

jr. police olympics attracts 175 entries

John Feeney readies for take off in the 60 yard dash.

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photo by mark harmel

speeds to be enforced on causeway

Sanibel Police Department, in cooperation with the Lee County Sheriff's Office, will be using radar on the Sanibel Causeway to enforce the 20 and 30 mile an hour speed limits. This enforcement action will begin this week.

planners award development permit to Captran

by gwen stevenson

The Sanibel Planning Commission yesterday voted to approve a Captran Development Permit request to construct nine units on a parcel of land adjacent to the Lighthouse beach property.

The main point of contention yesterday was whether or not the project fell under the restrictions in the High Impact Ordinance passed earlier this year. Although Captran's Development Permit application preceded the passage of the Ordinance by almost a month, it was the consensus of the Commission that the interval ownership developer was bound by its covenants. According to a Planning Staff report, City Attorney Neal Bowen had ruled that "under the City's informal policy of not requiring individuals to comply with an ordinance adopted after the application has been submitted", the Commissioners nevertheless decided that Captran's request would have to be considered in light of the ordinance. The problem arose because, in order for the developer to obtain the nine units he requested, he did not meet the law's open space requirement of 7500 square feet per unit. Captran's Executive Vice-President Tom Liber told the Commission that he was unwilling to relinquish the extra unit. Commissioner Ray Fenton pointed out that the open space requirement was designed to contain recreational facilities on the resort site and Liber said that the occupants in the new project would have access to tennis courts and other facilities housed at adjacent Captran-owned resorts. Fenton also pointed out that Captran was going to put in an additional 650 feet of bike path, dedicate a right of way to the city and supply half the money required to improve the Periwinkle Way-Lighthouse Rd intersection.

Sanibel resident Paul Howe pointed out to the Commission that the state survey standards had changed and suggested to the Commissioners that they should have the survey validated before approving the permit which the Commission agreed to do. Other conditions attached to granting the development permit included moving the buildings to allow the proper setback, moving the pool farther away from the Coastal Construction Setback Line, revising the drainage plan, moving the vegetation buffer closer to the eastern edge of the property, installing a fire hydrant in an area approved by the Fire District, updating a floodproofing letter, adhering to all Vegetation Committee requirements, replacing sea oats seaward of the Coastal Construction Setback Line,

installing the bike path, placing \$9500 in escrow as Captran's share of the amount required by the City to improve the Periwinkle-Lighthouse Rd. intersection, directing the lighting away from the beach

and adjoining residences, having shell drives, dedicating the rights-of-way to the City and requiring a completion permit.

Commissioner Judy Workman disagreed with the motion because she felt

that many of the stipulations should be accomplished before the Permit be approved. Fenton disagreed, saying that it

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city holds "unprecedented" meeting with county on dual taxation

by cindy chalmers

In an effort to "put some minds at ease and answer some questions," the County Commissioners and other County officials met with representatives from Sanibel, Cape Coral and Fort Myers yesterday on the dual taxation issue.

Commission Chairman Dick Steele opened the meeting with the statement of the County's position on Florida Statute 129 which has been the subject of much

controversy during recent County budget hearings.

Steele cited several measures that he said make Lee County in full compliance with 129. The Statute deals with the County justifying all revenues and expenditures on a County-wide and-or Municipal Services Taxing Unit basis.

Steele said the County is in full compliance with 129 because:

-the budget has been prepared and reviewed by the Commission in public

hearings.

-the budget has been summarized, and a copy of that summary presented to each city.

-the budget conforms to the Uniform Classification of Accounts as prescribed by the Office of the State Controller.

-the budget is balanced with estimated receipts, balances brought forward, and the budget equals the total appropriations

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Everyone eventually returns to the Islands

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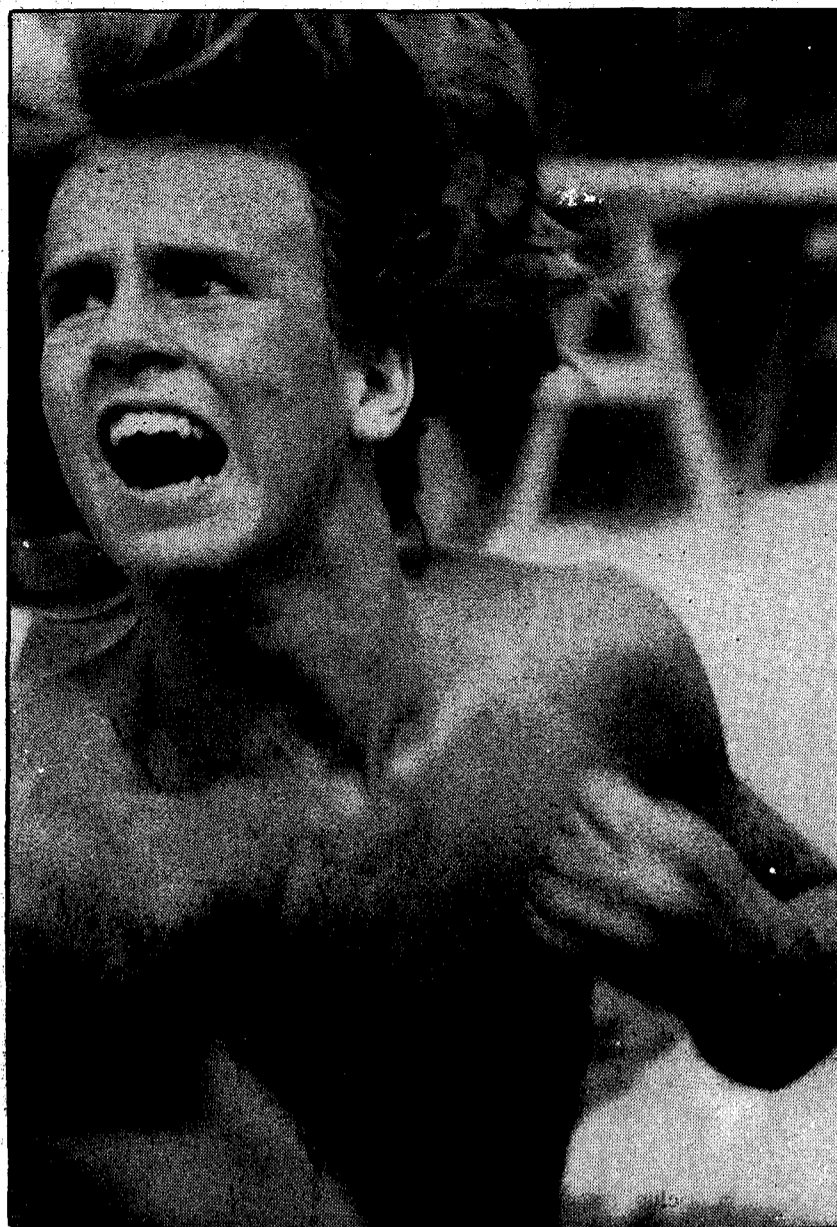
The Sanibel Police Recreation Club thought their plans for the 1979 Junior Olympics were all under control — until a heavy Friday night rain turned the carefully prepared airstrip into one huge mud puddle!

Scheduled swimming events went off as planned and then as a substitute for the drenched airstrip, Casa Ybel Road was blocked off and turned into a makeshift track surface.

Field events were held between water puddles near the Casa Ybel tennis courts and a good time was had by all.



Determined faces were the order of the day for all of the runners in the 60 yard dash. Johnathan Day looking for the finish line at the start of the race



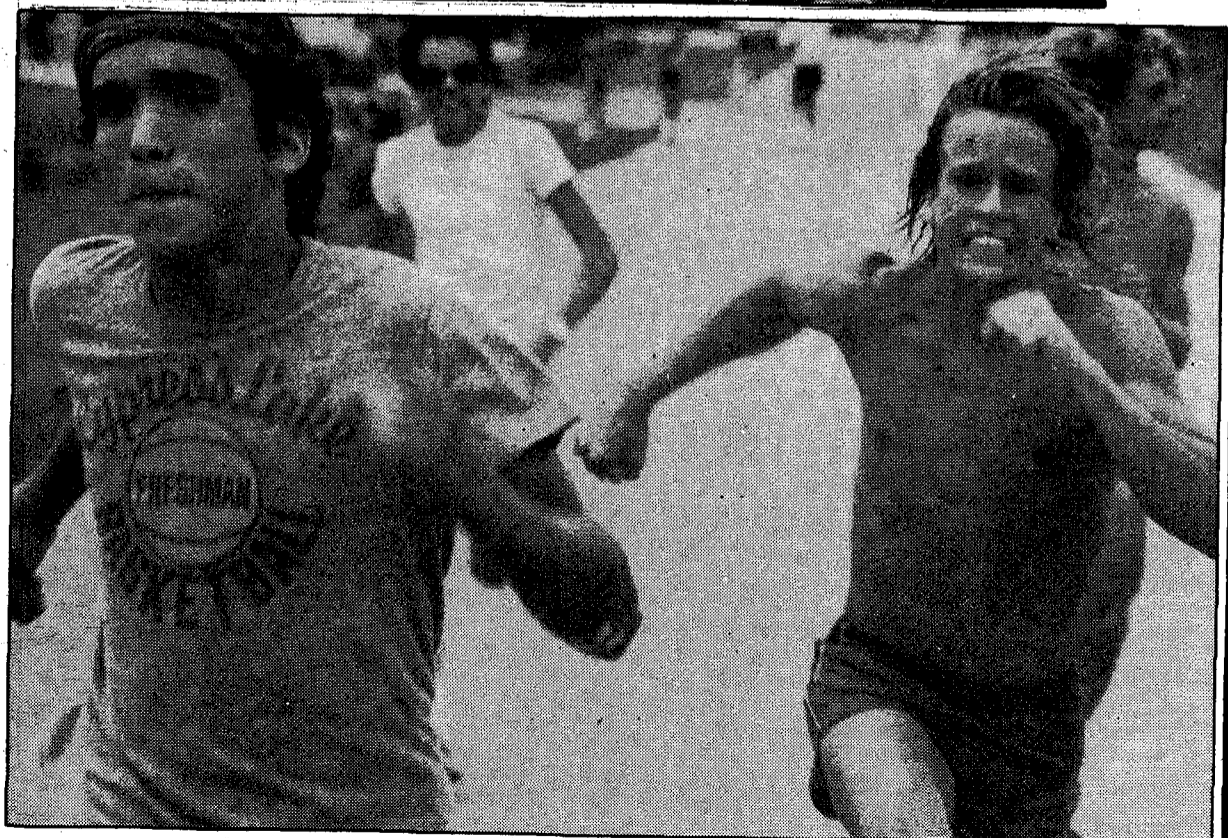
Chris Chandler's muscles flex as he shot-puts a softball.



The 25 yard backwards run was full of thrills and spills.



while Mike Elias makes a determined effort to finish.



Chris Chandler puts on his kick in an attempt to pass Tai Matsumoto at the finish of the 100 yard dash.

local resident favored for city manager job

by gwen stevenson

A statement by Council member Zee Butler during last week's discussion about the next City Manager indicated that the Council might look toward Sanibel for someone "with general management experience." Councilman Goss also agreed that a candidate "close to home" would be desirable.

"We've made tremendous strides in our city staff", Butler said. "Now we need someone to manage that staff."

Sanibel resident Fred Valtin, who resigned his position as business manager of the Island Reporter effective October 5, announced yesterday that he would apply for the job. He said that he had been urged to do so for some time by friends, although he said that he had not talked to any council members about the position. Valtin said that, "Although I do not have specific municipal government experience, I do have many, many years in high-level administrative and executive positions in government and newspapers." Valtin said about his qualifications for the position. "I will have to learn about state, federal and county regulations, but I feel comfortable about being able to do so. I feel I am qualified for the position after having supervised large and complex staffs." Valtin said in a release issued last week that he was resigning the position he has held for six years, because he "feels the need for a new and different challenge."

Other Sanibel residents who have applied for the job since the Council meeting last week include former Island Water Association General Manager Ralph Zeiss and Shell Harbor resident George Kidoo.

Although all three applications are well past the September 10 deadline, City Attorney Neal Bowen said that the deadline had "no legal significance."

Meanwhile Sanibel Mayor Duane White sent out a letter eliciting comments about city government philosophy from the five applicants in whom council members professed the most interest. The candidates were asked to give an overview of general administrative policies, detail their experience with Florida's Local Government Comprehensive Planning Act, give their most innovative ideas for

funds sought for city's fifth anniversary

celebration by gwen stevenson

A search for funds is underway as city and community officials seek to guarantee the financial backing for a gala celebration Sunday, November 4, to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Sanibel.

Plans for the day include a gala parade, a picnic and a dinner dance.

There will be a special Chamber of Commerce Board meeting tomorrow night when the details of the plans will be presented by Sanibel resident Urban Palmer in the hopes that the Council will guarantee the financial outlays. Chamber of Commerce president Fred Valtin said last Friday that he couldn't foretell the Board's reaction and wasn't certain at that point what exactly was being requested. "The Chamber has some unexpended advertising dollars," Valtin said, adding that the Board might agree to an expenditure of a few hundred dollars but nothing more than that. The Chamber is being solicited for the funds because of the amount of press coverage the celebration will probably attract for the event.

obtaining revenues for local governments and they were asked if they felt they and their families would be happy in a small town community that seeks to serve both tourist and residential interests. White asked for a response by October 5.

The Council had decided on the questionnaire as a means of selecting those candidates they would most like to interview personally. The are O.R.

Pearson, Homestead, Fl., George Desloge, Tallahassee, William Buckley, Holland, Pa., Larry Hughes, Miami, and Dennis Kelly, Blountstown, Fl.

It was council consensus to attempt to have a City Manager "on board" by October 15. "If we settle for someone away from here," White concluded, "a council member will go into his community and speak to both his friends and his enemies."

planners

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was Commission Chairman Ann Winterbotham's job to check all the conditions before signing the approval. Her motion to continue the hearing died for lack of a second. The final motion to approve the permit passed three to one, with Workman dissenting. Commissioners Twink Underhill, Joe Searing and Don Manchester were absent.

The Commissioners approved two other Development Permit requests; one for a 14-unit multi-family structure on the south side of Periwinkle adjacent to Ferry Rd. and the other for a single family home in Sea Oats subdivision. Both had been continued to yesterday's meeting.

Surety Construction was awarded their permit for the 14-unit condominium after providing the Staff and Commission with a new site plan showing compliance with landscaping considerations and relocation of a manager's office. Surety president Dave Kelly volunteered to post a bond for the landscaping and said that damage done by that company to the vegetation on a West Gulf Drive project would be rectified.

Kelly had also provided an affidavit stating that the units would not be rented for periods of less than one month (to avoid being subject to the provisions of the City's High Impact Ordinance), a drainage plan approved by the City and Fire Department approval of a turn-around.

Dr. James Mosely's request for a Development Permit for his home was approved subject to the condition that a pond on the property be excavated at least five feet below the existing grade without breaking the aquaclude. Chairman Winterbotham suggested that he consider adding some water plants and mosquito-eating fish to the pond, which is designed to hold the run-off on Mosely's property.

The Commission also assigned a petition for a zoning change to the Planning Staff. Several residents on Sea Grape and Buttonwood Lanes have asked that "all property abutting those streets" be rezoned for single family or duplex housing. The Gulf front property in those areas is currently zoned for resort housing. The Commissioners directed the staff to determine just how much property is involved.

The Commissioners also scheduled a workshop on road priorities for October 15 at 10 a.m.

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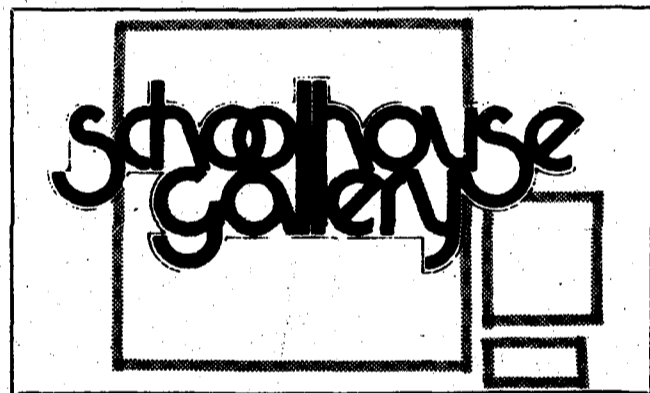
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letters to the editor

city finances queried

The following letters were given to the ISLANDER for publication. The first is a query by Steve Maxwell regarding last year's budget and the second is the reply from Assistant City Manager Gary Price.

TO: City Council and City Manager
 FROM: Steven R. Maxwell
 RE: Actual Revenue and Disbursement Discrepancies

DATE: September 13, 1979
 Having read and reviewed the State of Florida Comptroller's Report and the City's Annual Report for FY 77-78, I have found distinct differences in the revenue and expenditure rates that appear in the aforesaid reports.

POINTS OF INFORMATION
 The State of Florida's report reflects that the City's revenue receipt for FY 77-78 were 1.9+ million dollars whereas the City's Annual Report shows the City's revenues to be 1.3+ million dollars for the same fiscal year.

Furthermore, the State's report shows that the City spent 1.5+ million dollars whereas the City's Annual Report reflects an expenditure rate of 1.3+ million dollars which includes the cash carryover figure of 125+ thousand dollars.

Moreover, what is disturbing is that the City provides the State with the data that is to be reported in the Comptroller's report.

Your willingness to provide me with a prompt and sufficient response to the discrepancies reported herein will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
 Steven R. Maxwell
 Sanibel
 cc: Gerald Lewis, State Comptroller

Mr. Steven R. Maxwell
 Post Office Box 114
 Sanibel, Florida 33957
 Re: Your letter of September 13
 Dear Steve:
 Every year the City obtains the services of an independent certified public accounting firm to audit our financial records. In the 1979 Fiscal Year, this firm was Taylor, Edenfield, Gilliam and Wiltshire.

Page 3 of the Financial Statement, prepared by Taylor, Edenfield, Gilliam and Wiltshire, gives a total General Fund Revenue for the year ended September 30, 1978 of \$1,331,874. Page 11 shows a General Fund Expenditure of \$123,716. Notice that this is General Fund only.

Every year this report is submitted to the State Comptroller, along with an Annual Financial Report Form; both are prepared by our Certified Public Accountant.

I believe that the figure you mention in your letter is on page 10 of this last Report.

This line is entitled Total Revenues and Non-Revenue Receipts in the amount of \$1,910,716. The difference between the two totals is that the \$1,910,716 figure contains Non-Revenue Receipts which include, as defined by the State, transfers between funds that do not represent a General Fund Expenditure. These funds are such things as the Tax Anticipation Notes (TAN's), which represented \$175,000 in the 1977-78 Fiscal Year, Causeway Surplus, etc.

As you know, a certified public accountant stakes his reputation and career on the quality and accuracy of his work. Furthermore, since both reports are submitted to the State Comptroller, any discrepancies would obviously be picked up. Also, it is not the City that provides the information to the State, but Taylor, Edenfield, Gilliam and Wiltshire.

I trust this information is sufficient to allay your feeling that \$600,000 out of total Revenues & Non-Revenue Receipts of \$1.9 million or 31 percent, has been misplaced.

Respectfully,
 Gary A. Price
 Acting City Manager
 cc:
 Mayor
 City Manager
 City Treasurer
 Taylor, Edenfield, Gilliam & Wiltshire
 State Comptroller

it but he then proceeded to direct the traffic around us. We were VERY impressed.

The shopkeepers were most helpful and polite. The shops were delightful. We fell in love with Sanibel. Most sincerely,
 Joan A. Hedick
 Farmington, Conn..

island attitude appreciated

To the Editor:
 Our family of four recently returned from an enjoyable trip to your lovely island. The weather was unusually hot and humid (according to the permanent residents), but the hospitality, friendliness and helpfulness of the island far outweighed any weather discomfort.

I stupidly left my handbag with a considerable amount of cash in Casa del Mama's (cash which was to pay for the remainder of the vacation). At about 10:30 p.m., we received a phone call from our hotel office, informing us they had received a call from the proprietor of Casa del Mama's concerning the handbag. Next morning, I picked it up intact. Perhaps I felt so relaxed on your lovely island that I completely forgot the encumbrance of my handbag!

The next evening we had a flat tire on Periwinkle Drive, in a busy spot. My husband went across to a restaurant looking for a phone. EVERYONE was most helpful. A local policeman came along, offered to HELP change the tire (unprecedented), we said we could handle

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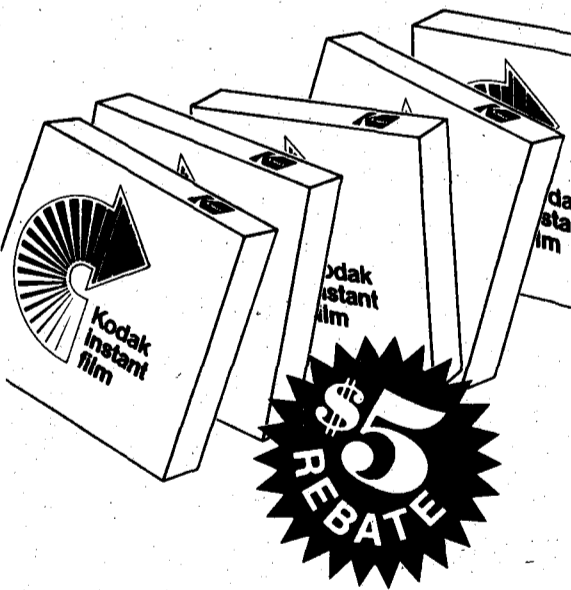
Phoebe Haynie

Sanibel resident Phoebe Haynie died last Thursday, September 20, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Memorial services will be held at St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church at the convenience of the family.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Haynie, Board Chairman for the Bank of the Islands; two sons, Thomas H. McDonald of Beckley, West Virginia and Andrew C. McDonald of Chicago, Ill., and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made either to the Sanibel Public Library or St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church.

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dual taxation

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and reserves.

Representatives from the three cities listened attentively to Steele and County Administrator Lavon Wisner.

"The Commissioners have worked diligently and given their undivided attention to making the budget responsive to those people it serves," Lavon Wisner said.

The County officials were well prepared to answer questions from City Councilmembers, mayors and attorneys.

One issue all three cities were concerned with was the Sheriff's patrol. Sanibel council member Porter Goss asked the Commissioners if they would support the cities if the cities could determine that they did not need all the Sheriff's services they paid for.

Commissioner Harry Rodda said the Sheriff's patrol is out of the County's jurisdiction and any settlements will have to be made between the cities and the Sheriff himself.

Cape Coral mayor Lyman Moore said Cape Coral has already gone to the Sheriff and is not satisfied with his response. Rodda said that the issue is now up to the courts.

The City representatives received a detailed breakdown of the County's budget, but Cape Coral City Manager Bob Proctor said they will need time to examine the figures.

"You probably have quite a few questions after looking over the breakdown. It is too soon to tell," Proctor said.

Sanibel Mayor Duane White commended the County for organizing what he called an unprecedented meeting in Lee County. "I want to thank the Commissioners for taking a great step toward compliance with 129, and I hope work continues in this direction."

Plans call for final approval of the budget by October 8 but Commissioner Wade Scaffa said Monday he expects final approval won't come until sometime in November.

budget revised: city millage decreased

City Council is expected to formally adopt a revised budget this Friday that will call for a lesser tax bite than officials had originally expected. By switching some general operating expenses into the Sanibel Causeway funds, Council man Porter Goss shaved about \$70,000 off the budget, which will result in a saving of about .25 mills.

Items included in the transfer were \$10,000 in the Public Works Department for road material, \$45,000 for planning for a city hall and \$12,000 for machinery.

Money that had been assigned to the

Legislative Department for the Summer Recreational Program was incorporated within the City's new Recreational Department budget and an additional \$10,000 in outside legal fees was added.

The new millage rate for this year, with the cuts, should be about 2.82 mills plus a levy of an extra .645 mills to cover the City's Tax Anticipation Notes. Taxpayers will also receive a bill for .488 mills to cover last year's shortfall.

The meeting on Friday to finalize and approve both the budget and the millage is at 8 a.m. in MacKenzie Hall.



Kandy Kulle of Kandy the Florist won first place in the elegant door design competition at the Florida West Coast Florist Association Convention held in St. Petersburg September 16. The door, which is the back door from the Sanibel store, was designed as a Christmas door. It was first covered with green velvet and trimmed with ostrich feathers, frosted Christmas greens, white doves, snowflake mirrors and other decorations.

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Farmers Home Administration backs Sundial's \$1 million loan

by gwen stevenson

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) has guaranteed a \$1 million loan by Barnett Bank of Fort Myers for Sundial Beach and Tennis Resort which will allow the facility to complete its project. At the present time, the \$40 million resort is about 80 percent completed.

The Farmers Home Administration was pleased with a strong press turnout because the federal agency is anxious to educate people about the availability of their money to help finance businesses who employ the "less employable" people.

FmHA Director Michael Hightower told the group that his agency was "really the best kept secret of any federal agency" because few people were aware that they could make those kinds of loans. He hastened to add that he was not in competition with banks, but that cooperation



between the official lending institutions, the government and the private sector (represented here by Sundial) allowed them to work together for a common cause. "This is your government and tax

dollar really working," Hightower claimed.

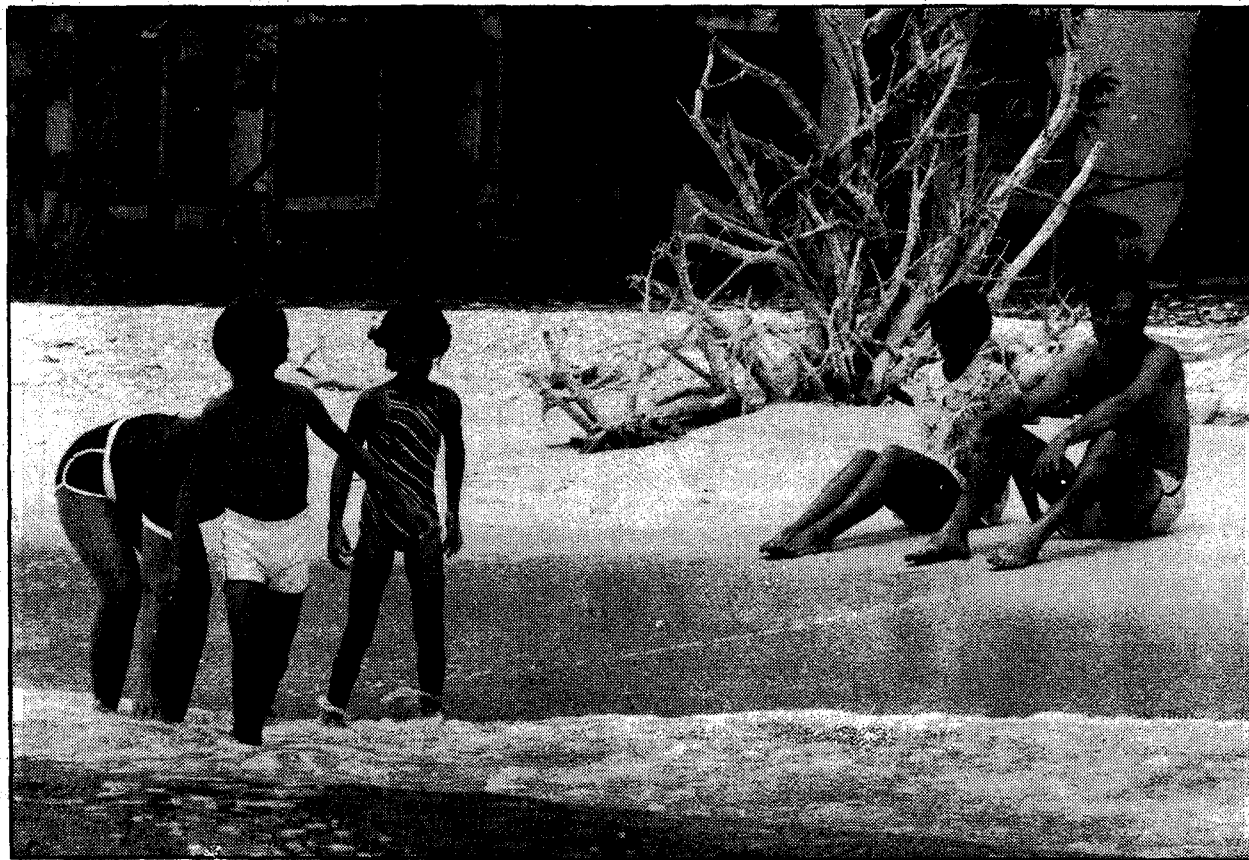
The Sundial loan, the first of its type in the Southwest Florida area, was allowable under the agency's guidelines because "it

stabilized 150 jobs and provided over 50 more"—one of the FmHA's criteria for a loan.

The FmHA, created in 1972, can lend money to any area with a population of 10,000 or less and has recently financed the mortgage of the Algiers steamboat and Causeway properties for the City of Sanibel. "It is important that you know we don't just make loans for chickens," Hightower said.

FmHA District Director Frank Duval denied that they were stepping on the toes of the Small Business Administration (SBA) because the FmHA mainly lends money in greater amounts than the SBA. "There is no limit on our loans," Duval said, "except the ability of the lendee to repay. There isn't anyone we can't lend money to, except public schools."

Sundial will, when completed, contain over 400 units and Sundial owners are making strong sales pitches for an increasing number of conventions. The resort has meeting rooms, restaurants, a lounge, tennis courts, a tennis pro shop and a swimming pool.



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With barbecues and a full kitchen, we fix breakfast, lunch, snacks and dinners — and save enough money to treat the whole family to nice restaurants once in a while.

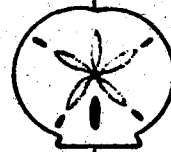
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Council charges County Commission with failure to protect coastal residents' safety

by pat harmel

A Resolution, accusing the Lee County Commission of failing to adequately protect the personal safety of residents living on barrier islands and in County coastal wetland areas, was unanimously approved by the Sanibel City Council last week.

Introduced by Councilman Porter Goss, the Resolution charges the County with failure to implement a road network capable

of handling evacuation traffic, and of practicing poor planning regulations that unnecessarily threaten the public welfare.

Goss' Resolution calls for a County review of "land use policies, construction codes, building regulations, service delivery capacities, evacuation plans and shelter capabilities," as they pertain to the unincorporated low lying coastal areas and barrier islands within Lee County.

The Resolution also requests that the County Commission immediately adopt regulations prohibiting the rezoning of land in those areas to allow a higher intensity use than currently exists. A temporary respite on new construction in flood-prone areas was requested for all development other than single family and duplex dwellings. Particular emphasis was placed on mobile homes, commercial and multifamily structures, and recreation vehicle parks.

The stretch of road along 867 between Miner's Plaza and the Sanibel Causeway, so vital to the evacuation of Sanibel and Captiva Islands, was asked by the Council to be given top priority in implementing the stop-growth requests for rezoning and further construction in the coastal Iona-McGregor area. In the Resolution, Goss charges that allowing more development in the coastal area would add further obstacles to safe Island evacuation and enlarge the potential for "personal tragedy and economic ruin among unsuspecting newcomers" to the area.

The Council also requested that the provisions of their Resolution remain in effect until additions and improvements to roads to and from the coastal wetlands area were made, or until such time as the County land use plan provided regulations to ensure public health, safety, and welfare.

Councilman Francis Bailey told the Council that he thought parts of Goss' Resolution were "kinda rough," but Mayor Duane White disagreed, saying, "It's hitting the nail right on the head."

Councilman Goss said he had not meant to offend anyone but had penned the Resolution to "key on two things; a proper plan for hurricane protection, and evacuation."

Zee Butler moved to approve the Resolution and Francis Bailey seconded her motion which then The passed unanimously with Councilman Charles LeBuff absent.

Refuge Report

by Del Pierce

The Parkland Design & Development Corporation of Orlando, Florida was the successful bidder for construction of the new Wildlife Refuge maintenance complex to be located west of the Sanibel Elementary School. Construction on the \$405,000 project is expected to begin in late October. An equipment storage building, a shop and service building and an oil and paint storage building will be included in the complex.

Zep Construction, Inc., of Fort Myers will begin work within the next few weeks installing culverts and water control structures on the wildlife drive dike. Completion of this project will take several months. During the construction period, we will often have two-way traffic on the drive and only a portion of the drive will be open. This project was bid at \$308,000.

Both of these projects are funded through special Bicentennial Land Heritage Program (BLHP) funds. Construction work on our third and largest BLHP project, a visitor information center, is expected to begin early in 1980. Fishermen using the Lighthouse Point fishing pier are reminded that the following activities are prohibited: spearing or snatching fish; cast net larger than 3/4 inch, stretched mesh; more than 2 fishing poles or rods per person; littering.

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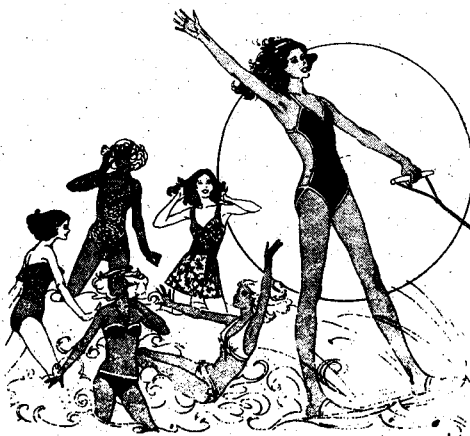
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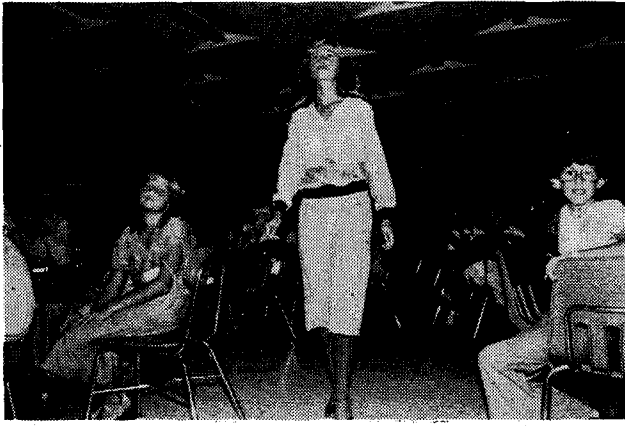


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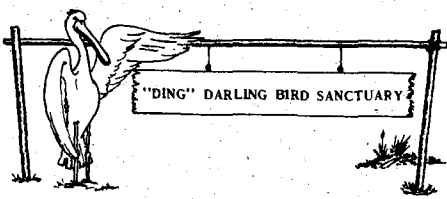
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Captran celebrates second anniversary

Over 200 Captran employees and friends gathered at the Sundial last week in celebration of Captran's second anniversary. The group listened to a three-hour seminar by "Zig" Ziglar, rated as one of the most versatile speakers in America, who gave tips on "successful living". Following a lavish buffet, a variety of awards was given to employees of the Sanibel-based interval ownership company.

Ziglar, who is known as the "Master Motivator", has traveled over 3,000,000 miles around the world delivering his messages of common sense, hope and enthusiasm and humor to audiences of all kinds and sizes.

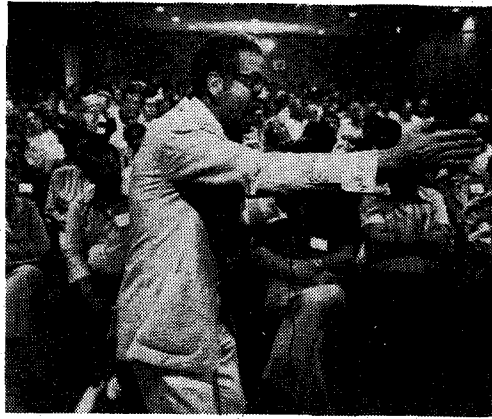
He is a best selling author whose "See you at the Top" has sold over 300,000 copies and is now in its fifteenth printing.

This book is also the text for the "I Can" course which is being taught at secondary schools all over the country.

Chosen to receive a free trip to Scotland and a stay at Loch Rannoch multi-ownership resort in the Highland Hills were Natalie Passanante, Judy Evaneck, Don Belyea and Priscilla Murphy-Shelski.

Service Pins were also presented to Captran employees who have been with the firm for one and two years. Thirty two received One Year Pins and fifteen qualified for Two Year Pins.

Following the Sundial buffet, awards were given to outstanding company personnel. In the category of sales leaders for the month of August, winners were: Jackie Boldak, Kahlua Beach Club, Bob Shean, Lighthouse Resort and Sanibel Beach Club, Mike Trowbridge, Shell



Island Beach Club, Rudy Arebalo and Harriet Ramseyer, Freeport Resort and Club, Lee Parkerson, Seagull Resort.

Captran's Resort of the Month for August was Caribbean Beach Club; Bob

Shean was his firm's salesperson of the month.

Joining the Top Five Club for August were Bob Shean, Rudy Arebalo Mike Trowbridge, Ed Jewett and Harriet Ramseyer.

Monthly Offsite Personal Contact winners were Trudy Marie Goff of Sanibel, and Dennis ("Butch") Webb, chosen the OPC Manager of the Month. Special recognition was given to the company's Phone Room crew, who handle appointments and reservations.

Interval Resort Management awards went to Aimee Bartholomew, Mona Hall, Susan Strayer and Joyce Flowers. A special award was given to Mrs. Jim Miller, in memory of her husband, one of the early employees of the firm.

Bruno pleads not guilty

Sanibel resident Mark Bruno entered a plea of not guilty at his September 17 hearing in Centreville, Mich. Bruno had been charged with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver after he was stopped in Michigan for a traffic violation.

Bond was continued at \$5,000 and, at press time, he was still in the Jackson County jail. No date has been set for his trial.

post office has new bike rack



Postmaster Paul Adams expressed his appreciation last week to Islander Steve Phillips who donated his time and talent in constructing an eight-position bike rack for the new post office.

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on the water

by capt. mike fuery



Probably the most important piece of weaponry in any angler's arsenal of equipment is the excuse. It's a standard response for any fisherman (or woman) to have several fall-back reasons why he didn't catch that fish. Each year, at the end of the big game fishing season, I go over some of the notes I've taken from people on why they didn't catch any fish. This week, we're going to look at what came in this year.

THIS AREA IS FISHED OUT. One of my favorites, because this excuse is dragged out only if there are no other boaters hauling in fish in the immediate area. This is a great fall-back because is no one is catching fish, then they prove their point.

This excuse is often used too early or too late in the season, especially for snook and tarpon. These game fish are geared to feed in the late spring, and for snook, on through the summer. I don't know how many times we have noticed that someone will wander in on a cold January morning and announce that he's going out to get a snook. Good luck and see you about six months later in the year.

Actually, I've heard many times that

one area or another is "fished out", but this year seems to be the best ever for tarpon fishing according to talks with a taxidermist in North Fort Myers. And as for snook, the other day I was in a contest where five guides and our parties brought in nearly 350 pounds of snook in a day's fishing with 20 anglers. Nope, the fish are still out there, but when they aren't biting, then it's easy to see why it could be considered "fished out" by luckless anglers.

IT USED TO BE EASIER TO CATCH 'EM. I love this one. What happened? Are the fish going to college now? It never was easy to catch any fish except jacks, ladyfish and catsfish. All the others are just as hard to get into the boat as ever. This, despite all the modern advantages that most fishermen say they enjoy today. You know, 20 years ago, they were fishing with steelor solid glass rods and getting more that they are now. This might be because there were more fish, or it might

be because there were fewer fishermen and boats, but did you ever think about the recent increase in "improved" equipment?

This spring I had a fella out on charter who is an excellent golfer. As a matter of fact, he was on the pro golf circuit for a couple of years. He was talking about the new graphite, aluminum and alloy composition golf clubs on the market that are gobbled up golfers around the world. This is all in the hope that the new miracle materials will shave points off their golf score.

Know what he observed? Something you and I knew all along. All that new stuff didn't budge the golf scores downward one stroke. The low scores on any golf pro competition are just about the same as they have always been. The same goes for fishing when it comes to the new fishing rod materials on the market. It may have been easier to catch fish years ago, but it

still takes patience and time, no matter what kind of new equipment you might have.

I'M NOT HERE JUST TO CATCH FISH, I'M HERE TO HAVE A GOOD TIME. This one is usually the truest statement any angler can make. Competition is fine in business, but it will kill any fun you might have ever expected when it comes to fishing. Is a fish a few ounces under the world record any less a fighter than the top fish? I doubt it. I can't help but be amazed to find that people demand a one-pound trout to put up a fight like a 300-pound marlin. And when the same folks get a 25-pound shark and lose it, they blame the equipment.

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* Denotes strong tides
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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!)
 For Captiva Island Gulf side, subtract 30 minutes from each high tide, and subtract hour and 16 minutes for each low tide.
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 In between these point gulf or bay - guesstimate and have good fishing and or shelling.

shelling tips . . . by capt. mike fuery

Many shellers have developed a fascination with the shiny, strangely marked olive shell. This week, let's look at the olive and some likely places to locate this popular shell.

Those of you who do a fair amount of shelling know that there are several types of olive shells, which leads to some confusion over what you have found on the beaches.

The most commonly found olive on Sanibel and Captiva Islands is the lettered olive. This shell is generally one to two inches long and about half an inch thick. It's round and pointed at the top, with the animal's foot opening at the other end and along one side. It's called the "lettered" olive because of the design on the side of the shell.

It's a highly polished shell because a fleshy covering nearly surrounds the shell

when a live animal is inside. Even long after it's dead and washed up on the beach, this shell remains shiny. That's one reason for its popularity along the islands.

I mentioned that there's some confusion over the name of these individual shells and that's because there are about six kinds of olives found in the shoreline waters of the Southern United States and the Bahamas.

The lettered olive (oliva sayana) is sometimes called the rice shell. I've also heard it referred to as the Panama Shell.

A young woman I had out on a shelling charter once said that she believed that the olive shells found in the Orient were strung end to end on thread and used a doorway curtains.

As for where to find the lettered olive on our beaches, there are two types of areas to look for. One is along the beaches, where



photo by mark harmel

islander angling

by mark harmel

The piscatorial delight of the week is redfish. The reds are being caught from the public fishing pier and off the Causeway islands. The biggest reported red of the week, a 26 pounder, was caught off the Causeway by local angler Bernice Ravenscraft. The Bait Box suggests using 1½-3 inch pinfish to catch the reds.

Reds have also been coming in at Sanibel Marina, but in unusual sizes. The reds are either small, 3-6 pounds, or in the 18-25 pound range. They have seen a few snook, but most of the catches have been reds from the pier, Little Shell Island, or

Tarpon Bay.

Small 2-2½ pound trout are plentiful in the Tarpon Bay grassflats. And the mangroves in the Bay are also good for catching 2-3 pound reds, according to Tarpon Bay Marina.

Captiva fishing ranges from "not very good", to "terrible".

"Tween Waters reports that there are some snook in Redfish Pass and in the Buck Key mangroves, but not many. Most of South Seas anglers haven't had much luck either, with the exception of Dr. Ruth Gross who caught a 28 pound cobia with South Seas guide Chick Kennedy.

you will find the dead olive shells; that is, shells without any living creatures inside. I always check that little sluice just where the waves break.

When you walk into the Gulf waters on a calm day, you often take a short step down into a sluice. That depression along the beach gradually evens out as you go into deeper waters, but that little drop-off often traps the heavier olive shells. Walk this dip, parallel to the beach.

When you walk the back bay sand flats at low tide, you often find a curious trail just under the sand. It looks like a mole tunnel, except that it's under water. Usually, at one end or the other of that trail you will be rewarded with a live olive shell.

There's not much chance of your finding more than two live ones, which is Sanibel's shelling restriction—two live shells, per person, per species. There are so many dead olive shells, in great condition, that don't need to be cleaned, that I really don't see much sense in taking live olives.

You can enhance the bright, shiny finish on the olive by rubbing it with oil, but most olive shells need little attention. Good shelling this week, and keep an eye out for the lettered olive.

(Capt. Mike Fuery offers both shelling and fishing trips daily from Tween Waters Marina. Call Mike at 472-3459 for more information.)

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Refuge Burn approved

U.S. Fish and Wildlife representative Ferrell Johns received Council approval for a burn program which the Refuge plans to initiate this fall. Johns said that the first burn will cover an area on the Island from Tahiti Shores Road to the American Legion, just off Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Johns explained to the Council that the burn was necessary to eliminate the possibility of destruction by a wildfire and would be coordinated by the Sanibel Fire Control District, the Department of Environmental Regulation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in cooperation with the City of Sanibel.

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Sanibel contingent to visit Dauphin Island

A delegation of Sanibel officials was given the authority last week to visit hurricane-ravaged Dauphin Island in Alabama as soon as possible. Conversations between Sanibel Mayor Duane White and the Mobile, Alabama mayor have resulted in delaying the trip because of the emergency situation that prevails in the area. Due to the inability of the area to supply food, water or power even to its inhabitants, the City has decided that when their employees do go, it will likely be in a self-contained recreational vehicle.

Sanibel councilman Porter Goss moved to approve the action last week and put a ceiling of \$1,000 on trip expenses. The team will include representatives from the City's planning and building departments and some council members have also indicated a desire to make the visit.

Dauphin Island was selected because it is extremely similar to Sanibel. It is a resort island 16 miles in length connected to the mainland by a now-destroyed three mile long causeway. Ferrell Johns, who was at the Council meeting for another reason, told the Council that Dauphin Island, with which he is familiar, is very similar to Sanibel including the two-lane access road leading away from the Causeway on the mainland. "It is very low-lying," Johns stated, "and they even have a trailer park in about the same place." The Sanibel team will be looking at the types of destruction to determine if any changes should be made in City building and planning codes.



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Specific amendment for conservation foundation approved

A request for a Specific Amendment by the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) to construct a duplex in a lowlands-wetlands area was approved unanimously by the City Council last week. Dr. William Webb, sitting in for SCCF director Dick Workman, presented the proposal to Council.

Even with the ultimate approval, council members raised the question of whether it was appropriate for the SCCF to request the increased density. "I want them to relinquish the rights for all the other buildings they are allowed (SCCF land has a potential for 12 dwellings)," said Councilman Francis Bailey. "It is contrary to their general aims in life." Webb admitted that he wasn't "comfortable" with the proposal either. Council member Zee Butler said she wanted some exchange for granting a duplex in a lowlands-wetlands area since that is "contrary to the best interests of the plan."

Councilman LeBuff told the Council that staff housing had always been a part of the Foundation's plans. Butler told Webb after the vote that she hoped he would make the SCCF Board members aware of the City's concerns and urged them to give up their remaining allotment voluntarily.

Nungester's contribution recognized

Sanibel Mayor Duane White presented former City Manager Bill Nungester with a Certificate of Appreciation and a "small token" of the Council's gratitude at last Tuesday's council meeting. Nungester, who was in council chambers on another matter, was taken by surprise as the Mayor rose to tell him of the City's appreciation for Nungester's "years of dedicated service ...to the lasting benefit of the Island community."

First reading held on commercial rezoning request

City Council last week held a first reading of a Specific Amendment request that would rezone a piece of property adjacent to the Episcopal Church from residential and restricted commercial to commercial.

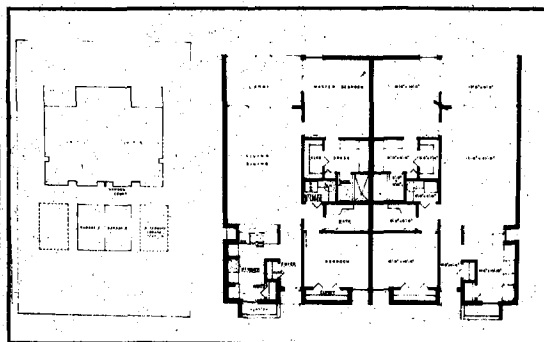
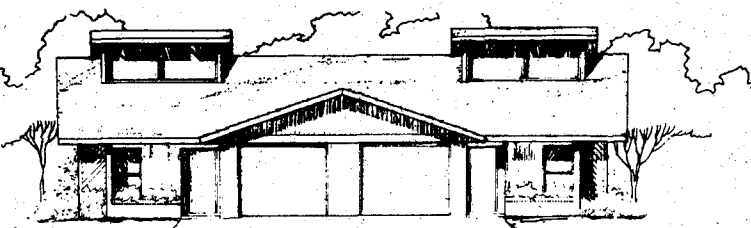
The Planning Commission had unanimously recommended that the request be denied and the Council seemed inclined to follow suit. Council member Porter Goss pointed out that there had been new residential construction across from Periwinkle Place and told the ap-

plicant, Charles R. Blakely that an examination of the property might change his mind about the suitability of his land for residential use.

The Council told Blakely that they didn't see anything unique enough about his property to warrant the change, although Goss told him that they might change their minds when the results of a current analysis of commercial needs is completed. Blakely told the Council he thought there attitude was "a cop-out". The second reading of his request will be held November 6.

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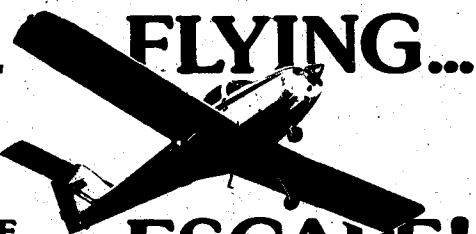
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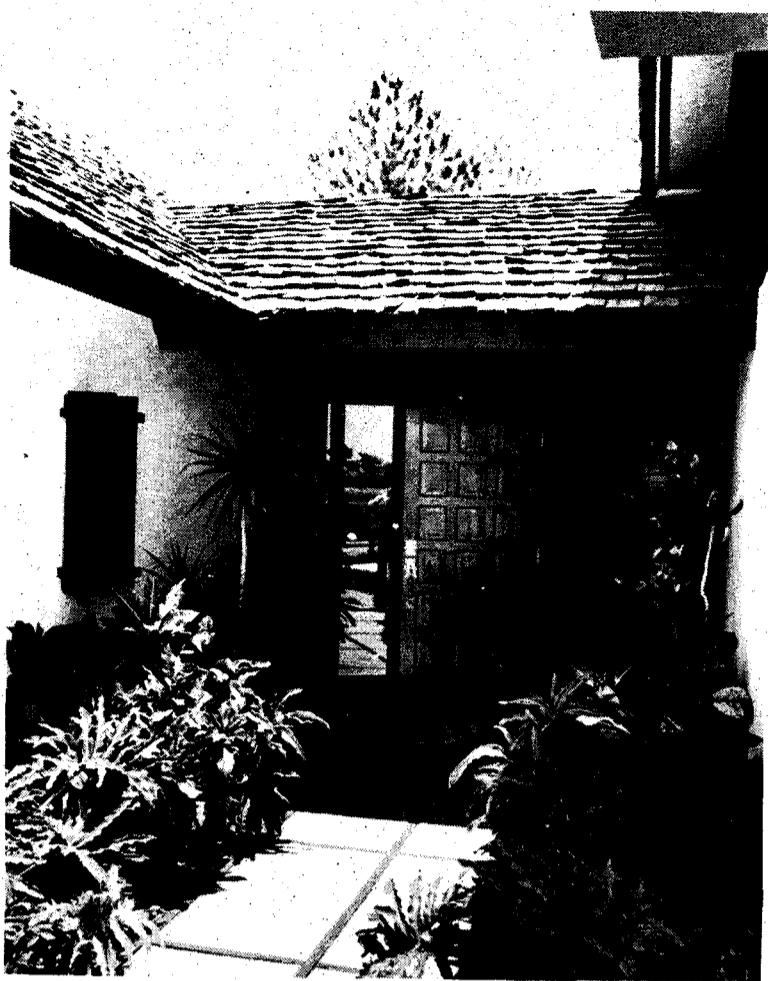
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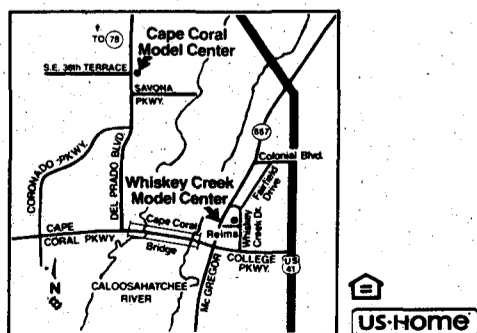
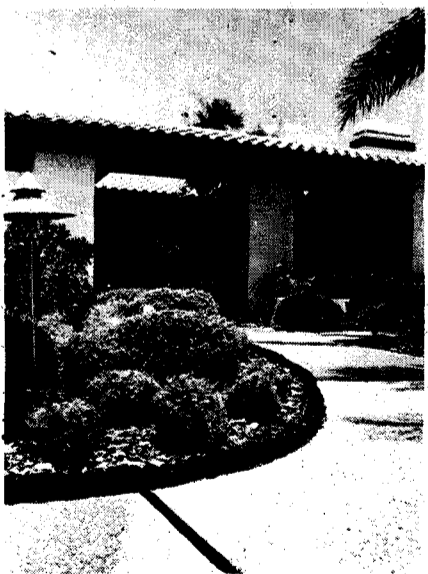
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roads workshop determines priorities

Sanibel's City Council met with Planning Department staff last week in an attempt to determine which \$4 million worth of road improvements were the most pressing out of a predetermined priority list with a \$9 million price tag.

Acting City Manager Gary Price presented the Council with a list of 24 projects determined to be top priority by either the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) or the Transportation Improvement Program. A third document, the Causeway Bond Revalidation Agreement, also establishing priorities through enforcement of a three year arbitrage clause and was presented by Price to the Council.

The City has approximately \$3.5 million to spend on street and road improvements, with construction scheduled to begin by May 1, 1980.

Price asked the Council not to get bogged down in details or design at this time, but to focus instead on stabilizing a top priority list. Both Price and Planning Director Bruce Rogers urged the Council to determine general priorities and then forward them to the Planning Commission for review and recommendations. Once priorities are established they will be sent to a consulting engineer who will prepare preliminary schematics for public discussion. After approval, schematics will be finalized and put up for bid.

Determining the criteria by which priorities would be established took up an hour of the special meeting's time. Mayor Duane White felt the Council should, "...clearly enunciate an Island-wide policy statement," on streets and roads and then let the Planning Commission work within its guidelines. Councilman Porter Goss pointed out, however, that no Planning Commissioners were present - despite the importance of the meeting's agenda. Goss insisted that the City already had a policy and he didn't believe that Council recommendations should be viewed as a "monster" to eventually be dumped on Commissioners.

By the end of the meeting the Councilmen had determined 15 "definites," five "maybes," and four "forget its," from the project priority list. The Planning Commission is now expected to review and make recommendations back to the Council on what they view as top priorities.

Projects given the green light by the Council include: casuarina management, the Causeway - Periwinkle intersection, the East and West Gulf Drive Connection, Beach Road surfacing, bridge repairs, Periwinkle resurfacing with possible drainage improvements and left turn lane, Tarpon Bay - Periwinkle intersection resurfacing, middle and West Gulf Drive resurfacing, Bowman's Beach access surfacing, bike paths for Rabbit, East Periwinkle, and Tarpon Bay Roads, resurfacing of East Gulf Drive, improvements to Bowman's and Tarpon Bay Beach access', Tulipa - Fulgar realignment, and Pyrula resurfacing.

First reading of specific amendment request to finish blind pass building

The City Council last week held the first reading of a request for a Specific Amendment to the land use plan by Kay Casparis and Julia Stewart. Attorney Bill Stewart, representing the applicants, told the Council that the two buildings had been started prior to the City's incorporation under Lee County Zoning. They were scheduled to have commercial outlets on the first floor with residential units above them. Construction was halted on the building until the late fall of February 1976 when Bartholomew received approval for a City Building permit, which however he failed to obtain. Financial difficulties resulted in foreclosure by a contractor and the current owners bought the unfinished structure at that time.

Ms. Casparis was advised by then Planning Director Carleton Rytffel that the building permit was good and could be transferred. Stewart said the plans were then redrawn to meet Sanibel codes but before anything could be started, the Island water Association placed a ban on new hook-ups. Hook-up permits are necessary before a building permit can be obtained.

The applicants need a Specific Amendment because their structure exceeds the amount allowable for clearing and violates the City setback laws. City law also prohibits residential usage in commercially-zoned property. The building has been totally enclosed and primarily requires interior finishing.

Councilman Porter Goss told Casparis and Stewart that he thought it "was lunacy to build a building like this after seeing Alabama but in the interests of fair play, we should go ahead and approve it."

A second hearing and possible adoption of the Amendment has been scheduled for November 6 at 1:30 p.m.

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Kiwanis installs officers

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Past President Bob Shakespeare hands over the gavel to new President Curt Reinhardt. photos by mark harmel



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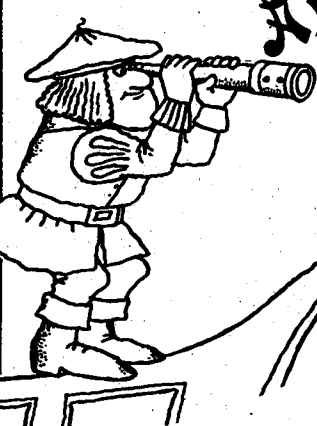
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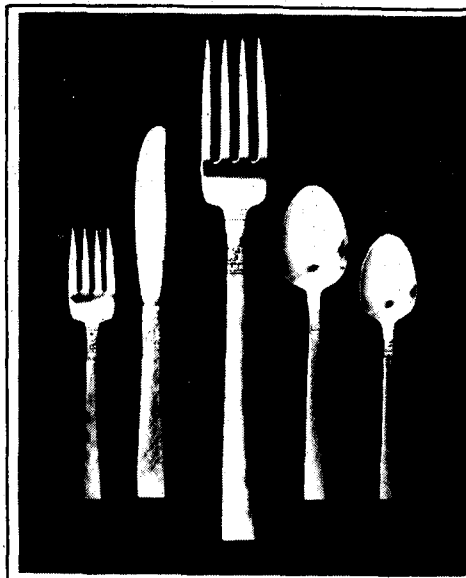
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PORTRAIT

by pat harmel

Charlie Epranian

Age: 9 ("on the day after tomorrow")

Height: "Pretty short"

Roots: Bronxville, New York

Pleasures: cats, horses, soccer, roller skating

Mentor: Steve Martin

Last Book Read: "The New Book of Knowledge"

Wish: "For kids over six to be able to drive."

Words of Wisdom: "The teachers are going on strike, just when we really need them. They're carrying pickets around, and the kids can hardly read them! I heard that on TV."



photos by mark harmel

Charlie Epranian is a "pretty smart" kid for only being nine years old - and he can prove it. "I've got 18 or 19 A's in school. On one report card I got nine of them - and I'm in the Major Work Area at school," he says modestly.

Charlie is ready for this interview. He's waiting on the porch of his home in a striped T-shirt and when we arrive he begins hollering "Beware of Dog!" While waiting he has also been developing a theory on why we're coming - "It's probably because Gwen the editor knows me."

In a time when cute kids are a dime a dozen, Charlie Epranian is like a breath of fresh Gulf air. He has no secrets from the press and his one desire is to call a schoolyard nemesis a "Nimnol" in print. He has already informed his teacher that his story is going to be in the newspaper - a revelation received without celebration. "She's one of those teachers you can never tell when she believes you or not." He has also told a few select friends, who also did not believe him - and told him so in no uncertain terms. According to

Charlie, a little limelight could do no harm to his social status. High school girls at Cypress Lake (friends of his brother) adore him it seems, but fourth grade femmes currently find him only "short and stubby."

There's more to life than girls, however, and Charlie intends to make the most of it. He and his friend David Buntrock are currently building a fort in the wooded acres near their homes. It shows great promise and will undoubtedly be put to good use, perhaps as a "torture chamber," although they have no specific torturee in mind at the moment.

Motorcycles also figure prominently in Charlie's near future. He would like to be either a dirt bike racer or a movie star when he grows up, and as soon as he saves \$275 he will be the proud owner of a Honda XL-70. Thus far he has managed to hoard \$6 towards the purchase of the magnificent machine.

A member in good standing of the Sesame Street Generation, Charlie loves TV and popular music. Different

Strokes and Mork and Mindy are high on the Epranian rating list with Jimmy Buffet stealing the top singer spot. Rod Stewart and his "Do You Think I'm Sexy" tune is a recent favorite however, and lyric connoisseur Charlie labels Stewart's rasps, "Wierd, but good."

Star Wars was worth seeing six times but when the final verdict was in the Muppet Movie won out hands down. Miss Piggy is not a favorite of Charlie's, although Burt Reynolds is.

Charlie's most memorable event happened not long ago and occurred in, of all places, his school classroom. An employee mowing grass in the school yard ran over a piece of metal which retaliated by flying up and breaking through the window to Charlie's class. The teacher, appropriately terrified and thinking a shoot out was in progress, ordered all the children to lie down on the floor. "That's about the most afraid I've ever been," says Charlie. "I threw my pencil right up in the air!"

SPORTS

SOFTBALL

by mark harmel

Steve Diab and his Woodstock Pizzeria Doughboys, from Woodstock New York, flew into town last weekend and flattened The South Seas 86'ers softball team in three straight games: 6-1, 10-3, and 6-4.

The South Seas team was confident coming into the match; they had returned from Detroit with the trophy from the Suds-Seas Classic and more recently they breezed through the No-see-um Classic undefeated. But the "Pizza Machine" from the East Coast (Woodstock is 90 miles inland, but they like to call it the East Coast) had a defense that wouldn't let up.

Diab, who had worked for many of the South Seas players at South Seas packed up his culinary skills four years ago and set his mind to pizza, and last year, softball. He has

since kept in touch with Earl Raven on vacations to Sanibel and has been keeping an eye on the South Seas team

The Doughboy manager explained the sweep simply: "We're great", said Diab. The long trip also gave the team a psychological boost. "The team came from 1,500 miles and they had the incentive to win", commented Diab. The South Seas team had problems with the flat pitch used by the Doughboys, but in the third game of the best of five series the standard Sanibel lob pitch was used and the Doughboys still came out on top. "What did it for us was great defense," said Diab. "We have the best defense of any team that we have played." Third baseman for the Dough Boys, Jamie Mazzota boasted, "We have the best defense on the East Coast...we took away their game." "I am totally proud," concluded Diab.

South Seas' Oscar Gavin tries to send one of the Doughboys' "flat as a pizza" pitch out of the park. Steve Dias is amazed



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On Tuesday the Beachview Men matched up in foursomes and the team of Frank Rosen, Bob Robertson, Ed Barone, and Charlie Uhr came out on top. The Saturday match was rained out.

At the Monday match of the Beachview Women's Association Marjorie Martorelli won the low putt competition, and Herta Howland finished with the low score.

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Lions Club

The regular meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club was held at the Sanibel Community Building on September 19 with four guests present.

There were reports on hospitalized members or wives, with requests to send cards; Lion Cooperrider reported on the recent area meeting at Fort Myers Beach and Lion Duane White made an appeal for clothing donations to be collected for residents of the barrier island, Dauphin Island, just off the coast of Mobile, Alabama. This island, which is in a similar situation to Sanibel as a barrier island, was completely devastated with all houses demolished by Hurricane Frederic.

Clothing donations will be stored by Sanibel businesses which have storage space available.

Lion Hermes again announced that a Ladies' Night would be celebrated on October 24 with a trip to the Naples Dinner Theater for a performance of "Viva Las Vegas". Lion Hermes must have the names of those participating no later than the October 3 meeting.

A club goal of 140 total membership was set for the present year.

The next meeting will be held October 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sanibel Community Building.

Slimnastics Course to be held

A Slimnastics Course will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Sanibel Community Church each Wednesday morning at 10:45

a.m., beginning in October. The course will be led by Betty Parke, who is experienced in teaching Slimnastic courses.

There will be a small charge levied, with all proceeds over out-of-pocket expenses going to the Community Church.

Women do not have to be members of the Community Church to attend the program, but a form releasing the Church from liability is required. A firm starting date will be announced later.

Community Church

Youth Club starts tomorrow

The first meeting of the Sanibel Community Church Youth Group will be tomorrow, Wednesday, September 26. Starting time for those in grades four and five is 3:15 p.m. (returning home at 7 p.m.), while those in grades six to eight begin at 4 p.m. and finish at 7:30 p.m.

Further information may be obtained from Bruce or Pat Mulligan, or Linda Bjerke (472-2057).

Traucht & Rainwater will play for Community Association

The popular Island musical team of Tom Traucht and Allen Rainwater will entertain at the first meeting of the Sanibel Community Association for the 1979-1980 season, to be held at the new addition to the Community Center on Tuesday, October 2.

There will be a raffle, a "Fountain of Youth"

, and other surprises; members are invited to bring their friends and a dish.

Guests of honor will be past presidents of the Association and their spouses.

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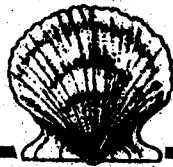
Owners and operators of a proposed bay-front yacht club will hold a public meeting to review their plans on October 4 at the Community Association. Sam Bailey and Richard Taylor have announced that Steve Rose of the Army Corps of Engineers will host the unofficial meeting, designed to gather public and government feeling about the project. Sanibel residents are invited to attend.

The Sanibel Yacht Club would be built around the old Bailey's store once the new Children's Center has been completed. (The Center is currently housed in the Store.) Yacht club owners plan to remodel the store to house a clubhouse and restaurant. Plans also call for tennis courts and dock space although the owners do not anticipate that much, if any, dredging will be needed for the docks because the water in the area is fairly deep.

Representatives from the District office of the Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Marine Fishery and Department of Environmental Resources have also been invited to attend.

Initial plans for the club call for 80 boat slips with room to add another 120. The Club fronts on 850 feet of the bay shoreline. The docks will be protected by a concrete restraining wall.

The meeting time has been set for 9:30 a.m.



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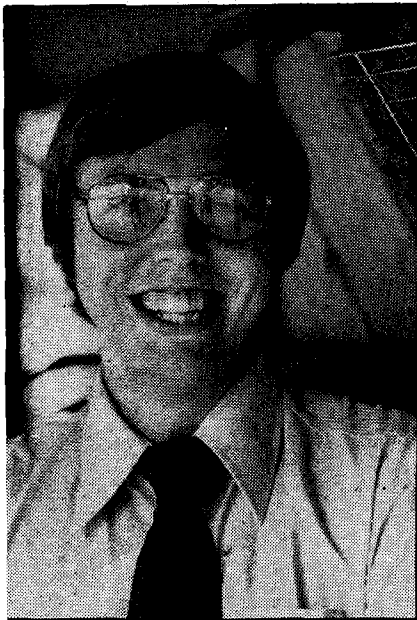
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The Gardenia

Viewing the beautiful lawns and gardens of Sanibel and Captiva, it appears that the gardenia is second only to the hibiscus in popularity. Undoubtedly, its evergreen type of greenery and its famous fragrance make it so. The gardenia, however, is not a piece of cake to take care of and that's why it's the subject of today's column.

The best climate for your gardenias is warm, sunny days and cool nights. A gardenia plant must have at least 4 hours of sunlight a day (or more) to blossom. If it is receiving less, it will indeed look beautiful, but will never blossom. Another interesting little fact is that the gardenia will not set new buds if it's exposed to night temperatures over 65 degrees. They are sensitive to these conditions and only a couple of nights of warm temperatures will ruin the gardenia's chance to blossom. That's why our Island gardenias bloom during the early spring and late winter months.

Your gardenia must be kept moist, both in air and soil. By air, we mean frequent showers with the garden hose. Our natural high humidity takes care of the rest. (Note: Those frequent showers will keep at bay those aphids that seem to crave the juices of the gardenia.) Your gardenia should be fed every month with a good acid type of fertilizer. If you have a soil PH kit, the PH factor should be around 5.0 - 5.5. Soil of that PH is very high in acidity - and that's exactly what your gardenia wants. If you purchase your gardenia from your florist or garden center, it will come potted in a mixture high in acidity, but if a friend gives you one out of his garden, it would be best for you to plant it in a mixture of equal parts loam, peat moss and well-rotted manure. Never put it directly into our

Island soil, as it doesn't have the proper ingredients to sustain the gardenia by itself.

Now, to water your gardenia. As I mentioned earlier, you should keep your gardenia moist at all times. That's simple, you say. I agree...except for the fact that our water on the islands is on the alkaline side, unless you happen to have a well. This displaces the acidity in the soil and causes a problem known as chlorosis in the gardenia. Chlorosis shows up as yellowing leaves with dark green veins.

Now, don't panic if you see this symptom in your gardenia. Simply take a little Iron Chelate, available at your Garden Center, or one of your island drugstores, and pick yourself up some iron sulphate. Mix half an ounce to a gallon of water and treat the plant once or twice a week, depending on the severity of the problem. Repeat this procedure for at least 4 weeks. As a matter of fact, it wouldn't be a bad idea to do this as a preventive measure every 2 or 3 months. Now remember...just because your leaves turn yellow, it doesn't necessarily mean chlorosis. Chlorosis is a yellowing leaf with dark green veins. A total yellowing leaf is lack of nitrogen. (The remedy? More frequent feedings.)

Another problem with the gardenia is bud drop. This is frustrating to the gardener because one looks forward so much to the time the plant finally blooms. Well,

this can be caused by a few different things. The main reason is usually too much water - or too little. Others are too much fertilizer, or just plain old dark, gloomy days occurring just when the plant has started its blooming cycle.

A not so common problem is leaf drop, which is more than likely caused by underwatering. This is sometimes a deceiving problem, as it will show up a week or two later, even though when you first notice it, the soil will be moist, as it's supposed to be. You'll just have to try to remember the conditions affecting the plant in the previous couple of week in order to diagnose the problem.

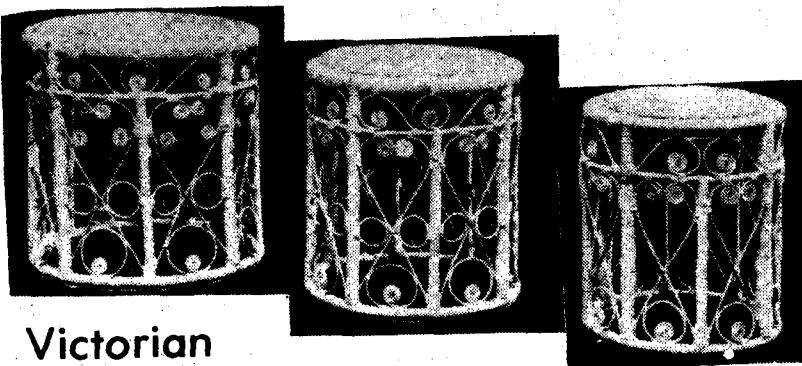
As far as propagation goes, it can be done easily any time of year simply by taking a five-inch cutting from the new growth half-way between two leaves. Strip away all but the top four or five leaves and

dip the cutting into any good rooting hormone powder. Place it about two inches deep in moist sand, perlite or other medium. Put the whole works in a clear plastic bag, place it in a bright spot, but not in direct sunlight. To speed the process, heat the cutting along the bottom to about 75 degrees. When the new growth appears, plant your cutting in a soil mixture as we discussed earlier.

You may be wondering by this time whether a gardenia is worth it. To be honest with you, I think it's more than worth the effort.

Happy growing!

If I can help you with any of your horticultural problems, just give me a call at 472-3125 or drop me a note, along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope, to: Don Rulle, Kandy the Florist, 1619 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, Florida 33957.



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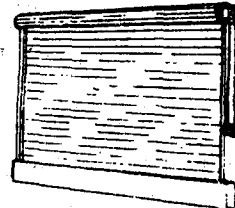
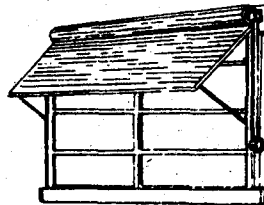
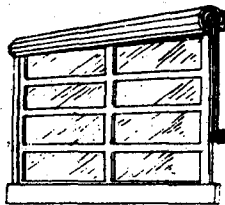
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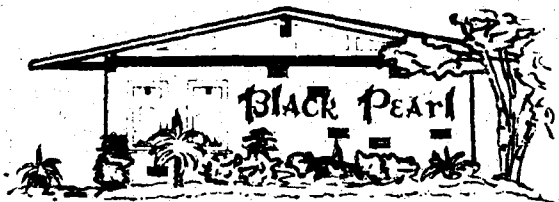
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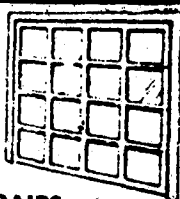


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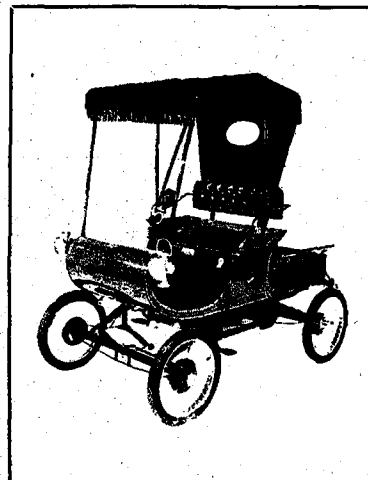
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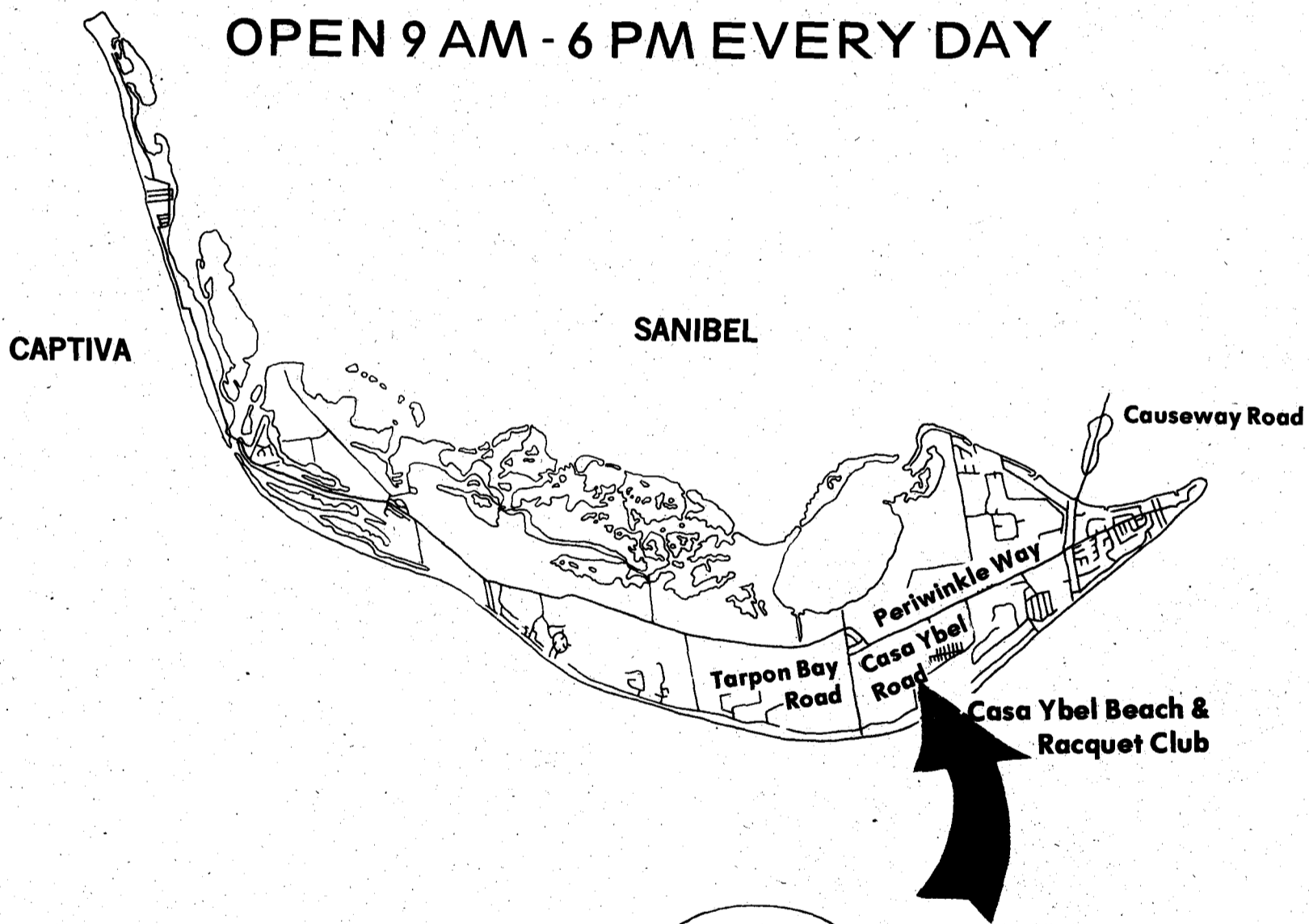
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