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representative on the County Commission, appeared before the council last Tuesday to discuss the problem. Goas was appointed by the governor to sit in for Commissioner Mike Roeber until a perjury charge against Roeber is resolved.

Goas said he was concerned that the commission has made no move to control development along Summerlin Road and promised to carry the island's battle as far as I can as long as I'm there.

I have failed to come up with a statesmanlike word to describe their planning efforts," he said about the commission. But I perceive a precarious balance among the commissioners between trying to come to grips with it or just saying it's already too late and to heck with it.

Goas called the city's letter to Averill "right on target. But he was not sure whether the commission or staff have the backbone or expertise to do anything about it."

Cost in the eastern line he pointed out, adding that the county's transportation system is already \$400 million in the hole.

Goas agreed with the city's contention that impact fees collected from developers would not cover the cost of the full range of services required for the burgeoning development.

Also to be considered are the costs the county will incur for increasing volumes of through traffic not associated with development, the letter to Averill pointed out.

Other city concerns with the county's proposal include the scant attention paid to hurricane evacuation the proposed land use map that does not follow property and is therefore limited as a planning tool and the increase in density on environmentally sensitive land from one unit per five acres to one unit per acre, which creates much too intense development.

Sanibel officials also maintain that the county is practicing poor planning by waiting until the adoption of a county-wide land use plan before making recommendations for specific parcels along the Summerlin corridor.

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shells and more than two shells of any species per day.

La Croix warned the council that passing any live shelling ban would open the city up to a civil rights suit and would probably make Sanibel liable for attorneys fees and court costs.

A possible way out, La Croix suggested, would be to ask the state to amend the statute giving Sanibel jurisdiction over shelling in its own waters or to ask the Legislature to pass a special act for the city.

The council agreed to follow that route to give La Croix time to investigate those and other options, the council continued the hearing on the proposed ordinance to 2:30 p.m. on March 1.

Friday however La Croix said relief through a general law or special act is out, at least for this year.

La Croix said Don Moody

legislative assistant to State Sen. Frank Mann, informed him the deadline has passed for the introduction of new bills for consideration during the current session.

But La Croix said a bill to create a special commission to regulate fishing, etc. statewide would be introduced. Moody said if the commission is established it might be the forum to which Sanibel could appeal to gain jurisdiction of waters within its corporate limits.

In Sanibel's city charter approved by the state in 1974, these limits are defined as being within 300 feet from the mean high tide line.

La Croix said Moody was assisting him in a search through the list of bills already introduced, or one to which Sanibel's request for jurisdiction might be added as an amendment or attached as a rider.

An ordinance strictly prohibiting the taking of any live shells was turned down last month by the council by a 3-2 vote.

The question was raised as to why the council was not made aware that the city had no jurisdiction over off shore waters before an ordinance was proposed. But some council watchers say the jurisdictional question is a gray area.

Veteran council watcher Paul Howe said Chapter 370 of the Florida statutes is vague and confusing.

It has grown like Topsy since it was first adopted 30 years ago. Howe pointed out. "Today it is virtually a crazy quilt" of definitions and confused mixing of scientific classifications.

In various sections saltwater fishing is both excluded and included from state regulation, he added.

Howe claimed the Legislature's including 300 feet of offshore waters

within the city's corporate limits adds to the confusion.

That charter alteration in 1974 is an exception to the general rule in Section 370.01 which at 1975 preempted such territory for state regulation, he said.

To settle the question of jurisdiction Howe suggested the city should seek either an opinion from the state attorney general or a declaratory judgment from a court as provided in Chapter 86 of the Florida statutes.

Another knotty question that bothers city officials and shellers alike is how to identify a live shell.

La Croix has suggested this definition: Live shell shall mean any living aquatic mollusk enclosed wholly or partially within a calcareous shell.

"The fact that a mollusk can retreat tightly within its shell has prima facie evidence that such mollusk is alive."

Everybody talks about it...

Island residents and visitors can expect rain showers through tomorrow and partly cloudy skies on Thursday and Friday. High temperatures are expected to be in the upper 70's with lows in the 60's.

Last week's weather record is taken from data at the Sanibel Captiva Chamber of Commerce.

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Sunday, Feb 27	64	60	1.57
Monday Feb. 28	74	56	.3
Tuesday March 1	74	62	Trace
Wednesday March 2	70	57	No rain
Thursday March 3	78	57	No rain
Friday, March 4	78	63	No rain
Saturday, March 5	80	65	No rain
Sunday, March 6	81	71	No rain

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Stormy weather and exceptionally strong tides last week made for some superb shelling last week, as Jackie Kromon of Ocean Pines, Md., left, can testify. An avid sheller, she found four juncos during a one-week period on the beach near the Gallery Motel.


On vacation with her husband and family Keenan kept an ever-watchful eye out for the prized shell and came up with a quartet. I never thought I'd find any in a lifetime, and I found four in one week! she said. Photo by David Meardon.



Rae-Louise Porch of Pitman, N.J. right, didn't find four of the prized shells, but she was just as happy with the four-inch junco she found on the public beach near the old Algiers property. The find was a first for Porch in the eight years she has visited the island. Photo by Cindy Chalnera.



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AN EYE FOR THE ISLANDS

By Maggie Greenberg

"Jogging is dangerous! Why, just the other day a young lad tripped over his own feet, fell down on hard cement and, my dear, it was perfectly dreadful!"

Readers of *The Islander* might recognize my incomparable mother (now nearly 84), whose words of wisdom are invariably expressed with considerable emphasis. What prompted Mother's latest caveat was a slight hint that I intended to take jogging a bit more seriously, albeit "with due, deliberate speed."

"Deliberate" did not mollify my mother for one minute. Within a few days, I received copies of three authoritative articles (with much underlining to guide my eyes): "Sprains, Strains and Other Motion Ailments"; "After an Injury" (New York Times), and "Is There Life After Jogging?" (Harvard's Medical Forum).

Now, had I told Mother that I planned to run in the annual Edison Pageant of Light Distance Classic, the volume of polignant literature might well have exceeded the 50-pound limit of UPS!

I still wonder what prompted me to participate in the Distance Classic. One explanation might be the Fountain of Youth Syndrome - which is very much alive and well on Sanibel. Although I must reluctantly admit, as did Miss Jean Brodie, that, "I've passed my prime, I still refuse to throw in the towel."

However, what really caused me to turn out for some three miles of running run and frolic (in full view of 250,000 people) was the sheer novelty and challenge of it all. Not surprisingly, the challenge was subtly suggested by my feisty friend the Colonel (The Islander, Feb. 8).

The Colonel had recently seen a movie about a woman (past her prime) who survived the Boston

Marathon. What a splendid achievement! What an inspiration to those afflicted with the Fountain of Youth Syndrome! The Colonel had merely to mention that movie and tell me of the forthcoming Distance Classic - and we were both helplessly hooked.

Now, anyone who has enjoyed a long and highly distinguished career as a military logistcian likes to plan for every contingency. Therefore, we first determined that I could indeed jog for three miles on the Sanibel-Captiva Road like path without collapsing in a coma in front of "Ding" Darling. Given her singular aversion to invigorating exercise, the Colonel cruised along in the comfort of her Cadillac-bearing water, orange juice, ammonia ampules and towels for confused raccoons. We were now ready to take on the entire world! "No sweat," as they say.

The Colonel's logistical planning was such a marvel of efficiency that we had nearly three hours to kill before the starting gun went off. As the rains of Rangoon poured down we remained confined to the Cadillac - where we both chain smoked and listened for a numbing beat of something considerably stronger than orange juice.

My first indication that the Colonel's eve-of-battle nerves were rather frayed (if not totally unraveled) occurred in connection with the simple act of plugging the number 530 on my T-shirt.

"Why are there four holes?" inquired the Colonel. "For the four safety pins," I replied.

"But I don't see the correlation at all!" said the confused Colonel as she made a serious stab at pinning the number to the flesh beneath my Sanibel-Captiva T-shirt.

Eventually, of course, the other contestants

arrived. Soon some 550 runners (mostly male, between the ages of 15 and 20) were milling about something called the "staging area," dominated by an inspiring sign emblazoned with the words "Resurrection of Body and Spirit." They thrust magnificently muscled legs against all available walls, colorized their lithe bodies in the most incongruous positions and sprinted sporadically thither and yon.

I was the only one who smoked in the staging area. In fact, the only common denominator between me and such avid athletes was Brooks Brothers running shoes. "Colonel, what am I doing here?" I wailed.

The Colonel rescued me from the frenzied activities of the athletes and led me to the point where the race would actually begin (it was now clearly a serious race, not a fun-filled frolic for people of every age and description!). There, an awfully nice young man (probably in his 30's) showed us the roped-off area to front of where the "seeded" jackrabbits would be, followed by brightly painted lines for the seven-, eight- and nine-minute millers. There was no patched line for 10-minute millers like me.

Fortunately, this compassionate young man assured me that I appeared to be in "great shape" for the 30-35 category. (Who said civility is dead?) He then advised me to run around vigorously for 30 minutes, do a few "wind sprints" (whatever they are) and arrive at the starting line in a veritable lather of sweat.

At least I was old enough to ignore such enthusiastic advice. My pre-race warmup consisted of

continued next page.

COMMENTARY

Chamber urges senator to oppose change in mosquito board

A copy of the following letter to State Sen. Frank Marsh' was given to *The Islander* for publication.

Dear Senator Marsh,
We understand that a bill might be introduced to the Legislature which would reduce the number of members on the Lee County Mosquito Control Board, the ultimate purpose of which would be to eliminate mosquito control on Sanibel and Captiva Islands, where most of Lee County's mosquitoes breed.
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Legislation that dilutes the board's performance standards or adversely affects this operation would put in serious jeopardy the tourist-oriented economy of Lee County. Therefore, the thrust of such legislation is not in the best interest of the majority of the residents of the county.
We feel this issue is extremely important and deserves your attention.
Sincerely,
William Frey, president
Sanibel-Captiva
Chamber of Commerce

Yearly visitors express dismay at failure of shelling ban

To the Editor
The Islander

As yearly visitors to Sanibel Island for just six years, we have grown to love it very much. However, we have been following the "proposed" live shelling ban and are in disappointment at the people of Sanibel for not passing that ban.

We have seen less shells each spring and are distressed at this situation. We know some people who take live shells for no other reason than because they feel they are obtaining a newer specimen. Others even sell them at garage sales when they return home.

We treasure all our shells and have made mirrors and lamps with them for our own enjoyment. We certainly hope you will all continue to fight to preserve your shells as they are another "miracle of God."

Rose Ann Ernst
Carmel, Ind.

Islander urges opposition to plan to close Sunland

To the Editor
The Islander

If Gulf Coast beaches (Sunland) closed the state of Florida will take a giant step backward as the mentally retarded, deprived since birth of all that makes life good are victimized again.

Should the governor's proposal be approved, some will go to group or foster homes. Others, torn from their friends and families, will be placed in facilities elsewhere, frightened and alone among strangers.

The idea is touted as an economical while theorists declare institutions bad, that the clients should be returned to society, the same society that scorned, neglected, and abused them. If private homes were best for them they would never have left their own. This simple truth is ignored, as is their vulnerability to just to neglect and abuse but to such

violent crimes as rape, assault and robbery.

For the dubious advantages of home atmosphere where supervision is lax and benefits non-existent, they lose their own safer, happier community where everything possible is done for them. They do not deserve such mindless cruelty.

Their presence is only for the same opportunities normal children have and take for granted.

Write Sen. Frank Marsh, 2124 Anderson Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33901, or Rep. Keith Arnold, P.O. Box 2860, Fort Myers, FL 33902.

An eye for the Islands continued

walking briskly to and from the nearest comfort station - several times, to be sure.

Now it was time for the runners to take their appropriate places behind the starting line. ("Be honest! Be honest!" they kept telling us. I assumed John Walsh, Sanibel's superb Santa; "Maggie? What are you doing here?" (a tennis acquaintance). "GO, Sanibel!")

At the two-mile mark an official gave me a smart slap on the buttocks and called out my time. "The runner, he was urging me to get off my duff and make way for the great parade of floats. Why, at any moment now an Impatient parade marshal might give to others to "Let 'em roll!"

Ohnigod! I had vivid visions of being rolled over, grated and squeezed by a giant citrus on wheels - never run far enough to savor such a sensation. However, while the waiting Colonel endured the smell of the sweatshirt, I revelled in the roar of the crowd. Acquaintances called out to me: "EMISH, Maggie!" (John Walsh, Sanibel's superb Santa); "Maggie? What are you doing here?" (a tennis acquaintance). "GO, Sanibel!")

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with nothing but vengeance on its mammoth mind! I ran an eight-minute mile and crossed the finish line.

It's nice to know that some 80 runners saw my heels although, to "be honest," 47 rapid racers never saw me at all. The Colonel was walling with the mother's bribe - sweatshirt in hand, cigar-like cigarette in the other. For some reason, she was perspiring rather profusely.

We drove straight to the Spanish Main's lounge, where I enjoyed a healthful training meal of fruit, juice and sprinich (i.e., planter's punch and oysters Rockefeller). While I indulged in several vice simultaneously, the Colonel conducted a post mortem.

The next race would be in Naples - five miles this time. I must not be quite so honest and begin quite so far behind the starting line. Why, we could enter longer and longer distance races and travel all over the country! You know, perhaps we should get a great big van with a stereo, wet bar and

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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

By Barbara Brundage

Scotty's owner questions council timing on BMRH

Restaurant owner Al Duncan appeared before the City Council last Tuesday demanding to know why, after three years, no action has been taken on his request to limit Below Market Rate Housing units at the rear of Scotty's Pub to house his employees.

Visibly irritated, Duncan reminded the council that in February 1982 he went before the council to find out the status of his BMRH request and was told that the city would get back to him as soon as BMRH provisions were adopted.

It was the last straw when he was told recently that it would be another year before the ordinance is implemented.

"I'm getting a little tired of you," he told the council Tuesday, "Don't give

me the labor pains, give me the baby." Councilman Fred Vallin, chairman of the council-appointed committee that drafted the ordinance calling for a franchised housing foundation to administrate the BMRH program, said he shared Duncan's frustrations.

But Vallin assured the restaurateur that the ordinance will be before the council for a first reading "later this month or in early April."

But Duncan had a second complaint, accusing the city of dragging its feet. At the same February meeting last year, Duncan said, he was assured the council would look into inequities in occupational license fees levied on restaurants compared to other commercial establishments.

He questioned why Scotty's Pub was charged \$1,100 and Bailey's only \$400.

The council said the fee schedule would be reviewed in September. "It's now 12 months later and nothing's been done," Duncan said last week.

City Manager Bernie Murphy said the staff has just completed the "first real review of occupational license fees to five years" and added the new schedule will be brought to the council for approval at its March 14 evening meeting.

"But I can assure you there are very few changes," Murphy said. "The fees are not based on volume or gross sales. Restaurant licenses are based on the number of seats in the establishment he explained. "So I guess it is related to activity."

After hours of hearings and comparisons with other committees, the staff has concluded the original basis

for fees is fair and equitable and does not recommend any changes, Murphy said.

Duncan was told that to qualify for a proposed refund of a \$300 occupational license fee for a Scotty's Seafood Market he would need to prove he is the legal owner.

The license was issued in January 1982 to Walter Flinn, who indicated he was the owner of the wholesale fish market. The shop went broke and was closed after a few months.

Duncan told the council Flinn was only an employee who ran the market for him and added he would like to recover at least half the fee.

Murphy said there is no provision in the occupational license law for refunds.

Sun Lines wants Island franchise

A Fort Myers based transportation company has applied to the city for a franchise to provide taxi service to Sanibel and Captiva residents.

Sun Lines has previously operated a shuttle service from the Fort Myers airport to both islands on a reservations only basis.

The company currently has contracts with South Seas Plantation and Sundial Beach and Tennis Resort to transport guests to and from the airport as well as provide taxi service for short trips on the islands.

Under terms of a franchise the city recently granted to Sanibel Taxicab company, any other cab company is prohibited from operating on the island without a franchise.

Tom Broadbent, Sun Lines owner, and attorney Beverly Myers appeared before the City Council last Tuesday for clarification of Sun Lines' status.

Broadbent said he would like to obtain a franchise to continue the same service that has been available

to Sanibel and Captiva since 1981.

Sundial Manager Chuck Andrews said Sun Lines' shuttle service to the airport is excellent and important for his large resort, especially when large groups check in for conventions.

For Sanibel Taxicab to keep its exclusive franchise it must demonstrate it can provide the same or greater level of service than Sun Lines, City Manager Bernie Murphy pointed out.

Attorney James Dvorin, speaking for Sanibel Taxicab owners, said that under terms of the franchise Sanibel Taxi is ready to go the extra mile.

"We have agreed to provide 24-hour service, police-registered drivers and extra insurance," he told the council. "You should see that the franchise is enforced."

With an exclusive contract with the county to park at the airport, Sun Lines has the overwhelming advantage with the arriving passengers a captive audience, Dvorin added.

"All we're after is reciprocity," Councilman Fred Vallin observed.

Mayor Mike Klein said he feared the low rates for the shuttle ride to the airport were only being used to drive Sanibel Taxicab out of business and then would be raised.

Myers told the council that Sun Lines would file an application with the city for a franchise the day after last week's session.

City Attorney David La Cruz advised the council that the franchise ordinance must be enforced until a decision on a second franchise is made.

Councilman Bill Hagerup suggested that until the Sun Lines application is presented to the council on March 15 the company be permitted to fulfill its contractual obligation to Sundial.

His colleagues agreed but turned down Broadbent's request that he be allowed to honor advance reservations from individuals.

Neon sign must go

A neon tube sign in the window of Macintosh's "Book Store" must be replaced by one lighted by another mode, the City Council determined last week.

Neon graphics are expressly prohibited by the city's Graphics ordinance, Code Enforcement Officer Dick Baker reminded the council.

New owner Charles Frey, who went before the council last Tuesday to request a variance, said the store is now open at night. The neon sign provides that information to customers, who love the idea of being able to shop in the quiet evening hours when there's no traffic to fight, Frey said.

"The sign has been around forever," he said, adding customers don't like to see changes made in the 25-year-old establishment.

But the council, "violently opposed to neon," turned down Frey's request to keep the sign and gave him two weeks to replace it.

Capitol City Road name stays same

Capitol City Road South will retain its name and not become Wendy Shell Lane, the City Council decided last week.

Mayor Mike Klein called the wish of the four families who live on the sandy lane just off Casa Ybel Road to name their street after his two youngest

residents a "whim."

"If I allow you to do this everyone on the island who doesn't like the name of their street will be asking to have it

changed," Klein said.

"It's not a whim," Bert McCarry, spokesman for the group, responded.

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Coming up at City Hall

A list of upcoming City Council and Planning Commission meetings

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

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

Tuesday, March 15, MacKenzie

Hall, 1:30 p.m. - Continuation of the City Council meeting.

Wednesday, March 16, MacKenzie Hall, 9:10 a.m. - Board of Adjustments and Appeals hearing of a complaint by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baird, 36 Palm St., against contractor Gail Reynolds.

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 23, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. - Special meeting of the City Council to hear requests for review of the March RGO allocations followed by continuation of discussion of intensity of use.

Monday, March 29, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. - Regular meeting of the Planning Commission.

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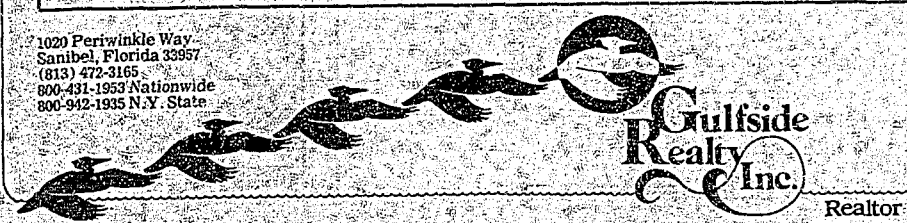
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Municipal records

Capitol City Road name stays the same from page 6A

"Capitol City Road" is a ridiculous name that's laughed at," McCarry explained that there are 12 variations of the street's name currently listed in various places. "This has created much confusion and has made it difficult for people to find us," she said.

Judith Kennedy, who lives on Capitol City Road North, across Cassa Ybel Road, said it would be a good idea to change the name of the street on her side, too. But not necessarily to Wendy

Shell Lane, she added.

"We take a lot of ribbing about why a street on Sanibel is called Capitol City," Kennedy said.

Although Councilman Louise Johnson was willing to grant the request of the residents on the south side of the street, the other councilmen agreed with Councilman Fred Vallin that the name of the entire street should be changed.

Only Johnson supported her motion to grant the residents' request to

rename Capitol City Road South. Councilman Francis Bailey's motion to approve a specific amendment to permit the Raymond Dorrty to build a house that will encroach on the setback from Hurricane Lane and on a right-of-way easement in adjoining Turpin Bay subdivision.

But the council continued the hearing until its March 15 meeting after City Attorney David La Croix recommended that an ordinance be drawn up outlining standards and criteria as guidelines for staff.

Hurricane Lane house okayed

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Municipal records

Hurricane Lane house okayed

Contractor Mark Gomez, representing the Dorrty, agreed the safest policy would be to delay the decision until the ordinance is re-advertised with the north boundary encroachment added to the bid.

Councilman Louise Johnson withdrew her motion to approve the setback variances.

A suggestion that one-way traffic be instituted on Palm Ridge Road during the rest of the winter season to solve recurring traffic congestion at the Periwinkle Way intersection never got off the ground last Tuesday.

When Mayor Milko Klein proposed that a one-way pattern would cut down the backup of vehicles on Palm Ridge Road waiting to turn left onto busy Periwinkle Way, City Manager Bernie Murphy quickly countered the City Council "at a late hour after a busy day not to make a hasty decision."

The first rule of traffic planning is to never institute temporary or seasonal measures, Murphy told the council.

Council considers traffic at Palm Ridge and Periwinkle

After monitoring the Palm Ridge-Periwinkle intersection the staff found the situation is improved over last year, he added.

But the council was skeptical and pointed out that in the late afternoon cars stack up on Periwinkle past Bailey's Store.

Murphy suggested the council consider installation of stop signs on Periwinkle to give Palm Ridge traffic equal time. Councilman Fred Vallin said a police officer should be assigned to direct traffic at the intersection when needed.

Murphy assured the council this action would be taken.

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ON THE WATER

By Captain Mike Fuery

Some interesting things happen to island fishing when heavy rains come during our "dry" season. You might have been a victim of this and never even realized it.

This is our winter season, and by tradition this is when we usually get less rain than other times of the year. We usually see reports on the evening news of runaway wild fires in the dry interior parts of the state during this time of year. I covered many, many of these swift moving fires as a newspaper reporter. And this is the time when naturalists who study water tables start to predict that if we don't get a certain amount of additional rain, animals could die in the Everglades.

That's not happening this year. We are experiencing the wettest start of a new year that I can recall in a long time. It's not unusual to have one to two inches during a day. That's supposed to be what happens in the summer. We expect it then, but now? I suspect that's exactly what the fish are thinking too.

Lake Okechobee in the central part of Florida is the chief water source for both the east and west coasts of the state. That lake now stands at slightly over 18 feet, or five feet above normal for this time of the year.

To lower the level of the lake flood gates are opened to allow water to flow toward the coast. Right now officials are talking about dumping several billion gallons of rainwater per day into the Caloosahatchee River. That river empties out at Punta Rassa, next to the entrance to the Sanibel Causeway. But the fresh water flows on toward the Gulf of Mexico.

The sure thing is happening north of Sanibel and Captiva Islands, where the Peace River, swollen much higher than normal, is draining thousands of acres of interior farm lands of rain and pouring the water into the Charlotte Harbor area.

In other words, two major rivers, one north and the other south, are flooding our coastal waters with freshwater.

I am only guessing at the effects, but I know this: intrusion of freshwater is making it more difficult to catch the normal amount of fish.

The other day I was fishing near Capt. Randy White's boat out on Pine Island Sound. We were talking about how sweet tasting the waters are. You can take a taste and find little salt. In fact the water seems nearly fresh.

Under normal circumstances the water is high in salinity this time of year because there is usually a

rain to dilute the saltwater. I suspect fish need the high salt content for growth and preparation for spawning later on.

Some saltwater fish are very tolerant of sweet water. The snook and tarpon can live in just about anything. I've been scuba diving in a deep spring 40 miles from saltwater and found two huge tarpon right beside me.

Other fish don't get along so well with too much fresh and not enough saltwater. I suspect that the heavy rains push them offshore seeking the desired salt.

I shouldn't complain, but this year my groups have caught fewer catfish and sugar trout. These are traditional bait stealers when you are fishing for sea trout.

The funny part is that good catches of sea trout and reef fish are being brought in, but still not like previous March catches. And the fish are running a little smaller.

The other day, with some good luck and fine casting, my party caught more than 30 trout. But only seven were over the 12-inch minimum limit.

The moral is stay out of the back country for a week or so and work around the coastal islands.



SHELLING TIPS

By Captain Mike Fuery

One of our most common local shells goes through a most dramatic color and body change as it matures. The metamorphic changes make a great growth pattern for diligent collectors.

I'm talking about the Florida fighting conch. It never reaches great sizes like its famous cousin, the horse conch. But the feisty little fighting conch undergoes changes that would make a butterfly envious.

Almost all shells start as mere dots. Some only reach an eighth to a quarter inch when fully grown. The whelks and horse conchs can grow to a foot or longer. The fighting conch does well to reach three inches.

It starts out as a thin-walled, spiraled shell with a distinct point on the top. Sometimes when they are about a year old and an inch tall the fighting conchs have a purple tip on the spiral. These specimens are good for collecting.

On the shoulder, or just down from the top point, there are the startings of tiny "crowns" that come out a quarter of an inch or so from the mature conch.

What always interests me is the coloring of the young Florida fighting conchs. They have a kind of

checked design of ivories and browns.

As the fighting conch matures it loses its "baby colors" and it begins to develop thicker outer shells.

It's not all that unusual to find a developing fighting conch with a distinct break on the outside where some mishap has damaged the shell. If the shell is dead you can run your finger inside where the break would be and most likely you will find it perfectly smooth. Remember, a shell grows from the inside out and has an external skeleton. The marine animal beats its broken shell on the inside and lets the outside take care of itself. Makes for an interesting specimen.

As the fighting conch reaches adulthood it takes on a dark reddish brown hue on the exterior and on some of the interior. The interior portion is often highly polished and requires little work from the collector's standpoint.

The outside of an adult fighting conch often has a kind of fuzzy covering that can be brushed off easily.

Some fighting conchs are very desirable collectibles. These are the albino specimens. I have one that is perfectly formed and perfectly white. I've only found one, and can only speculate on how many are found like this each year. I don't suspect there are

very many.

I know of some beach walkers who have nearly a complete growth pattern of Florida fighting conchs, starting from the small ones with the purple tips and ending with the adults with their shiny, brown colors. That's a challenge!

The young Florida fighting conchs often are confused with a much more rare shell, the Florida cone. The adult cones and the young conchs both have that conical, pointed top and are wide at the shoulders and tapering to the end point.

The best way to distinguish between the Florida cone and the fighting conch is to examine the outer lip of the shells. The developing conch has a thick lip, while the cone is thin and has a sharp edge.

Good hunting on the beaches this week. Please remember to observe the limits on live shells (two per species per person per day).

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All information in the following reports was taken directly from Sanibel Police Department records.

More than \$500 in personal and household items was reported missing from an owner's closet at the Sandhill on Friday morning, Feb. 25. Among the missing items were a pair of binoculars, towels, wine glasses and canned food.

A Sanibel man reported the theft of his wallet from the Coconut Grove employee quarters on Friday morning, Feb. 25. The wallet contained an Ohio driver's license and \$25 in cash.

A Mercedes-Benz hatchback valued at \$150 was reported missing from the car that belonged to a Kennel, Penn., man on Friday afternoon, Feb. 15.

A Sanibel woman, was arrested for driving while intoxicated after a police officer observed her car cross the center line of Sanibel-Captiva Road on Friday night, Feb. 25. Beverly Ann Primeau of 4207 West Gulf Drive failed the field sobriety test and refused to sign a summons.

A Coquina Drive man reported someone let the air out of a tire on his car on Saturday morning, Feb. 25. The incident happened on Friday night, Feb. 25, for the second time in so many nights.

An 18K gold bracelet valued at \$1,850 was reported missing from a West Gulf Drive home on Saturday morning, Feb. 26. The bracelet was last seen on Feb. 11, when the owner put it under the bathroom sink.

A gold watch valued at \$1,300 was reported missing from a West Gulf Drive home on Saturday morning, Feb. 26. The watch was last seen on Feb. 17, when the owner put it in a dressing room closet. The owner told police she used the same cleaning service as the complainant in the previous report.

Police investigated vandalism to an Atlanta Plaza home on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 26, after a Thomas Brown Realty employee reported the incident. One window was broken and the porch screen was torn in several places. No entry was gained to the house.

A Panasonic AM-FM radio and cassette deck was reported stolen from a Captiva woman's car while the car was parked at Bailey's on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 26. The tape player and radio was valued at \$200.

A Cape Coral man was charged with failure to use due care, after he was clocked traveling 65 mph on his motorcycle down Periwinkle Way on Saturday night, Feb. 26. Jeffrey Max Alspaugh of 5237 Del Prado Boulevard was cited.

A linen cart that was converted from a golf cart was reported missing from the Beachcomber motel on Sunday morning, Feb. 27. Police found the cart stuck in the mud near the Colony resort and returned it to the Beachcomber.

A tripod valued at \$40 was reported stolen from a car that was parked at Gulf Beach condominiums on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 27. The tripod was taken sometime between noon Feb. 28 and 3 p.m. Feb. 27.

Police issued a verbal warning to a Sanibel youth after he was reported racing his car in the Dunes subdivision on Sunday evening, Feb. 27.

A Lindgren Boulevard resident reported someone had dumped a double-sized mattress in her front yard on Sunday evening, Feb. 27.

Two spot lights, two car antennas and several windshield wipers were reported broken in the parking lot at Gulf Beach condominiums on Monday morning, Feb. 28.

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Police beat

A Pine Tree Drive resident reported a large amount of silver coins and a diamond ring were missing from the master bedroom of the home on Monday morning, Feb. 28.

Police found several piles of vegetation dumped on Sea Oats Drive on Tuesday morning, March 1, after a neighborhood resident reported the illegal dumping in the Sea Oats subdivision.

Someone stole an alligator skull from the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation display at the center on Sanibel-Captiva Road sometime between Feb. 25 and March 1. The missing skull was reported by SOCCF Manager Steve Phillips.

A West Gulf Drive resident reported she saw two men put an Eastern Iodiga snake in a bag and carry the snake away on Tuesday afternoon, March 1.

Police found the men at a nearby construction site and advised them that the snake was a protected species and warned them that they could be fined for having the snake in their possession. The men promptly let the snake go in the bushes.

Police looked for but were unable to locate a woman who was reported soliciting at the Tarpon Bay Road public beach access on Wednesday afternoon, March 2.

Twelve place settings of antique sterling silver valued at \$50,000 were reported missing from a Coconut Drive home on Wednesday night, March 2. The owner told police she had been out of town for two weeks, during which time several service companies had access to the house for repairs. Police found no signs of forced entry.

Police advised construction workers at the Paulsen shopping center on Wednesday afternoon, March 2, that all vegetation they hauled away in dump truck must be covered.

The workers agreed to comply with the city ordinance and said they had been told otherwise at the site. Police stopped one dump truck on Causeway Road because the vegetation it was carrying was not covered.

A Kings-Crowa Drive resident reported a man was cutting mangroves on Woodlark Way on Thursday afternoon, March 3. Police found the man trimming the mangroves around his dock and advised him of the law protecting the plants.

A Sanibel man was charged with following too closely after a two-car accident at the intersection of Sanibel-Captiva Road and Jamaica Drive on Thursday morning, Feb. 17.

Michael Laszlo Incle of 1027 Sandcastle Road struck the rear of an Unfiled Telephone Company car driven by Robert Reigle Good of Fort Myers. Reigle was stopped for a school bus in the oncoming lane.

Police estimated there was \$200 damage to the 1974 Plymouth Incle was driving and \$100 damage to the telephone company car. Incle was charged with following too closely.

A Sanibel resident was charged with violation of the right-of-way after a two-car accident on Southwinds Drive on Saturday morning, Feb. 19.

Marton Williams of 199 Southwinds

Drive was attempting to turn onto Southwinds Drive from an easement when she turned into the path of an eastbound car on Southwinds Drive driven by Mary Clark Alexander of Fort Myers Beach.

Police estimated there was \$50 damage to Williams' 1982 Ford and \$400 damage to Alexander's 1978 Chevrolet. Williams was charged with violation of the right-of-way.

Police investigated a hit-and-run accident at the 7-11 store on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 24. Lenore Alice Kaufman of turning into the parking lot from Periwinkle Way when a driver who was leaving the convent store struck her car.

Police estimated there was \$200 damage to Kaufman's 1979 Chevrolet.

No charges were filed in a two-car accident at the intersection of Palm Ridge Road and Periwinkle Way on Friday night, Feb. 25.

Mary Frances Rafferty of Fort Myers was westbound on Periwinkle Way when an Akron, Ohio, man turned

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onto Periwinkle from Palm Ridge into Rafferty's lane. Police estimated there was \$300 damage to the Onix car and \$200 to Rafferty's car.

No charges were filed after an accident at the intersection of Periwinkle Way and Casa Ybel Road on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 26. A Larchmont, N.Y., man turned left from Casa Ybel

Road onto Periwinkle Way and struck the left rear of a westbound car on Periwinkle that was driven by Janet McMillen Tenney of 168 Hibiscus Drive.

Police estimated there was \$200 to Tenney's 1979 Toyota and \$250 to the rental car the New York man was driving.

Police ask for information on golf cart vandalism

Sanibel police are asking Islanders and visitors for any information they might have about the person or persons who stole a golf cart from the Sanibel Beach Club II condominiums sometime during the night of Sunday, March 6, or early Monday morning, March 7.

The cart was driven down the beach and dumped into the swimming pool at Gulfside Place condominiums. The cart was destroyed and the swimming pool had to be drained. Anyone with any information about the incident is asked to call the Sanibel Police Department, 477-3111.

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1983 Shell Fair ends as 46th annual success

By Mill Hacksa
THEY CAME — the curious, the tourist, the collectors, the amateur shellers — from 35 states from Maine to the tip of the Florida Keys to California, from Ireland, the Netherlands, Barbados and Canada, and all points between to enjoy the wonders of the 46th Annual Sanibel Shell Show.

THEY EXCLAIMED — "It's wonderful!" and pleased show co-chairmen Sue Stephens and Anne Jaffe.

THEY SAW — shells from all over the world and treasures from our own Sanibel beautifully displayed under the direction of Dorothy Putnam and Ralph Moore, artistic and scientific exhibits chairman, respectively.

THEY COMPLIMENTED — the Sanibel Elementary School 4th graders who handled the live sea creatures in outside aquariums under the direction of Pat Kair and Helen Jans.

They complimented the raffle prizes and swamped Ed Collins and his excellent sales teams with demands for tickets.

They complimented the shell tent and bought out the stock of shells in record time much to the delight of Fae and Chuck Mueller and their hard-pressed sales staff, breaking all previous sales records.

They complimented the Duffwood Shop original shell and shell craft and stayed out the counters and shells the first day. But community spirited shell crafters came to the rescue of Gertrude Lafret, chairman, and donated their personal collections to restock the shell tent so sales could go on.

They complimented the hosts and hostesses who so graciously courted the flow of traffic around the exhibits and answered hundreds of questions, all expertly directed by Charlene and Roland McMurphy.

They complimented the pleasant volunteers who

parked cars in the crowded and muddy parking lot, all volunteers from the Lions, Kiwanis and Rotary clubs and the Sanibel Community Association.

They complimented the friendly Sanibel Police, who efficiently handled traffic along crowded Periwinkle Way.

They complimented the delicious hamburgers and goodies that were devoured on site by the thousands served by the galley under chief chefs Fritz Myers and Joe Feeney and the expert volunteers "under the tent."

Then there were all those in the background who served silently and efficiently and without whose dedication community projects such as the Shell Show could not go on, including Frank Gilman in charge of grounds; Gerald Weirman, president of the SCA, who managed to be here, there and everywhere.

Arthur Ford, president of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Show, who wore many different hats during the show. Ralph Moore and Myra Zuffone and assistants who handled the financial end of the show, and finally, all the untiring devoted volunteers too numerous to list who served so well and contributed so much to make the 46th Annual Sanibel Shell Show another huge success.

The shell booth sponsored by the Sanibel Shell Club and supervised by Charles and Dee Mueller for the 16th consecutive year turned it record sales of more than \$18,000 after this year's show.

More than 75 varieties of shells were donated by club members and other individuals to make true Sanibel shells available for purchase. Workers in the booth were both club members and other volunteers, many of whom have participated in the project for many years.

All proceeds of the shell booth go to the Sanibel Community Association.



Among familiar faces at the 46th Annual Sanibel Shell Show was a barefoot Hay Payne, who helped direct traffic until police arrived Friday morning.

Center above, Audrey Ritchie's second place entry in the artistic division for shell flower arrangements. Above: Charlene Harnett's first place entry in the artistic division for shell flower arrangements.

Left, Maureen Edgill came all the way from Barbados with her first place exhibit. Far left, 8-year-old Michael Krepin won the Daniel Maloney Memorial Trophy for his shell "E.T." creation. Photos by David Steadon.

And the winners are...

I. Scientific Division

A. Student Division

- Class**
- Elementary school students, self-collected Sanibel and Captiva shells
 - Tracy Gray, Cape Coral
 - Pam Gray, Fort Myers Beach
 - Tracy Gray, Fort Myers Beach
 - High school students, self-collected Sanibel and Captiva shells
 - Matt Gray, Fort Myers Beach
 - Timner Couch, Fort Myers Beach
 - Kristine Baker, Cape Coral
 - Elementary school students, worldwide (any source)
 - Christie Callagrain, Spring Hill
 - Whole Semester, Fort Myers Beach
 - High school students, worldwide (any source)
 - Harry Klaxner, Beachwood, Ohio
 - Shantel Baum, Cape Coral

B. Self-collected Division

- Class**
- Beginner (collecting no more than two years), Sanibel and Captiva shells
 - Richard Stabell, Millford, Conn.
 - Rich Stone, Sanibel
 - Experienced (collecting more than two years), Sanibel and Captiva shells
 - Mary Hanes, Sanibel
 - Carole Horvath, Sanibel
 - Margo and Bruno Saucinas, Sanibel
 - Edward Bennett, Captiva
 - Miniature and/or juvenile Sanibel and Captiva shells (no shell to exceed one inch)
 - Patricia Ekin, Fort Myers
 - Caris Herriott, Sanibel
 - Beautiful shells, beautifully arranged, Sanibel and Captiva shells (no labeling)
 - H.B. Liebermann, Fort Myers
 - Margery Eames, Sanibel
 - Dick King, Sanibel
 - Rita Coughlin, Sanibel
 - Florida-Caribbean
 - Cliff Parker, Sarasota
 - E. Richey, Fort Myers
 - Pat Lockmann, Englewood, Cape Coral
 - Any source other than the above
 - Kermit and Gloria Pearson, Cape Coral
 - H.B. Liebermann, Fort Myers

C. Scientific Division

Any Source

- Class**
- Miniature and/or juvenile (no shell to exceed one inch)
 - Shirley Saeger, Sanibel
 - Florida shells
 - One area — excepting Florida (see country, state or locality) — Gertrude Muller, Jacksonville
 - Caribbean province
 - Dee Moody, Cape Coral
 - Worldwide
 - Bill Von Eiff, Fort Myers
 - One large family or sub-family
 - Al and Lorrie DeMartino, Naples
 - Worldwide
 - Barbados with her first place exhibit. Far left, 8-year-old Michael Krepin won the Daniel Maloney Memorial Trophy for his shell "E.T." creation. Photos by David Steadon.

D. Anomalies Division

- Class**
- Marine fossils
 - George Markham, Fort Myers
 - Ruth Williams, Sanibel
 - Unusual ("freak") shell specimens
 - H.B. Liebermann, Fort Myers
 - Karis Herriott, Sanibel
 - William Shaw, Fort Myers
 - Phyllis Mount, Captiva
 - Sea life other than shells (Plant, animals, coral, etc.)
 - E. Richey, Fort Myers
 - Joanne Gray, Fort Myers Beach
 - Bill Von Eiff, Fort Myers
 - Albino shells
 - Conny Knouw, Marco Island
 - Ruth Oliver, Sanibel
 - Phyllis Mount, Captiva

E. Shell of the Show Division

- Class**
- Worldwide
 - Sue Stephens, Sanibel (Succinea rotundata)
 - Florida
 - Sue Stephens, Sanibel (Pleuroploca gigantea)
 - Mary Hanes, Hillsola (Cyropleura zardate)
 - Fossil (Self-collected, Florida only)
 - Sue Stephens, Sanibel (Succinea rotundata)

II. Artistic Division

F. Artistic Division

- Class**
- Shell table arrangements
 - One table only
 - Dick King, Sanibel
 - Edye Arthur, Sanibel
 - Edward Bennett, Captiva
 - Two trays, beautifully arranged
 - Dick King, Sanibel
 - Shell flower arrangements
 - Maureen Edgill, Barbados, W.I.
 - Shirley Farley, Bonita Springs
 - Shirley Farley, Bonita Springs
 - Audrey Ritchie, Sanibel
 - Clayton Anderson, Sanibel
 - Shirley Farley, Bonita Springs
 - Single flower or single stem of flowers
 - Any Meyer, Sanibel
 - Esther Rosetta, Fort Myers
 - Isabelle Hamelster, Sanibel
 - Miniature flower arrangements (Limit three containers with a 10"x8" area including backdrop if used)
 - Any Meyer, Sanibel
 - Esther Rosetta, Fort Myers
 - Violet Nield, Fort Myers
 - Sklo Hengen, Fort Myers Beach
 - A flower picture — open
 - Daphne Hunte and Maureen Edgill, Barbados, W.I.
 - Shirley Farley, Bonita Springs
 - Daphne Hunte, Barbados, W.I.
 - Clayton Anderson, Sanibel
 - A picture made of miniatures (Frame not to exceed 6" x 8" each required)
 - Audrey Ritchie, Sanibel
 - Shirley Farley, Bonita Springs
 - Evelyn Kavanagh, Georgia
 - Helen Beck, Sanibel
 - Betty Lawson
 - Daphne Hunte, Barbados, W.I.
 - Shirley Farley, Bonita Springs
 - Mirrors
 - Any source
 - Shirley Farley, Bonita Springs
 - Jo Tobacco, Fort Myers Beach
 - Gladys Clark, Fort Myers
 - Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coscia, Sanibel
 - Sanibel-Captiva shells only
 - Runeette Guseff, Fort Myers
 - Shirley Farley, Bonita Springs
 - June Gallenbeck, Fort Myers
 - Fossil shells
 - Ruth Williams, Sanibel
 - Mosaic (Small shells attached to a background to form a design)
 - Helen Beck, Sanibel
 - Shirley Farley, Bonita Springs
 - Valentines (No kits)
 - Clayton Anderson, Sanibel

G. Miscellaneous Division

- Class**
- Joan Kerabin, Sanibel
 - Marion Kona and Helen Beck, Sanibel
 - Shirley Farley, Bonita Springs
 - Tracy or Audrey arrangement
 - Violet Nield, Fort Myers
 - Sklo Hengen, Fort Myers Beach
 - Real Penney, Fort Myers Beach
 - Novelties (Creations of animals, caricatures, oddities, etc.)
 - Multiple units must be attached to a base, not to exceed two inches wide by five inches long. Limited space will be available upon request for exhibits not to exceed 3' x 6'.
 - Esther Blish, Sanibel
 - Shirley Farley, Bonita Springs
 - Rita Coughlin, Sanibel, and Kess Michele
 - Rea Elias, Sanibel
 - Jewelry (In container tray, not to exceed 20" x 20")
 - June Bailey, Longboat Key
 - Ellose Blish, Sanibel
 - Carlene Baum, Cape Coral
 - Christmas decorations (Ornaments, tree wreath, etc.)
 - Bette Logan, Longboat Key, and Shirley Farley, Bonita Springs
 - Hazel Walker, Jacksonville
 - June Bailey, Longboat Key
 - Joe Walker, Sanibel
 - Miscellaneous (Single items not specified)
 - Maureen Edgill, Barbados
 - Patricia Hurephey and Mary Cliff, Sanibel
 - Enid McAllister, Stutee, Sanibel, and Betty Lawson, Naples
 - Doris Fellows, Elizabeth Gere and Jeanne Toppan, Sanibel
 - Children — miscellaneous
 - High school
 - Shantel Baum, Cape Coral
 - Katie Krepin, Sanibel
 - Matt Gray, Fort Myers Beach
 - Children — miscellaneous
 - Shell-related items (needlepoint, photography, clothing, etc., limited to three related items)
 - Judy Wilcox, Davie, Fla.
 - Gloria Pearson, Cape Coral, and Patricia Haglin, Minncapolis
 - Helen Campen, Sanibel, and Robert Adler, Fort Myers
 - Relen Smith, Sanibel, and Alan Walker, Jacksonville
 - Patty Parris and Cindy Brandon

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Portrait

Sheryl Pharr

Age: 31
Height: 5'10 1/2
Roots: "Guthrie Center, Iowa, and the midwest until I was 14."
Pleasures: Reading and sewing.
Last Book Read: Rebel Angels by Jefferson Davies
Wish: "Good health for my family."
Words of Wisdom: "Good health is very important — it should be a continuing priority."



By Carol Kranichfeld
Photos by David Meardon

Farmers are notorious for growing unusually large gardens and families, and Tampa's Sheryl Pharr is no exception. At 31, she laughs as she explains, "I'm the smallest one in my family."

Currently a board director of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, Sheryl is one of four children who grew up in the midwest, part of a family that raised beef cattle and dairy cows and the grain and feed to keep the animals healthy. "I'm the only one who went to college," she says. "I'm not a bookworm, but I'm not a slacker either."

No stranger to her fair share of farm chores, Sheryl remembers jolting her siblings in the barn to milk cows at the crack of dawn every day. She was surrounded by horses, pigs, chickens and sheep, all of which had to be cared for and fed.

"I was my choice to be that kind of wife though," she says simply. "I'm not a housewife. It's just not a priority."

Her family left the pastoral setting behind, however, and moved to Plant City, near Tampa, in 1968. "We got tired of the cold weather and the hard work of farms," she explains.

In Plant City she met Georgia native and her future husband, Tim. The high school sweethearts tied the knot in 1971. "I was 19," Sheryl says.

Both Sheryl and Tim had the urge to be part of the great outdoors. So they jumped at the chance to move to Captiva when Island resident Ed Bullinger offered the couple a partnership in his family's business (Captiva Services).

The Pharrs wanted to investigate the island before signing on the dotted line, however, and Sheryl's first impression of the remote barrier sandspit came from their exploratory foray.

The pair left Tampa at 3 a.m. for the spur-of-the-moment trip. "I had driven two-thirds of the way, then turned the driving over and took a nap myself," Sheryl recalls. "I woke up as we were traveling along a strip of San-Cap Road. The sun was hot and bright, but there was a vivid darkness over the seagrasses — it was really beautiful."

A "tunnel of pines" along Captiva Road appeared next and convinced Sheryl that Captiva should be their next home. They moved across the Causeway in their order and ran Captiva Services for the next year.

"We essentially took care of residents' homes while they were away," she says of the business. "We had yard crews, maid crews, plumbers, carpenters — we even paid the bills."

After a year of working at Captiva Services, Sheryl and Tim needed a change. "We were totally dealing with other people's hassles," she explains. "We'd get calls at midnight from a man who'd lost his contact lens and wanted us to go right out and look for it in the carport."

For the next few years both Sheryl and Tim worked as assistants to Captiva artist Robert Rauschenberg. Tim trained the artist's "combines" and Sheryl experimented with fabrics and textiles.

"I was realizing his ideas," philosophizes Sheryl.

"He is a really great person, but after working for him for five years I lost sight of myself and wondered where do I go from here?"

Next Sheryl went to work at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation changing exhibits and doing "other odd jobs" on the side.

"I had it hard to live my lifestyle from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Even then I was still thinking about the work I was doing at night at the center most for free time, which nowadays is spent mostly with her 24-year-old daughter, Josie.

"It's not confining, though," she says. "I made up my mind that you can do what you want to do, and it's really important to do it with Josie."

So Josie is "involved in everything." She accompanies Sheryl to SCFF and watches as her Mom sews freelance costumes for New York's Trisha Brown Dancing Company at home.

Josie's arrival did, however, bump aside Sheryl's chairmanship of the Island's Coconut Post Coop, which she founded in 1975. "There just wasn't enough time for everything and Josie, too," she says. "I was doing (the coop work) at the expense of Josie or the Conservation Foundation."

Sheryl is happy with her life, though, and wouldn't change a thing. Or would she? She gets a twinkle in her eyes whenever she speaks of Arkansas, where she and Tim are building a cabin on 43 acres of woods. "Someday," she says dreamily. "Someday."

Electric co-op initiates new voting method

The Lee County Electric Cooperative has mailed ballots and the official notification of its annual meeting to the more than 61,000 members who are eligible to vote for trustees for seats on the co-op board.

This marks the first time in the 39-year history of the co-op that members can vote by mail instead of in person at the annual meeting.

Co-op General Manager Jim Sherry said the change in voting procedure was made to allow more members to participate in the election process.

The new voting method was adopted as an amendment to co-op by-laws by members at the 1982 annual meeting.

Sherry said. Under the new method no votes will be cast at the annual meeting and there will be no proxies. Participating members can either cast their ballots using the envelopes provided in the official notification or they can cast their ballots at the co-op office in their area. The Sanibel office of the co-op is at 1633 Periwinkle Way. Balloting deadline is this Friday, March 11.

This year members will vote for trustees from the Everglades City-Ochopee area, Immokatee, Pine Island and a new Cape Coral-East district.

Two nominees were selected in

January by co-op members who served on a nominating committee. James Gaunt of Ochopee is a 39-year veteran and past president of the co-op board of trustees. He is a semi-retired farmer. Also nominated from the area is L.D. Hes of Everglades City, who owns a plumbing and building supply business in that area.

Incumbent trustee and board treasurer Jack Whitsart has served on the board since 1959. He is an insurance executive from Immokatee.

Also nominated from the Immokatee area is Al Curry, who owns a grocery store and a farm in Feida.

Gary Parker of Pine Island has

served on the co-op board since 1969. He owns and operates a rental and retail business. James Leslie was also nominated from the Pine Island area. He is a retired industrial engineer and businessman.

Jerald Fread and David Gomer were nominated from the Cape Coral-East area. Fread owns Hansen Manufacturing of Southwest Florida, Inc. Gomer is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Sun Bank-Southwest.

The co-op annual meeting will be held on Saturday, March 26, at the Lee Civic Center in North Fort Myers.

Mariner makes organizational changes

In a restructuring that will integrate the sales and marketing of his firm's vacation ownership resorts, Mariner Group President Allen Tan Brock recently announced organizational changes that have merged Mariner Properties, Inc., with Mariner Interval.

MPI now has three main areas of responsibility including operations - sales, marketing and development; financial - accounting, closing and loan servicing; and planning - marketing and new product planning. The new structure allows for a more

concentrated supervisory effort in sales and marketing at the company's resort sites.

As a result of these changes, new positions and promotions have taken place within the company. New positions are held by John Hill, vice president of marketing; Ray Pavelka, vice president of operations; Jack Webber, director of sales and marketing operations; and Dick Sprout, director of development operations.

Sales and marketing directors for the firm's interval resorts are Dean

Foster, Jeannie Maxwell and Phil Merrill. Art Stadel has been named general manager of Eagle's Nest on Marco Island.

New interval resort marketing managers are Cathy Aceboby and Terry Harrison Kopf. Selected as sales manager for the new Sanibel Cottages was Toby Tolp.


In the accounting department Lynn Skew was named assistant controller, and Bob Felder has been named financial services manager.

BOTI holding company makes acquisition

The holding company of Sanibel's Bank of the Islands has agreed to acquire Retirement Accounts, Inc., of Winter Park, Fla., BOTI President Jim Hermes announced last week. Independent Community Banks, Inc., the holding company, will make the acquisition via a stock swap.

The move will enable Retirement Accounts, Inc., to expand its capital base and pursue new business op-

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Bank makes acquisition continued

opportunities. The corporation was founded in 1975 by Nat Weaver and in June 1976 became the first non-bank passive trustee for IBA and Koogh accounts in the United States.

RAI also operates as a passive trustee for Pension-Profit Sharing Plans. The company currently has approximately \$100 million in account assets.

Non-bank passive trustees have grown in popularity in recent years because they allow the account holder the freedom to make investment decisions as opposed to such decisions being made by corporate trustees such as a bank's trust department, a trust company or stock broker.

Retired officers hear talk on organized crime

By D.E. Cooperrider
The Sanibel-Captiva Chapter of The Retired Officers Association installed its officers for 1983 during a luncheon meeting at the Dunes Country Club on Feb. 24.

Outgoing President Gen. John Weintzle installed as new president Roger Gunterfeldt; first vice president, John Miller; second vice president, William Felton; secretary-treasurer, Coyce Brooks; and chaplain, John Wilcox.

Gunterfeldt announced committee appointments for the year as John Weintzle, chairman, ROTC project; Mazene Mielch, chairman, citizens award committee; and D.E.

Cooperrider, publicity chairman. All are continuing projects that started last year.

The principal speaker for the meeting was Bill Durnan of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Durnan teaches Florida law enforcement officers a class on organized crime in our state.

He emphasized the all-pervasive activities and influence of organized crime in Florida and said the trained observer can see the signs in every state in the nation. He said members of the "mob" are interested in power and profits and will do all in their power to make crime pay.

Such organizations are in many apparently legitimate businesses and have influential connections in many unions, real estate, gambling, law and politics at all levels, Durnan said. His final comments were about the lesser elements of organized crime including the Market Cubans, Haitians and Rastafarians, which he said exceed many agents, spies and prisoners from Community Cuba.

Durnan concluded that there has been excessive emphasis on the individual rights of criminals coupled with a serious erosion of the rights of honest citizens and victims.

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Planners seek comment on onshore development

The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council is soliciting public comment on the outer continental shelf onshore facilities study for the Southwest Florida region.

Onshore development, possibilities and the impacts of outer continental shelf development are examined in the study. Four scenarios are used to estimate impacts that could occur.

The facilities that would be needed under each of the scenarios are also reviewed. Officials say relatively few facilities are likely in this region even under the maximum volume strike scenario.

General impacts that would be possible under each scenario are also discussed in the study. The needs for gulf access, land and other requirements of each facility have been combined with an estimate of the specific facilities that would be necessary.

It is unlikely that major outer continental shelf onshore facilities would be located in Southwest Florida.

It is more probable that a service base, pipeline and pipeline landfall and marine terminal would be established here. Even small facilities, however, are expected to

generate opposition from Southwest Floridians.

Each county in Southwest Florida has been reviewed for sites of potential use for onshore facilities. Based on the siting criteria applied by industry and government, a preliminary selection of sites has been made and includes Port Boca Grande and San Carlos Island. The first site is on Gasparilla Island, the second is on the north side of Mantanzas Pass at Port Myers Beach.

The report does not recommend that any particular site be developed for outer continental shelf purposes.

Rather, it demonstrates that the sites reviewed are likely to be considered in an industry search for sites in Southwest Florida.

Interested individuals can present their comments on the subject either in person or in writing. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will receive public comment at both its March 17 and April 21 meetings, both of which will begin at 10 a.m. at the Hamada Inn, 2220 West First St., downtown Fort Myers. Written comments should be directed to the council at 2121 West First Street, Fort Myers 33901.

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GREETINGS from the sea... or is it the Gulf? Whatever... I'm so glad to welcome all of you to an exciting Sanibel and the world of F&B Oyster Co... my favorite dining spot where my column originates.

It's March, and spring is upon us. Do you have your Easter bonnet ready? Just heard the scoop that the folks at F&B will have a hat contest... more about the rules next week... SCOOP... or possibility of a scoop... was it really Susan Baldwin, the famous TV star of General Hospital, or her exact look-alike in F&B Sanibel last week enjoying dinner? We have so many celebrities dining at F&B establishments that sometimes we let some renown individual get by without our VIP treatment. Actually, all guests, whether they be TV stars, sports figures, or just wonderful moms and dads, will get that royal treatment and super cuisine, simply because F&B aims to please and just like Avis... they try harder.

But I have a problem. I want to know what's happening... Haven't heard from any readers out there... No fan club? Boo! Boo! Please write to me and let me know all your news. I'm all ears or is it mouth... or gills, or whatever... I'm nosy for details... so please fill me in. How's your vacation? What are you doing for fun? Had any cozy late? Any juicy tidbits I should know about? Perhaps it's a happy Birthday to someone, or an Anniversary, or even a new pet in the family... Hope to hear from you soon.

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20 Years Ago This Week 1963

At the Captiva Post Office a few days ago the clerk asked Joseph Dayton for 10 cents due on an unsolicited piece of mail addressed to Dayton. Dayton says he hesitated to cough up the money for what he suspected was just more junk mail. But curiosity got the better of him, and here's what he got — a check for \$100 as a down payment on a lot in a local development plus an invitation for a free two-day stay at the Cape Coral Country Club motel.

Don Simonds, president of this year's Shell Fair, extends his thanks to all those who helped make the fair the outstanding success that it was. Simonds especially thanks co-chairman Jerry Martin, the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce and the Shell Club. Also Clarence Rutland, who owned the lawn, and Gerald Martin and Joe Donahue for their carpentry work.

25 Years Ago This Week 1958

A new wildlife sanctuary operated under the cooperative plan of the Florida Audubon Society has been established on land owned by Admiral Ed and Anne Konrad in the western section of Sanibel. The 49-acre tract is part of the island's fresh-water slosh system.

The "Anything" rummage sale at the Captiva Community Center last Thursday raised more than \$700 for the Captiva Library Building Fund.

Balley's General Store advertised chuck roast for 49 cents a pound and tom turkey for 29 cents a pound. Bacon was 39 cents a pound, and ice cream was 49 cents for a half gallon.

10 Years Ago This Week 1973

Sanibel has become the temporary location for 11 high school students and three instructors who are taking part in an experimental program offered by the Calmar School of Wilmington, Del. Flaunting in age from 15 to 18, the students arrived Feb. 20 to live at the Beach House of the Thomas Johnsons. The group will be involved in a course called "The Sanibel Arts Experience" until March 21. The students are studying such topics as crewel work, architectural drawing, sketching and painting, drama and voice strengthening.

Fishing pier committee members Don Case and Ralph Woodring report the pier should be under construction within 10 days.

The Women of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church are sponsoring the annual house tour on the board in January.

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The way we were continued

Islands this weekend. The homes of Robert Houston and George Rusch, the Joseph Watermans, the Leslie Walters, the James Worthys, the Charles Wilsons and the Crawford Cates will be open for the interested public.

5 Years Ago This Week 1978

Islander Don Marshall submitted his resignation from the city's Planning Commission last week, becoming the second commissioner to do so this year. In a letter to the City Council Marshall indicated he resigned in order to "make room for newer and younger talent" to serve on the commission. Similar reasons prompted George Tenney's resignation from the board in January.

A birthday party for Clarence Rutland, Sanibel resident for more than 80 years, will be held at the Sanibel Community Association hall on March 7. All Islanders and visitors are invited to attend. "Uncle" Clarence will be celebrating his 88th birthday.

In recent weeks Sanibel resident John Gale has launched a one-man campaign to bring back what he calls "the Islandic ambience" to the city of Sanibel. Gale has suggested that the City Council consider changing the official name of the city from Sanibel to "The City of Sanibel Island." Gale told the council he

has been coming to the island since 1950. "In my time it's always been called an Island," he said. "That's the way it should be."

Jeff Carter, son of President Jimmy Carter, is spending a few days on Sanibel with friends. Police have kept his exact accommodations a secret, but Carter's secret service agents have checked into a local hotel.

President Carter's mother, Miss Lillian, visited Sanibel a year ago and participated in Student Government Day at the Sanibel Elementary School.

1 Year Ago This Week 1982

The city of Sanibel this week assumed management of the Sanibel Lighthouse property from the U.S. Coast Guard under an interim agreement that was unanimously approved by the City Council at a special meeting last Friday.

A petition signed by 468 Islanders has convinced the City Council that there is interest in a free public boat launching ramp on Sanibel. The city staff has been instructed to investigate possible sites and costs of a ramp to fill the need for a potential 12.8 launches per day.

Obituary

John Wakefield

John Wakefield, a 40-year resident of Captiva, died on Monday, March 7, 1983. He was born in Worcester, Mass., in 1911.

Wakefield came to the Fort Myers area during World War II as a U.S. Army Ordnance Officer stationed at Page Field. He operated the air to ground target range at Bowman's Beach on Sanibel.

In 1943 he married Dorothy Price, daughter of Bowman and Grace Price, original owners of Captiva's "Tween Waiters" Inn. Wakefield managed "Tween Waiters" from 1962-69. For more than 25 years he designed and built custom homes and also dealt in real estate.

Wakefield was instrumental in establishing the Captiva Fire Department, of which he was the first chief. He served for several years as president of the Captiva Civic Association, was appointed by the governor to the Lee County Mosquito Control District and served on the original Captiva Erosion Prevention District.

He is survived by his daughter, Grace Bowman Wakefield (Niles), her and grandson, William Wakefield Herr.

Father Thomas Madden will conduct a memorial service at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 12, at Captiva's Chapel by the Sea. The family requests that donations be made to the Captiva Memorial Library.

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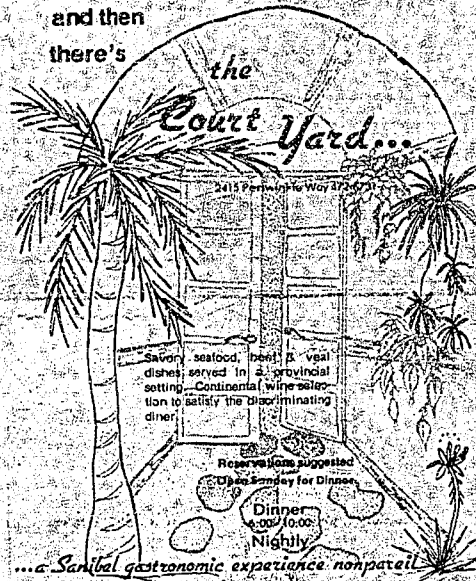
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Municipal records

Commission supports density reduction on gulf front property

All but one of the seven members of the Planning Commission agreed last week that it proposed rezoning to reduce the density from 1.5 to 1 unit per acre on a three-mile stretch of gulf beach front is on target.

Commissioner Lequan Lorenson was the only dissenter on last week's vote to recommend rezoning approval of the ordinance. He wondered what was the motivation for the change that he said arbitrarily takes away the from the owners the 1.5 units that were assigned to the property when they

bought it.

Assistant Planning Director Bob Duane said although it theoretically could decrease the density by 100 units it "practically would have marginal impact."

Commissioner Larry Simoo didn't agree that it would have little effect. "Potentially there are 100 citizens with 100 paper units," he said.

And one property owner in the affected area west of the West Wind Inn along West Gulf Drive to Bowman's Beach said he would be hurt.

Dr. Frank Quattlebaum said his property directly west of the West Wind Inn was zoned commercial when he purchased it in the late 1960's. Its value was decreased in 1974 when the land use plan changed the zoning to residential and stopped the resort housing zone with the West Wind Inn next door.

"Now you're taking away my right to another unit on the property," he said. Quattlebaum said in the interest of fairness the city should include his property in the resort housing area

(with density of five units per acre) or rezone his 1.6-acre lot as a transitional buffer zone with a density of possibly four units per acre.

Duane explained that the preferred development pattern has been toward single-family homes. Under the city's rounding rule acreage of 1.6 would allow two units, but Duane said a cursory survey showed very few lots have more than one home.

Only 50 of the 125 lots in the affected area are not developed, Duane said.

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 4. Elizabeth Hansen, Richfield, Minn.
3. Miscellaneous
 1. Clarice Fox and Allen Phelps, Sanibel
 2. Miki Montgomery, Sanibel
 3. Sue Stark, Minneapolis
4. Pictures
 1. David and Jo Stark, Sanibel
 2. Shelley Stahly, Marco Island
 3. Ruth Reetz, Bloomington
5. Jewelry (In container or tray not to exceed 20"x30")
 1. Ruth Reetz
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 1. Shelley Stahly, Marco Island
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1. Clarice Fox, Sanibel
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 2. Ruth Reetz, Bloomington
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 1. Mathilda Dutty, Sarasota, and Leahja Seppa-Tischler, Sanibel
 2. Lola Josey, St. Simons, Ga.

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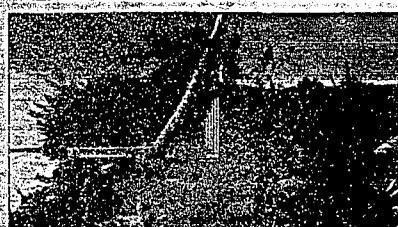
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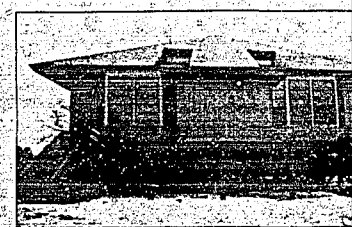
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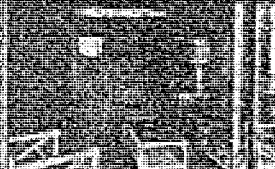
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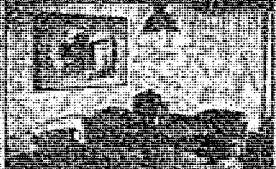
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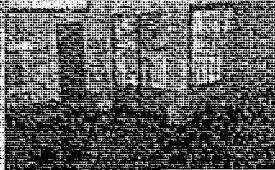
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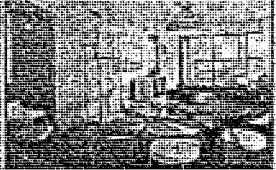
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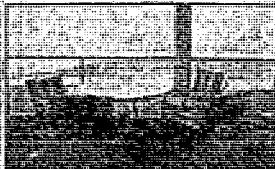
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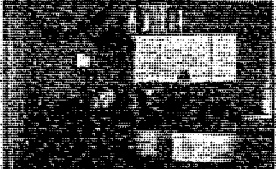
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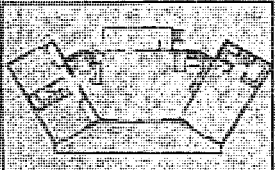
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Bureaucratase raises citizens' doubts

By George Campbell

Illustrated by Ann Whitcomb

The J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge is the pride of Sanibel. Most residents love the place even though there are a lot who seldom or never visit it. It's like the non-visiting Bengal Tiger fancier who might never actually see one but take satisfaction in knowing that it is there.

Sanibelites take great pride and satisfaction in knowing that the refuge is there -- and they are concerned about its well-being. With good reason, too, because the refuge, together with the Sanibel-Captive Conservation Foundation preserved lands and a few other parcels, comprises the half of Sanibel that is wild preservation land. And Jim Wait, Brazilian pepper and Caloosahatchee River drainage notwithstanding, it is likely to remain so for a long time to come.

Some citizens have expressed concern regarding management priorities and have asked me to look into present day practices vis-a-vis the February 1978 master plan.

The questions arose with the coming of Chris Olsen, the refuge's new outdoor recreation planner, who was quoted as saying, "Each of us owns a part of this refuge, so I see the public as my main responsibility."

Therein lies the question that raised the doubts. Some questioned "recreation." Some feel that the wildlife and preservation of habitats, not the public, should be the main responsibility.

Sure, we each own a hunk of the refuge -- every citizen does, the argument goes. But let us manage and preserve it with the aim of perpetuating its floral and faunal communities -- for the future -- and there will be something of value for the citizen owner to enjoy.

Then there is the question of Olsen's title -- outdoor recreation planner. Sounds like a gym teacher with a whistle to me.

Let us lay this ambiguous title to rest. It has metamorphosed through at least three ambiguities in the last 10 years: "public use planner," "public use specialist," and now "outdoor recreation planner." Such titles are meaningless, as we shall see, for Olsen has her priorities smartly set forth.

Such language is chosen high up in the bureaucratic ladder with an eye to the suspicion of that mystical body we call Congress, which must be convinced, or at least they say must be convinced, that the people are to be served -- the citizens, you and me.

In reality Olsen is not much concerned with recreation. After all, she is not operating a Little League. She should properly be called "conservation and education planner."

Both of the concerns raised by citizens to me seem to be without foundation in fact. That of recreation tilt is already excluded. The following recap of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service policy is the policy the new "recreation planner" is already following:

"MISSION: To provide, preserve, restore and manage a national network of lands and waters sufficient in size, diversity and location to meet society's needs for areas where the widest possible spectrum of benefits associated with wildlife and wildlands is enhanced and made available."

Society's needs? How do society's needs differ from those of wildlife in a wildlife refuge? Society's needs may coincide with wildlife needs if a refuge is to endure. I feel this term "society's needs" is included to assuage proprietary feelings of the people and the



Perhaps the most valuable plant that grows in the the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel is the Red Mangrove, *Rhizophora mangle*. It builds land, protects against hurricanes and most importantly binds up solar energy that then passes up the food chain to provide energy to apical species such as raccoons, eagles and the osprey as well as to

man.

Man consumes the fish that consumes the organisms that eat even smaller organisms at the bottom of the web that depend on energy-laden mangrove leaves, which get their energy from the sun. Who says solar energy is a new concept? We have depended on it forever!

people's representatives in Congress.

Like "recreation planner," I think "society's needs" are just meaningless words. This has to be said if the following goals are to be adhered to in their stated priority:

"GOALS (In order of priority)

- "1. To preserve, restore and enhance in their natural ecosystems (when practicable) all species, animals and plants that are endangered or threatened with becoming endangered;
- "2. To perpetuate the migratory bird resource;
- "3. To preserve a natural diversity and abundance of fauna and flora on refuge lands;
- "4. To provide an understanding and appreciation of fish and wildlife ecology and man's role in his environment and to provide refuge visitors with high quality, safe, wholesome and enjoyable recreational experiences oriented toward wildlife as the context these activities are compatible with the purposes for

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Charles J. Sturtevant
Turkey Vulture
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The master aviator, the Turkey Vulture, can be seen wheeling in endless circles and often in large numbers over the refuge.

Pledges totaled from eagle walk, Webb comes out on top

Dr. Bill Webb emerged as the first-place winner of last month's eagle walk through the N. "Dredg" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. He walked more than 81,800 feet for the Florida Conservation Foundation's raptor research and education program.

Smith, whose pledges amounted to \$264. Presenting the awards was Dr. George Cooley, a former director of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. SOCCF sponsored the walk with The International Oryzopsis Foundation, also based on Sanibel.

Second and third place awards were given to Sanibel Mayor Mike Klein, who raised \$286, and Sanibel Elementary School student Gerald Smith.



Sanibel Elementary School student Gerald Smith accepts an award from George Cooley for Smith's part in the recent Eagle Walk. Smith's pledges totaled \$264 at the end of the eight-mile walk. Cooley was the oldest participant in the event. Photo by David Meardon.

Campbell plans crocodilian talk at conservation center

Island herpetologist George Campbell will discuss Alligators and Other Crocodilians at today's Tuesday afternoon lecture at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

Refuge advisory committee discusses crabbing ban

The government's recent reversal of the banned handline crabbing ban that was to have gone into effect in January was the main topic of discussion at the J.N. "Ding" Darling Refuge Advisory Committee meeting on Feb. 23.

Ornithologist Victor Emanuel presents birds of Peru this week in Audubon series

Renowned ornithologist Victor Emanuel will present his slide lecture "The Birds of Peru" this Thursday, March 10, at the Sanibel Community Association hall.

The "final presentation will be a slide 'surprise' show, compiling carefully selected nature photographs taken on Sanibel and Captiva by members and friends of the society.

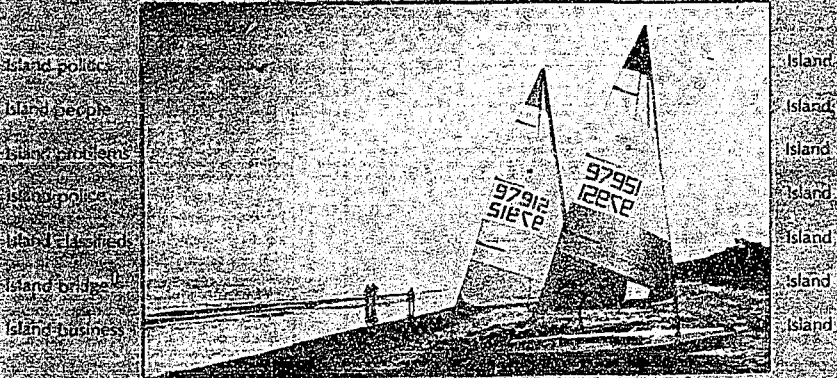
Local slides needed for final Audubon program

Nature lovers and conservationists who have crowded the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society winter programs for the past several weeks will themselves provide slides for the season's final program on Thursday evening, March 31.

'Campership' essay contest opens for island students

Winners of the second annual essay contest for local students interested in the environment and nature conservation will be announced on March 31 at the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society's final winter program.

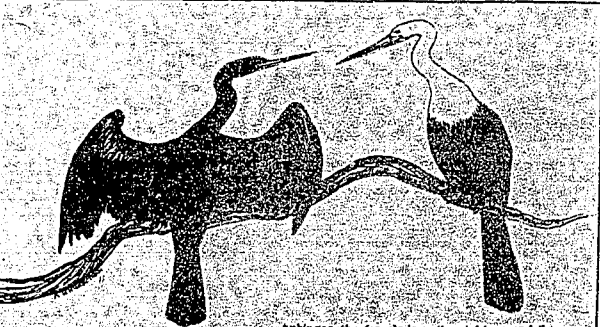
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which the refuge was established. Please note that goals one, two and three are all wildlife- and habitat-related and satisfy the doubts raised to me by my satisfaction.



Anhingas, the female is on the right, never fail to intrigue refuge visitors.

"refuge visitors with high quality, safe, wholesome and enjoyable recreational experiences..." always providing that these activities "are compatible with the purposes for which the refuge was established."

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and Wildlife Service was a blow. As proposed by our recently transferred refuge manager, Del Pierce, the ban would have corrected all the above serious wildlife problems yet still permitted the netting of crabs.

The Fish and Wildlife Service canceled the ban on Feb. 9 in a memo signed by John Oberheu, refuge supervisor of wildlife research, and Richard Fussell.

Oberheu, ignoring the bird-entanglement problem altogether, said the problem "should be handled as a nuisance alligator situation."

"When individual alligators become habituated to taking the baits to the extent that they constitute a nuisance to crab fishermen or if a safety hazard (sic) develops as the result of losing their natural fear of man, the problem gators should be removed; and

relocated," Oberheu wrote. "Gators that are removed should be marked for future identification should they return. If return is a problem, relocation distance should be increased."

Oberheu continued, "Since crabs are a renewable natural resource that can be harvested by sport crabbers without any restriction imposed by the state, it is considered inappropriate to limit the daily take in the refuge. Please do not enforce daily (or other) limits."

Some members of the Refuge Advisory Committee representing various conservation- and wildlife-oriented agencies expressed serious concern at the dictates of the memorandum that reversed "some" policy already decided and discussed in late 1982.

The reversal seriously threatens the birds and alligators of the refuge. There was no expressed disagreement to the unlimited daily harvest of live crabs allowed, but there was serious objection to baiting methods that cause this destruction of wildlife.

"After the meeting several committee members declared they would write Oberheu, Secretary of the Interior James Watt, U.S. Sen. Paula Hawkins, and U.S. Reps. Lawton Chiles and Conde Mack. The feeling ran high that the continued use of non-biodegradable crabbing lines is indefensible, that far too many creatures suffer, that baiting or crabs itself habituates alligators to become dangerous and that unlimited crabbing should be confined to the use of nets only.

"Several other subjects were also discussed at the meeting. Larry Narciase, formerly of the refuge staff, will soon return to the island. The manatee patrol is in progress. The sun-powered radio-type broadcasting devices are going to be repaired and will enable visitors to receive interpretive information on their own car radios as they drive through the refuge.

A new one-way traffic control device will also be installed at the refuge entrance to allow incoming cars but to stop any cars traveling in the wrong direction.

Recreational Planner Chris Olsen has signed up 15 new volunteers and has already held one training session. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 23.

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Naturalist discusses endangered, threatened species

By George Campbell

A number of officially listed endangered and threatened animal species were discussed at the March 3 Tuesday at the Center program by Sanibel naturalist Charles LeBuff at the Sanibel-Capiva Conservation Foundation.

LeBuff, a biological technician at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, is generally acknowledged to be the island's most respected naturalist. He has lived on Sanibel and studied our fauna for almost 25 years.

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The goal of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which managed officially listed endangered species, is to have a stable population of 50 adult Florida panthers and to provide each with a range of 70 square miles of suitable habitat by 1998.

LeBuff discussed the West Indian or Florida manatee (sea cow). There may be no more than 1,000 individuals left in Florida. These bulky creatures can weigh almost a ton and grow to be 12 feet long.

It is popular these days to speak of the manatee as a "gentle giant," and they are indeed inoffensive in attitude toward man. But one of these giants, if being rescued or treated, can deliver a crushing slap with its broad and powerful tail.

The fish and wildlife service has had a sea cow project since 1974. From that date until early 1982 the service examined 500 dead manatees. 119 died from collision with boats and barges; 38 were killed by locks and floodgates; 26 succumbed to fishing gear and nets and the rest died by "natural causes."

The most interesting "natural cause" was during the red tide bloom last year, when the minute organisms multiplied astronomically to about 6,000,000 individuals per quart of sea water. Because of low water levels in Lake Okeechobee there was little discharge of freshwater from the lake, and saltwater (and red tide) was found far up the Caloosahatchee River.

Manatees suffer from harassment by divers. This was a problem until recently, but harassment of any kind is now a federal offense under the Endangered Species Act.

The fish and wildlife service goal is to delist the manatee as "threatened" by 1985 and to have an optimum sustainable population in place by 2008.

LeBuff then discussed several endangered birds, including the Eastern brown pelican, which became extinct in Louisiana — the Pelican State! The Eastern brown pelican is sensitive to pesticides, especially to chlorinated hydrocarbons such as DDT, and to industrial pollutants washing down the Mississippi River.

Mississippi birds have recently been used to restock Louisiana habitat. The move seems successful because breeding is again taking place in that state. In Florida many pelicans die because of conflict with sport fishermen. Many birds are hooked, torn, enlarged and consequently die.

The Southern bald eagle, our national symbol, is also seriously impacted. There is only one nest on Sanibel, and its exact location is a carefully-guarded secret.

Avid birders and photographers even though their whole lives are dominated by an abiding and loving interest in birds, often impact nesting birds to the extent that incubating adults are driven from the nest and the eggs are killed by the heat of the sun. Fledglings also can die from the sun. This goes for many other forms including ospreys and pelicans.

LeBuff's favorite species is the loggerhead turtle, the subject of Caretta Research, Inc. The loggerhead and its other sea turtle relatives are seriously impacted by incidental kill — drowning in the nets of fishermen.

In 1930 almost 1,900 turtles died this way by accident in the Southeastern United States. Most were in the nets of shrimpers.

LeBuff's audience was pleased to learn that for each of these endangered or threatened species the Fish and Wildlife Service has a plan. Goals are established and protective measures are in place or being studied. The service intends to undertake an active recovery plan for each form LeBuff cited and for many more threatened or endangered forms that he could not include in his lecture.

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BIG Arts takes Islanders to Island homes

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Islanders and visitors can travel the world in just a few hours when Barrier Island Group for the Arts holds an Island house tour next 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 aluminum trugs from the dining room through the living room and into the master bedroom.

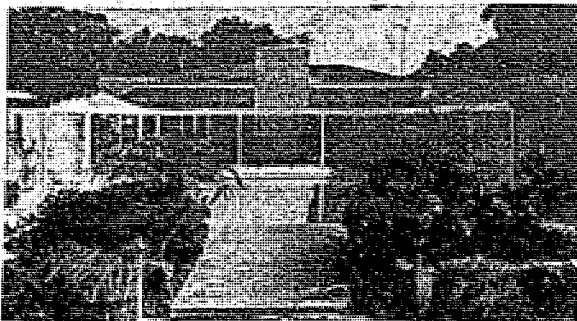
A cozy library features a movable ladder brought from an old creamery in Iowa and artwork by Island artists, including an original Ping Darling cartoon. The Sea Oats dining room features a glass-topped table that sits on a grapevine base from the Nappa Valley in California and cabinets containing Boehm artworks and Farnsworth miniature stained glass houses.

A yachting family's dreamhouse accurately describes the second house in 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.



Sea Oats

Those who love Florida the way it was will enjoy Behind the Seagrape's Old Florida style home on San Carlos Bay. Constructed on piling, Casa Blanca is surrounded by open porches on the first floor that enhance bay and land view and encourage the flow of sea breezes. Turned pine railings decorate the porch, and pine is used for stairs and interior floors. The large living room rises nearly three stories to the cupola that furnishes old-fashioned ceiling ventilation. The energy-efficient home rated 92 points on the city's Rate of Growth scale.

How To Be Shibui is a recently completely Japanese guise home. Random wide teak floors are laid throughout the house similar to the "nightingale" floors 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 along Key West. The steps to the front door match the port-cochere and make full use of the smooth quarried off-white native stone that shows ancient fossil patterns.

A high-ceiling and angled roof adorn the living room that is aerated by Shoji-type glass and lattice doors. The furnishings within are largely oriental in style and fabric, including an authentic eight-panel 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. C Oats started as a three-room cottage in 1922. 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 1900's, antique clocks and neoclassical artworks are found throughout the home.

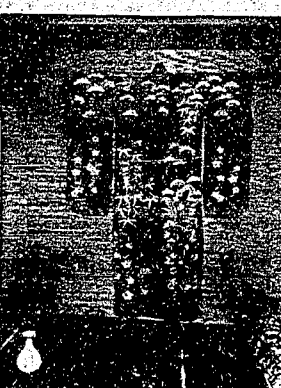
Le Bijou, a refurbished Colony Cottage, was gutted and completely redone in the New England style and completes the "Behind the Seagrape" tour. Open and airy, the home is furnished with a cross-hatch of Oriental accessories and blue and white wicker furniture. The living room and bedroom walls feature a stencil pattern that was designed by the owner.

Participants in "Behind the Seagrape" can purchase map-tickets for \$10 from 9:30 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 Canyons on 224A Fortwick's Way. Tickets are tax deductible. BIG Arts season tickets holders will receive tickets as part of their membership benefits but are asked to make advance reservations as well.

Participants should plan to pool cars in order to hold down traffic. Low-heeled shoes are requested, and all participants must be over 12 years of age. No bathroom facilities or picnic areas will be available during the tour.



Nautical Nirvana



How to be Shibui



Le Bijou

Butterfly collector shows work, classes offered

Combining her love of butterflies with a flair for art, Kelly Van Heemat will offer a glimpse of butterflies from Around The World this weekend at the Sanibel Community Center.

Known as "The Butterfly Lady," Van Heemat began collecting a variety of international species years ago and today boasts one of the largest private collections in the world with more than 100 displays.

She says she takes her collections seriously because of a warning issued by the Smithsonian Institute that all butterflies will be extinct in just 30 years due to lack of wilderness for breeding.

Groupings of brightly-colored butterflies in air-light lucite boxes will be displayed throughout the center all weekend.

Local craftsmen Polly Matsumoto and Anita Amadeo are offering a series of weaving and handmade paper workshops this month.

Instruction in creating potato baskets will be taught on March 10; hen baskets on March 17; an oval picnic basket on March 22; and garlic and onion baskets on March 24.

All classes will run from noon to 5 p.m. with the exception of the garlic and onion basket workshop, which will be held from 1-5 p.m. Fees for the classes include all materials and are \$25 each or three classes for \$80.

A handmade paper class will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on March 24 for \$25. The fee includes fraize and deckle. Students will learn to make unique stationery using casting and embossing techniques.

A triangular shawl class will be held on March 24.

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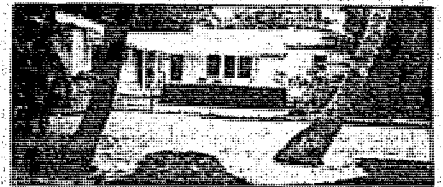
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Island artist Ichi Matsumoto will be the guest of honor with author Suzanne Warner Fryer at South Sea Plantation this Saturday, when their collaborative effort, *The Passionate Pelican* is introduced.

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Illustrated by Matsumoto and authored by Fryer, *The Passionate Pelican* will be featured at the sale,

which begins at 11 a.m. at Chadwick's Square. For further details call South Sea Plantation, 478-5111.

Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra conductor Dr. Arto DeBorja will be the guest of honor at this week's *Meet the Artist* luncheon sponsored by the Society of Symphony Women.

The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. at Fiddlerskate Country Club. Flutist Brooks deWeter-Smith, who will perform with the orchestra this month, will also be introduced at the luncheon.

deWeter-Smith will perform with the symphony at Cape Coral High School this Saturday, March 13, and will present a recital at the United Methodist Church on Cape Coral this Sunday, March 13. He will also

perform with the *Symphony Orchestra* in the regular subscription concert on Tuesday, March 14.

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Moseley's books sell out fast at autograph party

By Carol Kranzfeld
More than 200 island residents and visitors took advantage of a once in a lifetime chance when MacIntosh Book Shop honored Captiva author Leonard Moseley at an autograph party last week.

Despite the excellent weather, which book shop owner Bud Frey believes kept many people from joining the party, many of Moseley's older books sold out immediately.

So *I Killed Her*, the novelist and biographer's first book, was one such example. In its second printing of 25,000 copies, *I Killed Her* was

written when Moseley was just 17. Pricing the volumes was the most difficult task of the day, said Frey, not only because books by the British author were initially priced in shillings and pence but because many of the editions cannot be found anywhere else in the world.

Runaway best sellers of the day were Moseley's latest works, *The Druid* and *Dulles*, said Frey.

More autograph parties will be planned, said the owner, in keeping with MacIntosh custom. "MacIntosh Book Shop will stay an island tradition as it's been for 23 years," he promised.



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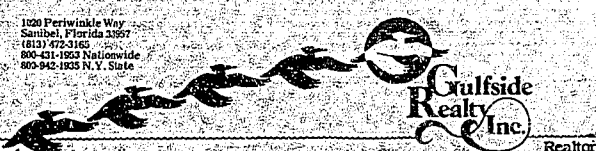
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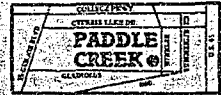
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New librarian assumes Captiva Memorial Library duties

By Carol Kramlichfeld

Although his entire career so far has been in large public libraries, Terry Walton finds little lacking in his new position as the librarian at the Captiva Memorial Library.

Walton says he is most impressed with the island library and the variety of books it has access to. "These people get better service here than in many of the places I've worked," he says with amazement.

The Westport, Conn., native knows the Devey Decimal System inside and out, having served as librarian for the New York Public Library and the City University of New York Library from 1960-73.

He also worked for two and a half years in the ancient eastern Saudi Arabian city of Dhahran on the Persian Gulf, where the Saudi-owned University of Petroleum and Minerals is located. He says he didn't find Saudi Arabia as confusing as other Americans often find that country. "I worked directly for the Saudi government," he explains. "They encouraged us to get out and about. It was a terrific opportunity to do some traveling."

But after two and a half years Walton set a western course aimed for the United States with stops along the way in Europe and Wales. The culture shock wasn't all that great, he says, "because I took my time coming home."

He secured an administrative position at the Old



Dominion University Library in Norfolk, Va., shortly after his return to the states in 1978 and remained there until last summer, when he set sail for Florida.

Currently, home for Walton is a 27' sailboat docked at Jensen's Marina. "I've got just a two-minute walk to work," he says with a smile. "That's never happened before."

A graduate of California's Berkeley University and Arizona State University, Walton says he appraised himself of Captiva's reading habits by checking out the library's annual circulation.

He's pleased with what he found and hopes to increase the library's services by expanding the periodical section, upgrading the reference collection and adding to the library's special collections, particularly those on birds, shells, conservation and art.

Any additions to the stacks will please Captiva's new librarian personally. Calling himself "an eclectic reader," Walton claims he'll read anything "from science fiction to trashy novels and natural history books."

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Coming attractions

Dance, workout classes resume at community hall

Aerobic dance and workout classes under the instruction of Muffet Hayes have resumed 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 9 to 10 a.m. on Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$35 for 12 classes or \$1.50 per class.

The Workout, a vigorous exercise class with combined stretching and breathing for total body awareness, meets at the community hall from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. on Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$40 for 12 classes or \$4 per class.

The Workout meets at the new recreation complex beginning from 6 to 7 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. Cost for the seven-week program is \$48 for 14 classes or \$4 per class.

Kwanis host Children's Center administrator for weekly meeting

The Sanibel-Captiva Kwanis Club will hear Children's Center of the Islands administrator and teacher Martha Ryckman at the club's regular breakfast meeting this Wednesday, March 9, beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Dunes Country Club.

Ryckman will explain the services offered by the center and discuss the need for a separate day care facility on Sanibel. AL-Kwanians and guests are invited to join the Sanibel-Captiva club for breakfast every Wednesday at the Dunes.

Business women plan monthly meeting

The Sanibel-Captiva Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will hold its regular monthly dinner meeting at the Dunes Country Club beginning at 6 p.m. this Thursday, March 10.

Guest speaker will be Leroy Friday whose topic will be the value of service club organizations.

Any woman who is gainfully employed, either part time or full time, is both eligible and welcome to join ABWA. For reservations and more information call hospitality chairman Barbara Boulton, 472-1029.

Christian Women plan guest night dinner

The Sanibel-Captiva Christian Women's Club will hold its Guest Night Dinner at the Suedia this Thursday, March 10, beginning at 7 p.m.

This is a special evening to entertain husbands and friends who are unable to attend the regular club meetings during the day. Everyone is welcome with or without a guest.

The theme for the evening will be Anchors Aweigh and will include a Music Ahoy special feature by Melody Arruffield on a Yamaha computer card reader, portable keyboard.

The Sailor's Chanty will be presented by Norman Jones, and the First Mate's will bring their rendition of Nautical Ditty. The First Mate's include Al Bolton, Hill Partridge, Ralph Shillingford, Charles Shinn and Richard Burton.

Speaker for the dinner evening will be Dr. Ken Markey, psychologist and family counselor, who combines common sense with a sense of humor.

If you have not been contacted for reservations please call Audrey, 461-1864, or Irma, 472-4275. Reservations are required for this special evening. Tickets are \$15 per person.

Coming Attractions Condominiums host IWA president

Condominium Associations of Sanibel will host Island Water Association president Carol Daverport at the regular CASI meeting this Thursday, March 10, at the Seaside Surftide 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 in the IWA board will be explained. Currently only individual member 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.

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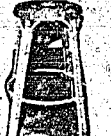
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Coming Attractions

ABWA flea market scheduled March 27

The annual flea market sponsored by the local American Business Women's Association will be held on from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 27, at the Sanibel Community Association on Periwinkle Way. Tables are \$25 each for ABWA members or \$35 for non-members. This is the only fee involved for participation in the flea market. The ABWA takes no percentage of an individual's earnings.

For table reservations and more information call any one of the following ABWA members: Betty Parke, 472-2946; Marika Luthringer, 472-1222; Nancy Olds, 472-6777.

Registration underway for fitness caper on Captiva

More than 250 women have participated in the past six Captiva Fitness Caper that have become a regular spring and fall event at Tween Waters Inn.

Registration is underway for this spring's seventh fitness caper, which will be divided into two sessions beginning April 18 and April 27. Previous caper participants or those who are new to the plan are invited to one or both of the week-long sessions.

Coordinator Boots Freeman says the caper has evolved from one that is strictly fitness oriented to one that focuses more on behavior modification. This spring's sessions will include daily poolside discussions on problem eating awareness led by

Sanibel winter resident, Elaine Walker.

Walker promotes recovery programs for alcohol and drug dependent individuals and their families in Minneapolis, Minn., where she is involved with the Walker Residence and Walker Health Care Center and Foundation.

Cost of the Captiva Fitness Caper is \$197 per week per person for double occupancy accommodations and meals at Tween Waters Inn. Single occupancy is \$216. The program is \$343 without room and meals.

For more information call Tween Waters, 472-5161, or Freeman, 472-2426.

Mike Klein presents slides on Himalayas for community association

Because of the Tuesday night Bingo games, the monthly meetings of the Sanibel Community Association have been moved to the second Wednesday of each month for the winter season.

This month's meeting will be held tomorrow, March 9, at the community association hall on Periwinkle Way.

Sanibel Mayor Mike Klein will present a travel talk on The Himalayan Kingdoms using slides of his recent trip to the Himalayas.

The covered dish evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. Bring your own table service and a covered dish to serve eight.

The schedule for the season is as follows:

- March 9 - Mike Klein - The Himalayan Kingdoms.
- April 13 - Sanibel Police Chief John Butler.
- May 11 - Francis Bailey will talk about the trials, tribulations and joys of running a supermarket.

The community association board of directors monthly meeting is held on the fourth Wednesday of every month for the 1993 season.

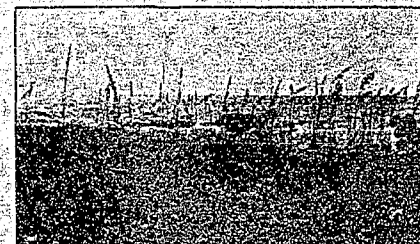
St. Isabel women meet next week

St. Isabel Church Women will meet on Monday, March 14, at 7:30 a.m. at the church on Sanibel-Captiva Road. All are cordially invited. Anyone requiring transportation should call Ruth Patton, 472-3908.

Lee County women voters hold meeting

The annual meeting of the Lee County League of Women Voters will be held next Tuesday, March 15, at 9:30 a.m. at Seven Lakes Recreation center in Fort Myers. The public is invited. For more information call 481-0065.

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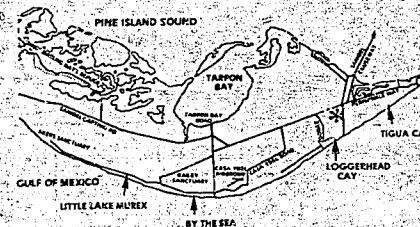
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Island sports scores

Beachview women

Two teams led for first place in the Beachview Ladies Golf Association recent scramble. The teams were comprised of Nancy Iudetti, Louise Rislow, Maureen Hawthorne and Bernice Pryzant and Barbara Fales, Diane Swanson, Herta Howland and Ginny Perier.

B flight — first place Molly Johnson runner up Ruth Sovill Laird place, Barbara Fales and Kay Condit.

C flight — first place Jean Hartzman runner up Ann Alquist third place Clancy Ferrier and Jean Reed.

• Noble Wilson McIn Play tour nament with the following results: A flight — first place, Herta Howland runner up Mary Phillips, third place Enid Bever and Nancy Hunting.

B flight — first place Molly Johnson runner up Ruth Sovill Laird place, Barbara Fales and Kay Condit.

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Dunes women

The Dunes Women's Golf Group played a best ball tournament two-man teams, 12 combined handicaps on Friday, Feb. 18. Finishing in first place was the team of M. Fred and B. G. Gamble with 23½. In second place was the team of D. Vaidenbeck and L. Jacob with 25½. Third place was a tie between P. Mahoney and T. McGrady and A. Balmer and B. Gardiner with 27. Fourth place was a three-way tie between the team of M. Minor and D. Yager, J. Rocco and S. Rubin and B. Sutterland and P. Wilhoit with a 27 ½.

The Dunes women played a low net minus putts and for the longest drive on the number three hole on Friday Feb. 25. T. McGrady finished first with a 6 P. Mahoney finished second with B. H. Ulrich and D. Vaidenbeck tied for third with 9 and P. Vano finished fourth with 10. Fifth place was a tie between A. Iber P. Marzman, L. Lorenson, P. Wilhoit and D. Seabrook with 11. After the game the group met for lunch at the clubhouse.

Island basketball

Basketball is in full swing at the Sanibel Recreation Complex beginning at 7 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday night. Last week's games finished as follows:

Thursday, March 3
 Prims over City Maintenance 57-34
 Timbers over Baptist Church 42-58
 Ray Fenton over Lew Phillips 68-60
 Arnold's over South Seas No. Three, 43-42

South Seas No. Two over South Seas No. One, 47-23

Thursday, March 3
 South Seas No. Two over Lew Phillips, 64-55
 Timbers over South Seas No. Three, 50-26
 Arnold's over City Maintenance 63-45
 Baptist Church over South Seas No. One 63-59

Ray Fenton over Earth Care 38-23

Beachview men

The Beachview Men's Golf Association met for tournament play on Friday Feb. 19. The winning team was comprised of R. Michalek, R. Howland, M. McClintock and J. Briscoe with plus-eight. Finishing in second place was the team of C. Washburn A. Hele J. Steiner and H. Grob. H. Grob, J. Briscoe, B. McFarlane and B. Burgoyne tied for the high individual.

The Beachview men played again on Friday Feb. 25. The winning team with plus two was comprised of S. Bailey G. Branch and T. Vabeau. Finished second was the team of J. Johnson, S. Condit, J. Harrison and C. Dewey. The high individual with plus-four was T. Vabeau.

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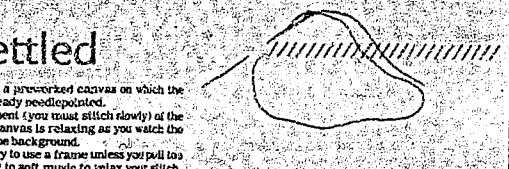
By Barbara Bouton

You probably are aware of the popularity of counted cross stitch and the more recent surge of handweaving. These needlecrafts are quick, inexpensive, easy to do and very "country."

But nothing surpasses the timeless beauty of needlepoint; the craft of needlepoint. In fact, the needlepoint industry is again on the upswing.

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the background of a pre-worked canvas on which the design motif is already needlepointed.

The slow movement (you must stitch slowly) of the wool through the canvas is relaxing as you watch the design blend into the background.

It is not necessary to use a frame unless you pull too hard. Try fastening to soft muslin to relax your stitch.

If your stitches are tight the canvas will warp.

Some like to do the basketweave stitch to prevent misshaping. It looks like a half cross stitch on the front, but the back resembles the weave of a basket.

However, it is not a foolproof way to avoid canvas warping. I have had some difficult times blocking (reshaping) needlepoint pieces where the stitcher made a tight basketweave.

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