eighths
- garlic salt
- pepper
- 6 or so oranges cut in slices
- 1/2 cup soy sauce

Layer orange slices in bottom of buttered baking pan. Lay in chicken parts. Pour soy sauce over chicken, sprinkle with seasonings and bake until chicken is golden done, basting periodically with sauce and juice from oranges and chicken liquid.

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"Tuesdays at the center" opens wednesday

by Rich Arthurs

Spokesmen for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation have announced the details of the first continuing series of environmental education programs to be offered at the new Conservation Center off Sanibel-Captiva Road on Sanibel.

Called "Tuesdays at the Center," the new programs will be a regular series of workshops, demonstrations and presentations covering many aspects of natural resources conservation, management and application to be offered every Tuesday at Conservation Center. Weekly programs will feature presentations by both local and visiting experts on various areas of nature conservation.

Due to scheduling conflicts at Conservation Center, the first program in this series will be offered this Wednesday, January 18, rather than Tuesday. Subsequent programs will be offered every Tuesday, and all programs in the series will be held beginning at 2:00 p.m.

This week's premier program in the series will feature a presentation on the Florida panther to be given by Robert Baudy, founder and director of the Rare Feline Breeding Compound, Inc. in Bushnell Florida.

Robert Baudy is a world-renowned animal trainer and zoologist who has dedicated his life to the preservation of endangered animal species. In 1960, he founded the Rare Feline Breeding Compound in Sumter County, Florida, near Bushnell, for the purpose of studying and propagating endangered species of wild cats and other animals.

By the present day, the Compound has emerged as a highly successful haven for endangered cat species, supplying cubs of many species to prominent zoos around the world. In 1973 alone, Baudy successfully raised

51 cubs of 9 species of endangered cats.

Among other remarkable feats of wild animal breeding in a controlled environment, Baudy has successfully bred the snow leopard and the black panther, considered to be among the rarest cats in the world today, not to mention the near-extinct Amurian leopard, a species which today is believed to number less than 20 individuals in its native North Korea and Siberia.

According to federal wildlife officials, Baudy's Rare Feline Breeding Compound in Bushnell is one of only two known spots where the Amurian leopard has been successfully bred in captivity.

But Baudy's presentation at Conservation Center this week concerns the Florida panther (*Felis concolor coryii*), the most endangered of all animal species in Florida and, according to Baudy, perhaps one of the most endangered species of mammal in the world.

The Florida panther has been ruthlessly destroyed by man since the early 1800's, when Florida's early settlers began the slaughter to protect themselves and their livestock from this solitary carnivore. In this century, advancing human development in Florida has encroached upon the panther's habitat so much that today the species totters on the brink of extinction.

Florida law sanctioned hunting of the Florida panther up until 1958, when it was removed from the native game list and accorded fully protected status under the auspices of the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

But by then it was almost too late for the Florida panther, a solitary hunter which requires a vast range and plentiful prey to maintain itself as a viable population. Because the Florida panther shuns man so absolutely, few



Prominent zoologist and animal trainer Robert Baudy, founder of the Rare Feline Breeding Compound near Bushnell, Florida, will give a presentation on the plight of the Florida panther this Wednesday, January 18, at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's new Conservation Center off Sanibel-Captiva Road.

The program is the first in a weekly series of environmental education presentations to be offered at Conservation Center this winter.

indisputable records of the species exist to aid conservationists such as Baudy in their attempts to save this rapidly disappearing cat.

Recently, the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission launched an ambitious investigation of the Florida panther geared to locating a viable or reproducing population which can be protectively managed. The Commission is seeking verifiable sightings of the panther in conjunction with this effort.

A member of the Florida Panther Recovery Team, Robert Baudy's presentation at Conservation Center this week should be considered a must for Islanders interested in current efforts to save this magnificent creature.

On Tuesday, January 24, "Tuesdays at the Center" will feature a presentation on conservation cooking, or cooking with nature, to be given by long-time Island resident Eula Rhodes. For the lucky Islanders in attendance for this program, Mrs. Rhodes will

reveal her traditional recipes for seagrape jelly, fish chowder and other native delicacies.

The following Tuesday, January 31, will feature a presentation by local environmentalist Bill Hammond on the raccoon and its role in the environment of Southwest Florida.

"Tuesdays at the Center" will be open to the general public at no charge other than the regular admission fee to Conservation Center. The series is free for members of the Conservation Foundation.

"We're hoping to attract the general public and offer programs of widespread interest to advance the cause of natural resources conservation both in this area and throughout the country," explained Carol Davenport, director of volunteer services at Conservation Center.

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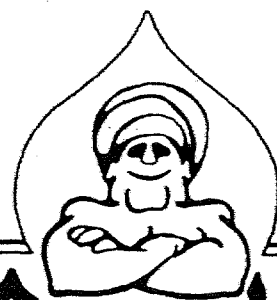
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A group of Island visitors spent a night on the Island in their camper last week in violation of the city's ordinance prohibiting overnight camping on Sanibel.

SPD kindly allowed the campers to stay out the night because it was late and the group was already well entrenched at their chosen campsite on an Islander's property. The campers said they did not know that their accustomed mode of living was outlawed on Sanibel.

Illegal campers seem to have overrun the Islands last week.

Another group of four or five visitors was apprehended at their

campsite north of Bowman's Beach, where they had been living in tents and trailers for upwards of five days, or so they said.

They, too, were informed of city camping regulations and were duly disbanded by Island patrolmen.

An Islander called SPD last week to report the theft of numerous palm, seagrape and other trees, both native and exotic, from his property which had occurred while he was away from the Island.

The complainant valued his missing landscaping at over \$2,000, and few if any clues were found to explain the mysterious

disappearance.

This crime is currently the subject of an intensive investigation by Island police.

Anyone sighting a Malaysian palm, silver buttonwood, poinsettia, arica palm or pygmy date running loose about the Island is urged to notify SPD immediately.

Members of an Island household were rudely startled from their sleep one night last week by a loud rapping on their window followed by the sound of a motorcycle pulling away from the house.

They immediately called SPD to complain of the incident and in short order, patrolmen

had apprehended a suspect riding a motorcycle along Periwinkle Way.

Upon questioning, the suspect denied all knowledge of the disturbance and was thereupon released.

Eventually, the complainant and his family returned to their slumbers, vowing mayhem and murder to the next prankster with the audacity to disturb their sleep.

Certain Island roads were rendered - impassable one night when they were covered with sand, rocks and debris by a large wave which broke along the Islands' western shore.

SPD assisted with traffic control until the roads were cleared.

An Island patrolman stopped an inebriated visitor who was driving his car most dangerously on the Island last week.

No charges were filed because the car also contained a sober individual, who, at the

patrolman's direction, undertook to drive his drunken chauffeur home.

SPD was called in to investigate an attempted breaking and entering at an Islander's apartment last week. The suspect in this case was also alleged to have tried to run an Islander over with his car.

Further details of this incident are listed as confidential by SPD.

Island police were somewhat confused last week to answer a call coming in on one of the emergency call boxes, only to find no one on the line.

As it turns out, an unknown motorist had run over the pole supporting the call box, damaging the instrument considerably.

Island beachcombers received an unexpected and tasty treat last week when between 30 and 40 crab traps, some of them heavy laden with blue crabs, washed up onto

Sanibel's Gulf beach.

By the time SPD arrived on the scene, however, the majority of the catch had been removed to the warmth of unknown stoves, where, no doubt, persons unknown feasted full on the bounties of the sea.

The driver of a light blue vehicle, make unknown, saved himself \$3.00 when he ran the toll booth at the Sanibel Causeway.

Subsequent attempts to locate this cheapskate proved futile.

An Island patrolman put a speedy end to a beach party around a bonfire on the Island last week when he discovered that the revellers had no permit for their fire.

A permit from the Sanibel Fire Department is required for any open fire on Sanibel.

SPD also sought in vain for the driver of a small yellow car last week.

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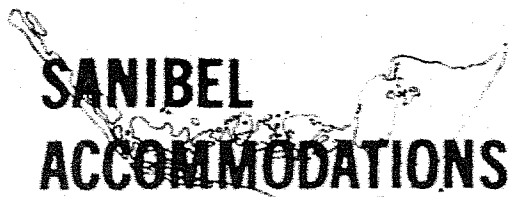
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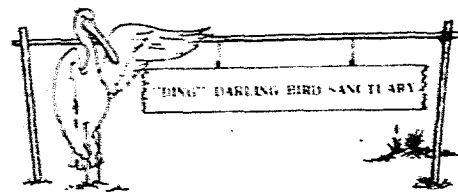


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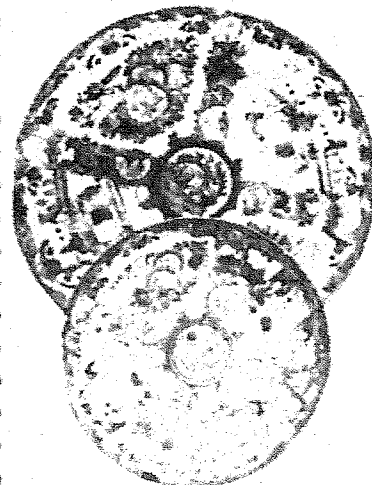


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We've all heard "Tis the Season to be Jolly" from Thanksgiving time, right through Christmas. The melody lingers on . . . and it is not exactly a burden to have to wait a few months before we start hearing it again.

On the other hand, our "season to be jolly" does not necessarily end in December. It goes right on until after Easter vacation has become a happy memory and sometimes the most ladylike ladies and gentlemanly gentlemen have been known to use an occasional expletive deleted when caught in the traffic or jostled in crowded shops. Residents and visitors

alike.

Everyone has special relatives and friends. The most popular ones are those who write and make plans way ahead of time. The least popular are those who pounce unexpectedly and say, "Hi - how are you guys? We just happen to be nearby and are wondering . . ." In other words, don't just stand there. DO something. At once. Just like that. This seems to have happened to most of us who have made our homes on the Islands.

Arthur Haley's best seller "Roots" and the TV movie special series were one of the highlights of 1977 - with or without our approval but they made thousands of people more aware of

their own roots. We are telling the story of the H.H. Nyes from Georgia, Vermont, as an example.

Hale Nye was born in Vermont in 1899. His wife, Margaret - of Scottish descent - was born in Constable, N.Y. in 1900. They have been married for 56 years, are proud parents of three children and several grand and great-grandchildren.

The Nyes have been coming to the Island for 20 years. In fact, Hale helped with the painting of Captiva's Chapel-By-The-Sea 15 years ago and they still have old as well as new friends here. They rented different cottages during the early years, always near Blind Pass because Hale is an ardent, good-

luck fisherman.

Such stories . . . so many reminiscences . . .

At present Hale and Margaret are in residence in one of Bill Hughes' cottages on Captiva. Bill is an old friend of theirs and they've been staying there for the last six years for various lengths of time. Three months, this year. They don't mind missing that much of a Vermont winter one bit.

These hardy Vermonters seem to have found a way to enjoy the best of all possible worlds, according to New England standards. It took a lot of hard work, thrifty living, and a lifetime of

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saving to make this possible.

Hale inherited a 500-acre farm in Georgia, Vt. (population now around 2,000) which had been in his family for six generations. The Hales were among the first settlers there in 1790. His son, Eric, and his grandson, "Ricky" are carrying on the tradition and have their own homes on the property. Called "Hillandale", it is a dairy farm with 70 milkers and crops of corn and hay.

"Hillandale" is famous in that north-west corner of the state known as "strawberryland" because of 20 acres of large and luscious fruit. During their short season, from mid-June to mid-July, depending on weather conditions, hundreds of people from surrounding communities - including Montrealers and other Canadian neighbors - come to pick their own basketsful. The annual strawberry festival has an enormous attendance.

Not only strawberries are produced on the Hale's land. There is a "sugarbush" of 50 acres which yields around 1,000 gallons of maple syrup each year. Another short season

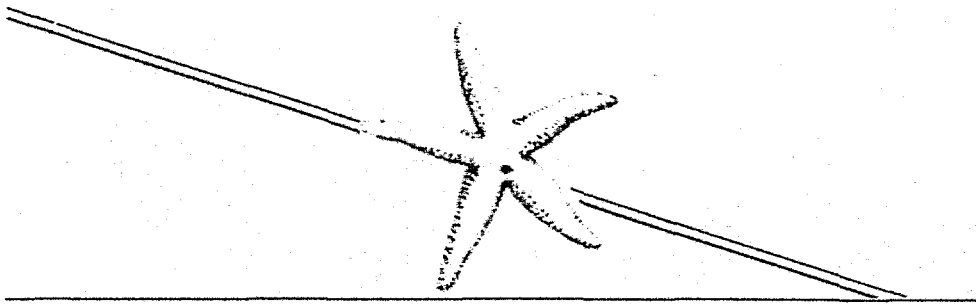
depending on the weather conditions - mid-March through mid-April. Their superior "liquid gold" is sold locally and shipped to places all over the world.

Hale and Margaret have always been deeply involved with local civic affairs, church and hospital work, as well as entertaining foreign students attending the nearby University of Vermont in Burlington. When they were in their 60's they volunteered to join the Peace Corps with the intention of teaching agriculture in foreign countries. They were only turned down because the final physical examination revealed Hale to be a borderline diabetic.

The Nyes are life-long friends of this reporter. We had similar backgrounds, 15 miles apart but the same kind of six generation inheritance. It is a privilege to know such people.

The joy of such a reunion, plus others like it - as well as the joy of those who can escape the wicked winters elsewhere in the country - cause the inevitable long lines of comfort seekers, obviously.

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audubon society

"The Big Cypress" will be the title of the presentation of Mr. Irv Mortenson at the next meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society to be held at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 1978, at the Sanibel Community House.

Mr. Mortenson is the Manager of the Big Cypress National Preserve, Big Cypress Swamp presents an immensely varied landscape lying west of the Okeechobee-Everglades Basin and between the Saw Grass Plain and the elevated sand ridges of the Gulf coast. Despite its name, it does not refer entirely to giant trees, but rather to a great expanse of land composed of wet prairies, broad savannas of grass, and hummocks composed of various types of trees. Mr. Mortenson will explain the

kiwanis club

At the last Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 10, the Kiwanis voted to give \$308.00 to the Sanibel Elementary School for a TV set for educational purposes. A check for this amount was presented to Charles Wainright, principal, on Wednesday morning.

The "snowbirds" are continually being welcomed at the weekly meetings at Scotty's Pub. Whatever tricks the weatherman is playing on

power squadron

The Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron will be conducting free boat inspection in cooperation with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Inspectors. Inspections will take place by appointment at the dock behind 794 Conch Court in the Shell Harbor Canal, owned by Past Commander, Harley Brown.

Appointments can be made by calling Lt. Rbt. Kessler at 472-1772. Inspections will be made on Friday, January 27, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, January 28, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00

shell club

The next meeting for the Shell Club will be held tomorrow, January 18, 1978, at 8:00 p.m. at the Community House. The theme of the evening will be a demonstration of Shell Crafts, getting ready for the Shell Fair.

The Club would like clean and assorted shells for the Shell Booth. The Driftwood workshop, under the direction of Art and Kay Ford, meets

inter-dependence of the Big Cypress National Preserve and the Everglades National Park.

Tickets for the bus trip to Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary will be on sale at the membership table. The trip will leave Sanibel from the Island Cinema parking lot at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 29, 1978. The charter bus will accommodate 39 passengers for the trip and the cost for the round trip will be \$5.00 per person.

Tickets for this trip will be sold on January 26, 1978, at the Audubon Society Meeting, if there are any seats remaining. The charge for transportation does not include the cost of entering the Corkscrew Sanctuary, which is \$3.12.

Islanders, they are much worse in the many different places that the brothers come from so the visitors are happy to be greeting one another here.

The Kiwanians have made a big point of trying to keep the beaches and roadsides clean for many years. Once again they cry for HELP. The litterbugs are at it again...PLEASE. Everybody join in on the endeavor to stop the spoiling of our beautiful beaches and the sides of the roads.

noon. Commander Herbert Ferguson of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and his inspectors will make house calls by appointment for boats that cannot clear the periwinkle Way bridge spanning the Shell Harbor canal.

Each inspection lasts about 20 minutes and an Official Coast Guard Decal will be placed on boats that pass the test. The Decal alerts Marine Authorities that the boat is properly equipped.

Monday and Friday at 10:00 a.m. Please bring a sandwich. They will supply the coffee and tea.

As always, refreshments at the meeting will be served by our hostesses, Betty Johnson and Mildred Campbell.

So - all you shellers come out and spend an evening with us. Visitors are always welcome.

art alliance goes to chadwicks'

The Lee County Alliance of the Arts (LCAA) is planning several events, according to Mrs. Mary Robinson, president of the association.

The public is invited to the annual meeting which will be held January 16, at 7:30 p.m., in the Theater Arcade in Fort Myers. The new slate of officers will be elected at this meeting and all members are invited.

On January 19, a special afternoon is planned. This will be a Champagne Brunch, Book Review by Lee D. Snyder, and a Fashion Show presented by Dotti of Sanibel, with the day starting at 11:30 a.m., in Lindburgh Hall at Chadwick's South Seas Plantation, Captiva Island. Reservations may be made by contacting Mrs. George T. Mann or Mrs. Sidney Davis of Fort Myers. Donation is \$10 per person.

On February 7, a special Grants Workshop will be held in the Edison Community College Auditorium, E103, starting at 9 a.m. The morning session will be a general session, and the afternoon session will be individual consultation with experts.

The free workshop is being conducted in cooperation with the Fine Arts Council of Florida (FACF) and LCAA.

According to Mrs. Robinson this workshop is an unusual opportunity to acquaint artists and organizations in Lee, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades Counties with the many financial options available to them from state and federal government. It's a 'nuts and bolts' seminar which will inform and entertain both new and experienced grants applicants.

"There is a need to increase arts funding for areas of the state such as this," reports FACF chairman William Chandler of Gainesville. "The deadline for most grant applications is March 1, and this is an excellent chance for local residents and cultural representatives to meet with our staff and get their proposals developed."

The Fine Arts Council of Florida is a state agency within the Division of Cultural Affairs, Department of State. Created in 1969 by the legislature, it makes grants awards to non-profit organizations and individual artists for

league of women voters

John S. Lowman III, Chairman of the Lee County Housing Authority, will discuss the League of Women Voters of Lee County today, Tuesday January 17, at 9:30 a.m. at the Seven Lakes Center. Mr. Lowman will discuss the history of the Authority and possibilities for action by the Authority.

The meeting is open to the public.

projects designed to enrich the artistic and cultural life of Floridians. The Council through the Division of Cultural Affairs, receives an annual appropriation from the legislature—last year \$400,000—which is matched by federal and local funds.

Those organizations or individuals wanting to meet with those experts conducting the afternoon individual sessions can make an appointment by calling Ray Walsh at 334-4977, in the Theater Arcade.

art exhibit

Members of the Southwest Florida Chapter of the American Artists Professional League will exhibit paintings, graphics, and wood carvings at Canterbury School, 1400 College Parkway January 19 through January 27. The exhibit will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

community church

The next New Member Class will meet with the Board of Counselors Sunday, January 22, at 3:00 p.m. to be received by the Board and receive orientation to the life and work of the church. Members are received by profession of faith in Christ; by letter of transfer from another congregation; or as dual members, retaining membership in another congregation.

Anyone wishing to become a member at this time, please indicate it on the Ritual of Friendship pad, or call the church office. 472-2684.

orchid society

The Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society will sponsor a course entitled "How to Know and Grow Orchids." It will be taught by Tom Tucker, a well known orchid grower in Fort Myers. The classes will run for eight weeks and will begin January 25, 1978. They will be held at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Center on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and the cost is \$15.00 for the course.

Members and non-members who are interested may get in touch with Dottie Wakefield at 472-1470 or George Christensen at 472-2086. Applications may also be made at the Conservation Center. Get them in early because the class must be limited to 30 people.

The regular meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society will be held at Captiva Community Center tomorrow, Wednesday, January 18, at 1:30 p.m. There will be an auction of orchid plants. Members and non-members are invited to attend. Come and add to your orchid collection.

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9:00 a.m. 1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance (White).

2. Approval of minutes of previous meetings. (December 20th and December 28th, 1977)

3. Discussion of letter and resignation from George C. Tenney, member of Sanibel Planning Commission.

4. Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation.

5. Planning Commission Report.

1. Report of WMRT's scope of service and cost estimate for re-drafting the Water Element of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

6. Consider a Resolution recommending review, revisions and additions to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan; Providing a program, for action and implementation.

7. City Attorney's Report.

1. Donax Street proposal.

8. City Manager's Report.

1. Report on possible acquisition of Helen Hooper Brown property.

9. Mayor and Councilmen Reports.

10. Appointements (5) to a County-wide Advisory Committee for Schwalbe Park (Turner Beach).

11. Consider a Resolution approving and adopting the Lee County 201 Facilities Plan as the Official Planning Document for future development of wastewater facilities for the City of Sanibel.

12. Consider a Resolution supporting the extension of WUSF Television Station in the greater Fort Myers area.

13. Consider approving (4) Emergency Ordinances as follows:

1. An Emergency Ordinance Amending and Replacing Ordinance 75-25, Section 4 (f) Establishing Building Permit Fees.

2. An Emergency Ordinance Amending and Replacing Ordinance 76-49, Section 16, Establishing Electrical Permit Fees.

3. An Emergency Ordinance Amending and Adding to Ordinance 76-50, Section 15, a New Subsection (d); Establishing Plumbing Permit Fees.

4. An Emergency Ordinance Amending and Adding to Ordinance 76-51, Section 15, a New Subsection (g); Establishing Mechanical Permit Fees.

12:30 p.m. Recess for Lunch.

1:30 p.m. 14. Public Hearing and First Reading of An Ordinance Specifically Amending Ordinance No. 76-21, The Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Section 3.7.1: Flood-proofing and 3.7.2: Certification of Floodproofing to allow the remodeling of an existing garage located within 500 feet of the Gulf of Mexico, into a one bedroom apartment; and to Sections 3.4.3: Gulf Beach Ridge (Part 3.4, Permitted Uses) and 3.2.3: Permitted Uses Map to permit the use of this structure as a dwelling unit (unit would not conform to the minimum lot size specified for single-family development in this area of the Gulf Beach Ridge); as submitted by Dee Amon for Barbara L. Peterson.

The property is located at 4453 West Gulf Drive, Lot 10, Tahiti Shores Subdivision, Section 20 Township 46 South, Range 22 East, Sanibel, Lee County, Florida.

1:45 p.m. 15. Public Hearing and First Reading of an Ordinance Specifically Amending Ordinance No. 76-21, The Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Part 3.4: Permitted Uses, Section 3.4.5: Interior Wetland-Uplands 2) Commercial, C; and Part 3.6: Mobile Homes and Recreation Vehicles, to permit the use of an antique replica circus wagon owned by George Ackerman, as a retail establishment to be located at the B-Hive, 2407 Periwinkle Way (Parcel in Section 26, Township 46 South, Range 22 East, Sanibel, Lee County, Florida), as submitted by George W. Kohlbrenner, owner, B-Hive property.

2:00 p.m. 16. Public Hearing and First Reading of an Ordinance Specifically Amending Ordinance No. 76-21, The Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Sections 3.3.1: Residential Densities and 3.2.2: Development Intensity Map, to permit build-out of the lots remaining under the ownership of the applicant in Caloosa Shores Subdivision (Parcel in Government Lot 9, Section 12, Township 46 South, Range 21 East, Sanibel, Lee County Florida); namely Lots 7-12, 16-19, 26-29, and 31-39 (22 Platted Lots), as submitted by Karl Wightman.

2:15 p.m. 17. Continuation of Public Hearing and Second Reading of an Ordinance Specifically Amending Ordinance No. 76-21, The Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Section 3.3.2: Residential Yard Requirements, to permit the addition of a garage to an existing home within the setback area on a parcel of land in Section 11, Township 46 South, Range 21 East, Sanibel, Lee County, Florida (6000 Colony Road), as submitted by Robert and Patricia Degand.

2:30 p.m. 18. Presentation of dedication for acceptance by the City of a proposed bicycle path - James O. Evans.

19. Consider an Ordinance relating to drainage; providing authority to the City of Sanibel to direct owners of land to correct their drainage; providing authority to cause said work to be done and providing that a lien be placed upon said property for the value of said work should the owner fail to comply.

20. Consider an Ordinance prohibiting certain acts of solicitation; providing for registration of solicitors; providing for exception and providing for permits.

21. Consider a permanent Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 75-32, establishing a vehicular weight restriction upon the streets and roads of Sanibel and establishing vehicular speed limits within the City of Sanibel.

22. Public Inquiries and Comments.

Adjournment.

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planners' deliberations plagued by water worries

At their regular meeting on January 9, Sanibel planning commissioners were consistently plagued by worries over the Islands' potable water supply in their consideration of requests for city development permits.

Concerned by the current uncertainties surrounding the Islands' water situation and the possibility that the supply of water may be insufficient to meet future demands, commissioners voted to continue their hearings on requests for city development permits for three major residential projects planned for Sanibel.

Commissioners' concerns over the water situation resulted in a continuation of a hearing on a request from Latham Corporation President Robert L. Johnson for a development permit with which to construct 21 additional condominium units at King's Crown Condominiums on West Gulf Drive.

The city council has already approved a specific amendment to Sanibel's land use plan to permit the development of 66 additional units at King's Crown, and Johnson appeared before city planners last week to gain permission to develop the first 21-unit phase of the work.

Johnson already has commitments for Island Water Association hookups for the additional units at King's Crown, and said that the development would be served by the Sanibel Sewer System, but commissioners' fears were not allayed.

"I can't vote for this with the water situation on the Islands the way it is," Commissioner Don Marshall told Johnson.

"The Water Association has indicated to us that they do in fact have sufficient water to serve these units," Johnson replied.

"I wouldn't feel that I was doing justice to the people of Sanibel if I were to vote to permit 21 additional water hookups to come on stream," rejoined Marshall.

"Even though the Island Water Association is committed by its administrative procedures to serve 1,000 more units, it still doesn't change the fact that we have a water shortage here," added Commissioner Joe McMurtry.

Johnson then offered to suspend the use of water for landscape irrigation at King's Crown in return for the commission's go-ahead with his proposed development, but commissioners were not swayed by the proposal.

Only new Commissioner Ray Fenton

supported Johnson's bid for development permits.

"It seems wholly unfair to deny this project solely on the basis of water," Fenton said. "They have already paid the hookup fees for more units than they intend to build, and that money has been used to expand the water plant to serve future developments such as the one they are requesting."

Due to the uncertainty of the Islands' water situation, Commissioner Marshall moved to continue the hearing until more information about the water situation is available, and his motion passed by 5 to 1 vote of the commission, with Commissioner McMurtry dissenting.

Similar concerns over the probable impact of new development on the Island's support systems prompted commissioners to continue their hearing on a development permit request submitted by Trost International, Inc.

The German investment group, owners of over 200 acres of land in the interior of the Island, have been working with city planners for more than a year now in their attempts to create a 47-unit subdivision on a 177-acre tract of land lying both north and south of Gulf Drive to the east of its intersection with Tapron Bay Road.

By invoking the clustering concept provided in the land use plan, developer Eric Trost hopes to subdivide the parcel into 47 single-family building lots ranging in area from about one acre up to almost five acres.

In so doing, he plans to dedicate the roads in the new subdivision to the city, along with land along Tarpon Bay Road and Gulf Drive to be developed as bike paths and a 3.32-acre parcel on on Tarpon Bay Road to be used as a public parking and restroom facility to serve the Tarpon Bay beach access south of Gulf Drive.

Trost has also agreed to dedicate a 100-foot buffer strip south of the Sanibel River to an appropriate conservation agency for preservation.

Jim DeLozier, Trost's engineer, said that the lots in the subdivision would be served by the Sanibel Sewer System, while no commitment for water hookups for the project has been obtained.

"The magnitude of this development is such that we must have all of our questions answered before we can approve it," commission Chairman Ann Winterbotham told the developer. "It's an enormous project."

The commission has already given

their conceptual approval of the proposed development, but commissioners voted to continue their hearing on the issuance of development permits for the project to await further clarification of Trost's plans.

Loretta Dingman's request for a development permit with which to subdivide a 37.71-acre tract of land north of West Gulf Drive into 17 single-family building lots was also continued to a future meeting of the city planning commission for further consideration. Ms. Dingman's plans for the proposed Sea Gate Subdivision call for the 17 building lots to be clustered in the southern portion of the tract along West Gulf Drive, leaving interior wetland areas within the tract to be preserved as open space.

Commissioners voted to defer action on the request pending a clarification of the width of the right-of-way of West Gulf Drive abutting the parcel.

Commissioners likewise declined to take final action on two requests in which they were asked to determine if there is an adequate water supply to serve proposed development, as stipulated in city ordinance 77-47.

Because of commissioners' concerns over the water and traffic problems on the Island, Islander Frank Joyce's plea for a permit enabling him to install an automatic car wash at William Estep's Gulf Station on Periwinkle Way was continued last week.

Joyce said that water would be brought in from Fort Myers to start the operation, which would thereafter use only minimal amounts of water because of the equipment's designed capability to recycle the current most precious substance on the Islands.

Commissioners' water worries also stalled Dr. and Mrs. Walter Schmidt's plans to build a swimming pool at their home on Rue Belle Mer in the Chateaux Sur Mer Subdivision south of Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Mrs. Schmidt said that water for the pool could be provided by an existing shallow well on the property, but commissioners were afraid that their approval of the request could set a precedent of endorsing more widespread use of shallow wells on Sanibel.

The commission voted to recommend approval of two specific amendment proposals last week because the proposed developments to be permitted by the amendments would not increase the water usage at either site.

These amendments were proposed by:

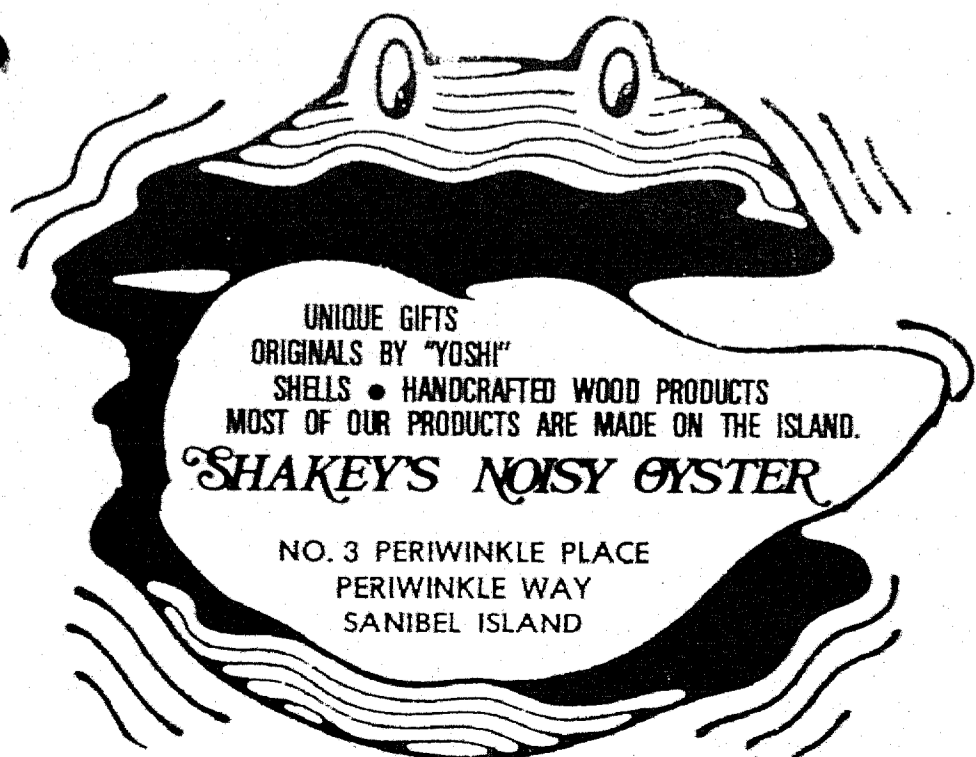
-the Mariner Pointe Condominium Association to permit the paving of existing shell driveways and parking areas at Mariner Pointe Condominiums on Sextant Drive; and

-Robert and Patricia Degand to permit the construction of a garage at their home on Los Colony Road.

City planners also decided to defer their election of officers until their next workshop meeting scheduled for January 23 to await the appointment of another member to the commission by the city council.

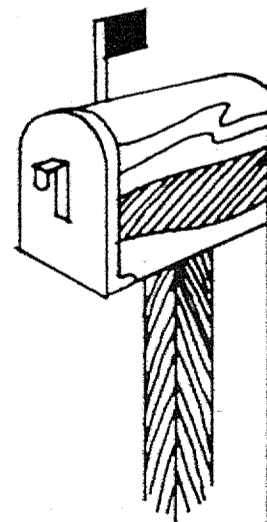
Only six commissioners were present for the meeting on January 9 because of the recent resignation of former commissioner George Tenney.

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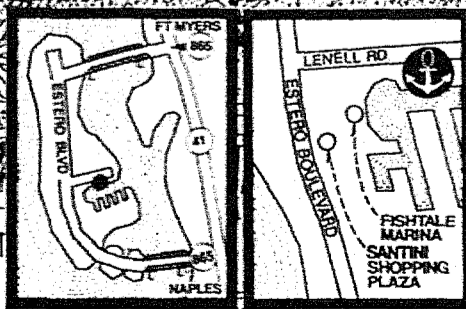
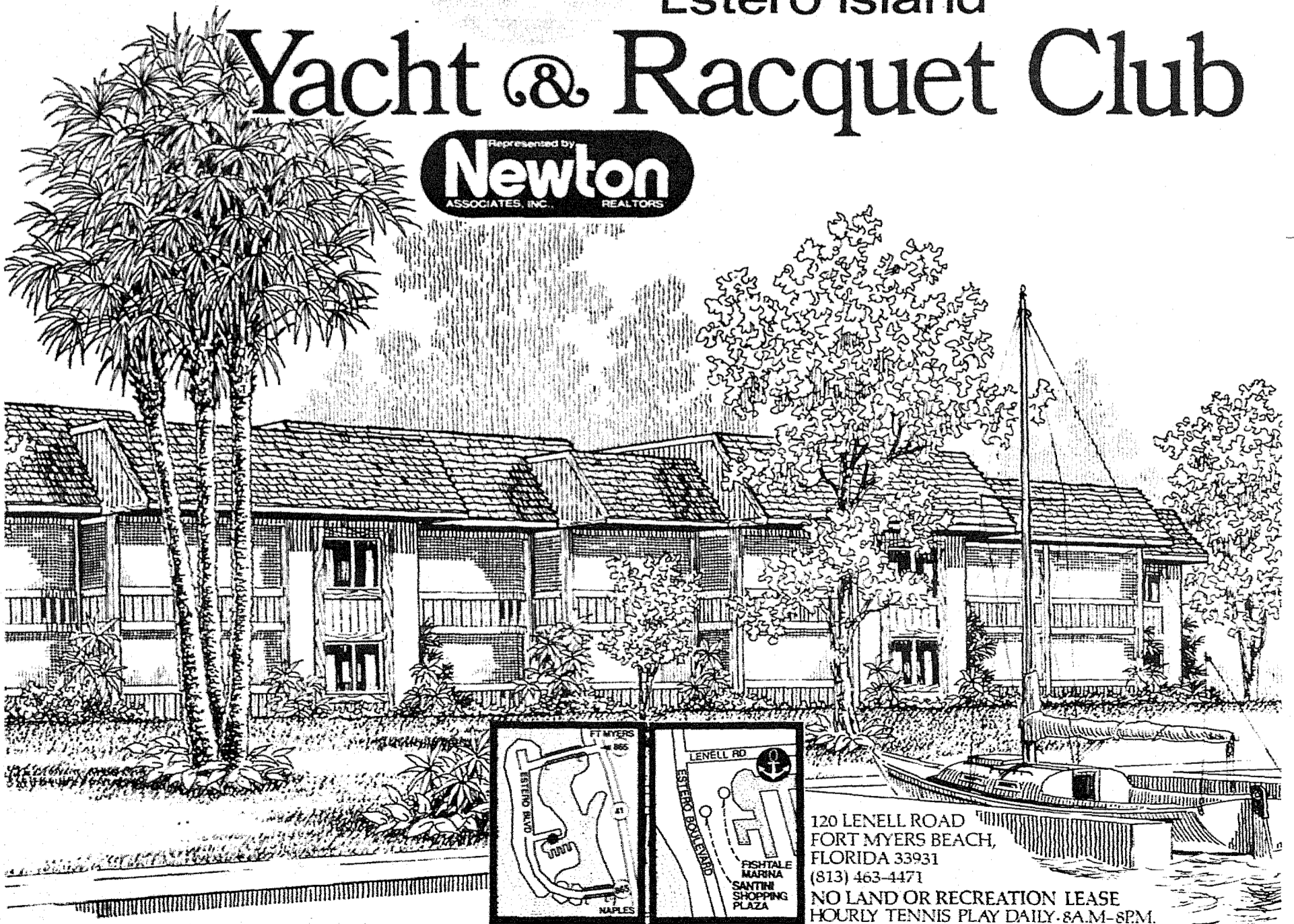
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Enrollments are now being accepted for six new community courses to be offered by the Sanibel Community Association this winter.

For the 1978 winter season, the Community Association will sponsor an interesting and unusual list of courses on subjects ranging from the local environment to unidentified flying objects.

The first course to be offered this season will begin next Monday evening, Jan. 23, at 7:30 p.m. Entitled "UFology," this course will be taught by Everett Walter, who will present a study and history of unidentified flying objects from ancient times to the latest scientific developments.

UFology will be offered from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. every Monday evening through March 13. Enrollment in the course will be limited to 40 students, and the cost of the eight-week lecture series is \$15.00. Further information about this course can be obtained by calling Winnie Comlossy at 472-2531, or Carol Davenport at 472-4382.

"A Potpourri of Music" is the second course to be offered by the Community Association during the winter semester at the Community House. Enrollees in this course will meet for the first time at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24, and for two-hour classes every Tuesday night thereafter through Feb. 28.

For a charge of \$9.00, A Potpourri of Music will feature instruction by Mary Ann Pipano and participation of several local artists in the presentation and discussion of the many varieties of serious music. Enrollment in the course will be limited to a maximum of 26 students, and further information is available through either Ginny Mull at 472-1176, or Nancy Hanna at 472-4403.

To be taught by Diane Walter, a course on "Sanibel's Marine World" will be offered every Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. beginning Jan. 25 and running through March 15.

Mary Kraemer at 472-2861 or Oester Levi at 472-3278 can provide more information about this course, which will focus on the marine habitat and the many plant and animal species which live in the waters around the Islands. Enrollment will be limited to 40 students, and the charge for students of Sanibel's Marine World will be \$10.50.

Instructor Vera Swanson's course in "Contemporary Quilt Making" will first

be offered at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 31. Offering instruction in every facet of the craft, Contemporary Quilt Making classes will be held from 10:00 a.m. until noon every Tuesday through March 7 at a cost of \$15.

Unlike other classes which will be held at the Sanibel Community House on Periwinkle Way, students in Contemporary Quilt Making will meet at 4291 Gulf Pines Drive. Further information about this course is available through Evelyn Klein at 472-3292 or Dora Jones at 472-1443.

For the would-be or amateur ornithologist, Bud Ryckman of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society will be coordinating a course on "How to Bird on Sanibel" to be offered every Tuesday from Feb. 14 through March 21.

In a series of alternating lectures and field trips, qualified "birder" members of the Audubon Society hope to advance the amateur's understanding and appreciation of the many types of birds common to the Islands. Discussion will focus on the habits of nesting, feeding, display, as well as identification and habitat.

Maximum enrollment in How to Bird on Sanibel will be limited to 40 students, and the cost of the course is \$9.00. More information about this offering can be obtained by calling Helen Webbat 472-4084, or Katherine Wycoff at 472-2006.

For the gourmet palate, Dr. and Mrs. Ingalls Simmons will teach a course on "Cooking: From Soups to Nuts" between 10:00 a.m. and noon every Friday from Feb. 17 through March 17.

In five sessions costing \$9. plus an addition \$25 for food items, Dr. and Mrs. Simmons will provide instruction in the preparation of super soups, a little French cuisine, unusual hors d'oeuvres simple preserves, butchery tricks and single portion foods which can be expanded to serve any number.

Classes will be held at 4635 Rue Royal for a maximum of 20 students. Interested parties are urged to call Mona Ferguson at 472-4443, or Betty Bray at 472-2849 for further information about this course.

To register for any or all of the courses to be offered by the Community Association this winter, Islanders are urged to mail checks for

the course or courses desired to: the Sanibel Community Association, c-o Beebe, 3740 Pectin Court, Sanibel, Florida 33957, or fill out and mail in the form provided in local newspapers. Fees will be refunded if the desired course does not fill.

Judging from the overwhelming

success of community courses offered over the past few years, Islanders are urged to enroll in the class or classes of their choice as soon as possible to insure their participation in this unique education opportunity, which past students have found to be not only educational but a whale of a lot of fun!

united way gets underway

The Sanibel Island United Way campaign's Business sector was beginning to take shape at the ISLANDER's press time with a kick-off meeting slated to take place this evening, Tuesday, January 17, at 8:00 p.m. at the Bank of the Islands.

According to Keith Trowbridge, chairman of both the business and residential sectors "with the general enthusiasm evidenced by island retail area chairman we should be able to meet the goal of \$14,000 within the week-long campaign which begins today and concludes next Tuesday, January 24, followed by a one week

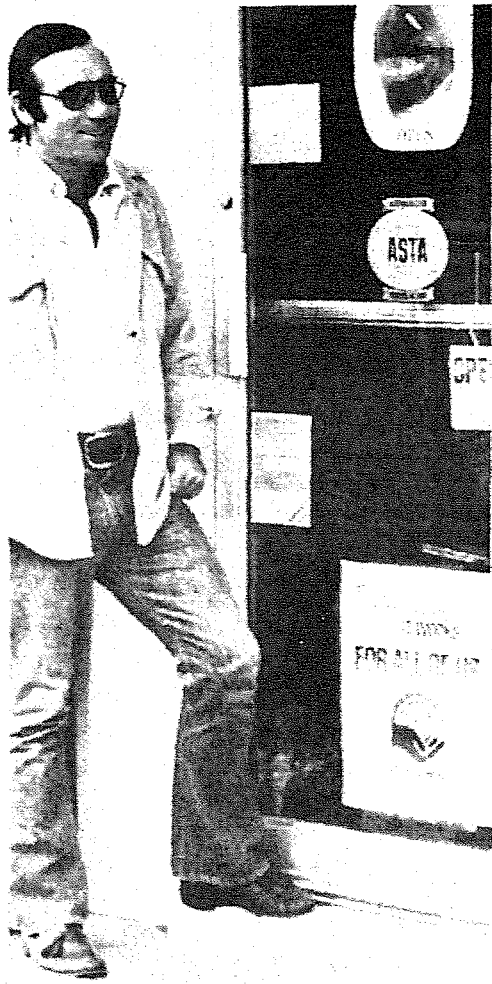
residential drive. The United Way is hoping for even greater participation this year than in 1977 when we not only met the total goal of \$10,000 but exceeded it by \$3,000."

"Island people seem to be giving people and the United Way drive, representing 13 local social service organizations, and having one of the smallest overhead ratios to donations (13 percent) in the country means that dollars donated reach those in desperate need of them," he said.

The business sector of the drive is being administered by vice chairman, Jim Dvorin, and co-chaired by Amy Lampert. Wilbur Shannon is residential chairman. Headquarters for the Sanibel Island United Way drive is at Interval Tracel Agency (formerly Aladdin Travel Agency), 1618 Periwinkle Way.

A partial list of chairman was released to the ISLANDER by Anne Marsh who, with Trowbridge, is coordinating both the business and residential drives. It includes: Dr. Stanley P. Wegryn, professional; Reverend Judson Westgate, churches; Linda Perry, marinas and charter boats; Marilyn and Charles Rylander, Priscilla Murphy Center; John F. Williams, Huxter's Plaza; Don Bissell, Sanibel Center Building; George Quimby, Heart of the Islands shopping center; William Hatcher, Bailey's Shopping Center, Betty and Stearns Williamson, Blind Pass area businesses; Charles Wilson, Nave Center and Robbi Beardsley, Periwinkle-Main-Fitzhugh area.

Volunteers are welcome to join either the residential or business sectors and may sign up by either attending the business meeting on Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m. by phoning 472-3172, or by stopping by the United Way headquarters at 1618 Periwinkle Way.



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Students returned to school on Tuesday, January 3 after a 14 day school vacation. Early classes were quiet as students hadn't adjusted to the early routine. Later classes were noisy as friends conversed about their vacation news.

Thursday, during first period, the Honor Society met. Members were issued candy to be sold as a fund-raising project. Also Tuesday, January 17, was set as the date for initiating the Junior Honor Society members (qualifying sophomores.)

During the week, sponsors for each class collected money. Each penny collected bought an inch in a contest to see which class could get the closest to the gym from the office.

On Friday, the morning shift had their first pep rally in quite some time. In place of fifth period classes, students assembled in the gym. That night they would meet their arch rival Fort Myers High Green Wave team. The boys' basketball, girls' basketball and wrestling teams were introduced to the crowd. Little cheering was done, however, and not much spirit was shown. Thus many considered this the least enthusiastic pep rally of the year.

Despite the poor pep rally, a record 1100 fans packed the Edison Community College field house (the largest crowd ever to attend a Lee County high school basketball game). The Panthers scored right away and never relinquished the lead. At the end of the first quarter the score was 17-10. The Panther defense was superb. They shot

down the Greenies fast break, and got a season high of seventy-eight rebounds. When the final shot sounded, Grandville Mobley had scored eighteen points and twenty-two rebounds. When the final buzzer sounded, the Panthers were still on top 61-48. Exuberant fans poured onto the floor as happy cheerleaders wept with joy.

Students returned to school on Monday still thrilled about their three-fold victory. The freshman, junior varsity, and varsity basketball teams won their matches. It was announced that the Freshman Class had gotten closest to the gym. They were awarded a permanent spirit stick for the deed. The Student Council had sponsored the event and got the proceeds.

The Riverdale Raiders took the court against the mighty Panthers basketball team on Tuesday evening. Many students had feared a defeat. Riverdale scored first but Cypress regained quickly leading 25-9 at the end of the first quarter. Grandville Mobley had already scored ten of his total twenty game points. The Panthers cleared their bench early in the 4th quarter. The replacements managed to hold the lead. The Panthers set a season high point total with their 74-54 victory.

In the Christmas tournament Cypress made it to the semifinals, winning against Glades Central. After a bad first half they recovered to win. With great defensive pressure, there were many turnovers in the game. The next evening, Cypress faced defending champions Pompano Beach who

ranked fifth in the state.

In the early part of the game, Pompano got ahead and Cypress was never able to gain the lead. Pompano won 64 to 44. The next evening Pompano defeated their opponent and went on to win the tournament.

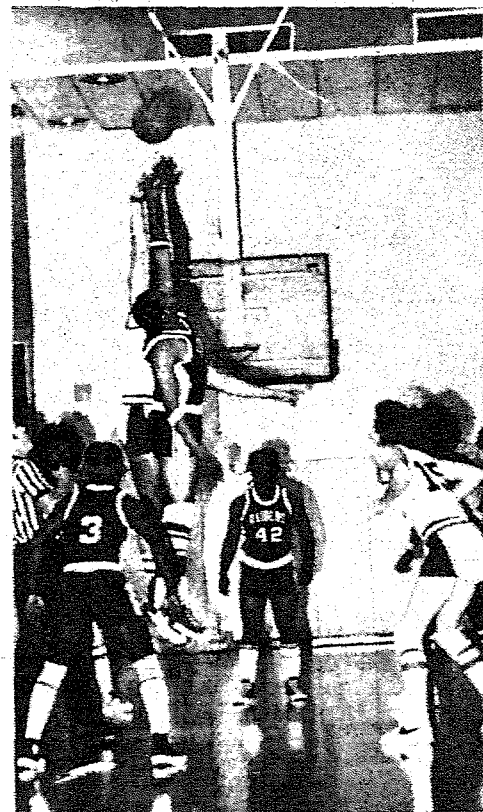
Cypress took on Immokalee in regular season play on Jan. 2. The shooting Indians sunk 67 percent from the field with unbelievable long bombs. We were down by twenty-two points at the start of the fourth quarter but managed to pull back to within three points losing 61-58. During the game, Mobley scored a record 36 points and got 17 rebounds to earn himself the Newspress "Athlete of the Week" award.

The Panthers travelled to Naples on Friday and to Lely on Tuesday night. On Thursday they meet North Fort Myers in a key conference game. The game starts at 8:00 p.m. in the gym and all are welcome to attend.

The freshman basketball team has a 3-0 record and the Junior Varsity team a 6-0 record meaning both teams are still undefeated this season.

The track team started practice early in January. They practice about two hours each day in preparation for their first meet on February 11.

The wrestling team has been busy too. On January 4 Cypress took an undefeated Ft. Myers at their gym. Stanley Gavin suffered his first defeat 2-3 against this match as the team lost by a humiliating 48-3. They then traveled to Southwest where they suffered another defeat. Stanley took on a wrestler that had pinned him last



The tip-off to start the Raider-Panther game.

year. This year Stanley won a 5-3 decision.

Charlotte was their next destination. There both Stanley and the team were victorious. Stanley winning 5-1 and the team 36-18.

Then on January 10, Riverdale came to our gym and we again triumphed. Stanley won his match by forfeit.

These results make the statistics thus far, 5 wins and 4 losses. Stanley has a record of 11 wins, 1 tie, and 1 loss.

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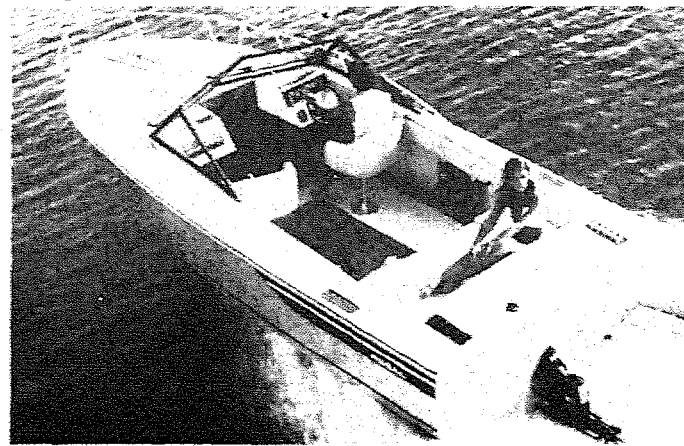
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island gardening

With the increasing emphasis on water conservation, almost everyone is looking for another alternative to the traditional lawn as ground covering. A few that you may see on the islands are gravel, asphalt, and, ground covers, says Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association (FNGA).

By definition, a ground cover is anything that will hold the soil in place, prevent erosion, blowing sand, and weeds. Looking at the words "ground cover," it would lead most people to believe that almost anything could be used. Essentially, that is correct.

Many years ago, the University of Florida, Agriculture Extension Service, produced a bulletin on ground covers. Unfortunately it quickly became a collectors item for everyone was intent on growing something besides grass.

Ground covers should serve several functions. They should be easy to grow. Aesthetic value is always important. The wear factor which includes people tracking across them, animals digging in them, and ease of maintenance are all considerations for making a selection. Actually one might consider

azaleas a ground cover. However, in this short space, a number of good ones will be discussed.

Ajuga, commonly called bugleweed, is a perennial. It spreads by stolons and has an erect flowering spike. The flowers are violet-blue. The leaves of the plant are a bronze or green color. Ajuga is a shade loving plant. It will grow in full sun but the quality of the ground cover will be much better in shade. There is no mowing or shearing of this plant. It does best in the central and northern part of the state. There is a leafspot that attacks the leaves and rootknot can be a problem.

Recently Asparagus sprengeri has become very popular as a ground cover. It is a rapid grower. Like Ajuga, it is a tenacious perennial. The leaves are very small and thin. The plant produces many branches which bear white flowers followed by red berries. This is a persistent plant surviving both cold and drought. The vigorous root system can help to maintain steep banks and slopes. When it becomes too rank, it can be cut to the ground only to return very quickly, says Florida

Nurserymen and Growers Association (FNGA).

In Your Living Garden available from the FNGA, 6235 E. Hillsborough Avenue, Tampa, FL 33610, the care of this plant is discussed. The book can be ordered for one dollar postpaid.

Another ground cover popular in the southern part of the state is Wedelia. This is a tender herbaceous perennial.

It produces bright yellow blossoms in the summer.

Several other ground covers are available. Liriope, Ophiopogon, Peperomia, Pilea, Selaginella, Vinca, ferns of many types, and many of the junipers all make excellent ground covers. If grass is giving you a problem, try ground covers. They have their place in the Florida landscape.

arts and crafts

fair coming soon

The Seventh Annual Arts and Crafts Show to benefit the Sanibel Public Library is only a few weeks away and preparations for the event are in full swing. The Show will be held on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 3 and 4 at the Community Center on Periwinkle Way.

Dr. and Mrs. Ingalls Simmons are chairing the show this year. The first show in 1972 was the inspiration of Harriet Howe who became the chairman and head of most of the committees. Mrs. Howe was followed by Lena and John Sallemi in 1973 and George Tenney in 1974 as chairmen of the increasingly popular shows. Arthur Clark was the 1975 chairman, Mada Harrison held the job the following year and last year's show, with a record-breaking attendance of 6,000,

was co-chaired by Jack and Mary Ronk.

In recent years the show has been expanded to two days with the number of participants increasing steadily. This year, it will feature an even greater number of craftsmen demonstrating in the open air and there will also be, for the first time, a snack bar.

The Sanibel-Captiva Art League will provide an exhibit of paintings by local artists in the long shelter on the grounds. All artists and craftsmen contribute 20 percent of every sale to the Sanibel Library.

There is still some exhibit space left for the Show. Anyone interested in participating is asked to call Patsy Simmons at 472-2497 for information.

porcelain show

The Seventh annual show of the Fort Myers Porcelain Artists will display one of the finest of arts, hand-painted china, at the Fort Myers Exhibition Hall on Tuesday, February 7th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This China Painting Show and Tea will consist of works of the fifty plus members. There will be every conceivable type of flower, fruit, scene, bird and animal taking shape under the brushes of the enthusiastic members. Sixty tables of 1,500 pieces of china will be set up for viewing and purchasing, plus a display of antique hand-painted china for the antique lovers.

Demonstrations of china painting will be held throughout the day, and refreshments will be served. A donation of \$1.00 will be taken at the door and give the public the chance of winning a piece of hand-painted china with a drawing every fifteen minutes.

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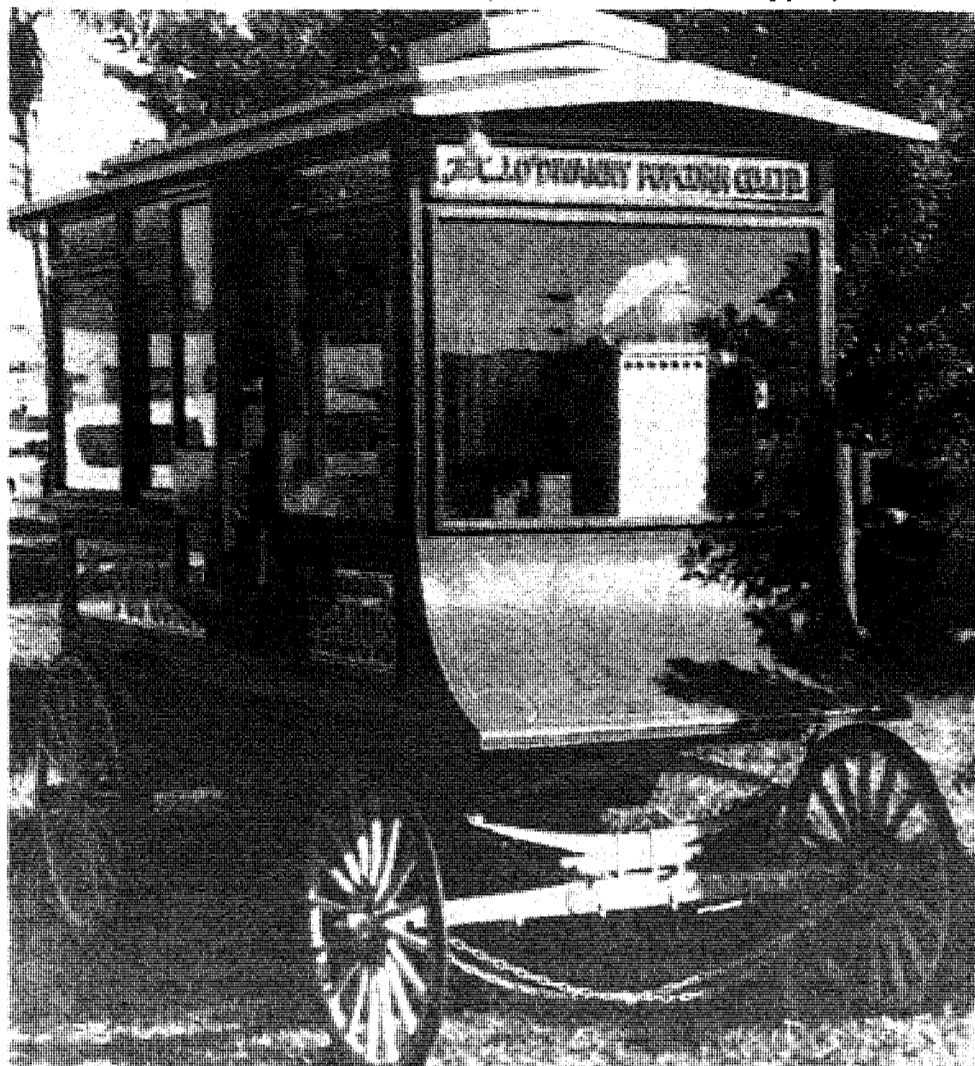
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Commissioners Frown On Roadside Vendors

If Sanibel planning commissioners get their wish, this quaint antique replica circus wagon will never appear along an Island road. Nor, for that matter, will any type of roadside vending machine common to most resort areas.

At their meeting last week, com-

missioners voted unanimously to recommend denial of a specific amendment to Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan proposed by Islander George Kohlbrenner to permit him to install this antique popcorn wagon on his B-Hive property on Periwinkle Way. The antique replica of



a circus popcorn machine is owned by George Ackerman, who also has one of these colorful wagons installed on nearby Fort Myers Beach.

Because this wagon has wheels and is mobile, it requires an amendment to the city's land use plan for it to be installed on Sanibel.

In their deliberations on Kohlbrenner's request, commissioners concurred with Islander Paul Howe's observation that while the little red wagon is attractive, it is also an "attractive nuisance" which is likely to

aggravate traffic problems along the busy section of Periwinkle Way near the B-Hive.

Even more negative were the comments of Islander Alice Kylo.

"I object to having the Island turned into a honky tonk," she said.

City planners apparently agreed with Mrs. Kylo, although the final decision in the matter rests with the city council, who will conduct their first hearing on the proposal at their meeting today, January 17, in MacKenzie Hall.

Moped Rental Agency Comes Under Fire

Judging from their discussion of a request for an occupational license with which to sell mopeds on Sanibel, it would appear that city planners also take a dim view of mopeds on the Island.

At their meeting last week, city planners were asked to review a request for an occupational license for retail moped sales submitted by Peter Burns and John Schafer, owners of Island Mopeds on Periwinkle Way.

After a brief discussion, commissioners voted to recommend to the city manager that the requested occupational license be withheld because of the nature of the firm's current moped rental operation.

Primarily, planning commissioners objected to the firm's practice of storing and displaying their rental mopeds, bicycles and antique autos outside their office on the property fronting on Periwinkle Way. Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan imposes tight restrictions on the percentage of any given piece of land which can be developed or covered by commercial

activity, and commissioners agreed last week that the amount of outside storage at Island Moped constitutes a violation of this planning regulation.

"I have no objection to selling or renting mopeds on the Island, but I do object to the way they are doing it," said Commissioner Don Marshall.

Citing heavy traffic congestion along that intensely commercialized stretch of Periwinkle Way, Commissioner Joe McMurtry said, "I feel this is a highly inappropriate use for that area of the Island and perhaps for the Island as a whole."

McMurtry moved for the denial of the requested occupational license for moped sales and went so far as to move that the planning commission recommend that the firm's current occupational license for rental activities be revoked by the city manager.

Both motions were endorsed by a unanimous vote of the planning commission.

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Commission Recommends that its Recommendation Be Ignored

In their review of a proposed resolution establishing a Natural Resources Committee for the City of Sanibel, the Sanibel Planning Commission decided last week to recommend that city fathers disregard their previous recommendation.

A few months ago, commissioners recommended that the council combine all of its environmental advisory committees into one central Natural Resources Committee to streamline the city's growing and occasionally overlapping network of citizens advisory committees.

The council acted upon that recommendation by drafting a resolution creating the desired Natural Resources Committee, which the planning commission was asked to review at their meeting last week.

When confronted with their idea on paper, however, commissioners seemed to balk at the proposal.

Members of the city's Vegetation Committee were present for the discussion and asked that their committee be left in its present state because of the valuable and active role it performs in the city's permitting and inspection process. They further objected to the proposed Natural Resources Committee because they felt that it would add an additional and unnecessary bureaucratic layer to the chain of command in which they work.

While all present approved of the broader environmental scope envisioned as the role of the proposed Natural Resources Committee, most agreed that the addition of another layer to the city's bureaucracy is not desirable.

Commissioners also feared that the proposal to do away with a number of other environmental advisory committees might tend to hurt the spirit of public involvement in Island government in which the young city was born and nurtured for the past three years.

"I'm afraid that in striving for bureaucratic efficiency we may lose the great asset of citizen participation," said Commissioner Betty Robinson.

The commissioners decided to recommend that the resolution creating a Natural Resources Committee be tabled by the city council and the city's Vegetation Committee and other environmental advisory bodies be maintained in their present state.

Ecological Zones Revision Nears Completion

Jean Nichols, Sanibel's acting director of planning, revealed last week that the city's long awaited redefinition of the ecological zones upon which development standards in Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan are founded is at last nearing completion.

For almost a year, city planners have been reviewing the ecological zones map in the land plan to bring it into conformance with the actual configuration of ecological zones on the Island. Some adjustment of the development intensities allocated in the land use plan is expected to result from the ecological zones clarification.

Jean Nichols said last week that the ecological zones review has been completed with the exception of a small section of the Island near Blind Pass.

Once the review is completed, the city council and planning commission will conduct public hearings on the proposed redefinition of the ecological zones map as an amendment to the land use plan.

Ms. Nichols said that the dates for these hearings will be advertised in the near future.

City Takes Grievance to County Commission

According to Sanibel City Councilman Porter Goss, the city is planning to draft a resolution asking the Lee County Board of Commissioners not to indulge in any further upzoning of property along the southern end of MacGregor Boulevard, sole evacuation route for the Islands.

Goss took the city's concern over county zoning practices along MacGregor to the county commission on January 9 in regard to a request for a zoning change submitted by Mariner Properties, Inc. to enable construction of a 240-unit residential development on an 80-acre tract at the intersection of MacGregor and Kelly Road.

The city's concerns were not addressed specifically to the proposed Mariner development on MacGregor, which was approved by the county commission on January 9.

Rather, the city council has recently expressed deep concern over the proliferation of development along the two-lane section of MacGregor Boulevard between the Sanibel Causeway and Miner's Corner which Islanders will have to travel to evacuate the Islands in the event of a hurricane or other major disaster. In his presentation to the county commission on January 9, Goss stressed

the need for sound planning for the Iona area along MacGregor.

"The county is operating in the absence of any plan whatsoever, and it's really stupid for them to continue upzoning property in the Iona area without taking into consideration the impact of additional traffic on that road," Goss explained.

He said that the city's concern in this regard was well received by county commissioners, who indulged in a friendly exchange of views with Councilman Goss at their meeting on January 9.

Goss said that he will ask the city council to adopt a formal resolution presenting the city's concerns to county commissioners at an upcoming meeting.

Proposed Drainage Ordinance Reviewed

Last week, Sanibel planners reviewed a proposed ordinance pertaining to drainage on the Island which was drafted in response to Islanders' complaints over poor drainage on Sanibel resulting from heavy rains over the past Labor Day weekend.

"At that time we became aware that many Islanders have filled in the drainage ditches on their property, causing the roads to flood," explained Commission Chairman Ann Winterbotham.

As a result, the council has drafted an ordinance authorizing the city to order Island property owners to improve their drainage, or for the city to perform the work itself and assess liens against the affected property owner.

But commissioners felt that such an ordinance would have little positive effect on Sanibel's drainage problems in the absence of a comprehensive drainage plan for the Island as a whole.

"We need an overall drainage program for Sanibel before we can approve something of this nature," Chairman Winterbotham said.


Commissioners seemed to agree on their opposition to the proposed legislation.

Council-Chamber Workshop Cancelled

A workshop session between city councilmen and members of the Island's business community which was scheduled for last Wednesday afternoon was cancelled last week and will be rescheduled for a future date, according to city officials.

The special workshop meeting of the council was requested by Islander Bill Frey, chairman of the Civic Affairs Committee of the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce, to give Island businessmen a chance to exchange views with city fathers on a number of issues touching the Island's business community.


Frey asked last week that the meeting be postponed due to scheduling conflicts, city officials said.



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second pumping test on existing well No. 10, using existing well No. 9 as a monitor well. This test will provide additional data for the east end of our well field.

We are scheduling this test for the period of Tuesday, January 17th through Saturday, January 21st. During this period the plant will be operating at a low capacity factor, and

we will be relying on water in storage as of Monday, January 16th to supply our customers. It will be necessary therefore to reduce the system pressure starting on Tuesday, January 17th at 9:00 a.m.

We also urge all of you to practice strict conservation measures during this period both inside and outside the home. We regret the inconvenience to all of you during this period, but we feel

that you will agree that this essential data is needed now to help us plan wisely for our water supply in future years.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

James L. Robson
President

library expands large print collection

The Sanibel Public Library is pleased to announce that, as an adjunct to its Large Print collection, there are now available Large Print Crossword Puzzles, edited by Margaret Farrar.

At present, there are four volumes, each containing ten copies of each of five different puzzles, which are detachable and may be removed from the book and taken home. Each puzzle opens out to a double page spread, with the answer printed on the back. For those who wish to sit in the library to work a puzzle, there is a Large Print Dictionary.

The Large Print collection at the library is enjoying increasing popularity, and not only with those readers with visual problems. Patrons are finding that large print is excellent for reading in bed, and for this reason would be a boon to an invalid.

There are 302 volumes at the present

time, including titles in all categories—mystery, westerns, straight fiction, biography, classical literature, and a few craft and inspirational books—some of which are not on the shelves in standard print.

It is the aim of the library to expand the Large Print collection as funds become available. These books are considerably more expensive than those in standard print; some recent best sellers are issued in two volumes, making them cost twice as much as the same book in standard print.

The majority of the books now on the shelves in the Large Print section have been purchased with local and county funds from an English publisher who pioneered in this field. Several of the more recent additions were purchased from a Boston firm with State and Federal grant money allotted to the Sanibel Library during 1977.

vip appointments



Vacation and Investment Properties (VIP) recently announced the appointment of two new staff members at

its Interval Ownership condominium, Plantation Beach Club, at South Seas Plantation on Captiva.

William O. Shepard has been appointed Director for Interval Ownership Projects.

Kathryn L. "Kathy" Haines has been appointed Interval Ownership Sales Representative.

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league recommends mass transit for sanibel

At a meeting held on January 9, the Sanibel-Captiva Unit of the League of Women Voters of Lee County concluded a year-long study of mass transportation and drafted a letter of recommendation concerning mass transit to Sanibel city fathers.

The Island Unit of the League of Women Voters was asked to undertake such a study by the Sanibel City Council last winter when mounting traffic congestion on Island roads prompted many residents to begin thinking of alternate modes of transportation for the Island city.

their findings to the city council.

Over the past year, League members have contacted representatives of many resort transit systems in this country in the attempt to ascertain the probable cost of such a system for Sanibel. Ultimately, they found the most inexpensive mass transit systems to be the ones closest to home, namely the merchant-subsidized open-air tram used on First Street in Fort Myers, and the open-air tram which operates at Carl Johnson Park south of Fort Myers Beach.

In a letter to city councilmen, League

open-air tram system on our roads," she recommends to city fathers. "An open-air tram would be the least expensive form of mass transportation that we have discovered with the purchase and construction of such vehicles available locally."

"A regulated, inexpensive tram with regular interval stops and dependable service in proper rights-of-way in a controlled system would increase the number of people transported in a pleasant manner and decrease road maintenance costs, traffic congestion and air pollution as well as produce revenue for city purposes after the absorption of original purchase costs," the letter continues.

"We therefore propose that the City of Sanibel lease three Kaboda tractors and lease or borrow from Lee County their used Pargo golf carts for one season to determine the feasibility of this type or any type of mass transit for Sanibel."

"It becomes evident that a public transportation system will cause less wear on the road surface as well as

effect a substantial saving on fuel consumption," Mrs. Bowen adds in her letter.

In other action at last week's meeting, the Island Unit of the League heard a presentation on education problems by Mary Laurel, chairman of the education committee of the League of Women Voters of Lee County, and decided upon a project for Island members of the League for the coming year.

According to Chairman Bowen, the Island Unit of Women Voters will prepare a small pamphlet to inform Islanders and visitors about all aspects of Island life. To be entitled "Know Your Island," this informative booklet is expected to appear on the Islands by this time next year.

The Island Unit of the League of Women Voters will meet next at 10:00 a.m. on February 13, in the clubhouse of the West Wind Inn. Chairman Bowen said that the meeting will feature the appointment of a nominating committee to prepare a slate of nominees for Unit officers in the coming year.



"Because of the nature of Sanibel's tourist population and the many day-trippers which visit the Islands annually to shop and shell, Sanibel city fathers wondered if some sort of mass transit system such as that in operation at Disney World and other famous resort areas might not be a practical way to ease traffic congestion on city streets during the peak tourist season each winter.

Because of the city's limited staff and capabilities, the Island Unit of the League of Women Voters was asked to conduct a feasibility study of mass transportation for Sanibel and report

Chairman Carlene Bowen indicates that a vehicle comparable to the First Street tram is available from a firm in Kansas City at a purchase cost of about \$13,000. She adds that a comparable vehicle can be constructed by Lee County Welding Works for an approximate cost as low as \$2,000. Even less expensive is a wooden tram comparable to that in use at Carl Johnson Park, which can be constructed at the Lee County workshop for as little as \$600, Mrs. Bowen writes to the city council.

"We wish the City of Sanibel to consider the possible advantages of an

three cars collide on periwinkle

Periwinkle Way and Beach Road was the scene of a three-car accident last week. There were, fortunately no major injuries reported. Lee County paramedic Kenny Hutto checks over three-year old Monica Nelson who was shaken by the collision. A reckless driving citation was issued to the driver of one of the other vehicles.



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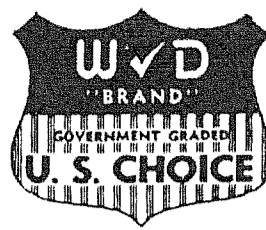
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The appetizers are primarily seafood-oriented and include owner Bob Horstmeyer's justly famous clam chowder, oysters or clams on the half shell.

If you haven't had breakfast, a western omlette with ham, green pepper, onion and potato should hit the spot. There are sandwiches available, of course, and a variety of "Captain's Specials" featuring pork ribs in a

special barbecue sauce, steamed shrimp, barbecued shrimp, sweet and sour shrimp and honey dipped fried chicken.

For those watching waistlines, there is a chef's salad.

Judy Horstmeyer makes her own key lime pies from key limes that grow on the premises and that is available at lunch as well as a variety of other desserts.

The Harbor House serves beer and wines and is open for lunch from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Dinner hours are 5 p.m. until 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The Harbor House is located on Periwinkle Way.



What's cooking in Lee County schoolrooms

Tuesday, Jan. 17
Macaroni & Cheese
Smoked Sausage
Broccoli
Fruit Cup
Cornbread
Milk
-Chef's Salad

Wednesday, Jan. 18
Oven Fried Chicken
Mashed Potato
Cranberry Sauce Cup
Chilled Tangerine
Rolls
Milk
-Baked Ham

Thursday, Jan. 19
Hamburger on Bun
French Fries
Lettuce-Tomato-Pickle
Peanut Cup
Lime Jello w-Pears
Milk
-Hot Dog

Friday, Jan. 20
Teacher Duty Day

Monday, Jan. 24
Sloppy Joes
Tater Tots
Tossed Salad
Peanut Butter Bar
Milk
-Fish-Cheese Burger

Tuesday, Jan. 25
School Boy Sandwich
Lettuce-Dill Pickle-Tom.
Mixed Vegetables
Pudding
Milk
-Tacos

Wednesday, Jan. 26
FRENCH MENU
Riviera Ragout
Versailles Salad
Bonaparte Bread
Left Bank Fruit
Cheese Plate
Mais Oui Milk
-Chicken Parisienne
Casserole

Thursday, Jan. 27
Spaghetti-Meat Sauce
Green Beans
Coleslaw
Peanut Cups
French Bread
Milk
-Ham-Cheese on Rye

Friday, Jan. 28
Chicken Salad San. on
Whole Wheat Bread
Tomato Wedges
Peas and Carrots
Cranapple Crisp
Milk
-Grilled Cheese San. &
Hard-cooked Egg

Monday, Jan. 30
Corndog or Pigs in
Blanket
French Fries
Buttered Peas
½ Orange
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Milk
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Whole Wheat

Tuesday, Jan. 31
STUDENT MENU

Wednesday, Feb. 1
Pizza
Tossed Salad with
Tomato Wedges
Buttered Corn
Apple Slices
Milk
-Sloppy Joe

Thursday, Feb. 2
Meat Loaf
Potatoe in Jacket
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Cornbread
Butter Cookies
Milk
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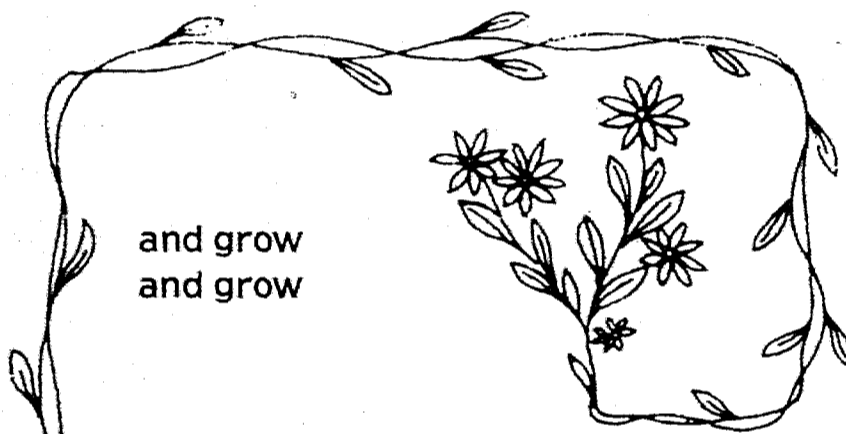
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commissioners vote to appeal causeway ruling

The Lee County Commission voted unanimously last Wednesday to appeal Circuit Judge Thomas Shands' recent ruling in denial of the proposed Sanibel Causeway bridge refinancing package, from which city and county officials had hoped to derive \$18-million for necessary road improvements both on the Island and on the mainland.

Shands handed down his negative ruling on the proposed Causeway bond issue on December 27. The case had been remanded to the circuit court last spring when the Florida Supreme Court ruled in favor of three Lee County residents who challenged the circuit court's original validation of the bridge refinancing proposal in April of 1976.

In his recent decision, Shands ruled that two of the road projects proposed by Lee County for funding out of the bridge refinancing package failed to meet the criteria for "approach roads" established by the Supreme Court in its decision last year. He also indicated that all of the road projects proposed for Sanibel would be eligible for fun-

ding from proceeds of the bond issue.

This aspect of Shands' decision gave rise to a number of alternate proposals with respect to the proposed bridge refinancing, including the idea that the City of Sanibel could either purchase or lease the Causeway to generate revenues for road projects on the Island.

City fathers decided to await the outcome of the county commission's deliberations on the matter, however, and commissioners decided last week that they would once again take the case to the Florida Supreme Court.

Jim Humphrey, special attorney to the county commission, had recommended that commissioners pursue the appeal and expressed confidence in a favorable outcome of the action.

He added that the Supreme Court should hand down a ruling on the appeal by this coming summer.

Sanibel City Councilmen have already voted unanimously to join commissioners in their appeal of Shands' decision.

police report

from page 17

He, too, neglected to pay the toll upon passing over the Causeway.

An Islander called SPD one day last week to report the theft of \$100 cash from his apartment.

An investigation of the matter is proceeding.

SPD is also proceeding with an investigation of a similar theft which was reported within a few minutes of the one outlined above.

In this case, a visitor's wallet, containing identification, credit cards and \$35 in cash, was taken from her hotel room on the Island while she was at dinner.

SPD received a report of a suspicious vehicle on the Island one night last week.

Upon investigation, it turned out that the suspicious vehicle contained two Island ladies who said they were "spying" on one of their husbands.

SPD is still investigating an attempted breaking and entering of an Island residence which occurred last week.

It appears that an unknown person cut a screen at the home and was beginning to enter when he was scared off by a dog.

Fingerprints were

taken at the scene and an arrest is forthcoming.

SPD's merchant alert system was put into action last week when Island police were notified by the Bank of the Islands that Islanders were passing bad checks on the Islands.

According to SPD spokesmen, the merchant alert system is functioning smoothly.

An investigation is continuing into the theft of a firearm from an Islander's car one night last week.

The .25 caliber handgun was taken from the car while the complainant was installed at an Island watering hole.

All told, it was a surprisingly busy week for emergency services on the Islands last week, with SPD investigating three traffic accidents, three reports of lost, vicious or stray dogs, securing five insecure premises, escorting two large trucks across the Islands, issuing four traffic citations, and rendering miscellaneous assistance on 37 occasions.

The Sanibel Fire Department received five calls for assistance last week, while emergency medical technicians on the Islands were called out seven times.

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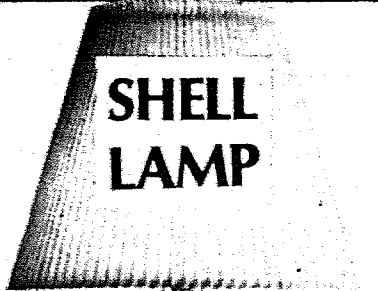
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No one wants to come all the way to Florida and get a traffic ticket, but on the other hand, one traveling great distances might like to avoid brushes with the law, learn how to call catfish and how to dress your car up to look like it belongs to a good ole local boy. This week, Island Survival is going to show all you visitors to Sanibel and Captiva Islands these secrets to vacation happiness, and more.

Besides being one of the newest police departments in the state, the Sanibel Police Department might rank in there as the friendliest too. But, don't let that lull you into thinking you can pull the palm frond over their eyes and avoid a traffic citation by claiming you shouldn't get a ticket because you are from out-of-state. Here's a list of things you don't want to do or say while driving on Island roads.

1. Let's say that you pass an officer on the right while he's chasing a speeder. That gets them riled and when he finally stops you, never, never, never start out by saying, "Back home we..." That is instant ticket time. We know how you drive back home. That's why so many of us are hiding out in Florida. We fear for our lives.

2. The police department takes a dim view of you trying to drive a vehicle on the beach. They get particularly aggravated if you illegally drive on the beach and accidentally run over a couple of sun bathers. The sun bathers don't usually appreciate it either (leaves tire marks on their hard-earned tans). So don't even think about getting on the beach with anything more than two feet. Besides, the sand isn't supportive

enough to keep your car from sinking out of sight.

3. How slow you drive here could show a great deal about how much verbal abuse you get from the natives. You think the natives can get restless in the jungle, you should see them when forced to follow a motorist up Sanibel-Captiva Road at 15 miles per hour. Going too slowly is just as bad as going too fast. If you are a bird lover, for your health's sake, get off the road and stop your car to check out that Ruddy Turnstone or that Long-Billed Curlew. No one likes rear-end collisions, especially that fella with the badge who is not too hot about hearing your excuse of why you stopped in the middle of the road to look at a bird.

4. Never try and get out of a ticket by telling the officer that you know someone famous or influential back home. The officer knows someone locally who is famous and influential and his first name is Judge.

5. Don't pick sea oats; park where you aren't supposed to, near beaches; let your dog use the beach as a place to go to the toilet; or take any of our creative roadside signs.

We've got you off the police blotter, now how about this business of getting your car to look like a good ole local boy's? Well, the first rule here is to get rid of your new car. Anyone who lives on salt water has found this out long ago. What you need is a car which looks like a rust bucket on four wheels. Now put on a couple of outside fishing rod holders and a sign on the bumper which says: **WARNING: I BRAKE FOR ANIMALS, SHELLS AND NUDE**



BEACHES.

When you hear someone on Sanibel or Captiva Islands say they have an "island car," just what does that mean? An island car is one which, because of its rotten mechanical condition, will not allow it to get over the high bridge on the Sanibel Causeway. This means that the car is only used for travel on the island. Most of us who live on the islands have a minimum of one island car.

Something you probably never thought of doing was to learn how to call catfish while vacationing here. However, that fella or gal fishing next to you might be catching a pile of trout and redfish while your bait goes unnoticed. What to do? Get even! You need to inflict his fishing spot with saltwater catfish, good for little more than a laugh and a few curse words.

If you can call catfish, they will come in droves, driving away the good fish

and suitably frustrating your fishing advisory. Here's how to go about calling them. It takes practice, but you can get good at it.

First, extend your two first fingers on each hand and place those fingers at the corners of your mouth. This simulates the fish's whiskers. Next, start tapping your foot on the sand or dock, imitating a flapping catfish. Lastly, and this is the more important part, you make a call which starts low, deep down in the throat. The sound you make is this: aw, aw, aw, aw, aw, aw and so on until the guy next to you starts hauling in those grunting wigglers.

See what you've learned while on vacation? Those motel brochures never promised you would learn how to call a catfish, did they? Stay with us next week when we will attempt to explain how to avoid asking dumb questions, such as, "Do shells bite?"

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