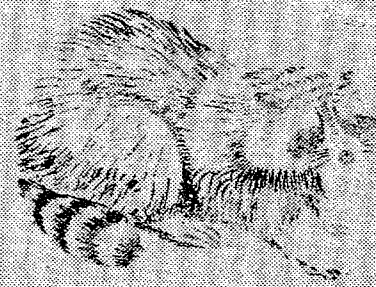


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Planners deny amendment requests

By Roxanna Motchan

Three Specific Amendment requests to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) were denied by the Sanibel Planning Commission yesterday. One other request was continued to a later meeting.

Dr. James A. Mosley, President of Orangewood Development Corporation, requested a Specific Amendment to increase the number of permitted homesites in the Seagate subdivision from 17 to 21. The request was denied due to the proposal's encroachment into Lowlands Wetlands.

The Sea Gate Subdivision was determined in 1978 to be capable of supporting 17 home sites. Dr. Mosley now claims that the number of homesites can be increased since the ecological zones map for the area has been updated. Elevations of the site not previously mapped, according to Mosley, now meet the specifications of the Development Intensity Map, justifying at least 21 lots.

Noting that some of the land in the site is

below sea level, Planning Commissioner Don Manchester advised Mosley, "From my experience with development in lowland wetlands, I can't see why you would want to get involved in it."

Upon further study of the Land Use Map it was determined that the additional lots would encroach into lowlands wetlands.

Commissioner Judy Workman made the motion to deny the request for expansion of the subdivision. It was seconded by Don Manchester, and unanimously approved.

Two requests by Sanibel Attorney Dick Brodeur, representing Vincent B. and Joan R. Tomasso, were also unanimously denied.

The first floor of the Tomasso residence has been made habitable by the installation of electrical and plumbing fixtures, and by enclosing the space below the house with non breakaway walls.

After extensive audience input a request to permit a habitable floor below the base flood elevation at 4256 West Gulf Drive was denied.

A second request dividing the West Gulf Drive site into two lots was also denied. Commissioner Manchester voted against the application as presented on the basis that future handicaps and problems will develop. He recommended that the applicant return when a clearer division of property had been worked out.

A request to permit a taxi garage, office, and living quarters next to Three Crafty Ladies on Periwinkle Way will be taken up at a future date, because attorney John Wilcox, representing John R. Bullard, could not be present.

Further considerations were unavailable at press time.

Canal hearing today

The Sanibel City Council will be meeting with the public this morning (Tuesday) in a workshop session to review the results of a canal dredging survey and discuss appropriate legal means to accomplish the dredging of Island canals.

That workshop meeting will begin at 9 a.m. at the Sanibel Community Association building.

257 Island residents have returned questionnaires approving a \$75 - \$150 fee for canalfront property owners to pay for canal dredging. 181 questionnaires have been returned with a no vote for the individual canal dredging fee.

Approximately 40 percent of the questionnaires sent out to property owners have been returned thus far.



Public hearing on "O" intersection

By Pat Harmel

The Sanibel City Council's regular business meeting was interrupted last Tuesday by the arrival of numerous Island residents who filled MacKinzie Hall to overflowing in protest of the "Lopsided O" intersection recently approved for Causeway Road and Periwinkle Way.

As a result of that crowd's concern there will be a special public hearing today (Tuesday) at 1:30 p.m. at the Sanibel Community Association building.

Urban Palmer, President of the Shell Harbor Property Owners' Association, orchestrated last week's impromptu hearing on the intersection by calling on different speakers from different areas of the Island.

Dave Holtzman of Shell Harbor Inn pointed out that the Islands' hurricane hazard season was during the summer when there was very little traffic on the Islands. Emergency evacuation has been a prime-factor cited in defense of changing the intersection.

Saul Goodman of Lighthouse Point Condominium told the Council "It's not a perfect situation now but what you're proposing is worse...There's nothing wrong with trying to find a better way but I submit that things be left the way they are."

Planning Commissioner Don Manchester took aim at Councilmembers opposed to traffic lights on the Island by saying, "Someday in a year or two maybe Porter (Goss) and some of our good friends won't feel quite so keenly against

signalization. I don't feel a sign changes our Island character."

Palmer warned the Council that residents of the east end of the Island would "do their shopping at Miner's (Corner)" rather than go through the inconvenience of traveling around the Lopsided O loop.

Councilman Duane White reminded the audience of the mandated 1982 County takeover of Periwinkle Way while Councilmember Zee Butler reiterated her past sentiment that "this is an opportunity for us to make a statement about Sanibel...that should reflect what we've worked so hard for the last five years." Butler voted against the "O" intersection in favor of a rotary at an earlier meeting when the "O" proposal was approved.

Councilman Goss blasted the media for their "lack of comprehensive coverage" on the intersection decision, which he said contributed to the lack of understanding among the general public.

Goss pointed out that since incorporation the intersection had been one of the City's "top three concerns" and that the decision at the meeting the "O" had been approved at had not been "whether to go or not go" but was "which way to go."

Goss told the audience he was "not prepared to back up and stick my head in the sand and do nothing" about the intersection.

Today's public hearing is expected to focus on alternate designs for the Causeway - Periwinkle intersection.



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Boatel legislation blamed for houseboat tax

By Buck Mulrine

Legislation ramrodded through the State Legislature to put a tax on the controversial "boatels" has resulted in a tax that is now Florida law and penalizes anyone who lives aboard their vessel, according to Capt. Ed Hansen, dockmaster at Fort Myers Yacht Basin.

"This could be disastrous to us," Hansen said last Wednesday. "It's rough, it's hurting the marine industry."

The tax, known as the live-aboard tax and listed in the Florida statutes in section 192.001 (11) (D) states that any ship, brig, sloop, boat, craft or structure that floats and is (a) predominantly used as a residence, (b) used for business, professional or any other commercial enterprise providing on a long-term basis essential services typically associated with the structure and if used as transportation, said use can be clearly seen, and (c) used by a club or any other association of whatever nature when clearly demonstrated to serve any purpose other than transportation, a tax will be assessed on the blue book value of the boat, and the tax will vary from county to county, depending on where one lives, according to Jim Matthews of the Florida Department of Revenue in Tallahassee.

Simply stated, the determining factor as to whether a boat will be taxed is whether it is predominantly used as a residence as opposed to a recreational vehicle, Matthews said.

Each Jan. 1, marina owners are required by law to submit the names of the owners of the boats paying dockage fees at that marina to the local tax assessors. Refusal to immediately comply nearly caused Hansen legal trouble.

"At first I refused to show them my records distinguishing who were live-

aboards," he said. "When the State Attorney got involved, we backed down."

The tax varies from \$18 per \$1,000 assessed blue book value of the vessel to \$22 per \$1,000 depending on where the boat is docked. Incorporated areas will be taxed higher, Hansen said.

Hansen said boatmen from all over Florida have banded together to fight the law, and they are hoping to get a court order to stop the taxing or get the law repealed when the Legislature convenes in April.

A suit has been filed under protest in the Florida State Supreme Court to have the law overturned, and the newly formed Florida Boaters Association, Inc., has hired an attorney to assist them in their legal battle.

"This would be a disaster if it stands," Hansen said. "People would leave, they would not come here in the winter."

The situation may be another example of dual taxation.

According to one marina owner, "Marina owners are paying additional taxes on bottom lands (recently initiated additional 3 cents per square foot), so the owners already had to increase the cost of dockage. On top of that, they are taxing the boat owners for living aboard. It's dual taxation."

Matthews disagreed.

"We're not trying to stick everybody, just the people who have not been contributing in ad valorem taxes," Matthews said. "They have to pay their fair share."

Hansen said Legislators are currently working on having the tax repealed, citing Sen. Phil Lewis of the 27th district and Rep. Frank Mann.

Lewis originally voted in favor of the tax, but has reversed his feelings.

"It was Lewis' idea that this tax was to

be for the floating condominiums, the boatels," Hansen said. "The State interpreted it differently."

Backlash of the tax is already evident, Hansen said, with boat owners firing crewmen who lived aboard to avoid the tax and live-aboards leaving the marinas where they were docked.

Hansen has suggested alternative legislation to Lewis whereby the tax would be redefined to apply to unpropelled boats or those that can't operate in winds to 20

miles per hour, specifically floating multi-residential condominiums.

"They (Legislators) are working with us now," Hansen said. "If we don't get the Legislators working with us, we're in trouble."

The address of the non-profit organization fighting the tax is: Florida Boat Association, Inc., P.O. Box 381221, Little River Station, Miami, Florida, 33138, Dick McKinley, President. Contributions are tax deductible.

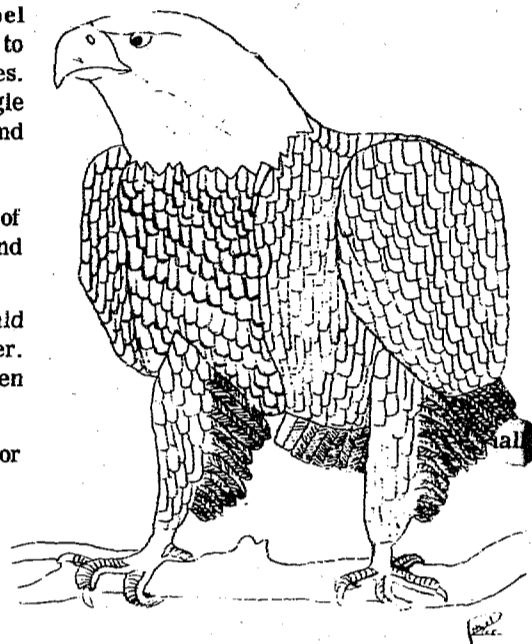



On March 28, 1980, the Sanibel Resources Center (SRC) school is going to have a walk-a-thon for the Bald Eagles. The money raised during the "Eagle Walk" will be used to help care for and protect the American Bald Eagles.

The students will walk the length of Sanibel. They will start at Blind Pass and walk on the beach to the lighthouse.


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Chief Butler - a hard man to say no to

By Pat Harmel

Sanibel Police Chief John Butler doesn't take kindly to being told no - and there's at least one State Bureau Chief who's not likely to forget it.

Back in February of last year Chief Butler began filing the appropriate applications for his Department to receive night surveillance equipment from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. Night surveillance equipment, which permits the user to see long distances in the dark, has been found to be beneficial to law enforcement agencies dealing with robberies, drug smuggling, rapes, murders and other crimes that occur mainly at night.

On February 28, of this year however, Chief Butler (and other City officials) were notified by Ms. Joyce D. Peterside, Chief of the Bureau of Criminal Justice Assistance, that the Sanibel application was being withdrawn from consideration because, a.) Sanibel had no reported cases of rape, robbery, or murder in the 1978 Crime in Florida Report, b.) narcotic violations were "relatively minimal" in this area with there being only 559 possession violations recorded in the entire county, c.) the Sanibel Police Department does not have enough sworn personnel "to receive the full benefits from the use of this type of equipment," and d.) the Sanibel Department has not adopted useage guidelines for such equipment.

Not one to be easily brushed aside Chief Butler fired off his own memo - to Ms. Peterside, to the Florida Council on Criminal Justice, to the City of Sanibel, to Senator Phil Lewis, to Senator Don Childers, to Representative Frank Mann, to Representative Paul Nuckolls, to the Division of Public Safety Planning and Assistance for the state of Florida and to

State Attorney Joe D'Alessandro.

Enclosed with his memo Butler included a notarized affidavit pledging use of any night surveillance equipment obtained by his Department to other law enforcement agencies. And then he countered each and every excuse the bureaucrats had sent down to dissuade him.

Butler pointed out that the Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) indicate statistics of persons arrested for narcotics violations - they do not reveal the volume of narcotics involved. Butler used the case in point of one 18 year old arrested for one ounce of marijuana and one 18 year old arrested for one ton of marijuana - they would both appear as one arrest in the UCR statistics.



He also pointed out that for 1980 the Florida Department of Law Enforcement UCR would be including volume, location, agencies involved, firearms seized, amount, and non-residents involved in all drug arrests.

Butler politely suggested that Peterside and her "colleagues" read and analyze the

(enclosed with his memo) Lee County Grand Jury 1979 findings into cocaine and marijuana smuggling in Southwest Florida along with Attorney General Jim Smith's 1979 report regarding drug enforcement problems in Florida. He then pointed out that Sanibel is a barrier island located in Southwest Florida.

On the subject of inadequate manpower Butler generously chose to "enlighten" Ms. Peterside by pointing out that the surveillance equipment can only be used by one person at a time and could be used by Department aides as well as sworn officers.

On the issue of "relatively minimal" narcotics activity in this area Butler's response to Peterside was: "In 1979 our Department was involved in the largest cocaine arrest in Southwest Florida's

Justice Board made up of area judges, sheriffs, police chiefs, our State Attorney and Public defender, who are very aware of the local drug problems; they passed the project unanimously. It has also been approved by a 19 member Planning Council and the Florida Council on Criminal Justice. Furthermore, the grant monies were recently reduced where we were required to appear before our Regional Criminal Justice Council for the second time for approval and now, as Bureau Chief, you have withdrawn the application."

Needless to say, the responses are rolling in - all favorable. Ms. Peterside has not yet been heard from.

According to the bureaucrats
narcotic violations are
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history. Furthermore, four and a half tons of marijuana, four van-type vehicles and a 25 foot twin screw boat that were being used for off-load of marijuana from Columbia, were seized by the Sanibel Police department in the past four years with numerous drug-related arrests."

Butler's memo further details Island drug activity and area drug-related homicides.

The memo concludes: "Last, but not least, in having our grant for the night vision goggles approved, we appeared before a 20 member Regional Criminal

Island residents perish in plane crash

Edward Gerard Buckenham, 66, and his wife Suzann, 60, of 9465 Beverly Lane, perished last Thursday when their small plane crashed while landing at Peachtree-DeKalb Airport near Chamblee, Georgia.

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Butler honored

Councilmember Zelda Butler received a plaque of appreciation from the Regional Planning Council at last week's City Council meeting. Roland Eastwood, Executive Director of the Council, made a surprise appearance to award Mrs. Butler the plaque.

The residents at the end of Kava Court in the Gumbo Limbo subdivision were tired of looking at weeds in their cul-de-sac, so they decided to spruce it up a bit with some plants.

Dr. Charles Gold, leader of the planting, said that the court "looked a mess, it was a barren spot." Some of the other courts in Gumbo Limbo were landscaped and that made Gold "kinda jealous."

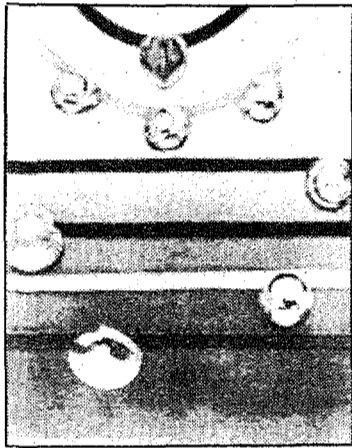
After turning down a bid from a commercial landscaper to put down plastic and rocks, Gold got the idea to take a rototiller to the court himself. With the help of his wife Mildred, and neighbors Bob and Audrey Merklas, Gold cleared the plot and planted an assortment of plants from his yard, along with a few commercially bought plants. The area was then covered with Australian pine chips found nearby where the pines have recently been cleared.

The whole project was done at a very low cost. "All it takes is a little sweat," declares Gold.




Mignon Faget jewelry rep at Shirley Allens


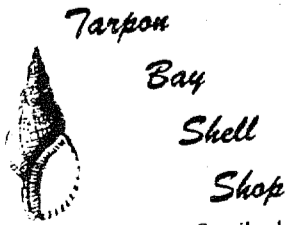
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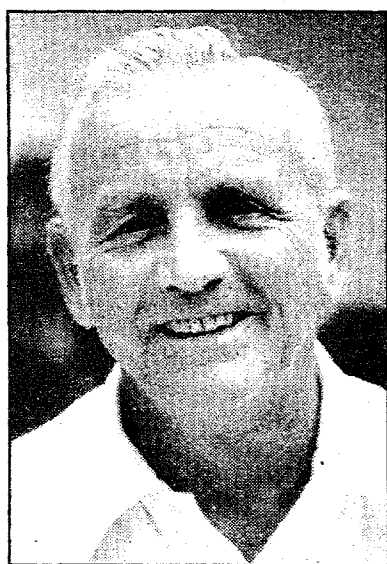
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to the location of the disabled boats.

Before his election as head of Division IX, Captain Ferguson was Vice Captain and prior to that he served as Flotilla Commander, Fort Myers. Since the formation of the Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron four years ago, "Herb" has been a diligent and effective member. His activities included: lectures in the Public Boating Course; frequent articles for the

magazine "Soundings;" and serving as Chairman of the Legislative Committee.

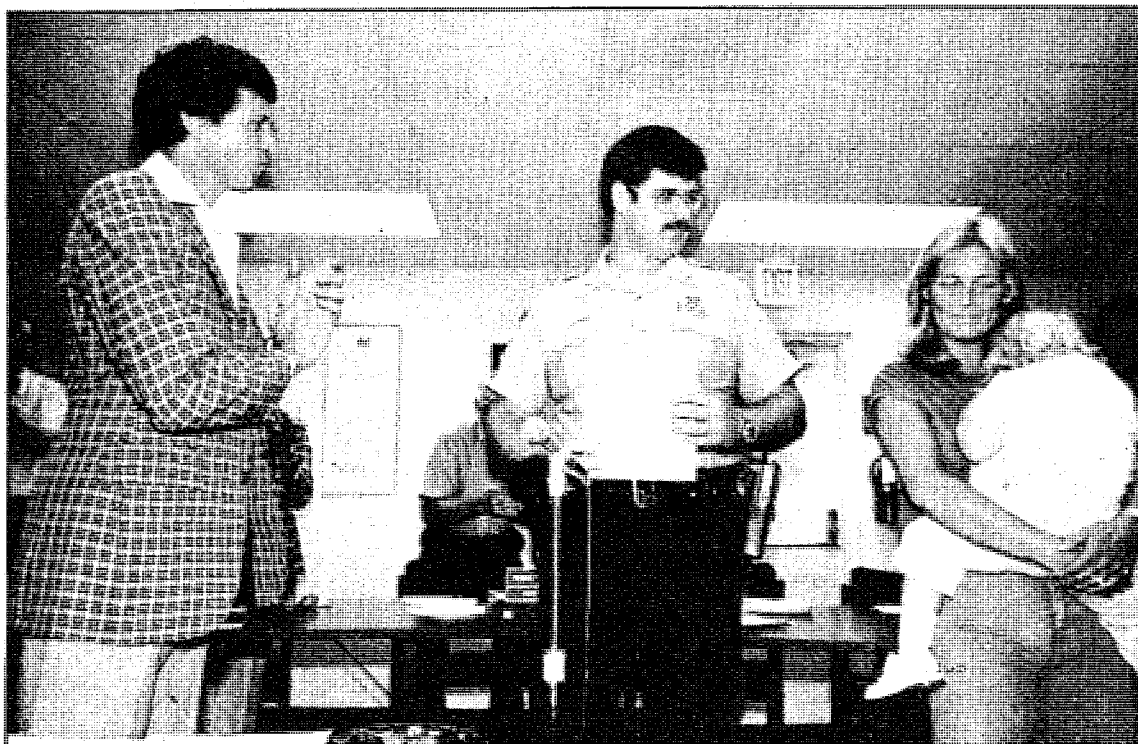
Captain Ferguson is to be congratulated for this recognition of his significant contributions to Boating Safety and Rescue Operations. He and his wife Mona - who is also active with the Power Squadron - live at 4664 Rue Belle Mer, Sanibel.

Sanibel resident, Herbert A. (Herb) Ferguson, has been elected to the rank of Captain, Division IX, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Ferguson will now be responsible for seven Flotillas on the Southwest Coast of Florida; North Port; Port Charlotte; Orange River; Fort Myers; Vanderbilt Beach; Naples; and Marco Island. His election to the post was effective December 8, 1979.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is a voluntary civilian organization of owners of boats, amateur radio stations and private planes. Its mission is to promote safety in the operation of small craft through education, boat examinations and operational activities. The seven Flotillas in Division IX include about 400 women and men dedicated to giving their time, effort and facilities to their mission - boating safety. When operating "under orders," they receive a fuel allowance but no other compensation.

Sgt. Raymond Rhodes honored by Red Cross



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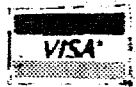
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Bonfire issue hidden in smoke

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A proposed Ordinance for Council perusal met with objections from nearly all the Councilmembers, the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief - but all for different reasons.

The Ordinance was drafted after numerous complaints were filed in connection with beach bonfires.

The draft Ordinance defined a bonfire as "A large open fire built for recreational purposes which attracts or tends to attract 10 or more people."

The Ordinance also provided for the issuance of bonfire permits by the Sanibel Police Department that would cost \$5 and have specific conditions attached regarding time, location etc.

Councilman Goss was of the opinion that "bonfires and beachfires should be included together" in the Ordinance, while Mayor Francis Bailey considered bonfires to be part of "the American Way" - a recreational activity for young people that should not be over-legislated.

Charlie Fredericks of the Sanibel Fire Department thought his Department should be issuing the bonfire

permits instead of the Police Department while Chief John Butler of the Sanibel Police told the Council they were "missing the point" altogether.

"We don't care about a few people around a small fire," said Butler. "What we care about is when somebody calls everyone in Fort Myers and Cape Coral and we get 100 people running around like Commanches."

The idea was raised of permitting bonfires only along the Causeway and the City staff was instructed to pursue that possibility through a intergovernmental agreement with Lee County.

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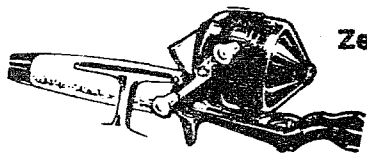
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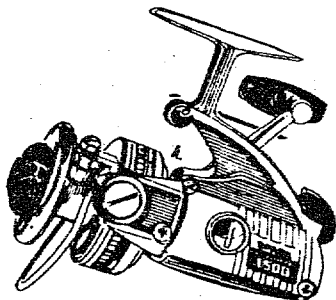
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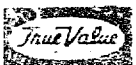
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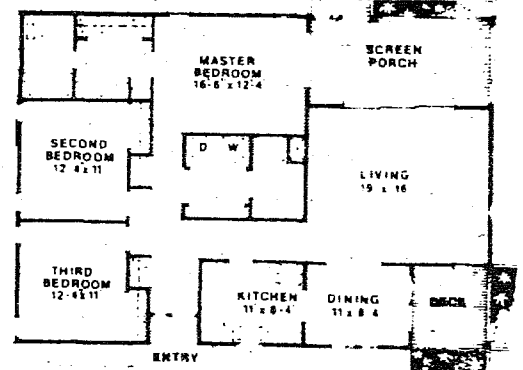
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Turner Beach improvements raise dual taxation issue

Phase one of the preliminary Turner Beach development plan hit a snag at last week's City Council meeting when Councilmember Zee Butler and Sanibel resident Paul Howe pointed out the plan's dual taxation implications.

On March 6, Public Works Director Gary Price and Sanibel Planner Ty Symroski attended a meeting of the Turner Beach Advisory Committee, chaired by Islander Dick Workman with representatives appointed from both the Island and the County. At that meeting, conditions for the development of the park were outlined and approved, along with a phasing schedule for the improvements.

Phase one of the park's development includes the construction of restrooms, expansion of the parking lot and construction of a pedestrian bridge to also be used by maintenance and emergency vehicles.

Funds for the project will come in part from the County's capital improvement budget, but the City of Sanibel has also been asked to contribute.

Councilmember Butler pointed out at last week's meeting that the Turner Beach (Bowman's Beach) project would be considered a "regional park" and City residents already pay taxes towards such County projects. "We've paid money for this already," said Butler, "and I don't know why we as a Council should be paying to build restrooms."

City Manager Bernie Murphy told the Council that it was his understanding the City wanted to maintain some control over

the park area, "and that comes from putting money into it," he said.

Sanibel residents George Campbell and Alice Kylo voiced support for City control of the beach with Campbell calling the area "One hell of a disgrace to Sanibel," and Kylo pointing out the need for supervision in the area and the possibility of a toll parking area.

Councilman Duane White agreed and told the Council, "I'm embarrassed that we're still sitting here talking about the Turner Beach problem. We're no further

than we were five years ago when we first became a city. I want that park to be a decent place for decent people who want to enjoy the beach."

Bill Hammond, Director of the Lee County Parks Department, is currently collecting the cost estimates of the various construction elements scheduled to begin October 1. At the present time the City is not committed to any financial expenditure and the City staff will be trying to get the entire project funded with County monies.

The Turner Beach project must receive approval from the Lee County Community Services Advisory Committee and the Sanibel Planning Commission before being turned over to the Sanibel City Council for review.

Fern Lady denied density increase

Bizarre circumstances surrounding the altering of Sanibel property belonging to Gail Peak (the Fern Lady of Fiddlehead Bayou) failed to sway the City Council last week when they denied her request for an increase in density from one permitted unit to two.

The property in question, located east of Dixie Beach Blvd. and owned by Ms. Peak since 1965, was altered by Mosquito Control (ditching) before Sanibel's incorporation under what Ms. Peak maintains must have been fraudulent conditions.

According to representatives for Ms. Peak, the signature on the agreement with Mosquito Control permitting the ditching is not hers. She believes, in fact, that the man whose name appears on the agreement was not even alive on the date the agreement was signed.

Maintaining the City was denying "freedom of choice" to whomever might

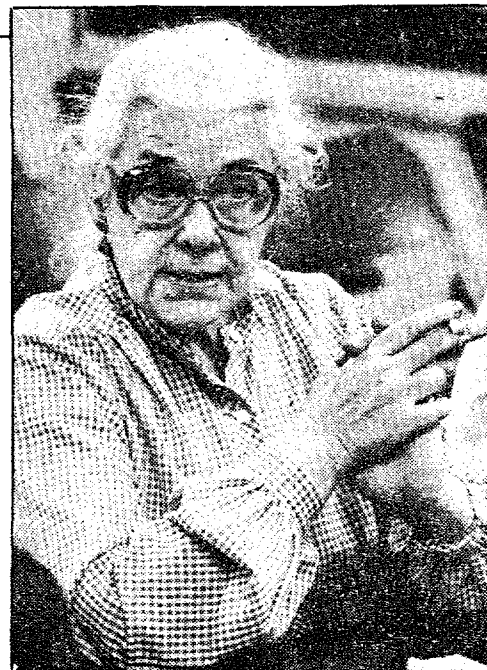
one day buy her property by limiting the density to one unit, Ms. Peak accused the Council of "nitpicking."

Pointing out that the Dunes subdivision density was set at three units per acre while her property was set at one unit per 10 acres Ms. Peak accused the Council of making "exceptions when you feel like it."

Councilman Porter Goss maintained that Peak's circumstances were not that unique and he could find no reason "serving the public's interest" to increase her density.

Goss did agree however, that if Peak could provide new evidence to the effect that Mosquito Control had acted without her authority he would be interested in seeing it.

The Council denied the density request by a 3-1 vote with Goss dissenting and LeBuff absent. Ms. Peak's request was "denied without prejudice," which means she can return at any time without the



usual one year waiting period that accompanies a Council denial.

MUNICIPAL RECORDS

By Pat Harmel

Casa Ybel denied Thistle Lodge directional sign

The Sanibel City Council last week denied a request from Casa Ybel resort for a variance to the City's Graphics Ordinance.

The issue was whether or not Casa Ybel could list the name of their restaurant - the Thistle Lodge - on their outdoor sign, instead of the word "restaurant," with a directional arrow pointing in the restaurant's direction.

Casa Ybel representatives pointed out that numerous non-resort visitors would be traveling to Casa Ybel to eat at Thistle Lodge, many of whom would not know that

the restaurant was part of the resort. The request was not for a separate Thistle Lodge sign but simply for the name to appear on the resort's sign.

"What you say on the surface makes sense," Councilman Porter Goss told the Casa Ybel representative, "but we're not interested in advertising your restaurant to passers-by. Our permitted graphics are

for information only."

Goss raised the question of whether or not the newly completed Thistle Lodge was even a "permitted use" under the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP). The Plan, Goss maintained, allows for resort restaurants as an "accessory use" only - aimed primarily at servicing resort customers.

Island resident George Campbell, who performed the vegetation inspection at the Thistle Lodge site, maintained that Casa Ybel needed an identifying sign precisely because they had complied with his vegetation recommendations.

The Council nevertheless voted unanimously to reject the variance request.

Bissell requests restricted commercial zoning

Don Bissell, owner of a tract of land on Periwinkle Way west of the Periwinkle Trailer Park, appeared before Council last week to request an amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan that would re-zone his land from residential to restricted commercial.

Bissell's property is adjacent to a parcel owned by John Goode - which was recently re-zoned to restricted commercial after the City lost a court battle to maintain its residential classification.

Councilmembers Butler, White and Bailey asked Bissell to consider holding his request until after the City completes its study of commercial land on the Island. Bissell maintained that his plans for the property were extremely "low impact," but he declined to tell the Council what his plans included.

A second hearing on Bissell's request will be held May 6.

Residents may get beach access parking rights

Mr. John Seabrooke, representing the newly established Committee on Beach Access for Island Residents, appeared before the City Council last week to explain a petition presented to the Council and signed by 300 Island residents.

"The problem (lack of public parking space at beach accesses)," said Seabrooke, "is not confined to one area of Sanibel. There are 15 different subdivisions represented among these 300 signatures."

Councilman Porter Goss applauded Seabrooke and said that it was "terrific that you took the time to do this." Goss confirmed the Council's awareness of the problem but said, "it just keeps getting squeezed out by other priorities."

Councilman Duane White sympathized with the Committee's situation and called it a "problem long overdue a solution."

Councilmember Zee Butler pointed out, however, "There's a corollary problem - what are we going to do with all the people who come and visit the Islands and want to use the beaches?"

White asked Seabrooke whether or not his Committee had considered various solutions, including a possible sticker approach where parking areas could be set aside for stickered cars only. Seabrooke



said that his group indeed had considered the idea but had not settled on a reasonable fee. White said that perhaps a fee of \$35 was reasonable for residents to pay and the money, in turn, could be spent for maintenance and security of the beach parking areas.

City Attorney Neal Bowen was instructed by the Council to draft a proposed Ordinance for a resident beach parking

program and present it for a public hearing at a later Council meeting.

Bee keepers licensed

The City Council added a new classification to their Occupational Licensing Ordinance last week. Island bee keepers are now mandated to pay a \$25 Occupational License fee annually.

Quote

Thanks...

To the Editor,

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church is to be congratulated for bringing the St. John's Boys Choir down from Tampa for a week of musical programs. Sanibel needs cultural events of this type and it is refreshing to see a church sponsor such activities. The week greatly enhanced my stay on Sanibel.

Sincerely,
Helen Griffith

...And more thanks

To The Islander:

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Art & Kay Ford
1980 Chairpersons Driftwood Shop

Visitor ill

To The Editor,

This is my second week on Sanibel, and yesterday and today I got very ill. You see, I watched huge beautiful pine trees being cut down so a builder could put up those

monster condos or whatever.

Your beautiful serene island is no more and I don't know if I want to come back.

Also, your "lopsided O" stinks. Can't you people let well enough alone?

(S)One Visitor for 8 years from Ohio

Editor's note: This will be the last unsigned letter published by the Islander. A new editorial policy effective immediately mandates the signing of all letters intended for publication.

On banning books

A copy of the following letter was sent to the Islander for publication:

Dr. Richard H. Stewart
2055 Central Ave.
Fort Myers, Florida
33901

Dear Sir:

I am very much opposed to book banning. An uninformed population is not necessarily a more protected society. On the contrary, failure to know what the other man is thinking and what factors led him to his conclusions is sheer stupidity. Awareness - not ignorance - can help to minimize problems that individuals encounter and thereby - hopefully - offer immunity from the purported evils of society.

I read *Catcher in the Rye* and *Catch-22* when I was 17 along with *Lady Chatterly's Lover*, *My Antonia*, *The Tropic of Cancer*, *Gone with the Wind*, *Tropic of Capricorn* and numerous Agatha Christies - all apart from classroom instruction. What an assortment! What an array of charactes, conflicts, and emotions in such a diverse world. And that is exactly the way the

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world is - diverse. I am none the worse for having read any of those books as a teenager. Though I did not read *Soul on Ice* I did read *Cry the Beloved Country* which is also about race relations and banned in South Africa.

Trying to suppress material is the very antitheses of democracy and in this election year it is horrifying that in this county there are those who place restrictions on intellectual freedom and access to information. I have often heard older people speak of having to flee Nazi Germany. For many, the restrictions on intellectual pursuits - years before the war ever started - was a signal to them that they were no longer living in a safe environment. My own case is somewhat similar. I had the wonderful opportunity to live and attend school in Beirut, Lebanon as a teenager. I practically lived in the United States Information Services

Library and the British Consulate Library. Within hours one early morning the angry mobs bombed the USIS library (I missed it by 40 minutes) and set the entire book collection of the British library on fire. Now, I ask you...Is that city and its citizens any more informed about us as a result of the destruction of two western libraries? For me, it was the most visible evidence (there was plenty more) that my little insulated world was not only fragile but severely threatened. The Six Day War had begun.

How will students in Lee County be able to grapple with the rage that minorities feel if they are not allowed to read what they have written? How will students in Lee County be able to appreciate maturation and the myriad of problems they encounter with parents. And, they will be parents themselves someday. How will students in Lee County come to grips

with the self-doubt they may have in questioning their own sanity apart from the mainstream? Ah, Yousarrian (in *Catch-22*) is my favorite. I identified with him in less than two feet of shattered glass, metal, and bricks. His only crime was that he could think for himself and I, the obscure and frightened--"did God have to make me look so American in the Middle East"--teenager felt the same way. War is hell and Yousarrian "was working hard at increasing his life span." Natural human emotions are the stuff of literature. Please do not deny the students of Lee County the opportunity to gain access to these titles in their libraries.

Respectfully submitted,
Jene O. Evans
Sanibel Island

Berry disappointed in Webb

A copy of the following letter was given to the *Islander* for publication:

Dr. William Webb, Chairman
Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation
Sanibel-Captiva Road
Sanibel, FL 33957

Dear Bill:

As one member of the SCCF I find myself totally bewildered by the Foundation's non-stand on the application by South Seas to dredge in the Redfish Pass area. I hoped, when I saw you at the Corps hearing the other night, that there would be a statement from the SCCF - but once

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again it was left up to the Anglers, Audubon, Commercial Fisherman, Sanibel, etc., and nary a word from the Conservaton Foundation in whose yard the game is being played.

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Sincerely,
Gloria Berry
Captiva

Howe Memo

The following letter was given to the Islander for publication:

Secretary Jacob D. Varn
Florida Dept. of Environmental
Regulation
Twin Towers, 2600 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32305

Dear Secretary Varn:

The press has carried several recent articles on the current efforts of State Representative John Lewis to achieve a greater coordination of the water supply function of the five Water Management Districts under your administration.

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From a taxpayer's continuing interest in the operations of the South Florida Water Management District, I readily understand your reported remark that: "existing water laws haven't been given enough time to work," and that "the Department is already in the process of developing water policy." I believe, however, that more implementation is also needed in the crucial water SUPPLY policy enunciated in Sections 373.196; 1961; and 1962 of Florida's statutes.

You may be aware of my extensive 1978 correspondence with Assistant Secretary Victoria Tschinkel urging the establishment of an essential statewide Water Financing Authority for the issuance of water supply revenue bonds. That plan contemplates a cooperative effort of those Districts that logically need to work together sometimes in providing mutually constructed and operated water supply facilities as envisioned by House Speaker Brown.

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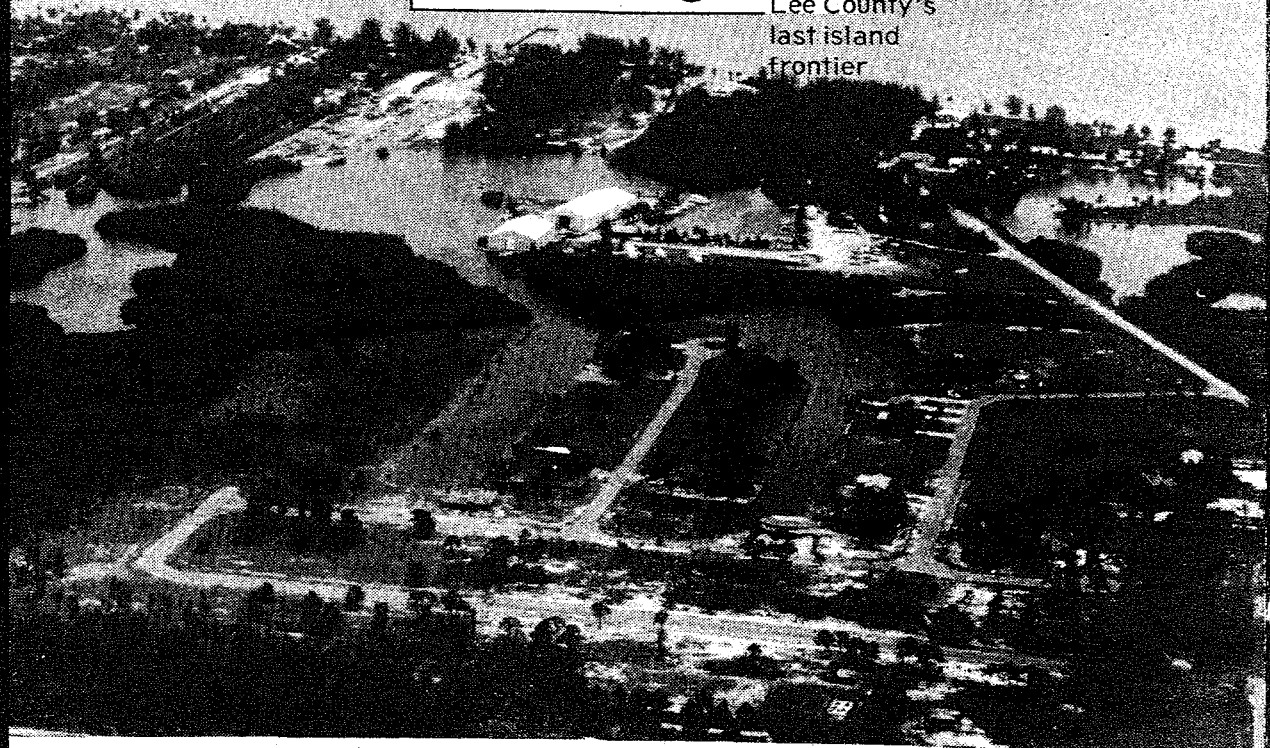
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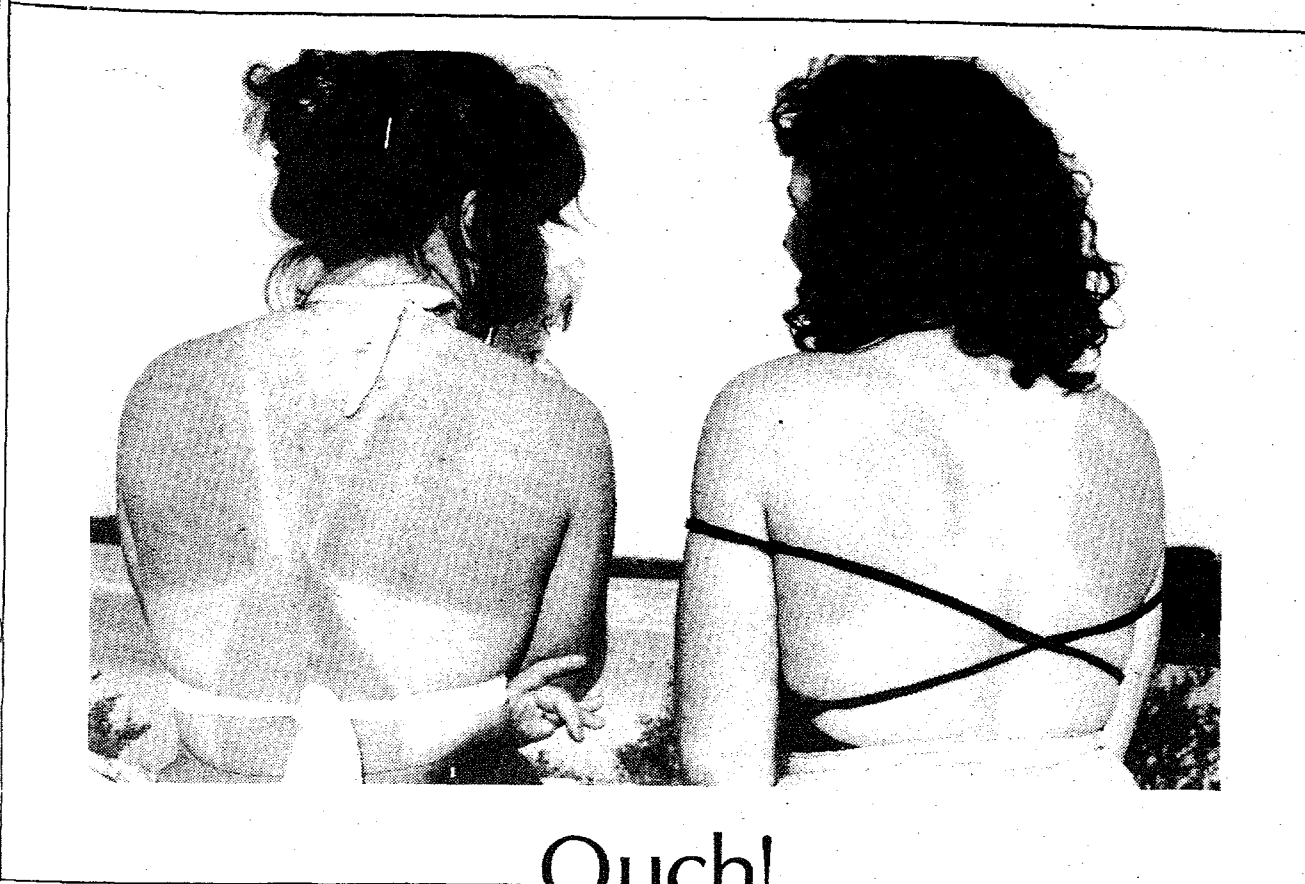
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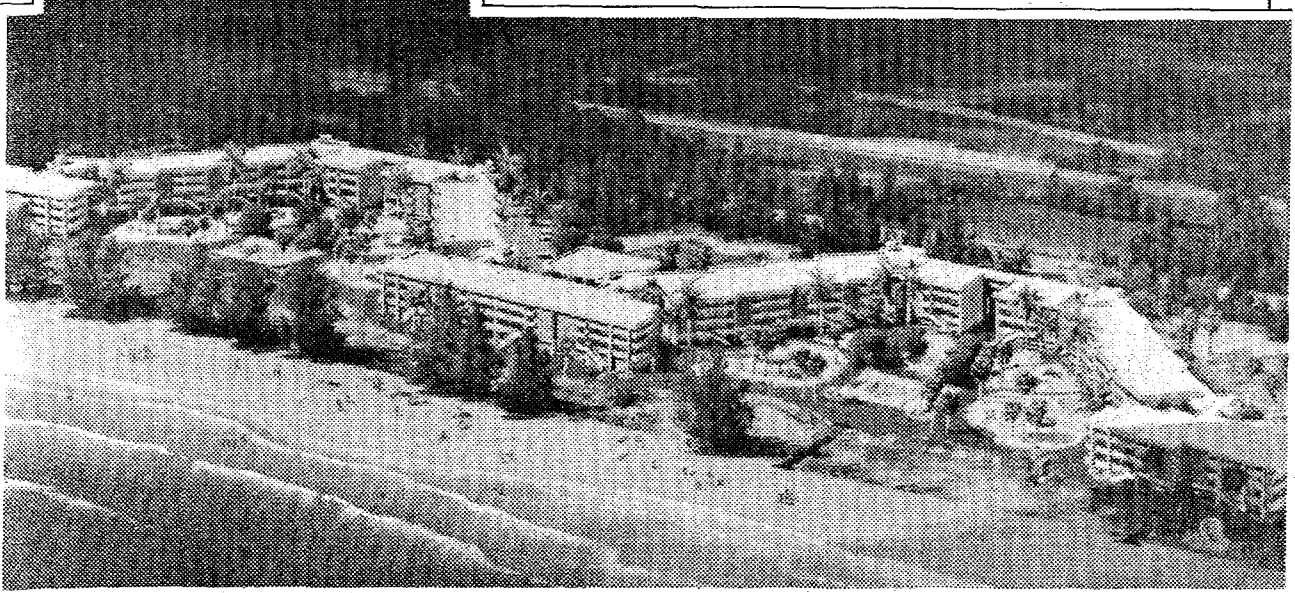
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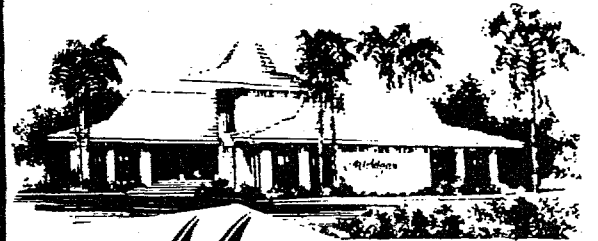
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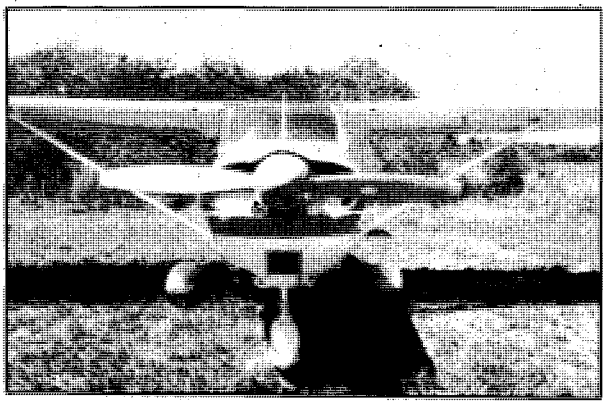
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Police Beat

By Pat Harmel



Illegal landings at Casa ybel strip

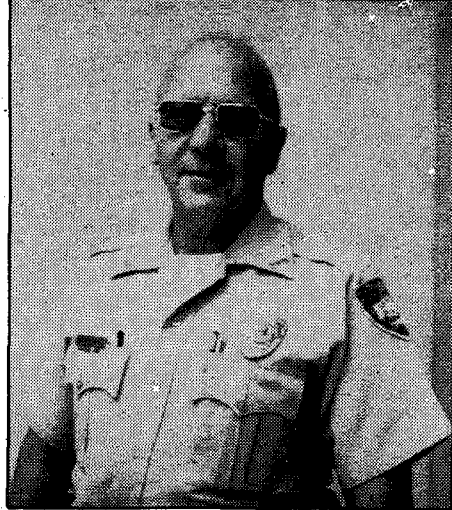
Robert Dysart, a three year veteran of the Sanibel Police Force (SPD), has resigned his position here to accept an appointment as Chief of the Clewiston Police Force.

Dysart's resignation from the SPD is effective April 10.

Formerly with the Richmond County Ohio Sheriff's Department, Dysart now moves to a challenging position in an area plagued by allegations of police misconduct.

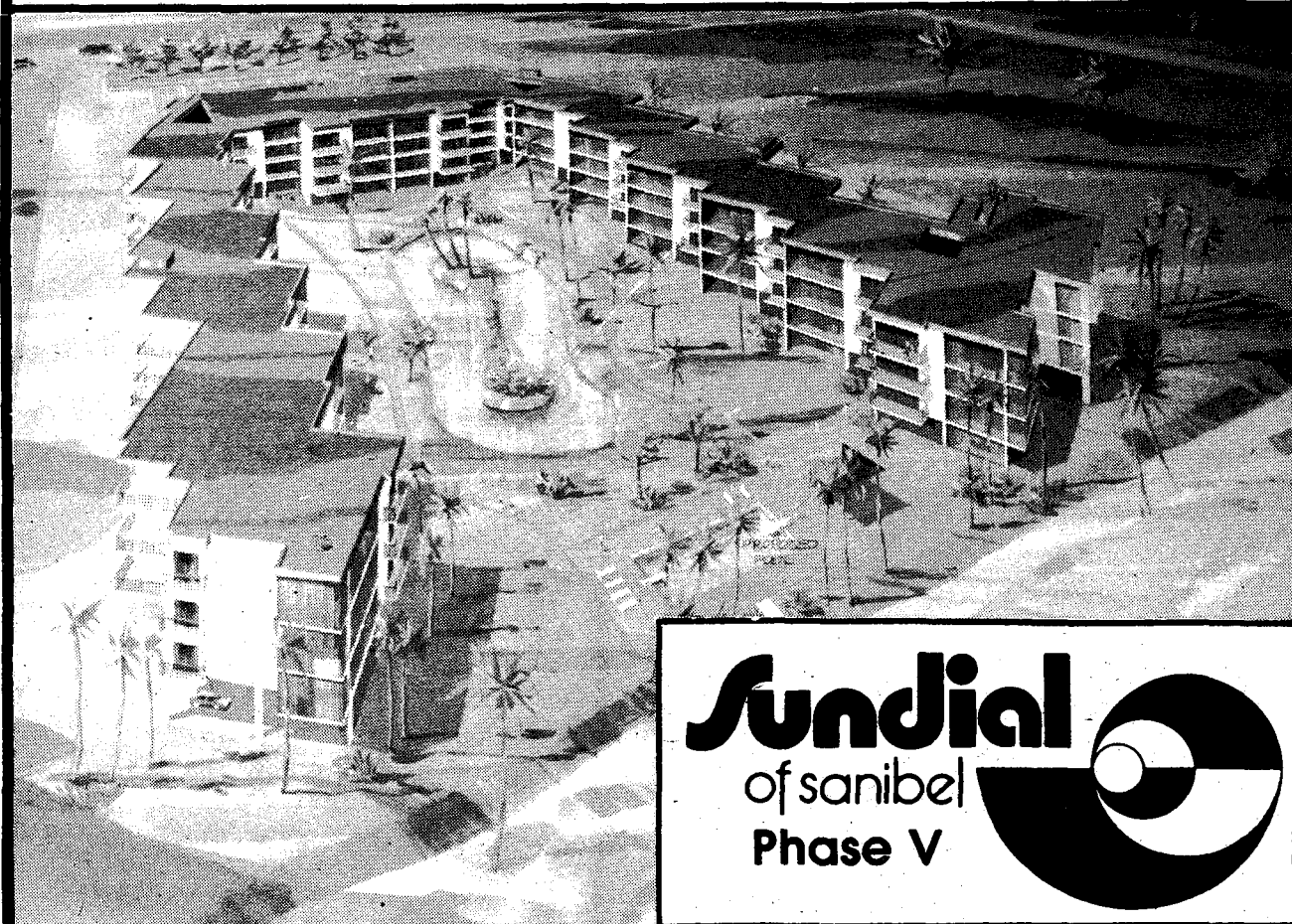
Although no charges were ever brought against the Clewiston Police Force after an extensive probe was conducted into youth harassment and police misconduct, the former Clewiston Chief resigned under public pressure last January.

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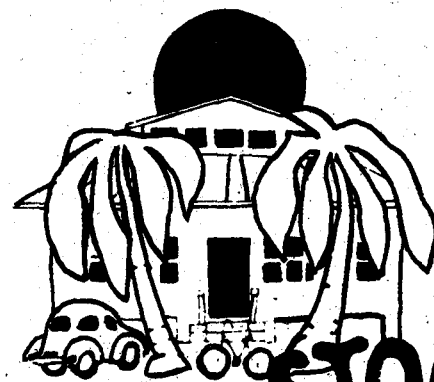
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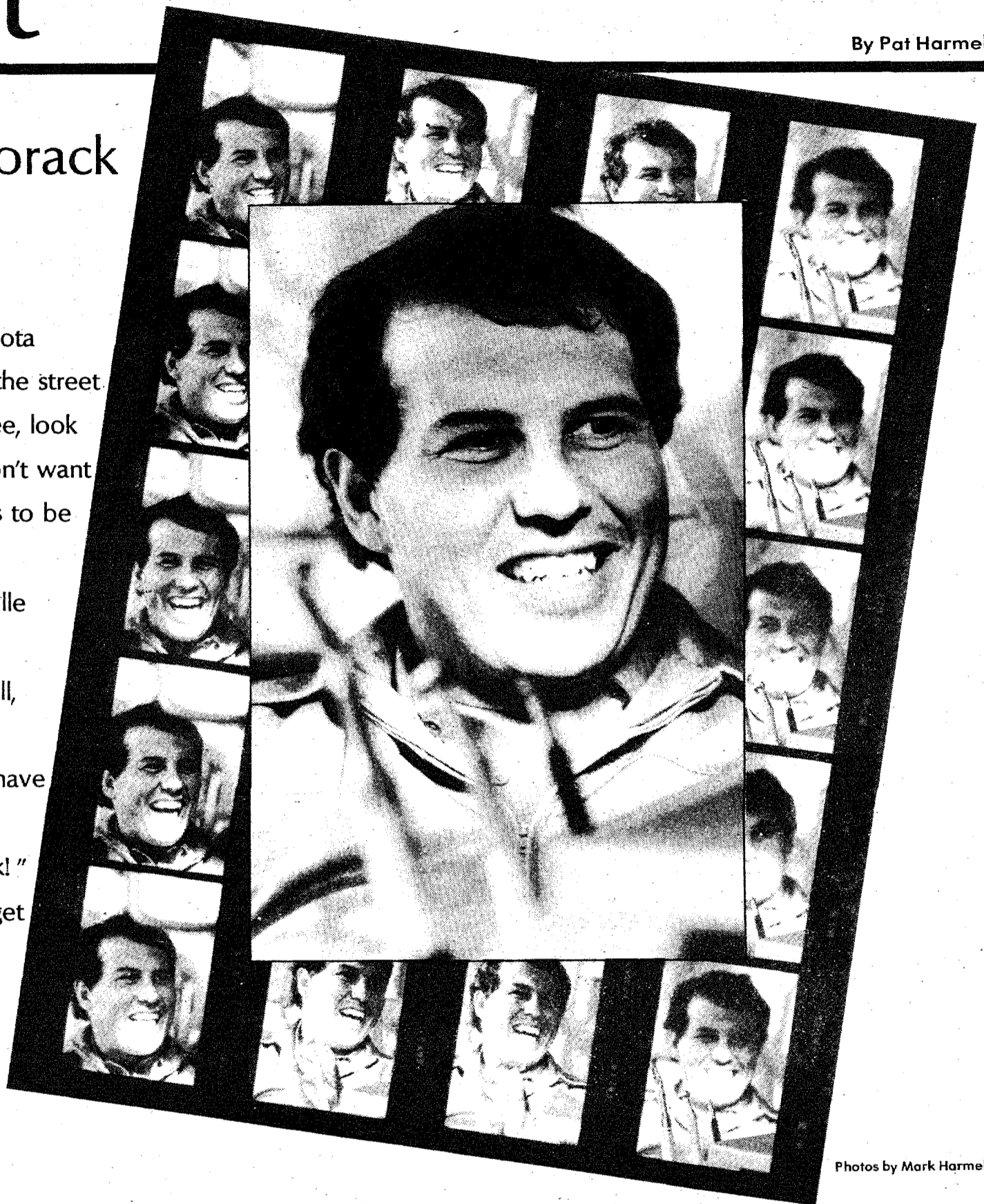
Roots: South St. Paul, Minnesota

Wish: "I want to walk down the street and have someone say 'Gee, look at that skinny guy.' I just don't want to go through what it takes to be that skinny guy."

Last Book Read: The Amityville Horror

Pleasures: "Tennis, racquetball, snow skiing, scuba diving, boating, fishing - actually I have so many pleasures I find it difficult to find time to work!"

Words of Wisdom: "I don't get mad, I get even!"



Photos by Mark Harmel

(Author's note: It's only fair to preface this Portrait by telling you I haven't the least inclination towards objectivity. After an agonizing five day journey pulling a U-Haul from Michigan to Florida at 45 miles an hour with an infected dry socket from a newly pulled wisdom tooth, Dr. William Shorack was the first Florida acquaintance I made. He bags, drugs and a country doctor in Georgia (or was it North Carolina?) had been unable to alleviate the pain that kept forcing me to beat my face against the windshield. It took Dr. Shorack all of four minutes to fix me - and I've been madly in love with him ever since.)

Bill Shorack came to the Islands five years ago via a frozen radiator hose.

"It was 25 degrees below zero," he recalls, "and I was having car trouble. It was the radiator hose and while I was messing around with it it broke and dumped water all over me. I went into the house and got an Atlas to see how far south I could move and still be in the continental United States. That's how my family wound up here and we've been very pleased."

Minnesota's loss has been the Islands' gain.

An engineering student with majors in math and economics and minors in physics and chemistry ("I could have done anything but I couldn't do anything."), Bill graduated "in a recession year" from the University of Minnesota and decided to go into dentistry.

Despite the fact that he had sort of wandered into the field, he found dentistry to his liking. The fact that dentists

may be the most feared and hated professionals in the world never occurred to him.

"I had never been hurt by a dentist," he says, "so I didn't associate them with pain. It wasn't until I was out of school that I began to hear about people's painful experiences with them. I decided then and there that I would be a painless dentist."

There is in fact a huge sign in his Fort Myers examining room claiming it the territory of a "painless dentist."

Upon moving to Southwest Florida Bill opened an office in Fort Myers - and six months later opened another on Sanibel. He now is in partnership with his old dentistry school buddy Dr. Roger Dunphy and claims that between the two locations they each put in a 55 hour week with regular patients and emergencies.

And he is not oblivious to the statistics showing that dentists have the highest suicide, divorce and heart attack rate of all the professions.

"The job," he says, "is probably no more stressful than anything else you try to do right. The fear that the patient has and your ability to perform a quality technique cause the most stress. The patient's fear of you is the worst but if you don't hurt them that's reduced."

"There is no other profession," he claims, "that worries more about their public image than dentists." And after experiencing his wife's labor and childbirth he'll assure you that "Obstetricians don't have the concern for their patients comfort that dentists have!"

Patient comfort is his primary concern. He designed the offices to give "psychological impressions of openness, warmth and comfort." Muzak plays soothingly just over the sound of the drill. And he is dedicated to the preservation of teeth - no matter how neglected or well hidden they appear.

"If you lose a tooth," he says, "it's because somebody failed along the way. If you had an infected finger you wouldn't say 'cut it off' - it's too important. If you think your teeth are any different just go knock out your front ones and don't replace them."

The cost of dentistry as a deterrent to upkeep? "People spend tens of thousands of dollars on art but they complain about the cost of repairing their teeth. Think about it - the dentist is working in an area where he can't see - where nobody really wants to be - the patient certainly doesn't want you in there! I believe that quality doesn't cost - it pays."

Why do dentists insist on talking to you when they have your mouth pried open with clamps and cotton? "It's all part of the trickery to keep you calm."

Farrah Fawcett's beautiful teeth? "Mmmm, I don't think so."

His goal? "I'd like to not work at all and just do dentistry for a hobby - like three half days a week. Think about it - I could help all those people without all the overhead."

If dentistry was just a hobby you'd probably see him out on the court - racquetball or tennis. That's how he's lost 50 pounds in the last year and a half. But for the time being he'll have to keep working - his son needs braces.

ROGO accused of discrimination

Sanibel resident Fred Comlossy appeared before the City Council last week to protest what he termed "discrimination" by the City's Planning Department.

Comlossy had filed (through contractor Bill Frey) a building permit application for a single-family home on North Yachtsman Drive on February 29.

Under the City's Rate of Growth Ordinance (ROGO), 60 permits are approved three times a year but an applicant's request must have already been processed by the Planning Staff for the applicant to be eligible for a Rate of Growth allocation.

March 10 was the last date an allocation was approved by the Planning Commission. The next allocation date will be in July.

Comlossy maintained that because the Staff had not completed his application's processing he was ineligible for the last

Rate of Growth allocation. Waiting until July to begin construction on his home would, he said, tack an extra \$5,000 onto the price tag.

Three other applicants, filing February 27 and 28, were also ineligible for the ROGO allocation because the Staff had failed to process the applications in time.

Despite Comlossy's claim that he was "being experimented on," Councilman Porter Goss placed the responsibility for processing failure upon the applicants.

"There's no discrimination made whether you're at the beginning or the end of the processing period," said Goss. "The application is going to take the same amount of time to process. It's like going to the Orange Bowl and missing the kickoff because there's a traffic jam in the parking lot."

Comlossy countered Goss' metaphor with one of his own - "It's like the day

before Christmas and everybody knows it and so the stores hire extra help for the last minute shoppers."

Councilman Duane White defended the Staff, saying, "We have a good law. It works well but there are some people who are always going to get caught."

City Manager Bernie Murphy told the Council that he was aware that the last minute applicants might not be processed in time for the ROGO allocation. Planning Director Bruce Rogers added that the contractors had also been told at the time of application that there might not be sufficient time to process all the information before the next allocation hearing.

Comlossy then requested that he be considered under an "overage" provision of the law that allows for the Council to grant more than 60 permits under certain conditions.

After researching the law Council discovered that it did not apply to Comlossy because he had not yet been issued a Development Permit and thus "was not even in the system yet."

Communication - and the lack of it - between the City and the contractor was cited as the culprit in Comlossy's (and the other three late applicants) situation. The City agreed that perhaps more publicity regarding ROGO deadlines would help the situation in the future. The four late applicants this allocation period will now have to wait till July to receive Planning Commission consideration.





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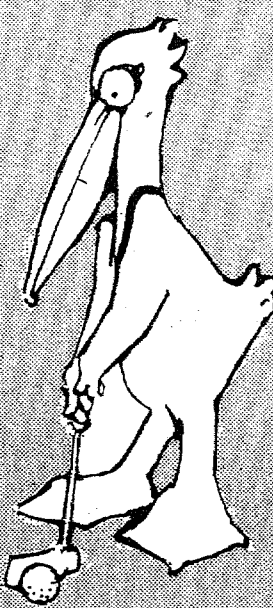
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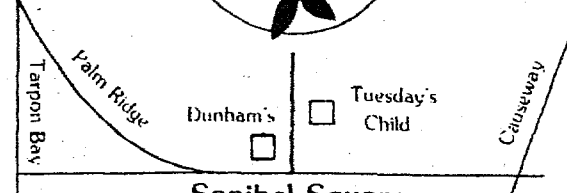
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Decision on South Seas proposal not likely

Speculation over Mother Nature's volatile capabilities to recuperate from the effects of sand dredging or to renourish eroding beaches has kept the proposed South Seas Plantation beach renourishment project volleying back and forth between Sanibel and Captiva residents for months - and a resolution is not likely to be reached soon.

The proposed South Seas project would add 200 feet of beachfront sand to the eroding South Seas Plantation shoreline by dredging 765,000 cubic yards of sand from a shoal located west of Redfish Pass.

The \$2.3 million price tag for the project has been raised by the nearly 2,000 Plantation property owners - including some 1500 interval owners. If the South Seas project is eventually approved the Captiva Erosion District is expected to file suit and begin their own renourish-

ment project for the fast eroding Island shoreline.

Dissension between supporters and detractors of the project peaked this month when the proposal was submitted to the Lee County Commission - who approved it - and the Army Corps of Engineers - who held a public hearing at the Captiva Civic Association last week.

The Audubon Society of Southwest Florida, the Florida League of Anglers, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Southwest Florida Anglers Club, the Organized Fishermen of Florida and the Sanibel City Council have all gone on record as opposing the project. They fear the dredging of the shoal will disturb marine life and substantially upset the environmental balance of the area. The possibility that removing the shoal might lead to even worse erosion problems has also been raised.

The County Commission, the Captiva Erosion District, the South Seas property owners and numerous homeowners on Captiva have supported the project as their only hope for protecting their property from eventually washing into the Gulf.

Some opponents of the project claim that sand is now being deposited on Captiva beaches by natural wave action. Others believe that removal of the Redfish shoal could prove detrimental to Sanibel's shoreline by changing the wave action in the area.

The South Seas property owners must still get approval from the Governor and the Cabinet to use the State owned sand in the pass for private renourishment purposes. Permission for dredging must also be obtained from the State environmental agencies before the project will be allowed to proceed further.

Captiva Rug raffle tonight

The Captiva needlepoint rug will be raffled off tonight at 8 p.m. at the Captiva Civic Association. Proceeds from the raffle tickets will go to benefit Civic Association activities. Election of Association officers will also take place at tonight's meeting.

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Gasparilla density revised

The Lee County Legislative Delegation unanimously endorsed a revised act to limit coastal density and growth on Gasparilla Island at their delegation meeting in Tallahassee this month.

State Representative Frank Mann (D-Fort Myers), chairman of the Lee County Delegation, said the bill was passed without objection by the delegation members. The revised bill drastically curtails many of the provisions in the initial Gasparilla Island legislation, and eliminates the seven-member review board and the maximum one-half mill tax to finance the operation of the board.

"Essentially what we have done here is to maintain the same standards for barrier island development which are consistent with what the two counties (Charlotte and Lee) are doing, and mandated them for all of the portions of the island which lie in both counties, but then left the policing of these standards in the hands of the county commissions," Mann said.

Mann said the bill was redrafted after the first delegation hearings because of the strong objections raised by the Charlotte County Commission over many provisions of the bill. "The County had some very serious concerns over their own jurisdiction and home rule authority under the provisions of the old bill which included

the independent review board, so we then revised the bill to restore more of this authority back to the county commission by eliminating this board and merely setting standards that are uniform for both ends of the island," Mann said.

The island is divided between Charlotte and Lee County. The proposed bill would limit the density on the island to five units per acre; set building height limitations at 42 feet above sea level; freeze all commercial, multifamily, and industrial zoning; and plac restrictions on outdoor signs.

The bill was approved by the Lee County Legislative Delegation with the plan to introduce an amendment to the bill to add an intent clause regarding the Port Boca Grande. Mann said his staff, at the request of Representative H. Paul Nuckolls (R-Fort Myers), would prepare a clause which substantially states that it is not the intent of the Legislature in the passage of the Gasparilla Act to hinder or impair the existing maintenance and operational plans for the port and its auxiliary facilities.

"It is not the intent of the people who are supporting this legislation to hinder any of Lee County's plans for a revitalized 'mini-port' at that location, and this language in

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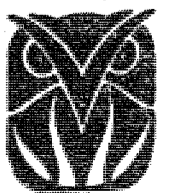
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Density continued

the bill will clearly state that," Mann said. "We're trying to essentially protect the historic and environmental integrity of this barrier island and prevent the kind of wholesale coastal development that has ruined so many other beach areas of Florida already."

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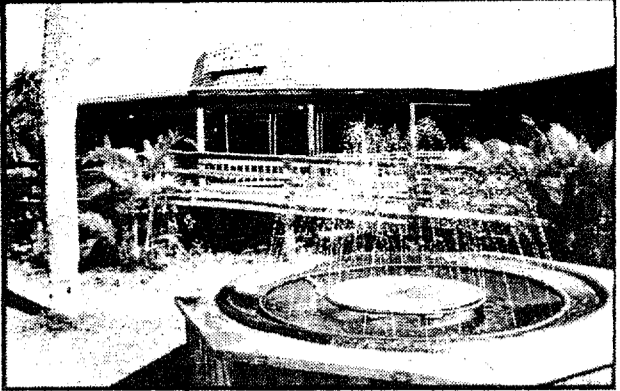
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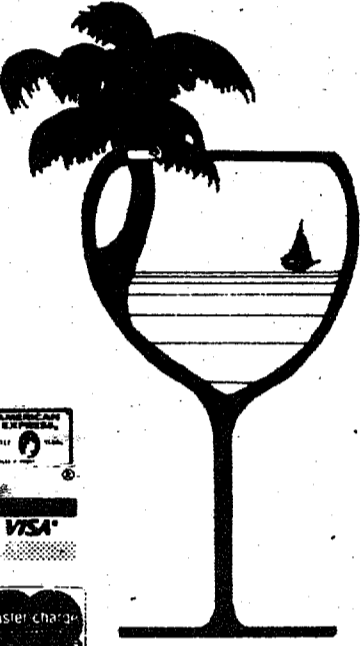
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Fountain license hearing



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Beach upset by grandfather restrictions

By Bill Scheel

Despite a three-week delay in the consideration of an ordinance to lower the Fort Myers Beach density, Lee County officials have refused to include in the ordinance protection for at least a dozen motel owners who could be prevented from rebuilding their businesses to their present level in case of a devastating hurricane.

The public hearing for the proposed ordinance, originally scheduled for March 12, was delayed because County Commissioner Roland Roberts wanted a clause added for owners of structures already built. The clause would allow those owners to rebuild at present densities in case their buildings were destroyed.

But the newest draft of the ordinance, prepared by Assistant County Attorney Beverly Myers, only allows "a dwelling unit or units in a residential zone" to be repaired or rebuilt in case of destruction.

According to the language, motels located in commercially zoned areas would not be covered.

At least a dozen motels fall into this category, most of them located on Estero Boulevard between the Matanzas Pass Bridge and Exchange Bank, the biggest parcel of commercially zoned land on Estero Island. Included are such motels as the Lani Kai, Estero Island Inn, and Neptune Inn.

When informed about the wording of the rewritten ordinance, the president of the Estero Island Resort Association expressed outrage. "What's the difference between condominiums and motels?" Larry Bruno asked. "What's good for one is good for another." Bruno said his group would be "100 percent against" the ordinance, and speculated that the county was trying to "divide and conquer" opposition to the density ordinance.

Commissioner Roberts, who wanted the so-called "grandfather clause" in the first place, said "My intention when I made that motion was to include motels and that sort of thing." Roberts said motels and other "commercial" property would automatically be taken care of.

Attorney Myers, who drafted the ordinance, said it was an "oversight" that resulted in those motels being excluded from the exception to the ordinance. She said the clause could be extended to cover the motels in commercially zoned areas at the request of Roberts. "We were concerned about residential housing when we wrote this," she said. Mrs. Myers said the addition could be made without any further delays in the consideration of the ordinance.

Lions Club donations acknowledged

By D.E. Cooperrider

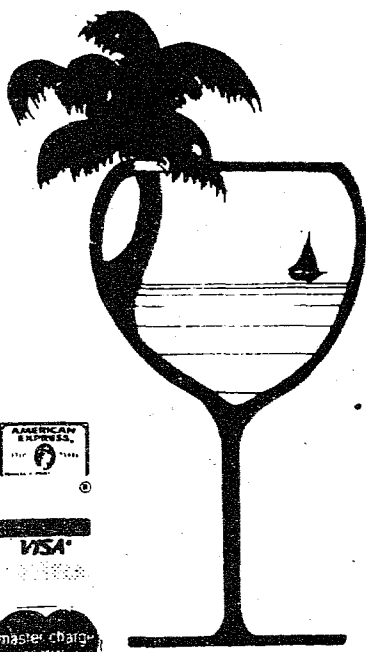
The regular meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club was held at Beachview Country Club with six visitors and 85 members in attendance.

Lion Dormer reported on the status of the members who were ill and Lion Yaeche reported on the projects in progress. The Golf Bag Raffle and the Cram-A-Cart are moving along and the pancake breakfast is ready to feed. Ticket stubs for the Cram-A-Cart are to be placed in the box at the Bank of the Islands and the Golf Bag and its stub box are at the Beachview Country Club. Lion Dormer also added a request for more blood donors from the club to replenish the supply for Lions at the Lee Memorial Blood Bank. These donations can be credited to those Lions who are in need of blood transfusions.

A Sanibel "Road Rally" is in the planning stages and will become a part of the annual July 4th Independence Day Celebration. The Las Vegas trip is scheduled for May 8-11 and further information can be obtained from either Lion Art Corace or Lion Jim Hermes. Plans were made for the attendance of delegates to the Florida State Lions Convention at the Diplomat Hotel in Hollywood on May 29-31.

Letters of thanks and certificates were received from the Lions Foundation, Lions Eye Bank, Leader Dog School and the Florida Lions Camp for the Visually Handicapped.

The next meeting will be held on April 2 at the Beachview Country Club at 6:30 p.m.



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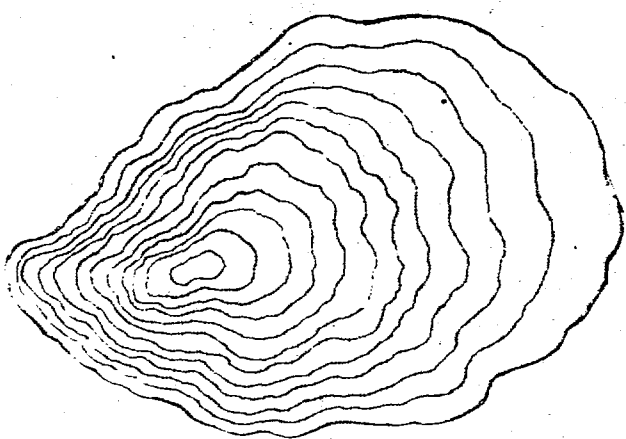
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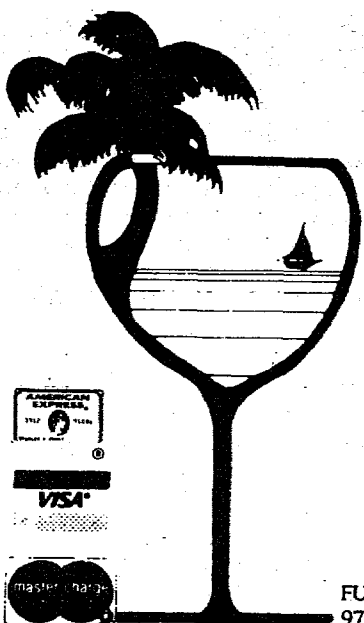
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The Green Thumb...

The Rubber Tree

Indoors or outdoors the Rubber tree is a real go-getter. The broad green leaves are continuously growing into a bigger and more impressive specimen. The Rubber tree is the topic of today's column.

The Rubber tree is from the large and varied Ficus family which consists of the weeping fig and the giant Banyan tree, such as the one at the Lee County Court House. In the beginning, we used the Rubber tree for its latex bearing sap in making rubber products. Thomas Edison has some very nice specimens of rubber trees on his estate on McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. It is my understanding that Edison had some ideas that would contribute to the manufacturing of tires for automobiles and his source was the Rubber tree. Times have changed today and the Rubber tree has been replaced by synthetics used in making rubber.

So much for history. Let's talk about the care and maintenance of the Rubber tree. The Rubber tree can tolerate either sun or shade. To us this means an excellent yard plant or one for the well lighted house. Temperatures should be above 60 degrees but many specimens have survived many a cold day - as seen by their enormous growth around some of the yards on the Islands - not to mention the ones in Edison's yard. The only thing to remember, especially if you have a few specimens up North, is that if they do get some long snaps of cold weather they will enter dormant periods and stop growing. They won't act like the Gloxina but will slow down their metabolism to near zero. We never have this situation on our Islands so that information is just for the people who

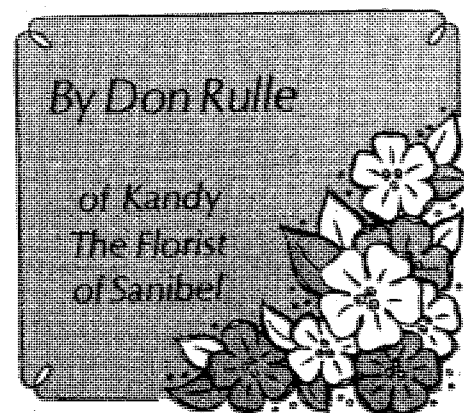
have the plants up North. Watering is the trickiest aspect of the maintenance of the Rubber tree. The soil has to be kept barely moist at all times. If the plant gets too much water or not enough the lower leaves will turn to yellow and drop off. If you, like most people, have a tendency to over-water your plants you should keep your indoor Rubber tree in a smaller pot. The reason for this is that the water will drain faster and the possibility of drowning is reduced. Feeding should only be done twice a year. The Rubber tree grows fast enough on its own and more frequent feeding will just cause too rapid a growth.

You can purchase Rubber trees at various stages of growth, the most popular being about a two-foot specimen. As I mentioned, they do grow quickly and there will come a time as your tree matures when it will have to be repotted. You'll know when it's time as the new leaves will be somewhat stunted in growth. The best time of year for repotting, as for many plants, is in the Spring, when new growth is the strongest. There is also another aspect of the Rubber tree we should examine. When they reach five feet or larger they will usually start developing a trunk like any other tree would do. This is fine if you plan to put it out in the yard, but for indoors it might be too big. Eventually it will wind up with all its leaves near the top if left indoors. You can do something about it though, just gather up all your courage and cut the plant back to about five inches from the soil line. The best time for this, again, is early Spring. You can keep it in the same pot or put it in one about an inch larger. More than likely, when you cut the stem, you will see

a white sap seep out of the cut. Don't worry about it, as it will not damage the plant or you.

When you finish cutting your tree down to size it is best to water sparingly as a tree with no leaves cannot expend energy. Discontinue all feeding until you see signs of new growth. Then water and feed as I described earlier. By the way, you could air layer the tree before you cut it back. This technique will let you save the top part of the tree for replanting. We discussed air layering under a column about the Dumbcane Plant. If you missed that column and would like to know more about air layering, feel free to give me a call at 472-3125.

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Refuge Report

by Del Pierce

Now that water control structures are in place on the Wildlife Drive dike, we have been receiving a large number of inquiries concerning what we are going to do with them. This week's column will be about our water control program.

The East Impoundment, which is the first water area to the left as you enter the Wildlife Drive, will be managed as a saltwater unit. Major objectives of managing this impoundment are to allow nutrient interchange, marine animal reproduction and mosquito control. From mid-October to mid-May the culvert gates will be left open to allow a full tidal interchange with the bay side. From mid-May to mid-October the gates will be closed and water will be maintained at high enough levels to flood the mud flats in the unit. By keeping the mud flats covered, salt-marsh mosquitoes will be unable to reproduce there. Normally, salt-marsh mosquitoes lay eggs in the mud flats when they are exposed and the eggs hatch when exceptionally high tides flood the flats. By allowing tidal interchange during the months when the mosquito problem is least, the unit will contribute to the marine environment by allowing an exchange of nutrients and organisms. For 15 years the dike has kept the mangrove system in the unit from interacting with the saltwater system and the impounded area has not been used for marine animal reproduction.

At this time, we do not have the culverts

wide open and only a partial tidal interchange occurs. About April 1, the culverts will be fully opened. This two-step procedure is being done to allow a more gradual change from a brackish condition to a saltwater condition. Alligators, turtles and other creatures that prefer a fresh or brackish water habitat will have a chance to move before the unit reverts to saltwater.

The West Impoundment, which is the water area to the left when you go by the observation tower, will be managed as a freshwater unit. The primary objective of managing this unit is to provide fresh or brackish water habitat. By having this habitat adjacent to saltwater areas, we have a wider diversity of plants, which in turn sustain a wider variety of wildlife than one habitat type alone would. The Impoundment is closed off from the tidal area and we will attempt to maintain the water levels high enough to keep the mud flats from being exposed during the mosquito breeding season. Surplus water, if any, will be diverted to the East Impoundment and to the main tidal area.

We hope to occasionally have enough extra freshwater so that we can drain off the surplus. This drainage will help flush out accumulated salt and will provide some nutrient release to the saltwater system.

In both units, the water control structures will allow us to drain out surplus

water fast enough to avoid the type of mangrove kill that occurred in September of 1977. At that time, about 18 inches of rain fell in a two-day period and before the water levels could be lowered in the impoundments, many mangroves had drowned.

A pump may still be required to help fill the East Impoundment during the summer months or to help remove surplus water after exceptionally heavy storms. Some of the questions we have received concerning the water control structures are:

Question: Since mangroves are basically a saltwater species adapted to tidal situations, will they survive in the freshwater unit?

Answer: There may be a gradual attrition of mangroves in this unit as habitat for them will be marginal.

Question: Why not manage both impoundments as freshwater units?

Answer: This was the original intent of creating the impoundments but we have found there is not enough freshwater input to keep both impoundments in a fresh or brackish condition. Several times since the impoundments were constructed the impounded side has been saltier than the seaward side. Also, there is usually not enough fresh water to keep the mud flats in both units covered for mosquito control.

Question: The dike was constructed more than 15 years ago - why weren't the water control structures installed then?

Answer: The money wasn't available until now. Funds became available for this and other construction projects under the Bicentennial Land Heritage Program.

Question: Will boats be allowed in the saltwater unit?

Answer: No. The Refuge regulation prohibiting boats in both impoundments will remain in effect.

Question: Will the Refuge fishing regulations change any as a result of the water management change?

Answer: No. Fishermen will still be able to fish from either side of the dike but will require a freshwater fishing license if freshwater fish are taken.

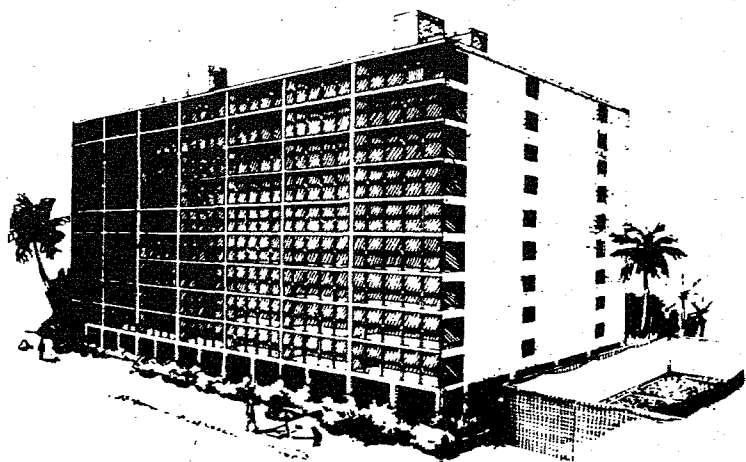
Question: If the flooding of mud flats will control mosquitoes, does this mean the Lee County Mosquito Control District will not apply anymore chemicals on the Refuge?

Answer: No. There will still be areas not effected by the higher water levels. These areas are mostly outside the impounded

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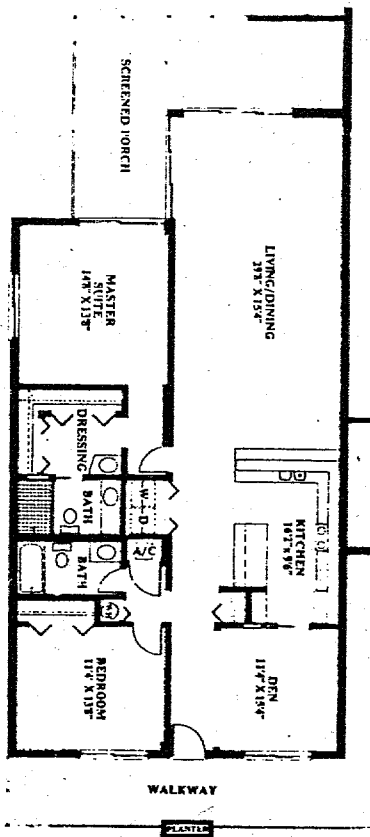
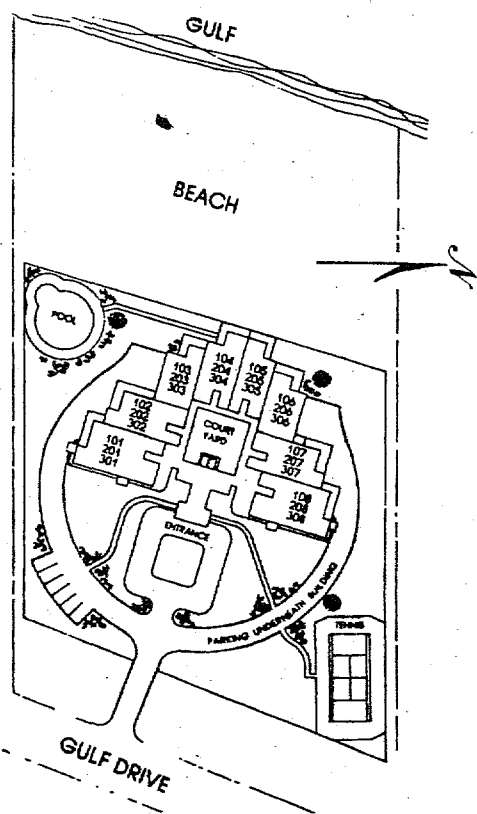
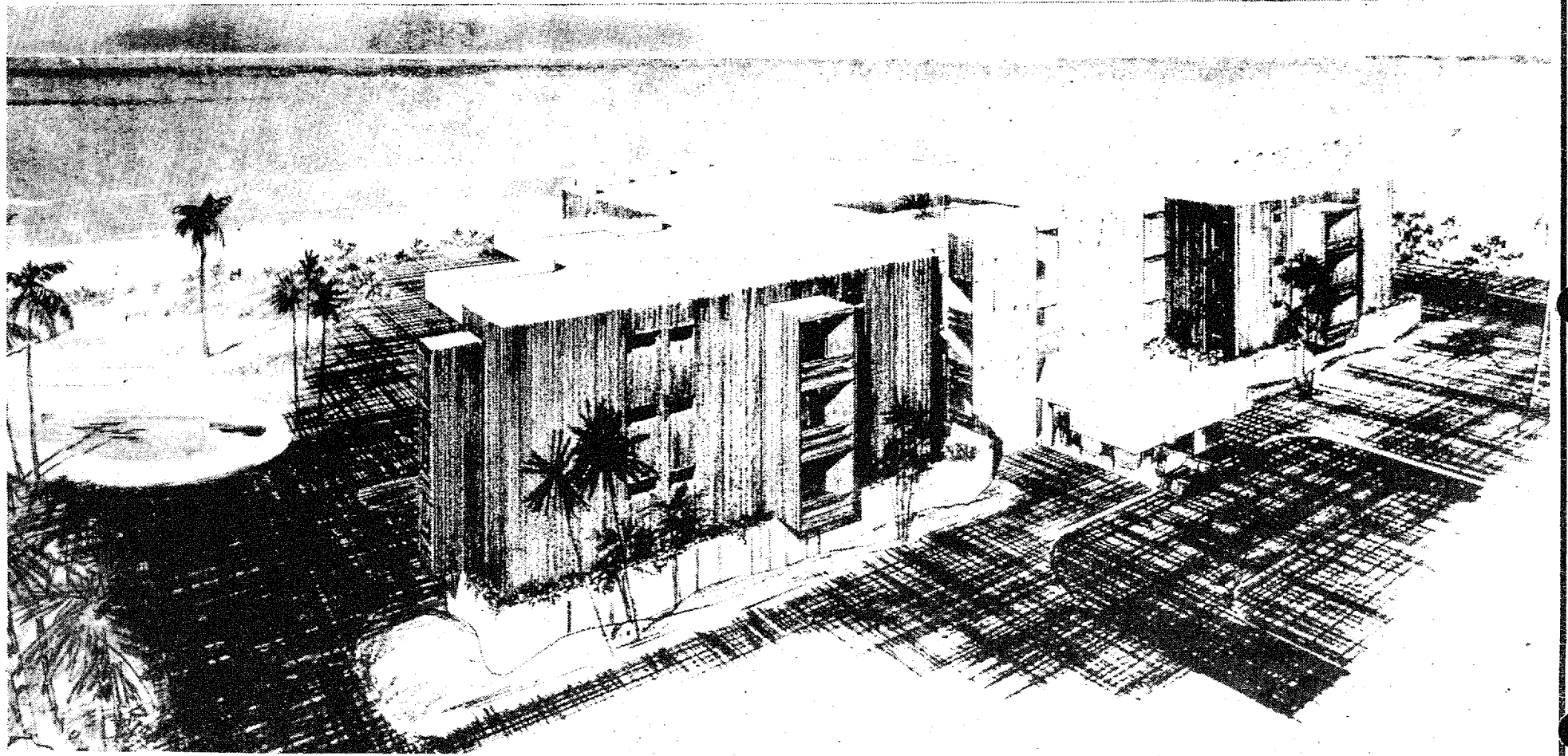
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Henry Ward Beecher once said that "If human beings wore wings and feathers, very few of them would be clever enough to be crows."

Possessing the largest brain cavity of all birds, these gregarious creatures are extremely intelligent, resourceful and adaptable. They are gifted mimics, capable of imitating other animals as well as learning to speak like parrots or mynahs. Taken young, some crows have been known to learn as many as 100 words and half as many phrases.

As scavengers, these birds will and do eat almost anything, according to Steve Phillips, staff naturalist at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. In general, the bulk of their diet consists of vegetables, fruits, and nuts, but insects, rodents and bird eggs are also common fare. Because of their pilfering and destructive habits, the crow has long been a nemesis to man. More than any other bird, he has been unremittingly persecuted over the years, but by relying on his intelligence and ability to adapt, the crow has not only managed to survive but to increase in numbers as well.

According to Phillips, while crows are found throughout most of the world, different species are native to particular geographical areas with the Eastern crow being the most widely distributed. Local to the Southwest Florida coastal area is the fish crow, so named not because it is primarily a fish eater, but because it often will eat fish either taken alive from the water or washed ashore.

The fish crow is basically similar in nature to other crows, but is slightly smaller and lighter, averaging about 14 inches in length. Its coloring is somewhat richer than that of the common crow and its voice tends to be higher in pitch, with a nasal quality. In contrast to the familiar "caw" of the common crow, the fish crow normally sounds an abrupt "cor" or a double noted "caa-ah."

Crows are very clannish birds usually gathering and nesting in small colonies near to their food sources. For the fish crow this is often along wooded marine shorelines.

Captivan Griffing Bancroft, a bird authority, calls the crow "a natural predator." Commonly preying on nesting sea birds, fish crows have been known to take the eggs of an entire heron colony. They will also feed on the eggs of ibises, spoonbills, anhingas and cormorants.

One example of how the crows' cunning comes into play when obtaining food occurs when a nesting colony is disturbed by photographers or other visitors and the sea birds desert their nests. The crows will seize upon the opportunity to carry off all the eggs.

The fish crow will often eat any dead marine life that is brought ashore and in so doing helps to keep the beaches clean, according to Steve Phillips. They will also eat ants, grasshoppers, lizards and grubs. Berries, fruits and seeds comprise their vegetable intake. Most of the grain they consume is waste, but they have been known to damage ripe fig and peanut crops. This is in contrast to the common crow whose diet is primarily vegetarian.

As they are basically arboreal, roosting and nesting where they are inaccessible to most animals, the fish crow has few natural enemies. The adult crow is rarely hunted by other animals, according to Bancroft.

Occasionally an owl or hawk will raid a crow roost at night and kill the sleeping birds. More commonly, the eggs or young are sought.

With regard to man, an ever-present danger, the crow is particularly wily and wise. Crow sentinels are posted in trees while the rest of the flock feeds. Accurate enough to differentiate between the barrel of a gun and any other similar object from considerable distances, the sentinels will sound the danger signals and the entire flock will silently depart.

Domestically, the crow is faithful and tender with the male assuming an equal share in all responsibilities. According to Bancroft, the birds are "seasonally monogamous," remaining together until the young leave the nest.

Breeding season begins in March with an active courtship. Usually two, but as many as five males will chase a particular female. Once paired, the couple will drive off the rivals and then begin their search for a suitable nesting place.

Phillips explained that eggs are laid in April and incubation lasts from 14 to 18 days. The average number of eggs (clutch size) is four to five.

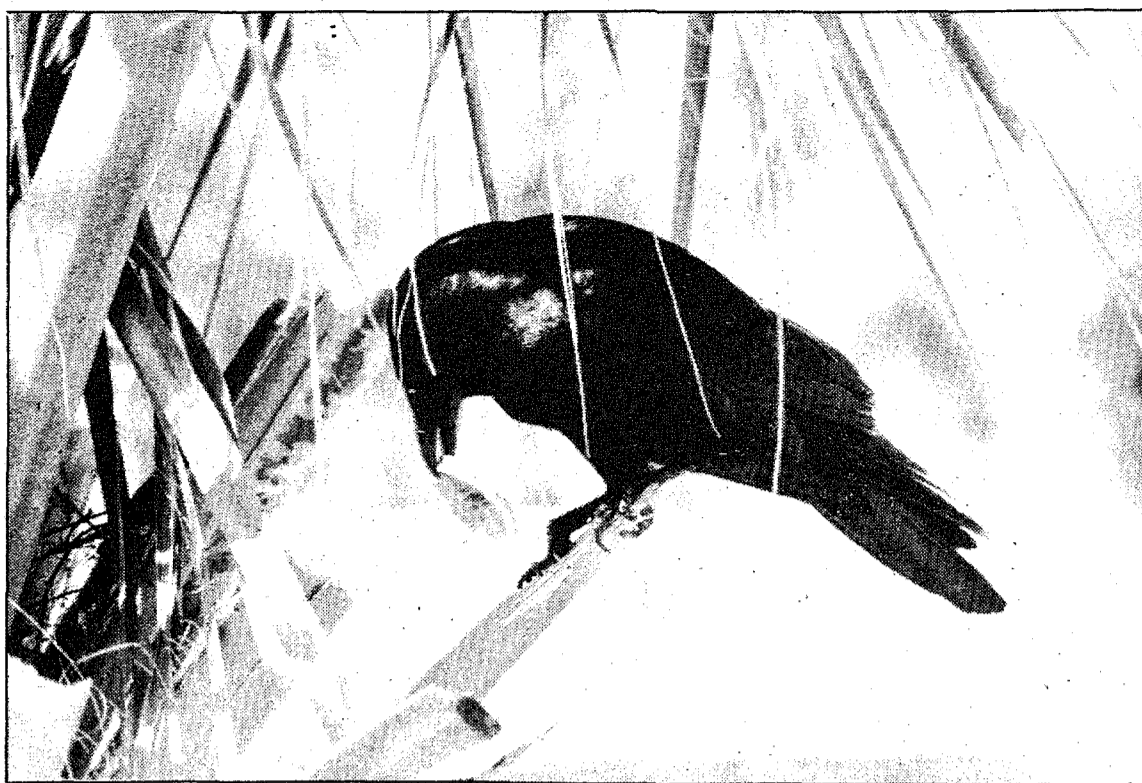
Occasionally, one may observe unusual living arrangements in which two females may lay eggs in one nest or two males may remain with one female.

The young remain in the nest for approximately three weeks during which time they consume their weight in food daily. They then begin to practice flight maneuvers before the elders of the flock who teach them the rules of the crow community.

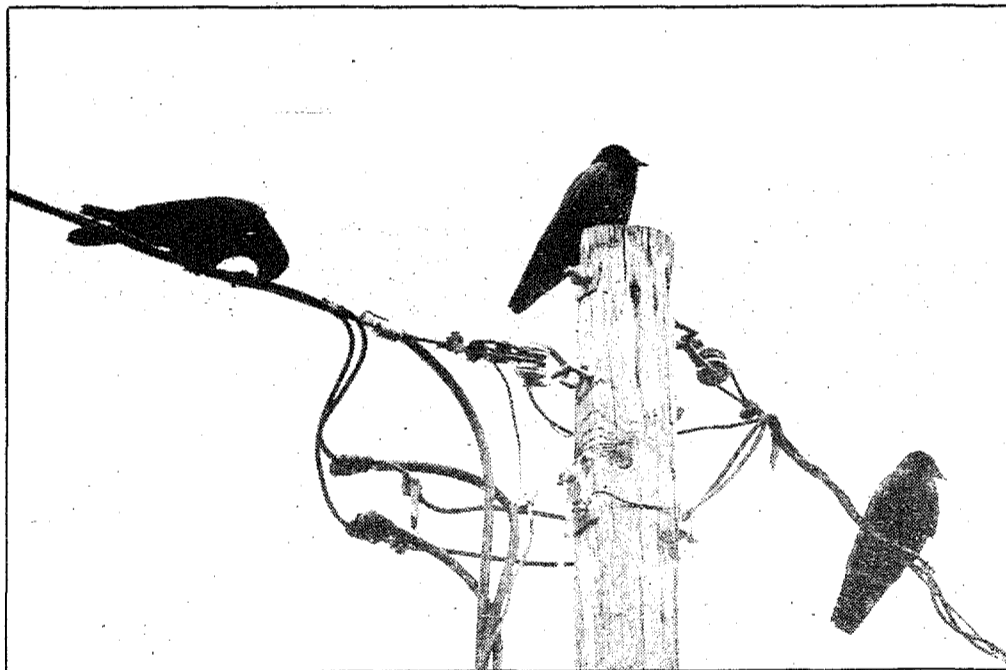
By eight weeks, according to Phillips, the parents usually begin to tire of feeding the young and force them out of the nest. The mischievous character of the crow is often illustrated this early as the young feign illness in order to continue obtaining food from their parents.

In the wild, the crow generally lives only about four years because he is so commonly persecuted by man. Without threat from enemies or starvation, however, the crow can enjoy a life span of up to 20 years, with most of its time spent playing games and practical jokes.

Controversy has existed for many years over the role of the crow in the ecological chain. As they do eat insects and clean up refuse, Phillips believes they serve an important



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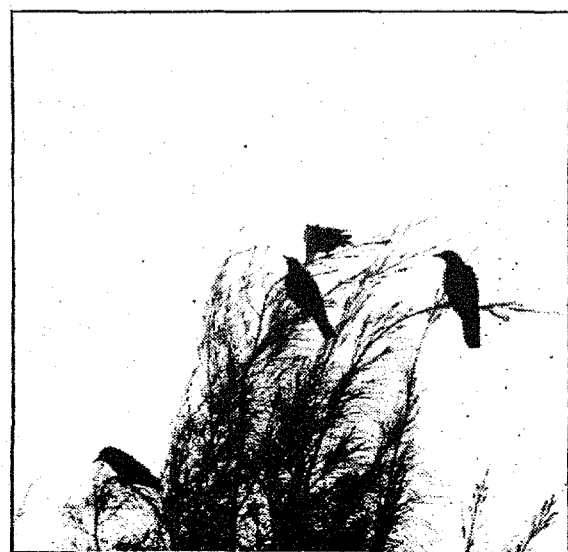
function. Ornithologists and conservationists in general feel that control is unnecessary and unwise.

While one must admire and respect the cleverness and resourcefulness of these birds, the benefits they provide have long been questioned in comparison to the extensive damage they have been known to inflict.

The unqualified opinion is, that where excessive in numbers and where damage is considerable, they should be controlled. Phillips explained, however, that where overpopulation does exist, if left alone nature will ultimately bring all things back into balance.

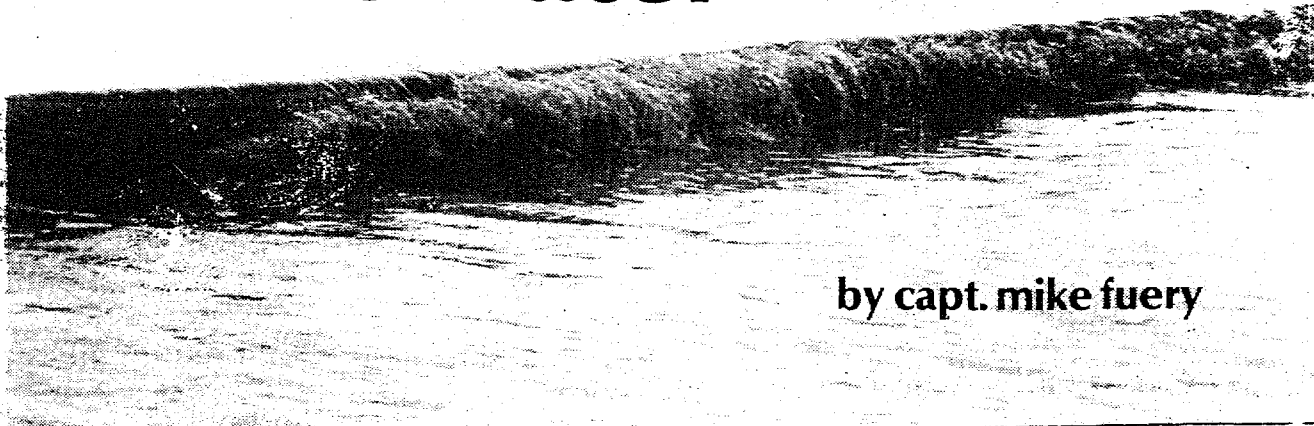
While crows are not protected under Florida law, Bancroft reports that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department states crows are protected on Sanibel and Captiva. In other areas, the local State Fish and Game Commission would have to be contacted for regulations regarding control methods.

Although crows can make quite a nuisance of themselves Bancroft believes that we just have to get used to them. Phillips agreed and added that "more ecological problems would be created if nature's balance were upset."





on the water



by capt. mike fuery

The warmer southeastern winds have started to blow and March is traditionally a tough month to fish, but with the more pleasant weather comes some exciting angling.

One of my favorite eating fish is the pompano and, now that the weather has started to moderate, those nearly dinner plate shaped fish are gathering around the passes and river mouths.

A few days ago we caught two nice pompano - of about two pounds each and a permit - a real surprise. The permit is shaped like a pompano and often feeds in the same general areas - but not around here. The permit is a sought after game fish in the Florida Keys and the Bahamas but it's unusual to find a permit on the other end of your line this far north along the Florida west coast. But, sure enough, we caught one of about three pounds.

The permit isn't as good an eating fish as the pompano, of course. Most of the better known game fish aren't great for eating, but the couple out with me had the permit filleted along with their pompano.

It's difficult to catch a number of pompano during a day out fishing. Rather, you might get five or six, although I've seen pompano school up near a pass and fishermen get dozens before the fish leave.

Most of the time the pompano is caught when we are out after whiting or other fish known to gather around the outside sandbars at the passes.

The two passes where I've found them most often are Redfish Pass, between Captiva and North Captiva Islands, and Captiva Pass, just south of Cayo Costa Island.

It seems that the pompano, along with sea trout, whiting, gray trout and sheepshead like to gather more on the outside, to the south of the passes.

With the current sand movements, the bars form more readily to the south of the passes and there are often deeper cuts in those areas where the fish come to feed on crabs, shrimp and hopefully, your bait. You need light tackle which can be cast sixty feet or more. Often, if you get your boat too near the bars, you will find the seas seem to churn

up, so it's best to lay back and cast to the deeper spots near the bars.

I like a half ounce round sinker, over about two feet of 30-pound mono leader and a small hook. I often select a size 1-0 hook for pompano, whiting and sheepshead. All these fish have comparatively small mouths and with a much larger hook, they will take your bait all day and you will only land one by accident.

A half of a piece of shrimp, about an inch long, will do nicely for bait. Occasionally fiddler crabs can be used, but catching those crabs can only be done at low tide and is more bother than it's worth.

If you let your boat drift, or if you cast from shore into these passes, your bait covers more territory and increases your chances of locating the fish. Once you get a couple of bites in the same place, work it.

I like my pompano baked with a couple of thin slices of Key Lime on top and butter over that.

Work those outside bars south of the passes. There are many other kinds of fish there too.

Final rules adopted for listing endangered species

Final rules for making additions, deletions, and other changes in the U.S. List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants have been published by the Departments of the Interior and Commerce. The regulations implement

the 1978 and 1979 amendments to the Endangered Species Act.

"These final rules explain the procedures both departments follow in listing species and determining critical habitat," said Lynn A. Greenwalt,

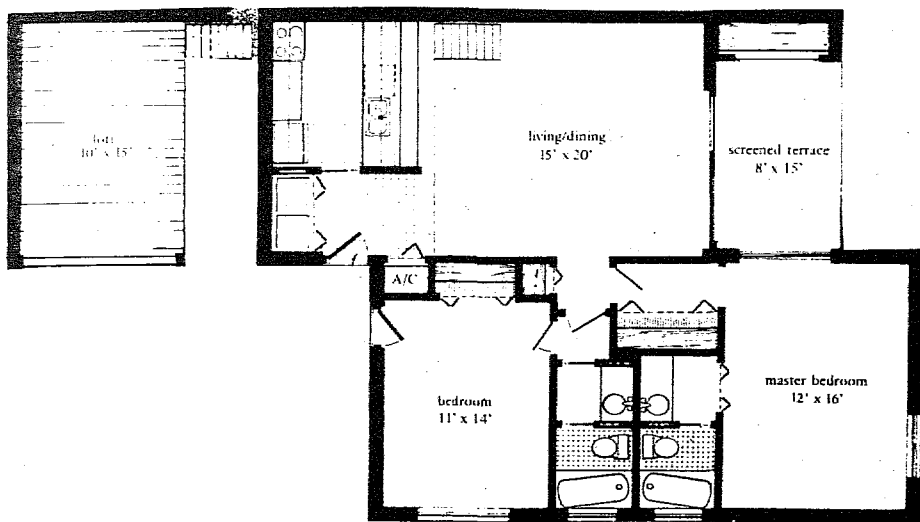
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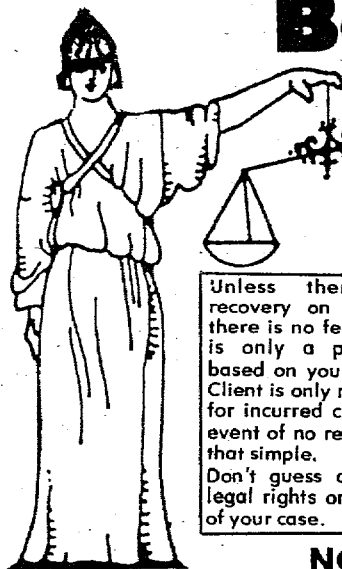
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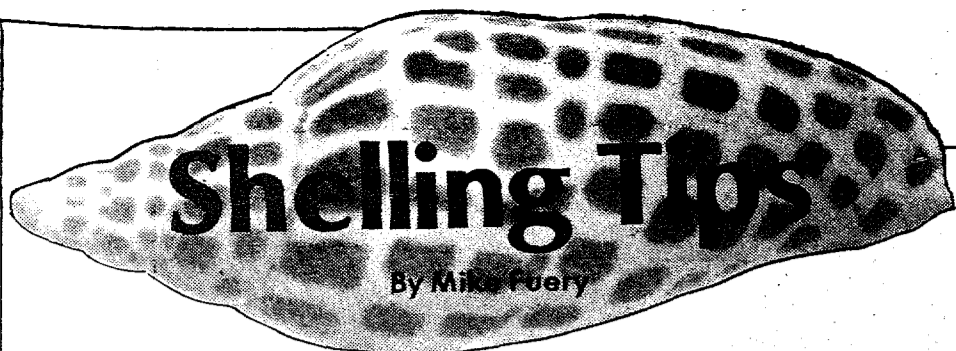
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When is a shell alive?

If you happened to be on the Islands several days ago when we had our very cool weather and strong winds, you no doubt heard some stories about the hundreds of live shells that washed up on the beaches.

Most of the accounts I heard about the shelling were horror stories. One woman I met told me about two men who had backed a pickup truck down to the beach at an access road on Middle Gulf Drive and took several five gallon paint buckets full of live horse conchs.

There were other stories I heard about the taking of horse conchs and often the question was put to me whether or not a shell washed up on the beach is as good as dead anyway.

I want to relate some of my own experiences during that storm about live shells.

I had a group of shellers up on an isolated beach in about the middle of Cayo Costa Island. As we approached the beach none of us could believe how many conchs, especially fighting conchs, were stranded there.

I believe that I threw back over 200 conchs in two days. Most were the colorful fighting conchs, but there were seven large horse conchs among those flung back into deeper waters - all were very much alive.

The point is, these conchs had been on the beach for well over 24 hours and once they were placed back into the waters along the beach they quickly recovered.

I have never quite bought the excuse that some shellers use to take stranded beach shells - "Well, it was going to die anyway."

I suppose the obvious question is, "How can I tell if a shell on the beach is dead or alive?"

One of the easiest ways is to simply tap on the shell's "door" or operculum. If the muscle behind the door is unusually hard to the touch, and most particularly, if the animal inside doesn't automatically withdraw the operculum, then it is most likely dead. But give the shell a chance. Sometimes, if they have been stranded in the sun

and out of water several hours, then you will get a delayed, sluggish reaction.

Many people have to throw a shell back to get it into deeper waters, but if possible, gently place the big shells on sand in the water to avoid breaking them.

I for one, don't understand what comes over people when they find hundreds of stranded shells on the beaches. It's like mass greed, but even with all the bad reports, I still hear of people gently returning live shells to the waters.

As I've often said before, on a day when there are what seems to be endless amounts of live shells there are 10 times as many good dead shells right there for the taking.

These higher March winds often bring in some very good shells on the lighthouse end of Sanibel. Head there if the winds come up from the south and you should find a few good ones to add to your collection.

Keep in mind the two live shells per species, per person limit and have a great day of shelling on the beaches.

(Capt. Mike Fuery offers daily shelling trips to North Captiva and Cayo Costa Islands. Call 472-3459 after 6 p.m. for information).

Species continued

Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The final regulations spell out the criteria for deciding whether a species qualifies for listing, delisting or reclassification; the procedures for submitting and acting on petitions and emergency rules; and the content of proposed and final regulations. Procedures for periodic review of the list and for considering economic and other impacts associated with critical habitat designations are also outlined.

Opportunity for public participation will be increased by publishing notice of proposed actions in local newspapers and

scientific journals; notifying local officials, interested parties, and other government agencies; and holding public meetings in or near the affected area. State Governors and foreign governments are also consulted on species that occur under their respective jurisdictions.

"Endangered" means that a species is threatened with extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range. "Threatened" means that the species is likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future.

In order to qualify for listing, a species must be threatened by one or a combination of the following factors: loss or destruction of suitable habitat; disease or

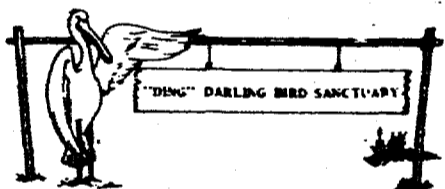
predation; commercial, sporting, scientific, or educational activities; inadequate protective laws; or other natural or man-made factors.

Critical habitat designations will be based on the biology and conservation needs of the species, such as space for individual and population growth, cover, shelter, food, water, air, light and other nutritional needs, and sites for breeding, reproduction, and rearing of offspring. In the case of plants, this also will include the necessary sites for germination and seed dispersal. Critical habitat proposals will include an economic analysis, indicate activities that might have an adverse effect on the species, and consider the

impact that such designations might have on the local area involved.

After a species is listed, it is illegal for anyone under the jurisdiction of the United States to take wildlife (but not plants) and to import, export, ship, sell, or offer wildlife or plants for sale in interstate or foreign commerce without a Federal permit. In addition, Federal agencies are required to consult with the Services to ensure that actions they authorize, fund, or carry out do not jeopardize a listed species' continued existence, or are not likely to destroy or adversely modify its critical habitat. The consultation requirement applies whether or not critical habitat has been designated.

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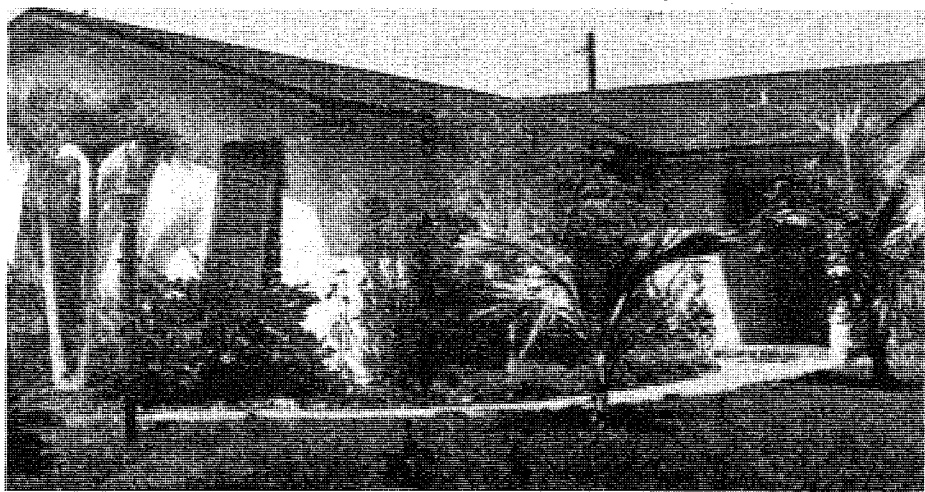
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morton Zwick. Sabbath services start at 8 p.m. and an Oneg Shabbat will follow sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Zwick honoring the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Pamela.

Pertaining to the Festival of Passover, there will be special services on Tuesday, April 1 at 11 a.m. Rabbi Solomon Agin will be conducting services. The annual Congregational Seder will be held at 6 p.m.

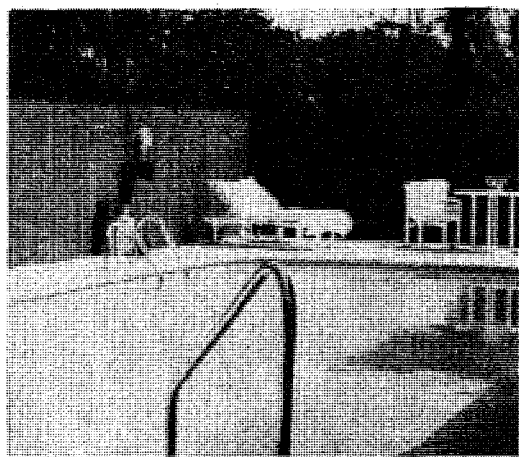
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I was unsure. What to do? Should I go downstairs and confront the intruder? Or would it be best to lock my door and hope that he (or she) would leave without carrying away either me or the house?

I decided to call the police. Where was the phone book? I panicked and called information. After at least 15 rings there was still no answer. I gave up.

Whoever was downstairs was lumbering around, apparently without concern over being heard. He must be drunk, I concluded.

Should I call a neighbor? Having been in the house for only two days, I knew only one. I had scribbled the phone number on a pad just the day before.

Finding the number, I started to dial, but hesitated. It was awfully late. Why should I involve a neighbor! After all, this was my problem. First I should get a glimpse of the intruder.

After looking around the room for something to use as a weapon, I spotted a hammer. I found a flashlight and made my way downstairs in the dark. I wanted to get a look at my adversary before he saw me. After all, a hammer wasn't much protection; and I'd prefer not to hit anyone on the head with it.

I made my way down the stairs through the hallway to each of the downstairs bedrooms. There was no one there.

I passed the garage, but the noise was not coming from there.

Cautiously I proceeded through the foyer past the front door. It was locked and there was no sign of a forced entry.

As I approached the kitchen my breath grew shorter. The sounds emanating from the intruder grew louder and louder.

Looking around the kitchen now, I couldn't see a thing. I turned on the flashlight. Still nothing.

Suddenly I felt relieved - but only a little. I no longer feared that I would be attacked by a human, but what could be behind the refrigerator making too much noise to be a mouse?

I climbed up on a chair - with the hammer still in hand. Looking over the refrigerator, I could see nothing.

BAM! KR-FLOP! Something slammed the ceiling right above my head. Loud lumbering noises. The ceiling above the refrigerator shook.

My hands were sweaty. My throat dry.

Adrenalin suddenly pumped needed control back to my head.

A fleeting picture flashed into my mind. The day I had arrived, a raccoon had stretched upward in an attempt to climb upon my car. It had been easy to see that she had recently become a mother.

No longer scared out of my wits, I was able to think rationally. A wooden encasement for an air-conditioner duct ran across the kitchen ceiling.

An animal was definitely in the ductwork. It had to be as large as a dog. Perhaps it was the raccoon.

I listened carefully. I could hear breathing, grunting and faint squeaking sounds. I pounded on the ductwork and the vent nearby. The sounds of motion stopped. I looked into the nearest open vents but could see nothing.

Satisfied that no immediate harm was to come to me, I went back upstairs to bed.

The following day I began my search for a way to remove the unexpected guest from the house. Seeking to get the animal (or animals) out without harming either them or the air conditioner, I called C.R.O.W., a non-profit organization for the Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife. Advice from C.R.O.W. was to call either an exterminator or an air-conditioner repairman.

Still looking for a way to save what I was convinced was a raccoon family, I called George Campbell seeking another opinion.

He suggested that I call a young man who worked for an air-conditioning firm and was also knowledgeable about wildlife.

The young man, eager to retrieve a raccoon, came out the following afternoon. He probed around the duct work and announced that my problem was not raccoons but rats. There were no sounds coming from the kitchen ceiling at the time. He suggested that I call an exterminator.

That night loud rumbles again emanated from the kitchen. Though I was convinced that no rat could make so much noise, I relented. I would call an exterminator the next day.

The house was under contract with Orkin, so the Orkin man I would call. The noise at night was unbearable. I was becoming unbearable from loss of sleep.

Two or three days later the exterminator arrived. He probed around the ductwork and pried loose a board. He directed a flashlight toward the occupant. One paw rested on the board. Hair 3½ to 4 inches long could be seen hanging from its belly. Suddenly a nose dipped down into view.

Definitely a raccoon!

The exterminator immediately put the board back in place. "We don't treat raccoons, Mam!" He suggested I call the Wildlife Commission.

During business hours the following day I called the Wildlife Commission. I was told that the Commission could do nothing to retrieve the raccoon. "Raccoons are not a protected species."

I was shocked. Weren't signs scattered all over Sanibel encouraging the protection of raccoons? I called the young

man with the air-conditioning company again. I left messages. He did not return my call. Perhaps he was still convinced that my problem was rats.

I called the fire department, then talked to a Sanibel policeman. I got lucky. The policeman was Lew Phillips and he suggested that I call his brother Steve at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Center.

When I talked with Steve, he told me something about the nature of raccoons and concluded from my story that apparently the raccoon was not trapped inside the air-conditioner. Sometimes the noise was not there.

He said that perhaps I could find the point of entry and block it with screen wire. Any evidence of human tampering with its home would cause a raccoon to abandon it. Even if the wire could be removed, the raccoon would probably not want to re-enter.

A few afternoons later, in the back yard, I saw a mother raccoon and three babies strolling single file along the edge of Roosevelt Channel.

I ran into the kitchen and listened for the now familiar sound. What I heard instead was complete silence.

While the raccoons were taking their afternoon stroll, I combed the house for their entrance. I could find no obvious opening, but on the roof I found a wooden encasement for a portion of the air-conditioner ductwork. Tiny bits of insulation at its base and a few teeth prints indicated this just might be the spot. Possibly a raccoon could crawl under the encasement to some point where it could enter the house. Steve had told me that a raccoon is mostly fur. Its body is long and slender underneath with its head being the largest part.

A roll of screen wire I found in the garage just exactly fit into the suspected entry.

That night I lay awake again. This time I listened for the

familiar rattling around downstairs. But I heard nothing.

Later, through the sliding glass doors of my bedroom I saw, etched against the moonlight, a parade of six raccoons marching single file across the second story deck. They were headed around the corner of the house to the portion of the roof where I had barricaded their entrance.

Never again was I awakened by the sound of the raccoons in the ductwork. But often throughout the summer I was pleased to get a glimpse of the family as it grew and matured...before they all grew big enough to compete with each other for food.

When they reached that stage they began to fuss and brawl all night...fighting over natural food sources available to them at the water's edge. I could hear them then, but the noise was no bother.

Seeing just once, by moonlight, the entire family staring through my bedroom doorway, as curious about me as I was about them, more than compensated for any loss of sleep suffered during their evening feuds.

As they grew bigger they did grow messier, however. They were getting too accustomed to playing on the upstairs deck outside the bedroom. If only they had had a maid in the family, they would have continued to be welcome. But alas, the deck was getting to be a disaster.

The removal of strategic tree limbs that allowed them easy access to the second floor reduced their visits and moth balls around the house reduced the visits still further. When I last saw them, they were still frequenting the water's edge and a tree not far away, but they no longer littered the decks as before.

This was just one person's raccoon tale, but it perhaps goes a long ways in showing that where there's a will there's a way - even if the raccoons do stay in the area.

Getting along with a bandit



By Betsy Nichols Art by Don Cook

Coping with a naughty raccoon

Residents of Sanibel and Captiva apparently have mixed feelings about the Islands' raccoon population. On the one hand, raccoons are adorable balls of fluff, adorned with fetching black masks and big soft eyes. On the other, they are notorious litterbugs and sometime vandals.

They eat virtually everything but paper, and perform a service by clearing property of decaying matter. But it's hard to remember the good side when the yard is strewn with the paper left behind after they've devoured the other contents of the garbage can.

In his book, "The Nature of Things on Sanibel," George Campbell has appropriately labeled raccoons as Sanibel's "nocturnal sanitation crew."

Just as there are several ways of looking at raccoons, there are also several schools of thought on how to deal with them if their bad side becomes the more prevalent.

There are those who consider nightly raccoon raids a normal part of Island living and learn to accept occasional trash in the yard. Others take preventative measures, placing the garbage can inside the garage so that only the disposal service can get to it, or by tightly securing both lids and cans in place.

Raccoons can be deterred from garbage cans by the use of numerous electrical and mechanical devices, but perhaps the easiest way to discourage them from strewing garbage is by surrounding it with moth balls. The odor is offensive to the raccoon and will destroy his appetite for the contents of the can.

Some Islanders achieve the same effect by attaching to the can a jar filled with a solution of ammonia and detergent, covered with a cloth and secured by a rubberband.

According to Steve Phillips, naturalist for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, these measures are harmless to the animals but are generally effective in discouraging unwanted appearances.

According to George Campbell, some people intentionally attract raccoons to their yard by feeding them. Sometimes this prevents the tossing of garbage cans, but is, in the long run, detrimental both to the raccoons and to man.

"If fed regularly, the raccoons may not dump garbage cans, but when their population explodes and there is not enough food for them, you can expect raids on garbage and anything else that might prove edible," Campbell says.

He explains that the practice of feeding raccoons encourages the animal to become dependent on man. When this happens he loses the ability to earn his own living.

Dick Workman, Director of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, has said that according to recent studies by competent wildlife biologists, any feeding of wildlife can have an unnatural and detrimental effect on

their populations. "It enslaves them to an area. When feeding is stopped it is traumatic to the wildlife and can cause an immediate collapse of an artificially built up population," Workman said.

Because more and more raccoons are seen crossing the highways, many people think the Islands are overpopulated with raccoons, according to Dr. Kenneth Preston, veterinarian and chairman of research for the SCCF. But, he said, "Personally, I think that so many are being killed on the streets that the population has to be declining."

According to Del Pierce, manager of the Ding Darling Refuge, there probably is an overpopulation of raccoons in some areas. "But if you were a raccoon, you would probably think the Islands are overpopulated with people."

In his book, Campbell explains that raccoons are being pressed into localized overpopulation situations because of land development. "As their normal environment is being destroyed, they must go somewhere and human confrontation is inevitable," he says.

A raccoon's natural choice of food is anything from crayfish and horseshoe crabs to cabbage palm seeds and raccoons have long been the chief predator of unhatched Loggerhead Turtle eggs.

Because it has a poor salivary system, a raccoon will mix water with his meal if it is available. According to Steve Phillips, this accounts for the myth that raccoons always wash their food before eating it.

But as anyone who has watched a raccoon eat garbage will testify, often they're just not that particular.

The Conservation Foundation has received numerous complaints and requests for the removal of raccoons from Island areas. One such request recently came from a gentleman who complained that raccoons were eating his carpet.

Anyone with a serious raccoon problem should first try to discourage the raccoon by keeping garbage or other food out of its reach. Try placing moth balls in areas you want it to vacate.

If problem raccoons cannot be repelled from the property by simple means, then consider finding a trap or someone who will live-trap the raccoons for you. By relocating the raccoons to a more suitable habitat, both you and the raccoon are likely to be much happier.



Painting students of Tom Waterman's oil painting class packed their brushes, and canvas' Tuesday morning and headed to Lighthouse Point to paint palm trees. The class meets weekly at different sites to practice landscape painting.

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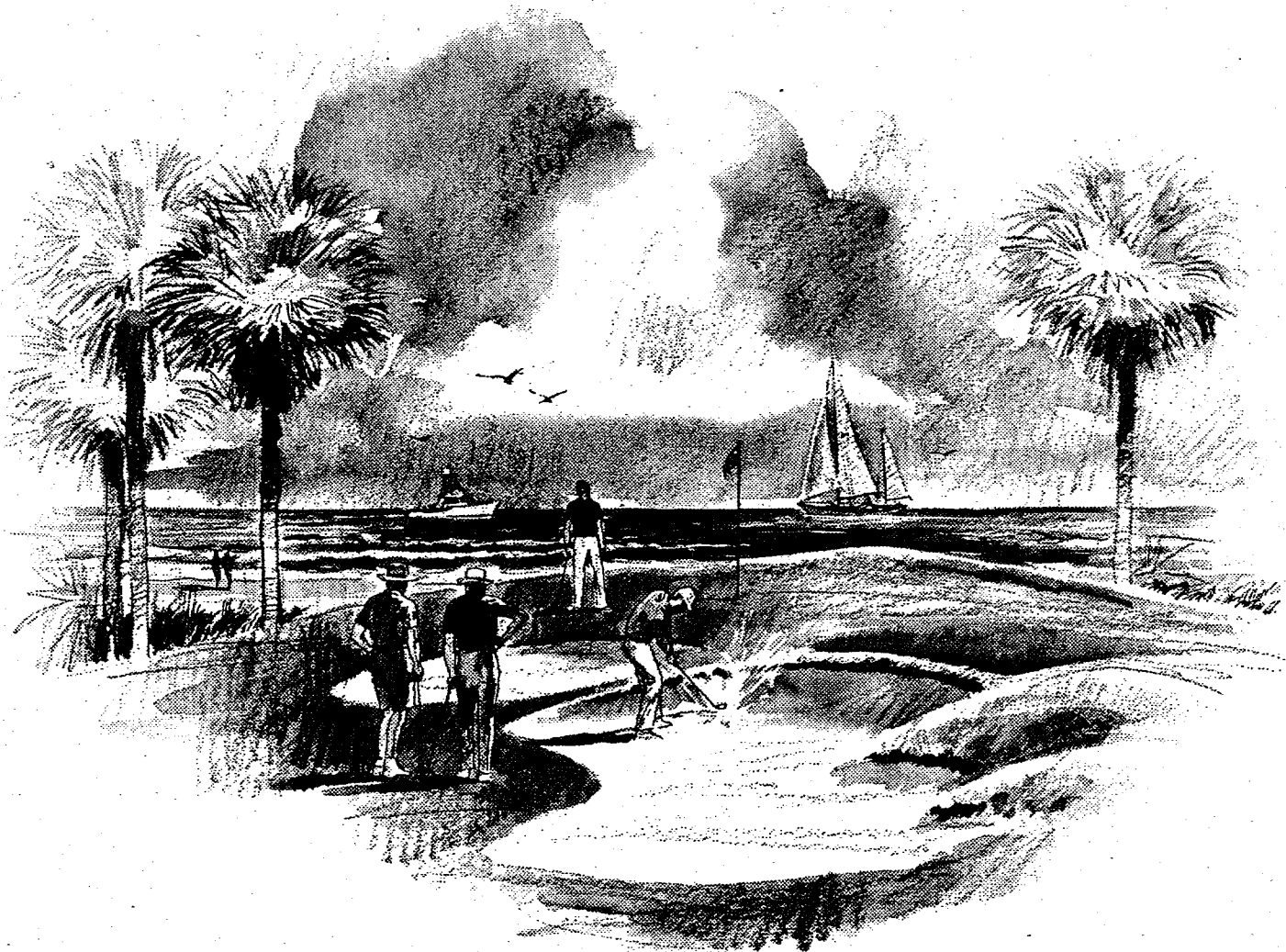
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ARTS and ARTISTS

plays

The final performances of *Busybody*, that London hit, will be given at the Pirate Playhouse on Saturday, March 29 and Sunday, March 30.

Audiences have given standing ovations to the cast of eight actors, including Robert Tuttle, Jene Evans, Leslie and Jack Samler, Ty Symroski, Betty Derowitsch, and the Hunters, Ruth and Philip. Robert Dormer and Diane Erwin are the stage managers.

Two nights, March 29 and 30 - Curtain 8:15 p.m. Box Office 472-2121.

exhibits

Dorothy Erd will be showing her oil and watercolor prints and collages on Friday and Saturday, April 11 & 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Artisan Shop on West Gulf Drive.

The artist originally studied art in St. Louis Schools, the Washington University School of Fine Arts and the Chicago Institute. In Glen Ellyn, Illinois, she was an active member of Du Page Art League.

She is now a resident of Sarasota and holds memberships in the Venice Art League, Sarasota Art Association and Longboat Key Art League. She has had numerous one-woman shows in Sarasota

and Missouri, Florida and many Eastern States.

All are cordially invited to the Artisan Shop located at 2807 West Gulf Drive, to meet this talented artist. She will be happy to answer questions and discuss her work with viewers and visitors.



Arthur and Sheila Tardosky, owners of the Tree House Gift Shop, have announced plans to open an art gallery at their shop on Captiva Island, featuring the works of local and resident artists. Artists interested in displaying their work should contact Arthur or Sheila Tardosky at the Tree House Gift Shop, Captiva Island, or phone 472-1850.



Spring has sprung in a colorful arts and crafts show on Thursday, Friday and Saturday (March 27-29) at Coralwood Mall.

Over twenty exhibitors will be on hand with everything from multi-hued oils and watercolors to every imaginable craft.

The show will feature arts and crafts for every taste in every price range. Browsers are welcome and admission is free.

Coralwood Mall is located on Del Prado Boulevard in Cape Coral.

music

Plenty of toe tappin' and knee slappin' will be in order as six top bluegrass groups "git on with it" at Florida Cypress Gardens' Spring Bluegrass Festival, April 12 and 13.

Headlining the bluegrass festival and making their first Florida appearance is Seldom Scene, a nationally-known group from Virginia that has played on network

television, at the Grand Ole Opry, and at the White House for President Carter.

Well-known throughout bluegrass circles, Florida's Original Cracker, Carl Allen, will be master of ceremonies for the two-day event.

Rounding out the weekend of pickin', grinnin' and fiddlin' are five other well knowns, Carl Young & The Boggy Creek Bluegrass; The Bluegrass Little Bits; The Bluegrass Gospel Train; James Rogers & The Rogers Family and Paul Champion & The Florida Bluegrass Boys.

Paul Champion's name is synonymous with superb pickin', and he has played with such legendary greats as Vassar Clements, Scotty Stoneman and Charlie Walls.

The lakefront bluegrass festival begins in the Gardens of the World after the 10 a.m. water sky show daily, as an added attraction for Cypress Gardens' visitors at regular admission prices.



Michael Irwin, accomplished classical guitarist, will be at Edison Community College on Thursday, March 27. Mr. Irwin will present an informal workshop at 12:30 p.m. in the college auditorium and a performance there at 8 p.m. that evening. Both programs are free and the public is invited to attend.



Carol Wallace, a former honor student at Edison Community College, will present a piano recital on Friday, March 28 at 11 a.m. Miss Wallace will perform on the new Bosendorfer piano, a gift to the college from a community member and valued at over \$35,000. There is no admission charge for the recital and the public is invited to attend.

The program will be held in room F-38, the ensemble room in the humanities building on the Fort Myers campus. Miss

Wallace's classical program will consist of selections from Bach, Mendelssohn, Ginastera and Mozart.



dances

The Lee County Arts Center, 5111 McGregor Boulevard, announces a new class: GREAT MUSIC AND GREAT PERFORMANCES, a non-technical music seminar conducted by News Press music critic Gale Bennett using rare recordings from his private collection.

Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Eight classes - Fee \$80. The first session will be held on Wednesday, March 26.

For information, please call Lee County Arts Center at 939-2787.



The Department of State's Division of Cultural Affairs is coordinating four workshops that will assist art groups in complying with Federal guidelines to make programs fully accessible to handicapped citizens according to Secretary of State George Firestone.

According to the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, "no otherwise qualified handicapped individual" shall be excluded from participation in any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

The four workshops, which will be free and open to the public, are entitled: "Section 504 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973: Understanding and Implementing Requirements of Accessibility for Arts Organizations."

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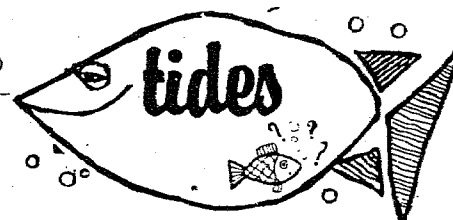


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Director of the Office of Arts and Special Constituencies Project, and Susan Liberman, Assistant to the General Counsel, both of the National Endowment for the Arts.

"I urge all of Florida's arts administrators, museum and theatre directors, and others responsible for increasing participation in cultural activities to attend these workshops," said Firestone. "The workshops will help bring about greater participation in the arts, and provide a fuller understanding of governmental requirements."



The Lee County Arts Center, through the District School Board of Lee County, will be sponsoring a beginning bluegrass banjo class starting April 3 and ending June 5, 1980. This nine week session will be basic instruction in five string banjo. It will be taught by Bill McLlrot and the fee is \$25 for all nine classes. The class meets at the Lee County Arts Center from 7:30 until 9 p.m. on Thursday evenings. Please bring your own banjo to class.

For further information, please call the Center at 939-2787.



An Intermediate Photography class will begin Tuesday March 25. The ten week class, taught by Islander photographer Mark Harmel, will meet at The Photographer's Gallery from 7-10 p.m. Participants are expected to have a working knowledge of their cameras.

The class is offered through the Lee County Adult and Community Education Program. There is a \$6 fee.

The Photographer's Gallery presents a photographic field trip with Island photographer Fleur Weymouth on Saturday March 29. The morning field trip will run from 9a.m. to noon, and will concentrate on outdoors and nature photography. A limit of five people may sign up. A fee of \$10 paid in advance to the Photographer's Gallery will be charged.

Ms. Weymouth asks participants to bring their camera equipment, a box lunch, and slow black and white or slow color film. A tri-pod will be usefull. For further information contact the Gallery at 472-5777.

The Sanibel-Captiva Art League will hold its annual business meeting on Thursday, March 27 at 1:30 p.m. to elect board members for next season.

After the business meeting, Mimi Romig of Fort Myers will give an art demonstration. She is an expert in many mediums. Guests are welcome.



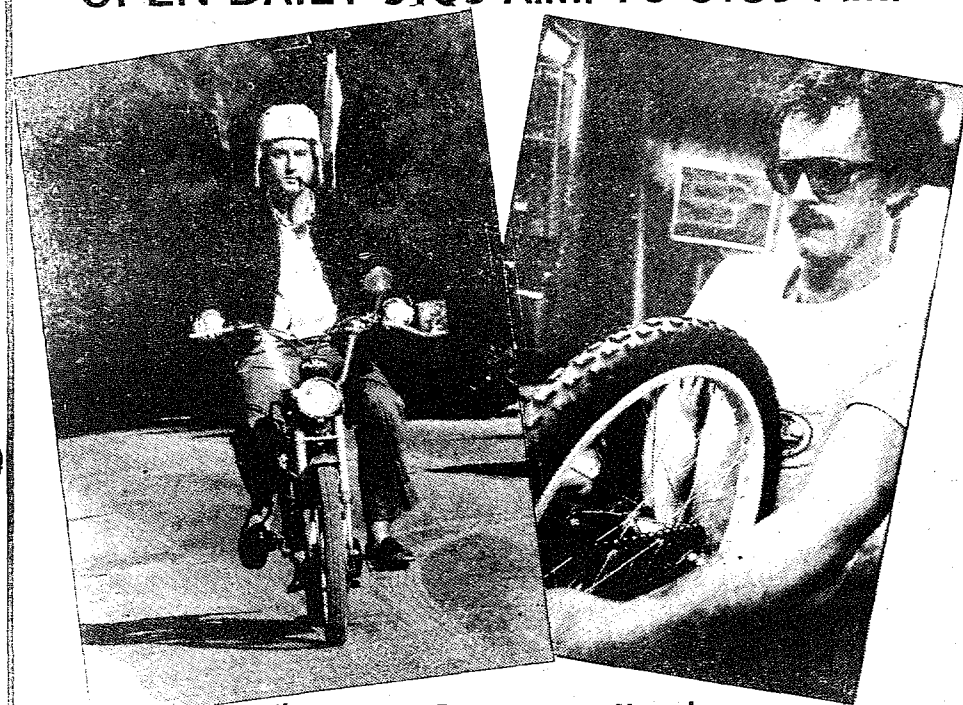
Jean Campbell's first photography exhibit "Faces of Yesterday and Tomorrow" opened Sunday at The Photographer's Gallery. The Sanibel resident's show features color and black and white portraits taken by Ms. Campbell during her travels to Portugal, Africa,

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by Bert L. Jenks, President of Sanibel Realty

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One final word - remain as flexible as possible, as a small concession may be the key to making the transaction a winner for both seller and buyer.

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Miss National Teenager, Missi Bradley from Mansfield, Ohio, visited Sanibel with her parents last week.

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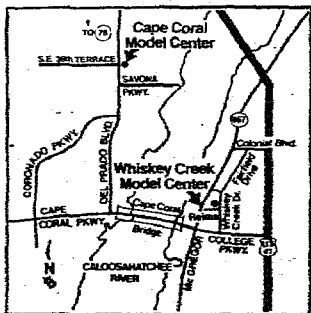
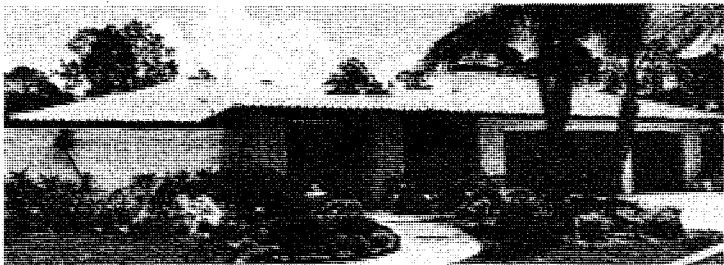
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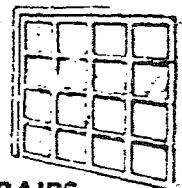
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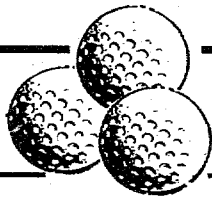
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Island Sports

By Mark Harmel



Golf

The Dunes Women's Association championship was played last week at the Dune's Country Club.

The champion of the first flight was Betts Curtis, and Jean Corace was runner-up. The second flight winner was Bette Puff with Dottie Miller the runner-up. The winner in the third flight was Peg Wilhoit, Betty Uhr was runner-up. The first flight consolation winner was Nellie Peterson, followed by Pearl Vasko. The second flight consolation winner was Billie Tyler, the runner-up was Ada Ayers.

On March 21, the women played Bingo, Bango, Bungo. The winner was Syril Rubin, followed by Dottie Miller, Pearl Vasco and Betts Curtis in third.

On March 19, the Men's Association played in two-man teams. The team of Jenkins and Bowen finished first. Second went to VanderBeck and Seabrooke, and Weymouth and Ayers finished third.

The results of the Beachview Women's Golf Association championship played over the past two weeks are in. The Championship flight winner is Erna Mikulic. Mary Phillips is runner-up and Win Sweeney won the low net.

Ethel Ketchan is the champ of the first flight. Ellen Lawrence is the runner-up and Anne Hamilton finished with low net. The second flight champion is Elinor Strassner.

Runner-up is Ruth Phillips. Syril Rubin came in with low net.

The Beachview Women held a luncheon last week to award prizes and elect new officers for next season. Arlene Mercer is the new Chairman. Ellen Lawrence is the Co-Chairman, the Secretary is Dorothy Ristow, and the Treasure is Syril Rubin. The Tournament Chairman is Pax Kirby, and the Handicap Chairman is Erna Mikulic.

Eben Joy topped 51 other players from the Beachview Men's Association last Saturday, holding the high individual score of a plus six.

The winning team with a plus four was Hertz Pryzant, Bruce Henderson, George Fletcher, and Charlie Uhr. Finishing second with a plus three were Curt Washburn, Ray McKernan, Joe Steinert, and Ed Curtis. Les Gerner, Steve Resnick, Ted Hartshorne, and Lee Gibson finished third at plus one.

The Beachview men and women teamed together on Sunday to play a Scramble tournament.

The winning foursome out of 12 teams was Bernice and Hertz Pryzant, and Ken and Mary Jane Preston. They finished with a four under par. Four other teams tied at two under par.

Island Tennis Standings and results

Division A Standings

Landings	67	9
FM Racquet	63	13
Casa Ybel	43	33
Burnt Store	30	42
Rangoon	29	43
Cape Coral	27	49
Port Charlotte	27	49
Lehigh	18	60

Division A Results Casa Ybel 3 - Lehigh Acres

Muench-Thompson	4-6, 7-6, 5-7
Parker-Zeiss	5-7, 6-3, 7-6
Mather-Peck	6-2, 6-2
Horak-Meyers	6-4, 7-6

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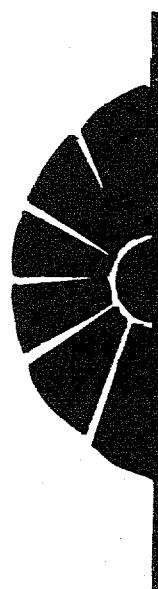
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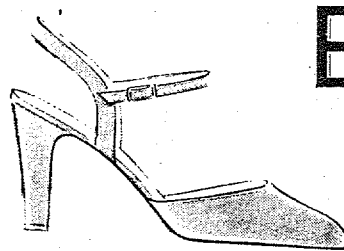
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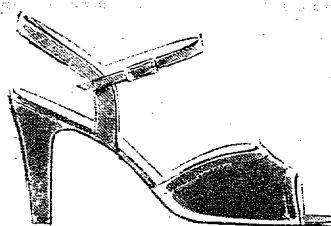
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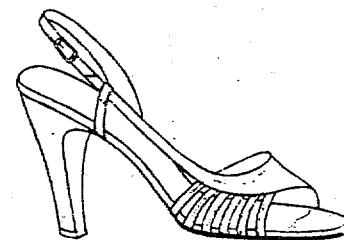


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Sanibel Ladder

Dunes Ladder

Division B Standings		
Landings	56	12
FM Racquet Blue	46	22
YMCA 1	45	23
FM Racquet Red	40	24
Dunes	39	29
Cape Coral	33	35
Cypress Lake	33	35
YMCA 2	23	45
Rangoon	19	49
Park Meadow	6	62

Division B Results Dunes 4-Cape Coral 0		
Tetreault-Ireland	6-3, 6-3	
Meeker-Hodgkinson	6-4, 7-5	
Wadkovsky-Conte	6-2, 6-2	
Bissel-Andrews	7-5, 3-6, 6-2	

Children's Ladder	
1. Mahlon Thompson	6. Dorothy Andrews
2. Ross Bjerke	7. Mary Ann Boleman
3. Joey Hammett	8. Wendy Bissel
4. Billy Zeiss	9. Linda McCarthy
5. Kit Toomey	10. Kathy Clapp

Men's Ladder	
1. Ben Bjerke	6. John Conway
2. Brian Newberry	7. Jim Fisher
3. Bob Thompson	8. Lem Clements
4. Tom Fisher	9. Jim Pfahler
5. Jerry Muench	10. Bill Hatcher
	11. Steve Corbin
	12. Bill Pickering
	13. Joe Searing
	14. Vinny Hayes

Women's Ladder	
1. Lou Anne Parker	
2. Pam Thompson	
3. Pam Pfahler	
4. Marge Peck	
5. June Muench	

Men's Ladder (Top Ten)	
1. Allen Grasgreen	
2. Ben Bjerke	
3. Tom Fisher	
4. Bob Backes	
5. Jim Pfahler	
6. Don Bissell	
7. Myton Ireland	
8. Stan Johnson	
9. Earle Fisher	
10. Trump Bradley	

Women's Ladder	
1. Gaye Johnson	
2. Pam Pfahler	
3. Candy Mather	
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9. FUBAR	51	57	
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12. The Aces	36½	71½	
High Game			
Tom Clifford			253
John Roemer			253
Mary Wilson			226

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Senior Girls Standings			Boys Standings		
Tigers	2	0	Rotary	2	0
Pizza & Cream	0	2	Kiwanis Astros	2	0
Beach Bulletin	0	0	Huxter's Yankees	1	1
Senior Girls Results			Beach Bank	1	1
Tigers 18 - Pizza & Cream 8			Harris Foodway	1	1
Tigers 27 - Pizza & Cream 4			Pirates	1	1
Junior Girls Standings			Joey's Rangers	0	2
Dodgers	1	1	Cubs	0	2
Lions Mets	1	1	Boys Results		
Lions Auxiliary	0	0	Yankees 10 - Beach Bank 1		
Junior Girls Results			Harris Foodway 16 - Pirates 15		
Lions Mets 15 - Dodgers 13			Astro's 16 - Rangers 0		
Dodgers 9 - Lions Mets 7			Rotary 12 - Cubs 9		
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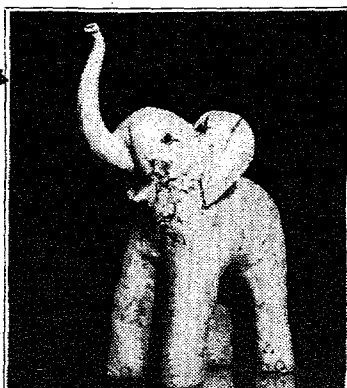
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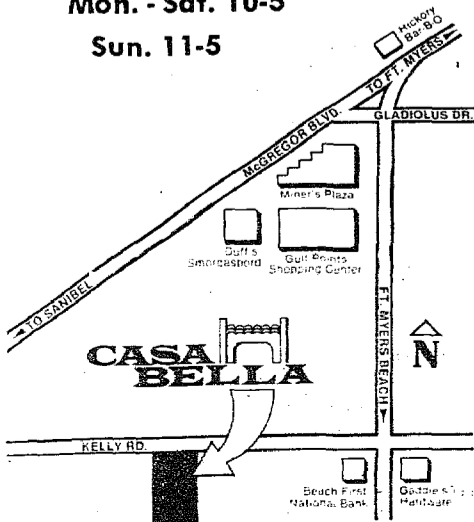
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 Friday - Astro's vs. Pirates, 6:30 - away
 Rangers vs. Cubs, 6:30 - home
 Monday - Dodgers vs. Lions Aux., 6:00 - away
 Tigers vs. Beach Bulletin, 8:00 - away
 Astro's vs. Harris Foodway, 6:30 - home

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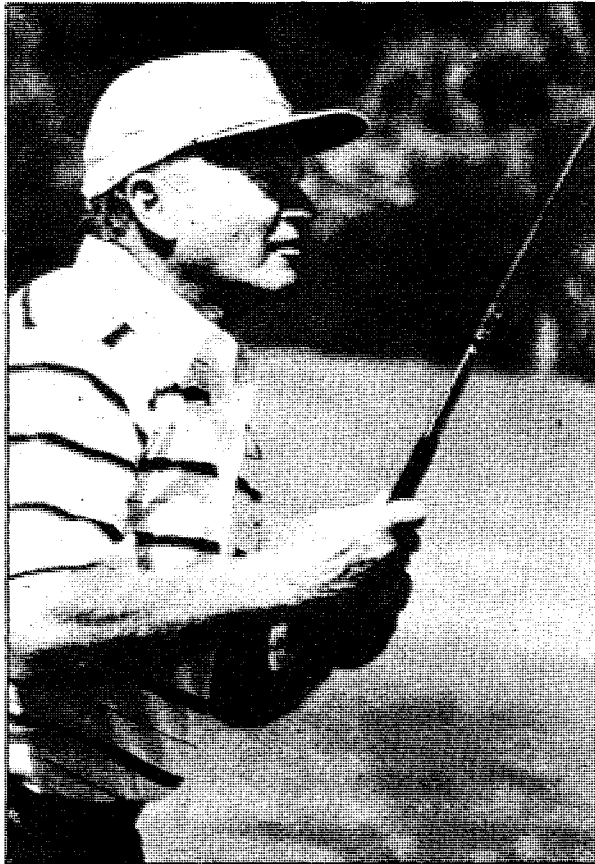
Audubon presents George Weymouth

The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society will present their final program of the 1979-1980 series on Thursday evening, March 27, at 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Community Center.

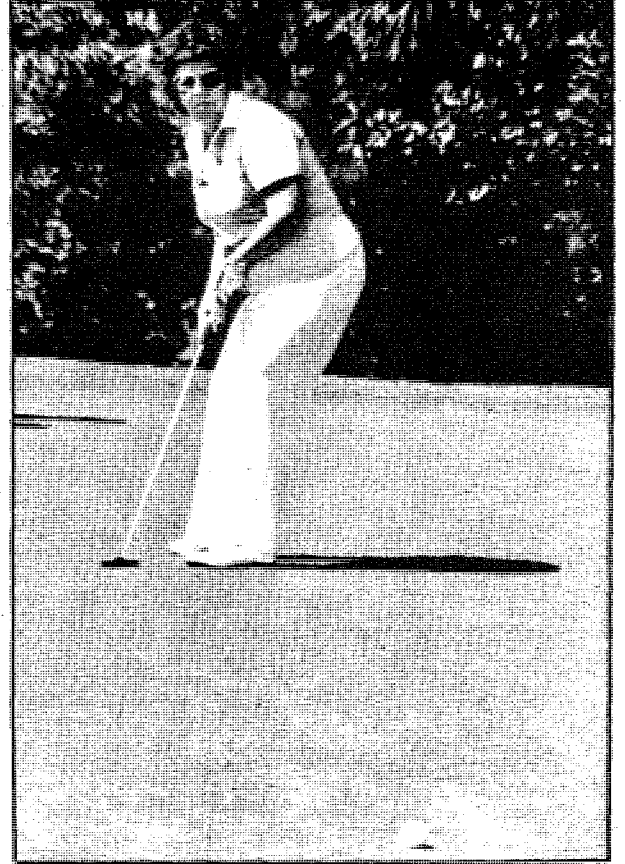
George Weymouth will be the speaker for the evening's program which will consist of a color slide show of the birds and animals of Sanibel and Captiva. As a birding guide on Sanibel Island, he has shown Sanibel's birds to visitors for several years and he has kept a series of records indicating arrival and departure time of the various visiting species. He has directed the Christmas Bird Count for the past several years - a task which involves compiling and auditing the findings of all of the counters and watchers of the day.

Weymouth continues to become more involved in carving birds and his works are shown in outstanding galleries. Although in high demand as a bird guide, he is tempted to give up his guiding to secure more time for his carving. Anyone who has traveled or birded with him would regret such a decision and miss his knowledgeable chatter about each bird.

There will also be a brief annual meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society at this time. There will be reports from the Nominating Committee, the Auditing Committee, and a Treasurer's Report - all of which promise to be brief.



The Beachview Men and Women's Associations combined on Sunday to play a Scramble tournament. Despite the name of the tournament much of the excitement



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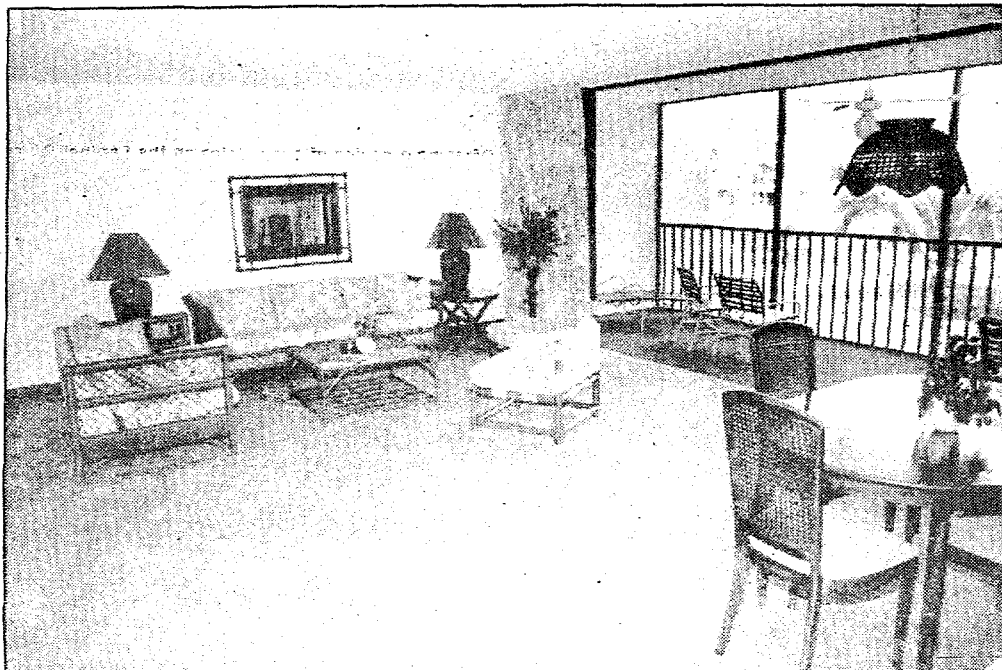


Two shops opened at the new Palm Ridge Place shopping center last week. Kandy the Florist specializes in fresh flowers and plants; dry and permanent arrangements; and custom designed arrangements. The store is also a member of FTD, and handles commercial plant rentals. Owner Don Rulle moved Kandy

the Florist to its present location from Landlubbers Plaza. Tom Comella and Jolene Shores are ready to give complete hair care at the Fantasy II Beauty Salon. Fantasy's hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. An appointment is suggested.

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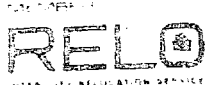
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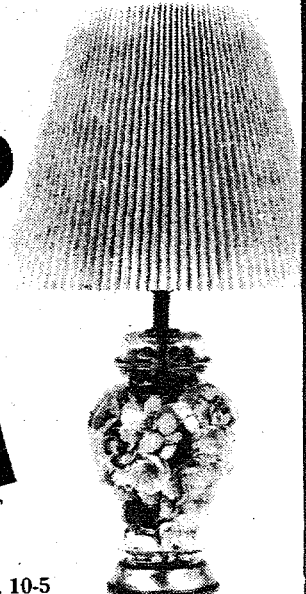
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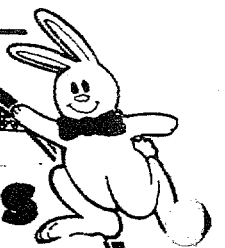
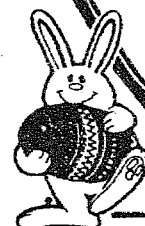
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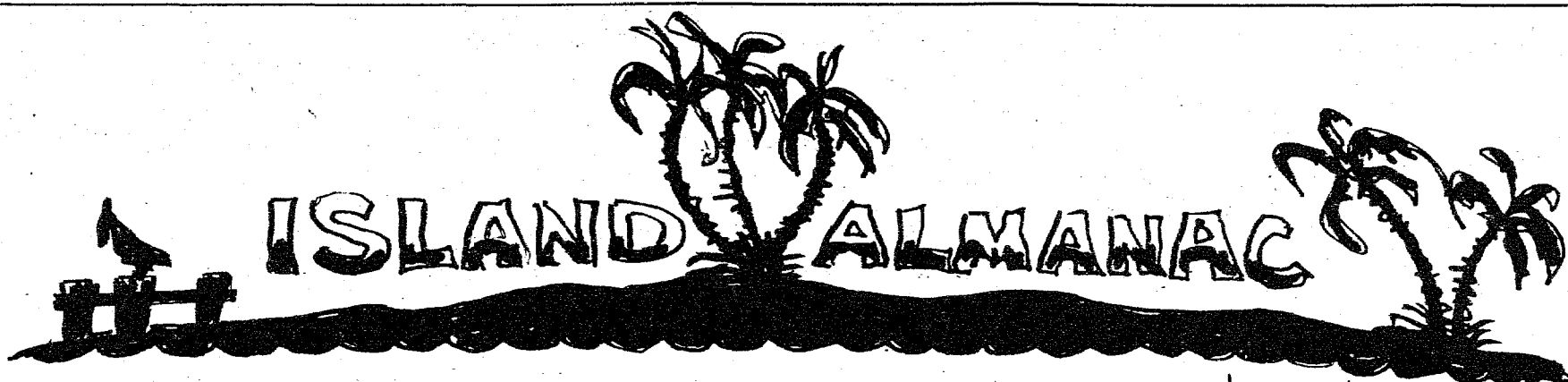
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'Tween Waters Marina,

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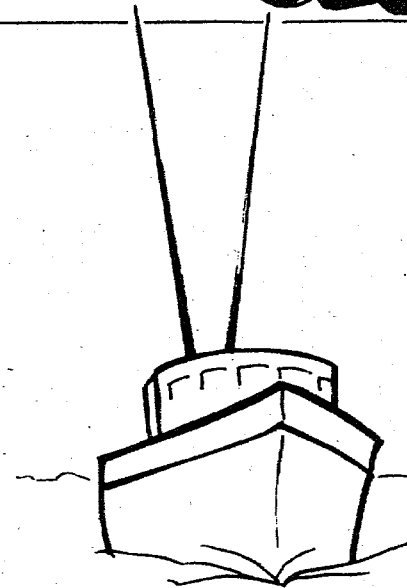
South Seas Plantation Marina

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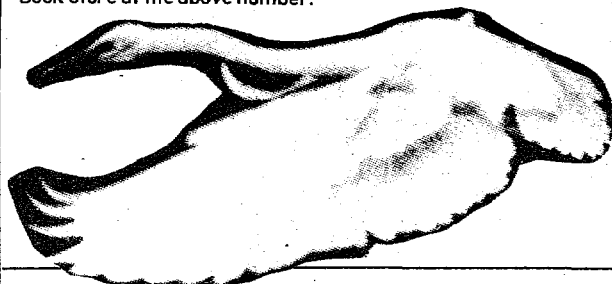


Nature Guides and Tours

Griffing Bancroft

472-1447

Offering bird tours of the islands commencing at dawn. The tours start at the Island Cinema in the Island Shopping Center and last approximately 3 hours. There is a charge of \$8 per person, with a minimum of 3 people. For further information, reservations and exact starting times, call the MacIntosh Book Store at the above number.



George Campbell

472-2180

Offering two tours - one by land and one by sea. The land tour takes guests through wildlife habitats and leaves on Thursdays and Saturdays. The land tour takes approximately four hours and the charge is \$7 per person. Minimum three people. The aquatic tour leaves on Fridays and takes participants to Cabbage Key for breakfast and a walk through either Cayo Costa or another embryonic barrier island. Call for reservations and further details.

George Weymouth

472-1516

Offering birding tours of the islands, leaving from Bailey's parking lot at 7 a.m., returning at 11:30. The itinerary includes the Causeway and the Bird Sanctuary. The charge is \$12 per person and arrangements may be made either at Bailey's or by calling the above number.

Capt. Dick Frieman

472-1315

Offering a nature trip to North Captiva and Cayo Costa, with lunch at Cabbage Key. Departure time is 9:30 a.m., return at 3:30 p.m. The charge is \$95 for up to 6 people. Call the above number for reservations and further information.

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Ambulance Service...936-3600

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NUMBERS:

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HELP!

DISASTER ALERT:

Radio Station WRCC, 103.9 FM, broadcasts details of any emergency, such as a hurricane alert, or any other disastrous occurrence that might affect Sanibel or Captiva.

EMERGENCY PHARMACY NUMBER:

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Captiva

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PUBLIC REST ROOMS

Sanibel Fishing Pier

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Turner's Beach

Captiva

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To Your Health

While Sanibel and Captiva have no hospitals, they are served 24 hours a day by a team of paramedics who are widely recognized for their competence. In the event of an emergency, they will call upon the Air Ambulance, which transports patients to the hospital of their choice in the Fort Myers area via helicopter.

The paramedics are based at the Fire Station, just off Periwinkle on Palm Ridge Road. Phone 472-1717 or 472-1414 or 936-3600.

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Animals can be seen on Sanibel Tuesdays and Fridays beginning at 1 p.m.

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PHARMACIES

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Apothecary Center

Palm Ridge Road, opposite 3-Star

472-1519

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24-hour emergency service: 472-2768

CORNER DRUGS

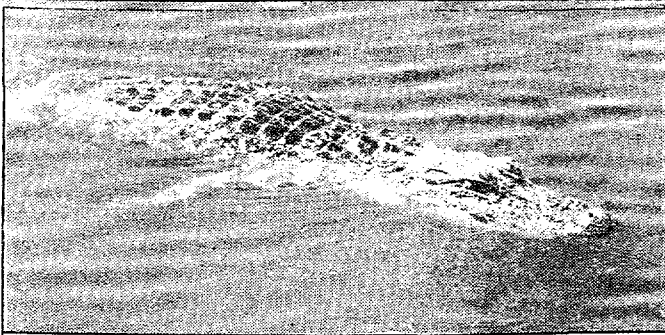
Island Shopping Center

Periwinkle Way

472-4149

Open Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5:30 pm, Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm, Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm. (No pharmacist on duty on weekends).

The Right Side of the Law



CAMPING

Camping on the beach is prohibited and while everyone enjoys a beach fire, you'll have to get a permit to have one on a Sanibel public beach. The Fire Department on Palm Ridge Road will supply you with a fire permit for \$1.00. In addition, you'll be required to make a \$25.00 deposit, returnable the day after your beach party when the beach has been inspected for litter or debris. Make sure you clean the area thoroughly or you'll be out \$25.00! Condo owners or managers may submit a letter to the Fire Department, acknowledging that they will assume responsibility for clean up after a fire in front of their buildings. The \$25 deposit will be waived in those circumstances.

GATORS

Feeding alligators anywhere within the Sanibel city limits is not only illegal (violators of the law are subject to a fine of up to \$500, or up to 60 days in jail, or both.), but can be extremely dangerous. Alligators can run 45 m.p.h., so if you're close enough to feed an alligator, he's close enough to feed on you. An alligator fed for fun loses his natural fear of humans and becomes a potential threat to children and pets.

FISHING

While no license is required for salt water fishing, fishing in fresh water ponds or the Sanibel River requires a Florida fishing license, available at Bailey's General Store on Periwinkle Way. The fee is \$3.75.

Minimum legal lengths

Blue Fish	10 in.
Flounder	11 in.
Grouper	12 in.
Mackerel	12 in.
Mullet	12 in.
Pompano	10 in.
Red Fish	12 in.
Snook	18 in.
Trout	12 in.

SHELLING

The City of Sanibel Resolution limiting the taking of shells to 2 live shells per person per species is one to be scrupulously obeyed. As a matter of fact, in order to preserve Sanibel's beautiful shelling beaches, most collectors refuse to take ANY live shells whatsoever.

SPEED LIMITS

The varying speed limits as one comes across the causeway may seem almost schizophrenic, but there is a very good reason for them. The stress and strain of traffic over the years has weakened the bridge supports (not to the point where there is any danger, fortunately) so in an effort to preserve the existing structure, the speed limits have been imposed.

They are to be taken seriously, for they are rigidly enforced by radar on a 24-hour a day basis by the Lee County Sheriff's Department. Observe them, please.

DOGGY DO'S... & DONT'S

If you're visiting Sanibel with the family Fido in tow, all the better. All family members can enjoy Southwest Florida sun and surf. The Chamber of Commerce can tell you what accommodations are available for families with pets. REMEMBER - wherever you are - CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET! The friendly reminder - "Leave nothing on the beach but footprints" - applies to dogs, too. There's no leash law on Sanibel, but of course an excitable or unruly animal is better off when controlled with a leash.

BICYCLE RULES

If you're not used to a lot of bicycle traffic, watch out for it on Sanibel. The extensive network of bike paths on the island is clearly marked along the edge of the road. Observe caution when driving near the bike path. A state law and a city ordinance combine to PROHIBIT PARKING OR DRIVING ON THE BIKE PATH. MOPEDS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE BIKE PATHS.

Planning on spending some time on a bike to enjoy the island sun and sights? Make sure your vehicle is equipped with a bike flag, horn, good brakes and a light for night riding. Under Florida law, bicycle riders have the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicle drivers. DRIVE SAFELY.

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472-5111, Ext. 3330
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Hertz Rent-a-Car, Sanibel Standard, 1015 Periwinkle Way, 472-2125. Open 7 am to 6 pm Monday through Saturday. Closed Sunday.

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FISHING EQUIPMENT

Sanibel

Sanibel Marina, The Bait Box, Blind Pass Marina, The Reel Eel, Tarpon Bay Marina.

Captiva

Tween Waters Marina, Twin Palms Marina

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Sanibel Tune-Up & Service Station, 1015 Periwinkle, 472-1878.
Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sanibel Standard, 1015 Periwinkle. 472-2125. Open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Closed Sunday.

3-Star, intersection of Tarpon Bay Rd. and Palm Ridge Rd., Diesel fuel. 472-5400.

Open Weekdays 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., weekends 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

South Seas Plantation, Captiva, 472-5111.

Open daily 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Closed Wednesdays.

ISLAND GARAGE AUTO REPAIR, 1609 Periwinkle Way, 472-4318.

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TAXI

Sanibel Taxi, 472-2870. Local service available 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. All flights are met at the airport. Special arrangements for transportation at other hours can be made.

Beach Access

Sanibel has miles of public Gulf-front beaches, any one of which is only minutes from your lodging. Lighthouse Point is a stretch of Federal land on the Eastern tip of Sanibel Island, and from there, the gulf beach is accessible again at the end of Donax Street, at Tarpon Bay Road, at Bowman's Beach Road (off Sanibel-Captiva Road) and at Turner's Beach, which is located at Blind Pass, between Sanibel and Captiva Islands.

On Captiva Island, public beach access can be found at Turner Beach (which has public facilities) or, further north, just past the entrance to South Seas Plantation.

State law prohibits nude sunbathing on all Florida beaches.

Violators will be prosecuted.

Things To Do & See

Bingo

American Legion Post, Sanibel-Captiva Road every Thursday 8 p.m. Cash prizes awarded.

Bridge

Sanibel Community Center, Periwinkle Way. Wednesdays commencing at 1 p.m. (Duplicate bridge Friday evenings commencing at 7:30. Call 472-1829 if you need a partner.)

Island Cinema

In the Island Shopping Center at the intersection of Periwinkle Way and Tarpon Bay Road.

Lighthouse

Located at the eastern tip of Sanibel, the Lighthouse is very close to the Sanibel Fishing Pier, which offers not only excellent fishing, but a lovely beach and an unexcelled view of San Carlos Bay.

Pirate's Playhouse

Periwinkle Way
472-2121

Theater-in-the-round. Performances every Saturday and Sunday evening at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$3.50 including tax and may be obtained at any time by stopping at the Playhouse. Season commences on December 22 with a performance of Brett Harte's "M'liss" by the Pirate Playhouse Repertory Company, a group of prominent Sanibel residents head, theatrical couple Ruth and Philip Hunter. Adjacent to the Playhouse is the Ellie May Museum, containing Mrs. Hunter's original costumes from a long theatrical career, and her doll collection. A tour of the museum may be arranged by calling Mrs. Hunter at 472-2121.

Observation Towers

Bailey Tract of the J. N. "Ding" Darling Sanctuary About a quarter mile down Tarpon Road after a left turn on Periwinkle.

Landlubber Restaurant, 1619 Periwinkle Way

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation
Sanibel-Captiva Road
472-2329

Dedicated to the preservation of vegetation and wildlife on the islands, the Foundation offers many exhibits, plus nature tours. Admission for non-members is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children. It is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Photographers' Gallery

1554 Periwinkle Way
Phone 472-5777
Exhibiting Fine photographs to the public.

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Open 10 a.m. to 5
Featuring Art exhibits

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Located on Sanibel - Captiva Road, phone - 472-1100

Tours: Wildlife drive tours on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. Call for meeting place. Canoe Tours: Fridays at 10 a.m. Leaves from Tarpon Bay Marina. Must furnish own canoe.

The Wheel Gallery

1524 Periwinkle Way, phone 472-4330

Open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featuring clayworks by Mark Heimann. Also featuring a flock of miniature stoneware birds by Charlotte Heimann.

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Open 9 am to 9 pm, 7 days a week.
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Water Equipment

Tween Waters Marina, Captiva (See listing under Marinas)

15-foot open skiffs, 25 hp

South Seas Marina (See listing under Marinas)

Sailboats, sunfish, Boston whalers

Snorkeling Equipment

The Reel Eel (See listing under Fishing Equipment)

Southwind, Inc.

At Sanibel Marina
N. Yachtsman Drive
472-2531
Power and sailboats

Blind Pass Marina (See listing under Marinas)

Fishing skiffs

Tarpon Bay Marina (See listing under Marinas)

Canoes: 6 to 8 hp, 16 to 20 hp boats.

Twin Palms Marina (See listing under Marinas)
15-foot skiffs, 15 hp; 16-foot skiffs, 35 hp

Shopping

Sanibel is a veritable shopper's paradise. Tasteful boutiques and casual island shops join forces to present visitors with everything - and anything - a vacation shopper could hope for.

At the Lighthouse (Eastern) end of the island, Punta Ybel Plaza and The Sea Horse Shops are right across the street from each other, providing a variety of products that can cure your sweet tooth or tickle your shell finder's fancy. Need a good haircut or coiffure? You can get it in either of these shopping centers. Most businesses open at 10 am and close at 5:30. This holds true for many island stores, although during the winter season, some are open evenings.

Tall Australian pines shade Periwinkle Way as the shopper travels west along this main thoroughfare. This stretch of road is truly a shopper's paradise! It's all here...the fast and not-so-fast eating spots, casual and elegant boutiques, hand-wrought jewelry, craft designs, shell shops and balms for health product fanatics.

Watch to your right and left as you drive or cycle along. Photographic supplies, bait and tackle, deli foods, fresh seafood and baked goods, knick-knacks and what-nots can all be found along the drive to the intersection of Periwinkle Way and Tarpon Bay Road. Along the way, shopping centers such as the Heart of the Islands, Periwinkle Place and Tahitian Garden offer a variety of island delights.

At the intersection, the Island Shopping Center features the island's only supermarket, dry cleaners and movie house.

A left on Tarpon Bay Road takes the visitor past Sanibel's original schoolhouse, which now holds original island water colors and woodcuts. Then on to West Gulf Drive and westward to an interesting little artisan's shop and gallery.

At the intersection of Periwinkle Way and Tarpon Bay Road, you may choose instead to turn right and follow the signs to the Tarpon Bay Marina, where you will find a cluster of quaint shops overlooking the back bay. Some antiques, what-nots and clever clothes can be found here, as well as a great seafood sandwich and soft drinks.

The spectacular ride to Captiva, with its lush foliage and enchanting view of the Gulf, is well worth a day's outing. Talented artists display their works in one roadside shop, while other feature some nifty gifts for Grandma to take home to little hands as a pleasant hodge-podge of remembrances from these barrier islands.

Whether for shopping, or merely browsing, island shops offer a surprising variety - from one-of-a-kind collectibles for the discerning shopper to post cards for the simple souvenir hunter and of course, for all, shells. Shell jewelry, shell lamps, just plain shells.... the most beautiful shells in the world from the most beautiful shelling beaches in the world.



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Saturday Service	9:30 a.m.	WEDNESDAY: Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor, Jamie Stilson		ST. ISABEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Father Gerald Beauregard, Pastor Father Louis Reczek, Assistant Pastor	
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Evening Services	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass	8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY EVENING: Prayer Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass preceding Holy Day	5:30 p.m.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES		Holy Day Mass	10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Sundays		Confessions	Before each Mass and at 3:30 p.m. Saturday
Wednesdays		COMMUNITY CHURCH The Rev. Bruce E. Milligan, Pastor	
Corner Gulf Drive and Palm Lake Drive		Worship Services	9 and 11:15 a.m.
		Church School Classes	10:15 a.m.
		Youth Club, Grades 4-7	Wed. at 3:15 p.m.

Clubs & Civic Groups

- American Business Women's Association**
Regular meeting the second Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. This dinner meeting is held at a different restaurant every month so call Rosalee Woods at 472-1636 (membership chairperson) or Cecilia Slezak at 472-4555 (guest attendance).
- Kiwanis**
7:30 a.m. Wednesday at Scotty's Restaurant, Periwinkle Way.
- City Council of Sanibel**
Meetings held monthly on the first, third and fifth Tuesdays, 9 a.m. at MacKenzie Hall, located in the 3-Star complex at the intersection of Tarpon Bay Road and Palm Ridge Road.
- League of Women Voters**
Meets third Monday of the month at The West Wind Inn. Coffee hour 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10. Call Dorothy Leslie at 472-1693 for more information.
- Sanibel Fire Control District**
Commissioners' meetings held the second Tuesday of every month 1 p.m. at the Fire House located on Palm Ridge Road.
- Community Association of Sanibel**
Meeting held the first Tuesday of every month at the Sanibel Community Center, Periwinkle Way, at 6:30 p.m.
- Lions Club of Captiva and Sanibel**
Meetings held on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at the Beach View Country Club, 1100 Par View Ave. 6:30 p.m.
- Orchid Society of Sanibel and Captiva**
Meetings held on the third Wednesday of every month at the Captiva Community Center at 1:30 p.m.
- Sanibel-Captiva Boy Scouts - Troop 88**
Meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Sanibel Elementary School. Visiting Scouts welcome. 472-4719.
- Power Squadron of Sanibel and Captiva**
Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at the Sanibel Community Center at 7:30 p.m.
- Shell Club of Sanibel and Captiva**
Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at the Sanibel Community Center at 8 p.m.
- Sanibel-Captiva Chess Club**
Meets every Sunday at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, Sanibel Island, at 2 p.m. All those interested, please call Glen Woods after 6 p.m. at 472-3688.
- Karate Classes on Sanibel**
Being held twice weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Anyone interested, please call Brian Houston at 472-3647.
- Audubon Society**
Meets every Thursday evening at 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Community Center.
- Rotary**
The Rotary Club of Sanibel and Captiva meet every Friday at 12 p.m. at the Timbers, located on Rabbit and San-Cap Road.
- Weight Watchers**
Meets Thursday evenings in the Sanibel Community Association Building at 7:30 p.m. Call 936-0306 for information.

COMING

ATTRACTIONS

Community Association meets

The Sanibel Community Association's annual business meeting and election of officers will be held Tuesday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m.

This will be a dinner meeting so bring your favorite dish.

The Association presently has 531 members and would appreciate a large attendance. Come vote and help mold the future of your Association.

Palm Sunday concert

A concert of sacred music will be presented at the Sanibel Community Church on Palm Sunday, March 30 at 7 p.m. The public is cordially invited to enjoy the presentation of Dubois' Seven Last Words of Christ sung by the Chancel Choir under the direction of Robert Jacoby. In addition, Arthur Worthley will give an organ recital in addition to accompanying the choir cantata. Mr. Worthley is from Kennebunk, Maine and winters on Sanibel. He will be remembered for his previous fine concerts.

Soprano soloists in the cantata are Kathryn Boyle, Virginia Sanborn, and Phillis Juhle. Bill Arnold is the tenor soloist while baritone solos will be sung by Carl Huskinsson, Harry Kair, Ken Howard and Bruce Milligan. The Cantata has been arranged by James A. Dasher.

Shell Club

The Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club's original shell program for March 19 was cancelled due to the illness of the guest speaker.

Their newly elected president, Howard Sexauer, graciously substituted a non-shelling slide program on Great Britain.

The newly elected officers of the shell club are as follows: Howard Sexauer, president; Blanche Ford, vice president; Sue Stephens, recording secretary; Charlene McMurphy, corresponding secretary and Kay Ford, treasurer.

The standing committee chairmen are as follows: constitution and by-laws, Al Bridell; finance and budget, Al Zu Hone; field trips, Bill Von Eiff; greeters, Walt Hedden; hospitality, Ginger Von Eiff; programs, Myra Zu Hone and shell fair activities, Emma Guthrie.

The Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club meets the third Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Community Association building.

League of Women Voters ABC Sale

The League of Women Voters will be having an Attic, Basement and Closet Sale on Saturday, March 29 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 2775 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. For further information, please call Jeanette Clegg at 472-4873.

Kiwanis Club party and community fish fry

There will be a Kiwanis Club party on Saturday, April 5, at Scotty's Restaurant. The winning ticket for the Scotland trip will be drawn at this time.

Sunday, April 13 is the day of the First Annual Kiwanis Fish Fry - timed to coincide with the kick-off of the Fishing Derby and the Blessing of the Fleet ceremony. The fish fry will be held in the cleared area just before the Sanibel side of the Causeway. Gordon Tracy and Mark Johnson will be spearing the fish for the dinner; Hal Austin is handling publicity; Frank Rau is arranging for prizes; Ron Weaver and Al Hartley are collaborating on a poster, and the rest of the Kiwanians are expected to pitch in and help. This should be a fun day and a good money raiser.

Kiwanis to hear Catherine Cooper

The Kiwanis will be featuring Catherine Cooper of WBBH TV (Channel 20) speaking on "Local Media and Community Programming" at their March 25 meeting. The Kiwanis meet every Tuesday, 7:30 a.m., at Scotty's Restaurant on Periwinkle Way.

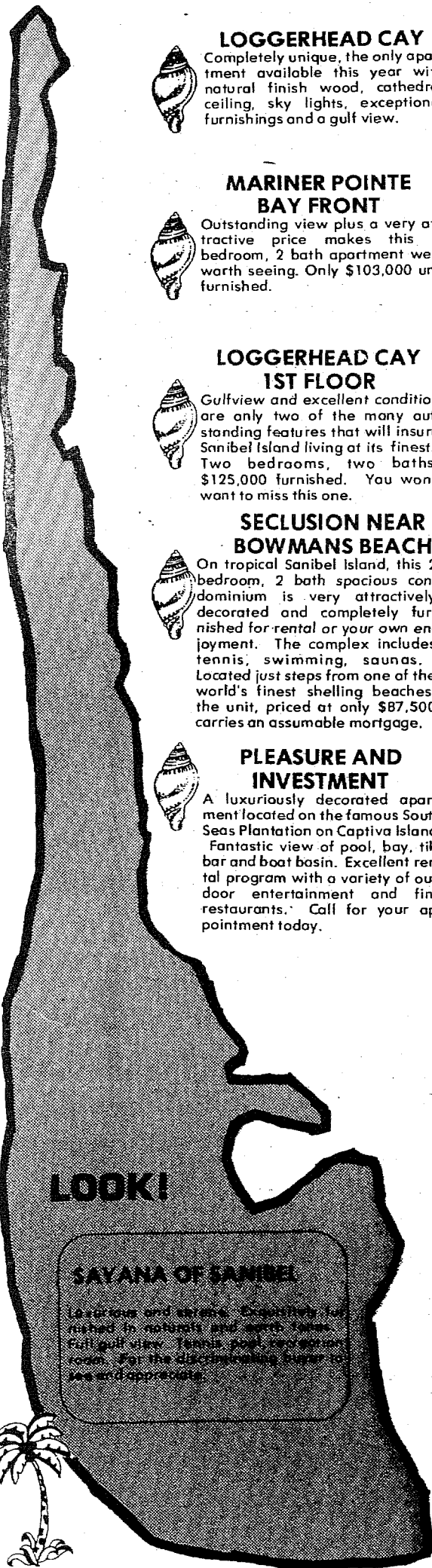
Coconut Co-op meets tonight

The Coconut Food Co-op will meet Tuesday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. Food to be ordered will include j ordered previously plus assorted gr pasta, granola and nuts. Food orders must be paid for at this meeting.

New parents group forming

A newly formed group called Parents Really Care, will have its first meeting Tuesday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Edison Community College auditorium, building E103. The group was formed because of the concern over teen-age drug abuse. It will be free and is open to any parent or adult. The speakers featured at the meeting will be Mary Ellen Hawkins on the "Anti-Paraphernalia Bill" and Paul Nuckolls, a father and legislator. Respect of members' privacy will be a prime consideration.

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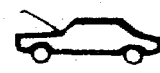


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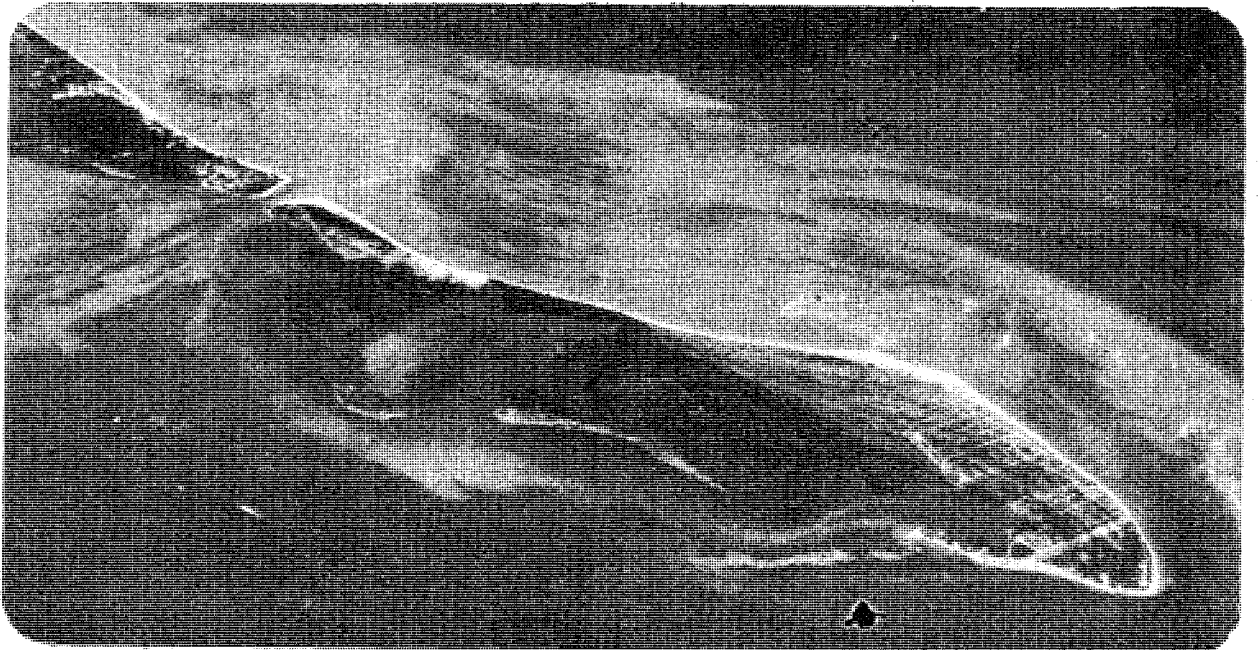
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Thirty-four building permits for construction valued at \$405,643.90 were issued by the City of Sanibel during the week ending March 21. Permits were issued to:

Mariner Properties, Inc., for a solar pool heater in Gulf Pines II subdivision by Triton Pools, Inc. for \$4,654.

Donald Letter for a boat dock and cover at 1231 Isabel Drive by owner for \$3,800.

Island Water Association for seven well fences at 3425 Sanibel-Captiva Road by the

owner for a total of \$2,100.

Mary LoCicero for a pool enclosure at 475 Rabbit Road by owner for \$900.

Tom Kyle for hurricane shutters at 576 Lighthouse Way by Styleview Industries for \$2,000.

Ruth Bowen for hurricane shutters on West Gulf Drive by Styleview Industries for \$1,700.

Eleven permits to Union Properties of Southwest Florida to remodel Duggers

Cottages and White Caps duplexes on West Gulf Drive by owner for a total of \$124,996.

Mariner Properties, Inc., for a pool house and trellis at Harbour Cottages by owner for \$8,500.

Mariner Properties, Inc., for a dock and patio at Harbour Cottages by owner for \$30,000.

Werner Papke for carport enclosure at 706 Donax Blvd., by Delaware Corp., for \$5,600.

Ralph Woodring for commercial addition at 1037 Periwinkle Way by owner for \$2,000.

Mariner Properties, Inc., for two tennis courts at Causeway Rd., by Sports Courts, Inc., for \$21,000.

George Cramer for pool, deck and planter by Hallmark Pools at 1047 Blue Heron Dr., for \$9,000.

David Thompson for deck and carport at 1254 Anhinga Lane by Kenleen for \$5,000.

George Winterbotham for hot tub and enclosure at 3547 Gulf Dr., by owner for \$5,000.

James E. Corace, Sr., for SFR at 550 Yachtman Dr., by owner for \$37,860.

Joseph Murphy for deck at 457 E. Gulf Dr., by Bingham-Lee Corp., for \$2,000.

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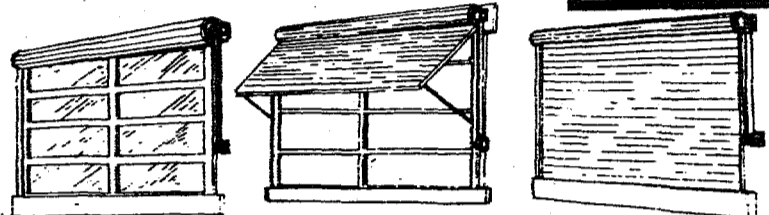
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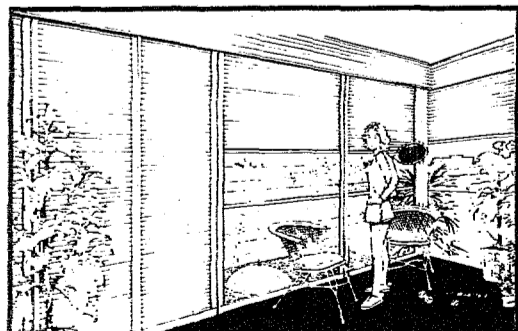
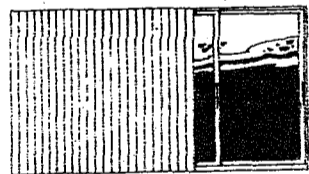
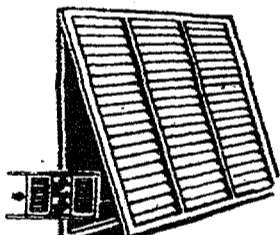


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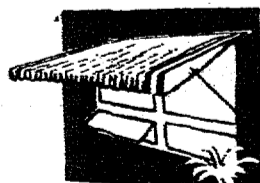
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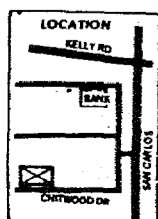


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 Sanibel Lighthouse Beach
 Saturday, April 5, '80
 12 to 4 p.m.
 (if rain: Monday, April 7)

A. General Information:
 Pre-register at Toys Ahoy!—or register between 12 to 12:30 p.m. on Festival Day.

- When you register, you will be given a numbered patch which you can use for any or all of the events you enter.
- Remain in the event area that you entered.
- Have your kite in hand at the start of each event.
- Assistants may help with launching a kite, but must stay within the contest area as long as they touch the kite string.
- Wire lines are forbidden.
- A line entangled in a power or telephone line is automatically out! No attempt can be made to retrieve it! (No power lines are anticipated in the immediate events area).
- The boundaries of the field of events will be marked and shall consist of:
 - Boundary line (back of which fliers may not run while working their lines into the air).
 - Start and finish line: 100 feet from the boundary line in the direction toward which the wind is blowing. It is on this line the flier will stand at the start of the event and to which he must return for the judging.

B. Starting Information:

- "Preparatory Signal:" Two short blasts on the horn will signal 10 minutes to go before an event.
- "Ready Signal:" A RED flag will be flown 5 minutes before the contest starts, followed by three (3) short horn blasts.
- "Set Signal:" A YELLOW flag will be held for 30 seconds prior to the start followed by four short horn blasts.
- "Go Signal:" Immediately at the end of four short blasts the GREEN flag will be flown with one short blast which signals the start.
- "Stop Signal:" The event will end with two (2) crisp WHISTLE signals.

At the end of each event, entrants are required to move out of the flying area (unless registered in the next upcoming event).

C. Schedule of Events and Judging Categories and Criteria:
 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.: Register, Free Fly or Have a Picnic.
 1:00 p.m.: "MOST BEAUTIFUL HOMEMADE KITE" Event
 Unique design, color and performance of a handmade kite will be the criteria for judging. Flight time: 5 minutes minimum.
 1:30 p.m.: "SMALLEST KITE" Event
 Criteria. Smallest lifting surface area, plus minimum of 25 feet of string. Flight time: 5 minutes minimum.
 2:00 p.m.: "HIGHEST KITE" Event
 The highest and greatest distance from the kite flyer as determined by the judges. Flight time: 5 minutes minimum.
 2:30 p.m.: "LARGEST KITE" Event
 Criteria. Largest lifting surface area kite, must be airborne on at least 100 ft. and no more than 200 ft. of string.

Flight time: 5 minutes minimum.
 3:00 p.m.: "FUNNIEST KITE" Event
 The most outrageously designed kite. Criteria: oddest color, shape and flight performance. Flight time: 5 minutes minimum.
 3:30 p.m.: "MOST KITES ON ONE STRING" Event
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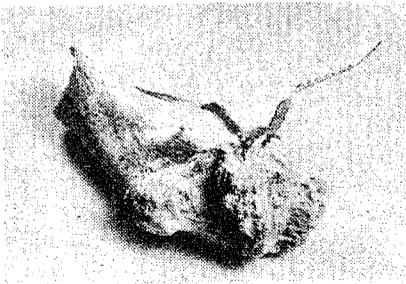
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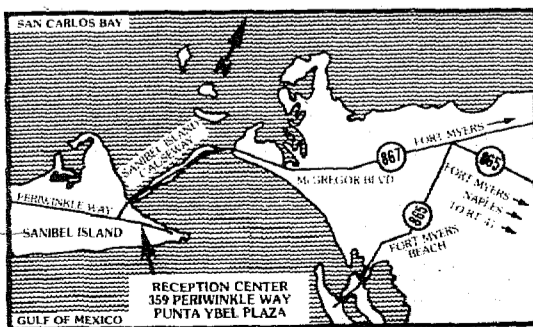


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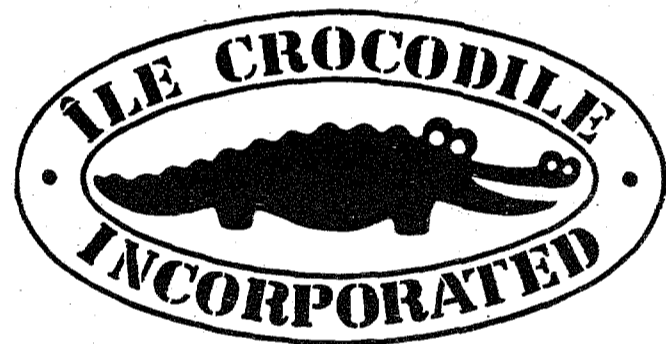
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