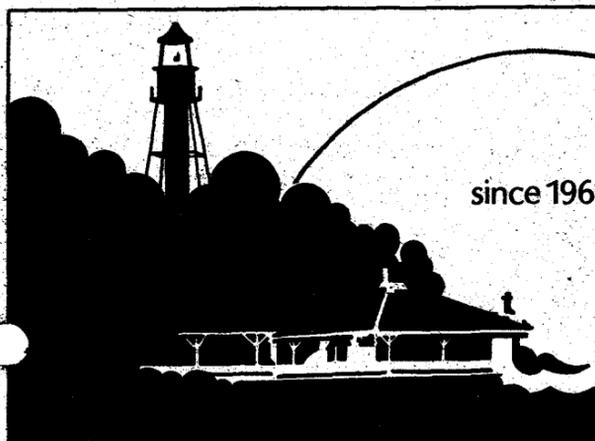


Claudette aggravates Captiva erosion

Tropical Storm Claudette and a high tide teamed to worsen Captiva's erosion woes. The wind swept water pounded the shores North of Turner Beach to the extent that you could literally see the beach erode in front of your eyes. (more photos pg. 20)



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planners recommend action on contiguous lots

by gwen stevenson

Sanibel Planning Commissioners put the contiguous lot issue they have been struggling with for three years "On the front burner" yesterday when they voted to recommend that the City Council consider establishing guidelines outlined last May by consulting attorney Fred Bosselman in adjudicating requests for Specific Amendments for contiguous lots.

Although the recommendation was accompanied by a vote to recommend denial on a Specific Amendment request by Karen Loveland to permit construction of two dwelling units on two adjacent lots, in Castaways subdivision, the Commissioners added that if Bosselman's suggestions are ap-

proved the Loveland request should be re-evaluated under the new guidelines. Commissioner Ray Fenton explained, "What we're doing here is telling the Council that we have to say no, but we hope you guys will say yes." Commissioner Robinson agreed to Fenton's interpretation. "I have to operate under certain rules," she said, "but I'm saying that you (City Council) can modify those rules and I hope you do and apply them in this case."

The two 17,000 square foot lots, purchased in 1974, do not fit the intention of the contiguous lot provision in the plan. Fenton pointed out that the controversial provision was originally included in the land use plan because

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shoemaker pleads not guilty to sexual battery and murder

by pat harmel

Frank Allen Shoemaker, indicted a week ago on first degree murder charges by a Lee County grand jury, plead not guilty yesterday to both the murder charge and a sexual battery on a minor charge at his arraignment before Judge Schoonover.

Shoemaker has been charged with the May 29, murder of Fort Myers Beach resident Patricia Horn and with sexual battery against a 17 year old Fort Myers Beach woman.

Assistant public defender Robert Jacobs had earlier filed a motion to have grand jury proceedings moved outside the 20th Judicial Circuit on grounds that pretrial publicity made selection of an impartial jury impossible. That motion was subsequently denied and an 18 member grand jury handed down an indictment after three hours deliberation. A

confession obtained during the interrogation of Shoemaker by Lee County Sheriff's officials was admitted as evidence in the grand jury hearing.

Earlier media reports that Shoemaker confessed to taking Ms. Horn onto the King Shrimp fishing boat the night of her death had caused Coast Guard officials to come forward and publicly state that the King Shrimp had not been docked at Fort Myers Beach the night of the murder.

According to Captain Dan Schmitt of the Criminal Investigation Department, the King Shrimp was not in dock that night nor was it the boat Shoemaker claimed to have taken Ms. Horn onto. The confusion stemmed from the fact that the second incident involving the minor happened near the King Shrimp. One month earlier Ms. Horn had been taken onto the Outlook

flare scare



Donna Stanek, interpretive specialist at The Ding Darling Wildlife Refuge described the situation as, "no big deal," but Sanibel Police raced down to the Lighthouse Friday, responding to a live bomb call. Visitors spotted a metal cylinder on the beach near the Lighthouse and reported the find to Wildlife Refuge Headquarters.

by mark harmel



frank shoemaker

shrimp boat docked at the Beach, according to law officials.

Sheriff's officials have also conducted tests involving both a mannequin and a floating skin diver to determine whether a body entering the water near the shrimp docks would be pulled by the tides to the place Ms. Horn's body was found in the back bay of Fort Myers Beach. According to Schmitt the results "were incredible." Both the mannequin and the diver hit only one piling enroute from the docks to the bay - a journey many had previously been skeptical of.

Shoemaker's attorney has asked for a 20 day waiting period to challenge the indictment. September 4, Shoemaker will appear before Judge Starnes at a pretrial hearing and the trial is scheduled to begin September 18, before Judge Shafer.

town meeting tonight

There will be a town meeting tonight at 8 p.m. at the Community Association building to review the results of the recent practice alert by the Emergency Preparedness and Evacuation Relief Team. On July 10, all the available EPERT members, City Manager Bill Nungester, Mayor Duane White and three members of the Division of Protective Services for Lee County participated in the alert and the review that took place afterward.

Notification officers notified a sample of Sanibel residents about a fictitious hurricane to determine how long the notification process would take in the event of the real thing and how many people actually would evacuate the area.

Most Sanibel residents contacted by the officers expressed their desire to cooperate and their willingness to evacuate.

Captiva's notification team captain Bill Hughes reported that with the help of 26 men, all residents of Captiva had been notified. He also reported that South Seas Plantation had conducted their own practice alert earlier in the day and said it had been very successful.

In the absence of Refuge Team Captain Jerry Muench, Sanibel Police Department's Sgt. Ray Rhodes checked out Sanibel's refuge shelters and found them to be inadequate. Some lacked hot water or adequate sanitation facilities, others had too

much glass for safety, or no outside generator.

The group agreed that the Community Association building, with its new addition, would seem to be a logical refuge shelter. They emphasized that refuge areas were to be used only if people were trapped and could not leave the Island.

Dr. Ingalls Simmons opened the medical aid station at the Bank of the Islands and started the generator and checked the drug supplies. He requested that the Protective Services Division supply the Bank with extra oxygen and contact has been made with the two druggists to obtain extra keys to be used in the event of an emergency.

Bruce Frazier reported that personnel will be at the Standard station with emergency equipment and suggested that people be reminded during an alert to leave their equipment at the Standard Station and suggested that a school bus be maintained at the weigh station to transport those whose cars might stall crossing the Causeway. According to SPD Chief John Butler, the EPERT plan calls for school buses to be driven to the Island prior to an evacuation order.

Public Works Director Gary Price reported that it took 15 minutes to establish barricades to reroute traffic with four people (two crews) on the job but he stated that it would take more than a barricade at Periwinkle and

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sanibel artists lose battle of principal

by pat harmel

Sanibel artists scored a victory in economics last week but lost a battle of principal when the City Council voted to institute an occupational license tax of \$15 on potters, painters, weavers, writers, actors and composers whose act of creating also happens to be their primary source of income.

Island artists and supportive citizens have been outraged over the Amendment proposal which has been pending before Council for several weeks. The original Amendment to the Occupational License Ordinance had proposed that craftsmen be taxed \$100 annually for the privilege of conducting business on Sanibel. Local artists, however, have maintained that even \$1 would be too much because they opposed the Amendment "in principal."

At the second public hearing held last week, Mayor Duane White reminded the standing-room-only crowd that the

citizens had voted "two to one" to purchase the Algiers and Causeway properties at a price of \$3.2 million and that the City had pledged its revenues from occupational license taxes and franchise fees to pay off the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) loan. "We've taken on an obligation and a commitment," warned White, who then added, "You people sitting here in this room are not listening."

City Attorney Neal Bowen was called upon by White to explain the legalities of the proposed tax. According to Bowen, the proposal was well within the law which allows "taxing for the privilege of conducting business within a Florida municipality."

White maintained that "about 80 percent of the cities in Florida" had similar artists' taxes included in their codes, and Councilman Goss claimed the City had contacted over 60 other



councilman charles lebuff

municipalities in the state to query their occupational code provisions.

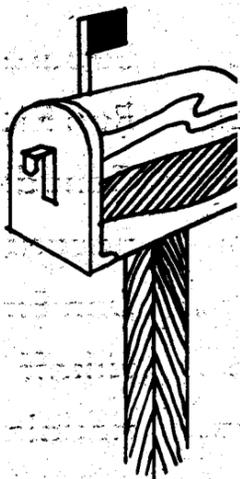
Harry Goodwin questioned the definition of "profession" and asked the Council whether they were taxing "the art of creating or the act of selling." Planning Commissioner Twink Underhill warned the City they were placing artists in a dual taxation situation by taxing both the artist and the outlet for his wares. Councilman Goss maintained, however, that "the test isn't whether you're an artist, it's whether you're in business."

Tempers flared when White instituted a two minute comment limit just as Island author George Campbell rose to address the Council. Campbell promptly returned to his seat and told White to take the City "and shove it." Council then voted to rescind the time limit on audience comment.

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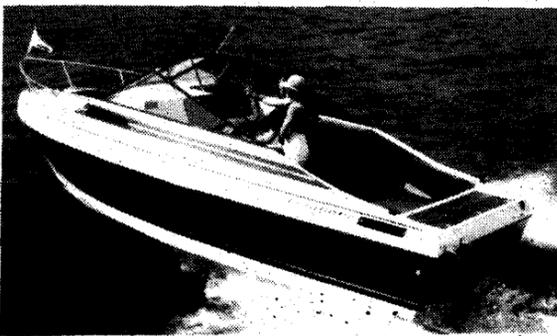


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the City was concerned about building on substandard size lots. "These lots are considerably larger than many of the others on the Island or even in that subdivision," he said.

Both Commissioners Ray Fenton and Twink Underhill agreed that they would be present at the first City Council hearing August 21. "I want to be there," said Fenton, "to tell them exactly what we meant; that when we said no we really meant yes."

The Commissioners also grappled with the latest in a recent series of after the fact applications for Specific Amendments. Lou Martelli requested a Specific Amendment yesterday to exceed his impermeable surface coverage to accommodate a concrete block walk under the overhang of his Anchor Drive home. Martelli told the Commissioners that he had not violated the Plan "maliciously" and that he had installed the walkway because run-off from his roof was eroding his land and displacing it on his neighbor's property.

After much discussion, the Commissioners decided not to go along with the staff recommendation that Martelli remove the walkway, but instead voted to recommend that the Council grant the Specific Amendment because "The removal of the surface creates a double negative and this recommendation is based on the City arriving at just compensation for the violation of the Plan." The motion passed 3 to 1, with Underhill abstaining because of a conflict of interest. Commissioner Robinson dissented because although in agreement that Martelli should keep his walk and that a general penalty policy should be established, she did not believe that it should be tied to a

specific case.

A request by Dr. James A. Moseley for a development permit to construct a pond on his Sea Gate lot to facilitate drainage met with opposition from both members of the Planning Commission and the audience.

Moseley maintains that he needs the pond because there is a "lowspot" on his property and water draining from a lot next door would settle in this area anyway. According to Moseley, the only other alternative would be to fill the entire area. Under questioning from Commissioner Manchester, Moseley admitted that his brother had been "over ambitious" and had partially dug the pond without realizing he was violating the law. After its discovery by George Campbell, Moseley then refilled the hole. Both Manchester and Campbell took a dim view of the action saying that digging the pond without a permit was illegal as was filling it in since it is a wetlands area.

"Your property looks very much like what we're trying not to have happen on Sanibel," Manchester told Moseley. Manchester also complained that he felt more vegetation had been removed than he felt was necessary. Moseley, who cleared the land himself, said that he was only taking out brazilian peppers but he admitted that, "the peppers were so thickly entangled it would be impossible not to remove some additional vegetation."

His request was continued pending the reassessment by engineers of the overall subdivision drainage plan, and until Moseley submits a map of his site

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Chamber officials deny Butler inquiry

by gwen stevenson

Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce officials are in a quandry about the origins of a story about Sanibel police Chief John Butler and Steve Maxwell that appeared in the July 15 issue of the Mansfield News-Journal - Butler's home town - and was attributed to them.

The story, in a column entitled "Grapevine" recounts the story of Maxwell's arrest by Butler two weeks ago under the Baker Act, Maxwell's subsequent incarceration in Lee Memorial Hospital's psychiatric ward and his release nine hours later.

The News-Journal's metro editor, Jim McJunkin, who is usually responsible for the column, says he was on vacation during the week the story was written and maintains that he does not know to whom his reporter spoke, only, as the story says ... "The incident received a lot of publicity, much to the chagrin of the Chamber of Commerce - which called the News-Journal to ask about Butler's background." McJunkin said the reporter who took the call is out of town on vacation for two weeks and can't be reached to ascertain whether the caller left a name. After the call, the News-Journal reporter then requested clips of the story from the Fort Myers News-Press and ran an outline of what happened under the heading, "Ex-Chief Butler in Sanibel Fuss." Butler served on Mansfield's police force for 26 years, and was police chief there for eight.

The Chamber of Commerce vehemently denies that any of its employees or officers had anything to do with the call. The Chamber's Executive Director, Walter Klie, says that none of the Chamber's people had

made the phone call. He said they had checked their phone records through the latest available date, July 7, and there is no sign of any phone call to Ohio.

Chamber president Fred Valtin has written a letter to the News-Journal pointing out that the information contained in the article did not originate with the Chamber of Commerce and that, under the circumstances, they must assume that the paper did not check the reliability of the source. "We therefore expect you to acknowledge this mistake and call it to the attention of your readers," Valtin wrote McJunkin.

McJunkin agrees that the paper was at fault and says they will definitely run a correction to that effect.

Chamber sources have said privately that they feel Maxwell made the call to the Mansfield paper, but Maxwell denies the charge, saying he has left the case entirely in the hands of his attorney, Frank C. Alderman III. Maxwell did say that Alderman had called Mansfield to check up on Butler but he did not specify that Alderman had been the one to make the call to the News-Journal.

Maxwell's attorney, Frank Alderman III, "categorically denied" that he had called anyone in Mansfield, and even if he were to he would not misrepresent himself as a Chamber of Commerce representative. "I'm sure that Maxwell misunderstood your question," Alderman said. "Right now we're in a cooling off period but if we pursue this further, I might call Mansfield so perhaps that is what he thought you meant."



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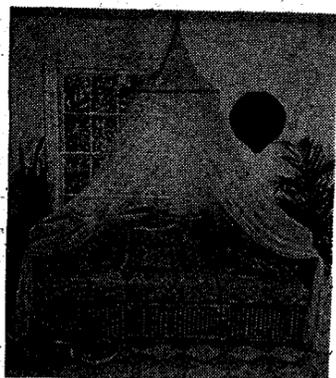
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commentary

People move to the Islands because of the sun and the water - and the relaxed lifestyle. Yet, there are hazards just as prevalent in this climate as there are anywhere else. They may not be quite as obvious to us here until someone's tragedy brings them home.

The recent tragic death of Dick Weaver is such a case. Every year, there is either a loss of life or serious and permanent physical damage because of people who dive into waters

with which they are not familiar. The lure of sun-sprinkled waves on a hot summer's day is just too much for many to resist and yet diving into water where the depth is unknown is one of the worst water hazards there is.

If you're a parent, please remind your children about the danger of diving into unknown waters and remind yourself at the same time. Too many good lives are wasted each year that shouldn't be.

letters to the editor

Editor:

RE: City of Sanibel revenue shortfall (Or. No. 78-35)

Having recently read Sanibel's ordinance No. 78-35 which affixes and authorizes Sanibel's millage rate for Fiscal Year 79-80, there is no wonder why the city is faced with a fiscal crisis. The language and manner in which the ordinance was written certainly does show the City's inability to plan, manage, or calculate a fiscal formula. Furthermore, it is the City's responsibility to exactly calculate and set the revenues and millage rate needed to satisfy the City's expenditures.

Point of information: The Property Appraiser's only role in this instance is to certify a City's exact calculations - not interpretive or variable estimates. There is no doubt in my mind that the City Council and administration should recognize and admit their irrespon-

sibility with regard to this matter and quit having the taxpayers pass their BUCKS to the City's coffers.

Steve Maxwell, Sanibel

To the Editor:

The design of Sanibel's new post office is a credit to the area! The architects, Fenton and White, have designed a simple, small scale, functional building plus parking area that fits into the environment, saves the shade trees and makes using the post office a comfortable pleasure.

Once again, Ray Fenton, who designed Periwinkle Place has proven that NO building need intrude on nature but can join with it. All my tourist shoppers at Periwinkle Place seem to feel that this is the way the whole Island should look - at one with

guest editorial

by mike fuery

We think that the Sanibel summer softball games should have an official name and after the recent turn of events, we would suggest that it be officially called the BROWN PAPER BAG AND PHONEY LABEL LEAGUE.

After the whistle was blown on open beer drinking--done mostly for medicinal purposes against no-see-ums and bad innings--there has been a curious change in the players and fans.

Like the other day we noticed that several women softball players make frequent visits to their purses during the game and often hold their purses up over their heads or pass their purses down the line. Interesting thing to watch.

And a guy in the stands came up with

several labels. Nothing in them, just labels that go around cans. It wasn't long before the entire back row of fans was very happy and cheering after drinking something from a can which had a label which looked like, but not exactly, a can of coke.

So beer is back at the games. It's not quite as evident as before. And it doesn't do much harm that we've seen. And best of all, it eases those no-see-ums bites when the score is tied at 17-17 and it is 10 at night with lightning flashing in every direction.

All the fuss did two things. First, it drained every convenience store on the islands of their small brown paper bags. And second, it brought Sanibel one more little step closer to the end of a small village atmosphere. We kind of hated to see it come.

Nature.

Sincerely, Jacqueline O'Connell Manager, The Irish Look

To the Editor:

How much further must the American Public be pushed before we take corrective action to show our

discontent with the way the Government is ruining our Great Country?

We have to swelter in long gas lines while our Congressional big wigs are filling up their Government supplied limousines with .67 cent a gallon gasoline from a secret station located on Capital Hill and we the Taxpayer

obituary

Richard Arthur Weaver of 2840 Gulf Drive died last Tuesday from injuries sustained in a swimming accident July 4. Mr. Weaver, 29, was a native of Indiana and had been a Sanibel resident for the past six months. Burial and memorial

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carter's edict heats the islands

by gwen stevenson

If you're in the fan business, then you are in for an increase in that business if you listen to opinions around the Islands in the wake of President Carter's new 78 degree edict. All public buildings are mandated to keep their thermostats at 78 degrees effective last Monday to conserve energy.

Public buildings on Sanibel have complied with the order but many managers are looking seriously at installing fans to promote the circulation of air through their offices. "We're thinking about installing ceiling fans in the lobby," said Bank of the Islands cashier Jim Lowman, who explained that the major problem they have with cooling the building is the amount of traffic in and out of the bank. "Every time the front door opens, it naturally affects our temperature," he said. "We are complying as accurately

as possible," he said.

At a recent Bank Presidents' Roundtable meeting, in which 80 percent of Lee County banks were represented, over half of those attending said they either already had or were on their way to removing coats and ties, according to Lowman.

Lowman said that the Bank of the Islands' dress code was already fairly liberal. "The men don't wear jackets and the women may wear just about anything except shorts," he said. The major complainant in the new temperature change had been one of the Bank's officers, although Lowman admitted that more fans would probably be considered for areas with poor air circulation such as the vault.

First Federal manager Bill Hatcher said that their thermostat was always set in the "high seventies" and he saw

no change in their rather formal dress code because of the new law. "When the afternoon sun comes pouring in this office, we may drop the thermostat a notch or two," Hatcher said, "but it always has been set around 78 degrees."

City manager Bill Nungester said that he too is investigating fans for city offices. "We have very poor circulation of air through here," he said, "but we think that fans might be the answer. The reaction of city hall employees has been mixed: some like it, some are threatening to come to work in bathing suits. Sanibel Police Department secretary Betty Balph says that, although some of the officers are complaining, it is just right for her.

In the final analysis it seems to be, in Nungester's words, "what we get used to."

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pay a \$1 a gallon. There are a whole host of House and Senate Officials feeding at the public trough and we Taxpayers are paying for it.

We have been taking a beating from the politicians for a long time so let us fight back and Dump the Incumbents and start with a clean slate from the Lowest to the Highest office in our land before we won't have a land.

Bill Von Eiff
Sanibel

schooley suggests solution to millage mixup

by pat harmel

Lee County property appraiser Harry Schooley has offered the City of Sanibel a possible solution to an imminent funds shortage stemming from an error in his office assessing the 1979 millage rate for Sanibel.

Last week City Manager Bill Nungester told Councilmembers that an anticipated \$145,000 cash carry over from the 1978 fiscal year would most likely fall about \$100,000 short due to Schooley's error and interest payments recently made on the Causeway and Algiers properties.

Sanibel officials had earlier instructed Schooley to set the millage for 1979 no lower than 2.5 mills and no

higher than 3.5 mills, which would generate about \$641,000 in City revenue. Through a clerical error in Schooley's office the actual tax levied was 2.496 mills instead of the expected 3.177. A mill is \$1 tax for every \$1,000 worth of taxable property.

Adding a new atax on utility services or pursuing the case against Schooley through the courts seemed to be the only available solutions open to the City. Council last week established a group made up of the City Attorney, City Manager, and one Councilmember to further explore means of raising the necessary revenue to meet the City's proposed \$1.67 million budget for next

year.

A letter from Schooley to the City Manager dated July 19, has proposed one other possible solution; "In 1979, SI would estimate that a millage of 2.870 would produce the funds of 1.0590 (percent) of the \$641,500 you requested in 1978. I will call Mr. Parrish to see if he will OK such a millage because of the setting of a 2.5 millage in 1978."

Mr. Parrish of the Department of Revenue would have to approve Schooley's proposal to the City due to state regulations. The letter continued, "In the event that he cannot bend (Parrish) I think the City of Sanibel's attorney and my attorney should file

for a declamatory decree to set this millage in such a manner that this was a mistake both in the levy and our interpretation of it."

In a response mailed to Schooley from Mayor Duane White the Mayor said, "I believe that your suggested solution is the proper approach and I feel that our City Manager concurs."

City Manager Bill Nungester called Schooley's action "supportive" and said "he's (Schooley) done everything he possibly can to correct his mistake and I really appreciate his attention."

Schooley and Parrish were unavailable for comment.

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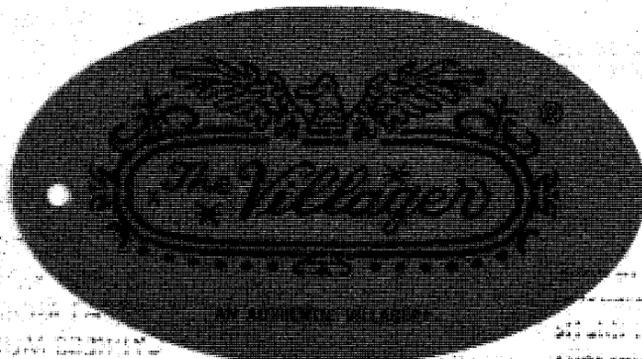
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south seas appointments named

James Huff, has been appointed Director of Sales for South Seas Plantation, Captiva Island, Florida.

Huff's appointment was announced by Dennis C. O'Flannery, Director of Marketing for South Seas, in conjunction with the appointment of Wayne York as a Resort Sales Manager. According to O'Flannery, both appointments are made in response to the physical and volume growth of South Seas as a conference resort.

"South Seas, is currently in the final phases of a six-year expansion program", stated O'Flannery. "With 500 rooms, dual conference centers, and our growing reputation as a site, we recognized that expansion of our sales management support was essential, in order to insure a continued high level of group services".

Huff has held a variety of management positions with resort properties including Sea Pines Plantation, the Boca Raton Hotel and Club, and most recently Shangri-La Resort.

York, most recently sales manager for Florida's Grenelefe and Innisbrook Resorts, joins South Seas with extensive experience in business development and management. York, a member of HSMA and ASAE, will share responsibilities with South Seas' Sales Manager Charles Andrews for the implementation of group sales programs and services.

captran purchases kinzie tract

Captran, Inc., a Sanibel-based interval ownership firm, has purchased about six acres on land at the Lighthouse end of the Island known as the Kinzie tract. The parcel is located 150' from Ferry Road between Sanibel Beach Club and the Shell Island Beach Club now under construction. The purchase price of the parcel was \$800,000.

The newly-purchased site is planned for use as the location for 25-30 new interval ownership units similar in design to those at the adjacent Sanibel

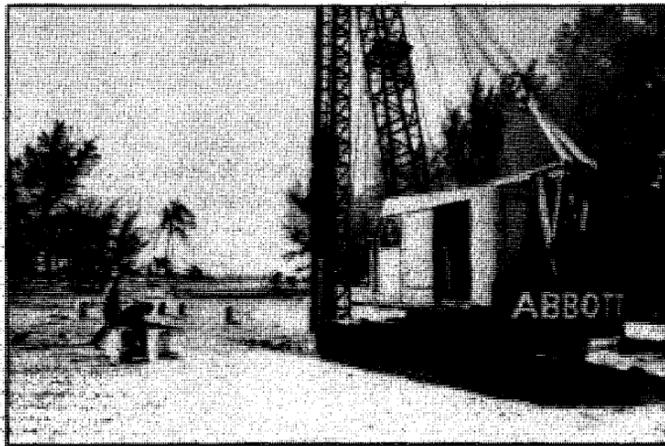
Beach Club II.

The energy crunch which is hindering many aspects of tourism in the State of Florida is seen as a boon to the interval ownership concept where vacationers purchase condominiums for a week in perpetuity.

"The gas shortage is changing peoples' vacations," said Tom Liber, executive vice-president for Captran. "The get in the car and go vacation from motel to motel is a thing of the

past," he said. "we're going to see more destination-oriented vacations."

The new acquisition will be known as Shell Island Beach Club, Phase III. Phase I, immediately west of the new property is under construction, to be followed by Phase II, east of Sanibel Beach Club II. Captran also owns property across the street that they cannot utilize for interval ownership since it is not zoned for resort housing. There has been some speculation that



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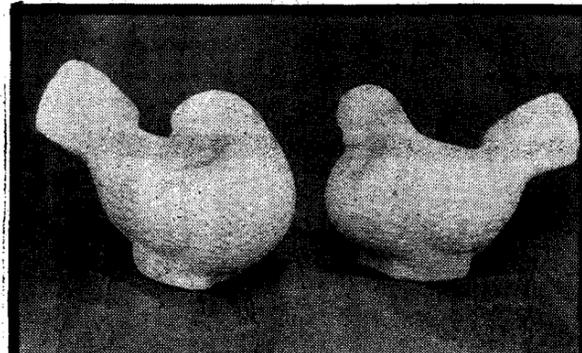
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the City of Sanibel might purchase the property for a park, but Sanibel Mayor Duane White said that he hadn't heard any such talk. "In the first place, I don't know how we would pay for it," said White, "and in the second, that is the sort of use we envision for the Causeway property."

Construction is expected to begin on the newly acquired site by the end of this year, according to Liber.

secretarial service offers island service

Sanibel-Captiva Secretarial Services, 2402 Palm Ridge Road, have recently announced the availability of services for Island business and professional people. The organization provides in-house office clerical solutions, including typing and high-speed photo-copying offered on a same-day completion basis.

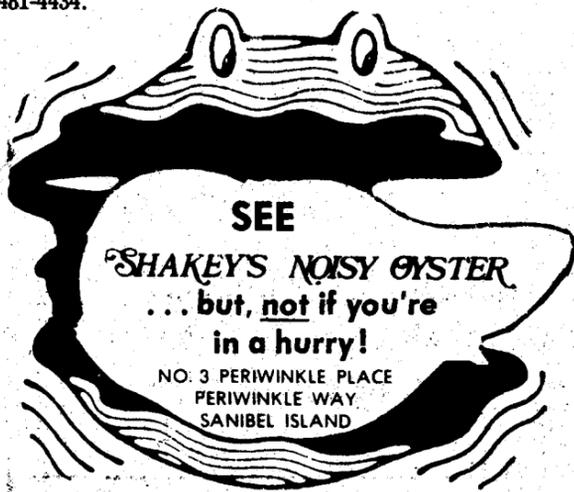
Their phone number is 472-2634.

real estate post-license course

Four sections of the required Real Estate Post-License Course will be sought for recertification of licensed real estate salespersons, according to M.S. "Mike" Cochran, director of the Edison Community College Division of Continuing Education.

The 14-hour course is open to licensed personnel and meets the requirements of the Florida Real Estate Commission. Registration fee is \$10.

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chez rondelet opens disco



CheZ Rondelet in the Tahitian Garden shopping center added lights, bubbles and a sound system and opened their dance floor last Friday to

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council approves shell brochure

A draft text prepared by Sanibel's Live Shelling Committee and destined to become a brochure available to Island visitors was unanimously approved by City Council last week, along with an allocation of up to \$1,500 to pay for printing costs.

The brochure is slated to include information on Gulf shelling, Bay shelling, egg cases, live shells, and the now famous "Sanibel Shuffle." According to Committee chairperson Pat Kair, the cost of printing 20,000 copies of the proposed brochure should run around \$900.

The Naves had stated at an earlier Council hearing that they were willing to rent to moderate income dwellers if they were allowed to build a duplex on their property in Lagoon Estates. Councilmembers have been reluctant to grant approval of moderate cost housing proposals until guidelines for their control are established by a City appointed committee.

council complies with court

Sanibel's City Council last week voted unanimously to rezone a parcel of land on Periwinkle Way from residential to "some form of commercial," after being ordered to do so by the Second District Court of Appeal.

The one acre parcel belongs to John Goode, a former city building inspector, who petitioned the Lee County Circuit Court to determine whether or not the rezoning of his land from commercial to residential under the land use plan had constituted "taking" his land without compensation. The court ruled in Goode's favor and was later upheld by the Appeal Court.

moderate cost housing

put on hold

A second hearing on a request for a Specific Amendment to the Land Use Plan submitted by Charles and Barbara Nave for the purpose of increasing density to build a duplex on a parcel zoned single-family was given a four month continuation last week by City Council.

EPERT (con't from pg. 2)

Dixie Beach to keep people from going down Periwinkle and suggested parked trucks or police personnel to prevent this. Traffic control is depicted in the EPERT plan at this intersection. Price also suggested that replacement boards for the weirs would save time so that it became necessary to knock them out instead of removing them intact, they could be replaced at the necessary time. It was decided that he and the city manager would check into the cost factor and mechanics of having a new weir installed at the Tarpon Bay area.

Team Captain Ben Pickens reported that the tide guages are still operational and reported that two causarinas in the Dunes on the alternate evacuation route could cause problems. Price was directed to check out the trees either for removal or trimming.

SPD dispatcher Dick Church requested communication between the police department and MacKenzie Hall and pointed out the problem of tying up the phone lines during an emergency. Nungester stated that he would handle

the installation of more telephone lines to MacKenzie Hall and Price is checking into a portable communication system to be used between MacKenzie and the police dispatch desk.

IWA general manager Ralph Zeiss reported that the IWA was unable to conduct a practice shut-down of the system because they didn't have certain equipment.

Mayor White emphasized that there was a need to educate the citizens to listen to WRCC 104.9 FM for any information pertaining to Sanibel and Captiva - even for power outages-and make it very clear that refuge areas are only for citizens who cannot get off the Island.

Gil Haas, Director of Lee County Protective Services commended the City for its good work and told the EPERT representatives that there would be helicopters available in the area for after-action work, such as documenting the damage. The first priority would be to evacuate the injured and then they would aid in moving in equipment and manpower to aid in clean-up operations.

artists con't from pg. 2

Councilmembers were in favor of reducing the original proposed \$100 fee but could not agree among themselves on what fee might be considered more appropriate. Councilman Francis Bailey felt \$25 was an equitable figure, Zee Butler felt \$15 was more in line, and Goss wanted it lowered to \$10. Charles LeBuff was the only Councilmember adamantly opposed to any tax at all. "In my opinion," said LeBuff, "there should be no artists tax ... people that are in business are

already paying taxes ... the category isn't feasible ... the concept is foreign to my mind." LeBuff then told Council, "I won't vote for any fee."

After turning down a motion on first a \$15 fee and then a \$25 fee, Council finally approved a \$15 tax on a 4-1 vote with LeBuff voting against it. Photographers have been deleted from the artist's category which now, according to White, will "only affect 18 to 20 people on the Island."

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baptism at tarpon bay

Ten members of The First Baptist Church of Sanibel underwent a public baptism Sunday at the edge of Tarpon Bay Beach. Jamie Stilson, Pastor of The First Baptist Church, described the baptism as an "outward symbol of an inward spiritual experience. It is an act of obedience to the Lord, that comes after being born again." Sam Price is shown being baptized by Pastor Stilson and Lou McCreary. The Church plans to hold public baptisms on a regular basis.

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on the water

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Good news for snook fishermen—the big ones are starting to hit! It was at the end of June that I said the season looked like it was shaping up as one of the slowest snook seasons ever, but never count out hot, hot weather. That's when the linesides start to really get moving.

I understand that snook fishing in the passes are good, but the fishermen are also getting many under the mangroves around the islands in Pine Island Sound.

I also know that some of you are expert snook fishermen, but many fishermen that I see at our docks at Tween Waters Marina are striking out and it's mostly because they don't know what to use for bait or how to fish it.

Briefly, if you are looking for snook under the water trees, rig with a cork, 18 inches of 30-pound mono leader and 4-0 hook with an active pinfish or pigfish not over three inches long. Float your offering as close to those mangrove branches as you can manage and keep at it.

As usual, those of us who fish the passes, the lighthouse tip of Sanibel and the causeway bridges, are sticking to the bottom with pinfish and pigfish.

I fish mostly Redfish Pass with my charter parties and I've seen many large snook taken, even on the weekends when the boat traffic is just plain dangerous to be around.

One of the things that will give you an edge is boat handling. Watch the guide

boats work the pass and imitate them exactly. We all have drifted that pass thousands of times and we usually know where and when the fish will strike.

One of the discouraging things about fishing in a pack of anglers is that once you get a good fish on the line, you are about swamped by the other boaters trying to get in on the action. That's part of pass fishing and just hope that the boats didn't drive down the snook. One thing you never want to do in the pass is anchor. You not only won't

catch any fish, but you will foul up all the other boats that drift fish the pass.

Up in Captiva Pass, drift the insides of each shore. There was a man I talked to the other day who said he caught 31 snook over a two-week period, just in the same manner: Drifting with the outgoing tide using the bait mentioned.

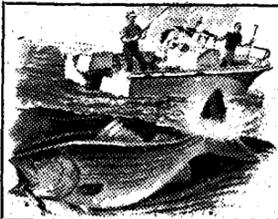
I really hate to see caught snook just hrown into a well and left to itself for several hours while the fishermen finish the time on the water. You can "gut" the catch by cutting the in-

testines out and icing the fish as soon as it dies.

As with every year, I talk with the old timers and the story is like a broken record—"The snook ain't what they used to be". Well, who the hell is?

The snook are still out there. They are still just as fun to catch and just as good to eat.

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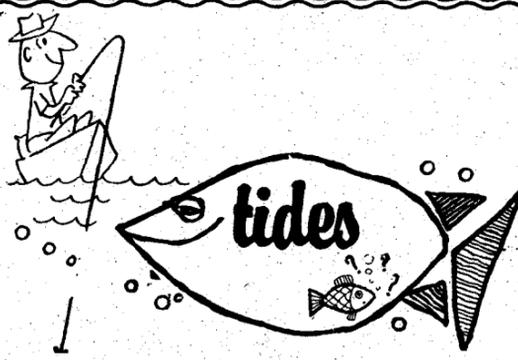


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Th	26	2:14 AM H	7:05 AM L	**12:58 PM H	8:57 PM L
F	27	2:39 AM H	7:51 AM L	**1:40 PM H	9:24 PM L
Sa	28	3:04 AM H	8:44 AM L	*2:22 PM H	9:53 PM L
Su	29	3:36 AM H	9:39 AM L	3:11 PM H	10:25 PM L
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Conversion 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 minutes for every low tide (NO we don't know why, but it works. Instructions following are even less sensical but as we stated they do work!)
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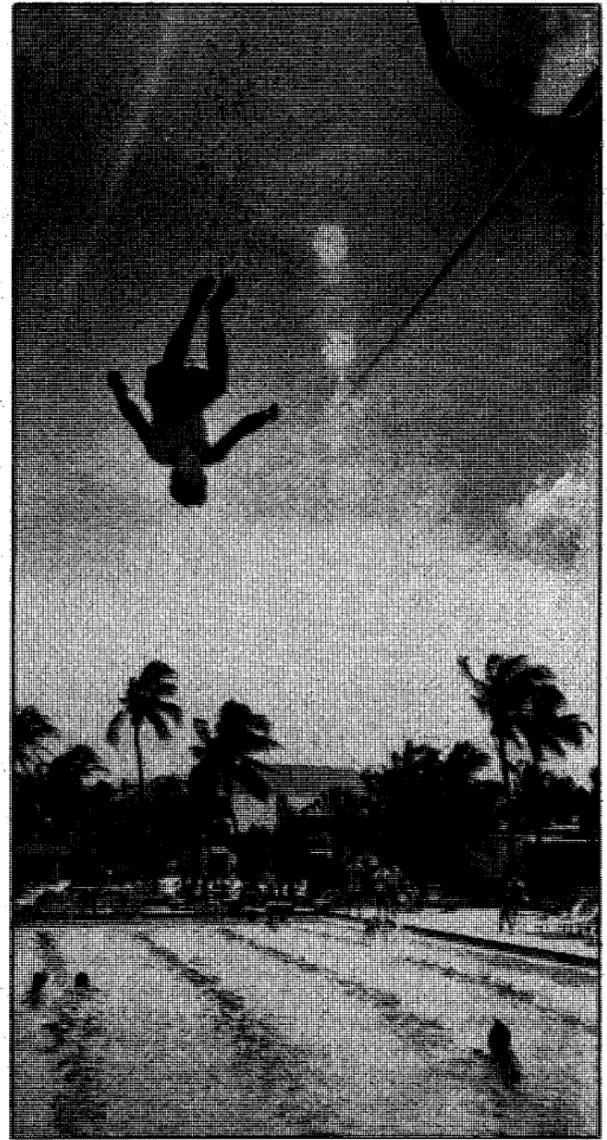
The Sanibel Swim Team hosted the four other teams in the Lee County Swim League to a pool party at Casa Ybel on Sunday. The party was a gift from Casa Ybel who donated the facilities, soft drinks and 1,500 hot dogs. The Sanibel Swim Team is co-sponsored by Casa Ybel and the Sanibel Police Athletic League.

Coach Dick Noon is looking for another type of sponsor also. He is asking for local businesses and individuals to sponsor one of the 26 events in The Lee County Swim League Championship Meet that will be held on August 22. The \$10 tax deductible donation will help defray the expenses of the meet.

Even though none of the swimmers were seen swimming laps, they seemed to have a good time. The most popular gathering spots were around the hot dogs and the diving boards.



by mark harmel



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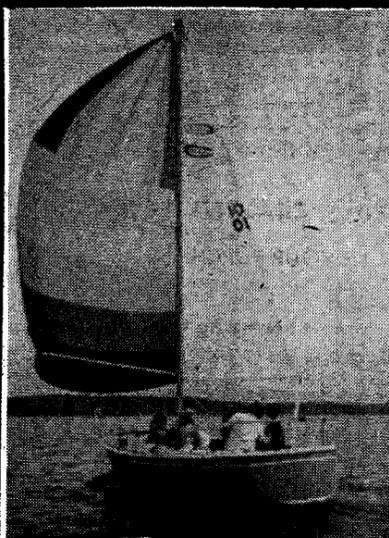
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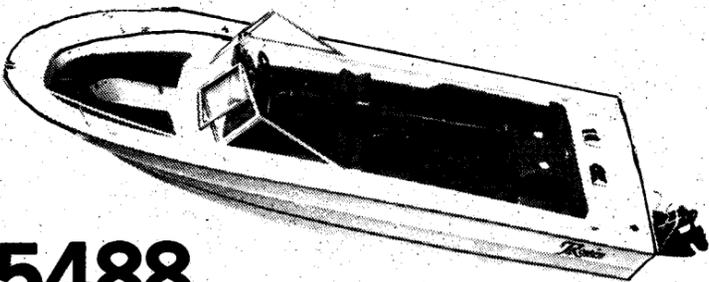


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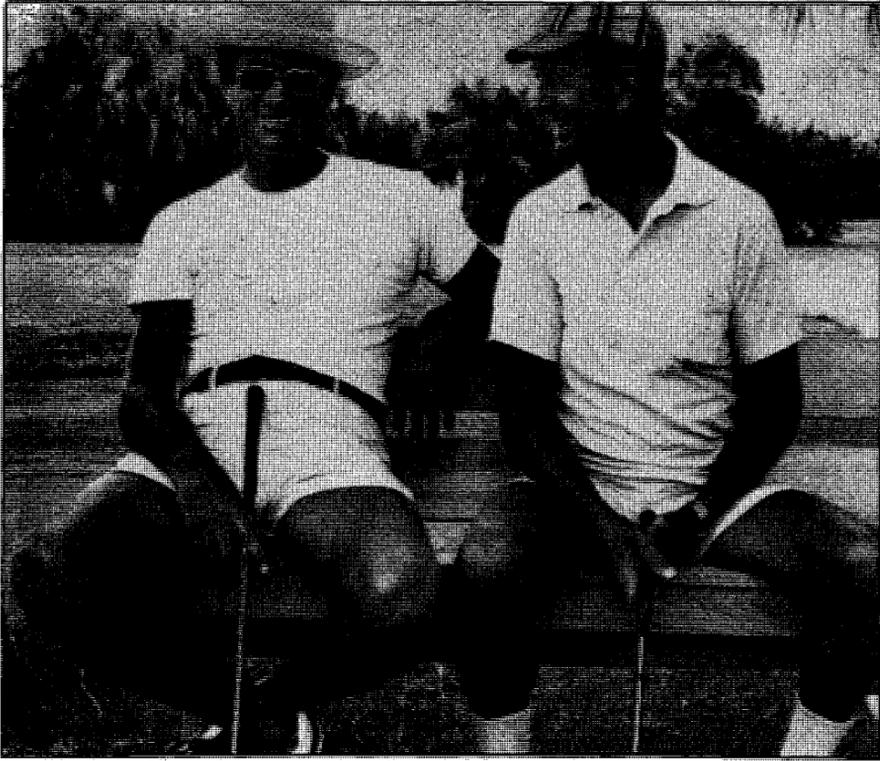
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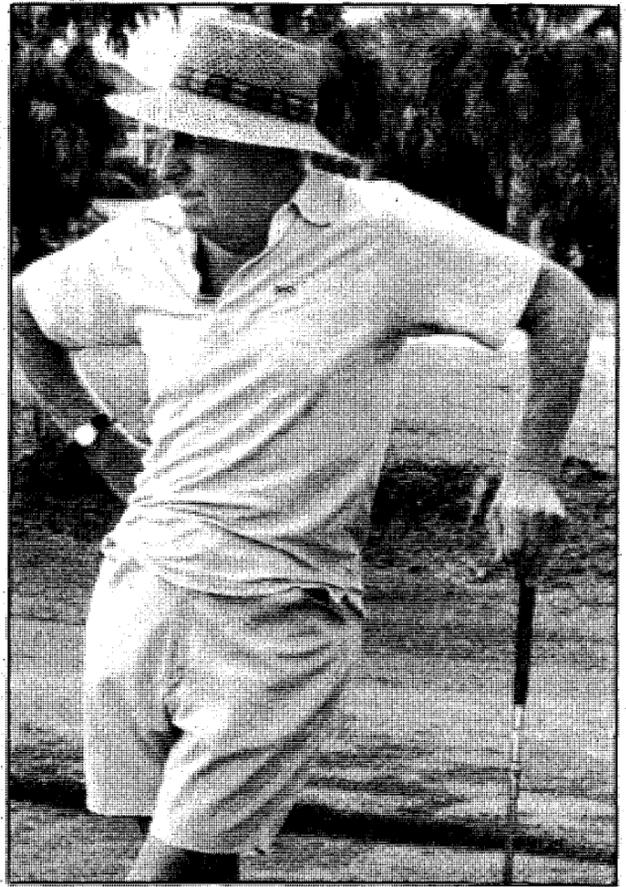
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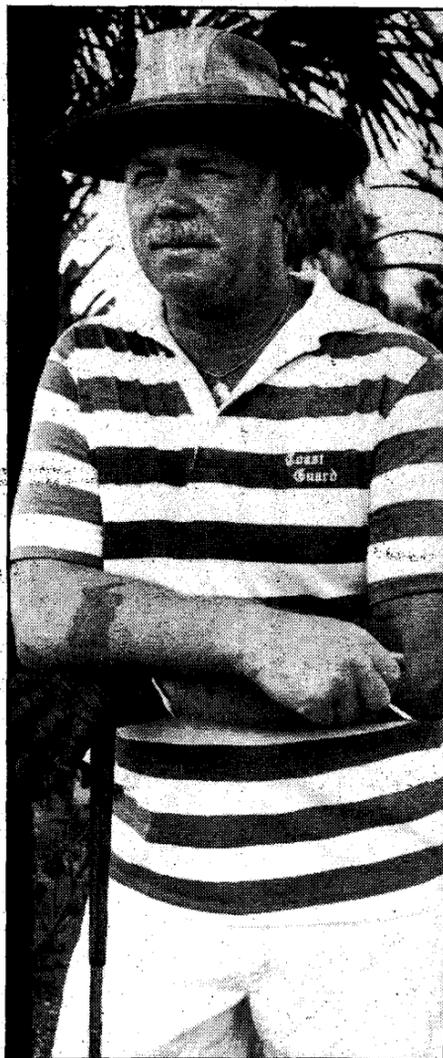
What sort of garb keeps the guy on the green going when the 18th hole seems as unattainable as a snowflake? For the answer to that, we decided to check out a random sample of Beachview Men's Association members last week as they tee'd and putt'ed their way through 90 degree temperatures and teeming swarms of noseums.

Hats. Hats are, without a doubt, the one piece of non-negotiable golf attire. Straw, canvas, visored, it really doesn't matter - just keep the blinding rays off the ole noggin. Shorts are another common par for the course, as are Timex watches. Sunglasses, T-shirts, golf gloves, and knee socks fluctuate in popularity according to the mode of the day. And, of course, the sly smiles of victory and frustrated frowns of defeat never seem to go out of vogue.

the fashionable guy on the green



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Island Girls 22 - Truckers 17
Sea Fillies 18 - Supremes 12
Foxes 22 - Casa Ybelles 7

MEN'S LEAGUE

Monday
Naumann 11 - West Wind 7

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Men's League

	W	L
Nave Plumbing	14	1
West Wind	12	3
South Seas	12	4
Hurricane Protection	10	4
John Naumann	10	6
Captran	8	7
F & B Oyster	3	12
Island Reporter	2	13
Bank of the Islands	3	14
IWA	Dropped out	

Women's League

Island Girls	9	0
Sea Fillies	6	3
Supremes	3	5
Casa Ybelles	3	6
Foxes	4	5
Truckers	2	7

Over 35

Chevron	4	1
Scotty's	3	2
Joey's	0	4

Tuesday
Nave 18 - Bank of the Islands 5
Island Reporter - IWA, Island Reporter wins on forfeit.
Hurricane Protection 9 - F & B 5

Thursday
West Wind 20 - South Seas 3
Naumann 9 - Captran 3
Nave 18 - Island Reporter 2

Sunday
Hurricane Protection - IWA, Hurricane Protection wins on forfeit
Captran 7 - Bank of the Islands 6
South Seas 18 - F & B 1
West Wind 9 - Naumann 7



Gary Winrow suffered ups and downs hitting a home run, and he bobbles a Sunday. He is congratulated after grounder at third base in the fifth inning.



Dave Taylor stretches to save the front end of an attempted double play.



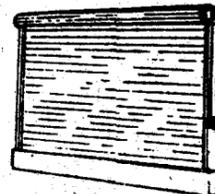
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The Amityville Horror:

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George Cromarty's house here on Sanibel has never had even a trace of green slime in it. None of his rooms has ever unnaturally filled with flies, and no large, red-eyed pig has stared through his windows. Nor, according to Cromarty, have any of these bizarre events ever occurred at 112 Ocean Avenue, Amityville, N.Y. which his nephew now owns and which was the location of the alleged supernatural events described in *The Amityville Horror*, subtitled *A True Story*.

George Cromarty speaks with undeniable certainty in his own mind about this celebrity of a haunted house in Amityville, N.Y. After all, he's been there many times himself when the Monahans, the original owners, lived there, and nothing out of the ordinary ever happened during the term of their ownership. But, more importantly, George's nephew, Jim Cromarty, and his wife and children are the current owners and the ones who bought the house from the Lutz family.

The Lutz' are the people described in the best-selling book and apparently the only ones who have anything bizarre to report about the house. Jim and Barbara Cromarty certainly don't. According to George Cromarty, his relatives say the house is quite normal. All the Cromarty's believe the Lutz family and their spokesman, Jay Anson, have just made an enormous amount of money from a book that is nothing more than a highly promoted hoax.

In case you came in late, or haven't read *The Amityville Horror*, it chronicles a 28 day period between December 18, 1975 and January 15, 1976 during which George and Kathy Lutz and their three children allegedly experienced more than just a few things that go bump in the night: a pervasive chill immediately upon entering the house, an enormous number of flies in certain rooms in the dead of winter, loud music from a marching band in the middle of the night vanishing instantly when the light in the room was turned on, an assortment of foul odors from unidentifiable sources, a large, threatening, red-eyed pig that peered through windows at them, green slime which oozed from walls and door keyholes, and pronounced aging to Kathy Lutz' face. There was even more, but since almost each new page depicted another similar episode, *The Amityville Horror* is the place to look for a complete version of the horrors and that family's reactions to them. Anyway, at the end, the Lutz' supposedly fled in terror, and the house was boarded up for the next fourteen months until the James Cromarty family moved in.

Due to the Lutz' account of what happened, the Cromarty's paid only \$55,000. This was for a six-bedroom, 3½-bath Dutch Colonial house with a heated swimming pool, a basement, and a boathouse over the Amityville River, where the lot was located. The Lutz's themselves had only paid \$80,000 due to the fact that there had been a mass murder in the house before they lived there. One Ronnie DeFeo had shot all the members of his family in their sleep and was convicted of it and is serving six consecutive life terms.

Nevertheless, George Cromarty's nephew and his family were not deterred, by any of this adverse publicity. They wished only to live quietly like any other normal suburban family and let bygones be bygones. This was not to be the case, however...not that there was anything unnatural that happened. They steadfastly claim that they have never experienced anything unusual at all, and all the Cromarty's are still highly suspicious of the Lutz' story...not to mention their motives.

The excitement that the Cromarty family felt upon moving into their new house must not have had time to diminish very much at all when their particular troubles began. Only a week after they moved in, the first publicity about the house on Ocean Avenue appeared in the form of an article in *Good Housekeeping* magazine entitled, "Our Dream House Was Haunted." Almost immediately the Cromarty's began to have a lot of unwanted and uninvited visitors. People would stop on the street and stare at the house and at them. At night there would be anonymous shouts, people running around the house, and then the screeching of tires. Jim and Barbara Cromarty were not unduly alarmed and planned to wait it out. It was during this period of waiting that the book, accompanied by a vast promotional program, was released, and the term "Amityville horror" took on a new meaning for the Cromartys. The complete story of the ensuing harassment that they had to endure has been most effectively described in an article in the September 17, 1978 issue of *Newsday*. Of all the clippings that Sanibel resident George Cromarty has collected about his relatives in Amityville, this is the one that he feels conveys their plight the best. The sheer numbers of people was the worst burden to them...a steady stream that grew to number over 300 on certain holidays. Barbara Cromarty was quoted in the article as saying: "The entire Thanksgiving weekend we were never alone. Thanksgiving Day we had 30 people here for dinner, and we had at least 300 people outside. I'm not exaggerating. Not all at once, but there would always be a crowd of forty."

Some of the individual callers were particularly unsettling. A man once played "Taps" on a bugle in the middle of the night. Everyone thought that one was funny. But on another occasion a bearded man dressed completely in black, wearing skull rings on every finger, and carrying a black book and a black cane, knocked on the door when Barbara Cromarty was home alone. He demanded that she let him in and summon the spirits and said that she would die if she refused. He went on banging on the door long after she had closed it and was weeping inside. Nobody in the family thought that incident was the least bit funny. Threatening notes have been left for them. Shouts in the night have become commonplace, and many of them include obscenities. Intoxicated teenagers seem to be the most usual offenders, and the police have been of limited help.

After a year of this treatment, The Cromartys filed a \$1.1 million damage suit against the Lutz' Jay Anson (author of *The Amityville Horror*), and the

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happening or hoax?

Through much of the book, the weather was mentioned frequently, mostly citing the bitter cold and the wind. The hardcover edition refers to the "hurricane-force winds raging through Long Island's South Shore" on January 10, 1976. Records at Kennedy Airport for that day show that winds averaged 15.7 mph.

The priest who blessed the house and thereby incurred the wrath of the alleged spirits is seen driving two different models of automobile. In the hardback edition he is reported to be driving an "old blue Vega" when its hood unexpectedly flies up on an open highway. In a later paperback edition, he drives an "old tan Ford" in the exact same situation. Perhaps the editors realized that the hoods on all Vegas open from the windshield, the opposite from most cars. This would make it much more unlikely that the hood of a Vega would fly open by itself, so the car the priest owned was simply changed with one swipe of the typewriter.

Between the hardback and paperback editions of the book there are a couple of architectural changes in the house. All editions show a floor plan of each of the three floors in the house. Early printings show the sewing room in the southeast corner of the second floor and the daughter's bedroom in the northeast corner. All later editions show these two reversed. Also, all editions state that there was a well that George Lutz discovered under the area of the front steps in the basement, and some significance is attached to this by a parapsychologist who suggests that a well might have provided the access for some evil entity from "the bowels of the earth". The Cromartys seem absolutely positive that there is no well at all anywhere on the property.

Late in the story the priest visits his mother's house to get away from all the spooky events that have been happening. Early editions place her house in Queens but the paperback has her living in Nassau at the same time. It's no wonder that this priest had so little luck against the spirits in the house.

At one point in the book George Lutz nailed two doors closed to protect himself and his family from some evil force within. The book states, "The doors opened outward into the hallway," so he nailed boards on the hall side of both. The Cromartys attest with certainty that these doors open into the two rooms in question, so that George Lutz' nailing job would have been rather ineffective.

The Newsday article even has pictorial evidence of the last inconsistency. It shows clearly that there is no keyhole where the book claims there was one and that it was the source for quite a large quantity of green slime that spilled all over the floor and started to drip down the steps. To quote Newsday:

...on Jan. 13, 1976, George Lutz went up to the playroom on the third floor. Green slime was oozing from the door, the book says. "George watched as the pool of jelly-like substance slowly wound its way toward the staircase," the book says on p. 179.

"He pulled off the pine boards nailed across the door and threw it open, half expecting to find the room filled with slimy material. But its only source seemed to be the empty lock hole in the door." There is no lock hole in the door. There is no lock in the door. There is only an antique keyhole plate fastened over

the spot where the keyhole might have been drilled.

Two further observations that warrant consideration would be these. First, the Lutz' never once called the police. They had extensive damage done to their property, but never made any effort to report it or have the police intervene. The door on their garage was said to have been forcibly ripped off its runners. The front door to the house was said to have been torn from its hinges by some unexplainably powerful force. There were other items, but none the police heard about.

Second, *The Amityville Horror* purports to be a true story with some efforts made at the end to scientifically prove the existence of spirits or other forces in the house. A seance was held. Yet, something about the layout of the book contradicts the supposedly true and scientific tone. At the beginning of each chapter there are drawings of flies, creepy little reminders of the mysterious presence of the multitudes of flies which at times allegedly inhabited the house at 112 Ocean Avenue. The implication is that the book is primarily designed to titillate rather than objectively inform. These flies also appear on the back cover of the paper edition in larger-than-life form and in full color, mostly around the lower part of the back cover where the book advertises itself as "The scariest story I have read in years...a fascinating and frightening book..." compliments of a Los Angeles Times reviewer.

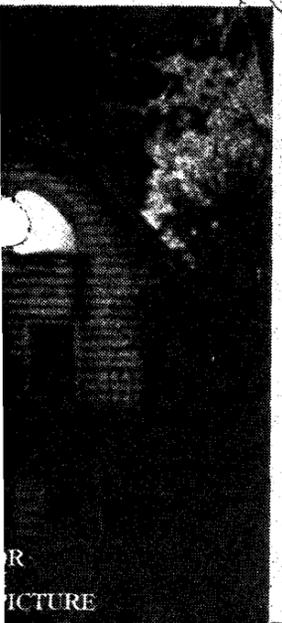
There is some evidence that the Lutz' have become somewhat defensive about their claim to fame recently. An article in *The Star*, a publication comparable to the *National Enquirer*, reports that the Lutz couple have finally gotten around to taking a lie detector test, which they use to document the truth of their book. Is this to imply that the book is not an adequate statement of their story? Is this to say that after three and a half years that this unassuming little family still seeks some national publicity? Could it be that the mention of the upcoming movie (due for nationwide release this Friday, July 27) and of the family's next three books was strictly a coincidence? And incidentally, does the title of one of their new books, *The Amityville Horror Picture Book*, sound like something that would be published by a frightened little family who wanted only to live in peace after having had such harrowing experiences and moved to California to get away from it all?

Well, George Cromarty here on Sanibel certainly wouldn't think so. He keeps referring to the Lutz as living "high on the hog out there in California," certain in his own mind that they have perpetrated a well executed hoax which his relatives have been the primary victims of.

Efforts to contact Jim and Barbara Cromarty in New York have been unsuccessful. The telephone number which George Cromarty has for their residence has been disconnected and replaced with an unpublished number. The telephone at their office is manned by an alert, aggressive, almost predatory woman who seems very effective in screening calls concerning the house in Amityville. She is very firm in her insistence that they do not want to talk about it. The last thing she had to say was this: "Since the movie is coming out, they are beginning to have a real problem."

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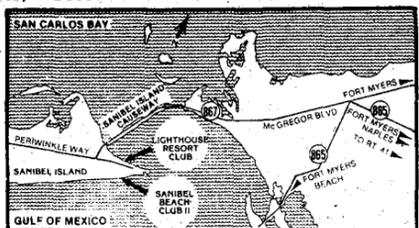
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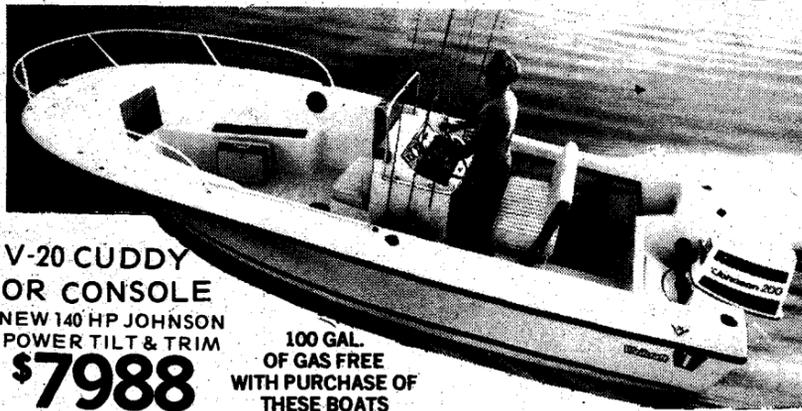
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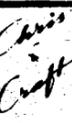
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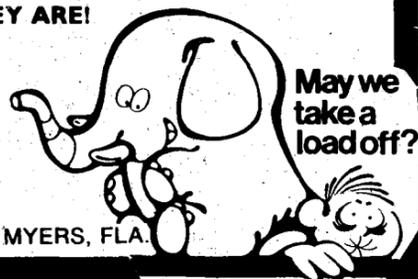
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PORTRAIT

by mark harmel

Keye Daus

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PLEASURES: Playing the drums, boating, racquetball, fishing, motorcycles, waterskiing, taking people for rides in my boat.

LAST BOOK READ: Mercury Marine Outboard Manual

WISH: "To be a charter fishing Captain, and to sail around the world."

WORDS OF WISDOM: "I'm too young to be very wise about anything."

MENTOR: "My dad, and a few of the fishing guides on Sanibel."

Before his family moved to Sanibel two years ago Keye Daus had lived his entire life in Cleveland, Ohio. Up North ("A very different sort of place from Sanibel," according to Keye) the family owned a 30-foot Sea Ray and enjoyed boating on Lake Erie along with other various water sports. There was no sign however, that upon moving to Sanibel Keye would quite literally take to the water like a fish, setting new AAU league swimming records, working for a marina, and in his spare time, tearing down the entire engine on his 22 foot, 175 mercury boat, and putting it back together again in working order.

The illustrious Cypress Lake sophomore shines out of the water as well as he does in it. During the last school year his entire freshman class entered the Superstars athletic competition, with approximately 950 students competing in 15 different events. Keye was one of 200 finalists who went on to compete against each other in five more sporting events - and when the dust cleared Keye Daus was the winning Cypress Lake Superstar, and a plaque in the school trophy case bearing his name attests to it.

Two weeks ago at a YMCA swim meet Keye set two new records for the Amateur Athletic Union with a 28.6 time in the 50 yard freestyle and a 37.1 in the 50 yard breast stroke. But his biggest thrill and the majority of his spare time is tied into his 22 foot Mako - appropriately named Keye Lime.

At first glance one would never believe the boat had ever

seen water. The hull of the two-year-old vessel is immaculate and the motor shines: not a trace of dirt or oil to be found. Besides tearing down the engine, which Keye claims, "is easy to do if you have the right tools to work with," he has also installed two Jensen triaxle stereo speakers. Keye works five hours a day during the summer and week ends during the school year at the Sanibel Marina where he is learning the charter fishing and marina trade and more than just a smattering of boat mechanics (from Marina mechanic Russ Mattson.) His salary goes to pay for the insurance and repairs of his own boat.

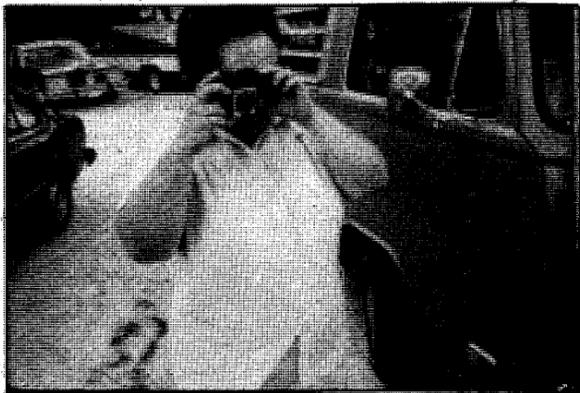
Keye truly enjoys working with people, even "The tourists who all ask the same questions: What bait do I use? What about sharks? Is it safe to swim here?" He answers them all with the patience of Job, carefully watched over by his guardian Spice - who has come to be known as "Marina Dog Number Two" and fully intends to be there when Keye sets sail for his around the world voyage, which may not be as far fetched as it appears at first blush. He has already sailed the Caloosahatchee to the east coast, leading a flotilla of 12 boats and serving as scout on the 12-hour journey. If he seems orderly and responsible beyond his years Keye attributes it to his parents (Lynn and Donn) saying, "My parents have trusted me enough to let me have full use of the boat and that is why I have always used it with respect."

Not bad for a guy who says he's not old enough to be wise about anything.



erosion

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The waves came crashing into shore cutting small cliffs in the sand. The power of the waves and the high tide allowed the water to crash over the six foot shell mound at the point of the beach or wash over the shells forming a pond in the parking lot. Some people expressed sadness at the erosion of the beach, while others looked forward the return of a productive fishing pass.

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barrier island study results delayed

by pat harmel

Results of a study being conducted by the U.S. Department of Interior on the more than 300 barrier islands along the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic coast have been delayed for the second time and, according to study collator Ron Cooksey, will not be made public until

after September. The first draft of the study, which was ordered two years ago by President Carter, was originally arranged in categories delineating which federal agencies were "contributing to overdevelopment" of the

fragile islands through their funding of various programs. According to Cooksey, however, that format was found to be "redundant" and the study is now undergoing a "massive reorganization" for the second time.

undveloped, those already developed, and those held in public ownership but as yet undeveloped.

Earlier Cooksey had said that recreational projects, commercial and residential development, federal flood insurance programs, and subsidies to fund water systems on the islands were all being given close scrutiny in the study. Recently he said, "We understand that the barrier islands have become a part of the lifestyle of a substantial number of people, but nevertheless, we have to recognize that they are a high hazard area with the potential of costing the taxpayers a great deal."

The new study will focus on "8 or 10 different program activity areas" according to Cooksey, designed to identify development factors that contribute to the destruction of barrier islands and are funded by federal agencies. Another substantial section of the study will deal with "options" available to the government in preserving existing natural resources using funds that have already been appropriated to numerous agencies.

The central target of the Department's recommendations will be the federal flood insurance program and the subsidies that fund waste water treatment and water supply systems according to Cooksey. Federal researchers are hoping to encourage the withdrawal of federal funds from many projects they view as

According to Cooksey, inventories of "around 50 items" have been compiled on each of the islands included in the study. Recommendations, however, will not be "island specific" but will instead focus on the common potential for erosion, flood damage and hurricane destruction.

Cooksey said the islands have been broken into three categories for study; they are hopeful that local and state agencies will follow suit.

icma postpones maxwell complaints

by gwen stevenson

The International City Managers' Association (ICMA) has postponed a decision on complaints filed by former city employee Steve Maxwell against former city boss Bill Nungester until October. The reason, according to Bill Bseudon, ICMA Assistant Director, is because the Florida branch of the agency has not had time to prepare an investigation.

handicap violations to stand and that the high rate of turnover at City Hall is evidence of Nungester's alleged mishandling of personnel.

Nungester has said that he welcomes the investigation, saying he wants the group to do a thorough and professional job.

Bseudon says that he expects the Ethics Committee of the ICMA to render a final decision at their quarterly meeting in October.

Maxwell filed the complaint in May, charging that an earlier Florida investigation, prompted by a complaint from Maxwell, had been inefficiently handled. Nungester replied to an ICMA inquiry in June but the ICMA has just notified the Florida branch officially that they are to undertake the investigation. When queried why the process had taken so long, Bseudon replied that he had been out of his office due to a death in his family and that the Florida City and County Managers Association probably hadn't even received the letter charging them to conduct the investigation into Nungester until last week.

In his complaint, Maxwell charges that Nungester has not dedicated himself "to the highest ideals of honor and integrity" by allegedly permitting

rain prompts cycle accident

Roberta Thompson was turning into the entrance of South Seas Plantation, where she lived Friday at 5:30 p.m., when her 175 Yamaha motorcycle skidded on sand and wet pavement and went off of the road. Ms. Thompson was taken to Fort Myers Community Hospital and treated for minor injuries. Her passenger, Donna Koch, was not injured.

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whitecaps motel scene of fire

Two fire engines were dispatched to the Whitecaps Motel on West Gulf Drive last Tuesday morning at 4:10 a.m. to extinguish a fire of unknown causes. It took the firemen about 10 minutes to put out the blaze which caused an estimated \$2,000 to \$4,000 damage.

The fire is thought to have started in the living room of a small unit next door to the apartment of Whitecaps

managers Dave and Lola Bowers. The Bowers' son, Robin, was sleeping in the apartment when the fire began. He suffered smoke inhalation and some singe marks on his face but managed to escape after waking his parents. He was taken to Lee Memorial and released the following day. Robin Cooke's apartment was completely gutted by the blaze and the adjacent managers' apartment suffered smoke damage.



island lions attend seminar

A seminar sponsored by the Naples Lions Club at the Naples Elks Lodge was attended by over 50 area Lions including the Board of Directors and several members of the Sanibel-Captiva Club. The seminar was led by past deputy District Governor Jim Michaels and Deputy District Governor Dee Amon. The various officers were brought up-to-date on the goals of the district for the coming year

and on the reporting system to be used in attaining those goals. The Presidents' seminar was presented by Bob Dormer.

Those attending from the Island club were Dee Amon, Art Corace, Bill Hatcher, Fred Valtin, "Doc" Cooperrider, Larry Van Til, Jim Hermes, Len Yaeche, Bob Potts, Bob Dormer, Joe Searing and Hap Payne.

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Samantha's grandparents are Helen and Chester Kennedy of Fort Myers and Robert and Helen Barnes of Greenwich, Connecticut.

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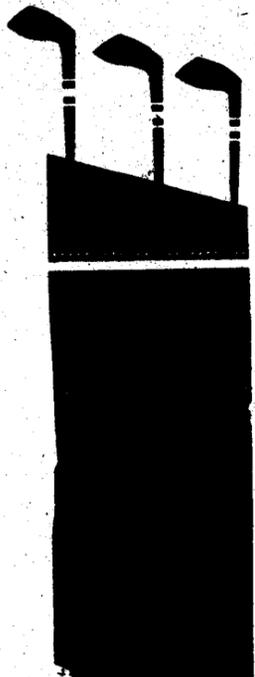
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showing a different septic field location. The motion passed unanimously with Commissioner Robinson telling Moseley that they were not ruling out a drainage plan they just wanted a second look at it.

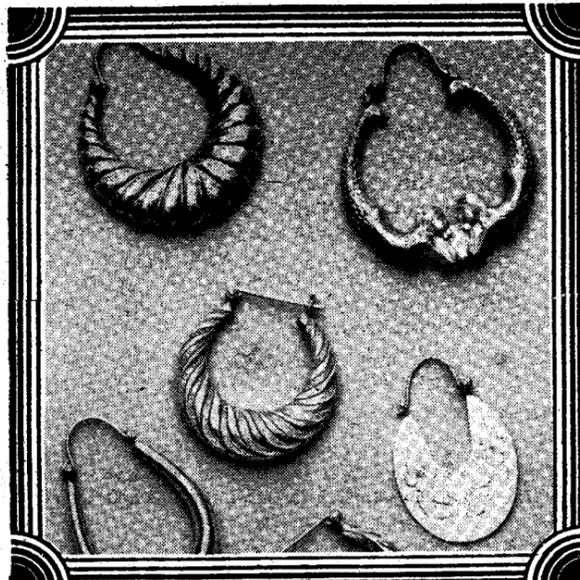
In other Commission action; Commissioners voted to continue a request by Horace Barreca for a Specific Amendment to permit a mobil food vending business at Lighthouse park, Tarpon Bay Beach access, and Blind Pass area, until adjacent lot owners could be notified of a hearing and until a study is completed on commercial guidelines. Barreca was also directed to work out an agreement with the City to produce a franchise set up to insure the exclusivity of vendors locations.

island golf



The Beachview Women's Association only had five players come out last Monday, but everyone went home a winner. All five, Zee Butler, Herta Howland, Betty Puff, Mary Jane Preston, and Marjorie Martorelli tied for first place. Now that is good competition!

The Beachview Men also couldn't come up with a clear cut winner on Tuesday. Two teams, one a three-some and the other a four-some, tied for first place. The four-some was composed of Clay Marsh, Ray Howland, Bob Duncan, and Bob Gibson. The three-some was Bob Robertson, Jeff Dean, and Matt Asen. The Saturday match was more definite. The winning three-some was Clay Marsh, Al Lloyd, and Al Corace.



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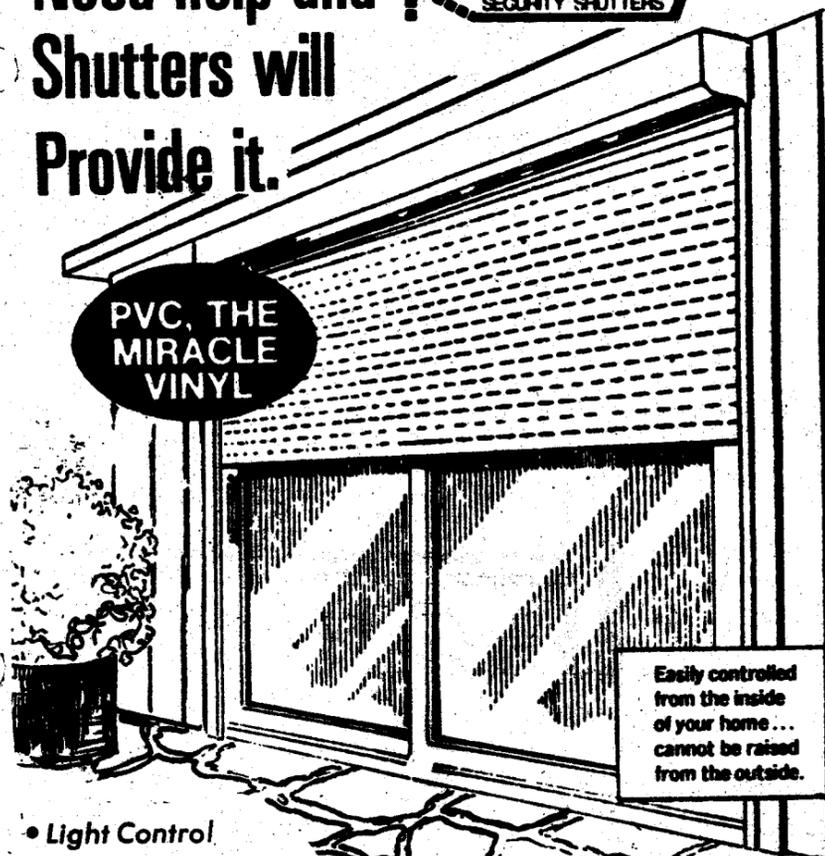


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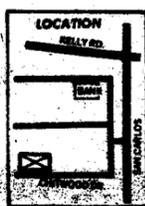
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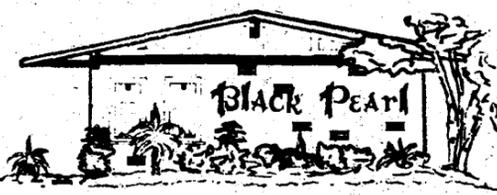
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David and Rudolphine Holtzman, owners of the Shell Harbor Inn, have sued the City of Sanibel, the City Manager and the individual City Councilmembers after losing a three year battle to gain permission to build 32 additional units onto the existing inn.

The Holtzmans have maintained that they always intended to add the expansion to the 68 unit motel and that their proposal fell within the permitted bounds of Lee County density.

After the City incorporated, Holtzman requested permission to build 42 extra units and was denied. A subsequent lawsuit was dismissed and City representatives then entered into factfinding negotiations with Holtzman. A former planning director and the factfinding team recommended that the City approve 30 additional units, but the Council later rejected the recommendation on the grounds that the recommendation was based on faulty information.

Last month City Planning Director Bruce Rogers recommended that the Holtzmans be granted an additional 13 units, and the City agreed.



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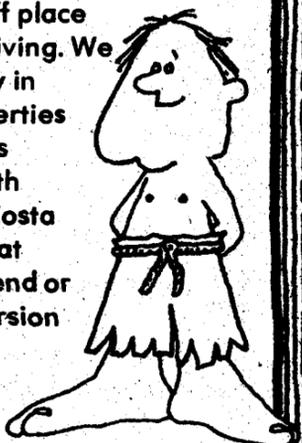
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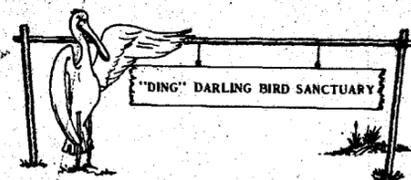
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