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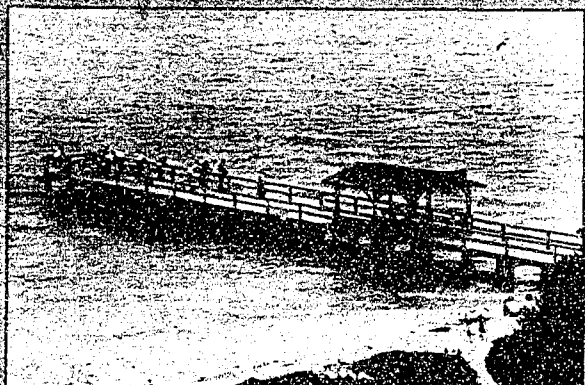
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## Pier Pressure

They do not get out your money for the beach. The pier is a public facility and should be maintained as such. The pier is a public facility and should be maintained as such.

## Council opts to 'switch and cut' \$23 million budget

By Barbara Brundage

Most Sanibel property owners can count on their city taxes going up this year, but by how much hinges on the extent of the surgery the City Council plans to perform on the proposed \$2.3 million 1981-82 budget.

The council agreed at the end of a marathon seven-hour public hearing last Thursday night that it would be "unthinkable to raise the budget," which is already 30 percent higher than the 1980-81 budget.

Instead the council scheduled a special meeting for 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14 to "switch and cut" appropriations in the budget that are "luxuries we can't afford" or that can be held over for another year.

It was council chairman that some priorities could be changed in order to give merit pay raises to City Attorney Neal Bowen and City Manager Bernie Murphy. The raises were not included in the proposed budget.

The salary hikes for Murphy and Bowen would be in addition to the 9 percent cost of living increases already provided across-the-board for all city employees.

"We should be as frugal as we can, but we shouldn't be scared off from providing facilities and services needed for our planned growth," Councilman Forster Case said.

Mayor Duane White, who after a close scrutiny labeled the new budget "tight," recommended "barrow paring."

Earlier White had suggested raising the budget total \$30,000 to boost up the fund for contingencies. That suggestion, however, got no support from the four other councilmen.

"I don't want to raise the budget one penny," Councilman Francis Selby said.

The council will adopt the final version of the budget at a second public hearing at 5:01 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15.

At the first public scribing of the tentative budget last week, local taxpayers crowded

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## CEPD wants renourishment in simple, concise terms

By John Yoder

Captiva Beaches Prevention District Commission Chairman Dick Butz and Commissioner John Oster agreed at yesterday's regular meeting that an emergency situation exists regarding public understanding of the district's proposed beach renourishment project.

With only five Captiva residents present at the regularly scheduled CEPD meeting, including district candidate John Mount, the commissioners agreed that they must spell out this beach renourishment project in simple and concise terms that everyone can understand.

"None of us want to do anything that the island, in general, does not want,"

Butz said.

Only one more meeting will be held before the Nov. 3 election in which Captiva voters will decide on a referendum to finance the renourishment of their beaches. Public turnout at the CEPD meetings has been minimal.

Commissioners also decided at the meeting that charges for copies of reports and letters made available to the public at the CEPD office should be made. Copies of most materials are available at the Captiva Library, and the commissioners said it was too much expense for the office to make other copies available free of charge.

In other action, Project Manager Dick Stevens announced that the South Seas

Plantation beach renourishment project is officially finished. The project used 10 to 15 percent more sand than originally planned due to unforeseen erosion that occurred while the project was being planned and executed.

Commissioner Ed Oling requested more specific information on how much more sand was used, which Stevens said would be made available.

Commissioner Oster said the people of Captiva "must understand the absolute emergency status of this new (renourishment) project." Oster said time is a critical factor and pointed out that "years" have passed since renourishment was contemplated. Everyday that passes means increased costs, he said.



## Tennis... Wade-style

Virginia Wade, South Seas Plantation's leading professional, spent the weekend on the island receiving top for the Florida Federal Opportunity Open in Tampa, which got underway yesterday. At 15, Ms. Wade displays the form that has earned her ranking among the top 10 women players for 11 of the last 20 years.

The 1977 Wimbledon champion practiced with her former coach, South Seas' female pro Greg Carter, who rated Ms. Wade as one of the most talented players around. Photos by David McCreedy.



## The Sanibel Fishing Pier

He's hooked!  
The phrase aptly applies to either the fish or any of the proud fishermen who reel in their catches from the Sanibel Fishing Pier.

Day in and day out, year 'round, the pier hosts fishing aficionados who are as colorful and varied as the redfish, trout, sail cats, sharks, snook, cobia and mackerel they land.

Just before dusk on recent evenings more than 25 tourists, maintenance men and islanders crowded the pier. Plastic bait buckets bobbed along one side of the pier next to stringers laden with the catches of the day.

Bob Bowen, a hand-tooled leather shark harness only partially covered the Lakeland resident's Tampa Bay Shakers' attire. Bowen was after shark but he wasn't disappointed with the 15-pound redfish he landed.

When his mother arrived with the in-laws, a camera Bowen followed the advice of the other fishermen on the pier and to make the fish look bigger, held his catch at arm's length in front of him. "I'll do it every time," he laughed.

That's usual to what I'm used to. Islander Herb Williams said matter-of-factly as he eyed Bowen's red. Williams wasn't overly impressed with the 18-pound red he hooked himself but said the fish was worth taking home to throw in the freezer.

Williams was fishing from the pier because his boat was in dry dock being painted. "I'd normally be out in my boat," he said. "But come daylight tomorrow, I'll be back here."

Judging from their wishful glances, the tourist fishermen lining the pier gladly would have waited all day and given their last lure for Williams' 18-pound red and deemed their fishing trip a success from that one catch.

Williams, however, reminded about the good of days when an 18-pounder was worth keeping, and "you didn't even need bait to catch a bigger and better red off the pier."

Several years ago when the ferry was still running, he told his captive listeners "you could drop a line, catch a fish and do it again - you always ended up with fish."

Now you can sit here three or four hours before you catch anything," he added.

Several years ago when the ferry was still running, the Sanibel pier was 300 feet west of the present pier. When the old pier deteriorated and was condemned, Lee County and the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce shared the \$20,000 cost of the new pier which is on U.S. Coast Guard property near the Lighthouse.

Phil Bula dropped his line and thought about taking a big catch home to his wife in Bradenton as proof that his business trip might life really did consist of innocent fishing.

Bills, an insurance representative said his business trips to Fort Myers bring him to the Sanibel pier several times a year. "It's better than any night life I know in Fort Myers," he said. "I might be tired in the morning, but I won't have a hangover - I'm trying to convince my wife it's socially redeeming."

Sanibel commercial fisherman Bud Roderick's wife knows the merits of the local pier - she met her husband there. Roderick fishes from his boat all day and more often than not stops by the pier when his work is done.

Usually catch something, he said as he moved the pier to check his line. Caught an 11-foot shark off this pier once. As the sun sank into the water and the crowd began to thin, Roderick, Bowen, Williams and Bula remained firmly planted. "I'll probably be here until 1 or 2 (a.m.)," Bowen said as he tugged the leather straps of his harness. "I'm hoping for a shark fight."

Bills said he would stay a little longer, too, hoping for snook.

Roderick and Williams stayed to talk shop and trade fish tales.

Whatever their reasons for fishing the pier, all four agreed the evening had been well spent. "It keeps me out of trouble," Bowen said. "I have a friend who says fishermen - I mean serious fishermen - don't get in real trouble."

Roderick and Williams laughed. "I think your friend was trying to pull one over on you," Williams said. "But that's not to say we don't have fun."



Story by Cindy Chalmers

Photos by David Meardon

## Experiments prove successful in Brazilian pepper fight

By John Yoder

Experiments to rid the islands of Brazilian pepper trees and eventually other exotic plants are making marked progress under the direction of Dr. Bill Webb.

Webb found the water-based chemical Garlon undesirable for use on the island's Brazilian pepper. Usable only during dry weather, the Garlon could enter the island water systems simply by washing off trees that received the application. Webb says the Garlon is long lasting and very powerful.

Now using a new chemical called Garlon, Webb is experimenting with at least a 90 percent success. Although a water-based Garlon is available, the Garlon Webb uses is oil based and will not enter the water systems.

One area of experimentation the public can readily view is along the east side of Tarpon Bay Road, where a bicycle path will be located. The mile-long stretch is 50 feet wide. Passers-by can see the dead Brazilian peppers in the midst of the other vegetation.

Webb has kept records on the project since he started it more than two months ago. At the start of the experiment he went to the area each morning armed with a battery-operated drill, a hatchet and Garlon-loaded, plastic-based containers.

He drilled holes in the pest trees and squirted a mixture of two parts Garlon to 100 parts diesel fuel directly into the trunks. In an area thick with the pepper trees like the Tarpon Bay Road area, Webb used a conventional sprayer with a modified nozzle that allows him to reach from six to eight feet for accurate application. Adjacent plants are not affected.

The oil in the mixture causes a high absorption rate and a large area can be covered in one spraying, Webb explains. The drill method requires "crawling on your belly in sometimes swampy conditions" he adds.

The new chemical Garlon, made by Dow Chemical Company, was also used in a private experiment on about two acres of land that were to be developed. Sanibel development permits require removal of Brazilian peppers but use of brute force, such as bulldozers, can be quite costly and can also damage adjacent plants. Garlon application costs approximately \$150 an acre.

Webb says a good illustration of Garlon versus bulldozers is along the Tarpon Bay Road experiment. Webb's method is on the east side of the road and the bulldozer method is on the west side of the road.

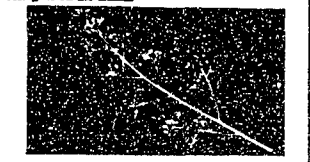
Evidence that Garlon does not affect adjacent plants is also at the Tarpon Bay Road area. Webb says. Leaves from close to the Brazilian peppers are thriving and other native plants are already vigorously growing up through the dead peppers.

Webb says one application is not enough for severely infested places, Webb says. "You get as many of them (Brazilian peppers) as you can the first time around. But some are always missed and about 10 percent grow back," he says. "A second application is then necessary to get the ones missed and any newly growing trees."

At the Tarpon Bay Road site dead peppers will be cut and other wildlife that enjoy decomposing vegetation removal is not necessary.

Webb says the islands will never be completely free of Brazilian peppers. "But we certainly can control them somewhat through the use of Garlon," he says. "It is a slow process, but it works and there is no danger to the animals." According to Webb, an animal would have to drink 10 times its body weight of Garlon in two hours to cause harmful effects.

Killing Brazilian peppers allows native vegetation to grow and "crowd" out seedlings from the pepper trees. The same process could be applied to spats and Australian plants, which are also considered pests by naturalists and ecologists on the islands.



## Obituary

### Elise Campbell Fuller

Elise (Campbell) (Lilly) Fuller, 66, of 312 Palisade Lane, Sanibel, died Saturday Oct. 3, 1981.

Born in Columbus, Ohio, she had been a permanent resident of Florida since 1963. Mrs. Fuller made many valuable contributions to the community of Sanibel and was active in the Sanibel Community Association in its early days.

An active member of Saint Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church, she was one of the founders of the Sanibel Public Library and of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to any of these organizations in lieu of flowers. Survivors include one stepson, Fred Fuller of Norwell, Mass.; four grandchildren, four great grandchildren and one niece.

A memorial service will be held in Sanibel at a later date.

## Correction

The names of two children a Center of the Islands students were incorrect in last week's Islander story about the center. Jaime Milligan, below left, is the daughter of Linda and Terry Milligan; Katie Leonard, right, is the daughter of Carolyn and Rob Leonard. The Islander regrets the mistake.



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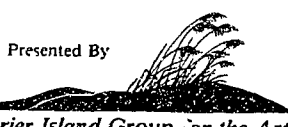


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## MUNICIPAL RECORDS

## Treated effluent to irrigate Dunes course

Residents of the Dunes readily agree that the grass will be greener on the fairway than the golf course after the Mariner Properties Inc. plan to irrigate the course with treated effluent from the Sanibel Sewer System is put into effect.

But they are worried that odor from the treated waste water will pollute the air as it has at beachview Golf Course where the spray irrigation system has been used for some time.

Richard Morgan of Johnson Engineering who designed the Dunes system said use of more chlorine in the evaporation ponds will eliminate the possibility of a bad smell.

The planning commission last week agreed to member Arthur Noyes that the system is a proper use of resources if effectively controlled and monitored. The commission approved a development permit for installation of the system by a 4-0 vote.

The gray water will be piped from the Sanibel plant across Periwinkle Way to the evaporation ponds. The treated effluent will then be pumped through 10-inch lines across Sandcastle road to sprinkler heads on the existing golf course.

In strict compliance with Department of Environmental Regulation standards the full circular sprinkler heads will be placed

at least 50 feet from any home or building. A wind gauge will be installed that will adjust the spray off the system when winds reach 20 mph, Morgan said.

In a second phase of development, the pipeline will be extended to the Dunes and Mariner's Place III or a portion of the Dunes.

Ray Favelle, Mariner's director of development, said that the year that the sewer treatment plant would produce enough water to service both the Dunes and beachview golf courses.

The plant's capacity of one million gallons of gray water daily is more than enough to provide the 700,000 gallons per day to service the 18-hole course, he said.

Commissioner Louise Johnson stressed the need for monitoring the operation and was assured by Morgan that the plant is monitored daily.

## Casavell sticks to Surety plans

Because the planning commission would not transfer our dwelling units allocated under the State of Florida Ordinance in July 1980, Frank Casavell abandoned a revised application for a 13-unit condominium on Middle Gulf Drive.


Casavell told the commission last week that a new plan was definitely superior to the one submitted by Surety Constructors Co. the former owner of the property and approved by the commission last February.

As a phased development, Surety's project had been given priority for ROGGO allocation more than a year ago.

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## MUNICIPAL RECORDS

## Casavell sticks to Surety plans from page 6

plans all new buildings. Commissioners Chairman Ann Westerlindham told Casavell.

I would be unfair to the other ROGGO applicants and to the three commissioners (absent last week) who originally scored the project to approve this today, she said.

When Casavell was informed that his site plan must go through the ROGGO process to receive an allocation, he opted to continue with Surety's plan.

Planning Director Bruce Rogers confirmed Oct. 5 as the deadline for Casavell to

obtain a building permit to begin construction of the four units already allocated for the project.

Casavell was assured that he could make minor changes to the floor plan with the approval of the Building Department.

Changes Casavell wanted to make included placing the 12 units in two buildings instead of three, adding a putting green, relocating the swimming pool and tennis court and moving the beach walkway closer to the east property line and sharing it with neighboring Capri Beach condominium.

## Commission from page 4

Island consistent with the land use plan have been mapped by city planners. Each can be used as a guide to the availability for additional commercial development.

Alternative uses rather than commercial

should be encouraged on the land between these nodes on Periwinkle Way.

As no incentive for property owners to develop residentially zoned parcels the planners suggested increasing density

(currently 0.1 units per acre) to 2.5 units to permit single-family subdivisions on larger tracts.

Under the new plan a distinction is made between uses permitted by right and those which would be permitted only under certain conditions.

Conditional uses, in addition to carrying with all sections of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan must demonstrate that their intensity would have no greater adverse impact than that of any permitted use by right.

Conditional uses, in addition to developments of more than 12,000 square feet, would include those with more than one dwelling unit in a commercial district, commercial developments in the General Office and Retail district with mixed office and retail use and exclusive permitted office use both with more than 10 per cent FAR.

Commercial uses in the resort housing zone, off-center-retail commercial uses located outside designated commercial districts and financial institutions, restaurants, service stations, car washes and commercial uses with drive-in service facilities and other uses in the Planning Commission

flats to be similar in size character and intensity to listed uses.

Accessory retail uses may be permitted in the Resort Housing areas when the developer demonstrates that at least 75 percent of the demand for the proposed use is generated by residents and guests of the resort.

Side yard setbacks for two-story buildings in all three commercial districts for both permitted and conditional uses were increased by a vote of the commission from 15 feet recommended by the staff to 35 feet.

Under proposed new regulations all commercial developments must be screened from Periwinkle Way by a vegetation buffer of staggered height that extends for a depth of 75 feet from the center line of the road.

Clearance and clearance on any commercial site for all three districts cannot exceed 35 percent of the total site the commission decided.

The staff had recommended permitting 60 per cent coverage and clearance for lots with more than 100 feet of frontage for permitted uses in the Primary Office and Retail district and for conditional uses in the General Office and Retail district.

Commissioner Louise Johnson suggested

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If these new regulations are incorporated into the land use plan only five lawfully existing uses will remain in the commercial districts on Portwinkle Way Duane pointed out.


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# On the water

By Captain Mike Fuery

There is probably some formula for it, but did you ever notice that people start out buying larger and larger boats then come full circle and end up with a little 12-foot outboard powered job that didn't cost a quarter of what the big ones did?

This is no short-term full circle - sometimes it takes 20 or 30 years. But as often as not, after the thrill of pushing a big boat down the coast wears off and the gas pains start, then those little put-puta come into their own.

The only problem with the circle is that when you are at the start of it, you can't possibly see that you would be happy with what you have when you see in a showroom a sleek ship that will cost you half a year's pay.

This week, let's look at those small boat owners and what they can accomplish with their tiny craft in our island waters.

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Well, one of the chief advantages of a small, shallow draft boat of this type is that it gets you back around the mangrove islands where many fish, especially redfish, like to feed at high tide.

There are lots of these older boats around that have ours,

and sneaking up quietly on a favorite pocket where the reds feed surely gives an advantage.

There are still many old flat bottomed boats around the islands. Some are used for rentals, and they might ride a bit rough, but they only draw four or five inches. If you are a sheller, this is just the kind of boat for you - this is if you like to return with any regularity to the docks when the tide is low.

If you have one of the aluminum Jon boats out behind the house, again you have the boat for working reefs and the oyster bars. Shells might not sink a fiberglass boat, but the sharp edge will surely put some deep scratches on the bottom. Not so with the little inexpensive Jon boats.

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no, they don't blow up when left out in the sun too long like the first models might have done.

But with the inflatable's prices rise. You might put down \$1,000 or so for a four seater. Add an engine for another \$1,000 and you're back on the circle to bigger and better.

The best thing about the inflatables is that you can carry them in the trunk of your car and use them in nearly any protected water situation.

Many, many island visitors have bought inflatables. It beats trailering down their larger boats. If they have them, and it is cheaper than renting a boat locally.

There is one problem when you put an engine on an inflatable, however. They don't officially become motor boats and need to be registered and have identification numbers.

If you have some little boat that works, is easy to trailer and hides neatly behind the house, do yourself a favor - throw away all those boating magazine ads and stick with what you have. It gets you home, doesn't it?

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Conversion table: The above tides are for the Lighthouse point of Sanibel only. To convert for Redfish Pass (North tip of Captiva) add 35 minutes to the time shown for every high tide. Subtract two minutes for every low tide. For Captiva Island Gulf side, subtract 20 minutes for each high tide and subtract hour and 16 minutes for each low tide. For Captiva Island Sound (Bay) side, add 1 hour and 4 minutes for each high tide and add 35 minutes for each low tide. In between these points, gulf or bay guessimate and have good fishing or shelling.

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# Shelling Tips

By Captain Mike Fuery

A group of my shellers found something unusual the other day, and right in the middle was a little unwanted surprise, too.

We were working a shallow sandbar along the Gulf of Mexico in about a foot and a half of water when we came upon what probably was more than 30 live, feeding whelks which had never been seen in any numbers in that area before.

The striking effect of seeing so many whelks in one little 100-square-foot patch of sand bar was something, but what fascinated us was that so many of the shells were albinos. There are albinos, or all white shells, in every variety but they are prized and up until then, hard to find.

I had been to that particular bar for many years and never once seen as many shells feeding at one small spot. We looked to find if there was one particular kind of shell or something they were feeding upon, but no luck there. Actually, we couldn't find what they were feeding on.

I have heard reports of people finding a sandbar full of shells before, but the tales were usually from the good old days of Sanibel when few people came here.

Even now, on occasion, someone will call or stop by to say that a certain type of shell, frequently Florida fighting crabs or horse crabs, was found in large numbers.

The only trouble is shellers often get a little greedy and take as many live shells as they can before someone else comes along to see what's going on.

I've often wondered what triggers this mass collective gathering of certain shells in a given area. Some shellers are colony feeders, such as sand dollars and sea urchins. But the big whelks and conchs and several others are shells that are independent and like to move. You might see two or three large shells in a 100-foot circle but that would be a crowd under normal circumstances.

Even during the mating seasons, there aren't large concentrations of shells. If anyone has some good theories about why the gatherings of shells occur, please drop a line and I'll pass it on.

As I said, in the midst of this stumbling upon 50 or so large, unusually colored whelks there was another incident that amused us - until we had a good look at the results. It seems that one of the girls in my shelling group was walking along that same sand bar before anyone

discovered the large collection of whelks and found a sand dollar. Then another.

Things were fine until she tried to pick up the last dead sand dollar. When the naturally brown sand dollar died, it turns a sandy brown color, much lighter than the sand it rests upon. The girl innocently reached down for the next dollar but the sand colored dollar took off in a cloud of dust.

That's right - it was a sting ray the size of a sand dollar! It was a baby ray, naturally, but before it departed it whipped it a tail into the girl's thumb. It bit and hurt, and that was just a baby. I can't say enough times "Watch out for the rays!" Again I tell nearly every day and have never been stung. And I'm not looking forward to the first time!

Incidentally if you were wondering of the six of us we took two tiny live shells of the 50 or so large whelks found. Both were pure white!

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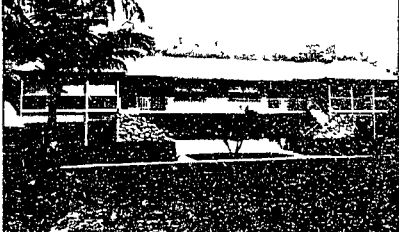
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## From baskets to bridge, community courses teach you how

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Six courses are planned to combine friendship and education for islanders who want to learn about drama, bridge, gardening, fishing and basket weaving.

This season's agenda includes Six Great Plays, an examination of six plays from six areas of theater, A Tuckat, A Tuckat, An Appalachian Basket, Bidding and Play - Review and Improve Your Bridge for experienced bridge players, Bridge for Beginners Only, an introduction to the basics, Gardening Can Be Glorious, for tips on gardening on a barrier island and Introduction to Island Fishing, including how to prepare and cook your catch.

The Six Great Plays course is new this season and represents the SCA's effort to include more literature courses in its schedule, according to SCA Publicity Chairman Carol Davenport.

The bridge courses are consistently the

most popular classes on the SCA schedule. Mrs. Davenport said, Cape Coral residents Bob Omen and Jean Scott will teach the advanced class, and Jean Scott will teach the beginners course.

The Community Courses Committee of the SCA was organized five years ago by Mrs. Davenport and Ann Marsh. The objective of the committee is to create an environment in which the islanders' socially isolated residents could meet new people and make new friends - sometimes difficult in a resort-oriented area.

The committee also wanted to provide a setting for the islanders' many talents and artists to share their varied talents with interested residents.

During the past four seasons, more than 1,500 islanders have participated in over 50 courses ranging from ESP to gourmet cooking.

For a complete listing including times and prices of this fall's courses, see the SCA advertisement on page 5 of this paper.

## Cablevision outages explained

Outages of the Cablevision of the Islands satellite signal on Cablevision Channels 4, 8, 10 and 12 are likely to occur at approximately 4 p.m. for about seven minutes each day through Oct. 12. Cablevision of the Islands Manager Fred Vallin announced last week.

Vallin explained that the outages are caused every fall and spring when the sun crosses the equatorial plane and orbital positions are such that the earth receiving station antenna, the sun and the satellite are on one line.

The earth receiving station then receives signals from both the satellite and the sun. The sun is very powerful and subdues the desired satellite signal, causing the outages.

Cablevision of the Islands' earth receiving station on Sanibel receives its signals from RCA's Satcom 1.

## Sanibel Fire Department christens new rescue truck

By David Meardes

The Sanibel Fire Department has a new rescue vehicle with advanced equipment for medical calls, auto accidents and small fires.

The vehicle, a 1981 GMC truck, was refurbished for rescue operations by lead firefighter and master mechanic Don Fry, who installed lights, a utility body and ladder rack, and a 350-gallon drop-in tank and pump, rendering the truck "a worthy" for rescue operations.

Assistant Fire Chief Charles Frederick said the city saved about \$3,000 by purchasing the truck separately instead of buying an already equipped rescue vehicle.

He estimated the cost of the new rescue unit at \$20,000.

In operation at the Fire Department's Palm Ridge Road station, the vehicle is equipped with tools for prying and cutting for forcible entry as well as the "jaws of life," to free people trapped in their cars after an auto accident.

The rescue vehicle also has an oxygen tank, gas tanks and a pump that can draw from bodies of water.

There are now two such vehicles on the island. The other one, while somewhat less advanced, is in operation the Bowman's Beach Road Fire Station.



Showing off Sanibel's new rescue vehicle are, left to right, Fire Chief Fred Rantz, Assistant Chief Charles Frederick, lead firefighter Don Fry, and firefighter Tom Kaminski. Photo by David Meardes.



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#### Budget from page 20

Though salaries and wages were increased \$18,000 by cost of living raises, the city's budget for the Administration Department is only \$2,000 higher.

The Legal Department with \$65,000 appropriated for expenditures is under budgeted, Murphy said.

Murphy revealed there are no monies in his proposed budget to subsidize the trolley transit system to hire a fiscal officer or bond counsel should the purchase of the Algonquin station be pursued or to demolish the Algonquin station.

Murphy who characterized the budget as "on the high side" when it was first presented to the council last July now calls it "tight."

Now is the time to add to it if you're going to be advised the council at last Thursday's hearing.

There is no problem in raising the total figure at any time before the final public hearing Oct. 15, he said.

But the council opted to follow the trend and look for ways to switch and cut within the current parameters of the budget.

Now is the time to live within our means, Councilman Fred Van der Meer said.

#### Shell Harbor voters go to the polls today

By Bertha Brundage

Sanibel voters who live in the Shell Harbor Canal Maintenance District go to the polls today to approve or disapprove a 7.5 millage cap for the 1981-82 ad valorem tax that will fund dredging operations in canals in the special taxing district.

Voters in Mariner Pointe and Tennisplace condominium complexes are expected to vote against the proposal in today's special election. They have publicly opposed ad valorem taxation as the means of raising funds to finance the district and have called the tax inequitable.

Mariner Pointe Condominium Association has filed a suit against the city of Sanibel and the Shell Harbor district asking the court to remove that condominium from the special taxing district.

The suit maintains that the complex with only 1,000 feet of canal frontage will pay 25 percent of the projected maintenance cost for the entire network of waterways under the taxing proposal. As relief the condominium association is asking the court to order another method to finance the work.

Should the referendum fail with a majority of the 150 to 200 voters in the district saying "No," the City Council, sitting as the district's Board of Governors must look for alternative ways to raise the more than \$300,000 it is estimated will cost to support the operation.

Last Thursday at a public hearing the Board of Governors adopted on first reading a tentative \$225,400 budget and a 7.5 millage rate for the 1981-82 fiscal year.

Final adoption of the budget is scheduled for Oct. 15 at 6 p.m. at a second public hearing at MacKenzie Hall.

But the question may become moot if voters do not approve the millage cap required under state regulations for special taxing districts.

At last week's budget hearing Board Chairman Duane White announced that letters opposing adoption of the budget had been received from 20 Mariner Pointe and six Tennisplace residents.

Mrs. James Kaden, who lives at Tennisplace, commented that in lieu of the high property taxes this year, it is a very bad

time to have this additional burden. She suggested the work be delayed another year.

Asked what bearing the Mariner Pointe lawsuit might have on the district's future City Attorney Neal Bower, acting as attorney for the district, replied, "None now."

In the future it will depend on whether the plaintiff (Mariner Pointe) is the winner or the loser, he added.

He outlined four possibilities. Mariner Pointe property could be excluded from the district, the court could order a different cost formula, the entire taxing district could be invalidated, and the Board of Governors could win the suit.

In the tentative 1981-82 budget prepared by City Manager Bernie Murphy, the district's executive director, the cost of dredging operations is estimated at \$250,000 a year, old figure.

Start-up expenses for the district paid by the city are estimated in the budget at \$30,000, but Murphy said in reality that figure will not exceed \$20,000.

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### ALANON meeting evenings changed

Beginning the first week of October ALANON meetings will be changed from Friday nights to Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. at St. Michael's Church.

### Christian Women meet at Sundial

The Sanibel-Captiva Christian Women's Club will have its monthly luncheon at the Sundial Beach and Tennis Resort on Thursday Oct. 4 at 11:30 a.m. Cost of luncheon is \$4.75.

The special feature will be a Fall Fling Fashion Show presented by Jackie Tetraault. Speaker will be Judy Lynn from Plano, Tex. Ms. Lynn is married mother of three, interested in good health and owns a nutrition business. Meal will be provided by Betty Blackwell from Fort Myers.

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American Orchid Society judges will award deserving blossoms local or national recognition. Judging will be completed before the show opens in order to give the public a chance to see the judging results as identified on the winning plants. The show will be at the Telen Club Lion's Park Recreation Center, 2846 Cleveland Avenue, in Fort Myers. The show will be open from 2 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11.

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