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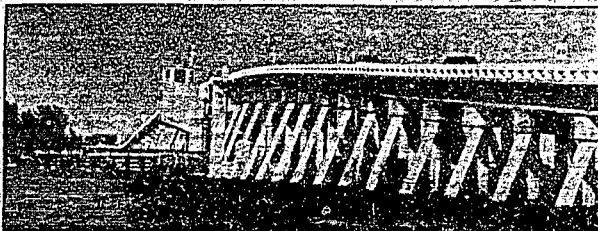
By Barbara Brundage

The Sanibel Causeway is 20 years old this month, and if the city follows the lead of City Manager Bernie Murphy the link to the mainland might have a new owner before the year's end.

Purchase of the Causeway appears to be the only way Sanibel can cut down the traffic and congestion created by day visitors during peak population periods that threaten the Island way of life, Murphy reported to the City Council last week.

Murphy strongly recommends the purchase proposal in the wake of a "brainstorming session" with four members of his staff. They were seeking viable ways to manage the over population that endangers the public safety, health and enjoyment of the Island.

Ownership of the Causeway is the only fair sale.  
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## County follows city suggestion to reopen McGregor

By Barbara Brundage

For months the Sanibel City Council has urged Lee County officials to reopen the southbound lane of McGregor Boulevard at Miners Corner to relieve the traffic tieups that plagued Sanibel-Captiva bound motorists during the busy winter season.

Last Wednesday the County Commission approved a \$30,000 plan to repave the stretch of road that was closed last year when work was begun widening McGregor between Miners Corner and Summerlin Road. The plan also calls for relocating a portion of McGregor farther south between Miners Plaza and Gulf Point shopping centers.

The original intersection with Gladolus has been barricaded since the construction project started. Sanibel bound traffic on McGregor was routed along San Carlos Boulevard to Summerlin Road.

During the winter bumper-to-bumper traffic and long delays were

the result.

Sanibel councilman Louise Johnson convinced her colleagues that opening the closed southbound lane at Miners Corner would relieve the jam.

Former Sanibel mayor and present County Commissioner Porter Goss supported Sanibel's position. At last Wednesday's commission meeting he argued that even though Miners Corner does not seem as congested as it was a month ago because the tourists are gone, "The problem hasn't gone away."

Goss urged that the reconstruction be done before the next tourist season. State Department of Transportation approval is needed for the work, County Engineer Mike Carrell said.

When the lane is reactivated a right turn off McGregor will take drivers straight to the Sanibel Causeway. Stop signs at two minor street intersections will be the only deterrent to a speedy trip.

## Council approves gas tax; revenue could improve roads

By Barbara Brundage

Sanibel stands to receive \$250,000 a year for the next five years as a result of last week's City Council action on a proposed 4-cent local option gasoline tax.

The council unanimously approved a resolution supporting Lee County's adoption of the gas tax.

City Manager Bernie Murphy said the monies could be used to help fund Sanibel's proposed five-year, \$5.7 million road improvement program.

A funding distribution formula that will give Sanibel 5 percent of the \$5 million generated by the tax yearly in Lee County also gained unanimous council approval last Tuesday.

The formula is based on an average of population, number of housing units and assessed property valuation in the county and the three municipalities of Sanibel, Cape Coral and Fort Myers. It gives the county the lion's share (64 percent), while Cape Coral will receive 17 percent and Fort Myers 14 percent.

Fort Myers has already given the tax and formula its stamp of ap-

proval. Cape Coral officials voted to support the distribution plan but opposed the tax's enactment.

The Lee County Commission will review the recommendations of the three cities at next Wednesday's meeting and decide whether to impose the tax.

Murphy pointed out to Sanibel officials that if the majority of the cities and the county fail to agree on a formula by July 1, a "transportation expenditure" formula would prevail.

By this distribution Sanibel's share of the gas tax revenues would be reduced from 5 to 3 percent, Cape Coral's to 7 percent and Fort Myers to 10 percent. The county share would be raised to 80 percent.

Lee County has had a one-cent local gasoline tax since 1961 and under new state legislation has the option to impose an additional two- or four-cent tax.

Approval of three commissioners is required to impose the two-cent tax that will generate \$12.5 million over

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method for Sanibel to control its own destiny, Murphy pointed out.

"The toll is the only disincentive to today's short term visitor," he explained. "And once the Causeway bonds are retired in five years or so there will be strong political pressure on the county to remove the toll."

In January 1982, after six months of negotiating Lee County's offer to sell the city the Causeway for \$26 million, the council dropped the idea.

The cost of financing bonds for the purchase would require raising the toll from \$3 to an unacceptable \$7.43.

Councilman Fred Valtin, who strongly opposed the purchase at that time, said last Tuesday his position has not changed.

But Murphy said the financial picture has changed. "If you'll recall a year and a half ago we were in a period of the highest interest rates in our history," he said. "Today it's down to 8 1/2 percent."

"The climate in the county has changed, too," he added. "They need money, and there might be greater political receptivity to the idea of selling than there was a year ago."

Councilman Bill Hagerup's motion that the staff look into the idea again passed by a 4-1 vote with Valtin dissenting. Hagerup also volunteered when Murphy asked that the council designate "one of its own" to work with him.

City Attorney David La Croix found five of the 10 other proposals the staff suggested to limit day visitors access to the island involved serious legal difficulties that the city could not overcome.

Three other suggestions — for a sign at Miners

Corner advising prospective visitors that the "island is full," for an advisory on traffic congestion and the availability of public parking; and for cancellation of the \$10 Causeway ticket book with a decal or license plate issued annually for a fee of \$150 to \$200 — were regarded as promising.

Murphy was directed to pursue ways to implement all three.

Other options stemming from the brainstorming session that the staff recommended should not be pursued included a "quota system" that would permit only residents of Sanibel and Captiva and those providing services to cross the Causeway when the island is deemed "full."

Staff also labeled unacceptable restricting non-resident and non-property owners' use of their vehicles to their primary destination, with their on-island movement limited to other modes of transportation.

Also of dubious value was the suggestion to impose a fee based on the length of vehicles. Such a fee might cut down the number of over-size vehicles coming to the island.

Impractical, too, was a proposal to issue time-date stamped tickets to non-residents and non-property owners when they arrive on the island and to charge them for the time stayed when they leave.

As a disincentive to short term visitors, the fee would be less for people who stay overnight.

Mayor Mike Klein said he would like to see further study on a public transportation system that visitors could use to get around the island after parking their cars at the Causeway entrance.

Councilman Francis Bailey, who said he was inclined "throw up his hands and forget about the problem," acknowledged that a form of public transport might help reduce traffic sometime down the line.

Councilman Louise Johnson, who has long advocated posting an advisory sign at the Causeway entrance urging the city to do something before the situation gets unbearable.

Valtin said that except for the sign none of the options suggested were practical or legally permissible.

Murphy agreed that, "Each of the suggestions has some legal, practical, political or cost effective restraints."

La Croix outlined the legal restraints on implementing many of the suggestions. Sanibel's interlocal agreement with Lee County prevents denying the use of all Sanibel access roads to the general public, he explained.

Users fees for facilities dedicated to public use have not been upheld by the courts, La Croix added, and taxing short term visitors is prohibited by the state constitution. Applying a law differently to any particular class of persons without some reasonable basis is prohibited by both the Florida and U.S. Constitutions, he said.

"Practically, if any federal, state or county tax money is used for the improvement or maintenance of Sanibel streets, I doubt that the courts would uphold any restrictions on their use by all citizens equally," he said.

## Council approves gas tax

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five years. The votes of four commissioners are required to add four cents that will produce twice as much revenue.

A referendum of the voters is not mandated under the state law, but county Elections Supervisor Bud Earle said because of redistricting in Cape Coral there is no way a county-wide election could be held before

September. By that time it would be too late to impose the new tax this year.

Paulette Burxon, secretary of the Sanibel Taxpayers' Association, presented the council a 200-signature petition opposing "any form of a local option gasoline tax." Without a referendum the imposition of the new tax is "taxation without representation," she said.

Burxon said the council had "ignored the will of its constituents" by supporting the measure.

Councilman Francis Bailey, however, said he doubted that 200 opponents represented the "will of the majority."

Councilman Louise Johnson recognized that taxes are not

popular issue, but she maintained, "Growth in Lee County is so rapid and there are so many needs it is incumbent on us to take advantage of all revenue sources."

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## THE WAY WE WERE

20 Years Ago This Week  
1963

Marshall Tubacchi, who says he had never caught a fish much bigger than a minnow, landed a 40-pound tarpon last week on an outing with Capt. Jake Stokes, Bob Dormer and "Uncle" Clarence Rutland.

PFC Bobby Stokes recently won first place for solo and group performances at the Service Entertainment Competition in Germany. Stokes is the son of Islanders Pearl and Jake Stokes.

Lee Roy Friday, Paul Stahlin and Floyd Snook are new directors of the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce.

15 Years Ago This Week  
1968

FOR RENT: From November through April. Efficiency apartment for two on Seagrape Lane. Full bedroom, the bath, kitchen and living room with sofa bed. Private pool. Excellent golf view. \$190 per month, all utilities.

Bailey's advertised Folgers coffee for 39 cents a pound.

10 Years Ago This Week  
1973

More than 125 members and their guests participated in the Sanibel Community Association's first, Sing-A-Long last week. Led by Leonard Stokes, a member of the Mitch Miller gang for 10 years, and Marion Chaplin on the piano, the group sang a number of old favorites. A special highlight of the evening was Duane White and Marion Chaplin's duet rendition of "By the Light of the Silvery Moon."

Ted Fonda is the recipient of the first annual Michael Award presented by the members of the Pirate Playhouse troupe. Fonda was selected on the basis of his hilarious rendition of an Italian opera singer.

At the annual awards cocktail and dinner party given by Priscilla Murphy Realty, Inc., sales awards were presented to Elaine Patton, Donald Modrall and Robert Parcells. Twenty brokers, associates and other employees enjoyed the evening at South Seas Plantation.

8 Years Ago This Week  
1976

The Lee County Commission last week voted unanimously to pass an ordinance that allows Captiva to have more restrictive zoning than other areas of unincorporated Lee County. The change brings the maximum number of units permitted per acre on Captiva to six, down from 14.

The Dunes Racquet Club B Team, was honored

this week at the Ragoon Racquet Club for the Dunes' first place standing in the Lee County Women's Tennis League B Division.

The Island's winning team includes Linda Björke, LouAnne Clark, Ann Costanzo, Glissie Cough, JoAnne Fisher, Cindy Hather, June Muench, Marge Peck, Gail Robinson, Pam Thompson and Mary Vernon.

1 Year Ago This Week  
1982

The cost of a concrete gymnasium at the city's recreation complex will exceed the original estimate for a steel structure by \$30,000, Recreation Director Dick Noon told the City Council last week.

To help meet the shortfall the council agreed to transfer \$25,075 of earned interest on monies contributed by the city and private individuals to the Sanibel Recreation Complex Fund since the fundraising campaign began in 1980.

Sanibel's paramedics have added a time- and life-saving device to their rescue vehicle thanks to a donation by Sanibel resident Heide Maas. The Kendrick Extrication Device is used primarily to remove trapped auto accident victims.

Jeanette Hayford, long-time Captiva resident, retired recently from the Lee County Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees and was named the co-op's first director emeritus.

## Weather watch Everybody talks about it...



Hights should continue in the upper 60s this week with lows in the mid to upper 60s. Skies will be mostly sunny, and there is little probability of rain throughout the week. Last week's temperatures according to records kept at the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce are as follows:

	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Sunday, May 1	89	68	0
Monday, May 2	88	72	0
Tuesday, May 3	86	74	0
Wednesday, May 4	88	76	0
Thursday, May 5	81	62	25 inches
Friday, May 6	86	66	0
Saturday, May 7	89	68	0
Sunday, May 8	88	70	0

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When third graders at Sanibel Elementary School decided to get involved with a project, they really got out.

For the past two months, Laurie DeSalvo's class has been driving into a social studies program about community helpers. Community helpers include everyone from mailmen to policemen, mayors to veterinarians.

Each student picked one community helper to interview and to research. The culmination of the project was a puppet show that was presented to the second graders last Tuesday.

The script for the show was edited from the students' puppet show.

The student's homework showed many interesting perceptions. A puppet of Matt the Lawyer was dressed up in radical chic, with hippie locks and flamboyant dress. Nancy the Nurse said she applied her trade with a stick that she jammed down patients' mouths. The Bus Driver's first comment was to be liberal and where he's on the road. And the Teacher said she went to school for four years to be a teacher so that she could make lots of money. No doubt DeSalvo wishes that were true. Photo by Scott Martell.

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## MUNICIPAL RECORDS

By Barbara Brundage

### Property owner claims God, not council, will protect house on Blind Pass lot

"Al Chakmak doesn't need the city of Sanibel to protect him from the dangers of living in a house with the Gulf of Mexico for a front yard."

"I have someone else up there who has done a pretty good job of looking after me through the years," Chakmak told the City Council last week.

He then recounted a long list of natural disasters he has survived since the 1940's, including Florida hurricanes, typhoons in the South Pacific, tornadoes, floods and blizzards.

Chakmak was upset that the City Council wants to repeal a specific amendment approved last January that would permit him to build a home on a Blind Pass lot that is entirely forward of the Coastal Construction Setback Line.

Councilman Louise Johnson explained that the city was only trying

to protect its residents by not permitting a home in such a dangerous location.

"I just want to build a home for me and my family. We'll take our chances," Chakmak replied. "I don't mind having water underneath my house. I could throw a fishing line in from the porch."

The council on Tuesday viewed a video tape filmed last February during a period of high tides and rough seas that showed most of Chakmak's property had eroded into the gulf.

But Chakmak claimed last Tuesday 18 feet of sand had already come back. "What would have happened if we had had the house halfway built?" Chakmak's wife, Joan, demanded of the council. "Would you have asked us to tear it down?"

"I don't understand," she added.

"One day it's okay to build a house and now it's not okay."

Councilman Fred Valtin explained that if the council had viewed the tape before hearing Chakmak's original request it would never have been granted.

"It's really a self-imposed hardship since you knew before you bought the property that the city opposed its development as a home site," Valtin said. "Surf fishing is really the only reasonable use for it," he added.

Beverly Bolden, who was granted a specific amendment in 1980 to build a home forward of the CCSL on her lot in the same area, faces the same problem as the Chakmaks.

She was represented by attorney John Wilcox at last week's first hearing of the city's ordinance seeking repeal of both specific amendments.

Wilcox argued that the city should be making a constructive effort for the solution of the problem.

The Blind Pass area is constantly changing, Wilcox said, pointing out that the beach at the Mitchell home near Bolden's property has accreted 300 feet in the past two years.

"These owners are willing to spend money to save their property and will cooperate with the city," Wilcox said. Johnson countered that the city has made a positive effort by setting up rules and regulations to protect such people from building in an unsafe area.

"It's not the function of government to protect everyone from everything," Wilcox replied.

Final action on the ordinances repealing both specific amendments is scheduled for the council's June 7 meeting.

### Rutland house receives official museum designation

"Uncle" Clarence Rutland's early Florida home has been formally designated the Island Historical Museum "to preserve memorabilia and ambience of early Sanibel and Captiva."

In a resolution unanimously approved last Tuesday the City Council also delegated to the Historical Preservation Committee the authority to operate the museum.

The council also decided it was in the best interest of the city for the committee, composed of citizens already advising the city on historical preservation, to participate in the development and implementation of policies and operational procedures for the museum.

The purpose of the museum will be to collect, preserve and exhibit artifacts and displays depicting the history and traditions of Sanibel and Captiva from prehistoric time to the present.

The resolution specifically outlines the functions the committee will perform on behalf of the city. They include:

- (1) Accepting donations to the museum which meet standards set by the city;
- (2) Accepting items on loan for display;
- (3) Arranging displays and artifacts at the museum;
- (4) Coordinating volunteers to assist in the operation of the museum;

(5) Advising the city manager on the needs of the museum for additions, improvements, repairs, etc. or the need for additional assistance from city personnel or paid employees; and

(6) Advising the city manager on the possibility of acquisition by purchase rather than donation and on funding sources for same.

City Manager Bernie Murphy and City Attorney David La Croix worked with the committee on the resolution, which gives the committee "the written guidance it needs," Committee Chairman Evelyn Pearson said.

"The responsibilities of the committee in the operation of the Island

Historical Museum are now defined for us," she added.

"The committee will recommend policies concerning hours of operation, charges and fees for museum visitors for council approval."

Dick and Jerry Muench, who own Periwinkle Park, donated the Rutland house to the city after they purchased the property on Periwinkle Way on which the house originally sat. It was moved last December to the new City Hall site off Dunlop Road.

The city has appropriated \$19,000 to restore the interior to its 1910-13 ambience. January 1984 is the target date for opening the museum to the public.

### Sanibel Taxi gets Sundial contract

Sundial Beach and Tennis Resort has cancelled its contract with Sun Lines of Fort Myers for airport shuttle service for its guests.

Scott Siler, the resort's general manager, has negotiated a contract with Sanibel Taxi for the same service effective May 20.

In a letter to City Manager Bernie Murphy, Siler confirmed that on April 21 he gave Sun Lines 30 days notice of the early cancellation of the contract that expires in June.

Sanibel Taxicab is franchised by the city to provide taxi service 24 hours a day, seven days a week to Island residents with the exclusive right to pick up passengers on the island.

Sun Lines' bid for a second franchise to provide its airport shuttle service on the island was turned down by the City Council in March. Sun Lines was told to cease its shuttle service from the island.

But the council agreed Sun Lines could honor its contract with Sundial for airport shuttle service until its expiration.

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### City Hall will connect with central sewer

Sanibel's new City Hall complex will tie into the island's central sewer system, the City Council decided last week. The action reaffirmed a decision the council made months ago that the complex would hook into the central sewer system. If it were available.

Councilman Louise Johnson, who was not a member of the council when the original decision was made, was the only dissenter in a 4-1 vote last Tuesday.

Johnson objected not only to the higher cost of installation (\$20,376 as compared to \$13,500 for an on-site drainfield and septic system), but also to the \$116 monthly maintenance fee that will be paid to Sanibel Sewer.

Johnson cited Danesh Sharma's study on sewer systems that found in some places on Sanibel septic systems are preferable to central sewer systems.

In report to the council City

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### Coming up at City Hall

A list of upcoming City Council and Planning Commission meetings

Tuesday, May 17, MacKenzie Hall 9 a.m. — Regular meeting of the City Council.

Thursday, May 19, MacKenzie Hall, 10 a.m. — Scheduled hearing before the Code Enforcement Board.

Monday, May 23, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. — Regular meeting of the Planning Commission.

Wednesday, May 25, MacKenzie Hall, 11 a.m. — Special meeting of the City Council with fifth grade students from Sanibel Elementary School participating as part of Student Government Day activities.

12:30 p.m. — Luncheon honoring students at the Sanibel Community Association hall.

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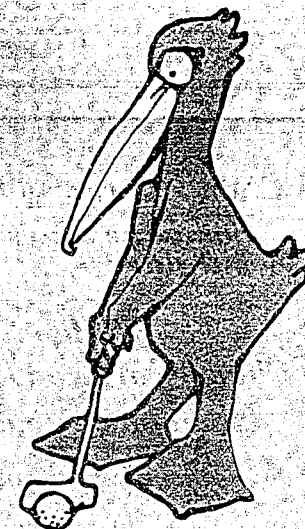
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## Municipal records

### City Hall will connect with central sewer system

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Manager Bernie Murphy listed among the disadvantages of the system the necessity for a 4½-foot high mound of soil 100x200 feet, in an area of desirable vegetation in which to pump the effluent.

Limits on the total volume that could be accommodated by a septic system could cause problems in the future he added.

Murphy said if connection to the central system were required in the future a septic system would be surplus and a waste. He pointed out that with a central system there are no limits to the quantity that can be pumped into the line and the un-

slightly mound will not be necessary. Councilman Fred Valtin said the advantages of the central system greatly outweigh the disadvantage of the higher cost of installation and maintenance.

But he said he still objects to the city's paying \$9,000 to extend the line to the City Hall site.

Assistant City Manager Gary Price explained that cost is a pro rata share of the actual cost to extend the line along Periwinkle Way from Tarpon Bay Road to Dunlop Road. The cost is shared by other property owners along the route, he said.

### Change order approved to facilitate future cablevision at City Hall

Observing a City Council meeting from their own living rooms could become a reality in the future for Sanibel residents with the installation of 18 cablevision receptacles and a feedback system in the new City Hall complex.

The City Council last week approved a \$1,500 change order to permit installation of the cablevision outlets before closing the walls of the complex that is now under construction.

City Manager Bernie Murphy said the receptacles will not be tucked to cable service at this time but will be available for future connection without unsightly wall mount drops.

Councilman Fred Valtin, general manager of Cablevision of the Islands said providing the cablevision outlets was not intended to allow staffers to watch HBO or soap operas.

With two feedback locations all public meetings in Mackenzie Hall and emergency sessions in the Sanibel Police Department squad room (official headquarters in a hurricane) could be carried on a dedicated channel on the Cablevision system.

The cost of making the system available was reduced to \$1,500 (one-

fifth of the original estimate) by using Cablevision of the Islands personnel to install the under-ground conduit and pull all wires at no cost to the city Valtin said.

Service on the equipment after it is connected will be free, he added.

Councilman Bill Hagerup's motion to approve the change order passed unanimously.

The council also voted unanimously to waive the advertising for bids for the purchase of 2,000 tons of pit shell. 1,200 tons is needed immediately to fill in the newly excavated parking area at the City Hall site, Assistant City Manager Gary Price told the council.

Price had obtained prices from three suppliers and intended to buy the shell from Lee Mar at the lowest price of \$7.30 per ton.

But the \$8,760 the 1,200 tons will cost exceeds the \$3,000 cap for purchases without advertising for bids, he explained. He requested the council waive the requirement in this case.

The City Hall contractor will excavate the parking area, but the shell will be put in place by city forces, Price said, adding in order for the work to be cost effective it should be done in tandem.

### Arnold's compromises with city for sign

A vegetation buffer in the right-of-way hides the Arnold's Seashore Shopping Center sign from the view of passing motorists, and owner David Arnold last week requested a variance from the graphics ordinance to permit two new signs for his complex in front of the buffer only six feet from Periwinkle Way.

But city councilmen last Tuesday quickly informed Arnold they had no legal right to allow any sign in the public right-of-way.

The vegetation buffer was a concession, Councilman Fred Valtin reminded Arnold. Otherwise the buffer would have been in your

parking lot, Valtin said. Arnold explained the new signs were low key and in good taste, and added that the two together would not equal the 40 square feet the shopping center is allowed.

Mayor Mike Klein contended the Seashore shops are very visible and don't need a sign for identification.

Arnold had wanted a small sign for the Lighthouse Cafe to hang below the larger sign but he withdrew that request when the council agreed to a compromise proposed by Councilman Louise Johnson to permit the sign on the property line parallel to the road.

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## Municipal records

### Council holds fast to 75 seats at Hilton restaurant

The Sanibel Hilton formerly Shell Harbor Inn has appealed Circuit Court Judge James Thompson's ruling that 100 seats should be allowed in the resort's Brass Elephant restaurant. City Attorney David La Croix reported to the City Council last Tuesday.

Thompson handed down his decision in a suit filed against the city by Hilton owner John Armenia. His suit charged that the final judgment in a stipulated settlement of an earlier

lawsuit was violated when the city limited the restaurant's capacity to 75 seats.

The suit claimed the intent of the settlement had been to permit a 220-seat restaurant.

La Croix said he filed a cross appeal on the basis that the city perceived the restaurant as an accessory use to serve the needs of the motel guests only. He pointed out that the Hilton really needs only 150 seats to comply with state requirements for a full

service liquor license and suggested the possibility of a negotiated settlement.

A second lawsuit filed by Armenia challenging the conditions of the development permit for the Brass Elephant is being held in abeyance by the court until the first litigation is settled.

La Croix said he has reason to believe the Hilton might be amenable to dropping both lawsuits in exchange for the city's increasing the

restaurant's capacity but would have no objection to limiting the occupancy to the lesser number (150 seats).

But the council stood firm in its decision that 75 seats is the proper number to control the intensity of use at the resort and declined to consider negotiating.

I would hate to open the door for anyone to get a liquor license. Councilman Bill Hagerup said.

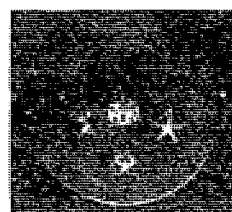
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# ON THE WATER

By Captain Mike Fuery

It seems some boaters have more troubles than their shorebound counterparts when it comes to eye glasses, particularly if they are expensive sunglasses.

We were talking about his the other day at Tween Waters Marina and were trying to recall all the expensive sunglasses each of us had lost in the past few years.

One of the staff members recently bought a pair of sunglasses for \$50. Another showed off his pair, which look very much like the \$60 pair but only cost \$5 or \$6. You might suspect the fellow with the less expensive set has learned a costly lesson somewhere along the way.

It was my turn this week. We were shooting over a shallow grass bar. I had one hand on the throttle, the other on the wheel and my eyes on the depth sounder.

Running shallow water, sometimes only 15-18 inches deep takes concentration if you plan to make it to the other side. The wind was kicking up about 20 mph, and it was a bit bumpy out on Pine Island Sound.

I took a quick glance back at my engine to see if I was putting out a mud trail over the shallow flats.

That wind got behind my glasses and before I could put up a hand the glasses were over the side.

There goes \$50 for a set of prescription glasses. I had had that pair for nearly four years, so I suspect I was living on luck anyway.

After I related my story the marine staff started to rattle off places where I might look on the bottom for other pairs they had lost or seen lost. The list was impressive in length.

One of my friends told us about one of those accidents that probably will never happen again. He had one of those expensive pairs of big lens glasses with gold frames and sweat bar. Many of the guides like these because they cover so much of the eyes and some face for sun protection.

Anyway, he went to cast a fishing outfit for a customer and, as his arms went past his head with an overhead cast the fishing line caught the corner of the glasses he wore. He had to admit, however, that he had never seen a pair of sunglasses cast so far.

I remember a few years back I was walking along a dock and something caught my attention in the water. I got down on my hands and knees and carefully peered over the edge.

You know what happened — the only thing I saw was my sunglasses settling down to the bottom eight feet below like a leaf in the wind. It's embarrassing to be so stupid to look straight down over the water, but I said, "No problem, I'll just get my mask and snorkel and find them."

They're still down there somewhere. I salvaged part of a deck chair, some fishing line and an oyster that cut my fingers. So much for earning extra income by diving for lost glasses.

But there are some things on the market that will help. One is an elastic type of band that attaches to either eyeglass bow and goes around your neck. Then when you look over the side the glasses stay around your neck. I never did like these because I always felt they made one look like an aging former jock.

Probably the most practical method is what my old friend Capt. Randy White does. He drills tiny holes in the plastic ear pieces of each bow, then strings in some tarpon weight mono leader material. It's worked fine for him and many other anglers who are prone to looking over the side of a dock or boat only to watch their glasses slip down to the bottom.



# SHELLING TIPS

By Captain Mike Fuery

Wentletraps, where are you? I've spent the morning on my hands and knees with my nose nearly in the sand, and as much as I hate to admit it, I can't find one.

Now you might be able to say that about many of the shells that are supposedly found on the Islands, but this wentletrap seems to be a fast fading local shell. If you have one, I suspect it will be a prized item someday.

For years my abelians have told me there is only one place they would seriously look for the wentletrap. That's down around the Lighthouse end of Sanibel.

Why do they appear there and not very often in other areas of the island? I'm not sure, but based on that same of finding with other specialty shells, I suspect the wentletraps live either just offshore from the lighthouse or in that sandy-muddy bottom on the inside of the tip of the island off of the free public fishing pier.

A few weeks ago a lady showed me a couple of wentletraps she had collected on the beach right ahead of me. These shells, I should explain, are small and somewhat cone shaped with a large

circular opening at the fullest end. A really big wentletrap might reach an inch, so we are talking small, but valuable here.

There are some variations in the color, but cream white or light brown wentletraps seem to be what most folks find.

I mentioned the Lighthouse at Sanibel as a prominent place to look for wentletraps. This lady found hers on Cayo Costa, an isolated island north of Sanibel. I visit there several times each week, and I'm starting to draw some unwanted attention.

I can't tell if my eyes are going bad or I'm approaching premature senility, but I can't see a half inch shell standing up. So I get down close and look. In the meantime I'm becoming rather addicted to miniature collecting. Recently, while surveying the shells from a total of 12 inches distance, I came upon a handful of tiny, delicate shells that I would never have seen had I been standing up.

I showed them to one of my shellers that morning. "What's that?" she asked. I explained that if she looked a little more closely she would discover they were shiny, perfectly formed seashells that many of us consider prizes.

I had slippery, gleaming margin shells, some tiny black augers and a Florida top shell that was perfect with its glowing orange color. And there were a couple of others I couldn't identify.

That's a bonanza. But you have to look closely. Moral? Don't give up on our beaches if after 10 minutes you can't find any shells that this little spit of sand is supposed to be world famous for.

Look closely. If you have to sit down, then do it, but look at every square inch. I bet you'll start to "see" these shells. When I started shelling people told me that eventually I become a miniature collector because the small ones are the best for collections. I have to agree, but it's sure difficult on the old back muscles.

As for wentletraps, this might be the time you scoot to the Lighthouse beach at dawn, get down to shell level and start looking. They are prized shells and well worth the effort. Good shelling.

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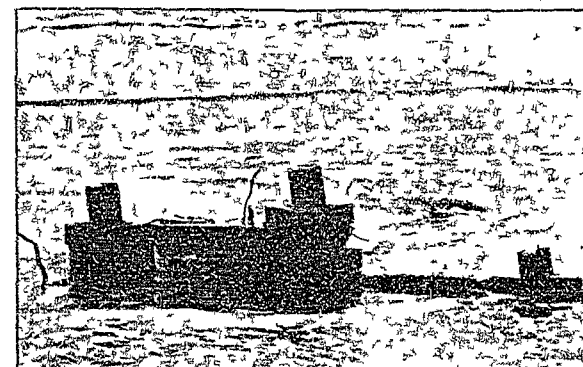
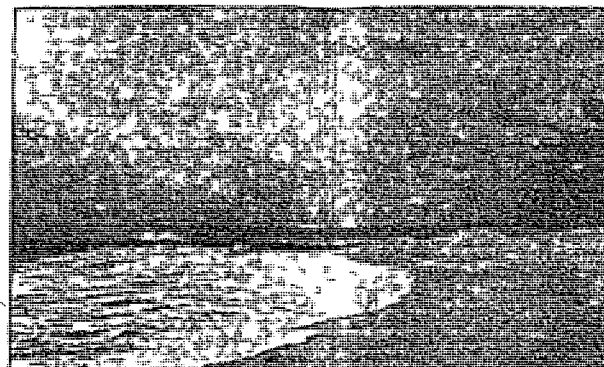
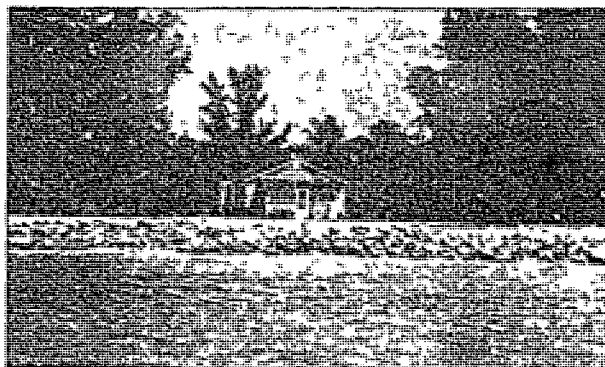
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## TRACING THE HISTORY OF CAPTIVA'S DIMINISHING SHORELINE

STORY BY SCOTT MARTELL PHOTOS BY DAVID MEARDON

As Captivians sit on their beach and watch the sun melt into the ocean on a warm May evening, the sun isn't the only thing bidding adieu. The waves that gently lap the shore are boldly kidnapping the sand.

From one sunset to another approximately 137 cubic yards of sand erode from Captiva's beaches. That figure is based on Dr. Robert Dean's rough estimate of 50,000 to 100,000 cubic yards of sand lost per year from Captiva shores.

Dean, a professor of civil engineering and marine studies at the University of Delaware and previously of the University of Florida, is one of the nation's foremost scholars on coastal erosion and barrier islands.

Virtually all Captivians agree erosion is a serious situation. They don't agree, however, on what to do about it.

The war against erosion and the search for a solution seems a never-ending process. To better understand the natural process that erodes Captiva's beaches and for a brief chronology of some prevention and protection methods that have already been tried, see the boxed stories on this page.

May is a critical month as far as erosion issues are concerned on Captiva. Within a month residents should know if the state or federal government will trickle any funds to their island to help battle erosion.

The Lee County bonding agency this month should also indicate whether Causeway funds will be forthcoming to help the fight.

And this month marks six months since the Captiva Erosion Prevention District sent out petitions to gauge public opinion on

establishing a 34-member Service Taxing Unit to help fund a renourishment project. If the petition is going to pass, six months seems a good time to reflect.

If all the funding puzzles fall together, renourishment (pumping sand to create a new beach) will soon start. If the pieces still don't fit or if one is missing, it will be a time of re-evaluation of either funding alone or of the high-cost method of renourishment, too.

If it is a time of re-evaluation, the delay will easily carry through hurricane season and on into the fall when three spots on the CEPD board are up for election.

The winds of political dissension are already beginning to blow. The debate might bring out many issues that need to be discussed. The debate also will surely be steeped in emotional, personal and political rhetoric, adding to an already complicated and sometimes confusing subject.

This is The Islander's attempt to consider several major erosion issues before they become further clouded.

This week we focus on current methods under consideration to thwart erosion. We will consider charges that alternative methods to renourishment have been "shoved under the table," and will raise the question if the CEPD is focused exclusively on renourishment. We will show the exact position of alternative methods, including the terminal groin perpendicular stabilizers and revetments as they now stand in the administrative process.

Next week we will focus on the critical issue of funding renourishment, which is initially scheduled to cost about \$6.6 million with \$5.5 earmarked for construction.

The alternatives include creating a terminal groin at Blind Pass by rebuilding, extending or

re-designing the present groin. Installing a sandbag low profile perpendicular groin in the middle of the island, purchasing a small dredge for continuing renourishment and creating a sand bypass system.

The Fall 1982 CEPD budget provided \$30,000 from ad valorem taxes for the terminal groin. About \$30,000 was set aside for the perpendicular groins.

The other methods were deemed too expensive to implement at the time.

It should be noted that a groin and the perpendicular stabilizers could not add sand to the system, instead they would work to hold the sand that is already on the beach. They could save some of the sand drifting south from the South Seas Plantation renourishment project, but the amount of accretion from South Seas to the lower two-thirds of Captiva is considered a drop in the bucket by coastal engineers.

It also should be noted that the terminal groin is not being considered without renourishment and that perpendicular stabilizers could be utilized without renourishment.

It seems to be the general consensus of the methods committee that the CEPD staff has been dragging its feet in proceeding with the permitting process for these alternative methods.

They put money aside but never went after the permits, charges CEPD Commissioner Ed Olling, who is also the present chairman of the methods committee. They are interested in only one thing, and that is renourishment.

Butte replies it is absolutely erroneous that the staff has tried to delay alternative methods.

The alternative methods committee was not set up to find ways to "replace renourishment but to have a set of plans ready should renourishment not be funded or to be used in conjunction with a renourishment project," Butte adds.

Olling wants a groin established at Blind Pass before renourishment takes place to immediately

stop sand from eroding. Butte does not wish to alienate the Lee County Commission by pushing for the groin at the same time commissioners are considering Causeway funds for renourishment.

The groin is another controversial subject because of possible effects on Sanibel, and Butte does not want to be turned down for county funds because of controversy over the groin.

Nevertheless, a permit application was written up in November 1982 and forwarded to the Lee County Commission, according to Stevens.

Lee County must be the permit applicant for the state and federally required permit because it owns the land at Turner Beach, where the groin would be situated. But county officials do not want to address the issue at this time, Stevens says.

Stevens on the other hand, wants the process to go forward so the permit hearing can take place. The positive and negative aspects of a groin could be made clear at the hearing, and the hearing of floor could then decide if a groin is feasible, he explains.

Stevens' opinion is that the renourishment would work without the groin but that it would work better with the groin holding the new sand.

He also mentions the possibility of a breakwater as another means to stabilize a nourished beach. A breakwater parallel to the beach about 150 feet offshore could eliminate some of Sanibel's possible objections to renourishing Captiva, but the idea has not yet been designed and still needs to be studied in all aspects, Stevens says.

A breakwater could possibly be installed for the same price as the groin (\$50,000) Stevens thinks.

The first steps for seeking a permit for perpendicular stabilizers were taken in April. Perpendicular stabilizers are low profile groins made from sandbags. Because they are low in the water material can pass over them, unlike a regular groin.

But we don't really know the benefits and

defects yet. CEPD agent Dex Bender says about the perpendicular stabilizers.

While \$30,000 was budgeted for sandbag groins in October, no plan was made at that point to initiate permitting, Bender says, adding that the methods committee has instructed him to seek more information.

Many members of the committee had been under the impression that a permit could be received in 14 days, but Bender found out a permitting decision would have to have the approval of the governor and cabinet.

The permitting process could take up to four months, starting with approval of a not more than \$1,500 site survey required for the permit. The funds for the survey were okayed at the CEPD monthly meeting on May 2.

Bender feels the stabilizers could be used with a nourished beach and perhaps would aid in retaining the new sand. But he also feels it would be a good test to do the project as soon as possible even without a nourished beach.

It is an experimental project, but it might even collect sand considering there is some sand in the system now from the South Seas project, he says.

It would even be a worthwhile project if a renourished beach came later and was laid on top of the stabilizers, he adds. This would eliminate the use of the stabilizers, but by then important data would have been acquired to see how they perform.

The perpendicular stabilizers have not yet gone through a formal bidding process, but the cost is estimated at \$30,000 to \$50,000, according to Bender.

Revetting, or armor the coast with rocky walls, was not an alternative brought out by the methods committee. Instead it is a process that has been used on the islands for many years. It usually is instigated by private landowners but the county used the method to protect Captiva road in 1964-67.

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Captiva Road after the June 1962 No Name Storm

### Chronology of erosion

1958 — The Captiva Erosion Prevention District is formed one of the first erosion prevention districts in Florida.

1961 — Approximately 134 concrete dog bone groins installed for \$280,000.

1962-63 — A small beach renourishment project pumps 37,000 cubic yards of sand from the south to the gulf beaches. Project fails miserably as the very fine grained sand erodes quickly.

1964-67 — Lee County trucks in 100,000 cubic yards of rock and sand to protect road with a revetment. Cost \$100,000.

1965 — Two timber groins installed near center of Captiva.

1969 — U.S. Army Corp of Engineers recommends beach nourishment for Captiva Island.

1977 — South Seas Plantation constructs terminal groin at Redfish Pass.

1979 — Perching and offshore artificial headlands constructed just offshore near Turner Beach.

1981 — Renourishment project creates a new beach at South Seas Plantation on the northern third of Captiva Island.

1982 — All permits for CEPD nourishment project approved in December.

### Redfish Pass - The culprit that swiped Captiva's shore



Shelters at Blind Pass, which flows between Sanibel and Captiva Islands.

While Captivians disagree about what to do about erosion, no one argues who the culprit is.

The sand thief is Redfish Pass created in 1925 by a monster hurricane that swamped the island with nine-foot tides and divided Captiva in two.

Florida shores face what is called littoral drift, in which waves erode and carry sand up and down the coast.

On Captiva, the greatest degree of sediment drift is to the south. Duane Hall and Associates, who did a beach erosion study in 1975, figures that a net of 90,000 cubic yards of sand are lost from Captiva's shores through littoral drift each year.

Under usual conditions the lost sand would be replaced by the littoral drift of sand from the north. But here is

where Redfish Pass comes in.

The currents of the Pass divide the southern flowing sand, pushing about half of the sand out to the gulf and half into Pine Island Sound. Here the sand is stored in shoals of silt, feebly removed from the beach system.

By the time Dr. Robert Dean, then of the University of Florida, did a survey of 11 storage shoals in 1970, the gulf shoal had captured four million cubic yards of sand while the bay shoals and stored between 3 and 4 million cubic yards.

As Dean explains, the sediment no longer moves south to naturally replace Captiva's beaches. Instead the wave currents continue to reach in and grab sand, hence the accelerated erosion problems.

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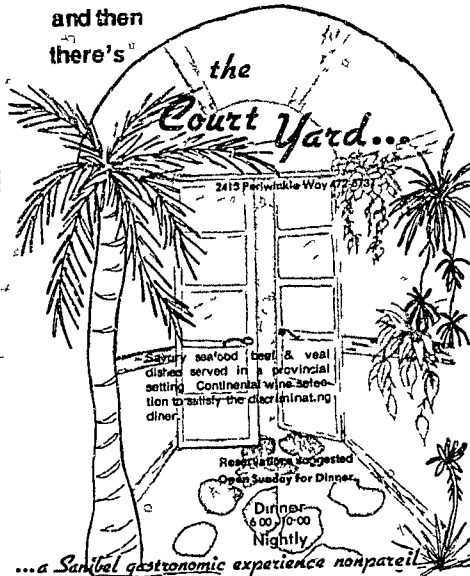
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# Portrait

## Catherine Battista

Age: "50 going on 30"

Height: "5'2" going on 4'11"

Roots: New Haven, Conn.  
"I'm a New Englander  
born and bred"

Pleasures: Reading,  
beach walking, listening to  
music, fishing, crabbing in  
the refuge

Last Book Read: The Theater Essays  
of Arthur Miller

Mentor: My grandmother and my  
parents

Wish: "That we could find world peace  
and a cure for cancer and that people  
would begin to take more responsibility  
for their own health care"

Words of Wisdom: "Have the serenity to  
accept what you cannot change, the  
courage to know what you can change and  
the wisdom to know the difference"



By Cindy Chalmers  
Photos by David Meardon

Former registered nurse, political lobbyist, law school student, Connecticut state representative candidate and pursuer of education in any form Catherine Battista has turned *Islander* in the three and a half years since she and her husband moved here.

She was born and bred there and is considered the family maverick because she moved away from New England. But when Battista tired of the northern rat race and her husband's health demanded a change of environment, neither thought of going anywhere other than Sanibel.

Once here Battista quickly assimilated the island attitude and today is relaxed and happy in her new cement. And she says she hasn't been homesick yet.

"I think I chose Sanibel because here I found the favor of a small New England town," she says. "It's that 'know your postman' kind of place. There's so much here that I love."

There's no rat race on Sanibel, but there is hard work for Battista. Not one to assimilate the island attitude to an extreme, she has established her

own advertising and public relations business that she runs out of her home in the Rocks.

When she isn't calling on clients Battista is donating her talents to Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife, editing the *CROW* newsletter. Or she is doing something for the local chapter of the American Businesswomen's Association. Or she is crabbing in the wildlife refuge or fishing off the Causeway. Or she is reading a library book to assuage her thirst for learning.

"I don't think I'll ever retire," she says. "But if I could I'd like to go to school forever. She is the best example of her favorite motto: 'Go to school as if I were going to live forever. Live as if I were going to die tomorrow.'"

She also firmly believes in her words of wisdom and has had the chance to test them thought herself with her husband Alfred.

He fractured his back at the Boys Club in New Haven several years ago and has since been confined to crutches and sometimes a wheelchair. But the couple has adapted.

"I knew we would either get out there and get

rained on or we would put up an umbrella. Battista says. Their umbrella was their move to Sanibel.

She inherited her interest in politics from her father, who was a deputy sheriff and member of the State Central Committee in Connecticut as well as a delegate to the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

But Battista has no desire to lobby in Tallahassee the way she did for so many years as the assistant director for the Connecticut Nurses' Association.

As nurses we were tired of the image of Rex Morgan and his good nurse Jane," she says. "So she lobbied for legislation to reflect what nurses really do."

When she left nursing Battista went back to Southern Connecticut University for a bachelor's degree in political science. Then she took the plunge to law school at West Hartford University.

Law school meant an almost two-hour commute five days a week, however, and Battista left the

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## Lions report on successful blood drive

By D.E. Cooperider

The regular meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club was held at the Sanibel Community Building on May 10.

Lion John Cook reported on a very successful blood collection visit of the Bloodmobile to the island on May 3. A total of 57 offers of blood were made with 46 being accepted. Of these, 30 were placed in the Lions Blood Bank, 12 in the Kivania Bank and four in the Rotary Bank. This joint inter-club project will be repeated again soon.

Lion Lynn Rogers is spearheading a refurbishing project for the Lions benches at numerous locations along Periwinkle Way.

Past President Bill Haicher supervised the in-club drawing on the Kram-A-Cart project. This project entitles the winner to five minutes in Bailey's to collect all the items he can place in a grocery cart. The winner of this year's prize was Lion Henry Shelton.

Past President Bob Dornier read the citation which awarded Vice

President Magill the title of Outstanding Lion. Lion Magill has been an active Lion for more than five years and has held several offices of the club.

President John Wilcox announced that the installation of next year's officers will take place on June 5 at a banquet-dance starting at 8 p.m. with cocktails at the Sundial.

The next regular meeting will be held at the Sanibel Community Association hall at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18.

## Retired officers sponsor essay contest

The Sanibel-Captiva Chapter of The Retired Officers' Association is sponsoring an essay contest for all middle school children who reside on Sanibel and Captiva.

The purpose of the contest is to encourage young people to be good citizens. The essay subject is "Service to Country and Community" as the young students see it.

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## David Magill named Lion of the Quarter

By Bob Dornier

This quarter David Magill has been selected as an outstanding Lion of the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club.

Magill was born in Greenwood, S.C., and graduated from high school in Richmond, Va. When he was 17 he enlisted in the Virginia Guard and was attached to Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 176th Infantry and worked as a librarian for Richmond Newspapers, Inc. from 1935 to 1940. Early in December 1941,

immediately following the attack on Pearl Harbor, his outfit was called to active service.

He attended Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. and graduated as a second lieutenant. He served through World War II and saw action in Germany and France.

After the war his outfit was transferred to Pilsen, Czechoslovakia to release and repatriate German prisoners of war. He remained in Pilsen until the latter part of 1946.

Magill became a major in 1953 and remained with the active reserve until 1959 when he retired with a total of 26 years service.

Next, he went south to Fort Lauderdale with his family and was employed by the U.S. Postal Service until 1973. During that year he and his wife, Martha, toured Florida and discovered Sanibel. They bought property here and built their house at 244 Palm Lake Drive.

Cy Runnels, a former member of

this club, introduced Magill to Lionism and he's been a member since 1977. He has served quietly, faithfully and well in just about every Lions project. He held the very demanding job of Lion Trainer for which he received a Certificate of Appreciation. He is currently first vice president of the club.

Magill is a member of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, The Palm Lake Association and the Sanibel Community Church.

## Retired officers hear about Mexico

The monthly meeting of The Retired Officers Association, Sanibel-Captiva Chapter, was held at the Dunes Country Club on April 26. President Roger Gumbertfeld announced several approaching meetings in which the chapter is invited to participate and then turned the meeting over to Gen. Ray Ochs for an interesting talk on retirees in Mexico.

Ochs reported on the activities of a TROA chapter in the area of Guadalajara and Chapala, Mexico. There is a sizeable group of American and Canadian retirees in that area because of the very enjoyable summer climate.

Inasmuch as the retirees are aliens in Mexico, they are not able to participate in citizenship and patriotic programs as is done in the United States.

The Sanibel-Captiva chapter supports an essay contest in the area schools. The retirees in Mexico can own property and many do. They do not live in an "enclave" but have homes scattered throughout the area and may have as neighbors any of the business or professional people of the city.

Ochs explained that property deeds cannot be taken out of Mexico and are usually left in the hands of trustees for safekeeping while the owner is not in the country.

Those present at the meeting asked many questions about the treatment of aliens, prices and living conditions. Ochs said he felt the life of retirees in Mexico was very comparable to those same groupings on Sanibel.

## Essay contest sponsored continued

The winner will receive a \$200 United States Government Bond and a trophy. Rules of the contest are as follows:

1. Essays are to begin, "I should be of service to my country because..."
2. Essays are to be no more than

four (4) pages long.

3. All essays must be sent in no later than May 20, 1983.
4. Mail to: Essay Contest, TROA, P.O. Box 682, Sanibel, FL 33957.
5. Give name, address, age, grade and school attending.

## Cultural exchange program seeks host families for French teens

Wanted: Florida families willing to host a French teenager from July 15-Aug. 12.

The NACEL Cultural Exchange is a non-profit organization that sponsors two programs each year. The Summer Discovery Program for American teenagers provides 13-18 year olds the opportunity to spend four weeks with a family in France.

The Summer Hosting Program offers American families the opportunity to share their home while allowing a French teenager to experience the American way of life.

Many Florida teenagers are presently enrolled in the Summer Discovery Program in France. Some spaces still exist for those interested.

On July 15, 90 French teenagers will arrive in Orlando for a four-week visit. Host families are being sought for French boys ages 15-18 and French girls ages 15-18.

Coordinator Denise Samitola says both programs enhance international understanding. "We are very excited about the great number of international friendships we are able to help foster," she says.

"Our goal is to help people gain a

deeper awareness and appreciation of cultural similarities and differences," Samitola adds. "The personal relationships established through participation in our programs give a special dimension to our outlook on the world."

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Students are individually matched to families according to interests and activities. The program provides comprehensive medical, accident and liability insurance. The individual participants bring their own spending money.

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Bacon......85	Canadian Bacon.....1.10	Sausage Patty......95
Toast......50	English Muffin......75	Bagel.....1.00 (cream cheese)
Hash Browns......90	Grits......75	Biscuits and gravy.....1.10
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## Tracing the history of Captiva's diminishing shoreline

from page 15A

Coastal engineers have often said that in a situation like Captiva you nourish the beach, you armor the beach with revetments or you do nothing. This seems to be changing slightly as some experimental projects are proposed.

For instance, one project concerns the placement of artificial seaweed offshore. A seminar on the subject was to be held at this month's methods committee meeting but was postponed.

But considering the long term testing of such a method and the cost of a renourishment project, many homeowners who want to do something decide to armor their property with rock.

In the last 10 years alone more than 3,500 feet have been reefed, or more than one mile of the three-mile stretch of Captiva, exclusive of South Seas, Bender says.

Dean is one of the coastal experts who feels you either put sand on the beach or armor with rock revetments. "If these beaches are no renourished, I know that in 15 years almost everybody is going to have a rock revetment, and there will be no beaches," he maintains.

Dean also submits that revealing is the best economical decision. But if the coast is revealed, he says, he is confident Captiva will experience much more erosion pressure.

Bender elaborates on this by saying the beach in front of a revetment would continue to erode, and the profile of the shore would begin to deepen, creating the chance of larger waves in a storm.

It is hard to generalize what would happen in a storm, Bender believes. A monster storm could wipe everything out or could do nothing. A 10-year storm should not damage a revetment, he adds, but waves could still top the wall and cause flooding.

"We might have to realize that we're going to have to reveal at the county road because of funding," Bender says. It may be best, he adds, to have a revetment even if a beach is pumped in front of it.

This is the feeling of CECD board member Peg Holschneider, who advocates, that, "First we must protect the road. Then we protect the island."

"It is the county's responsibility to fix the road and our responsibility to see that they do it," she maintains.

County Department of Transportation Director Ben Pratt believes renourishment is the best way to protect the road. His second choice is revetting the road at an estimated cost of \$3.5 million.

A combination of the revetment first, then a renourishment project if the money is available, is what Holschneider would like to see.

Some folks desperately want to see a new beach and possibly a groin, too. Others want to try experimental projects. Some wish to armor and protect their own property. Still others feel strongly that the barrier island should stay in its natural state, that we should do nothing to upset the natural balance.

There are many possible combinations, all of which have their advantages and disadvantages.

What it could come down to is how much Captivians are willing to trust the various studies they receive or in fact, the source that expounds them.

But the bottom line might be just how deep are Captivians willing to dig into their pockets in order to save their beaches?



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## LIBRARY REPORT

### New books at the Captiva Library

#### FICTION

Birch, Maeve. *Penny Candy*. (Viking Press, 1983) Follows the friendship of two women, English and Irish, from their wartime evacuation experiences in an Irish village to their romantic rivalries in London 20 years later.

Gardner, John. *Icebreaker*. (Putnam's, 1983) James Bond teams up with colleagues from the KGB, CIA and the Mossad to crack a neo-Nazi group's headquarters in Arctic Russia.

Herbert, Frank. *The White Plague*. (Putnam's, 1982) A molecular biologist, driven to insanity by the loss of his family in a terrorist attack, sets out to revenge himself against the human race. By the author of the *Dune* Trilogy.

Hubbard, Ron. *Battlefield Earth: A Saga of the Year 3000*. (St. Martin's Press, 1982) With the survival of the human race at stake, one man

assisted by a few surviving Scotsmen — takes on the most malignant force in the universe.

Lessing, Doris. *Documents Relating to the Sentimental Agents in the Volcanic Empire*. (Knopf, 1983) The fifth of Lessing's *Canopus in Argos* series of novels is a satirical vehicle that will appeal to her non-Sci-Fi fans.

Peck, Richard. *This Family of Women*. (Delacorte Press, 1983) Six related stories narrated by an exceptional group of women, ranging in time and place from the 1850's Gold Rush to wartime Europe.

#### NON-FICTION

American Society of Hospital Pharmacists. *Consumer Drug Digest*. (Facts on File, 1982) An invaluable guide containing descriptions of more than 200 generic drugs (more than 90 percent of all prescriptions), including brand names and other vital items of consumer interest.

Briggs, G.A. and F.W. Taylor. *The Cambridge Photographic Atlas of the Planets*. (Cambridge University Press, 1982) Maps of the many worlds that have been explored by spacecraft. Includes an excellent introduction to our solar system.

Brown, Peter and Steven Gaines. *The Love You Make*. (McGraw-Hill, 1983) A hard-hitting, sympathetic account of the public and private persons of the "prisoners of fame." The title is taken from the last lyric in the last song on the last Beatles' album.

Eyton, Audrey. *The F-Plan Diet*. (Crown, 1983) The fiber-based diet from England with recipes featuring potatoes, pizza, pancakes and pasta. It promises a cure for varicose veins and hemorrhoids (as well as other more serious ailments) and is indulgent of the occasional indulger.

Murphy, Paul. *La Popessa*. (Warner Books, 1983) The story of a nun who was reputed to be the most

influential woman in the Catholic Church, the aid, confidante and conscience of Pius XII.

Goebbels, Joseph. *The Goebbels Diaries, 1939-1941*. Translated and edited by Fred Taylor. (Putnam's, 1983) The daily diaries of Hitler's minister for propaganda and popular enlightenment, uncannily timely in light of the recent controversy surrounding his boss's diaries.

Ustinov, Peter. *My Russia*. (Little, Brown, 1983) The British playwright, actor, director and designer has attempted "to eradicate some of the misconceptions which have poisoned the atmosphere of understanding from time immemorial."

"Disclaiming the role of apologist or devil's advocate, he feels the roots of the Russian national character are the roots of which lie in the humanity and inhumanity which are common to all mankind."

## Municipal records

## Council deems Tigua Cay decks illegal

Wood decks under two units at Tigua Cay condominiums on East Gulf Drive were constructed illegally without city building permits, Planning Director Bruce Rogers told the City Council last week.

Tigua Cay developer Doug Smith called the omission an honest mistake on the owners' part.

But Rogers said the solid wood decking is an impermeable surface and is not permitted under conditions of the specific amendment that

allowed construction of Tigua Cay forward of the Coastal Construction Setback Line.

The council agreed that the ordinance granting the specific amendment clearly states that, "No impermeable surfaces other than support pilings may be constructed in the coastal construction setback encroachment zone."

When the violation was discovered Building Officer George Blain issued a stop work order that will remain in

effect until building permits are obtained, Rogers said.

But the owners or condominium association must obtain a specific amendment to permit the decking in the CCSL area before either a development or building permit can be issued, Rogers added.

City Attorney David La Croix said what was approved in the Tigua Cay specific amendment in 1979 was a site plan for a specific site. The plan did not include decking.

Smith had asked for council clarification to confirm that wood deck construction under existing buildings is consistent with the approved site plan.

The council agreed that under the circumstances it could not consider issuance of "after the fact" building permits and voted 5-0 to deny Smith's interpretation and affirm that the decks are not permitted by the ordinance.

## Municipal records

## Hibiscus bush at new City Hall will honor 'flower man' John Peurifoy

The hibiscus was John Peurifoy's favorite flower, and for years before his death last December it was Peurifoy's custom to visit Bailey's General Store every morning and give his flowers to cashiers and customers alike.

Bailey's employees have not forgotten the kindly old man, and they want to plant an hibiscus bush at the new City Hall in his memory. Councilman Francis Bailey reported to the council last week.

A plaque with Peurifoy's name and the dates of his birth and death will be placed on the bush, Bailey said. "I know how some of you feel about naming anything involved with the city for people," Bailey said. "But the employees asked me to ask you, and I am."

Councilman Fred Valtin said he objected only in principle. "A flowering bush is far different than a building," he said.

The council voted 5-0 to let the

## Schuyler resigns, search begins for new planning commissioner

The City Council has accepted "with regret and appreciation" Harold Schuyler's resignation from the Planning Commission and issued a call for volunteers to fill his term that expires Dec. 31, 1984.

Residents who are willing to serve

are asked to submit their resumes to any member of the council or leave them at City Hall. Past volunteers who are still interested are asked to resubmit their qualifications.

The council hopes to make the new appointment at its May 17 meeting.

Bailey's employees plant the hibiscus when the City Hall grounds are ready for landscaping.

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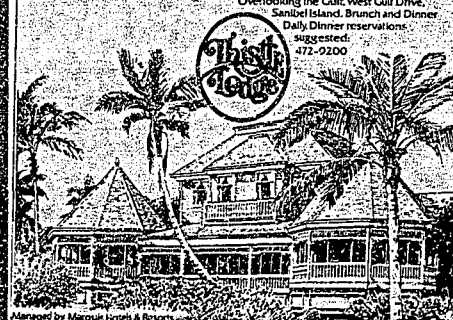
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## Appointments announced at South Seas Plantation

South Seas Plantation announces the appointment of Russell Heath as controller. In his new position Heath is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the accounting office with main emphasis on the financial statement.

Heath joined South Seas Plantation in April 1976 as a night auditor. Since

then he has served in the company's accounting finance area as guest accounting supervisor and assistant controller.

Prior to joining the Plantation, Russell worked for Aristocrat Inns of America in Chicago, Ill. He has a degree in marketing from Western Michigan University.

Dan Roach has been named South Seas' new vice president of finance. Roach has been the plantation's controller since March 1981.

Prior to joining South Seas Plantation he served as vice president of finance for Exeter, Inc. and spent several years as senior accountant with Price, Waterhouse and Con-

pany. Roach has a master's degree in accountancy and business administration from the University of South Carolina at Columbia. He also has a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from the University of

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Russell Heath



Dan Roach



Lance Wilson



Anthony Webber

## Allen Williams named general manager at Island Accommodations

Priscilla Murphy Realty, Inc. announces the appointment of Allen Williams as general manager of the firm's Island Accommodations Division on Sanibel.

Island Accommodations is a rental and property management company that has grown steadily since it was founded in 1974 as Priscilla Murphy's rental arm.

Williams came to Sanibel last year from Detroit, Mich. He has a background in banking, real estate brokerage and residential con-

struction. Most recently he was resident manager of Sanibel's Pointe Santo de Sanibel condominium.

Williams will report to Stan Johnson, President and owner of Priscilla Murphy Realty.

Marsha Clifford, most recently manager of the Island Accommodations division, has joined the main office staff as a broker-salesman. Clifford has more than seven years' experience in the Sanibel-Captiva real estate market.



Allen Williams

## Winner chosen in name the resort contest

Mariner sales associate Joyce Lima has won \$1,500 and the vacation of her choice in her company's recent contest to name Mariner's newest, interval ownership resort on Fort Myers Beach.

Lima's suggestion that the resort be named Mariner's Boathouse and Beach Resort won her the cash and a vacation in one of Mariner's almost 800 resorts around the world.

Lima is a sales associate in Mariner's VIP Realty office based in Cape Coral.

## South Seas appointments announced

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Florida at Gainesville.

Lance Wilson is the firm's new director of management information systems. In his new capacity Wilson is responsible for all data processing, word processing, systems programming and related documentation. This new position combines all computer equipment and system related functions under one area.

Wilson has been with South Seas for

three years and has been instrumental in the development of the resort's hospitality and accounting computer systems.

Prior to joining South Seas he was a systems analyst and programmer for Software House in Sarasota. He received his degree in computer science from Manatee Junior College.

South Seas' new director of tour and travel is Anthony Webber. The former overseas group tour coordinator for

the Mall travel branches in Florida and sales coordinator for the Universal Travel Institute is a graduate of De La Salle College, East London, South Africa.

Webber holds a diploma in Hotel Management from Birmingham College, England. He is a graduate of the Southern Sun Hotel Corporation's management program and was senior assistant manager of the Zululand Safari Lodge. He held management

positions at the Malibu Hotel in Durban and the Burgers Park Hotel in Pretoria.

Since entering the hospitality and travel industry in 1972 Webber has had extensive experience both in the retail and wholesale travel market. His duties with South Seas Plantation are to promote the resort with travel agencies and wholesale tour operators throughout the United States, Canada and Europe.

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## Gringo's offers Mexican fare, pizza

By Scott Martell

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Owner Roger Osborn, who used to own Island Pizza, says the restaurant will be open 11-11 every day except Monday.

Osborn started Island Pizza "from scratch" in December 1978. In his first restaurant venture, he sold the business earlier this year to Bob Beckhold.

Gringo's is now strictly carry-out, and Osborn hopes to cater to the beach lunch crowd and offers specialized "beach packages."

Jerry Wallace manages Gringo's and is the head chef.



Gringo's cook Jerry Wallace, left, and owner Roger Osborn, right. Photo by Scott Martell.

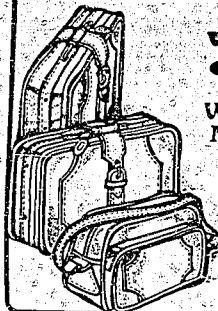
## Portrait from page 17A

program after a year and a half. The time in law school provided her with an opportunity to "argue and disagree" as she had never been allowed to do as a nurse.

Her interest in lobbying remains strong, but Battista says her political activity from now on will be confined to what she can do from Sanibel. "I don't want to be running to Tallahassee," she explains.

So she stays on Sanibel, happy and forever busy with the life she began anew not four years ago. "My mother calls every week asking when I'm moving back (to New Haven)," she says. "I can't have the heart to tell her I'm not going back to live. But I can't see why I'd ever leave Sanibel now."

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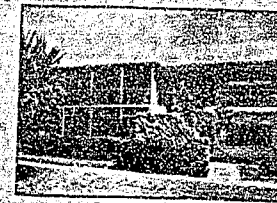
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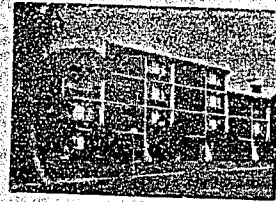
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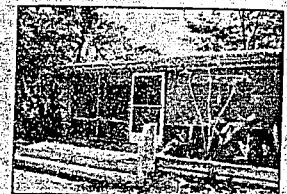
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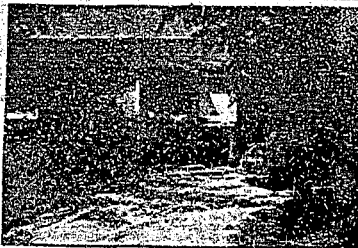
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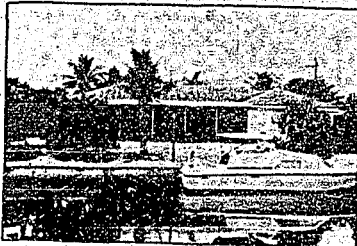
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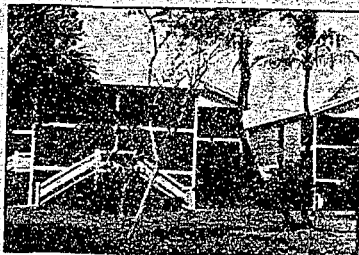
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# 'Dead man's skin'

## Objectionable, health threatening Sanibel weed

By George Campbell

Illustrated by Ann Winterbottom

The best thing about the Cajuput tree is its technical name: *Melaleuca leucodendron*. Say those words. Let their poetic, lilting tones roll off your tongue. Try it several times until you get the right resonance. It is a really magnificent name.

Some botanists have tried to spoil the only good thing about the tree by calling it *Melaleuca quincanervia*, an ugly though meaningful name since it refers to the five parallel veins (nerves) of the leaves.

But to me old-fashioned *Melaleuca leucodendron* will always be.

Try as you will you cannot find anything else good about the Cajuput, alias punkwood and dead man's skin. It is a voracious eater-upper of South Florida's fast diminishing wildlife habitat.

The word *Melaleuca* is from the Greek *melas*, meaning black, which the tree certainly is not, and *leukos*, meaning "white," which approximates the color of the shaggy bark and often reminds snowbirds of the peeling birch of the north.

There are about 100 species of *Melaleuca*, and all of them come from Australasia. Some are shrubs, some trees, some can withstand salty ground and swamps and others come from inland forests or xerophytic habitats. And some are actually black, which lets the taxonomist off the hook.

*Melaleuca leucodendron* is the only one common here in Florida. When I was a boy here many years ago this tree was considered highly desirable and commanded high prices for even small specimens.

At Cluett Memorial Gardens in Palm Beach there were two of the original specimens, about two feet DBH (diameter at breast height) as the foresters say. In those long gone days these specimens attracted visitors from far and wide.

Today *Melaleuca leucodendron* is demonstrated to be one of the most exotic weeds that has ever been allowed to spread randomly throughout south Florida.

Casuarina and the so-called Brazilian pepper *Schinus terebinthifolius*, are other rapacious species, but *Melaleuca* may be the worst of all.

Why there are places on the mainland — for example along US 41 in Lee and Collier counties — where the trees are so close together that even a thin man could not pass among them.

*Melaleuca leucodendron* is a large tree with thick spongy bark and pendulous branches. The young shoots are pilose and silky, the leaves are five-veined, elliptic and tapering to each end — two to four inches long on small trees and up to eight inches long on larger ones.

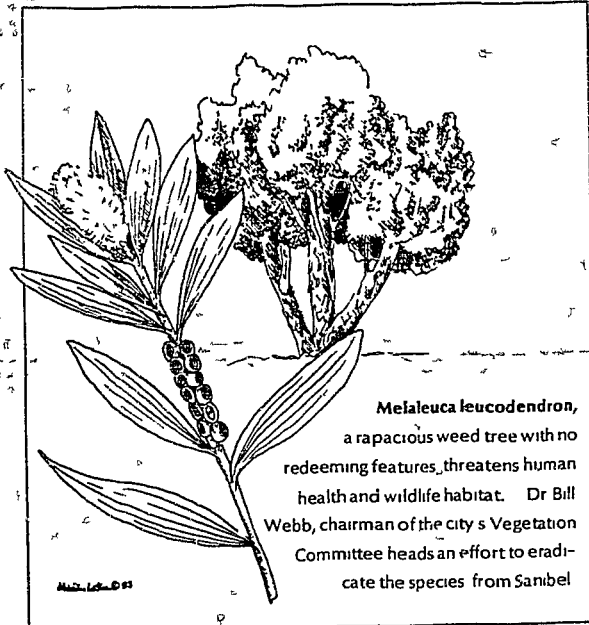
The inflorescence can be four inches long and an inch wide. The flowers grow out of the sides of the branchlets, and the stamens are almost a half an inch long.

Bloom is from April to September in this region and sometimes in November and December as well. It is thought by some that the pollen borne on the stamens is the causative agent of the respiratory illness often found among people living near these trees. Others think an aromatic, gaseous exudate from the flowers causes the trouble.

This plant does not only cause human discomfort. It is also a dreadful pump on the water table. Much of the water that in normal years is not wasted by various governing bodies and other careless citizens is slurped up in huge quantities and transpired into the atmosphere by these thirsty weed trees.

Of course in this aberrant weather year 1983 no such problem exists. But just wait — soon Cape Coral's bellweather will again be restricting the watering of lawns and gardens.

Some feel that the Cajuput can be used as a shaped hedge tree in the yard, and it was widely



*Melaleuca leucodendron*,

a rapacious weed tree with no redeeming features, threatens human health and wildlife habitat. Dr. Bill Webb, chairman of the city's Vegetation Committee heads an effort to eradicate the species from Sanibel.

planted here on Sanibel for that purpose. This is no longer done because Sanibel city fathers wisely recognized the environmental threat this tree poses and outlawed its use.

Today it is illegal to plant *Melaleuca* on Sanibel and all existing trees must be removed from developing property before a certificate of occupancy is issued.

Even if you have existing, pre-act trees they too must be removed should you seek a development permit to say add a screen porch.

The ever-present danger is escape and reseeding everywhere for this species produces googals of fine dusty seeds. This has not yet happened to a great extent on Sanibel, but the beginning signs are here.

Look across Periwinkle Way from Tahitian Gardens and you can see where the tree is reseeding and becoming a weed and where it is already a problem.

And let's face it — Sanibel cannot afford to lose fresh water and wildlife habitat to a greedy exotic forest of these thirsty punk trees.

If you're not one of those unfortunates who is allergic to the Cajuput, take a handful of the leaves and squeeze them together and note the interesting aromatic odor rather like the oil of Eucalyptus.

The numerous eucalyptus trees are of course,

relatives of the Cajuput, and all belong to family Myrtaceae. The odor you detect is the Cajuput oil of 19th Century medicine.

I don't think Cajuput oil is used in medicine much any more mostly because it doesn't do any good. But it was used in the past as an aromatic handkerchief spray to clear the sinuses. In my many years of pharmaceutical experience this carry-over from the last century was still employed as a noticeable ingredient in respiratory preparations especially in Third World countries.

My old professor and famed plant introducer John Gifford, is the man who brought *Melaleuca* to south Florida. He and his associate David Fairchild, introduced many useful plants — dates, soyas, citrus and thousands of others. But once in a while they made a bad mistake.

We can thank John Gifford for this abundant plague. Gifford took millions of *Melaleuca* seeds aloft in light aircraft above the Everglades and broadcast them. His misguided intention was to drain the Everglades wasteland — make it useful, get rid of the water and create cropland.

Gifford most assuredly did not know what great damage he was going. He was innocent but ignorant. But so were many of us in those days. Why I couldn't even spell conservation back then.



## Island naturalist blames rain for poor osprey nesting season

By David Meardon

Record rains into spring and winter might be the culprit responsible for the poor nesting season for ospreys.

Thus far only 15 chicks have been produced by the 30 active pairs of osprey that are nesting on artificial platforms and in natural sites throughout Sanibel and Captiva.

During the last three years an average of 45 chicks have been reared annually. Mark "Bird" Westall, who monitors osprey activity, says, "He contends that freshwater dumped into the Caloosahatchee River from Lake Okeechobee by the South Florida Water Management District this winter and spring adversely altered the salinity of San Carlos Bay and is responsible for poor fishing in the area. This made it difficult for the osprey, which dives for fish, to support its young."

"It was next to impossible for the ospreys to feed themselves, let alone their chicks," Westall said,

adding that the mortality rate among young this year was 70 percent.

"When you flood a system with that much water, it's going to be detrimental," Westall said.

Draining water from Lake Okeechobee might have satisfied landowners whose lots were flooded in central Florida, but it wreaked havoc with the natural system, he said, adding, "It's time for Florida to consider the whole natural system instead of looking at short-term solutions."

The link between excess freshwater in a salt-water system and osprey production will be the subject of a joint paper by Westall, Paul Zelick, who helps monitor osprey activity on the Islands, and Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Manager Steve Phillips.

Phillips will present the paper at the first annual International Osprey Foundation Regional Symposium that is planned for the Sandiel this June 5-6.



Mark "Bird" Westall, osprey expert, is shown right, with boys of determining the bird's nesting habits. Above, Westall watches a baby osprey for banding while an anxious parent circles overhead. Photos by David Meardon.



### Color-banding helps determine nesting habits

The nesting season for ospreys on Sanibel and Captiva Islands, which began in March, is well under way. Paul Zelick, who helps monitor osprey activity on the Islands, is shown right, with boys of determining the bird's nesting habits.

"We're trying to determine if there is a nesting site and some identity," Zelick said. "Whether the birds return to the same nest or if they build a new one. Or if they build a nest on the Islands or on artificial platforms. The highest production has been on artificial platforms, he said. "One of the reasons we will try to see is whether there is competition for these platforms."

Adult ospreys were tagged at the beginning of the nesting season by placing a small fluorescent piece on the platform that signaled the bird and made it easy to find the platform.

There, Westall and Zelick attached a color-coded band above the talon, recording nesting data for future reference. Osprey chicks have also recently been banded in a procedure somewhat less complicated. Climbing a ladder to the nest, Westall attached the young chicks from the nest and brought them to the ground for the brief procedure while the parent osprey stood nearby, watching.

## Seafood has that extra 'something'

Over and over we hear about the health benefits of eating fish. Many people anticipate longer and more productive lives, and information indicates seafood can and does help.

Researchers are finding that a seafood diet might help prevent and control conditions such as heart disease, stroke, and cancer. Other studies support the benefits of a seafood diet in healing burns and wounds, lessening irradiation side effects and treating tuberculosis and rheumatoid arthritis.

In the Fall 1982 issue of Seafood Business, Report Manager Stansby, a scientific consultant at the National

Marine Fisheries Service Northwest and Alaska Fisheries Center in Seattle, says seafood might also play a role in preventing multiple sclerosis.

It was originally thought that seafood lowered the serum cholesterol levels that are associated with heart disease -- that the high content of polyunsaturated fatty acids and low content of saturated acids produced the beneficial effect. But research related to Greenland Eskimos has shown that seafood does more than that.

Stansby says there is one specific chemical component in the oil of fish

that does something different. It alters the nature of the blood in such a way that blood clotting is less likely.

The chemical compound involved appears to be prostacyclin. Although some drugs such as aspirin provide an increase in levels of prostacyclin in the blood, adverse side effects can occur.

But when the increase in prostacyclin is brought about by the regular levels of fish in the diet, these adverse side effects do not occur. Scientists have observed that Eskimos, who eat large amounts of fish, have increased prostacyclin and

greatly reduced incidents of heart attacks.

One scientist who tracked 209 heart patients for 17 years observed that the patients who maintained a special diet of seafood three times a week survived four and a half times longer than those who refused the diet or chose not to continue it.

And in Japan, where seafood is a large part of the diet, incidents of breast cancer are 20 percent of that in the United States. Multiple sclerosis is also much less prevalent in areas of the world where typical diets include fish.

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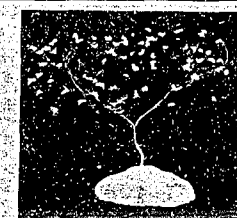


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## ENTERTAINMENT THIS WEEK

Yes, there is a night life on Sanibel and Captiva! The following list will help you decide where to spend your after-dinner and sunning hours should you feel like dancing and relaxing with your friends or meeting new friends:

**Chadwick's** - At the entrance to South Seas Plantation on Captiva. Le Quartet playing rock 'n' roll, standards, jazz, country, Latin beat or your favorite request nightly except Tuesday from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Casual dress. Dancing. No cover charge.

**Crow's Nest** - At Tween Waters Inn on Captiva. Presenting Jack Quigley and His Only Friend every Tuesday through Saturday from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Casual dress. Dancing. Cover charge \$1. Happy hour from 4:30 to 6 p.m. weekdays.

**Gladys Piano Lounge** - At the Ramada Inn on the gulf at the end of Bonax Street, Sanibel. Lounge is open from 5 p.m. to midnight every day. This week hear Sonny Morrow, "the biggest one-man band around" from 8 p.m. to midnight Tuesday through Saturday. No dance floor. No cover. Casual dress.

**Poppers** - In Tahitian Garden shopping center on Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Hear Bill Strecker and

his guests playing rhythm and blues, oldies and originals. Wednesday through Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Casual dress. No cover. Small dance floor.

**Scotty's Pub** - In Scotty's Village on Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Mark Williams on guitar with easy listening music Monday through Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**The Lost Horizon Lounge** - At the Sundial resort on Middle Gulf Drive, Sanibel. Featuring the Martin and Simmonds Band with horns and keyboard playing contemporary music. Monday through Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Casual dress. Dancing. No cover.

**Thistle Lodge** - At Casa Ybel Resort, Casa Ybel Road, Sanibel. Danny Morgan and his band playing Island favorites Tuesday through Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Happy hour every Monday and Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. with live music, two drinks for the price of one and hors d'oeuvres. Open to the public. Casual dress. Dancing. No cover.

**Twigs Lounge** - At the Timbers Restaurant at the corner of Rabbit and Sanibel-Captiva Roads,

Sanibel. Skip Perry at the piano bar playing contemporary jazz, big band and top 40. Nightly except Tuesday from 7:30 to midnight. Casual dress. Dancing. No cover.

**Island Cinema** - And if you don't feel like dancing or drinking but you don't want to sit at home, why not take in a movie?

Through Thursday this week see *Man, Woman and Child*, based on the novel by Eric Segal, author of *Love Story*, starring Martin Sheen and Blythe Danner. Rated PG. Shows at 7 and 9 p.m. nightly. Starting this Friday see *Sophie's Choice*, the Academy Award winning movie starring Meryl Streep. Shows at 7 and 9 p.m. nightly.



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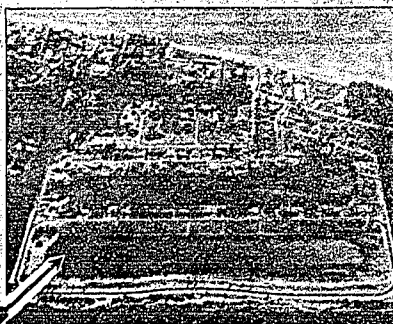
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## Needlework news

### Create an extremely simple, prize-winning afghan

By Barbara Boulton

Three years ago I had the crazy idea of knitting an extremely simple afghan out of beautiful yarns. Against the odds I entered and received an honorable mention. The directions were published in a book of prize-winning afghans, which made me very proud.

I think the main reason the magazine designers chose my afghan was simplicity. With number 17 needles I worked 128 stitches in stockinette stitch (knit one row, purl one row) for 185 rows. It couldn't be any easier!

I used a sea-green blue mosaic worsted weight yarn combined with very pale blue mohair. This simulated the gulf waters. Then I gradually worked into a sand color combination

of worsted acrylic and mohair. The edges were fringed in matching colors.

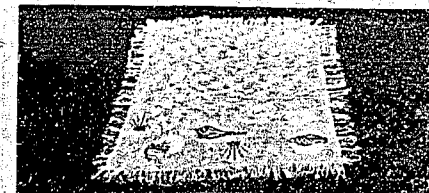
Against the sand background I worked some shells of my own design (there are many charts available) with white and brown bulky yarn using the duplicate stitch. It took me two weeks to complete, working only in the evenings.

I don't recommend this particular pattern for everyone. It is quite large (72x84 inches) and fragile because of the large stitches. In fact, the Women's Day designers did alter the directions by requiring smaller needles.

If you wish to make your own creation for a special person or occasion, use number 15 needles, cast on 130 stitches and knit one row, purl one row for about 70 inches or desired

length. This project requires about 10 (100 gm) balls of worsted yarn combined with an equal amount of mohair. Try working in stripes. Let the yarn be your inspiration. Or make a solid

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## Coming attractions

### Businesswomen host bestselling author

The Sanibel-Captiva Chapter of the American Businesswomen's Association will hold its regular monthly dinner meeting at 8 p.m. this Thursday, May 12, at the Dunes Country Club.

This month the club welcomes Dr. Mary Elizabeth Schlayer, author of the bestselling book *How To Be A Financially Secure Woman*. Schlayer has won considerable national acclaim for her talks to a wide variety of groups.

Any woman who is gainfully em-

ployed, either part time or full time, is both eligible and most welcome to join A.B.W.A. For reservations and further information, call Hospitality Chairman Barbara Boulton, 472-1039.

### Library holds training session for volunteers

New volunteers at the Sanibel Library are invited to a training session from 1:30 to 3 p.m. next Monday, May 16, at the library. The

### Christian women plan luncheon

The Sanibel-Captiva Christian Women's Club will hold its monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. this Thursday, May 12, at the Sundial. Cost of luncheon \$6.75.

session will acquaint volunteers with the library system and facilities. Meet at the library on Palm Ridge Road.

A fashion show by the Lion's Paw of Sanibel will highlight the meeting. Guest speaker will be missionary Sara King, who with her husband David is a missionary in Hong Kong. Come and bring a friend. Reservations are necessary. If you have not been contacted call Audrey, 481-1864, or Irva, 472-475. Free babysitting service available by calling Marge Carve, 472-3077.

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### Chiles' assistant plans visit

The district assistant to U.S. Sen. LeVince Chiles (D-Florida) will be at MacKenzie Hall next Thursday, May 12. Damon Smith will meet Chiles' constituents who have questions or suggestions about the federal government. He will be at MacKenzie Hall from 2 to 3 p.m.

### Cinema shows new short before feature

Island Cinema will preview a 90-second intermission trailer this weekend prior to *Sophie's Choice*.

Recently featured on Entertainment Tonight, the high-energy short plugs a movie theater's snack bar and reminds viewers of the no smoking rule with crisp music, tight vocals and flashy choreography.

It has many of the elements of a Dr. Pepper commercial but without

the hard sell. It's highly entertaining," said Tim Irving, who is handling marketing of the short in the southeast.

The short was written and directed by Irving's long-time associate and collaborator Bongo Herbert of San Jose, Calif. Produced by Muel-Cal of San Jose, it has recently been marketed to movie theaters on the west coast.

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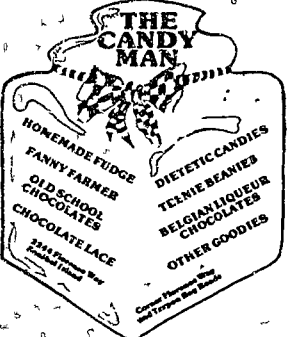
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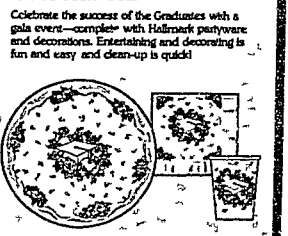
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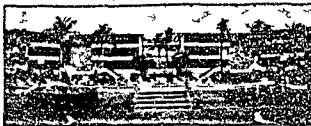
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