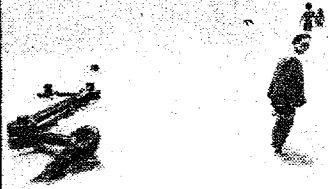


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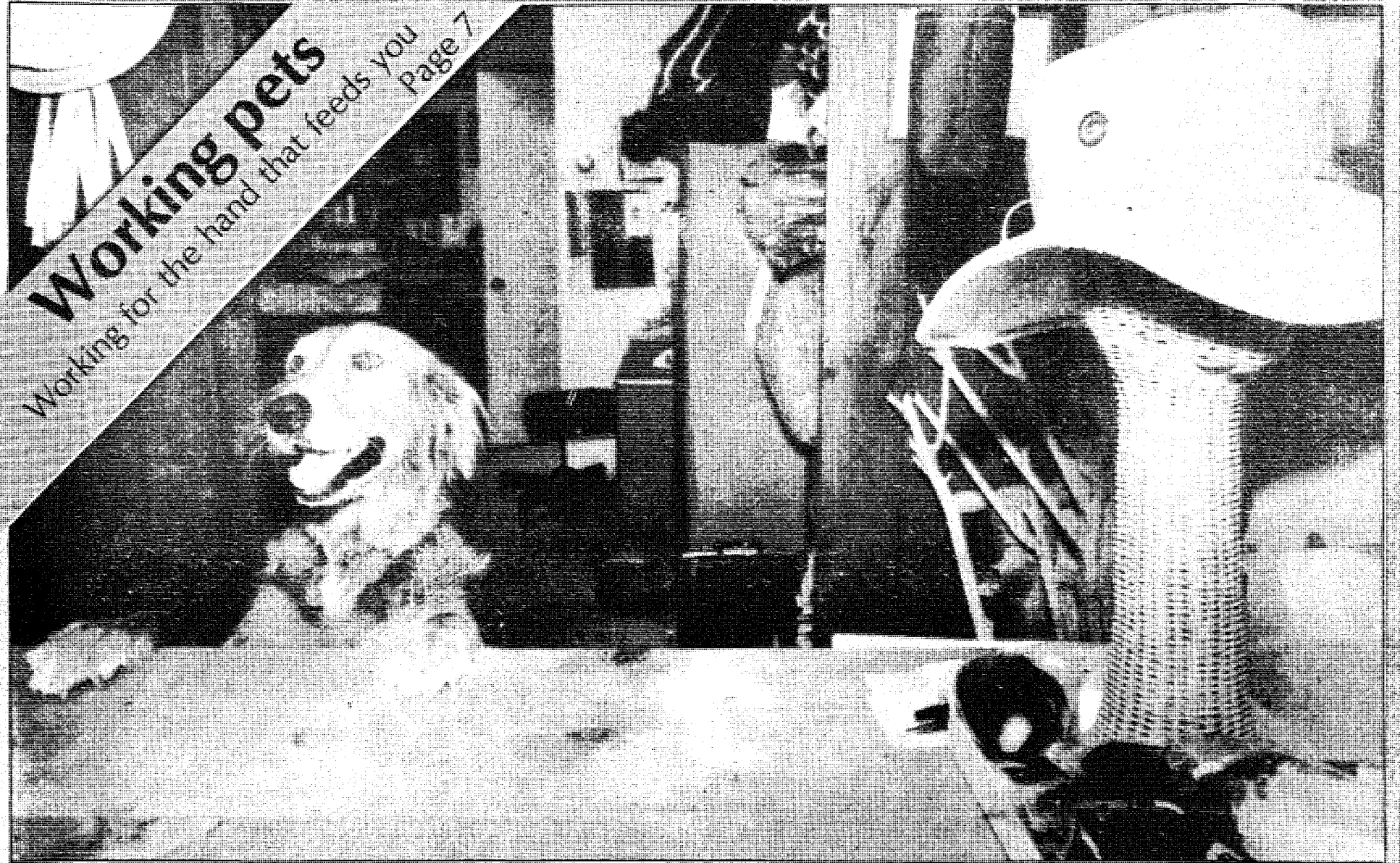
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Captiva tries for Federal funds

By Roxanna Motchan

First steps have been taken by the Captiva Erosion Prevention District (CEPD) to participate in a beach renourishment project supported by the Federal government.

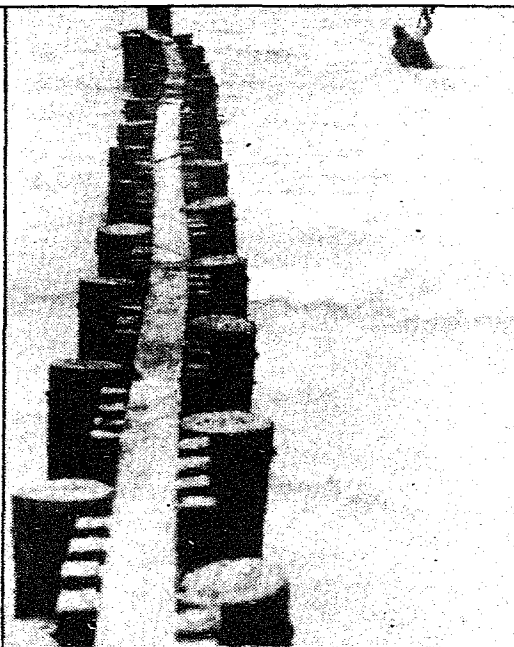
Andy Hobbs, coastal engineer for the Army Corps of Engineers, will put together the packet requesting the Federal government's approval under Section 215. Final word is expected this June.

Meanwhile, the preliminary research is being completed. The offshore profiles and sand gathering process were instigated on April 14. Tetra Tech, hired by the CEPD, is the company conducting the research. Over 40 sand samples, scattered the length of Captiva, were gathered and sent to a soil testing lab.

Project manager Dick Stevens said that, aside from a report and analysis, that first step is completed.

Step two will be to select the borrow site - it must be an adequate source of sand which is environmentally acceptable.

Coastal engineer Mike Stevens appeared before the CEPD board at last week's meeting to report on the experimental technique of placing large, sand filled bags on the beach to retard erosion. The effects were monitored by running beach profiles; a requirement of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is that all experimental projects must be carefully



monitored.

A final report is being prepared on the success of the experiment. Stevens said that it should be ready for the regular CEPD meeting in June.

An earlier project aimed at saving sand by placing groins out in the water was not so successful, Stevens reported. Instead of catching sand, the groins tended to deflect sand back into the water.

The District has hired a contractor to remove the groins.

Commissioners veto "O"

By Roxanna Motchan

After three and a half hours of debate, heated public comment, and vocalization of the oft-repeated reasons for and against the Causeway - Periwinkle Way intersection design known as the "Lopsided O," Sanibel's Planning Commission voted yesterday to deny the specific amendments and development permits required to make the paper design a concrete reality.

City Manager Bernie Murphy, Assistant City Manager Gary Price, and Harry Bertossa (of the Howard Needles Tammen and Bergendoff firm - designers of the "Lopsided O") appeared as representatives of the City of Sanibel.

Price summarized the cause and effect of the design, and reminded the audience that it would act like a huge rotary, channeling traffic on and off the Island. He emphasized that a great increase in pavement would not result from the implementation of the design.

Commissioner Fred Valtin expressed his sentiments against the intersection, saying, "The real issue is whether something as large as this is essential in the first place. In my view it's not necessary for the problems that face us.

Things have changed in the two years since the Planning Commission deemed a change in this intersection the highest priority."

Valtin maintained that the past tourist season's traffic was not as heavy as traffic over the past two years.

Valtin continued, "This proposal seems to be basically designed to get the daytripper off the Island. I am not willing to spend that much money to get at a problem which lasts only two and a half to three months of the year."

Commissioner Judy Workman also opposed the design. "In light of the recent Bay Drive controversy," she said, "I can't see how we can approve this. We decided against that partly because of pollution run-off. It seems to me there would be some run-off into the mangrove wetland zone."

Bertossa refuted her statement, claiming that the actual drainage would "not increase over what we have presently."

Workman also said that she could foresee a major traffic increase as a result of the proposed City Hall complex, which

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Parents and police unite to solve youth problem

By Pat Harmel

"Fifty percent of all Lee County crime is committed by kids 18 years old and under. Kids are committing rape, carrying knives and carrying guns and I'm not just talking about bad kids from the ghetto. I'm talking about kids from good families in good neighborhoods...I'm talking about Sanibel."

Concerned parents and community members sat in stunned silence as a representative from the Division of Youth Services (DYS) gave voice to the inexpressible: whether from boredom, lack of discipline or a myriad of other reasons, children are committing crimes - serious crimes - in ever increasing numbers.

"Between 1971 and 1978 juvenile crime - acts that would be a crime if committed by an adult - rose 309 percent. Between 1978 and 1980 its already up another 110 percent," said John Morrissey, a district intake counselor for DYS.

Morrissey, along with Sanibel Police Sargeant Ray Rhodes, Officer Dick Noon and Island resident Bill Blaufuss addressed nearly 40 concerned Islanders gathered last Thursday night at MacKenzie Hall in the first of many educational programs for parents sponsored by the Sanibel Police Department.

The shocks came fast and hard: 25 percent of all juveniles in Lee County have had contact with the Division of Youth Services; 180 - 200 juvenile complaints are received each month by the Division; there are approximately 30 "problem" children on the Islands with another 20 who have thus far been in trouble one time; a 12 gauge shotgun and 25 lbs. of marijuana was discovered in a student's car in North Fort Myers; alcohol and drugs are ap-

parently as much a part of today's students' academic experience as textbooks; it is not uncommon for fourth grade students to have smoked marijuana nor is it uncommon for high school students to sell or force drugs on elementary school youngsters.

But some of the evening's most startling testimony came from Islander Bill Blaufuss, an admitted ex-heroin addict, as he detailed a history of drug addiction that began in Viet Nam and ended with 27 months in prison.

"I blew \$70,000 of an insurance settlement in six or seven months' time on hard drugs," he said. "I could get any drug I wanted on the Island except heroin and I had to go into Fort Myers for that."

Blaufuss, recently released from prison, intends to work with the Sanibel Police Department and concerned parents to help prevent any other child from following in his footsteps. "Prison taught me a lot," he told the parents. "I know now that freedom is something else and I never want to lose mine again."

Audience members questioned Blaufuss on his experiences, asked for his advice and urged his presence at a meeting the SPD hopes to sponsor in the near future with Island youngsters.

Frustrations were vented and angers shared as parent after parent told of personal experiences with their own children, the school system, law enforcement and the bureaucracy that prevents immediate punishment for juvenile infractions.

One father stood and read scribbled phrases from his child's school yearbook. "Pot, booze and sex on the floor, we're the class of '84.' Can you believe that?" he

queried audience members.

Detailed experiences in futility were recited over and over again by the parents and law enforcement officials present - but solutions were harder to come by.

"Love and attention is all these kids need."

"Get the papers to print the punishments the kids receive - that ought to scare the other ones."

"Go to the School Board. Parents can do most anything they want with the Board if they make themselves heard."

"The problem is not with the parents who are here but the ones who aren't here."

"We can make arrests or we can set up programs to defer problems."

Sgt. Rhodes urged the parents, "Tell us what you want. Tell us what you think the problems are. We'll do everything we can but we're not going to be a babysitting service."

Rhodes also clarified the Police Department's role in setting up juvenile programs. One thing the Department will not be doing is setting up a drug abuse program. "We feel," he said, "that a drug problem is symptomatic of other problems." The Department will, however, serve as a referral agency for children with drug related problems.

Another service the Department offers is drug testing. "We've had pot brought in that people thought was Columbian," Rhodes said, "but it turned out to be grade pot soaked in formaldehyde."

An information phone line for teenagers was another idea the Department promised to look into.

The SPD will also be participating in a work program established last year that

provides a 10 - 50 hour work sentence for juvenile first offenders. Children in the program will work in various public service positions under Sanibel Police supervision.

Another program for parents will be held in June and will focus on drug abuse problems. Through this monthly series of meetings with parents the SPD hopes to formulate a youth activities program for the Islands and educate parents on the various problems faced by Island youngsters. SPD officials are also available to speak with interested clubs and civic organizations on the Island youth problem.

Blind Pass wall will stay

Last week City Councilmembers signed an agreement allowing the Blind Pass Condominium Association to retain a concrete block and stucco wall which extends three and one-half feet onto the public right-of-way of Bowman Beach Road.

Retention of this structure will hopefully enable Blind Pass Condominium owners to guard their privacy and fence off traffic otherwise not associated with Blind Pass.

The agreement stated the wall may remain for only as long as the City allows. When the City determines it necessary, Blind Pass shall forfeit the right.

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Neighbors fight to reduce density

By Roxanna Motchan

Seagrape Lane, dotted with...you guessed it - Seagrape plants. Few houses and lots of foliage line this quiet road at the East end of Sanibel. And that's the way everybody wants it...almost.

Last week, Sanibel attorney Reed Toomey, realtor Stan Johnson, and developer David Smith appeared before Sanibel's City Council to fight the proposed general amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) which would reduce the density from five to three units per acre in the Seagrape-Buttonwood Lane area.

The neighbors were there to fight too, in favor of the proposal. And fight, they did.

An over-developed parcel of land is the exception, not the rule in the half-mile or so of land fronting the Gulf of Mexico. However, there are seven acres containing condominiums.

The first reading of the proposed general

amendment allowed everyone to air their opinions. A final verdict will not be reached until May 20, at a public hearing scheduled for 5:01 p.m.

Councilmembers seemed to side with the residents. "We're not just concerned about the massiveness of buildings, we're talking about humanity and people living in an area," Councilman Duane White said.

Councilman Porter Goss said that he agreed with the concept of trying to preserve an identity that's already there. "The neighborhood concern is a legitimate one," he stressed.

Goss also raised the ever present hazard mitigation question, saying, "I think we are beyond the point where we can reasonably expect people to be able to get off the Island."

Residents argued one side - but the opposite side was also verbal.

Toomey and Johnson repeated again and again that to restrict the land use plan in

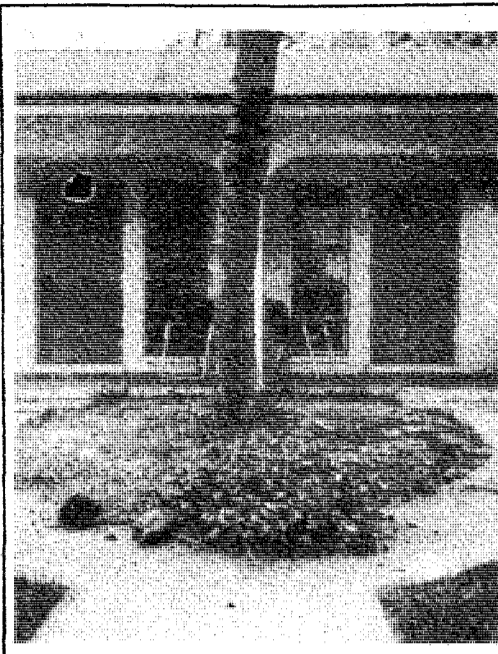
such a manner would "constrain property rights."

"To me there's a lot more at stake than money," White said. "We're all seeing the terrible toll Sanibel has taken as a result of development."

David Smith, representing Smith McCormick Corporation, would-be developers of a 3.4 acre parcel of land formerly owned by Mary Lee, suggested, "In many cases a market test is important to the success of a project. Why doesn't Sanibel have an architectural board make recommendations?"

Goss countered that development interests have found that "less is better." "The Planning Commission is our architectural board," he said, "but the problem is that not everyone reacts with the same amount of community responsibility."

"We're trying to protect as wisely as we can the quality of life today from the growth of tomorrow," Goss stated.



Grove cited for fire safety violations

By Roxanna Motchan

Fire Inspector Lt. Charles Frederick has notified John Kontinos, owner of the Coconut Grove Restaurant, that a number of "life safety violations" have been found in both the Grove restaurant and employee housing quarters.

The employee quarters are missing fire extinguishers, and Frederick advised Kontinos in a letter dated April 30 that two extinguishers should be placed in the north building of the quarters and one in the common area of the south building. Smoke detectors are also absent from the quarters. Lt. Frederick recommended that Kontinos follow City established guidelines for installation.

According to Frederick's report, there are also "numerous holes in the walls and ceiling of the employee quarters, that could lead to the spread of fire into concealed spaces" if not repaired.

Fire safety violations were cited in the following areas of the restaurant: emergency lighting, exit marking, lack of a rear exit for the west dining room, and outdated, non-serviced fire extinguishers.

The hood covering for the cooking line is "grossly under size" according to Frederick's report, and there is a louvered (slatted) door between a store room and the east dining room which "could hasten the spread of smoke and poisonous gases

into the public dining area."

Frederick warned Kontinos that the violations, especially those in the restaurant area, are "a serious infringement of life safety and can lead to a fire or other like emergency affecting life safety."

"Therefore," Frederick advised in his report, "means to correct these violations should be undertaken immediately."

Fire Chief Allen Nave has indicated that all commercial businesses on the Island are being checked for fire safety.

"We started at the East end of the Island, and have been working our way through all the commercial buildings," he said. "Mr. Kontinos has been very

cooperative with our Department. He has promised that he will make all necessary corrections when the restaurant closes for a couple of weeks in September."

The Coconut Grove Restaurant traditionally closes in September for remodeling adjustments, according to Frederick.

Nave promised that another check on the Grove will "definitely take place."

"A lot of the restaurants put in new cooking stoves and such," he said. "You have to check them every year to make sure they still comply with all the fire regulations."

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City may assist in coastline survey

By Roxanna Motchan

City Manager Bernie Murphy notified Councilmembers last week that he had checked with the Bureau of Beaches and Shores regarding the Coastal Monitoring Program.

At the special Council meeting held April 3, with representatives from the Army Corps of Engineers, Col. James Adams

told the Council that the coastline is checked every five years to discover any changes from erosion or buildup.

Sanibel is not scheduled to be re-surveyed until 1983, but Murphy's check with the Bureau revealed that they are at least two years behind, and the monitoring check will probably not take place until 1985.

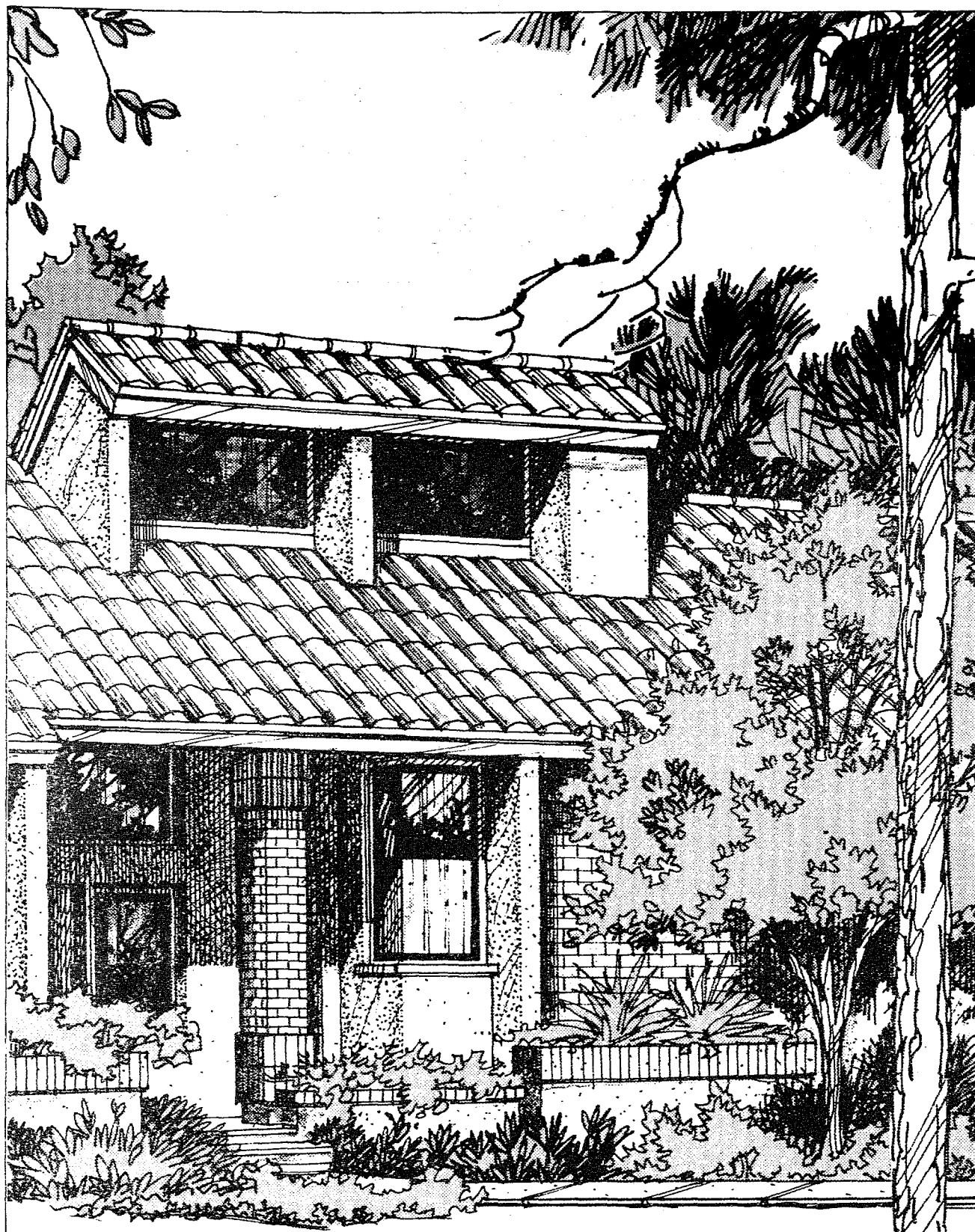
Assistant City Planner Ty Symroski informed the Council that the Bureau of

Beaches and Shores will assist the City with coastal monitoring now. The Bureau has a special computer that can manipulate raw data and plot a map of the coastline. The City must obtain the coastal hydrographic data surveyed from the wading depth and some of the data must be gathered from a boat.

Councilman Porter Goss emphasized that the City should at least be taking a random sampling now, and that to wait

until 1985 would be unwise.

Murphy advised the Council that the data gathering process would be a limited three to five day effort on the City's part. He told Council that he would report back at a later date if the situation proved to be more involved.



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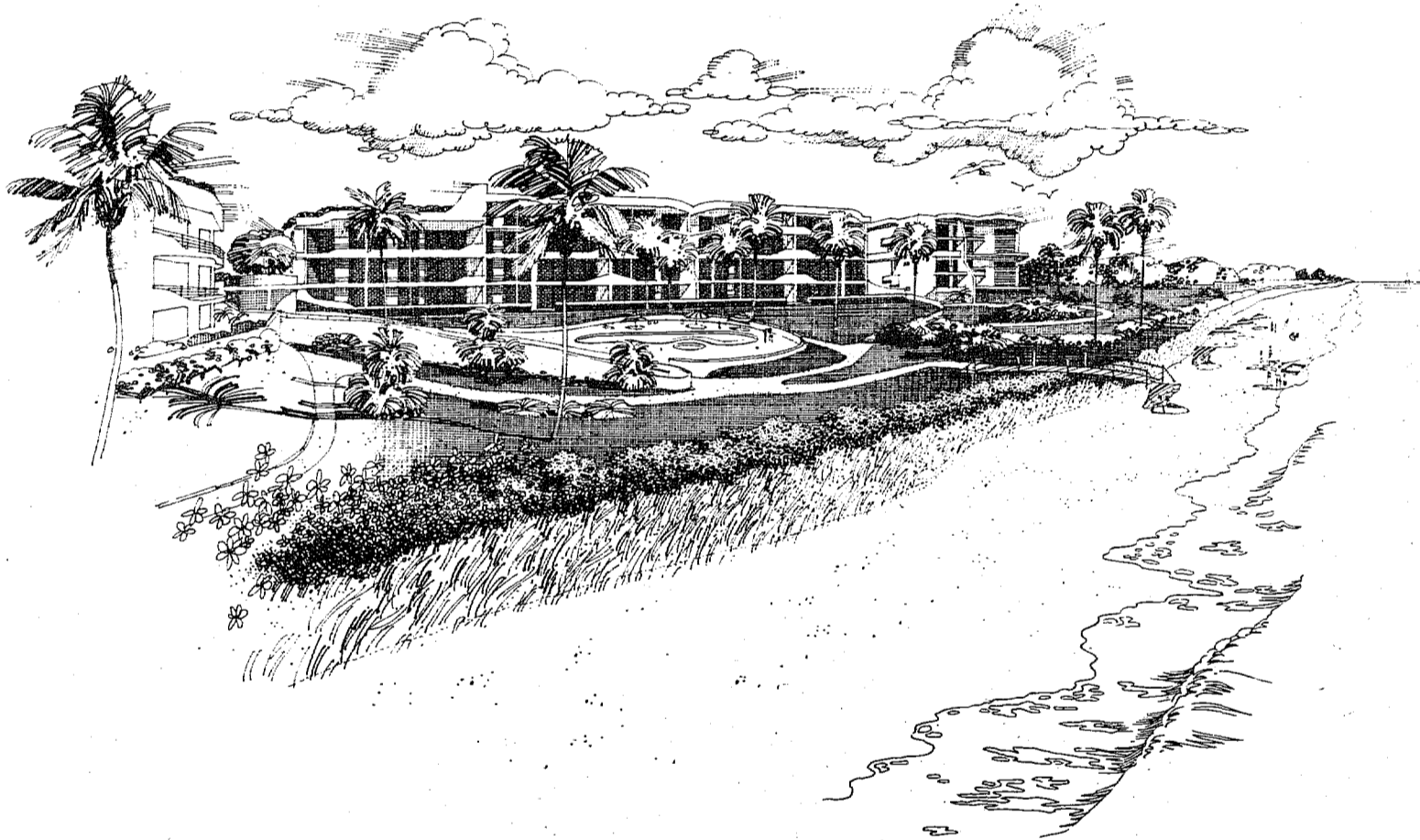
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Clean water laws scuttled

The Editor, "Islander"

Greetings:

A recent news report of a Circuit Court in West Palm Beach throwing out a citizen-suit seeking enforcement of the State's Environmental Protection Act is very disturbing. I trust that the State Supreme Court will reverse that action when it reports on its ruling based on its May 5th review of the case.

It is inconceivable that any Florida court would throw out a citizen's suit because: "he didn't suffer a special injury." That would be thumbing the nose to the mandate of the Declaration of Rights in Florida's Constitution. That mandate guarantees that the courts shall be open to EVERY person for redress of ANY injury. The same Constitution requires those judges to take an oath to "support, protect, and defend" that person's UNRESTRICTED right.

Interestingly, the Constitution grants the Supreme Court the power to "adopt rules for the practice and procedures in all courts." In the same section, however, it authorizes the Legislature to repeal such rules by a two-thirds vote of each chamber. Assumedly, the Legislature intended to do just that when it enacted the 1971 Environmental Protection Act permitting such suits by any person.

Shame on our South Florida Water Management District for teaming up with

adverse special interests to scuttle our clean-water laws. Financed by our local taxes, they are charged with obeying those laws!

Sincerely,
Paul A. Howe
Sanibel

Portrait correction

To The Editor:

Thank you for the story on myself, but not having much expertise at being interviewed by the news media, I misquoted myself. The most important function of fire inspection is to protect the life safety of the public. The safety of the Fire Fighters is secondary.

Lt. Frederick(s)
Sanibel Fire Department

Editor's Note: We also apologize for misspelling Lt. Frederick's daughter's name - the correct spelling is Coquina. Also, to the best of our knowledge there is no "s" on the end of the Lieutenant's name. Sorry.

City Hall doesn't belong at Islands' entrance

Editor:
Sanibel Residents:

How can we, a city which has from its conception been dedicated to maintaining the unique, natural characteristics of our Island, seriously consider the building of a half a million dollar city hall complex at the entrance to our Island?

Our residential density is now close to 75 percent buildout. We are looking very seriously at our commercial development, with perhaps a lessening of the amount or controls similar to our R.O.G. The mood of the federal government is towards restriction of further growth on barrier islands. Hazard mitigation is becoming a byword. To undertake the construction of a new city hall is completely out of context with these facts.

One does not have to be an economist to know that even if low cost funding is available from the federal government, these funds themselves are eventually funded by higher costs somewhere else.

Keeping in mind that, because of our growth policies our future needs will be diminishing ones, along with concern and appreciation of the needs of our dedicated

staff personnel and our council and planning members. Can not some other viable solutions to ease the situation be sought?

Donna M. Kreager
Sanibel

CLUP intent being destroyed

To the Editor:

I, Sandy Kessler, as a six and a half year resident of Sanibel, can no longer keep my heartsick feelings to myself.

The intent of the land use plan as I voted for it, has been, and is being destroyed.

The continuous building on our beaches - the push for big city commercial development - and, finally the most insidious and most important - the complete lack of respect and regard for the heart of any community - its residents.

My contacts with city hall, in business and privately, mirror hundreds of other comments by residents. There was a total disregard for my feelings as a human being - including contempt, harrassment, undue shifting from one employee to another, constant change of information and direction to the point of utter confusion and inability to fulfill land use plan requirements by the average citizen.

What could be a more inalienable right of a resident than improvement to his home or yard? Yet these rights are being denied daily by "catch 22" situations at city hall.

The lopsided "O" intersection completely disregards common sense traffic planning and, more importantly, the rights of part and full time residents and visitors of the Island.

The latest insult to our intelligence and the greatest blow to the intent of the land use plan, is the "black mail" swap of "donations" of land and money to change zoning and land use.

If Mr. Holtzman was due his development permit, the land use plan provides for legal variances. The precedent set by this public "up front money" opens the door for every wealthy developer to completely destroy what is left of our land use plan and our Island.

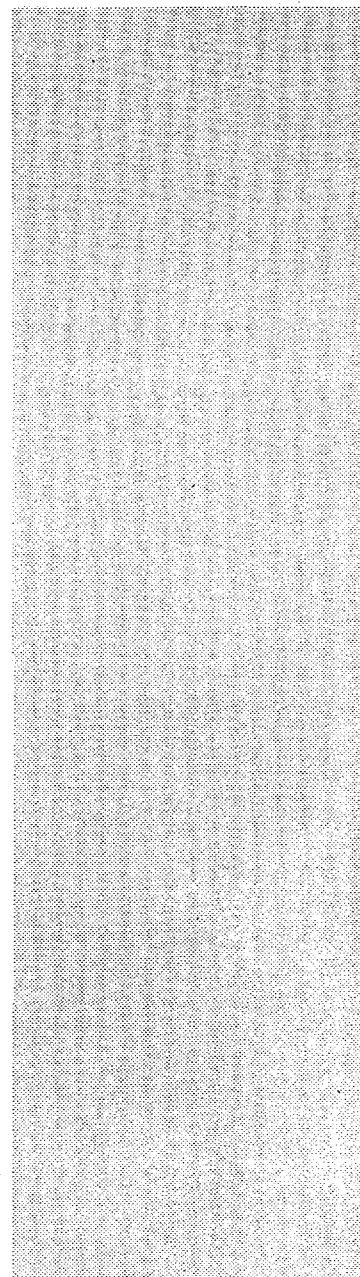
We, as private citizens will not have the money or land to use as a swap to build an addition to our homes or even to rebuild in event of a hurricane.

As witnessed by the large crowds at public meetings and by signatures on petitions from residents and visitors, there

is a tremendous tide of public opinion building. Let's use it now to start planning for the open seats on the council. Let's change the silent majority to a vocal one. If night time council and planning commission meetings are the answer, we can ask for them.

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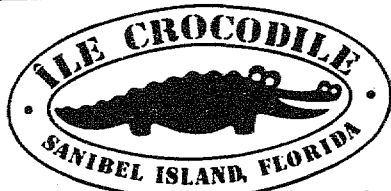
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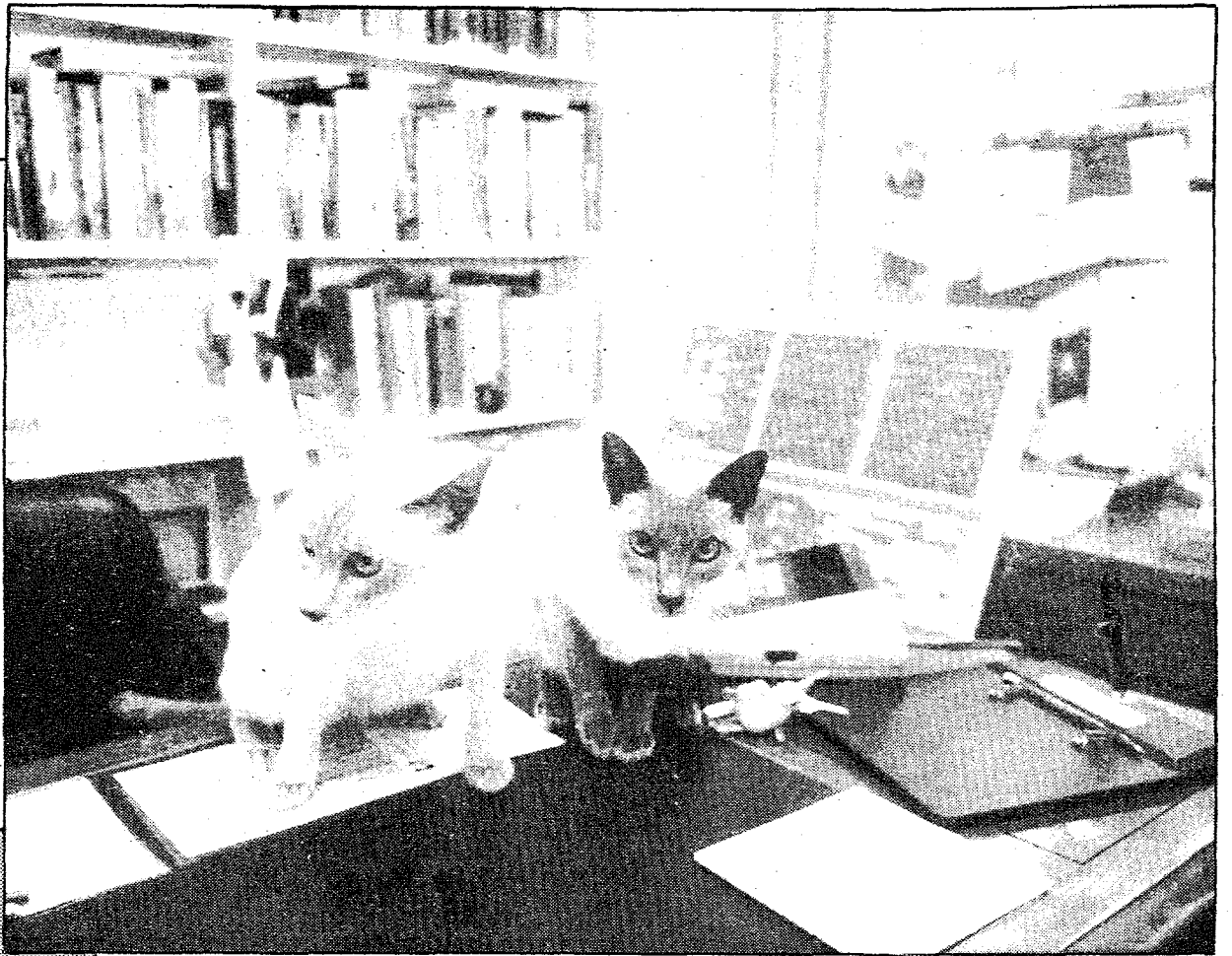
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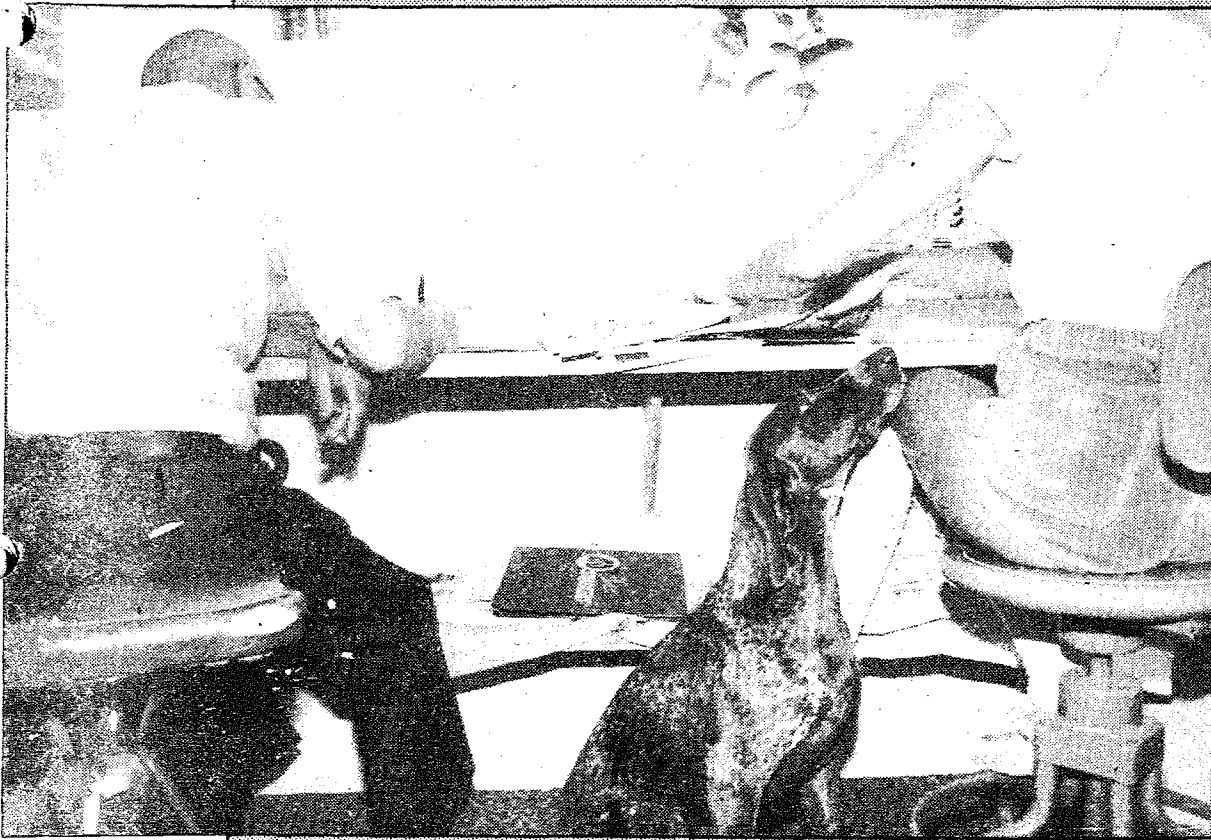
Island Working Pets

Photos by Mark Harmel



Siri and Rengsi - Song of the Sea

"The guests love them - I had wallet-size photos made of them for the tourists."
- Pat Slater

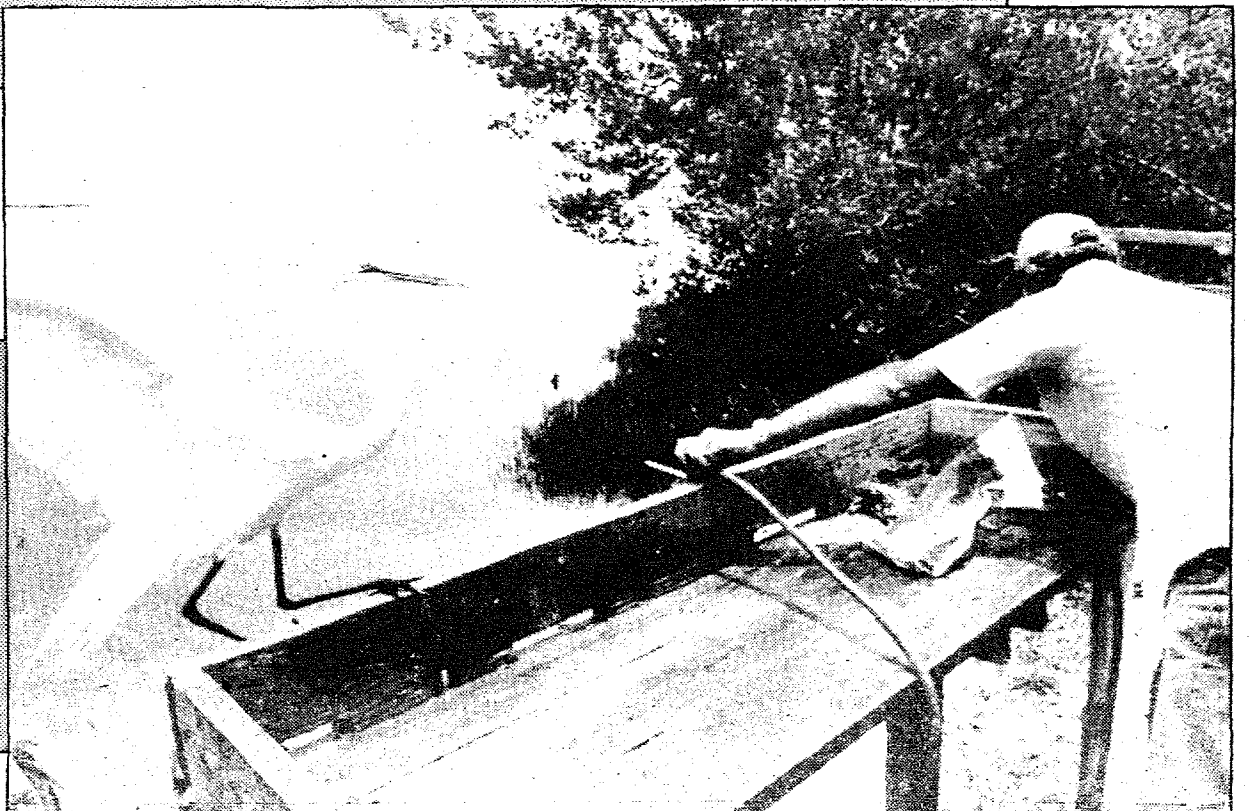


Spice - The Sanibel-Captiva Islander

"She asks some mornings if she can come to work with me - this morning I said yes."
- Lynn Daus

Erwin - Tarpon Bay Marina

"Look at that! Is that a ham or is that a ham?"
- Dr. Gerald Cohen, fisherman



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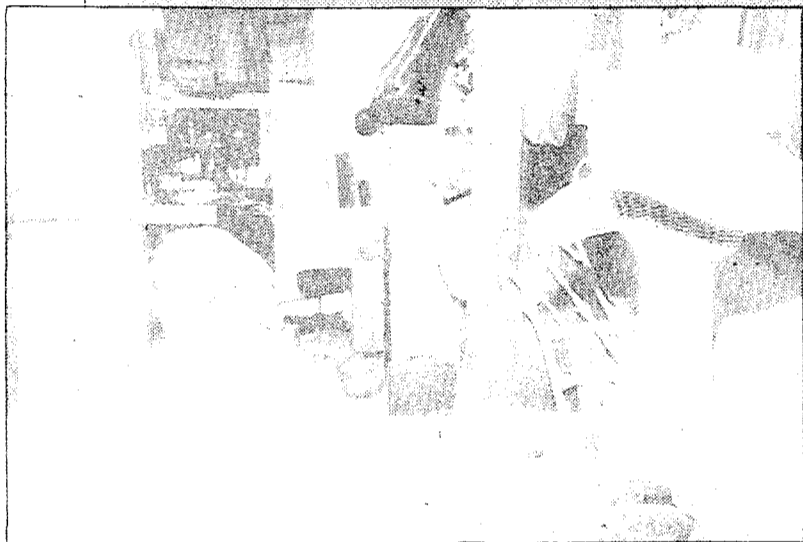
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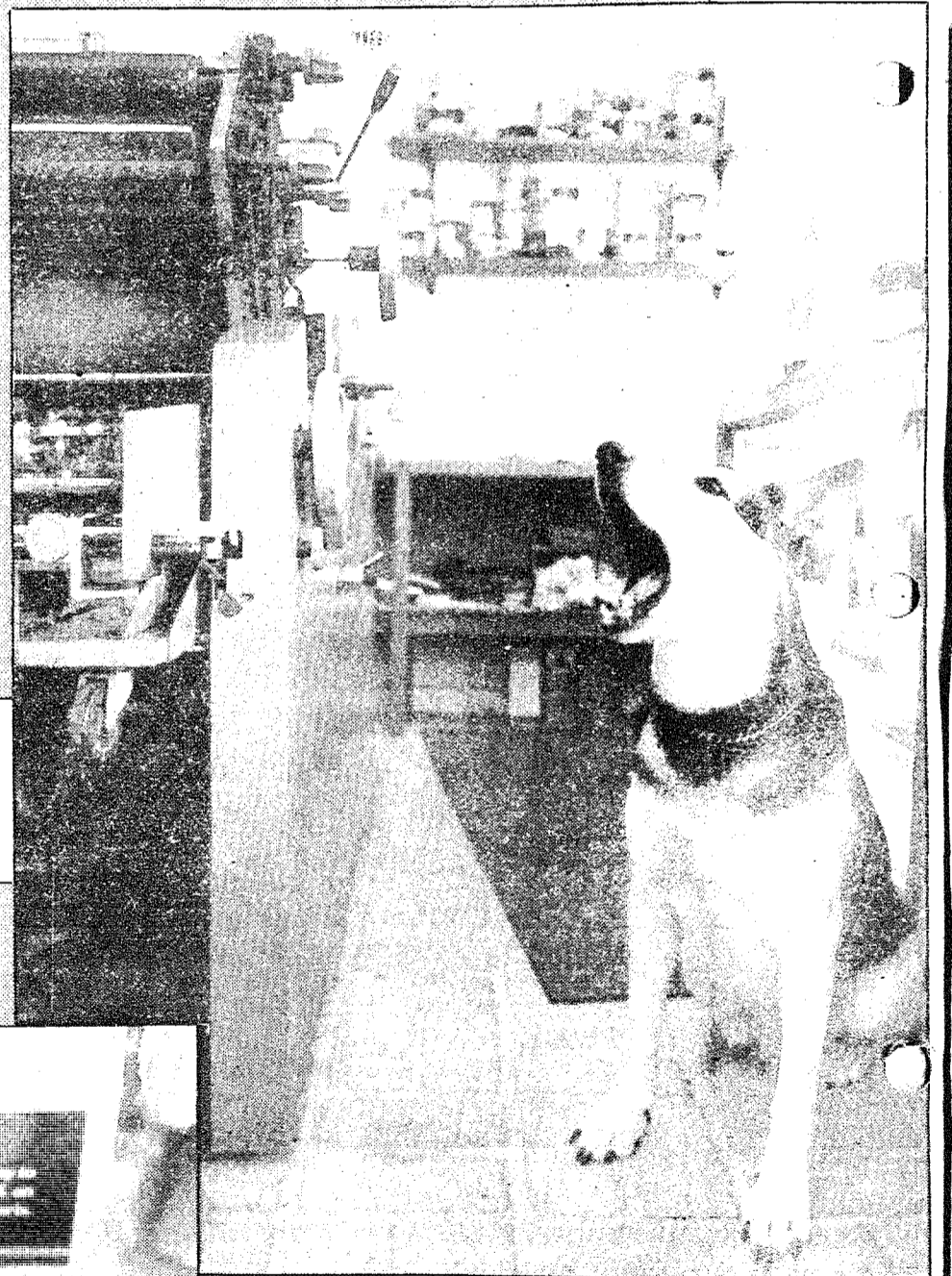
Sam - Periwinkle Trailer Park

"He's head of public relations and the entertainment committee."
- Judith Whitehead



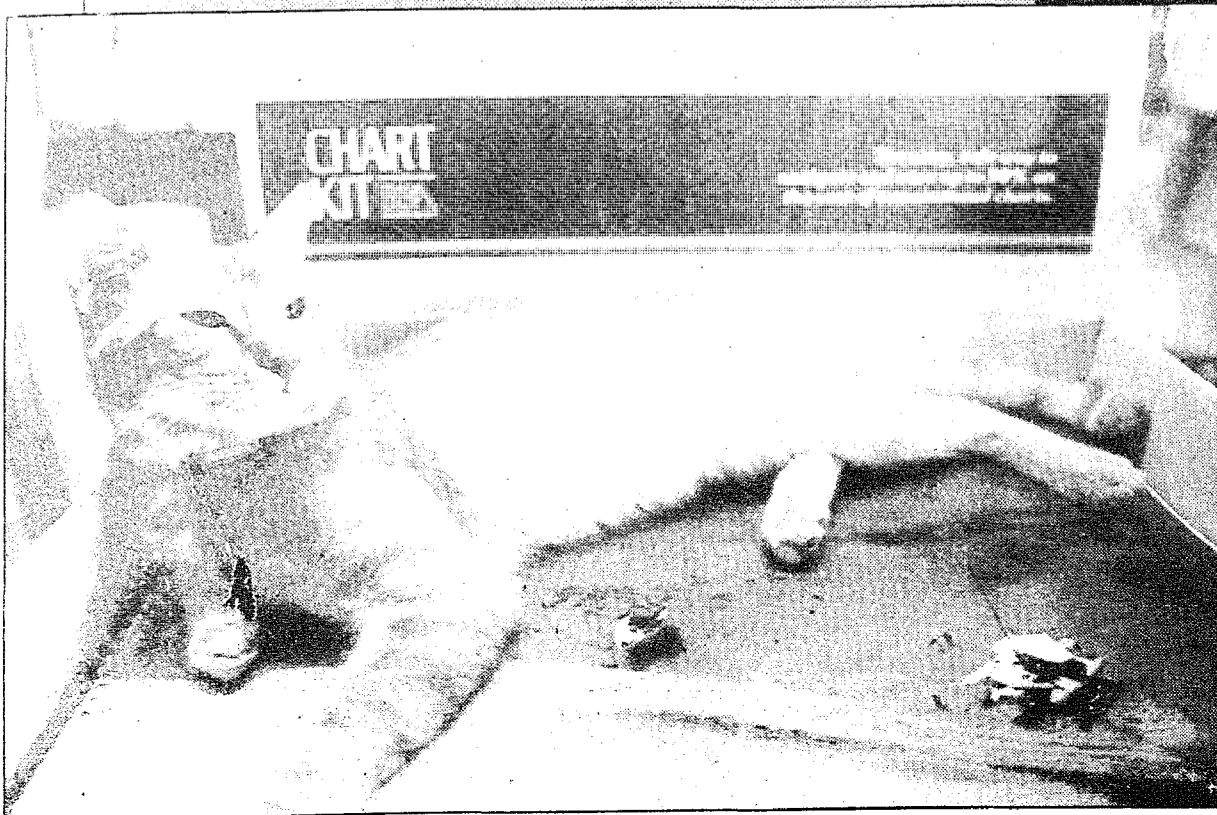
Neewa - Caloosa Canvas

"The only canvas Neewa owns is her webbing collar."
- Debbie Gleason



Sparky - Island Print Shop

"Sparky's the Chairman of the Board."
- Vera Hunter



O.J. - Sanibel Marina

"People come in and say, 'Hey, there's a dead cat there,' because he's usually sacked out."
-Rick White

Unanimous vote reinforces habitable space rule

By Roxanna Motchan

Habitable floors have been the subject of great controversy in recent weeks by Sanibel's Planning Commission and City Council alike.

Last week, Sanibel's City Council ordered the removal of what was deemed to be a habitable floor in a house owned by Vincent and Joan Tomasso, located at 4156 West Gulf Drive.

The Tomasso's have appeared almost weekly before either the Planning Commission or Council during the past month to plead their case, arguing to retain the structures located below the base flood line.

A kitchen, bathroom and living room have been installed on what, according to Sanibel's Comprehensive Land Use Plan

(CLUP), should be used strictly for a storage or workshop area.

The Tomasso's claim that the areas were installed because of Mr. Tomasso's recent ill health - he claims he finds it difficult to climb upstairs. Neighbors, however, claim that the first floor of the house is being promoted as a rental unit.

On October 5, 1979, the *Island Reporter* ran an ad for the sale of the property reading "a lovely new apartment opening to the pool" available.

Elliot Realty, handling the sale of the property, appeared before the City Council earlier to admit their error.

Some of the completed work was also done prior to receiving a permit.

"In this City," chastised Councilmember Zee Butler, "I can't believe that someone doesn't know that you have

to get a permit."

Sanibel attorney Richard Brodeur informed the Council that "do it yourselfers" may obtain permits after the fact. He claimed that it solves economic and time oriented problems.

Brodeur cited the County law, which allows individuals to retain their "improvements" if they are correctly installed.

"The problem comes when you tell them to haul it out if it's correct," he said. "You're requiring the do it yourselfer to pay for the work twice."

Councilman Duane White warned, "It's time to let people know we mean business." "We ought to consider a stiff penalty for people who blatantly flaunt City laws."

"I will not support a specific amendment

that says something like this after Dauphin Island," Councilman Porter Goss said. "I move to deny. There should be no floor, room or accommodation below the base flood elevation line."

Goss moved denial of the requested habitable floor and further suggested that the area should be brought into compliance with the CLUP within 60 days.

Joan Tomasso told the Council, "What we took 30 years to do, you people are taking away from us. I could see it if we're hurting someone, but we're not. Now you want us to tear out our whole life savings."

White told the Tomassos that everyone on Sanibel will lose their Federal Flood Insurance if people in their situation do not conform to the CLUP.

Councilmen voted unanimously to deny the request.

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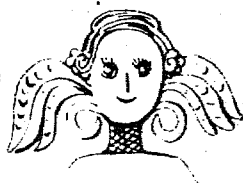
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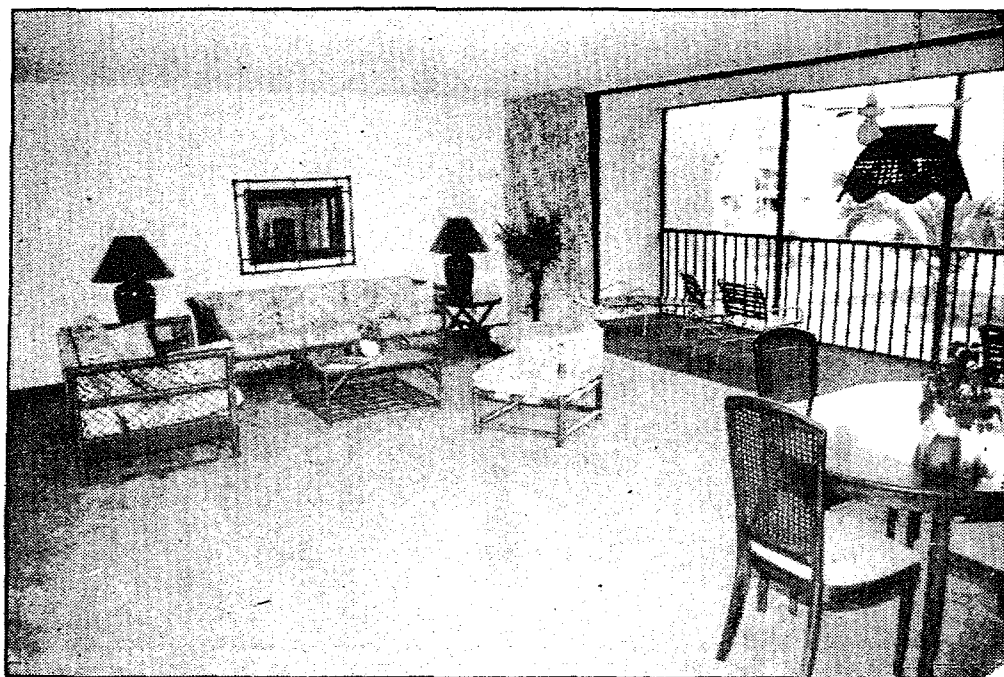


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Shelling tips

By Capt. Mike Fuery

I don't know how many different varieties of starfish there are in the world, but here on Sanibel and Captiva Islands there are four types you might come across while shelling our beaches.

Starfish, like every other type of shell in the water, have their own way of feeding, environment preferred and characteristics that make them unusual and interesting in the world of shells.

What is known as the "Common Brown Starfish" is the most frequently found specimen. It is about four or five inches across, always with the five legs which give it the "star" appearance and the legs are somewhat roundish.

These starfish like rather grassy sand flats and feed upon other shells, using tough mouths on the underside of their body to eat.

There is no danger in picking up a starfish. That is, they don't sting or bite or cause skin irritation. We encourage people to only take dead starfish - or any other shell for that matter - but sometimes you will find a beached starfish and have difficulty determining whether it is alive or dead. Pick up the starfish and turn it upside down on your left palm. Gently run a finger of your right hand up and down the underside of one of the legs. There are tiny feelers which line the underside of the starfish and if you see those feelers suddenly retract at your touch it is still alive. It's as simple as that.

Another type of starfish you might find is perhaps an inch and a half long across its legs and is found in muddy shallow areas. These starfish often have small light dots on them. The starfish itself will be a darker brown than the first one mentioned.

This type of starfish is delicate and interesting in that you can find it with legs twisted around some type of food, always busy.

Up along the bayside shore of Cayo Costa Island, live two of the most unusual types of starfish I have ever found in

these waters.

One type has a greenish stripe and can reach a 12-inch span across its legs, tip to tip. Outside of its subdued color, what I think makes it an interesting specimen is its very small body in relation to the size of its legs - but the creature has the ability to jettison any or all of its legs when danger threatens.

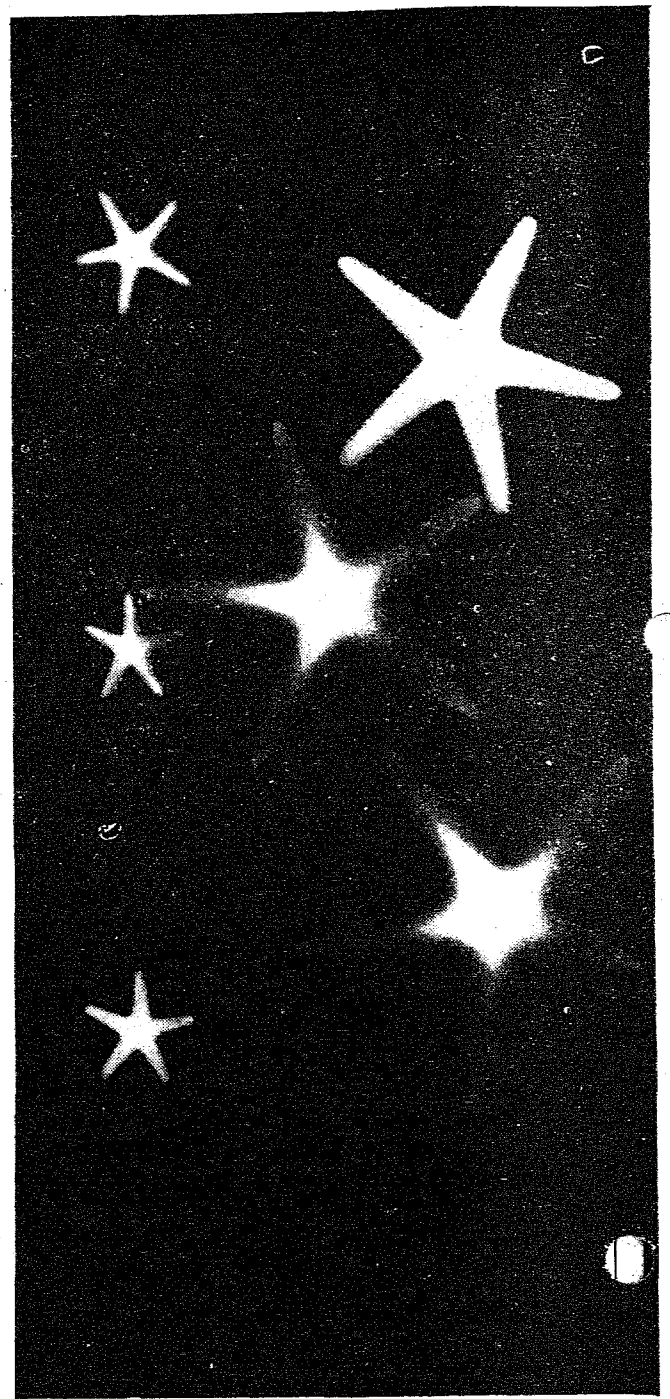
I've seen this type of starfish "drop" a portion of its leg when it feels it might die or be hurt. It's fascinating to watch, but unfortunately that very fact makes it a poor choice for a collector's item. I've seen shellers take three or four of these starfish alive, and by the time they get home all they have is a pile of legs and a stack of middles and nothing goes together. The effort of capturing one is wasted, to say nothing of the loss of life of the shell.

Another starfish we find on my shelling charters is a very green starfish about four to six inches across (its legs), but this one has what appears to be teeth lining its legs.

Unlike any of the other starfish, this one has protrusions which line the flat outer edges of its legs. They are far from dangerous, but at first some shellers feel that the spikes are sharp. They aren't and don't be afraid to pick this one up and have a look. Of all the starfish, this is by far my favorite choice for a collector specimen.

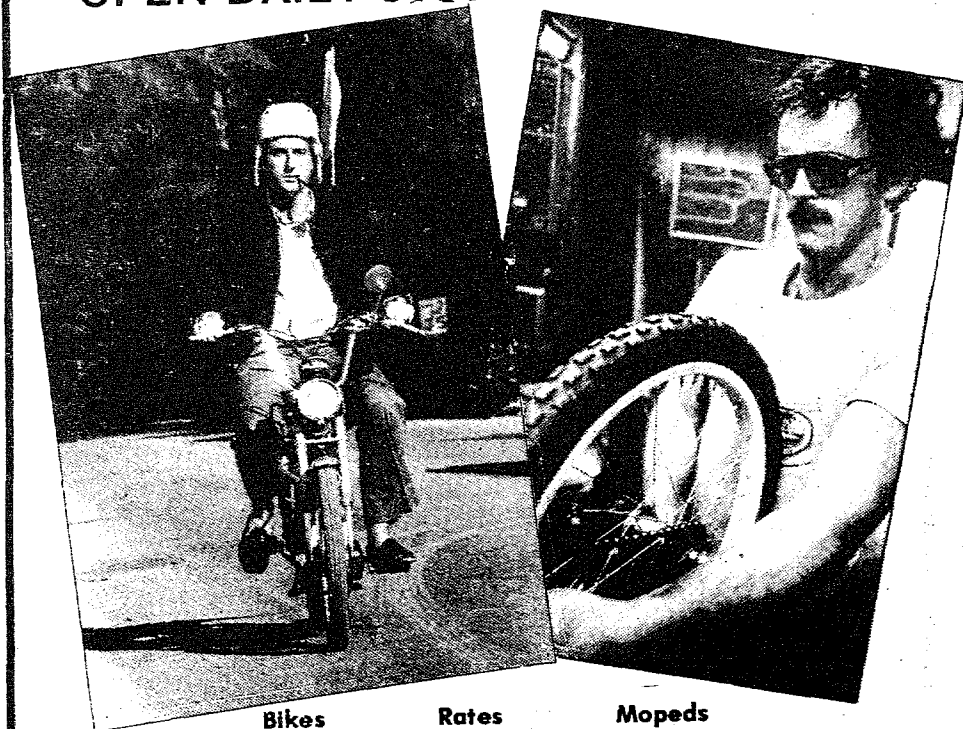
I have mentioned what the starfish looks like alive, but they can all be found dead on the outside beaches. Keep looking. If you find a dead one, there is a problem of drying and forming it. But if you take a live one, you will have to quick freeze it and then put it somewhere outside to dry, after pinning down its legs.

(Capt. Mike Fuery offers daily shelling trips to North Captiva and Cayo Costa Islands. Call 472-3459 for details.)



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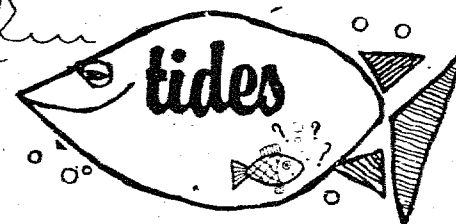
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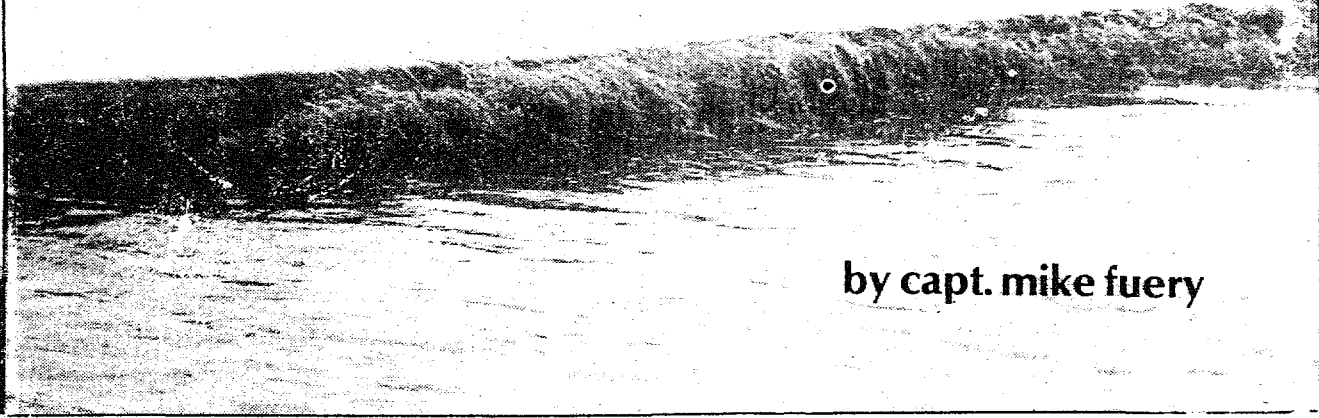
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For Captiva Island, Pine Island Sound (Bay) side, add 1 hour and four minutes for each high tide and add 52 minutes for each low tide.

In between these points, gulf or bay, guesstimate and have good fishing and or shelling.



on the water



by capt. mike fuery

You can catch a snook once on any bait imaginable, but unless you hang up the rod after that you will want to repeat the performance and that's when you had better get to know your baits.

This week, in our series on catching snook, we are going to examine some of the choices you might make to get not one, but many strikes during your time on the water.

Plug casters know that they face much higher odds of getting a snook to hit, but no one ever said you had to be smart to stand in a noseem infested mangrove shoreline and cast 100 times to get one strike.

But lure casters have my sympathy and when they finally get a fish on the line all that time and inconvenience seems to fade away. For the artificial bait users, I'm going to keep it brief.

The 52M11 series of Mirro Lure plugs is about as reliable for snook in the early morning and late afternoon as you can find. At night I tend to go for the Rapala lures. The color here doesn't seem to be as big a factor as in the daylight hours, but the action you give it makes the difference.

One of the favorites of the spoon tossers is the Number 2 Reflecto. There are some of this series of silver spoons which come with a yellow feather and that apparently makes the snook hit better at times.

There doesn't seem to be any end to the amount of money you can spend on lures to entice a snook to strike. Just let some fella start to get hot down at the public fishing pier with one type of lure and within hours every lure of that type will be sold from the shelves of the bait shops on the Island. That particular type of lure might never work again, or it might produce until it gets lost or snagged or stolen by a really big snook.

In my opinion, your best bet for catching snook is live bait. It's costly to buy and keep in good shape, but in the long run, it gets results.

From what I have been able to learn from snook fishing, they tend to run in cycles when it comes to what they like to eat. I'm referring to the time from April until October when most of the snook are taken in this area of Florida. This is when the larger females start to feed more actively as they are in the spawning period of the year.

In the early part of the season, the one we are just about over with, you have a good chance to get a snook on big shrimp. These have to be around six inches long, and with the price of shrimp, you don't know whether to go eat them yourself or fish with them.

Around May the fish start to feed more on small pinfish. You can buy pinfish in most bait shops on the Island. They

are netted or trapped for the fishermen, but look for small ones, say less than three inches if you can get them. Some days the bait fishing is terrible and the only thing in the tank will be giants or midget. Given a choice, I would always take the smallest available. Forget that "big bait for big fish" saying.

As June and July roll around, the snook seem to want to feed more on small "grunts." There is a baitfish found on the grassflats of Pine Island Sound which makes a grunting sound. We call them pigfish and the pigfish is the main course for dinner as far as the snook are concerned. The pigfish is more difficult to get at area bait stores, so I would suggest calling and asking that they try and get a couple of dozen saved for you the next time you're relying upon live bait for snook action. The bait fish by the dozen could cost up to \$3.

There are several of what I call "exotic" baits, such as squirrel fish, tiny catfish, needlefish and mullet. All of these will work under the right circumstances, but stick with pinfish or pigfish if you can.

Fresh, lively bait is the real key to it all. Next week we will get down to where to fish snook and in the meantime, get out there and try your luck on ole Mr. Linesides.

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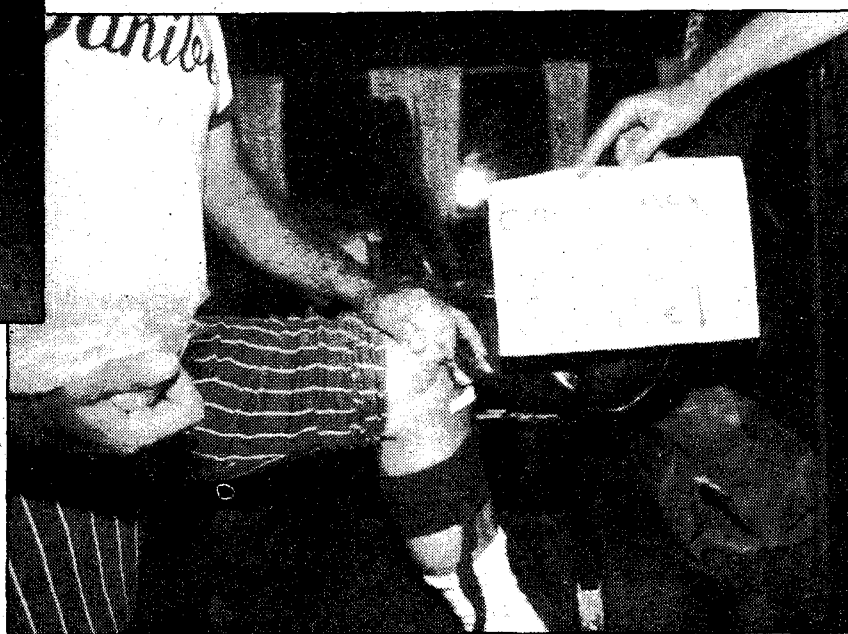
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The Champs!

By Mark Harmel



Over 50 team takes league title

In their first year of play in the Lee County Over 50 League the injury ridden Sanibel team won the Lee County League Championship Tournament last Thursday night defeating the Ravens of Cape Coral.

Going into the finals of the double elimination tournament on Thursday, Sanibel was in the driver's seat. After a shaky start early in the season Sanibel regrouped and turned into the dominating team in the League. They finished in first place in the second half of the season and were favored to win the tournament.

But the Ravens proved to be stronger than expected. In the opening game the Ravens came out hitting hard and building up a lead that Sanibel couldn't overcome with a late inning rally. The Ravens won 11-9 and came into the series with one loss. Now the series was even. The next team to win took the series.

Sanibel won the second game through sheer determination. Dr. Harry Kair turned out to be the most valuable player

of the night, not so much because of his play on the field, but through his skill in keeping injured players on their feet. Dick Traucht injured his knees on a fall rounding second base; bleeding and limping he managed to return to his thirdbase position where he sprained his hand. In the second game pitcher Don Case pulled a muscle in his left knee and had to be attended to also. The team knew that they were in trouble when the team doctor began limping after re-injuring a twisted ankle.

Traucht and Case alternated between playing on the field, wearing ice bags and being attended to by Pat and Dr. Kair.

The injuries cut down on team speed but they didn't hamper the Sanibel bats in the second game. The Sanibel hitters unleashed two high scoring innings, bringing home seven runs in the fourth inning and nine runs in the fifth. The final score was 18 - 5.

Mother's Day Tournament

Sundial celebrated Mothers Day Sunday with a round robin doubles tennis tournament. Renee Wadkowsky of Captiva

won the tournament, and Pat Austin was the runner-up. Dorothy Andrews and Judy Meyers tied for third.



Fishing Derby Update

It was a slow third week in the Island Open Fishing Derby. All the grand prize leaders held their position, and only two categories had weekly winners.

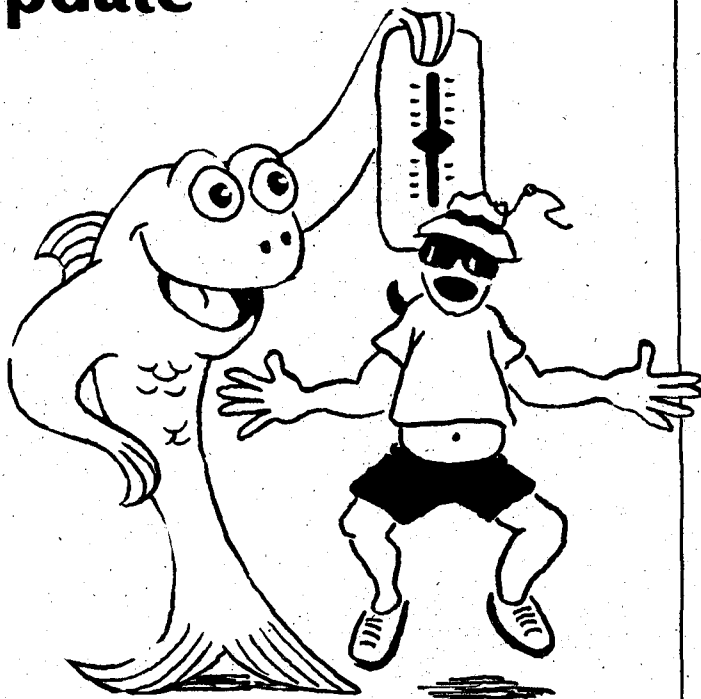
Steve Hall from Grant, Florida caught the biggest snook for the week. His 19 pounder was pulled in from Redfish Pass on a pinfish.

The largest trout of the week came from the Causeway flats. Donna Brady of Omaha, Nebraska hooked a 5½ pound trout using live shrimp. She was fishing with Capt. Ted Cole.

There were no redfish, cobia, or junior angler entries for the third week.

Grand Prize Standings:

Snook - 26 pounds, George Kneram
 Redfish - 12¼ pounds, John Venham
 Cobia - 15 pounds, John Connolly
 Trout - 8 pounds, William Steve Childs
 Junior Angler - 10½ pound snook, Kyle Bard





Boys Final Standings

Kiwanis Astros	12	2
Rotary	11	3
Harris Foodway	9	5
Pirates	9	5
Joey's Rangers	5	9
Beach Bank	5	7
Cubs	3	11
Huxter's Yankees	3	11

Schedule
 Thursday - Dodgers vs. Lions Aux, 6:00 - Home
 Tigers vs. Beach Bulletin, 8:00 - Home

Boys Results

Astro's 15 - Cubs 4
 Pirates 17 - Rangers 2

Senior Girls Standings

Tigers	8	1
Beach Bulletin	6	3
Convenient Food	0	10

Senior Girls Results

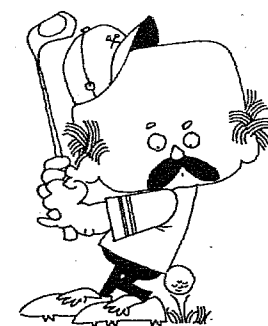
Beach Bulletin 35 - Convenient Food 5
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Junior Girls Standings

Lions Mets	9	2
Dodgers	6	4
Lions Auxiliary	0	9

Junior Girls Results

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Golf

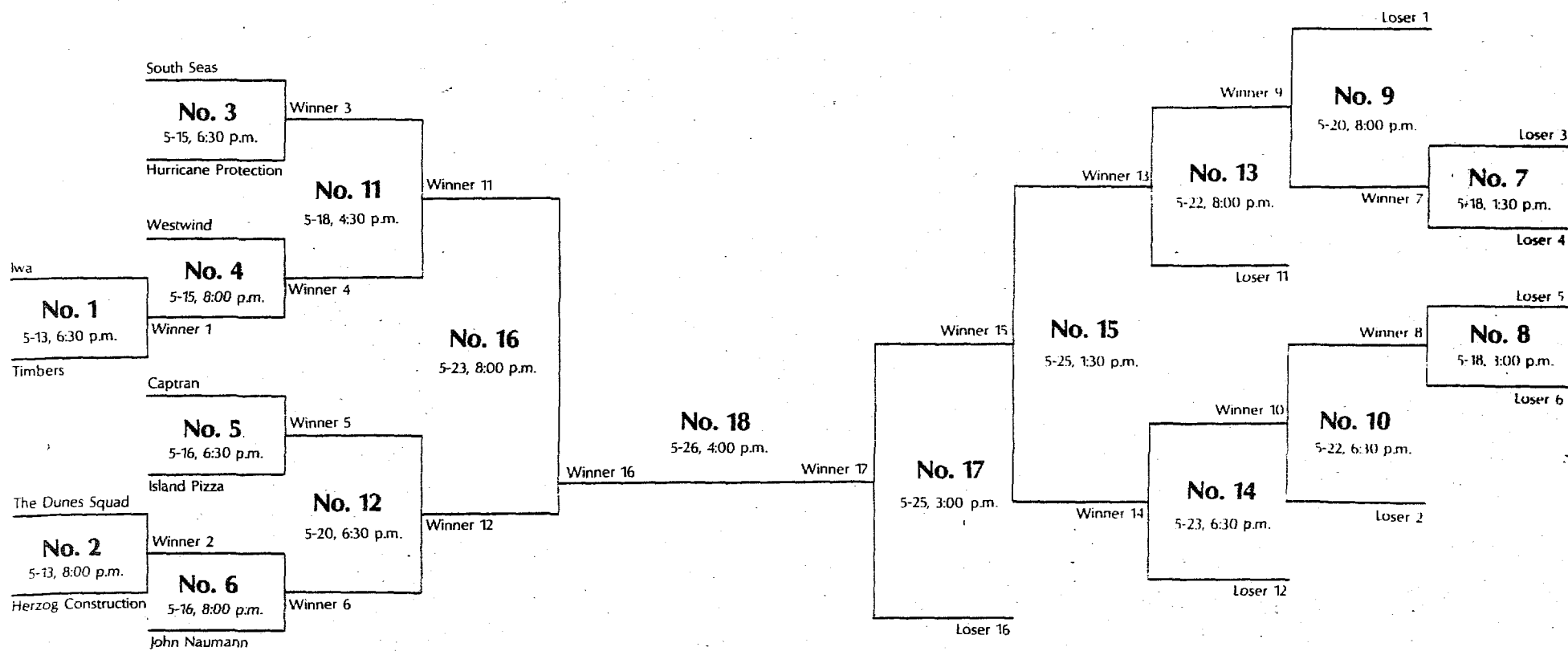
The number of players hitting the greens with the Beachview Men's Association has dropped from a winter high of 60 players to a low of 25 last Tuesday, but the men are still having fun. Next week they will begin a few weeks play with blind foursomes and finish their Saturday match with a free lunch and beer.

Last Tuesday the threesome of Charlie Uhr, Hank Grogh, and Ray McKernan took the top spot with a score of plus four. George Fletcher's plus six was the high individual score.

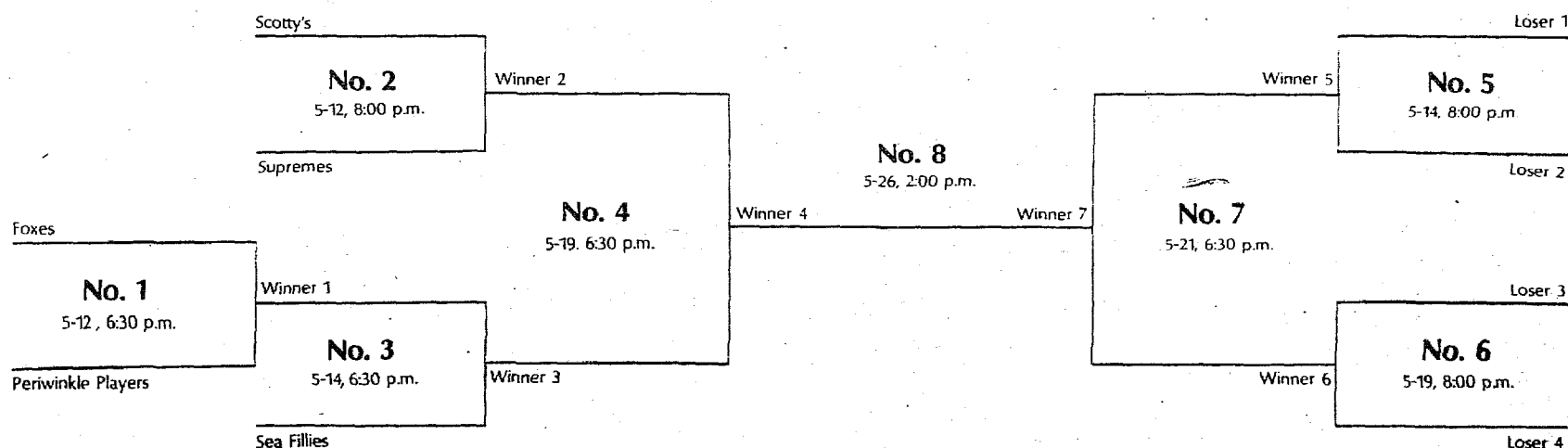
On Saturday George Siri matched the high individual score of Tuesday; he too hit a plus six.

The winning foursome on Saturday at plus eight was Hank Grogh, Bob Robertson, Bob Sagars, and Joe Steinert.

Old Sports for Youth Sports Men's Tournament Schedule



Women's Tournament Schedule



ARTS and ARTISTS exhibits

Masters in Perception, an exhibition of 55 photographs culled from the archives of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, will remain on view in the Edison Community College Gallery of Fine Arts

through May 25.

The photographs demonstrate the subtle changes that took place in photographic history during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Techniques displayed in the exhibition include albumen prints, colotype, photogravure and gelatin silver print. The works were selected with the intent of defining, clarifying and characterizing the important aspects of the medium's development.

Gallery hours are Tuesday - Friday, 10 a.m. till 4 p.m.; Thursday evenings 5 - 9 p.m. and Sundays from 1 - 5 p.m. The Gallery is closed Mondays and Saturdays.

The mobiles of Arthur Bauman will be on display at the Schoolhouse Gallery through the month of May.

The Schoolhouse Gallery is located at

the intersection of Tarpon Bay and Periwinkle Way and is open 10 to 5 daily, except Sundays.

Gulf Federal Savings & Loan Association continues the fourth in its series of exhibitions featuring local, well known talent.

The exhibition features Selected Images by The Photographers' Gallery. Featured artists are Emil Fray, Robert Rauschenberg, Mark Harmel, Maggie Foskett, Larry Massing, Fleur Weymouth, Renee Twombly and Lynn McLaren.

The exhibition will remain on display at Gulf Federal's main office, 2301 McGregor Boulevard, until May 28, during regular business hours.

"Photographers of Southwest Florida," a juried show featuring area amateur and professional photographers, will remain on view in Gallery E at Edison Community College through May 23.

Judges for the exhibition were Judy Harmon of the Harmon Photo Centers and Emil Fray, Director of The Photographers' Gallery on Sanibel.

Blue ribbon award winners are Kevin Bedford, Naples, for his untitled black and white photograph; Maggie Foskett, Sanibel, for her sibachrome entitled "Tempus" and Jean Campbell, Sanibel, for her color photograph, "Zanzibar, 1970."

Other artists featured in the exhibition are Geri Biondich, Diane Bostick, Steve Davis, Bessie Ferris, Ira Grasgreen, Larry Massing, Lynne Smith, Mary Ann Swanson, Fleur Weymouth and Sam Wollard.

Gallery E hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 9 p.m.

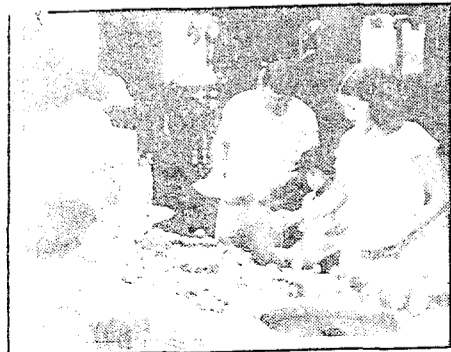


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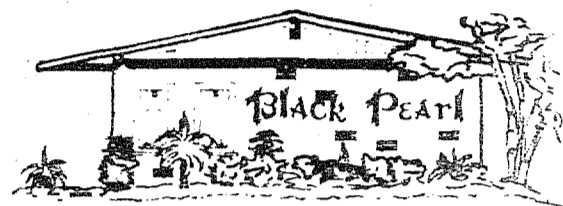
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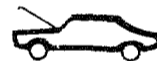
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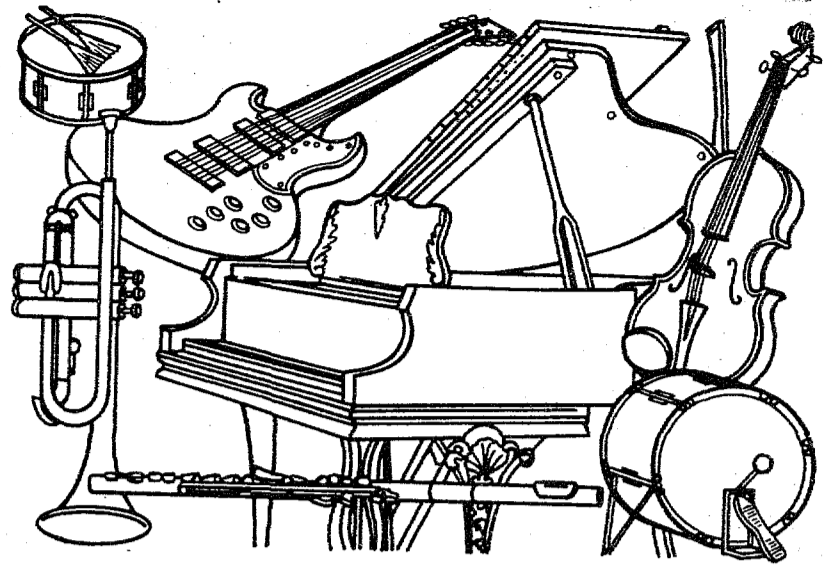
Young artists from the Southwest Florida area who will appear with the orchestra under the direction of Arlo Deibler, music director and conductor, include Susan Allesee, Port Charlotte, violinist; Gretchen Stidham, Sanibel, pianist; Kimberly Kay Brand, Fort Myers, flutist; Wilann Spiccia, Lehigh Acres, soprano; and Julie Dean, Fort Myers, dancer.

The young artists, each of whom auditioned last December and were selected by a panel of judges as finalists

for the forthcoming concert, will be competing for the \$1,000 Harry Fagan Memorial Scholarship honoring the late Harry M. Fagan, a founder of the Fort Myers Symphony Orchestra and one time president of the First National Bank in Fort Myers.

The scholarship is presented by the bank each year "to foster a continuing high standard of musical achievement among our young citizens, and to financially assist the outstanding young artists selected to further his or her musical education."

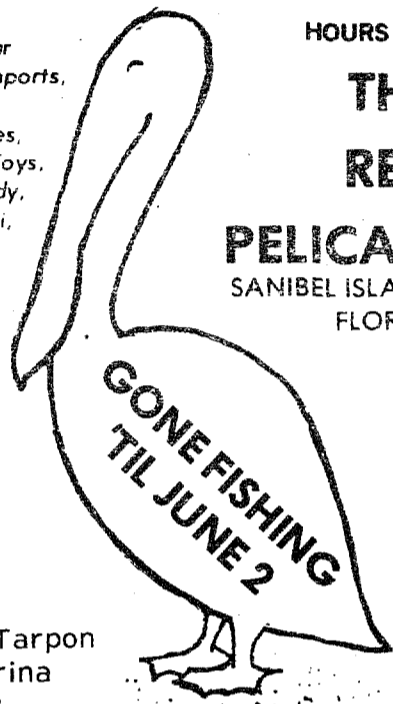
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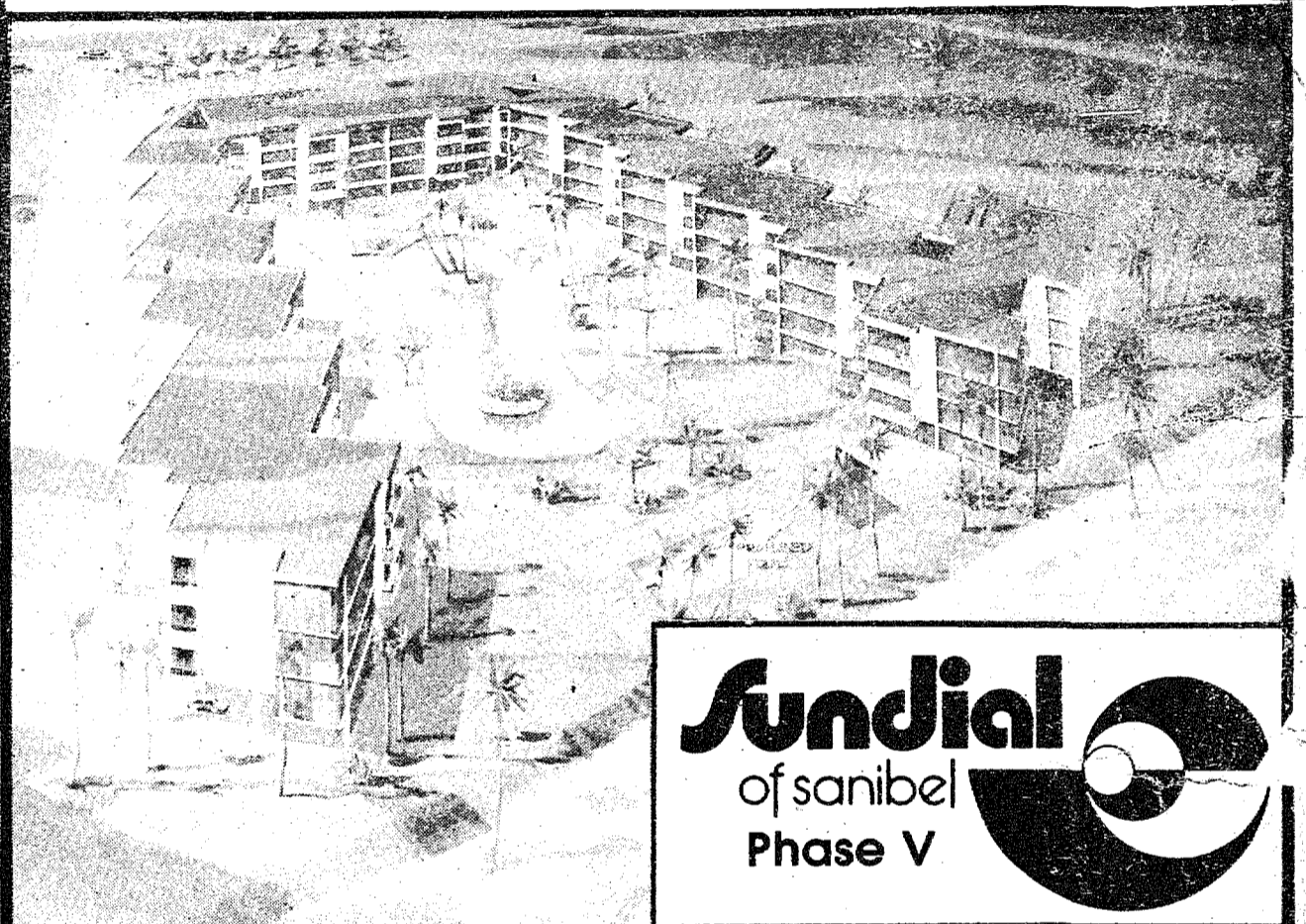
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Police Beat

By Pat Harmel

Another school bus incident involving Island juveniles ended with one shaken girl in torn clothing and the arrest of two boys by the Sanibel Police Department.

The girl was allegedly assaulted last Thursday on the middle school bus; her blouse was ripped and her undergarment waved outside the bus window. The two boys involved were booked and fingerprinted after Sgt. Ray Rhodes met with their parents following the incident. The boys were released to their parents as directed by the Division of Youth Services.

A 16 year old boy was also reported assaulted near the Bowman's Beach foot bridge on May 4. The youth's father called to report the incident to the SPD involving two white males who allegedly grabbed his son and began pulling his hair out for no apparent reason. An officer dispatched to the scene was unable to locate anyone fitting the youths' description.

A 15 year old Island youth was apprehended Saturday while climbing on the top deck of the Algiers steamboat. The youth was returned to his home by an officer.

Sixty-four children from Labelle Middle School returned from a field trip to Bowman's Beach last Thursday only to find numerous items stolen from their school bus - along with one-quarter of the bus' gas. Cameras, radios, jewelry and numerous other items valued at approximately \$171 had been taken from the bus.

A Doberman found floundering in a canal behind Angle Drive early last Saturday morning was rescued by Fireman Bill Hennessey. Hennessey lassooed the dog, pulled her to shore and returned her to her owner.

While exiting the parking lot of the Dairy Queen on Periwinkle Way last Saturday

Officer Lew Phillips witnessed a car heading west at a high rate of speed. Phillips pursued the car at 75 mph and was unable to catch up with it until it slowed to turn down Fitzhugh St. Phillips followed the car into a driveway only to find the driver had run into a house. The resident of the house refused to identify the car's owner when Phillips requested him to. Officer Betty Weir and the K-9 unit arrived at the scene and chased the car's driver through a wooded area after he exited the house. The driver was eventually apprehended by Phillips and ticketed for speeding. The subject claimed to be unaware that Phillips had been chasing him and claimed he had run into the woods looking for a missing friend. Twenty-three marijuana plants, visible in the Fitzhugh residence yard, were confiscated by the officers.

A 22 year old man, reportedly in possession of a machete, was transported to Lee Memorial Hospital for observation last Thursday night after a young woman claimed he had threatened to kill her in Pate's parking lot.

Two topless females and a nude male were reported sunbathing on the beach east of Gulf Pines last Wednesday, however, an officer dispatched to the scene was unable to locate anyone fitting their description.

Vandalism was reported this week to Dr. Wegrzyn's boat and a car parked in the Thistle Lodge parking lot.

A truck parked at Gulfside Place reportedly had the gas siphoned from its tank sometime last Wednesday night. Tire tracks, a wrench and a large gas stain on the ground were evident at the scene.

A home was broken into on San-Cap Rd. by cutting a hole in the metal door of the garage and removing the door to the residence from its hinges. Three outboard gas tanks and two outboard motors valued at \$325 were taken.

A lock was cut from the storeroom door at the Gallery Motel and a compressor paint sprayer valued at \$350 taken last Tuesday.

A dirt bike valued at \$250 was reported stolen from Lighthouse Point Condominium.

Gulf Ridge Properties reported a burglary involving various construction supplies last Monday.

Three Island youngsters were responsible for notifying the police of the whereabouts of 11 marijuana plants growing behind the Chamber of Commerce. With the boys help the plants were confiscated by the SPD.

A 10 foot long alligator, weighing approximately 500 lbs., was removed from the Ramada Inn pool area by the SPD last Friday with the assistance of the Fire Dept. and five Islanders. The gator was relocated to a quieter pond.

A guest at the Sanibel Arms received a call from a man last Friday who identified himself as being a doctor with the Health Department. According to the guest, the man said he had been given her name as a possible VD carrier and began asking personal questions. When the woman tried to get his name and number to call him back the man hung up. The SPD contacted the Lee County Health Department who verified the man was not with their department. According to the department they do not contact people in such a

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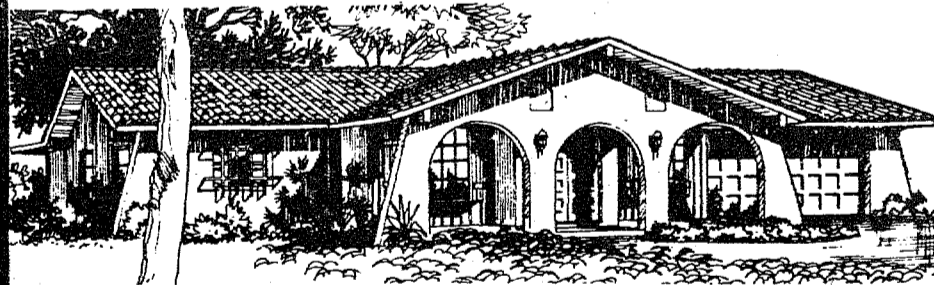
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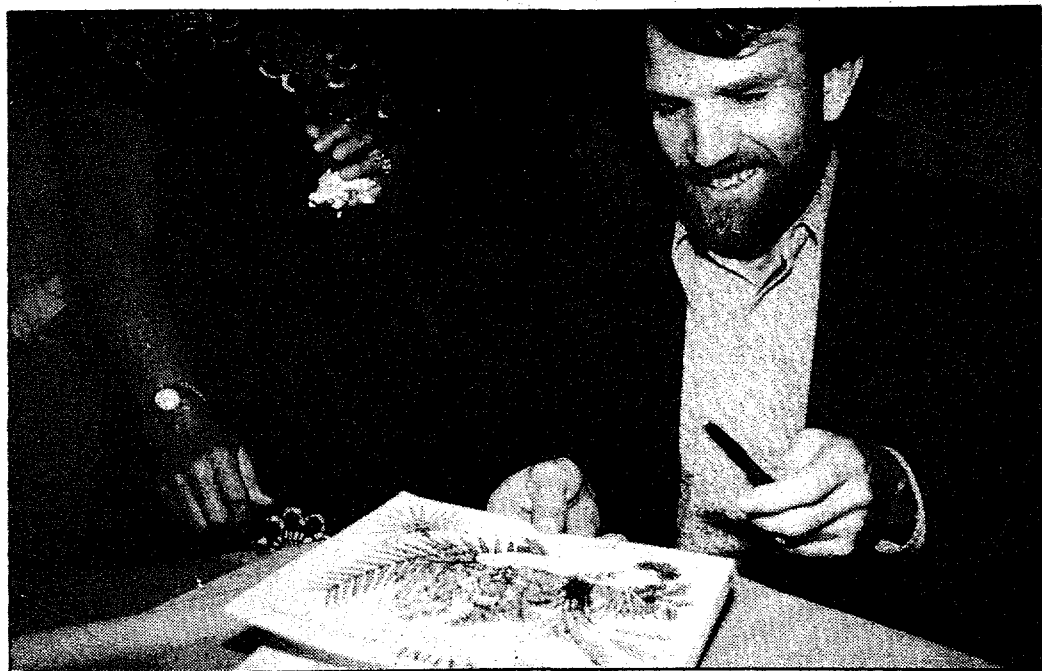
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Workman enters literary ranks

By Mark Harmel

A large crowd turned out at The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Center Friday night for the opening reception of Dick Workman's new book, "Growing Native." Workman spent the evening autographing books and talking with wellwishers. Illustrator of the book, Steve Phillips, and photographer Emil Frey were also handing out autographs.

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Commissioners

has been approved by Sanibel's City Council for the Causeway property.

A frequently mentioned point by Commissioners and audience alike was the possible accident rate increase over what has been experienced during the past year. There were no accidents reported at the intersection during 1979.

However, Commissioner Joe Searing said that on at least one occasion a traffic officer had been hit by a car traveling through the intersection.

Traffic problems and hazardous conditions on San-Cap road were cited by Commissioners Valtin and Workman to be greater than any of those experienced on Periwinkle Way. Valtin maintained that if any road improvements were to be made, they should be done on that throughfare.

City Manager Murphy said that "there is enough money in the pot from the

continued

causeway bond issue to complete the 12 projects which were considered to have top priority by the City."

Improvements on San-Cap road and the intersection design change were both included in the list of 12 projects.

"It's not an either-or situation," Murphy said. "We can do all of them with the money."

Murphy reiterated the results from the Origin and Destination study conducted by the City this Spring which showed an increase of 12,000 cars over last year going through the tollbooth. He emphasized that something had to be done for everyone's safety.

Commissioner Don Manchester voiced his fear of the problems which would result from the necessary weaving through the intersection to make turns.

A well organized and vocal group of citizens presented themselves to the

Planning Commissioners.

Attorney Jim Humphrey, hired to represent the opposition, presented a letter written by the consulting firm of Barr, Dunlop and Associates, Inc. (John Barr, President), told Humphrey in a letter dated May 9 that "disadvantages of the one-way loop outweigh the advantages to the extent that it is not a desirable solution."

He further suggested that "a more channelized design will be required to handle projected volumes within the next few years."

Bertossa acknowledged Barr's expertise and credibility as a consulting engineer in transportation.

Following the public comments, which were largely critical and fault-finding, Sanibel resident Urban Palmer presented the Commissioners with a stack of anti-"O" petitions containing 1050 signatures;

451 signatures on the petitions were from residents and business owners west of the Causeway. Chairman Ann Winterbotham suggested to Palmer that he make a formal presentation of the petitions to City Council.

Workman moved denial of the specific amendments and development permits, based on her opinions that the proposed design will create more hazardous conditions, is incompatible with the Island's character, and will create future problems.

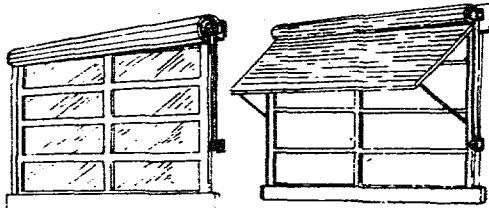
Commissioners Bill Hagerup, Fred Valtin, and Don Manchester supported her motion by voting to deny. Joe Searing, Arthur Wycoff, and Ann Winterbotham voted against Workman's motion and for the "O."

Further Planning Commission considerations were unavailable at press time.

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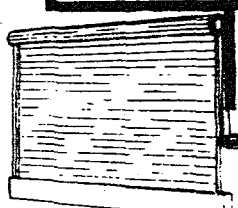
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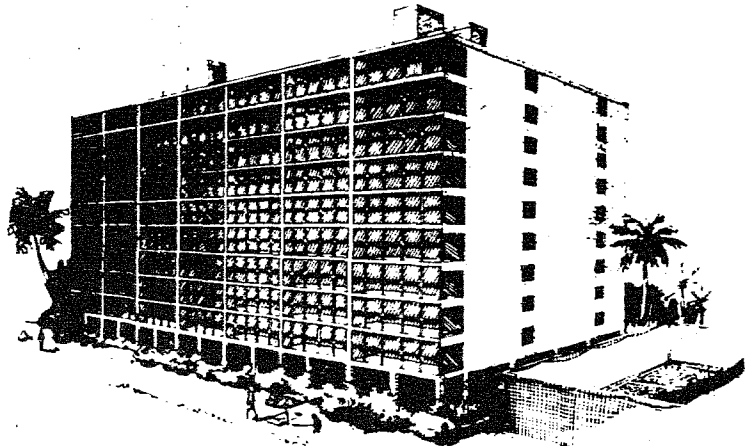
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IWA reverse osmosis plant opens Friday

By Roxanna Motchan

Dedication of the Island Water Association's Reverse Osmosis (RO) plant will be held this Friday, May 16, at 10:00 a.m. The opening of the RO plant will be held at the Island Water Association (IWA) headquarters, located two miles past the Tarpon Bay-Palm Ridge intersection on San-Cap Rd.

John Maloy, Executive Director of the South Florida Water Management District, will be the featured speaker. Maloy has been involved in water resource activities since 1965, when he joined the District's hydraulics and hydrology division.

Everyone is invited to attend the opening. Plenty of free parking will be provided and shuttle buses will transport visitors to and from the plant. Tours of the plant will be given with refreshments following.

The facility, with its vastly increased storage capabilities combined with the life expectancy of the Suwanee aquifer as a raw water source, should guarantee Sanibel and Captiva Islands an adequate supply of good quality water for the future, based on a 7,800 dwelling unit population, the maximum number allowed by Sanibel's Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP).



Photo by Mark Harmel

Initial plant capacity is 600,000 gallons per day. As soon as another set of membranes is added, the plant will be capable of producing 1.2 million gallons per day. Ultimately, the plant will be expanded to a maximum of 3.5 million gallons per day.

Cost of the \$3.5 million facility was financed by Farmers Home Administration and accumulated funds from water hookups.

The IWA Association Inc., a non-profit corporation, was established in 1965. Affairs of the IWA are managed by a five member Board of Directors.

An electro dialysis water treatment plant was constructed by IWA in 1973 at the main pumping station site. The plant was supplied by wells drilled to draw treatable water from the Lower Hawthorn aquifer.

Recognition of the need for better quality water feed sources resulted in several hydrological studies being commissioned by IWA. Information from the studies led to the decision in 1978 to build an RO plant. Should it ever become necessary, the plant has the capability to produce drinkable water from sea water.



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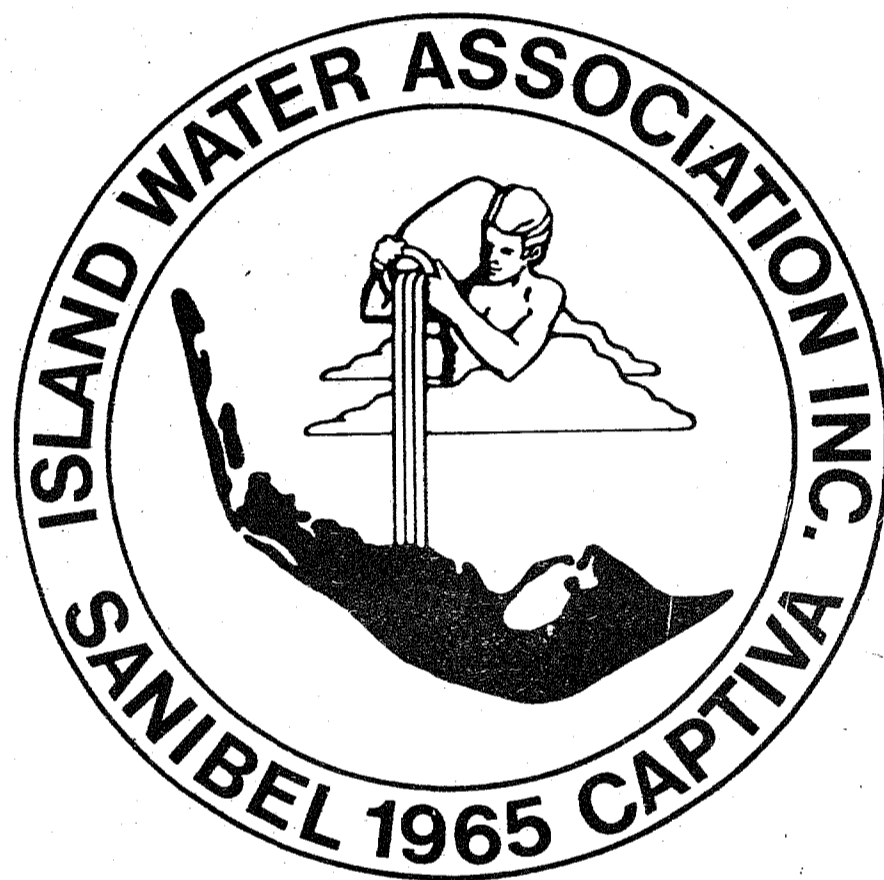
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Mosquito Control argues for landing pad

By Roxanna Motchan

Lee County Mosquito Control Director Wayne Miller explained to Sanibel's City Councilmembers last week that a Mosquito Control helicopter landing pad in Bowman's Beach Park is necessary for the success of his larvae control program.

The larvae control program is implemented with the use of helicopters, he said, adding, "The County is getting too crowded to operate from non-approved

control sites."

In the Sanibel-Captiva area the Mosquito Control helicopters operate from landing pads at South Seas Plantation and one area along the Causeway. Miller emphasized the need for a mid-point landing site.

"For the past five years we've been operating from the Sanibel Bayou's subdivision, but it's becoming too built up," he noted.

Mosquito Control's request for the pad from Sanibel's Planning Commission

resulted in their recommendation to Council that the request for a landing pad be denied.

However, Miller contends that he will be able to convince the Planning Commission that the pad is necessary. He was out of town and unable to attend the Commission meeting where the subject was originally discussed. At last week's meeting, he made a formal request to reappear before the Planning Commission.

"The flight of our helicopters is

sporadic," Miller assured the Council. "We commence our work between 8:15 and 9:45 a.m., and we're usually through flying by 3:00 p.m."

Resident Don Wilson, who lives in the proposed landing site area, said, "It disturbs us that they're going to put in a heliport. It's right on our lap. It is really a loud situation."

Miller will reappear before the Council on June 17.



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Countdown to SSSS!

The Saturday Super Supper Show ("SSSS!"), coming May 17, is already such a success that the Barrier Island Group for the Arts has had to transfer their growing event from the old section to the new larger section of the Sanibel Community Center.

Because of the tremendous public interest in "SSSS!" a special meeting of Chief Chairman Polly Matsumoto's BIG Arts committee was held last week. Hospitality Chairman Donna Kraeger's to-scale floor plan of the Center's two sections was reviewed, and the move to the new section was clearly necessary to accommodate the expected crowd. "SSSS!" seating has now been increased to 225.

That should be welcome news to those who have been putting off buying their tickets. Admission to the pot luck Super Supper is by a dish (one per family) to serve at least six, plus \$5 for non-members of BIG Arts, \$3 for members, \$2 for children under 12.

(BIG Arts regrets that the ticket slips read "dish for four.")

"SSSS!" begins at 6 p.m. when the bar opens. There will be a small charge for drinks. Coffee and non-alcoholic punch are included with admission. Bring your own

knife, fork and spoon.

At 6:30, Judge Robert York will select the Stars of Stove, the six winners of the most artistically appetizing food awards.

Super Supper, with drawings for dozens of door prizes, will be a 7 p.m., followed by the Supper Show.

Special prizes for the Stars of Stove have been donated by the Jade Butterfly, the Sea Horse Shop, Key West Fragrances & Cosmetics, Francis Bailey, and Mark Heimann of The Wheel.

The list of donors of door prizes also reads like an Island Who's Who: The Bubble Room, B-Hive, Caloosa Canvas Company, Tiffany Parlor, Brown Bag, Art-Fac Gallery, The Last Straw, Island Apothecary, Mole Hole, Wings, Chinese Imports, Quimby's, Rainbow Paints, Photographers Gallery, Cheese Nook, Zamboanga, House of Treasures, Showcase Shells, Tim Tam Casuals, Interval Travel and Friday's.

And they're not all in, as yet. There'll be major surprises. Such generous support by the Island business community certainly shows an understanding appreciation of this latest BIG Arts effort to encourage talent and provide unusual entertainment on a year-round basis.

According to Carolyn Smith, Decorations Chairman for "SSSS!," the Community Center is to be transformed into "an amazing star-struck scene," with colorful balloons, flowers, streamers. Considering the size and height of the room, this will be quite a job.

In the lobby, an extra added attraction will be a display of woodcarver Michael Mulder's handmade furniture, featuring a grandfather clock.

BIG Arts discovered this 21-year-old artisan in Fort Myers, and offers his first exhibit.

The Supper Show program is now complete. The Stars of Stage include such local luminaries as (alphabetically!) Randall Anne Brooks, Janie Hamilton, Jan Holly, Anne Kennedy, Judith Kennedy,

Wendy Leonard, Jeannie A. McLoughlin, Tom Murphy, Tammy Powell, Tom Traucht, Terrie Weinberg, Fleur Weymouth, Dick Workman, visitor Nya Kern Pasek, and others to be announced.

Master of Ceremonies Marty Grasgreen, Edison Theatre entrepreneur, will introduce each artist with a brief description of background and the performance to follow.

BIG Arts and Supper Show Director Fran Levy are pleased indeed with such a variety of talent and the community spirit it demonstrates.

Tickets for this Saturday's Super Supper Show, May 17, may still be purchased at MacIntosh Books, Schoolhouse Gallery, B-Hive, The Photographers' Gallery, and on Captiva at Tree House gifts.

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Project SOAR a success

Two hundred and ten Boy Scouts, Troop leaders and volunteers cleaned up nearly six and a half tons of garbage from 65 miles of Island roads and beach accesses last week as their contribution to Project SOAR (Save Our American Resources).

Sanibel Boy Scout Troop 88 hosted the clean-up and weekend campout that attracted troops from Sarasota, Naples, Fort Myers and Cape Coral. Island Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Kiwanis, Lions and numerous other volunteers also participated in the massive project.

Approximately 190 pounds of aluminum was salvaged for recycling. A chicken bar-b-q was prepared by Hap Payne for the weary workers and numerous athletic events were held. The Scouts spending the entire weekend prepared their own meals with the exception of a delicious smoked mullet lunch prepared by Charlie Wainwright.

A Catholic Mass (at the church on Sanibel-Captiva Road), Vesper services (given by John Wilcox) and a fellowship campfire were also enjoyed by the Scouts.

South Seas' chefs honored

Two local Chefs were award winners at the South Florida Culinary Fair held April 25-27 at the Miami Beach Convention Center.

In the second annual event sponsored by the South Florida Culinary, Inc., awards were given in five major and individual categories and judging was based according to the American Culinary Federation guidelines.

Andre Lengacher, Executive Chef at South Seas Plantation's Chadwicks, received a second place silver medallion in the individual cold feed platter category. Lengacher was also honored for the most

original piece in the show - an Indian head nickel carved out of cheese.

Another South Seas Chef, John Coletta (Executive Chef of King's Crown) won a first place gold medallion for individual hot food display.

Judges for the event were Baron Galand (Captain of the 1981 American Olympic Culinary Team), Klaus Sriedenreich (head Chef at Carlton Terrace, Daytona Beach), Jacques Kranzlin (past president of the American Culinary Federation) and Alfonse Van Heirzeele (an Executive Chef for Sheraton Hotels for 20 years).

Building permits

Eighteen building permits for construction valued at \$646,255 were issued by the City of Sanibel during the week ending May 9. Permits were issued to:

Mariner Properties for five duplexes at Sandpiper Circle by Construction Management, Inc., for a total of \$404,000.

R.M. Govaia for a single family residence addition at 6003 Los Colony Road by owner for \$4,500.

William J. Alquist to replace screening at 3517 Gulf Drive by owner for \$450.

Michigan Homes-W.P. Harris for a solar heating system at 4163 West Gulf Drive by the Solar Connection for \$2,450.

Dieter and Anna Seifert for a SFR at 815 Limpet Drive by Sanibel Homes for \$80,522.

Donald Manchester-Gulf Ridge Subdivision for two pools at Sanibel-Captiva Road by Triton Pools, Inc. for \$34,000 and \$42,000.

Dr. and Mrs. William Reckshan for a pool, enclosure and deck at 584 Lighthouse Way by Triton Pools, Inc., for \$14,000.

Stanley Beck for a storage room at 2623 Coconut Drive by owner for \$3,000.

Robert Patterson for a pool and deck at 1490 Sandcastle Road by Troy Pools of Fort Myers, Inc., for \$12,373.

Kittie C. Rose for pool enclosure at Sanibel Lakes, Lot 13, by Alum-A-Line Products, Inc., for \$1,000.

Planning Commission meeting scheduled

A special Planning Commission meeting will be held Monday, May 19 at MacKenzie Hall. Items on the agenda will include a report from the City Sewer Committee and a review of the Moderate Cost Housing Ordinance. The Planning Commission is scheduled to begin setting the ground work for the mandatory five year review of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP).

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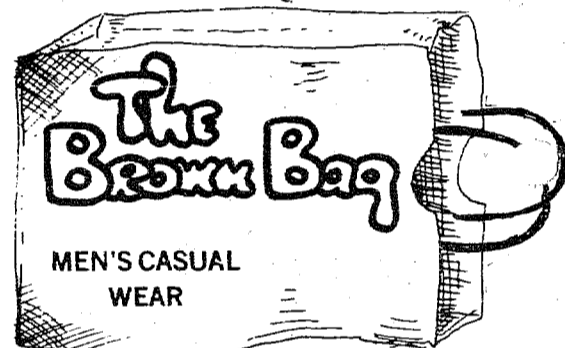
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Mon. May 5	84	70	0
Tues. May 6	84	70	0
Wed. May 7	85	70	0
Thurs. May 8	86	68	0

This report is based on records kept at the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce on Causeway Road.

SPD offers speakers

The Sanibel Police Department has announced that officers from the Department are available as speakers to Island clubs and civic organizations. Sexual assault, juvenile problems, business and residential burglaries, shop lifting, bad checks and armed robbery are all topics SPD officers are available to address. Literature and films are also available as part of this Help Stop Crime program. For further information contact Sgt. Ray Rhodes at 472-3111.

Rossman

Sanibel resident William Rossman, 72, of Periwinkle Trailer Park, died April 30. A winter resident since 1963, Mr. Rossman moved to Sanibel seven years ago.

He was a member of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Cortland, Ohio, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Columbus, Ohio and the Araba Temple of Fort Myers.

He is survived by his wife Merel; a daughter, Mrs. Kay Parke of Cortland, Ohio; a son, Richard Ross of Phoenix; four stepsons, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Masonic services will be held later this month in Cortland, Ohio.

Game & Fish Commission meet in Fort Myers

The Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission will hold four organization meetings this month to fully explain its Wildlife Reserve Program to the public.

"Our Wildlife Reserve Program began over 10 years ago in the Central Region and was just recently expanded to include the South Region," said Lt. Roger Young, the Commission's Reserve Coordinator. "We encourage everyone who is interested in becoming a reservist to attend the meeting in his or her area."

The purpose of these meetings is to explain the qualifications, costs, duties

and requirements expected of reservists. There will be plenty of time for questions and those who would like applications may pick them up at the meetings.

"The Wildlife Reserve Program has been a big success and help to the Commission in all the Regions that have the program and we intend to make it just as important in the South Region," Lt. Young said.

On May 15, a meeting will be held at the Fort Myers courthouse and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Kiwanis news

March 12 through 16 has been declared the Kiwanis International Prayer Breakfast Week, and in support of this week, the Kiwanis will be holding a prayer breakfast at their regular meeting on Wednesday, May 14. Fort Myers attorney John Shephard will be the guest speaker.

The speakers at last week's meeting were Sargeant Ray Rhodes and Officer Dick Noon of the Sanibel Police Department. They spoke on the youth programs sponsored by the Department.

An interclub meeting will be held Friday, May 16, at Fort Myers Beach where Al Hartley will be the speaker. The meeting will take place at The Chapel By The Sea.

The club now has 45 members representing quite a cross section of the community. Ten members have joined since October 1, 1979.

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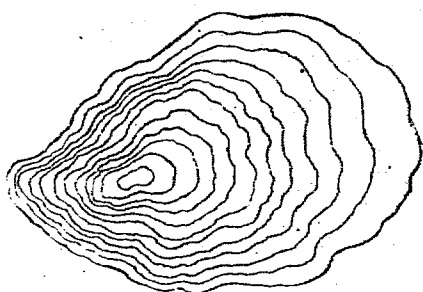


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Inn density increased in exchange for \$50,000 donation

By Roxanna Motchan

In a surprise action last week Sanibel City Councilmembers signed an out-of-court settlement stipulation granting Dave Holtzman, owner of Shell Harbor Inn, a 29 unit increase in density for his East Gulf Drive motel.

In return for the dwelling unit increase, Holtzman has agreed to make a \$50,000 donation to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) for the purchase of interior wetlands. This wetlands purchase was negotiated to remove approximately 16 dwelling units from the market, therefore preserving the land. Holtzman will also donate \$7,000 for the building of a bike path along East Gulf Drive.

The settlement also allows Holtzman to build a restaurant at Shell Harbor Inn, however, the sale of liquor will only be allowed in conjunction with the sale of food.

Other terms of the agreement included a

stipulation that the property would not be converted into interval ownership and there will be no bar room or lounge in the proposed restaurant.

Presently there are 71 dwelling units on Holtzman's property. Three of the units are for employee housing. The 29 additional units include 13 which were granted Holtzman earlier by a specific amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP).

A City fact-finding team, chaired by Councilmember Zee Butler, was instrumental in the negotiations with Holtzman and his attorney, George Ridge.

A maximum unit space limitation of 1,000 square feet has been established for the new units. If, at some later date, the density provisions of the CLUP are amended to provide greater density to parcels of land, then that greater density will also apply to Shell Harbor Inn.

Councilman Porter Goss, who refrained from voting claiming a conflict of interest (because of his wife's work on the bike

path committee), questioned whether \$50,000 would buy up enough land to constitute 16 dwelling units.

Councilmember Zee Butler responded, "We used land in the Sanibel Gardens subdivision as a basis. It would come pretty close."

Goss then said he thought the trade-off was a good concept. "If we can generally save something good for the public elsewhere, then I am in agreement with this," he said.

Neighbors in nearby Shell Harbor Subdivision have expressed concern over Holtzman's proposed restaurant. Problems with another restaurant on the Island currently experiencing noise and neighborhood complaints were mentioned.

Butler said, "Two factors swayed me. Under the CLUP provisions now, a restaurant will be permissible. Anyway, I don't think that Mr. Holtzman wants a nightclub atmosphere."

Holtzman reassured the Coun-

cilmembers, "I have no desire to bring people in here to drink and so forth."

Mayor Francis Bailey called the proposed settlement "excellent."

"I hope the Council and the citizens recognize the alternative," concurred Councilmember Duane White. "The alternative is a long and costly lawsuit. This will put that issue to rest."

Island resident Paul Howe warned the Council, "It's improper to put requirements for donations in a stipulation settlement. That smacks of contract zoning."

City Attorney Neal Bowen disagreed with Howe, saying, "My response to that charge is, 'Tell me what contract zoning is.' There is no concrete definition."

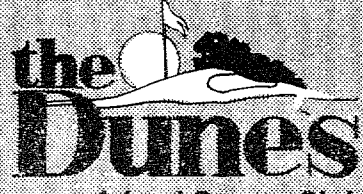
Holtzman and his attorney accepted the compromise agreement. The City Attorney was authorized by the Council to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.



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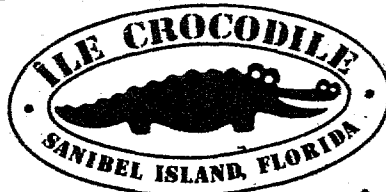

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By Roxanna Motchan

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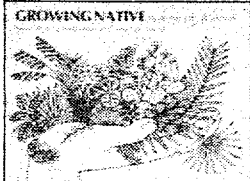
The subtitle of Richard Workman's book, *Growing Native*, reads "Native Plants for Landscape Use in Coastal South Florida," but don't let that scare you off.

It could be that the most landscaping you've ever done is in a window box on your kitchen windowsill, or in a pot sitting on the back porch. On the other hand, maybe your front yard looks like a patch of Sanibel wetlands. In either case, Workman's book is interesting, worthwhile reading.

How to transplant the various species, which plants can be planted together, and how to care for your native Florida beauties are all discussed in this comprehensive guide.

Workman's book is divided into four sections: beach, forest, wetlands, and mangroves. Each section contains a description, photograph, and illustration of the plants native to that geographic area.

Explanations are also offered as to why certain plants grow in a specific area and how they work to protect the environment. Most people know the importance of the familiar sea oat; did you realize, however, that the railroad vine is almost as good a



sandbinder? Do you even know what a railroad vine is? Workman's book leaves no leaf unturned...every plant native to the South Florida coastal area is included.

Richard Workman was the Director of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) between 1973 and 1980 and is known far and wide as a vocal supporter of natural plant community protection. Workman just doesn't advise the reader to try and conserve natural plant communities, he explains why such action is vital.

If you've always wondered exactly what plant you're admiring on the beach, in the woods, or along the side of the road, or if you feign great knowledge and in truth don't even know the difference between a gumbo limbo and a sea grape...this book is a must.

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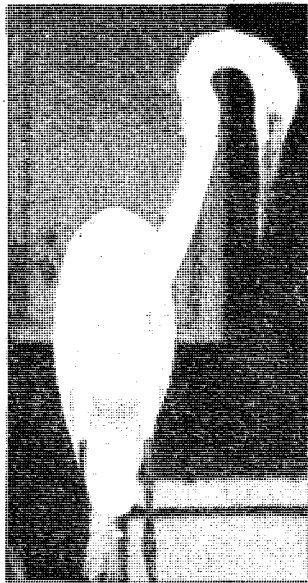
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Shopping

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 funder's fancy. Need a good haircut or coiffure? You can get it in either of these shopping centers. Most businesses open at 10 a.m. and close at 5:30 p.m. 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 produce 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 Gardens offer a variety of Island delights.

Palm Ridge Road, the Periwinkle Way turn-off to Captiva, offers several new shopping centers featuring everything from a gift shop for the discriminating shopper, plants and shells, to a sandwich shop, ice cream parlour, boutique shop and the Island Apothecary pharmacy.

At the Tarpon Bay-Periwinkle Way 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 watercolors 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, shells and shellcrafts, 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 others 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 postcards 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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Capt. Alex Payne, Tarpon Bay Marina...472-1323 or 472-2913
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Sanibel Marina, N. Yachtsman Drive, Sanibel (472-2723) Open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., 7 days.

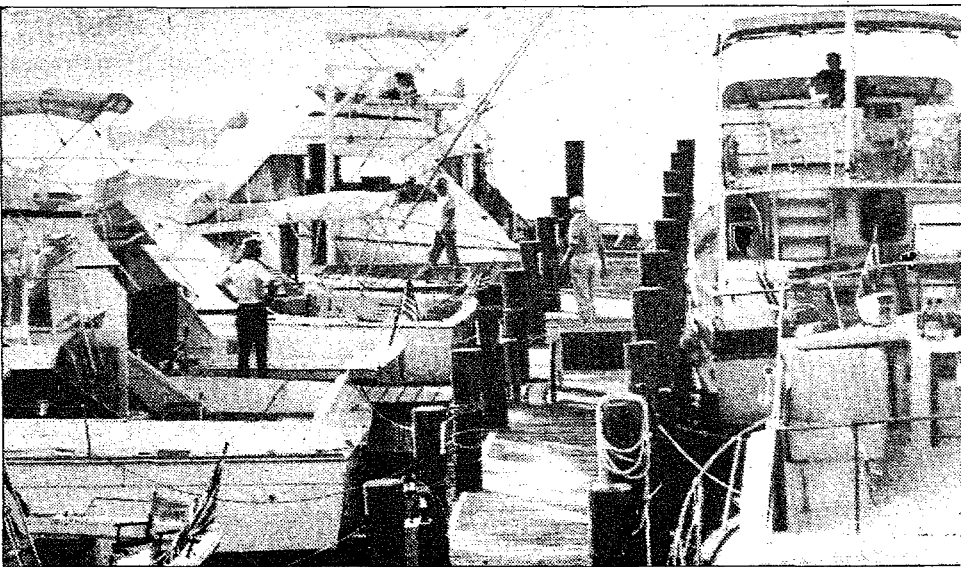
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PUBLIC REST ROOMS:

Sanibel Fishing Pier
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Turner's Beach, Captiva
(at Blind Pass, between Sanibel and Captiva)

Municipal Records

By Roxanna Motchan

Don't light up my life

A light that is not too bright would probably seem worthless to most individuals but last week Sanibel's City Council adopted a specific amendment mandating that outside lighting not fall beyond a certain point.

"Next it's going to be smells," joked Sanibel Councilmember Porter Goss.

The ordinance states that outside lighting of residential or resort property shall be shielded so that the cone of light does not exceed the perimeter of the property.

Realtor Thomas Brown indicated that the problem could be easily solved. "I got a hold of some money a few years ago and bought drapes," Brown said.

Sanibel resident John Seabrooke maintained that there is a problem. "There's an extremely bright light by our house which has eliminated the use of our Florida room," he complained.

Goss recommended retroactive action be considered and that the City's planning staff further explore the problem with a possibility of drafting a nuisance ordinance.

Restricted commercial granted for Periwinkle site

A motion made by Councilman Porter Goss to approve a specific amendment to the land use plan permitting a restricted commercial classification was passed unanimously by Sanibel's City Council.

The parcel of land, one-half acre located west of the Periwinkle Trailer Park owned by Sanibel resident Don Bissell, was previously zoned residential.

Goss said that he based the motion to approve the request on a court decision which allowed the adjacent property, owned by John Goode, a similar rezoning.

"I feel the court has overlooked the concept," criticized Goss. "I wish they'd keep their nose out of our planning

ability."

Councilmember Zee Butler said that she "deplored the situation." "The City is in an unbelievable position," she continued,

"zoning by judicial decree."

Goss told Bissell that he would never vote for the proposal if the courts had not taken the first step.

Council endorses parents' group

A resolution in support of the Parents Really Care (PRC) program was passed last week by Sanibel's City Council.

The resolution supports the aim of PRC, which is to alert the community to the dangers of drugs and alcohol and their effect upon youth in the area.

Parents Really Care is committed to providing information and education to communities regarding mind altering chemicals.

Beach fires still a hot issue

Councilmembers and several of Sanibel's firemen debated for almost an hour last week over whether or not fires on the beach were a problem.

A first reading of an ordinance mandating permits for fires on public or private property was held, however no conclusion was reached and the hearing was continued to June 3.

Councilman Porter Goss suggested that private property owners along the beach should be allowed to build a fire without a permit so long as there is no Island wide ban of fires, and so long as the fire is not a bonfire.

But Goss' idea raised the questions of where private property ends and public beach begins and how big is a bonfire as compared to a small fire for warming or other purposes.

Sanibel's Fire Control District wants everyone building a fire on the beach to have a permit, otherwise, according to Captain Fred Renz, "You could have 10 or 12 allowable fires up and down the beach, and we would have to go and check each one to make sure it's the property owner."

Councilman Duane White agreed. "We all know the problem and what we're trying to prevent. I see nothing wrong with notifying the Fire Department that I, as owner of the property, am building a fire."

The proposed ordinance came about while trying to solve the problem of parties on the beach. A clause in the proposed ordinance states that no bonfire permits shall be issued seven days prior to and seven days after the official holidays of Christmas and Easter. In theory, this would prevent vacationing students from having raucous parties on the beach.

Lieutenant Charles Frederick, of the Sanibel Fire Department, told the Council, "The kids are going to have to be awfully

well organized to write down for the permit. Stopping the fires is not the problem. The fire doesn't knock down restroom doors and pass out drunk on a parking lot. Unless we say we can't have kids here, and that might be the solution, we're always going to have a problem."

Goss maintained, "If it's a noise problem you're trying to fight we have a noise ordinance."

"This is getting at the philosophical definition of private property rights," Goss continued. "If my son lights a fire in the fireplace, should I call the Fire Department for a permit?"

Until now the Fire Department has always issued the permits for fires, however, upon adoption of the proposed ordinance the Sanibel Police Department will be responsible.

"This ordinance allows the Chief of Police latitude," Goss explained. "We're making provisions for the Chief of Police to go in there and solve some problems."

Fire Marshall Frederick disagreed. "You all are stepping onto an area we've been taking care of."

City Manager Bernie Murphy reminded the Council that the issue has been discussed repeatedly since January, and that the proposed ordinance is an attempt to "solve a problem with a compromise." He also pointed out that beach fires are not allowed anywhere in the area except on Sanibel.

However, he noted, "A bonfire does tend to make people congregate."

Fire Commissioner Floyd Wakefield will meet with the City Manager and Fire Commissioners in an attempt to go more detail on the problem. "Controlled control, not fires, is the biggest problem of the Police Chief," Wakefield said.

Market study delayed

City Councilmembers decided last week to put off a decision that would authorize the City Manager to submit requests for profiles on a commercial market and hazard mitigation study for the City until the Planning Commission has a chance to report their recommendations.

City Manager Bernie Murphy advised the Council the two studies will cost the City approximately \$100,000.

Councilman Porter Goss made a motion that the Planning Commission use as a base document the five year review of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) drafted by Assistant City Planner Bob Duane as a starting point. Goss also stipulated that the Planning Commission

report back to Council with their findings no later than June 3. The motion passed unanimously.

Duane's document specifically examines those elements to be incorporated into future contractual negotiations with a consultant for the hazard mitigation program. Some sections of the plan will require more updating than others. Priorities listed in Duane's report include: the commercial element, the development intensity map and hurricane and economic elements of the CLUP.

Councilman Duane White agreed that Duane's document should be the starting point, but added that the Planning Commission should have the latitude to waver.

COMING

ATTRACTIONS

New hours for SCCF

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation has announced they will now be closed on weekends until the Fall season. Also, the SCCF's aluminum recycling bin has been moved to a white building near the parking lot's entrance sign.

Summer Library hours

Summer hours at the Sanibel Public Library begin May 1.

This year, in order to make the schedule less confusing, the library will be open daily, except Sunday, from 10 - 12 a.m.

Rotary

On Friday, May 16, the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club will be featuring guest speaker Jack Stormer, Sanibel resident now retired, who will be speaking on "Computers and You." Mr. Stormer is an immediate past president of the Sanibel Rocks Civic Association and has an extensive background in computers. He developed and managed the first large scale government computer training program at the census bureau, and was also manager of the Senior Executive Course at the Department of Defense Computer Institute.

Native plant dig

Residents interested in obtaining native trees and shrubs can dig them from the rights-of-way of two proposed roads on the Oster property. The property is located approximately one-half mile west of Wulfert Road on Sanibel-Captiva Road. The dig will be on Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Plants such as randia necklace pod, wild olive, gumbo limbo, sea grape, wax myrtle, white indigo berry, coffee, golden creeper, rapanae, and many other interesting varieties are available.

Members of the Vegetation Committee will be on hand to assist you in identifying plants and to give advice on their transplanting and care. Bring your shovel and pruning shears. Burlap, plastic, pots or baskets will be needed for transporting plants.

COTI meeting rescheduled

The Committee of the Islands (COTI) meeting scheduled for yesterday has been rescheduled for today, May 13, at 9:30 a.m. at the Sanibel Library.

SPD offers CPR

The Sanibel Police Department has announced they will be holding CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) classes for interested Islanders on June 4 and 5. Two separate classes, one for individuals interested in re-certification and another for persons with no prior experience, will be offered. The classes will be held at MacKenzie Hall on Palm Ridge Road and there will be a \$2 charge for literature. Pre-registration is required. For further information or to register for the classes contact Sgt. Ray Rhodes at 472-3111.

Your safety

Alarm systems offer security

Editor's note: This story is the first installment of a series by Islander reporter Jody Fisher dealing with the problems of island security, safety and personal protection.

"The best time to sell an alarm is when someone is sweeping up glass," says Jim Pfahler, president of Sanibel's Pro-Com Security Systems.

Pfahler is quick to stress the importance of burglary protection on the Islands, pointing out that "even if you think you have no valuables in your home, your home itself is valuable and needs protection against vandalism."

Many residents believe their hurricane shutters can double as burglary security, Pfahler says, but adds that "winter visitors can be sitting ducks. No shutters can keep anyone out and they're a dead giveaway that no one's home." Besides, he reasons, "how many hurricanes have we had in the last three years in comparison to the amount of burglaries in the same amount of time?"

Security systems have become more and more sophisticated over the last few years and a prospective buyer can literally pick and choose from countless different alarms systems available at countless different prices.

Residential alarms are almost never of the silent variety, according to Pfahler, who says that the main objective of a residential alarm is to get the intruder out (by creating a disturbance loud enough to alert neighbors), call for help (through a direct line to the police headquarters) and channel communications (to pinpoint the exact location).

No longer limited to the traditional siren blasting when a door or window is tampered with, residential alarms can now be completely undetectable and are available at prices ranging between \$1,500 to \$2,000 for complete blanket coverage. Pfahler points out that piling homes can be protected at a lesser charge.

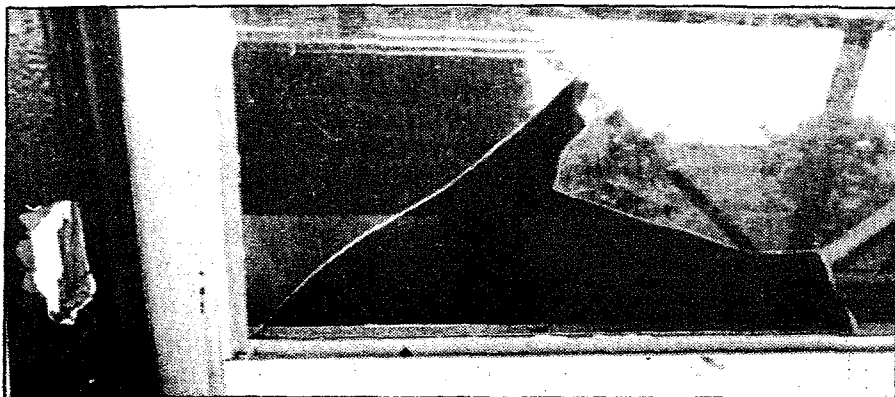
A current top seller is an alarm screen which has the appearance of a standard window screen but is laced with tiny sensors that need only the slightest touch to activate a piercing alarm. Other forms of residential protection include photo electric beams and carpet trap systems that are placed at strategic points under carpeting like tiny "mines."

However secure your alarm system may make you feel, Pfahler emphasizes, the alarm itself is only a part of the preparations necessary before leaving your home unoccupied for any length of time. "Always have your mail and newspaper picked up by a neighbor or discontinued while you're gone," he suggests, "and use light-timers or leave on your radio."

Pfahler also advises against using pin-locks on sliding glass doors if you have already had a security system installed. He points out that to an intruder intent on entering your home, a pin in a sliding glass door will only serve to infuriate him.

"Patio furniture goes through sliding glass doors like a knife through butter," Pfahler says, illustrating the importance of the alarm system as a deterrent to vandalism.

Along with the construction of more expensive homes on the Island has come a trend towards installation of security alarms as soon as construction is complete. "Within five years," Pfahler predicts, "no home will be built without security."



And although the expense of installing the system may prevent some home owners from protecting their property, the purchase of an alarm system can lower insurance rates and, in some cases (as in security for business buildings), is tax deductible.

"Security alarms can range in price from cheap to astronomical," says Pfahler. "Drug store alarms are totally worthless because they can't be properly wired, so in essence, you get what you pay for."

Proper wiring is imperative to an efficient alarm system, especially in the South where summer lightning storms can play havoc with electrical devices. According to Pfahler, "Northern manufacturers don't know about Southern electrical storms," and new ideas to stop equipment damage and false alarms are always in the works.

If the building's circuitry is not lightning protected and properly grounded, static electricity from lightning bolts can set off the alarm by striking near the protected site. To prevent such mishaps, lightning arresters, such as ones used on air conditioning units, can be connected to the alarm system. Then, should lightning strike, fuses are blown out instead of the alarm being set off. Pfahler also suggests a back-up battery system to power the alarm during a power outage.

Pfahler attributes the decrease in business break-ins to the fact that more businesses on the Island are protected by security alarms. In the same vein, he claims that residential robberies are up because of the alarm-equipped businesses.

Most alarms used by local business and residences report directly to the Sanibel Police Department within two to three seconds after alarm activation. When the signal is received at the SPD, code data is unscrambled by a computer, printed out and automated, making it relatively simple for the police to know exactly where the alleged crime is taking place.

"As far as I'm concerned," says Pfahler, "Sanibel has the best police department in the business." He also anticipates that, because of the success of the direct-line alarms, "within six to eight months, everything is going to be computerized."

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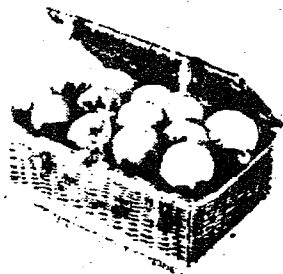
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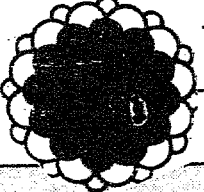
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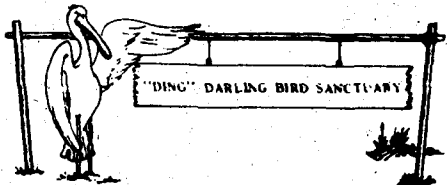
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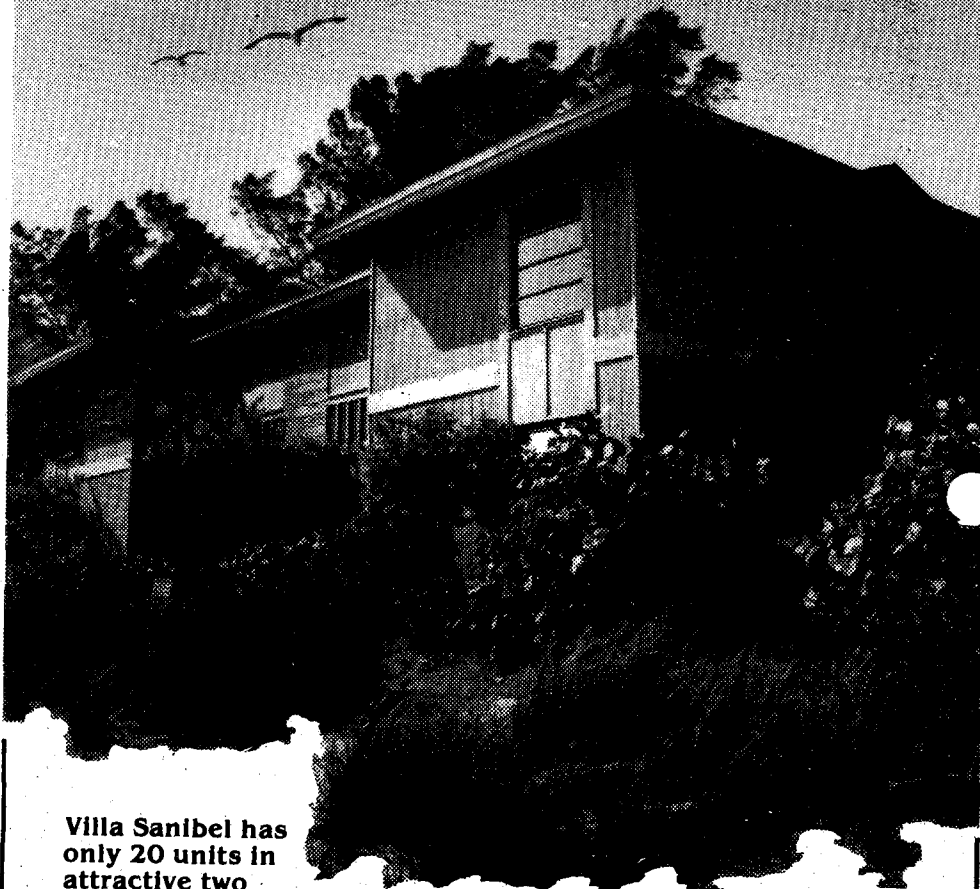
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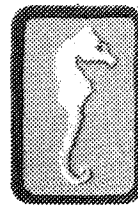
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