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Day tripper traffic threatens quality of life

By Barbara Brundage

Horrendous traffic conditions during the winter season pose the greatest threat to the quality of life on Sanibel, the City Council believes.

The council also recognizes that day visitors coming to the island in increasing numbers each year are the main source of the congestion.

By the year 2000 the projected average daily traffic volume on Periwinkle Way is estimated to be 19,000 vehicles. Currently in the winter season an average of 12,000 cars daily use this main island road creating bumper-to-bumper traffic during peak periods.

In a special workshop session last Wednesday the council took the first step toward finding a solution to the problem.

During discussion of a compendium of facts and figures pertaining to the intensity of use the council instructed the planning staff to reevaluate ways to cut the impact of day trippers.

Several options for ways to control the escalation are suggested in the intensity of use study. They include:

- (1) Restricting the number of vehicles permitted to cross the Causeway in any one day;
- (2) Increasing the cost of visiting the island by initiating a gate tax;
- (3) Establishing a train system to carry visitors from a parking lot on city property on Causeway Road to island destinations;
- (4) Monitoring Causeway traffic to determine when public parking facilities are filled and posting an advisory sign at the Causeway toll gate when this occurs or when "bumper-to-bumper" traffic on

Periwinkle Way will cause long waits.

"The largest issue is to find a legal way to prevent revenue producing automobiles from crossing the Causeway," City Manager Bernie Murphy advised the council. "The onus is on David (City Attorney La Croix) to determine this."

Councilman Francis Bailey noted that a large percentage of the cars crossing the Causeway in early morning hours and during the late afternoon exodus carry out-of-island residents who work on Sanibel.

"A lot of day trippers are not pleasure seekers," he said. Establishment of Balow Market, Role Housing might offer some relief by giving some of these workers a place to live on the island, Bailey added.

Councilman Lester Johnson said that a sign at the toll booth advising visitors the island is full might make them decide to go somewhere else.

"It would be a start at least," she added. Councilman Fred Yallin stressed the importance of knowing whether any one of these solutions is "practically or legally enforceable."

The city attorney and planning staff will examine these options and update both advisory and mandatory controls outlining the legal ramifications.

In the study to determine if the present intensity of use and density allowed by the Comprehensive Land Use Plan is too high for existing conditions on the island the staff suggests possible changes in the city's buildback policy that could cut future density and reduce intensity of use.

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It's as easy as 1,2,3

Noah Byrne, 14, got a head start on his ABC's on Saturday at the Captiva Middle Elementary and Closet Role. Noah's dad, Michael, practiced the blue art of bargain hunting and found

him a brand new pair of shoes. Handcuffs, other penny-wise shoppers were in their glory at the sale, too. See more photos by David Meardon on page 12A.

Statistics review eight years of Sanibel police action

By Cindy Chalmers

Most 8-year-olds don't solve homicides or investigate attempted murders. Nor do they defuse explosives, confiscate narcotics or lift fingerprints from burglary scenes.

But there's one 8-year-old on Sanibel that has all this

and more under its collective belt — the Sanibel Police Department.

Handcuffs, explosives and narcotics are not the typical fare of an SPD officer's day. But the department has handled numerous such offenses along with hundreds of less serious crimes since it was formed eight years ago

last month.

"There were basically two reasons why the city was incorporated," Police Chief John Butler says. "One was so we could have a land use plan for the island. The other

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BEST FRIENDS

By Cindy Chalmers
Photos by Carol Kranichfeld
and Terry Murphy



Handicap pales in the face of friendship

The deepest friendships often develop under the strangest circumstances and surprise even those others who best know the friends in question.

Consider Robb Park and Lauren Elliott. The two know better than most what it means to need, receive and give the special attention that only the best of good friends can give.

Robb and Lauren are not a Best Friend, but then that, is even more special. Robb is nothing less than a miracle around which it so quickly and easily developed.

The two are second graders. Lauren is the sensitive, timid one; Robb is the precocious one whose cerebral palsy confines him to a wheelchair.

They live in Lynnfield, Mass., just outside Boston.



Robb Park and Lauren Elliott have been Best Friends since they started second grade together last fall. Two weeks ago they visited Lauren's grandparents, Sanibel residents Olive and Stan Rittler.

Lauren is the granddaughter of Sanibel residents Olive and Stan Rittler. Robb's parents are Gerry and Brad Park of Boston Bruins fame.

The Robb and Lauren team saw Florida together for the first time two weeks ago, when Robb joined Lauren, her three sisters, one brother and her parents on a trip that started in Disney World and ended on Captiva.

"It's kind of hard to explain," 9-year-old Robb says about the special friendship. While he talks 7-year-old Lauren looks on and smiles. And whenever they are in sand, "I'm going to have to think about it."

Lauren, however, doesn't have to think. "I like him because he's handicapped," she announces. But she is promptly laughed by Robb. "No, no, no," he says with exasperation. "It's not a good reason."

Lauren thinks again. "Okay, I like him because he's very, very nice. He helps me and I help him. That's my best friend."

"Now that's a good reason," Robb approves with a gurgling nod.

Would that grownups could be so simple.

This surprisingly grown-up but refreshingly innocent friendship started on the first day of second grade for Lauren and Robb last fall.

Lauren was the new kid on the block at the Huckleberry School in Lynnfield. She didn't like her

situation, and Robb picked up on her trepidation.

"She ran out to find her mother," he remembers. "That was when I thought I should help." He adds matter-of-factly. And help he did: "I just showed her around a bit, told her not to be afraid."

"Actually," he says as an afterthought, "I did some really good stuff for her."

Lauren grins in agreement. The two disagree on every little. But most important, they agree that their relationship is the most important facet of their young lives.

Robb's handicap rarely gets in the way. "No one's perfect," Lauren says as though every 7-year-old pushes her best friend in a wheelchair instead of ships with that friend hand-in-hand. "But everybody's special," she adds thoughtfully.

But it is easy to see Lauren firmly believes Robb's character and his personality, not his handicap or the fact that he is the Boston area 1983 United Cerebral Palsy theme child, make him special.

"He likes to laugh," she says. "I like that. One time he laughed so hard he fell off the bed. He tells me jokes and makes me laugh. I like that too."

"I don't think we're so special," Robb reflects. "Friends just like to make each other feel good."

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Rittler. Above left, Lauren packs sand around Robb's delicate frame in a Captiva beach. Above right, the inseparable pair became even more so when they were handcuffed at the Sanibel Police Department during a tour of police headquarters.

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BEST FRIENDS continued

makes good friends when you can help each other, too."

Then he asks Lauren's mother, Martha, to please dig him out of the sand her daughter has so carefully packed around his delicate frame. He wants to go to the water.

Lauren does cartwheels down to the shore while Martha cradles Robb in her arms. Lauren is used to lifting Robb's 50 pounds herself, but her footing is a bit insecure on the sandy beach - and she would rather do cartwheels this day, anyway. Robb doesn't mind.

A few friendly splashes and a mouthful of sand later, however, he has had enough of the waves. Now the Robb and Lauren team is ready for all the world to see how they make Robb walk.

Lauren's older brother, Martin, helps by holding Robb upright while Lauren, on her knees, tirelessly and tenderly moves Robb's twisted feet, one in front of the other, step by step, down the beach. It's as though they are leading a parade, and it's hard to tell who boasts the bigger grin through the whole procession.

Even though Robb and Lauren don't think their friendship is anything unusual, their families are both impressed and touched by the bond and uncanny rapport between the two.

"I've never seen anything quite as intense as this between children," Martha says as Lauren and Robb pose with abandon for the photographer in the background. "They just love each other," she adds. "If they were 17 I would say they were in love."

Martha and her husband, Leon, and their four other children happily welcome Robb into their lives and say his presence has changed their lives, too.

"We've all fallen in love with him," she says. "I don't know why people can't see beyond the physical handicap. There's so much more there."

Lauren, the family agrees, sees far beyond Robb's handicap. "She always had a tendency to stare something fierce at handicapped people," her father, Leon, says. "I used to think that was a bit rude. But now I see that she was only curious. She wanted to know more about it."

Martha says Robb's parents are equally impressed

by the relationship that has developed between the two children. "Gerry (Robb's mother) says he never wanted to sleep over at any friend's house until he met Lauren," Martha says. Now Robb hides - Lauren takes him out of his wheelchair and puts him under the bed or in a closet - when his father arrives to rock him up.

When they are together at Lauren's house or at Robb's house they put on skits for their families, they play Atari, they set the dinner table, they play tricks on one another.

It is important that Robb be able to do whatever he sets his mind to, and his parents, who have three other sons and one daughter, fully recognize that he cannot be treated with kid gloves just because he has cerebral palsy, Martha says.

"If more parents of handicapped children let them live a normal life then, maybe more handicapped children would be as well-adjusted as Robb," she says. Robb, but Martha attaches the "y" out of habit.

And if more people - children or grownups; handicapped or not - were best friends like Lauren and Robb, chances are we all would be better adjusted to handle life's mysteries.

"I help her and she helps me," Robb says. "That's one idea of friendship. It's as easy as that."

Cerebral palsy: Still no cure

About one half of 1 percent of the people in the world have cerebral palsy. The disease is caused by damage to the brain either before or during birth, and is outwardly manifested by lack of muscle control, speech, speech and lack of balance. The disease affects the muscles of the limbs, neck, back and/or trunk and can cause severe crippling and mental retardation. Sometimes, however, the symptoms are so mild that they hardly interfere with normal activities. Many

types of cerebral palsy treatment, including physical, occupational and special education, when Cerebral Palsy Association provide treatment, care, and services for their families. Cerebral palsy cannot be cured.

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Read's ramblings What do government workers do for lunch?

In my occasional forays into these columns I hope to raise issues not ordinarily covered by others. Today I tackle a question which, while seemingly trivial, is actually not unimportant: What do laborers in the vineyards of government do with their lunch periods?

Of course you all have heard of the two- or three-minute lunch. This clearly is a major lubricant greasing the wheels not only of government but also of commerce. Or change the metaphor to one used by our president, lunchrooms of this type certainly add a not inconsiderable quantity of gold dust to the "meagles of the marketplace."

But today I intend to explore some of the more obscure nooks and crannies of lunch time pursuits. When I was a young - and poor - struggling in the thickets of the federal bureaucracy in Washington, before I clawed my way up to the lowest rung on the ladder of success, I used to bring my lunch to work.

Observing a practice later to be happily termed "brown-bagging it," I and my equally peevish colleagues would join the cafeteria line, balcony sandwiches, celery sticks and apples placed prominently on our trays, and slink sheepishly through the line until we reached the soup station, where we would add bowls of soup to our noontime repast.

When it got closer to pay day, our limited funds, approaching exhaustion, we would settle for less - a rickety cup of coffee or, if our straits were dire enough, a mere

glass of water.

Concerning our sumptuous repasts within the space of a few minutes, we would join the other inmates in a quick turn around the buildings and then reposit to our desks to confront the daily New York Times crossword puzzle before the pressures of the afternoon chores engulfed us.

Thus we spent our lunch periods in those simpler days. Imagine my chagrin in recent weeks as I read the newspaper accounts of how our county employees were spending their lunch periods. These revelations served only to reinforce my regret that I was born a generation too soon.

Most recently we were treated to an account of how a woman employee spent her lunch period at the County Commission meeting. Unhappily, her appearance there apparently got her in dutch with her superiors.

Which is too bad. I think she showed a great deal of imagination in choosing the commission room as the venue for her noontime break. I don't know for sure that she brown-bagged it, but I like to think she did. Somewhat it pleases me to imagine the commissioners' deliberations being punctuated by the crunch of her celery sticks.

But even this bold venture into the unusual pales before the vision of happy lunch hours conjured up by reports that an engineering company had made its well appointed condominium available to certain county employees for their lunch breaks. What a boon to the cause of good

government to allow these harassed workers to retreat to this quiet sanctuary to work on major problems of the county!

Just imagine what inspired thought emanated from the minds of our county servants within the serene and cool confines of these chambers, provided generously, but one hopes disinterestedly, by a firm that only happened to do business with the county. What rap sessions, what brain storming could have been conducted by our public servants comfortably ensconced in overstuffed furniture, consuming their lunches and/or lubricating the liquid refreshments thoughtfully provided by their hosts.

After lunch, all correlations ceased, it is hinted in the press accounts that certain entertainment was on occasion provided, presumably to beguile the tedium of the early afternoon hours, when post-lunchnoon lassitude frequently intervenes.

As in the case of the diner at the County Commission meeting, I am not certain that these individuals at the condo actually brown-bagged it. But I like to think they did. You know, it might be that the young woman who thought her boss was making improper advances simply misread him. He might merely have been offering to share his apple with her.

By Bill Read

Crews cut water line, homes left high and dry

By Barbara Brundage

Between 300 and 400 households on Sanibel were without water for almost three hours last Wednesday when a construction crew cut a waterline at the intersection of San-Cap and Rabbit Road, around 8:15 a.m.

Full service was not restored to homes

along Rabbit Road and on West Gulf Drive west of Rabbit Road until 11 a.m.

Robert Hollander, general manager of the Island Water Association, said every home on the Island between Dixie Beach Boulevard and IWA's reverse, memphis facility on San-Cap Road, was without water or had extremely low pressure for 15

minutes after the break.

A crew from Taddle Underground Utilities was digging a trench for the installation of a 10-inch waterline from IWA's RO plant along Rabbit Road and West Gulf Drive to Tarpon Bay Road when workmen accidentally cut into the existing

Water gushed across Rabbit Road in front of the Timbers Restaurant, flooding the intersection and undermining a 30-foot stretch of the pavement on the west side of the highway.

City Public Works Director Gary Price said IWA's contractor is responsible for repairing the damaged stretch of road.

COMMENTARY

Explaining the ways of charter government

This is my second column on the general subject of unchartered Lee County's expressed desire to study ways to improve its operations as provided by Article VIII of Florida's Constitution, which was adopted in 1980.

Article VIII provides for basically two types of county government - unchartered and chartered. The powers of self-government for the former are limited to those expressly provided by the state Legislature's general or special laws. They can only enact ordinances not inconsistent with those laws. They are then effective within the county's municipalities (such as Sanibel) only if not in conflict with the municipality's own ordinance on the subject.

Chartered counties, on the other hand, have all the powers not inconsistent with general state laws or with special laws approved by the county voters by referendum. Essentially, a charter is the medium for curtailing the state Legislature's power over county government because a special state act relating to a chartered county cannot be effective unless it is approved by the county's voters.

Chapter 125 of the Florida statutes implements the 1983 constitutional grant of county home rule powers - much as Chapter 166 does for municipalities. The chapter consists of the four following parts:

Part I - Details the general power and duties of counties.

Part II - Prescribes the procedures for locally initiating and adopting by popular referendum election of a county self-government charter proposed by a charter commission appointed by either the County Commission or by the local delegator in the state Legislature. (Lee County commissioners recently opted for appointing a Charter Commission themselves.)

Part III - Known as the County Administration Law of 1974, this provides an alternative method to Part II that

is short of adopting a complete charter. It has already enabled Lee County to appoint a county administrator whose powers and duties are confined to those that are administrative or ministerial in nature. The five county commissioners cannot delegate any of their "policy-making" governmental powers to the county administrator. She is clearly limited to "performing the duty of advising the commissioners."

Part IV - Provides for an optional county charter. It is a supplement and alternative to Part II, whereby the elected county commissioners themselves can propose by ordinance any of these three optional charter forms of governance:

1. The elected county commission and elected county executive form, whereby the latter functions similar to the president of the United States;

2. The elected county commission and appointed county manager form whereby the latter is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the former and exercises the executive responsibilities assigned by charter; and

3. The elected commission chairman and appointed administrator form, whereby the elected policy-making board of county commissioners is elected over by a specially elected chairman. The latter appoints a county administrator to serve at his pleasure and only votes to break a tie. The chairman in conjunction with the administrator exercises the "executive" responsibilities assigned by the charter. The 13 executive powers and responsibilities as well as the eight legislative ones are respectively enumerated in sections 125.85 and 125.86 of the statute.

Following the organization of the first board of commissioners elected pursuant to a charter, they shall adopt an administrative code. That document organizes the administration of the county government and sets forth the duties and responsibilities of all county officials and

agencies in accord with the charter.

The code becomes effective upon adoption or as otherwise provided therein, and all existing agencies shall assume the form, perform the duties and exercise the power granted them under the code in the manner prescribed by Chapter 125.

Both county and municipal governments' structures, financing and performance were intensively examined during 1974 by the blue ribbon Commission on Local Government created by the Florida Legislature in 1972. The local government Home Rule statutes discussed above are largely an outcome of those studies.

In its final report of June 30, 1974, the commission made the following candid appraisal:

"The commission found the relations between state government and local units to be characterized by the following: (1) an incredibly complex inter-governmental pattern; (2) a wide variation in the nature and intensity of local government problems that produce a wide range of viewpoints among officials of local governments and citizens concerning the proper approach to the delivery of public services; (3) an ambivalent policy and attitude of state government and its officials toward local government, aggressive in some areas and timid in others; and (4) perhaps most basic of all, widespread fiscal inequities attributable to several factors including: a local tax system that taxes municipal residents for certain services provided primarily in the unincorporated areas and a wide disparity of fiscal needs and resources."

Such candor in a governmental report, indeed, makes hope for reform in Lee County government spring eternal.

By Paul Howe

To the editor Lions at Bailey's disappointed resident

To the Editor

The Islander

When I went to Bailey's the morning of Feb. 18 I found most hand-dropped plates placed taken over by the members of the Lions Club as they diligently prepared signs. The only two places not blocked were those farthest from the store doors.

It was hard for me to believe that so worthy an organization, with a fine record of service to the blind as well as to the community as a whole, could show such insensitivity to other handicapped people.

Surely these intelligent men, as I assume them to be, could have set up their wares on the other side of Bailey's entrance. I am really fearful that their public image has been somewhat eroded.

Gay Meyer Symmeki
Sanibel



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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

By Barbara Brundage

Code Enforcement Board drops charges against Peppers

Sanibel attorney Jerrold Stern convinced the Code Enforcement Board last week that notices citing Peppers restaurant for two sign violations were "defective." The board dismissed the charges at the Thursday morning hearing.

Board attorney Richard Rogers supported Stern's contention that the city had violated its own procedures by not giving the Tahitian Gardens restaurant reasonable time to comply before scheduling a hearing before the Code Enforcement Board.

Peppers Owner Gary Bowie was notified by Code Enforcement Officer Dick Baker on Nov. 6 that a stake body truck with two 3x4x7-foot signs advertising "Peppers Fruits and Spirits" parked in front of the restaurant violated the city's graphics ordinance.

Businesses in shopping centers are permitted only one sign, which must be in conformance with others in the same location, Baker said. In addition, no sign permit was issued by the city, Baker said. The restaurant was given 30 days to comply.

On Jan. 8, Baker said he observed a 35-square-foot sign mounted on railing of the ramp in front of Peppers. That sign was in violation because it was oversized and no permit had been issued for its installation.

Bowie was notified of this violation on Jan. 10 and at the same time was cited to appear before the board for a hearing at its Feb. 17 meeting.

Stern maintained and Rogers agreed that the petition was defective because the procedure that was followed denied Bowie the due process he is entitled to.

Stern requested the board dismiss the charge because it did not give his client "a reasonable time to comply."

The primary objection to that amendment was that enforcement would have created more problems than it was designed to solve. But last week Planning Director Bruce Rogers told the council this weakness could be overcome by limiting the rentals to one tenant within any 30-day period.

"That it would make it much easier for

The board voted 5-0 to dismiss the oversized sign violation. Board member Richard Corbin was absent.

Baker's affidavit did not cite any further violations involving the truck sign between Dec. 8 and Jan. 17, Rogers pointed out. "Not knowing the charges makes defense difficult," he said.

Baker testified before the board last Thursday that the truck had been parked by the restaurant with a floodlight directed at the sign "periodically and repeatedly" during that period, but he could not recall the exact dates.

He told the board he had noted the truck parked at the restaurant on Feb. 1, 7, 8, 15 and on Feb. 17, the day Bowie's hearing was continued at his request.

"It appears to me that Bowie has been playing games with Baker and the board since he knew he was in violation," board member Richard Wilson observed. Baker acknowledged last Thursday that "As of today Peppers is not in violation."

He said that the day before Bowie obtained

a permit for a sign to be painted on a window of the restaurant to the right of the entrance.

Stern requested that the board also dismiss the truck sign violation charge because proper notice was not given.

"Since there has been no stipulated testimony—the there was a continued violation between Nov. 8 and Jan. 17, I believe the notice is defective," board member Gordon Kiddoo said. His motion to dismiss the charge passed 4-1 with Wilson dissenting.

In other action last Thursday the board found Matilda Montgomery was "substantially" and "satisfactorily" in compliance with a Feb. 17 order to remove litter from her residential property at 2623 San-Cap Road.

Baker said that after inspection of the property at 3:30 a.m., the charge of littering was no longer valid. Although the yellow boat and the 1990 Pontiac GTO convertible the board had ordered removed remained on the

property, neither could be considered an eyesore, Baker said.

The boat had been moved to the rear of the property and is no longer visible from San-Cap Road. The GTO and the spare parts required for restoration of the "antique car" were covered with a black plastic tarp.

"Though both are 'not functional at this time,' the board moved away from its earlier position and agreed neither is 'junk' and in their present location can no longer be considered 'litter'."

Ken Montgomery, owner of the property, was advised to proceed "swiftly and expeditiously" with the work of restoring the GTO.

Ken Montgomery said he also intended to put in working order, the 20-foot mahogany-hull hydroplane capable of speeds up to 100 mph. The boat was built in 1969 to test engines. Although the boat is not really an antique it is a specialty item, he said.

Temporary occupancy' definition needs refining

An ordinance-refining the definition of "temporary occupancy" to provide better control of rental homes not in the proper zoning areas is being drafted for City Council consideration.

In July 1981 the council turned down a General Amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan that would have prohibited the rental of homes in residential neighborhoods for periods of less than one month.

The primary objection to that amendment was that enforcement would have created more problems than it was designed to solve. But last week Planning Director Bruce Rogers told the council this weakness could be overcome by limiting the rentals to one tenant within any 30-day period.

"That it would make it much easier for

Code Enforcement Officer Dick Baker to identify violations," Rogers explained. City Attorney David La Cruz suggested that criteria be included to serve as prima facie evidence of temporary use. He cited such things as advertising, repeated occupancy in any 30-day period observed by neighbors and the existence of leases for less than 30 days.

Rogers said the 1981 ordinance was originated by then-Planning Commissioner Bill Hagerup, now a commissioner. Rogers, now a commissioner, said that as a remedy for abuses created by short term rentals of single-family homes in Gulf Pines subdivision.

When the council first took up the subject of intensity of use last December, Councilman Lodges Johnson proposed revising the ordinance that defined "temporary occupancy" as periods of less

than 30 days. This could be a tool to reduce the intensity of use, she said.

Currently temporary occupancy is permitted only in units of high impact located in the resort housing area. Council in 1981 decided that some control is needed to "prevent resort use in residential neighborhoods."

Mayor Mike Klein said the success of enforcing such a restriction would depend on "neighbors turning them in." "There are ways of getting around restrictions," Klein said, pointing out that a lease could be written for 30 days with the understanding that the tenant could cancel after two weeks. "But most people would continue to be concealed," Rogers said. La Cruz will draw up a new version of the ordinance for council consideration.

Fine Arts Committee elects officers

Island residents Peter Smith and Willis Compton were elected chairman and vice chairman of Sanibel's Fine Arts Committee when the committee members met for the first time last week.

The committee of 11 was appointed in October. Five members were chosen last week to serve for one year. Volunteering their services were Barbara Toomey, Jovan de Rocco, Sherwood Finley, Bar-

bara Hill and Peter Smith. The other six members will be given an opportunity to remain on the committee when their one-year terms expire.

According to Smith, who is a former president of Barrier Island Group for the Arts, the Fine Arts Committee accepted the City Council's recommendation for conducting its activities. Smith added that the committee decided

last week to set no criteria for the type of artwork that will be chosen for the new City Hall complex. The committee will, however, consult the City Hall architect before making the final decision.

The committee's next meeting will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, at MacKenzie Hall.

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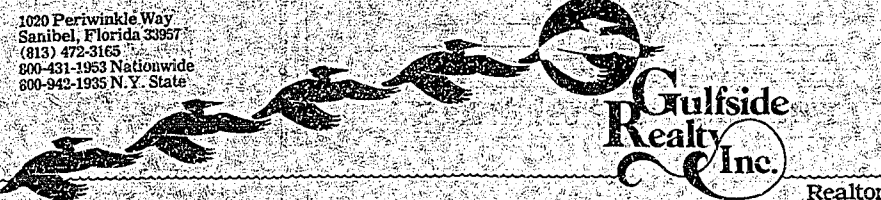
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Coming up at City Hall

A list of upcoming City Council and Planning Commission meetings

Tuesday, March 1, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. - Regular meeting of the City Council. 2:30 p.m. - Public hearing and second reading of an ordinance prohibiting the taking from Sanibel waters more than two of five shells per species per day per person.

Wednesday, March 2, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. - Special City Council meeting in continuation of discussion of intensity of use.

Wednesday, March 3, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. - City Council meeting to continue the public hearing and second reading of an ordinance outlining hurricane resistant

construction standards. Thursday, March 4, MacKenzie Hall, 1 p.m. - Board of Adjustments and Appeals hearing of a complaint by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baird, 626 Palm St., against contractor Carl Reynolds.

Monday, March 14, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. - Planning Commission meets for the March ROGO allocation. 6:30 p.m. - Regular meeting of the City Council.

Tuesday, March 15, MacKenzie Hall, 10:30 p.m. - Continuation of the City Council meeting.

Thursday, March 17, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. - Joint workshop of the City Council and Planning Commission to discuss proposed changes in drainage regulations.

Wednesday, March 22, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. - Special meeting of the City Council to hear requests for review of the March ROGO allocations followed by consultation of discussion of intensity of use.

Monday, March 22, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. - Regular meeting of the Planning Commission.

Municipal records

Bailey urges opposition to mosquito board changes

Councilman Francis Bailey represented Sanibel on the Lee County Mosquito Control Board for many years and is now upset that the island might lose its representation on that board.

Bailey considers proposed legislation that would realign the mosquito district areas to conform with Lee County Commission districts a definite threat.

Under the format established 23 years ago Sanibel is a separate district represented by an island resident elected county-wide. Sanibel's current representative on the board is John

Konkies. Under the new bid that is backed by State Sen. Frank Mann, Sanibel will merge with Captiva, Boca Grande, Pine Island, half of Cape Coral and part of North Fort Myers. One representative from those areas will be elected to the board by voters in those areas.

"What chance will a Sanibel resident have to be elected if, for instance, someone from Cape Coral runs for the post?" Bailey asked the City Council last week. "To make this change would screw up a well behaved, efficiently functioning board

— the only one in Lee County that isn't in trouble," he maintained.

He requested that the City Council take some affirmative action against the plan that he says could change the method of controlling mosquitoes on Sanibel that has worked so well.

"The mosquitoes that plague Lee County are bred on Sanibel and the other islands in the Gulf," Bailey explained. "They migrate to the mainland, but the best way to control them is to attack them at the source."

The other councilmen, however, wanted

to learn more about the proposed legislation before taking a position. "I would like to hear from the other side and find out the motivation," Councilman Louie Johnson said.

Bailey denied that he was trying to protect Konkies' job on the board that he has held since 1974. "I don't care about John. I just want to be sure Sanibel is represented," he said.

Dan Moody, Mann's legislative aide, said Friday the bill definitely will be introduced in the next session of the state legislature.

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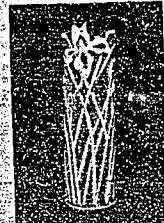
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Postmaster Netel Moss plans to hold an open house within a month, but first she must complete the task of moving and securing furniture for the new building. With four times as much space as the now

vacated post office, the new building is designed to meet the steadily growing postal needs of Captiva.

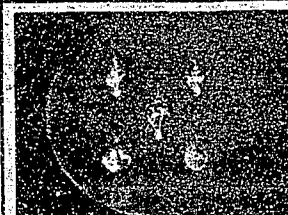
Those skeptical of the modern structure need not worry about losing the personal touches that make the post office a hub of the island, Moss says. "I'm going to bend over backwards to make sure the transition is a smooth one and people are happy," she promises.



Workers put the finishing touches on the new Captiva Post Office last week in preparation for Monday's opening. Photo by David Meardon.

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ON THE WATER

By Captain Mike Fuary

Hook, line and sinker is often used out of fishing context. But when applied to local fishing, these three items can make the difference between a successful day or a long, uneventful one on the water.

I'm around a busy dock 12 months a year and see folks try some comical and some unbelievable rigs for fishing. What you use at home won't always work here. And since we're on the subject of hooks, please let me give you a short course in selection and use.

"Vitaling anglers, and there are lots around this time of year, often rely on their freshwater tackle. This often includes hooks made of wire, which are popular in the center part of the country where small bass and catfish are caught.

"Wire hooks are light weight and work fine — up north. But down here hooks made of steel have a life expectancy of a few weeks or less when exposed to saltwater and spray. If you have a pile of them in your tackle box and get saltwater in there, expect them to weld themselves together in short order.

If you really want a strong, saltwater resistant hook, look for ones that are cadmium plated. This finish resists rust and at the same time is easy to sharpen. Stainless

steel hooks resist rust even better, but most anglers avoid them because they tend not to deteriorate with age should a fish break a line and get away.

So what you want is a strong hook that can withstand salt but won't kill fish. And for this the cadmiums are the best.

As for size, the size of your hooks, most beginning saltwater anglers tend to go too large. They reason that if that "monster" ever hits they will need a large hook to take them.

That's just about opposite of what actually happens. Stick with hooks in sizes 1-0, 2-0 or 3-0 for about all the general fishing you can expect around our islands. This time of the year there are lots of smaller fish around, and going after anything with too large a hook will result in an empty bait bucket and few fish.

As for the "line," part of the hook, line and sinker, I would substitute the word "leader." Down here, we like to use a foot or so of leader material that is roughly twice the pound test of that used on the reel. If you are fishing with the standard 12 pound test line, then use 30-pound leader. Don't get too heavy here. Fish seem to shy away from leader material that is too large. A piece of bait dangling

from what looks like a rope to the fish will not get you many bites.

Also, since with their noses (not for leader material). Forget using wire or that braided or wound leader material inside a plastic shield. Those things catch a lot of suckers, if you know what I mean. Stay with that strong monofilament results.

And as for sinkers, there is a choice here. Some of the ones you used at home might work just fine here. Lead began to get expensive a couple of years ago, and the loss of a sinker now is important, so choose carefully.

I personally like the rounded "egg" sinkers. You should not need more than half an ounce for general fishing. Use more weight for longer casts and less when there is little tide.

Sinkers that look like barbells, have rubber inside or twist on and look like pyramids are impressive, but the sliding egg works about as well as any.

Good luck this week and get the right tackle equipment to give yourself at least a fair chance for some fun fishing while you are here.

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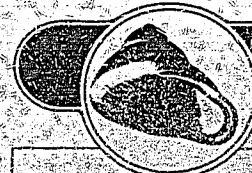
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SHELLING TIPS

By Captain Mike Fuary

Heavy rains and strong winds are not what most island visitors had in mind for a Florida vacation, but these recent conditions have produced some of the best shelling many of us have seen in months.

I knew we were in for some bad weather in early February when the weather maps showed our storm after another marching east over the country. We did in fact get a series of storms in the second and third week of the month, and with them came a basketful of good shells. The good shelling with my group started with a hurricane find on North Captiva Island and went on from there. We netted three Scotch Bonnets in three days and a host of other better collector shells such as lace murexes, huge olives and angel wings.

The angel wings are a much sought after shell, but unfortunately most people think they have to dig the shells out of the mud while the shells are still alive. That's why there aren't that many live ones left.

But when westerly storms churn up the sands along the beaches of Sanibel, Captiva and Cayo Costa Islands, it's not all that unusual to find many large white angel wings for your collection.

Storms do produce some shells on the beaches that mild,

calm weather never produces. There are lots of folks who would rather find a sea urchin than anything else.

Our urchins are of the rosehead, purple variety and are not dangerous if you accidentally step on one, as are some of the other urchins found around the world. Our are short-spined creatures that live peacefully on the gulf floor.

Their only fault is that they don't have the ability to hold firmly to that bottom when the winds and seas increase. The large pounding waves dislodge the urchins and send them tumbling to the beach. I prefer to let the sea birds have a meal on the insides of the urchins before I pick them up. That way the shell is cleaned and ready for display.

At this time the City Council of Sanibel is still wrestling with the live shelling law, but there is some question of when a shell found on the beaches is dead or alive.

Many say any shell found on the high shell line, or of any wave action, probably is dead or dying. Others contend that even if it looks dead, the shell could recover if it were returned to the water.

Here's a quick test, should you be concerned and want to find out about the shell you've just found. The live shells

you are most likely to find are the conch (fighting or horse) or nippers.

Turn the shell over so the stem, or siphon, is up and facing you. In the whole you will see a long black or dark muscle. If it withdraws into the bulky it goes — it's definitely alive and not dead.

The tulips and Florida fighting operation or muscle covering "door" move if you give it a little tug. Really dead shells will have started and these "doors" will be open and the main muscle.

Good shelling this week. I don't mean vacation weather, but that's when you come in. Get out on the beaches early for your shells.

Capt. Mike Fuary offers daily shelling tips for Sanibel, Captiva and Cayo Costa Islands. Call 472-2531 for more information.

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Police beat continued

Dunkle Lake Road on Thursday morning, Feb. 23. The patio chairs were valued at \$118.

An Oakville, Ontario, woman reported a pair of diamond earrings valued at \$1,500 were missing from her purse on Thursday morning, Feb. 24.

A 35 mm Canon camera was reported missing from a Kenosha, N.Y., man's car

on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 24. The man told police he had last seen the camera when his car was parked at Periwinkle Place shopping center.

Construction crews in the Sea Spray subdivision stopped work immediately when they were advised of a noise complaint at 5:25 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 24. A Jamaica Drive resident reported the noise.

CASI offers rewards for crime information

By Cady Chalmers
Information leading to the arrest of individuals committing crimes or acts of violence at Sanibel condominiums is worth money for the informant under a plan initiated by Condominium Associations of Sanibel, Inc. (CASI).

CASI is offering cash rewards for information given to the Sanibel Police Department if the information leads to the arrest of individuals responsible for crimes on the property of CASI member condominiums.

Thirty-five island condominium associations belong to CASI, which was organized in 1980 to promote the general welfare and common interests of condominium associations on Sanibel. Although no Captiva condominium associations belong to CASI, membership is open for that island's condos, too. CASI also offers financial assistance to the SPD in cases where such assistance will secure needed information concerning the identity of persons involved in illegal activities on member condominium property.

Sanibel Police Officer Jack Primus said the offer from CASI is the first such program initiated on Sanibel.

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CASI offers rewards for crime information continued

"We hope it will spur people to come forward with information that will lead to apprehension," Primus said. "Eventually that should serve as a deterrent to criminals in the first place," he added.

CASI President Warren Hyde said the plan was set up to help Sanibel police with an increasing problem on the island. "Our condos have a lot of break-ins," Hyde said. "Maybe this will help."

Hyde modeled the CASI program after a similar one he helped establish in 1979 in "Boca Raton," where he served as city manager for 23 years. He also served as Sanibel's first city manager.

To receive tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service, he said, while the CASI program applies only to condominiums that are members of that association, both Hyde and Primus expect it will prove its worth. Hyde hopes it will encourage more of the island's approximately 70 condominiums to join CASI.

A sign will be made available for all CASI condominiums that will read: "A cash reward will be paid by the Condominium Association of Sanibel, Inc., for information given the Sanibel Police that leads to the arrest of any person responsible for committing any crime or act of violence on this property."

"Persons having information should notify the Sanibel Police. If anonymity is desired, the police will give full details on how to give the information."

If an arrest is made because of the receipt of information, the police chief will advise the CASI board of directors. The board, after consulting with the chief, will then determine the value and worth of the information. Funds will be disbursed by CASI to the Sanibel Police Recreation Club for payment to the informant.

Other members of the current CASI board include financial aid to the legal effort to require Lee County Property Appraiser Ken Wilkinson to make more equitable assessments throughout the county.

Condominium association cash for a \$25 initial fee plus share of 50-year from each unit. The annual of the organization will be held at Thursday, March 24, at the Sanibel side residences on Boca Raton. Current officers are Robert president; Franklin Butler, president; Raymond King, treasurer; Warren Hyde, secretary; and Goodman, parliamentarian.

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The crowd must have been hungry because the home baked ABC treats were sold out by 10:30 a.m. and the concession stand manned by Bud and Georgia Hemphill was busy throughout the day.

A highly successful auction led by Captiva "auctioneer" Dewitt Jones and raffle tickets that "sold like hotcakes" padded the day's gross.

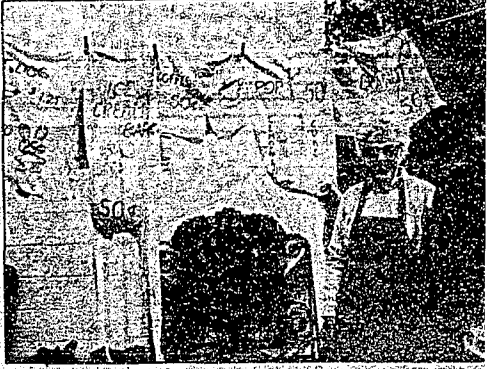
One lucky bidder went home \$900 poorer but with an exquisite oriental rug from the auction. Another became the proud owner of an outboard motorboat. Both sales boasted profits by a sizeable margin.

The crowd thoroughly scoured the area and bought up almost every stick of furniture, piece of clothing, dusty book and treasured trifle by 1 p.m., when the Goodwill Industries truck arrived to pick up the leftovers.

By Carol Kranichfeld
Photos by David Meardon



Auctioneer Dewitt Jones, top, listens for bargain-hunting bidders. Above, Dick Betts holds a case of French Bordeaux wine that was in the auction offering.



A weary ABC Sale worker, top, leans against an oriental runner that was part of the auction at Saturday's event. Center, Marge English, left, and Rusty Webb did their part at the food concession

outside the Captiva Community Center. Merl Christian takes a breather on a couch already been sold.



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Wish: "To have more time to enjoy my family."

Words of Wisdom: "Do the very best you can within the time you've got, and no more can be expected of you."



By Carol Kranich
Photos by David M.

Ask Sanibel resident Jack Elias how best to describe himself and he unabashedly answers, "I'm a shell nut." The 44-year-old Minnesota transplant discovered shelling when he and his wife, Colleen, spent their honeymoon on Sanibel in 1981. He has collected at least one Shell Fair ribbon annually since they moved here with their five children in 1975.

"I really found a new hobby when I discovered shelling," he explains. "I just fell in love with it." If living a thing is indicative of one's love for it, just look inside the Elias house will convince the greatest of skeptics. On the walls, floors, tables and counters are shells, fragments of shells and shell memorabilia displayed in all their glory. Several floor-to-ceiling cases are devoted just to shell specimens, but Elias is most proud of his orange wheel collection displayed in a glassed-in box.

"That one's supposed to be the largest orange wheel in Florida," he says as he points to a foot-long specimen. "I've fought with that today on Sanibel. I'd probably be thrown in jail."

An Executive Services Inc. director of management, Elias doesn't have time to shell much these days, but the pride he takes in his job seems to compensate. He's watched the company grow from one that managed five condominium associations to 21 today.

And although he owns a house and not a condominium, Elias claims he understands the ins and outs of condominium living as much as any owner. That understanding is facilitated by an excellent group of employees, he maintains. "We've got a very competent staff," he says proudly.

A member of the board of directors of Sanibel's Chamber of Commerce, Elias recently designed the chamber logo. "There's No Such Thing As A Stranger In Paradise." He drew on years of experience in the art and design world to come up with the button logo that can be found in stores throughout the island.

As a toy designer at a Minnesota firm for 12 years, Elias created such games as "Aggravation" and "Superfection" and several Disney games like "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" and "Haunted House."

Only the craziest of people design toys, says Elias, who remembers venturing into Disneyland's Haunted House in California at midnight on a solo tour to properly design the game. "I still have a picture somewhere of myself in front of the Haunted House ghosts, which were all done with mirrors and lights," he laughs.

"grandfather" of the Amnuser. Elias redrew the Busch logo incorporated into an eagle game "Monkeys," but when he presented it to the company, they threw it out on my face. I have resketched of the eagle, using a used, and "Barrel of Monkeys."

But fame and fortune, Elias disdains. As game royalties were employees. He was given \$1 for the still have the dollar job," he laughs. Amidst all the fun, Elias realizes the need for toy manufacturers to follow safety guidelines for toy manufacturers. "I drew up a list of parameters," he explains, "that wouldn't be dangerous." He explains.

An active Minnesota Senator, Elias picked up on his first toy safety guidelines for toy manufacturers. "I drew up a list of parameters," he explains, "that wouldn't be dangerous." He explains.

A family man himself, Elias is for such safety guidelines. The fact of whom are teenagers. He has a strong and is extremely proud. How that the Elias family is Sanibel and having as well as it is hope is that he never has to mo-

Sanibel residents win Tortuga Beach mini-vacations

Six Island residents and two visitors have won mini-vacations at Tortuga Beach Club on Sanibel, Mariner announced last week. The winners' names were drawn as part of a day's activities commemorating the dedication of Hideaway Village at The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club.

Winners will receive three days and two nights at Mariner's golf-front Tortuga Beach resort at 890 East Golf Drive.

Sanibel winners are Mrs. Frederick Hill of Conch Court, J. Burns of Sanibel Arms,

Robert Jenkins of 715 Durbin Court, Martha Kildow of 811 Lindgren Blvd., J.P. Seabrooke of 1442 Dixie Beach Blvd., and Mary Minor of 9428 Arum Court.

Additional winners are Dorothy Cornish of Gainesville and Robert Coors of Carlyle, Ill.

North Fort Myers golfer Calvin Peete gave a golf demonstration and Mariner tennis director Greg Parker showed his skills as part of the dedication activities. A craft show was also held on the grounds.

Century 21 office relocates

The Sanibel office of Century 21, AAIM Realty Group, Inc. has moved to a new office in the Ralph Call building at 1668 Periwinkle Way. The move was announced last week by Century 21 manager Joe Larnes.

As part of the nationwide network of more than 7,500 Century 21 offices, the AAIM Sanibel office is undergoing an expansion program. The new office directly across from the bank of the island affords a convenient location with easy access and parking.

The Century 21 office has been on Sanibel since December 1980. Ralph Call, exchanger, will continue to operate from the Periwinkle Way office.



Joe Larnes

Shell Club members restore Lighthouse beach display

In 1977, when Anne Joffe was president of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club, officials at the Lighthouse Wildlife Refuge asked her to interpret the club in helping erect a beach ecology display.

Joffe and other Shell Club members welcomed the challenge. The result was spectacular and has been viewed by thousands of visitors to the island ever since.

In a letter dated June 9, 1977, then refuge manager Glen Bond Jr. wrote to the Shell Club:

"As manager of the refuge, I want to

formally thank the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club for its contribution to our beach ecology display. The shells you choose are excellent for the purpose and with their names attached are invaluable to the average visitor and amateur sheller.

"With the shells our display is complete, and I think very educational. It is located about 190 yards southwest of the Lighthouse and you are welcome to view it at any time."

"Again, thank you for your cooperation."

At time passed, the weather, winds,

humidity and vandals took their toll and the display fell into disarray. Something had to be done. Two dedicated Shell Club members, Mary Havard, and Albert Briddell, volunteered to refurbish the display this year. The deed was done, and on Sunday the reconditioned display was once again in first class condition.

Thanks again to the Shell Club from all who pause to study the display and thereby learn of the wonders of Sanibel's sea life.



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Statistics review eight years of Sanibel police action

was so we could have our own police protection. Butler was named Sanibel's first chief of police in February 1973. Over the next few months he built the department with four sworn personnel, one secretary and two dispatchers. Headquarters consisted of one desk in what is now the city manager's office upstairs at Periwinkle Place shopping center.

Two of the original officers Butler hired, Capt. Bill Trefoyl and Lt. Ray Rhodes, are still on the force. Butler's secretary, Betty Balph, was also part of the original team. In addition the department today includes 13 other sworn personnel, two part time officers, one secretary, six police

aides, two part time police aides and one school crossing guard.

The whole operation will move from its present Palm Ridge Road station to brand new facilities when Sanibel's City Hall is completed later this year.

Butler is proud of the department he has led for the past eight years and has the statistics to back him up. In 1974 the SPD received 2,072 complaints; last year the department handled 8,034 complaints and issued 1,127 citations.

Butler says the biggest increase in island crimes over the years has been in crimes against property — breaking

and entering homes, businesses and cars, vandalism and larceny. Crimes involving more than \$100 worth of property.

In 1976 four unoccupied island residences were broken into; last year 56 such incidents were reported. Four larcenies were reported in 1976 as compared to 55 in 1982.

Burglary of an occupied dwelling is still a rarity on the island, with only two such incidents reported last year, two in 1978, one in 1979 and four in 1980. In 1981, however, 11 occupied homes were burglarized.

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Statistics review police action continued

The subject responsible for one of the burglaries of an occupied dwelling between 1978 and 1980 has been arrested and convicted. Police believe the same subject is responsible for the other six burglaries in that time period because of the method in which the crimes were committed.

Only two armed robberies have taken place on the island, and both ended in the recovery of the stolen property and the arrest and conviction of the suspects. Sanibel police have also investigated four homicides, two attempted murders, 39 suicides and attempted suicides, two rapes and three attempted rapes.

The SPD has been involved in five major narcotics arrests and seizures involving heroin, cocaine and more than four and a half tons of marijuana. In 1979 the department assisted in the seizure of the largest amount of cocaine in the history of Lee County, Robert James Olson was arrested in connection with that investigation, but he skipped bond and is still at large.

Six times in the past three years Sanibel police have been called on to investigate explosive devices found in boats and island homes and on the beach.

Traffic accidents on island streets have almost tripled from 61 in 1973 to 182 last year. Nine people have died in

car accidents on Sanibel.

In addition to their regular duties protecting the island, its residents and their property, Sanibel police have initiated a number of extra activities in recent years. The Police Recreation Club spearheaded the drive for the city's recreation program and appointed a recreation director for the program.

The department also established the Emergency Preparedness and Evacuation and Relief Team and a notification plan to organize islanders in emergencies and make available specially adapted alert radios to keep residents apprised of emergency situations.



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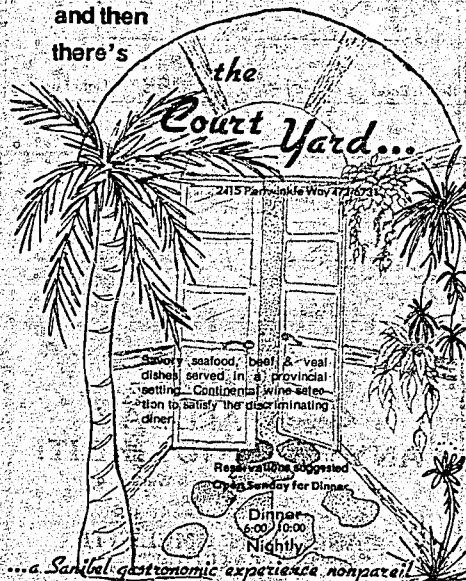
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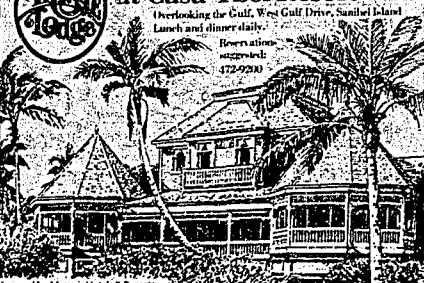
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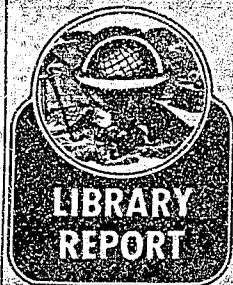
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Christie companion joins Sanibel collection

By Mildred Chamberlin
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Many borrowers from the Sanibel Public Library are avid mystery readers and devoted admirers of Agatha Christie. These patrons will be pleased about the recent addition of *The Christie, Sanibel and Agatha's Companion* to the library's Reference Collection.

This informative and enjoyable book is edited by Dick Riley and Pam McAllister and is a tribute to one of the world's most popular writers. It includes synopses of every novel as well as every play and never reveals a whodunit.

Throughout the book are feature articles on related Christie subjects such as the explanation of the English tea ceremony,

the rooms to avoid in an English country house, a Christie crossword puzzle, a facsimile of Lillian Carter and the inside story of the filming of Poirot's first big success. Merely on the *Celestine* Express, Christie's own comments are interspersed throughout the synopses.

This is truly a volume to be dipped into leisurely, to browse among favorite summaries, to be a crossword puzzle, a word find or a double crossword. About 90 writers contributed signed articles to the volume. Many photographs add to its enjoyment.

Supplementing the synopses and articles are lists of Christie's editions that are still in print. The list notes whether the editions are in hardcover, paperback or large type. Other lists arrange Christie's books by the detective featured. There is also a list of her plays and short stories and a detailed

title index.

Another Christie volume in the Reference Collection is *The Agatha Christie Who's Who* (R.R. 1971) compiled by Randall Toye. This definitive biographical dictionary identifies more than 2,000 colorful characters from the world of Agatha Christie and is completely cross-referenced and elegantly illustrated.

The characters are described not only by the compiler but also by Dame Agatha and such detectives as Hercule Poirot, Miss Marple, Ariadne Oliver, Inspector Japp and Captain Hastings. Aliases, nicknames, genealogies and aspeas are included.

A complete bibliography of Christie's novels and stories supplements the *Who's Who*. It is chronological order. An alphabetical listing follows. A list of di-

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rected stories to given with the book in which each participated, thus enabling the reader to follow the careers of each one.

In the *Circulating Collection* of the library are biographies of interest to Agatha Christie fans. *Agatha Christie: First Lady to Crime* (1972, R.R. 1972) is edited by H.R.F. Kozing.

Dame Agatha was a very private person who granted few interviews and was a mystery herself to her many readers. This volume is a collection of articles about Christie by a variety of people. It is all, portraying their ideas about her. A brief note about each contributor helps the reader put them in proper perspective. They include authors, editors, critics and historians.

Another Christie biography in the Sanibel Library stacks is *A Talent to*

Decieve: An Appreciation of Agatha Christie (1973, R.R. 1973) by Robert Barnard. Supplementing the biography is a bibliography of Christie titles that notes the various publishers, both English and American, with dates of publication.

A short story index shows in what collection each title is included. There is also a list of secondary sources of books and articles about Christie and an annotated list of her novels plus a list of Christie films telling the source, director and stars who appeared in each one.

Crime novelist Barnard has written at least five such books. Born and educated in England, he spent six years in Australia as a lecturer in the University of New England in New South Wales. He also lectured at the University of Bergen in Norway and is now professor of English

literature at the University of Toronto, Europe's most northerly university.

Completing the Christie collection in the Sanibel Library is Christie's own book, *Agatha Christie: An Autobiography* (1955, R.R. 1955). Christie worked on this book from the time she was 40 until she was 75 years old, when she said, "It seems the right moment to stop, because as far as life is concerned, that is all there is to say." She lived to the age of 85.

The Sanibel Library has about 45 Agatha Christie titles including some in large type. The heavy circulation of the books indicates our borrowers' great interest in them.

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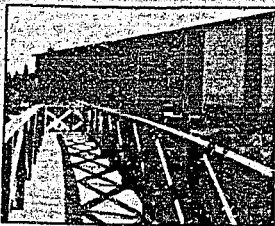
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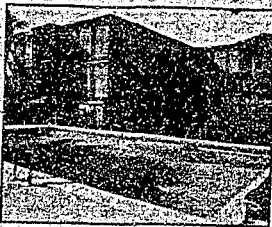
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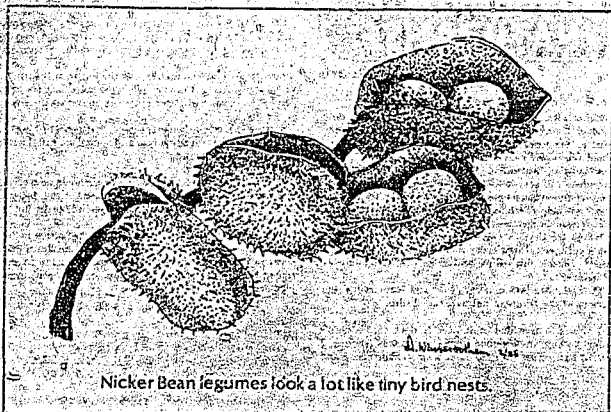
Sanibel's lucky bean

By George Campbell
Illustrated by Ann Winterbottom

Gray Nicker Beans are ripening all over the wild areas of Sanibel at this season. These heavily armed, erect, receding or vining plants, *Cassipouira coriata*, have seed pods or legumes that are very prickly on the outside, two to two-and-a-half inches long, about an inch thick and an inch and a half high.

Many are still bright green, while some have already turned brown. Soon the brown ones will spill open on top, revealing two half-inch, more-or-less-round gray seeds. The split-open legume looks for all the world like a tiny bird's nest with two small eggs inside.

These seeds are said to bring good luck. When I was growing up in Florida, all the kids believe this and carried Gray Nicker Beans around in their pockets. I guess they work because I have nothing but good luck and have always managed to live the good life, undertaking a full schedule of activities that are interesting and agreeable. I have no



Nicker Bean legumes look a lot like tiny bird nests.

stem and are all—at least as far as leaves and petioles are concerned—on the undersides. Thus the upper bright-green surface presented to view is benign enough, but just wait in hindsight and try to pull it across the underside. It will be stabbed and held by a dozen spines. That would happen to you, too, if you tried to penetrate a thicket of Gray Nicker Beans—you would be stopped in your tracks. That property is precisely what makes it so great a barrier or territory marker. After all, we humans—along with birds, lizards and Florida Panthers—also engage in that age-old practice, territory demarcation.

Bean would be no more—probably less—of a problem than a spiny cactus pad.

I speculate that after eating, the intestine carries the seeds to the digestive tract up the mountain where, after being expelled, the seeds germinate and—over time—have populated a whole mountaintop with an impenetrable barrier of Nicker Bean scrub forest. The seed, after passing through the gut of the tortoise, is probably sufficiently scarified by digestive acid to germinate faster—a phenomenon known to occur in many plant-animal relationships.

Using care, you might want to get your own Lucky Bean. Or you could lease a 54¢ from Captain Queeg's book and try three. Even if they aren't really lucky, the beans might calm your nerves as ball bearings, called Queeg's.

I still do carry the beans in my pocket. I guess they work because I have nothing but good luck. I have no complaints at all about the hand fate dealt me.

Actually, I don't really think the Gray Nicker Bean has anything to do with it, but I still carry one anyway. No use taking any chances.

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Maybe I should get some to my team at the Geneva Conference. I'll send one to Habib—he needs all the help he can get. One for Porfirio Gons, too—he sure needs to have the gods smiling as he tries to turn around all these crazy Neanderthals. And what about Dinah Sharnas as he fights the good battle to save our coast and kill beach renourishment? But then, he can pick his own Nicker Beans.

As Jerry Paulsen works to free the Sanibel prisoners from their total dependence on the Old Bailey, we begin to feel for Francis. I guess I'll get him one, too. The renovated Baileywick is going to need all the support it can get in the face of now competition.

The Gray Nicker Bean has some pre-evoked uses. It is just about the best vegetation barrier you can plant on Sanibel. It grows over, around and under other vegetation including trees.

Its thorny stems, petioles and even leaves all about "hail" so any intruder bigger than a silberberg beetle.

The sharp, often paired spines curve toward the main

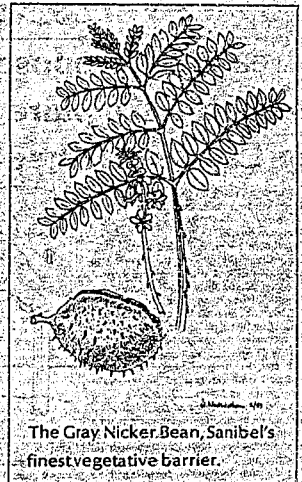
The Gray Nicker Bean's permanent flowers are not showy, but they do possess a yellow corolla that is not unattractive.

In general, literature presents this plant and its close ally, *C. bonaria* (which some authors consider to be the same species) to be plants of the littoral or at least near sea level. It is described as being cosmopolitan pan-tropically.

Wiggles and Porter, authors of *A Flora of Galapagos Islands*, state the plant to be uncommon there. While on my annual expeditions to those famous and interesting moon-scape islands, I have discovered a very atypical Nicker Bean population—high on a mountaintop—and have deduced the reason for this odd dispersal of a shoreline, sea-level plant over a whole mountaintop.

Galapagos, as everyone knows, is Spanish for "tortoise." The most prominent faunal form there is the Giant Tortoise; those great many-hundred-pound gentle giants that are almost entirely vegetarian.

Tortoise eat all manner of plants including spiny cactus pads. Nicker Bean, being a legume and probably having the ability to fix nitrogen, should be quite nutritious. The Giant Tortoise descends to the sandy beach region each year to lay her eggs. The spiny Nicker



The Gray Nicker Bean, Sanibel's finest vegetative barrier.



JUNIOR NATURALIST

By Bryan Stuart

Editor's note: Fourth grader Bryan Stuart visits Sanibel from Lagrange, Ill., for three months every winter. He spends that time learning as much as he can about the island environment.

A budding naturalist, Bryan recently designed an ingenious and easy-to-make bird house and feeder made from common household items. He hopes his feeder and house will help all island residents get close to the birds that frequent their own backyards.

Watch for Bryan's column geared toward the island's younger readers every month. Grown-ups might be wise to consider his simple and straightforward analyses of nature, too.

The Islander welcomes Bryan and encourages his parents of the things to nature around him.

I wanted to have bird houses and feeders, but I couldn't afford to buy already-made bird houses and feeders. I finally figured out a way to make a simple bird house and

bird feeder out of something my mom was going to throw away.

BIRD HOUSE:

First take an empty plastic milk jug - gallon size (have cap on). Wash the jug and dry it. Then cut a hole near the top of the jug for the bird to go in.

Make a little hole with a screwdriver under the big hole and another little hole in the back for a long, thin branch. The branch needs to go through the jug and come out the other side. Put the branch in the holes for the perch.

Now put a ringed eye bolt in the cap of the milk jug. Tie a short string or wire through the ring and hang it up.

BIRD FEEDER:

Use an empty plastic milk jug - gallon size. (Have cap on). Wash the jug out and dry it. Cut a very large hole in the front of the jug, about two inches from the bottom and the top.

Now make a hole on each side of the jug, near the front, with a screwdriver. Put a branch in the holes for a feeding perch. The branch will stick out a few inches on the sides of the jug.

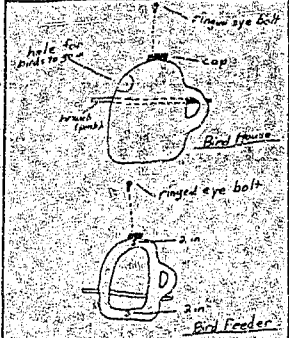
Put a ringed eye bolt in the cap. Put a short string or wire through the ringed eye bolt and hang it up. Fill it with wild birdseed or bread.

This jug style bird feeder or bird house holds up well in bad weather. With the ringed eye screw the jug doesn't swing if you use a short string or wire and wedge the jug in some branches.

Be sure to make several small holes in the bottom of the bird house and feeders so the rain water can drain out. Screw a nut on the ringed hook from the inside so the ringed hook won't loosen. (The smaller milk and juice jugs are good for storing birdseed.)



Bryan Stuart holds his milk jug bird house.



LeBuff leads Tuesday lecture, Campbell scheduled next week

Wildlife biological technician Charles LeBuff will discuss "Endangered and Threatened Species in the Refuge" at today's Tuesday at the Center lecture at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

LeBuff, whose 24 years with the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge make him the oldest member of the staff, plans to focus his lecture on the natural history of the endangered and threatened birds, reptiles and mammals that roam the refuge.

His talk will focus on the present status of the refuge's wildlife, their populations and behavioral habits and what can be done to protect them.

Next week's lecture, "Alligators and Other Crocodilians" will be delivered by Sanibel herpetologist George Campbell. Both lectures will begin at 7 p.m. at the SCCF center on Sanibel-Captiva Road. A general admission of \$1 for adults and \$3 for children will be requested if non-SCCF members. For details contact SCCF Manager Steve Phillips, 472-3329.

Area artist proposes manatee sculpture in Caloosahatchee River

Islanders sailing up the Caloosahatchee River will be able to view a new wildlife art form. Fort Myers artist Rick Bacquero has his way.

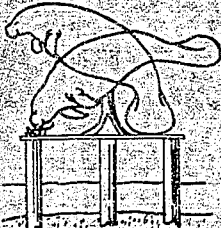
Bacquero recently applied to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a permit to erect a 34-foot long aluminum sculpture of a pair of playful manatees alongside the Caloosahatchee River near Fort Myers.

The artist plans to affix the sculpture to a piling platform 14' X 8' that will be built 40 feet from the navigation channel.

Of South American extraction, Bacquero is known for the milk-bottle manatees he designed and constructed to decorate downtown Fort Myers.

A preliminary review of the application for the manatee sculpture indicates that no Environmental Impact Statement will be required because Bacquero proposes no dredging or filling to carry out his plan. The decision to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact from the construction activities.

Public comment regarding Bacquero's



proposal is being sought by the Corps before March 15. Anyone wishing to air his views should write Jose Negro, district engineer, Department of the Army, Jacksonville District, Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 670, Jacksonville, FL 32222.

Winter programs help visitors understand refuge operations

The program scheduled for the winter season on the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge has been set to help the more than 100,000 visitors who annually visit the refuge.

February and April understand what the refuge does to manage wildlife. The following programs will be given through Saturday, April 16:

Orienteering class program - At 9 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday at the Visitor Contact Station off Sanibel-Captiva Road is open from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Anyone with questions is encouraged to visit the center or call 472-1100.

Wildlife talks - At 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays at the observation tower on Wildlife Drive. At 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Fridays at the boardwalk on Wildlife Drive. Subjects will vary.

No sign-ups are required for either program. The five-mile Wildlife Drive walking trails and the two canoe trails on the refuge are open to the public seven days a week from sunrise to sunset. Wildlife observation is best at sunrise, sunset and at low tide.

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Calm and thoughtful approach suggested to pesticides, environmental contamination

By George Campbell

Pesticides and related subjects that contaminate the environment took the focus at last week's Tuesday at the Center program at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

Dr. John Buckley has his doctorate from the State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry, at Syracuse. He had a long career with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Alaska and the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center near Washington. He recently retired from service at the Environmental Protection Agency.

Buckley has been involved with pesticides during much of his career. It has been on Sanibel since mid-December and plans to become a part-time resident.

To introduce his difficult and timely subject, Buckley related a dull anecdote. When he was on route to Alaska to take up his duties with the Fish and Wildlife Service there, he passed through the mountains of Idaho and Montana. At one point he noted a sawmill built on a slab in a clearing. It was called "The Fish and This Lumber Company." Their motto was "Our best is none too good."

That phrase sets the pace for pesticides and other chemical contamination and management in the United States - the best is none too good. We have had a surplus of information on this from the Gorsuch-Lavelle dispute of recent weeks. Buckley was, of course, not involved in this, but he is well aware of the complex situation that is breeding and churning in Washington during these days.

Pesticides are, by their very nature and definition, substances that are biologically active. If they weren't, they wouldn't have the desired effect, which is to kill pests (the combining form "cide" means "kill.")

Most chemicals that exist all about us are good and are essential to our lives or to our environment - for example, water, a combination of hydrogen and oxygen, is an absolutely necessary chemical. So is the

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Calm approach suggested to contamination: continued

gaseous mineral we call air, a mixture of chemical substances. In fact, our bodies are made up of thousands of different chemicals. Buckley explained.

So all chemicals are not bad, even though the word "chemical" is the common vernacular of the day is generally associated with bad things, he said.

Some few chemicals of the millions are toxic under certain conditions and perfectly safe under other conditions. As an example Buckley cited nitrogen, a major constituent of the atmosphere that is generally considered quite harmless. But combined with other elements into various compounds that can be over-concentrated in lakes and streams, it may provide an overgrowth of plants and result in a bad situation called eutrophication. It is thus that some lakes and other bodies of water "die."

So, likewise, is sulfur, a necessary chemical. We couldn't live without a certain amount of sulfur in our bodies and diet. However, in over-doses such as produced by the chimney of blast furnaces and power plants, sulfur combined with hydrogen and oxygen produces acid rain, which acidifies natural bodies of water. Too, then "die" as a result of human activities that put such exotic chemicals into the environment.

Insecticides employed in an effort to control insects and rodents which kill rats and mice, are often over-used and have caused problems in the environment. So have other kinds of pesticides, whether it be a low form such as a bacterium or a mosquito or a high form such as a dog or a human, certain physiological processes are shared by all. Hence it is certainly conceivable that pesticides

acting on target organisms might also have some greater or lesser effect on non-target organisms. Therein lies the rest of the problem.

Buckley spoke of the DDT history. He said that probably in the course of human development a DDT-like substance was inevitable. Since it was inevitable and did happen, he maintained, it is fortunate that we took advantage of this largely negative incident and learned a great many principles that are being applied to many other problem situations. One DDT incident is probably unavoidable, he said, adding a second one would be inexcusable.

In the 1940's, during and after the war, DDT was thought to be a miracle substance and was widely used at the time of the Allied invasion of Italy. When typhus was a serious problem, DDT was used to control the fleas that vectored that disease.

Everybody everywhere thought that DDT was a great miracle drug. It was used for many serious health problems - and for many trivial purposes, too. It was vastly over-used.

Then, in 1952, while routinely checking shark liver, oil for vitamin content, scientists found a quantity of DDT in shark liver oil sample. The investigators couldn't imagine that sharks caught far offshore could have DDT levels in their livers.

They at first thought the oil was contaminated. But on retesting with specially cleaned vials and other sharks, they still found quantities of DDT concentrated in the sharks' livers.

The scientists found, after some search, a sample of shark liver oil that was packaged in 1934, before the DDT era. The sample was tested and found to be free of DDT. Of course, the inescapable conclusion is that DDT bio-concentrates in shark livers and livers, was found in other organisms all over the world - even under the Polar ice cap.

Buckley told his audience that some three billion pounds of DDT have been produced by all countries over the years and not all of it was used for health purposes such as typhus or malaria control. Large quantities have been used for (trivial agricultural reasons, and in some parts of the world this is still going on.

We have not used any DDT in the United States since 1972, although we do manufacture a high-grade purified DDT for the World Health Organization's use in malaria control in Third World countries. Buckley said this is the only DDT exported by the United States today.

After the DDT and other chlorinated hydrocarbon insecticides came second-generation pesticides, the organophosphates that have the advantage of not being as long-lasting and not being bioaccumulated in the environment as the chlorinated hydrocarbons.

These pesticides affect nerve impulse transmission by means of: depressing cholinesterase, the enzymes in most animals that increase or decrease the passage of nerve impulses across synapses. Such substances are used extensively in Lee County for insect control today.

Buckley discussed other chemical pollution problems such as the old method of incineration, which often released combustion products into the atmosphere that were very deleterious, whereas the sanitary landfill sometimes allows for the leaching of substances down from the fill into the ground water and perhaps into aquifers that are then used to supply drinking water, even affecting areas hundreds of miles away. It has been said that nearly everywhere in Florida there is a drinking water problem.

Buckley said modern incineration employing new design concept might yet prove to be the safest method of disposing of solid waste. Such new methods not only

safely dispose of the solid waste but also recover valuable quantities of energy.

Swingin, too, poses a problem. One such problem quite close to home is the Fort Myers Henshaw sewage plant, which a design capacity and overcrowded. This is a danger in many parts of the country. For example, in Detroit and in most other major cities, when a sewage plant is overloaded raw sewage is simply allowed to run into the Detroit Lakes system or other bodies of water.

Although we have laws that require the use of oct-lead gasoline in new cars, there are still enough old cars around using ordinary leaded gas that Buckley said even today 300,000 tons of lead per year are released into the atmosphere. This is responsible for high levels of lead in children and adults.

Other sources of lead in the environment have been controlled. The situation mentioned above with, in due course, disappeared as the old cars did not take lead-free gasoline gradually find their way to the landfill or the recycling station.

Buckley also discussed the two kinds of chemical contamination of the environment - that which is deliberately put in the environment such as the pesticides cited above, and that which is accidentally released.

For example, Agent Orange, which was used extensively in Viet Nam, was supposed to be a combination of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T, two dioxinates that in themselves are not so awful. However, there is a contaminant in 2,4,5-T called dioxin, which is one of the most toxic man-made substances in existence. According to Buckley's computation, altogether only 33 pounds of dioxin were released in Viet Nam accidentally as a contaminant of 2,4,5-T.

Buckley cited many other examples, such as the PCBs and the dioxin in their widespread use because they were

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'Behind the Seagrape' tour opens six distinct island homes



Nautical Nirvana

By Coral Krauchel
Islanders and visitors will have a glimpse of Japan, Old Florida, New England and more when Behind the Seagrape tour opens Saturday, March 12.

The "Behind the Seagrape" tour will take participants to six unusual Sanibel and Captiva homes chosen for their style, architecture and location. Owned by island residents, each home boasts a charm all its own.

Sea Oats, is a two-bedroom Captiva home on Roosevelt Channel. Designed by Dan Burner and constructed by Karl Wightman, the home makes use of multi-colored, owner-designed sculptured rugs from the dining room through the living room and into the master bedroom.

A cozy library features a moveable ladder brought from an old creamery in Iowa and artwork by island artists, including an original Ding Darling cartoon. The Sea Oats dining room features a glass-topped table that sits on a grapevine base from the Nappa Valley in California and

cabinets containing kitchen artwork and farmworthy miniature stained glass houses.

A yachting family's dreamhouse accurately describes the second home on the tour. Located on San Carlos Bay, Nautical Nirvana is a unique four-section home that occupies the end of a peninsula with its own private deepwater marina and offers a view of the bay from every room.

A centrally located outside pool affords maximum view with privacy while allowing penetration of favorable breezes. Nautical Nirvana is clustered around the 1,400-square-foot pool deck area. Designed by Dan Burner, the woodframe piling home was constructed from red cedar imported from the Pacific Coast.

Inside the house is furnished with wicker, country French and nautical pieces. Native flora and broad sweeps of lawn accentuate the panoramic view outside.

Those who love Florida the way it was will enjoy Behind the Seagrape's Old Florida style home on San Carlos Bay.

Constructed on pilings, Casa Blanca is surrounded by open porches on the first floor that enhance bay and land view and encourage the flow of sea breezes. Varied pine railings decorate the porch, and pine is used for stairs and interior floors. The large living room rises over three stories to the cupola that furnishes old-fashioned ceiling ventilation. The energy-efficient house raised 92 points on the city's Rate of Growth scale.

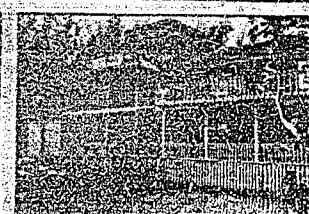
How To Be Shibui is a recently completed Japanese gullside home. Random width teak floors have been laid throughout the house, similar to the "hikingside" floors found in Japanese royal palaces that squeaked when an intruder passed through.

The pilings on which the house was built are hidden by the raised circular driveway entrance that leads to a port-cochere made of Key West keystone. The steps to the front door match the port-cochere and make full use of the smooth quarried off-

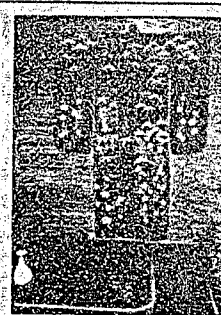
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Le Bijou



Casa Blanca



How To Be Shibui

Tour features distinct homes continued

white native stone that shows ancient fossil patterns.

A high-ceiling and angled roof adorn the living room that is created by Shoji-type glass and lattice doors. The furnishings within are largely oriental in style and fabric, including an authentic eight-paneled Coromandel screen and a specially designed stained glass window with an underwater design of fan-tailed oriental goldfish. The dining room, which overlooks the gulf, features a black lacquered Chippendale table and chairs.

Casa Blanca started as a three-room cottage in 1953. The house now contains nine rooms and is complete with a screened-in swimming pool on the second level. Stained glass windows dating back to the 1890's, antique clocks and needlepoint artworks are found throughout the home. Le Bijou, a refurbished Colony Cottage, was gutted and completely redone in the New England style and completes the "Behind the Seagrape" tour. Open and airy, the home is furnished with a crash-hatch of Oriental accessories and blue and white wicker furniture. The living room and bedroom walls feature a steeple-

pattern that was designed by the owner.

Participants in "Behind the Seagrape" can purchase map tickets for \$10 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the day of the tour at the Sanibel Community Center or the Captiva Memorial Library. Advance reservations are recommended, however, and can be made at Calusa Canvas on 2322 Periwinkle Way.

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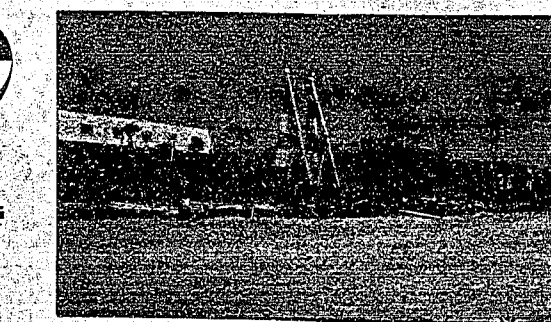
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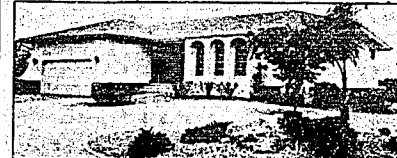
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Matsumoto husband and wife show opens at Schoolhouse Gallery

Good husband-wife teams are hard to beat, as Island artists Ikki and Polly Matsumoto know. In honor of their successful creative partnership, a reception will be held this Sunday evening at the Schoolhouse Gallery. Alongside Ikki's whimsical Japanese-style drawings and paintings will be weavings by Polly, whose textile endeavors have gained respect and admiration throughout Florida.

The couple met as art students at the Art Academy of Cincinnati in the late 1960's. It wasn't long before they married and moved to a farm to raise their three children, a zoo of animals and hopes of making art their career.

Ikki had already been training hard with his father, a widely respected Japanese artist. Private tutoring was followed by study at the Tama Institute in Japan. After he arrived in the United States when he was 30 years old, scholarships from both the John Heron Institute and the Art Academy of Cincinnati and further training under renowned artist Charles Harper completed Ikki's formal training.

A notable career in commercial art sustained the growing Matsumoto family. Ikki was commissioned to illustrate one of America's favorite cookbooks, *The Joy of*

Cooking, as well as McGraw Hill and Houghton Mifflin textbooks. Designing toys added to the Matsumoto family budget.

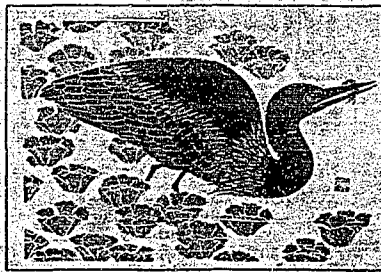
"The desire for creative artistic freedom brought the family to Sanibel in 1973. Since then, Polly has conducted many workshops in fiber arts, hangings, rugs, baskets, dyeing and spinning, the products of which hang in Florida galleries from Miami to Sanibel.

An insatiable public demand for Ikki's sophisticated oriental paintings has shown given him an opportunity to pursue his quest for personal creative expression.

Ikki works in a variety of media including pen and ink, watercolor, acrylic, silk screen and painting on silk. He is now represented in galleries throughout the United States and in Japan.

His recent works, which will be on display beginning this weekend, fully compliment the humorous and simple pieces Islanders have come to know and love - and recognize as 10 feet away.

Both Polly and Ikki will be at the Schoolhouse Gallery to discuss their work on this Sunday, March 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. Their show will hang in the gallery halls through March 16.



March means much in art world on and around Sanibel and Captiva

Macintosh Book Shop will offer bookworms a once in a lifetime chance on Wednesday, March 2, when Captiva author Leonard Mosely will autograph rare copies of a dozen of his best-selling books.

Many of Mosely's best-sellers are unusually difficult to find, including his famous *I Killed Her*. According to book shop owner Bud Frey, "There are just no more in the country."

Mosely has opened his personal collection to Macintosh's to make way for this unusual signing party, where *Head Starters*, *Palms*, *Lithographs*, *Power Play*, *Thriller* and more will be available for purchase.

Wine, cheese and other refreshments will be served from 3 to 7 p.m. Frey encourages all island residents to take full advantage of this unique event.

Island wildlife artist and sculptor George Weymouth will offer limited edition prints of his "Pileated Woodpecker" this Sunday and Monday to benefit Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife.

The noted bird tour guide will be available to autograph purchased lithographs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days of the benefit sale at Hickey's shopping center.

The prints are made from Weymouth's original watercolor and will sell for a minimum donation of \$25. Weymouth's hand-carved wooden bird sculptures will also be on display.

Weymouth, well known for his birding tours through the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, encourages island residents and visitors to join CROW, an on-island facility dedicated to the care, treatment and rehabilitation of sick and injured wildlife.

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donations. Interested residents and visitors can join by sending \$10 to P.O. Box 150, Sanibel, 33957. For more information call 472-8545 or 472-3444.

Local craftsmen Polly Matsumoto and Anita Amodeo will offer a series of weaving and hand-made paper workshops through the end of March.

Seventh baskets will be the subject of the workshop this Thursday, Feb. 24. Pottery baskets will be taught on March 10; hen baskets on March 17; an oval picnic basket on March 24 and garble and onion baskets on March 31.

All classes will run from noon to 5 p.m. with exception of the garble and onion basket workshop, which will run from 1 to 5 p.m. Fees for the classes include all materials and are \$25 each or three classes for \$60.

A handmade paper class will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on March 31 for \$25, which will include frame and docket. Students will learn to make unique stationery using casting and embossing.

A triangular shawl class will be held on March 28. The \$35 fee will also cover material costs.

No previous experience is necessary for any class. All courses are designed as one-day classes. Enrollment is limited, so register early by calling Amodeo, 481-1064.

Oriental pottery and wooden duck decoys are among the hundreds of handcrafted items on display this weekend at the outdoor crafts fair at T.H. Osprey, Ltd.

Formerly known as the Artisan Shop, T.H. Osprey is managed by Roni Martonell and Rachel Noon. The two run the Artisan Shop for 12 years.

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An osprey poster taken from the original by Paul Seiderberg will be available at T.H. Osprey during the weekend. Later, when Seiderberg will be present for autographs.

The fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday, March 5 and 6, at the shop on West Gulf Drive.

The Port Myers Beach Art Association will offer the winter's third Painters' Art Workshop this weekend for area painters.

Versatile, talented painter George Osprey will conduct the class on Port Myers Beach for watercolor, oil and acrylic artists. Directed toward reflecting the mood of realism, Osprey avoids chattering his own canvases with unimportant details.

Classes are scheduled to meet Monday through Friday from March 7-11. Watercolor classes will be held from 9 a.m. to noon each day, followed by oil/acrylic workshops daily from 1 to 4 p.m.

Cost of a week of half-day instruction is \$50 for members and \$70 for non-members. Both sessions can be attended for \$75 (members) or \$100 (non-members).

For further details contact Diana Gessler, 463-5703.

The Lee County Alliance of the Arts will hold an opening reception for photographer Ralph Lavigne at the alliance center on McGregor Boulevard in Port Myers this Sunday, March 6, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Lavigne's work represents the color, architecture and

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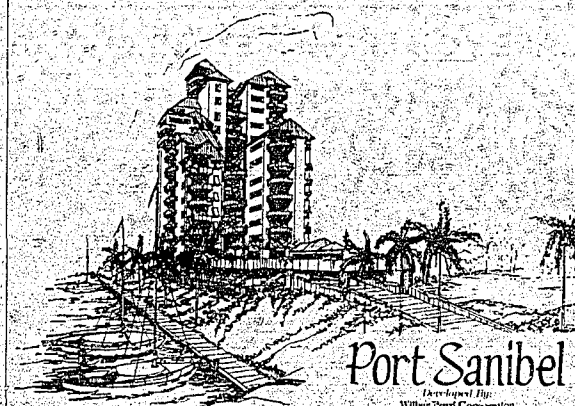


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people of the many foreign countries he has visited, he attempts to go beyond the technical into the realm of mood and feeling, with a special interest in the textures of old walls.

Levin's exhibit will be open for viewing at the alliance Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through March 30. For more information call the alliance, 939-2287.

Sacred masks and figures of African kings from Nigeria and Cameroon are on display this month at Edison Community College.

In Celebration of Spirits and Kings, on loan from the University of Florida in Gainesville, is in Gallery E as part of the college's annual faculty and student exhibition. Textiles are also on display as part of the celebration to complement ECU's Black Heritage Month activities. Tours of the gallery shows, which will be on display through March 25, can be arranged by calling Dorothy Casey, 669-0098.

The Gallery of Fine Art is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 3 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

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Curtain time is 8 p.m. For reservations and information call 334-0760.

Press admission is not a thing of the past and can be had at the Cape Coral Art League Seventh Annual Arts and Crafts Show this Saturday in Cape Coral.

The show is set for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Sun Bank Southwest parking lot at 1812 East Cape Coral Parkway. For more information call 942-0608.

Fifteen area designers, landscape artists and architectural consultants have combined their talents to produce the Second Annual Designer Showcase in Fort Myers, which will be open to the public from March 7 through April 12.

Sponsored by the Lee County Alliance of the Arts, the 1983 Designer Showcase house is at 1141 Wales Drive in Fort Myers.

Originally built for flamboyant New York actor H. Eric

Lowert, the castle-like mansion contains many theatrical touches. The present owners, Dr. and Mrs. John Penlar, hoped to retain as much of the original, the era grandeur as possible, and in the designer's working on the showcase project strived to capture that feeling as well.

A restored courtyard fountain and arched stone Italian tiled pool add to the dwelling's charm.

Tours through the refurbished historic mansion, which was built in 1926, will be offered from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

Tickets are available at area bookstores for \$4 or can be purchased at the door for \$5. All proceeds will benefit the alliance.

Ballets by Mendelssohn, Tchaikovsky and Villa-Lobos will come to life at the Fort Myers Exhibition Hall when The Atlanta Ballet comes to town on Wednesday, March 2.

The nation's oldest regional ballet company, the Atlanta Ballet will perform the Scottish Symphony, Tchaikovsky's *Pavé de Deux*, Bachianas Brasileiras and the *Opéra* Charleston.

The Atlanta Ballet is composed of more than 30 dancers who come from major dance companies throughout the world. They have performed in more than 10 states.

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University of South Florida at Fort Myers, the program will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are available in advance for \$10 at the cashier's office on USF's campus or at the box office just before the show.

For more information call 489-9226.

An opening reception for abstract artist Marilyn Neiderman will be held on this Sunday, March 6, at the Cape Coral Arts Studio.

Neiderman is currently experimenting with incorporating handmade paper to her work and achieves many many unusual effects. Her paintings will also be included in the show of her most recent work.

The reception is free and open to the public, and will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

A non-profit facility of the Cape Coral Parks and Recreation Department, the Cape Coral Arts Studio at 4233 Coronado Parkway and is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 574-7714.

A series of Unusual Art Workshops will be offered through mid-March at the Cape Coral Arts Studio. Design Dynamics will be taught by Sandi Morrison (4) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, March 7, as a pre-request for the artist's second workshop, Paper Relief

(10), during the same hours the next day.

Working in the House will be supervised by Katie Rollins from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (10) on Thursday, March 10.

A workshop in Drawing Techniques will meet on Friday, March 11, from 9 a.m. to noon (10), followed by a Stained Glass workshop on Monday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to noon with George Migliorini (10).

Color Mixing Techniques (12) for beginners will be taught by Nan Dickerson on Monday, March 14, from 2 to 5 p.m. Instruction in creating Laminated Head Mirrors will be offered by Johanna Hill on Tuesday, March 15, from 9 a.m. to noon (12).

Mattings and Framing will be demonstrated by Joe Thomas from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, March 16.

(12) Students will need to bring a picture ready for framing to class.

Table Weaving by Katie Rollins (12) will be taught on Thursday, March 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The workshop series will be completed by Denise Giallari's introduction to Silk Screen class the same day from 6-9 p.m. (12). For further information call 574-7714.

Artists interested in participating in future exhibits at the Cape Coral Arts Studio Gallery can submit work for review on Wednesday, March 2, from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Each artist should submit six works and a resume. For details call 574-7714.



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Duplicate bridge scores

Eight tables turned out for duplicate bridge play on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 17.

North-South
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2. Kay and Roy Hicks 68+
3. Frieda and Jack Goodman 66

East-West
1. Dorothy Startzman-Helen Quimby 81+
2. Nizry Lou and Cliff Ackes 73+
3. Lipaky-Lillas 73+
Fifteen tables played on Friday night, Feb. 18.

North-South
1. Sue Suto-Vinice Back 168
2. Frieda and Jack Goodman 163
3. Helen and Preston Russell 154+
4. Louise Duvy-Helen Doud 154+

East-West
1. Edna and Don Probst 161+
2. Kitty Rose-Virginia Ekret 153
3. Margaret and W.G. Wassendorf 151+
For duplicate bridge play on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 24, seven and a half tables played.

North-South
1. Harriet MacKinnon-Billie McDonald 95
2. Betty Bray-Mary Emerson 83
3. Kitty Rose-Geane Tiffany 66+
4. Helen Quimby-Dorothy Startzman 55
5. Helen and George Haunnes 70
6. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Byrnes 62+
For play on Friday evening, Feb. 25, fifteen tables played.

East-West
1. Sue Suto-Vinice Back 155
2. Lucille and L.M. Lieberman 154+
3. Martha Kildow and Norma Lees 154+
4. Grace and Bill Fames 157
5. Genevieve Howard and Marianne B. 147
6. Jeanne and Carroll Byler 141
There will be no bridge games on Thursday, March 3, and Friday, March 4. Games will resume on Thursday afternoon, March 10, and Friday evening, March 11, at the Sanibel Community Association hall.

East-West
1. Grace and Bill Fames 157
2. Genevieve Howard and Marianne B. 147
3. Jeanne and Carroll Byler 141
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not considered totally toxic or flammable. They were used widely in caulking and were in the encapsulation for the microscopic capsules in early "carbon paperless" carbon paper. No more questions paper does not contain PCBs.

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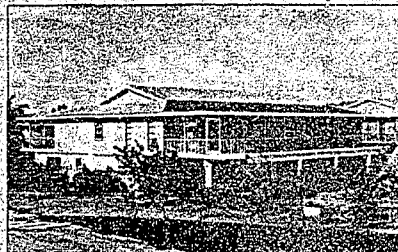
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Gymnasium gets off to running start, rec director Noon watches from sidelines



My David Meadman
The new gymnasium is off to a running start, and Recreation Center Director Dick Noon is busy organizing team sports and setting up schedules for play. "I'm going to have a lot of people come in here to watch the flurry of sports activities from the sidelines, however, since he injured his right knee last week during a basketball game."
Moving toward the basket, Noon went to shoot the ball, the ball was batted, and he came down hard, twisting his knee in the process.
"It was just one of those things that happen. It was a clean play," Noon says. "In a cast all last week, Noon is scheduled to have surgery Wednesday and will be out of action for a while. He's like 'I'm not refusing for awhile,' he says."
The gym offers basketball, volleyball, shuffleboard, ping pong and triser has a chance to play their sports from 1:

to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. This facility is open for inland youths from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and for adults from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday. The pool is available to the public Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. "We're in the preliminary stages, and game are being scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 10 p.m. Referees for games are needed, and persons interested in this position should contact Nani at 472-0545 or 472-0546. Co-sponsorial volleyball is also being scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday from 10 p.m.," We'd like to have everyone who is interested come out and play," Nani says, adding that the recreation complex schedule is still tentative and that he is open to any suggestions for its use. "I want to hear about your ideas," he says. Local, regional and state teams from individuals or teams wishing to play are still welcome, Nani says. Tuesday night is set for every Friday from 10 to 10 p.m., and roller skating is scheduled

to begin by the middle of March after the grass field is coated with a hard surface.

The pool features aquatic aerobics Monday through Friday from 8 to 10 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. Open swims are Monday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon and 4 to 5 p.m.; Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 5 p.m.; Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon and 4 to 5 p.m.; Friday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and 4 to 5 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the recreation complex should call Noon, 473-0493, or better yet, stop by and check it out in person.

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SCA bingo cancelled this week because of Shell Fair

Tuesday night bingo at the Sanibel Community Association has been cancelled this week so we can prepare for this weekend's Sanibel-Captiva Shell Show. Bingo will resume at the community association hall next Tuesday evening, March 3.

The monthly meeting of the community association will be held next Wednesday evening, March 4, at the hall on Periwinkle Way. The covered dish supper will begin at 7:30 p.m. The program will be a slide show and travel talk by Mike Kilen on his recent trip to the Himalayas.

BIG Arts meeting moves to March 2

The regular monthly meeting of Barrier Island Group, for the Arts has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 2, at the Sanibel Public Library. The executive committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. Regular meeting will begin at 8 p.m.

Condominiums host IWA president

Condominium Associations of Sanibel will host Island Water Association president Carol Devergnon at the regular CASI meeting next Thursday, March 18, at the Sanibel Surfside condominiums community hall.

Water conservation methods for condominiums will be discussed. The cost of water is one of the highest items in a condominium association budget.

A proposed change in IWA by-laws to

make representatives of condominium associations eligible for membership of the IWA board will be explained. Currently only individual meter owners are eligible for the board. The proposed change will be voted on at the annual IWA meeting next month.

Condominium associations that belong to CASI are urged to have at least one representative at next week's meeting.

Dance, workout classes resume at community hall, recreation center

Aerobic dance and workout classes under the instruction of Madeline Hayes will resume this week at the Sanibel Community Association hall and at the city's recreation complex next to the Sanibel Elementary School.

Aerobic dance, a cardiovascular fitness program for all ages, will be held at the community association hall from 6 to 8 a.m. on Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 for 12 classes or \$1.50 per class.

The workout, a vigorous exercise class with combined stretching and breathing for total body awareness, will start March 7 at the community hall and will meet from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. on Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$60 for 12 classes or \$4 per class.

The workout will meet at the new recreation complex beginning March 1 from 6 to 7 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. Cost for the seven-week program is \$48 for 12 classes or \$4 per class.

'Minnesota Tailgate' festivities planned at swamp buggy grounds

Current and past Minnesota residents from Southwest Florida will meet at the Naples swamp buggy grounds this Sunday, March 6, for the fourth annual Minnesota Tailgate.

Those attending should bring signs showing their hometowns in Minnesota. All should bring their own refreshments, liquid and solid, to keep alive previous tailgates at Metropolitan Stadium in Minneapolis, where the Vikings and Twins formerly played.

A car pool and procession will form at the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Anyone

needing transportation from the Islands should call Warren Hyde, 472-4735.

Kiwanis host recreation director

The Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club will host Sanibel Recreation Director Dick Noon at the club's regular breakfast meeting this Wednesday, March 2, at 7:30 a.m. at the Dunes Country Club.

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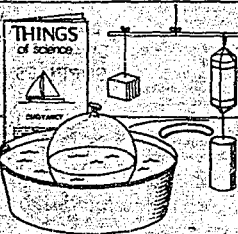
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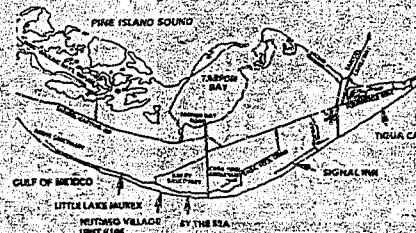
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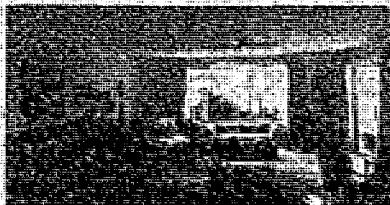
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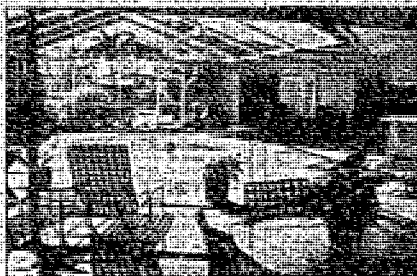
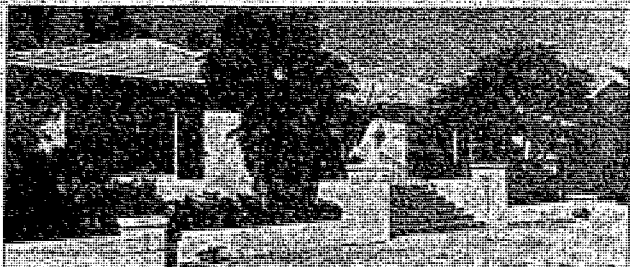
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