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currently on vacation and unavailable for elaboration.

To further the sense of disintegration on the current board, Commissioner Lloyd Wright angrily stalked out of yesterday's monthly CEPD meeting at about 11:30 a.m., leaving commissioners Peg Hirschneider and Ed Olling without a quorum. Three commissioners will be present for any resolutions to pass.

Olling, now acting-chairman of the commission, said it could take two to three weeks for new commissioners to be appointed to the board. He based his estimate on his own experience at being appointed to the board.

Interested individuals first must file a form with the superintendent of elections noting their qualifications. Then the governor will be open to public input before making the appointments.

"The resignations probably will mean a change in the philosophy of the board, depending on who the new commissioners are," Olling said. He added he hopes the appointments will come as soon as possible, considering the planned budget decisions that will start with the budget workshop July 11.

Hofschneider said all she asks for is that calm, fair people be appointed to the board. "There are a lot of good people on Captiva. We need a calm board," she said. "So far the board has been too disruptive, with no communication."

Speaking from the audience of about 15 Captivians, John Burr mentioned that the confrontations on the board were solely a question of

manners. Commissioners were not allowed to finish their comments without interruption.

Wright stalked out of the meeting after his emotional speech against toll booth funding, was interrupted several times by Olling.

But by the time Wright left, several motions had already passed.

When Olling mentioned after the meeting that a new statute had already begun to express itself on the board, he referred to two motions that had passed Monday morning. In one motion the board elected to table the current Municipal Services Taxing Unit petition. Olling and Hofschneider voted to table. Wright was strongly opposed.

By tabling the MSTU petitions the board will no longer actively seek a return of the petitions. The basis of this motion, Olling said, was that the total financial package as expressed in the petitions, including federal, state and country money, is no longer valid. Should beach renourishment proceed in the future, the funding pieces will have to be different than those drawn up in the petitions, he explained.

"The MSTU isn't necessarily dead," Olling said. "But we need to find out what property owners really want to do now."

In a related motion, Hofschneider and Olling voted against Wright's motion to proceed, immediately to set up a referendum to establish an ad valorem tax bond.

"Just last week, even, you'd have seen this board vote to go after a referendum," Olling noted to

illustrate his point about the changing philosophy on the board.

Wright felt strongly that the referendum should be led by voters. "We have an enormous responsibility here to protect property and/or life," he argued. "You do not want to see this go to the voters because you are afraid you'd lose," he charged Olling.

Both Olling and Hofschneider voted against the referendum and said they thought it was premature until the funding picture cleared.

Much of the discussion of financing was up in the air because the Lee County bonding attorney has yet to send in his written recommendation on whether the Causeway could be refinanced and if those funds could be used for Captiva's beaches.

Yet the board continued its attempt to thoroughly discuss financing. When Olling began a discussion of toll booth funding, Wright began to express the what he said were the views of the business community.

Wright said a toll booth would isolate the business community economically and reduce sales by about \$4 million. Employees would be laid off, and service industries such as fishing guides and restaurant owners would suffer badly.

"If you want another mayor war on the Island," Wright said, "then go ahead with this proposal."

Weather watch Everybody talks about it.

Afternoon rains probably will continue this week with chances between 50 and 60 percent for showers in late afternoon and evening hours. Highs are expected in the 90s, lows in the 70s.

Last week's temperatures and rainfall according to records at the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce were as follows:

	HIGH	LOW	RAINFALL
Monday, June 7	90	74	.23 inches
Tuesday, June 8	90	78	0
Wednesday, June 9	90	74	2.06
Thursday, June 10	95	72	3.48
Friday, June 11	90	74	0
Saturday, June 12	91	75	.69
Sunday, June 13	90	76	0

Obituaries Albert and Dorothy Edwards

Albert Edwards, 71, a former Sanibel Planning Commissioner, died Tuesday, June 7, 1983, at Fort Myers Community Hospital. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Wilson Edwards, on June 6, 1983.

Edwards moved to this area nine years ago after retiring as vice president for manufacturing from Textile Machine Works Division of Rockwell International in Reading, Pa.

The Edwards lived on West Gulf Drive. Before his appointment to the Planning Commission in December 1981 he served on the council-appointed City Hall Site Selection Committee. In July 1982 he resigned as a planning commissioner because of his wife's illness.

Edwards graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy class of 1933 with "stars on his collar." He was a member of the Reading Monthly Meeting, Religious Society of Friends in Reading.

He is survived by one daughter, Sarah Willis of Annapolis, Md.; two sons, Charles Edwards of Austin, Texas; and Michael Stanton of Dunkirk, N.Y.; and five grandchildren. Also surviving are two brothers, Norman Edwards of Rancho Mirago, Calif.; and Richard Edwards of Reno, Nev.

A memorial service for both Mr. and Mrs. Edwards will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 20, 1983, at Maiden Creek (Pa.) Meeting House under the care of Reading Monthly Meeting.

Memorial contributions can be sent to FISH, P.O. Box 854, Sanibel, FL 33957.

Memorial services will be held at a later date at the Sanibel Community Church.

Franklin Rau

Franklin Rau of Sanibel died on June 12, 1983. He was 74 and was a member of the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club and the Sanibel Community Church.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Rau of Sanibel; one son, Charles Rau of Huron, Ohio; a daughter,



Building permits issued

Five building permits valued at \$182,850 were issued by the city of Sanibel during the week ending June 10, 1983. Permits were issued to:

- Damon Surgenor for a pool at 5749 Pine Drive by Hallmark Pools for \$12,000.
- Kenneth Pfalzer for a single-family residence at 9400 Moonlight Drive by Richard Kennedy for \$93,000.

Norman Osterman for a single-family residence at 6 General Court by Excellence Homes, Inc. for \$35,580.

Louis Selberlich for a single-family residence at 9446 Yucca Court by Sanibel Homes for \$29,220.

William Love for a single-family residence at 4444 Gulf Drive by Camer and Moore Construction for \$22,440.

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South Seas Plantation. The fare would be \$2.50 for unlimited daily use on both routes. The trolleys would operate six days a week.

Anholt said he hopes to keep one trolley running during the summer on a route that combines the two winter runs.

The three council members present at last week's meeting viewed with fervor Anholt's desire to convert the service from a 50-cent sight seeing

ride to a real transit system. But they turned thumbs down on a long-term franchise.

Councilman Louise Johnson, who in the past has opposed the trolley operation because she believes it encourages "day trippers," found Anholt's plan "more appealing."

Edward Verdesca, Naples Transit president, has recommended that the city transfer his franchise to Anholt.

A survey conducted by Naples Transit this winter revealed many

riders were using the trolley rather than their own cars, Verdesca said. This confirms the fact that the system's goal of getting cars off the road had been achieved, he added.

City Manager Bernie Murphy pointed out that the plan has one big plus: "Should the city ever own the Causeway or get the right to operate a pre-toll trolley system, we might do a lot more to curtail traffic," he said.

Mayor Mike Klein acknowledged that, "A good sound transit system

get cars off the road would be a public benefit."

Anholt said his main concern is to provide a service that will benefit the Island more.

Councilman Francis Bailey called it "an excellent idea."

City Attorney David La Croix was authorized to draw up an agreement for a one- or two-year franchise for council consideration.



20 Years Ago This Week 1963

Two dollars will buy a chance on a 75x125 lot in Tradewinds Subdivision to benefit the Sanibel Community Association Building Fund. Raffle tickets are available. In almost every Island business for a chance on the lot that was donated by Otto Jones.

Sandra Lee Amon and Deborah McQuade were honored for their distinguished achievement, honor, courage, scholarship, leadership and service by the local American Legion on the last day of school this year. Debbie, Joan Miller and Janet Worster received perfect attendance awards, and the good citizenship award went to Carol Nix.

15 Years Ago This Week 1968

Hurricane Abby came to the Islands last week, but all she did was prepare us for the possibility of another storm later in the season.

Winds reached a high of 45 mph and did no visible damage. Tides didn't even reach those of a good northwester.

Bailey's advertised T-bone steak for \$1.09 a pound and margarine for 19 cents for a one-pound package.

Memberships in the Friends of the Sanibel Public

10 Years Ago This Week 1973

Library are available for \$1. Library hours are from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday and Saturday and from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday.

Sanibel resident Roy Bazire was elected first president of the Environmental Confederation of Southwest-Florida at the regional group's organizational meeting in Fort Myers earlier this month. The forming costs of this confederation were funded by grants from the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

A new Kiwanis Club has been formed on Sanibel and Captiva and is under the guidance of Dick Brouders, president; Steve Reynolds, first vice president; Fred Fox, second vice president; Jesse Clouse, secretary; and Dean Marshall, treasurer.

Directors of the new club are Floyd Denny, Bob Buntrock, Jim Evans, Mary McClintick, Dick Muench, Bill O'Mahoney and Keith Trowbridge.

5 Years Ago This Week 1978

The Sanibel City Council last week held a first reading of an ordinance that would impose a temporary moratorium on the issuance of building and development permits pending the outcome of a rate of growth ordinance proposed by the Com-

mittees of the Islands.

If the moratorium ordinance is adopted a group of Sanibel builders have indicated they will immediately take the matter to court.

The COTI proposal would limit to 180 the number of new housing units permitted on Sanibel each year.

The Sanibel Police Department has moved its headquarters to the second story of the Three Star grocery store on Palm Ridge Road.

FOR SALE: Two-bedroom, canal front condominium at Tennis Place. Furnished. \$49,500.

1 Year Ago This Week 1982

The city's Fact Finding Committee and representatives of the owners of a 415-acre tract of land on Wulbert Point failed to reach a compromise last week, and the long-delayed COTI lawsuit is set for trial Aug. 3 in Lee County Circuit Court.

A petition with 620 signatures, two more than required by the city charter, has been declared sufficient to force the City Council to reconsider within 30 days its action to vacate 500 feet of Bay Drive and a narrow wooden bridge to private ownership.

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AN EYE FOR THE ISLANDS

By Maggie Greenberg

The merry month of May was one of those increasingly rare times when Islanders did not have to share their place of residence with legions of visitors. Our beaches were relatively uncrowded, Periwinkle was remarkably negotiable, shopping was quite feasible, and we could walk into any restaurant at the peak of the dinner hour and not wait an infinitesimal for a table.

Alas, all good things must come to an end. Florida's schools let out around the end of May, thereby heralding the beginning of our long family-vacation season.

Thus, prior to the onslaught of summer's madding crowd, I was determined to devote the entire month of May to a veritable orgy of fine dining at our Island restaurants. Unfortunately, I was unable to indulge myself outrageously in this manner last month, for I could never decide where to go!

Any Islander who has not dined regularly in our local restaurants for several months knows that things may have changed considerably and that new restaurants (or new owners of old restaurants) have appeared upon the scene.

Thus, I opted for the scientific approach of any stranger in paradise—I consulted the yellow pages of The Phone Book (Fort Myers and vicinity), the yellow pages of the 1983 Sanibel-Captiva Directory and drooled over all the promotional flyers at our Chamber of Commerce.

Never underestimate the persuasive power of the printed word! Painstaking research led me to conclude that our Islands offer an incredibly dazzling array of cordon bleu restaurants, many boasting a strikingly original ambience. How could one possibly choose from such an embarrassment

of riches?

Virginia Wade of Wimbledon fame beckoned me (from one of those highly uncomfortable wicker fan chairs) and flatly announced: "People come from thousands of miles to dine here... so do I."

New everyone is well aware of the British passion for understatement. If "our Glam" (in im-precise tennis attire) is willing to travel thousands of miles for a good din, how could I possibly balk at a drive across Blind Pass?

On the other hand, Miss Wade neglected to say anything about atmosphere or, in the language of restaurateurs, "ambiance." One restaurant seemed to be steeped in it to the extent of being "legendary." Should legend (i.e., an "authentic recreation of Sanibel's first inn") not cite any tie with those who tend to be skeptical about edifices erected a couple of years ago, the ad goes on to make a strong appeal to every conceivable palate. There are "adventurous dishes," "traditional fare" and something called "crowd pleasers." Now, that's what I call covering all the bases.

What about "a little Island bit of nostalgia far from the beaten path" (right smack on the Sun-Cap Road) where you can dine off 1890-era "Fiesta Dinnerware and murmur reverently "Play It Again, Sam" between bites? Or why not opt for an "old English tavern" (that was never associated with the "Empire") where you can "stop for a cold draught, a glass of wine and a game of darts"? Should anyone work up an appetite from throwing darts, the ad goes on to suggest, "Hungry? Our English meat pies are our specialty."

Inasmuch as present-day legends, restaurants for a "bygone but not forgotten" era that I really don't

recall that well and olde English (the English food ever called cuisine?) do not appeal to my peculiar palate, I continued to peruse the ads.

While on the subject of peculiar palates, I happened to notice that one establishment claimed that it had been "known for 99 years as the Islands' most peculiar restaurant." Well, my palate may be peculiar, but I really wouldn't want to dine in a peculiar place that might also serve peculiar food.

In the final analysis, I reasoned, "Sanibel and Captiva are indeed Islands (the "Causeway" isn't withstanding), and so my best bet would certainly be to go native and opt for seafood. In this connection, I immediately scratched one restaurant off my list. Their seafood was purported to be "so fresh and fresh we don't serve it at all." Well, if the fish refused to bite the bait one day, would potential patrons be turned away?

Yet another restaurant gave me considerable pause. Their seafood was purported to be "so fresh our daily menu changes with what's biting." But I might not care at all for whatever was little on a given day... and I certainly did not want to get stuck with a bowl of No-See-Um chowder!

It really is extremely difficult to choose an Island seafood restaurant. One claim to be "the finest fish house in southwest Florida," while another purports to be "Sanibel's finest seafood restaurant." (If in doubt, the scales may be tipped in favor of the latter, for, "We have our own Key lime tree.")

I finally decided just to look for a restaurant that made no claim to anything other than serving good

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COMMENTARY

Captiva fire officials thank Sanibel for mutual aid

A copy of the following letter to Sanibel Fire Chief Fred Rens was given to The Islander for publication.

Dear Chief Rens:

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Marshall Holtz, president
John Bates, chief
Captiva Fire Control District



Nesting night herons. Photo by David Meardon

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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

By Barbara Brundage



Dog control ordinance amendment reviewed

A draft ordinance to tighten the control of dogs on Sanibel was reviewed last week by the City Council.

Drafted by City Attorney David La Croix, the ordinance amends the city's current dog control law and gives the chief of police rather than the city manager the authority to seize and impound dogs found in violation of any section of the ordinance.

La Croix said the three substantive changes in the ordinance were prompted by citizens' complaints of dogs running loose during the past several months.

His proposal does not require that dogs be on leashes, he explained to the council, but it does prohibit owners from allowing their dogs to be "at large" in any public places or any private property without the owner's consent.

The existing law describes "at large" as any dog or other animal not under control of a competent person when away from his owner's property.

A second change, La Croix pointed out, defines as a "public nuisance" dogs that bark excessively and continuously without provocation, threaten or molest passersby, chase vehicles, attack other domestic animals or damage property other than that belonging to their owners.

The new ordinance makes it unlawful for the owners of such dogs to fail to exercise proper care and control to prevent these actions.

The existing law prohibits owners from allowing their dogs to defecate on any public beach unless the feces are immediately removed and disposed

of. The proposed ordinance extends this prohibition to public rights-of-way, other public property and private property without the permission of the owner.

Councilman Louise Johnson said La Croix's proposal was a good ordinance short of requiring dogs to be leashed.

"It's not unreasonable to expect dogs to be under the control of their owners," she said.

Dr. Ingalls Simmons, who spoke five years ago to ban dogs from Sanibel beaches, has not changed his stance. He pointed out to the council last Tuesday that the leading cause of blindness in children has been traced to a parasite excreted in dog feces that lives in the sand.

Simmons, a retired physician whose specialty was preventive medicine, said Sanibel beaches are known as the "carnegie latrine of Lee County."

Sanibel resident Harry Hess, who had been urging the council to pass a law prohibiting dogs from running loose, said the county's leash law applies to Sanibel.

"But the city doesn't enforce it," he charged. "They prefer a law that gives dog owners the license to harass neighbors without fear of prosecution."

Under the new law the police chief is authorized to impound dogs found to be vicious, running at large or a public nuisance.

Dogs must be claimed by the owners within 10

days after the impoundment. Upon payment of a \$25 fee plus \$5 for each day held after the first five days impounded dogs will be returned to the custody of their owners.

If the owners cannot be identified or located within a reasonable time the dog will be deemed to be abandoned and the police chief is authorized to turn the animal over to the Lee County Humane Society for disposition.

City Manager Bernie Murphy said that to implement the new provisions the city will have to purchase dog cages and other handling equipment for holding the dogs until they can be picked up by the Humane Society.

Johnson said she was not certain the new provisions are enforceable.

Mayor Mike Klein said he would be glad to see a violator arrested and made an example. "The problem is not the dogs but their owners," he added.

The three council members present agreed that La Croix should put the proposed ordinance into the proper process and schedule a first reading for the June 21 City Council meeting.

Absent last Tuesday were Councilman Fred Valtin, who is recuperating from heart surgery, and Councilman Bill Hagertop, who is vacationing off island.

Belle Meade residents want limit placed on relocated cottages

Residents of Belle Meade subdivision who say their neighborhood is becoming a "dumping ground" for rehabilitated cottages want the city to limit the number of such structures that can be relocated in any one area.

Two recycled cottages have already been moved into the subdivision off Sanibel-Captiva Road, and three others are planned, Lynn Kearns, who lives on Belding Drive, told the council.

"We're becoming known as the neighborhood where all the shacks are," she said.

Kearns said the council policy not to locate all Below Market Rate Housing units in one area of the island should also apply to relocated homes.

Another resident complained that "40-year-old, 600-square-foot homes are cluttering up the neighborhood" and demanded the practice stopped.

City Attorney David La Croix said he was working on a "dangerous buildings and hazardous lands" ordinance that would tighten the city's control over relocation of the early Sanibel style cottages that are being removed to allow construction of new condominiums.

La Croix said that under terms of the proposed ordinance the cottages will have to be certified safe before they can be moved to a new location.

But Belle Meade residents contend there is more than safety involved.

Allowing cracker houses to be placed next to \$100,000 homes threatens all property value, they say.

If the council perceives that allowing too many rehabilitated homes in any one neighborhood is a problem, a separate ordinance will be needed to limit the number, La Croix said.

Mayor Mike Klein said the council "understands the problem" and suggested that the Belle Meade residents get together with the city attorney to work out a solution.

Hutton house offer accepted

Madalyn Bogue's offer to purchase the city's "remainder interest" in the late Mario Hutton's Nerita Street home for \$15,500 was accepted last week by the City Council.

Under Hutton's will the city was bequeathed the home, but Bogue was given the right to live there during her lifetime or until her remarriage.

Bogue's life expectancy is estimated at 18 years, and the estate ordered appraisal of the property valued the city's interest at \$7,500.

But an appraisal obtained by the city placed the worth of the city's interest at \$24,000. City Attorney David La Croix told the council.

Bogue's offer takes into consideration the \$8,000 or \$10,000 it will require to put the house in a clean, safe and livable condition.

The current market value of the property is \$25,000, La Croix said.

Hutton's will specified that any profits the city derives from the property must be used for preservation of the island's environment.

Mayor Mike Klein reasoned, that considering the property's uncertain future value and the expense of keeping up the property through the years it seemed in the best interest of the city to accept Bogue's offer and use the money to purchase wetlands.

Councilman Louise Johnson agreed that course of action is in the spirit of Hutton's will.

But Warren Hyde, who said he was

Coming up at City Hall

A list of upcoming City Council and Planning Commission meetings:

Thursday, June 16, MacKenzie Hall, 10 a.m. - Scheduled hearing of the Code Enforcement Board.

Tuesday, June 21, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. - Regular meeting of the City Council.

Monday, June 27, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. - Regular meeting of the Planning Commission.

Wednesday, June 29, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. - Special meeting of the City Council. Second hearing of specific amendments to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan requested by Meister Development Corporation and Sanibel Homes. Continuation of discussion by the council and Planning Commission of the city's drainage and surface water management study.

Rotarians offer to buy flagpole for City Hall

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club's "gracious offer" to pay up to \$1,500 for a 40-foot flagpole that will be erected in the center island of the parking lot at the new City Hall was accepted last week by the City Council.

A brass plaque recognizing the club as the donor will be mounted on the base of the pole, City Manager Bernie Murphy said.

A flagpole was not included in the contract for construction of the City Hall complex, he added.

City wants well plugging program revived

The City Council has expressed an interest in reviving a well plugging program on Sanibel in cooperation with the Island Water Association and the South Florida Water Management District.

Assistant City Manager Gary Price said twice in the past the city has appropriated \$5,000 to implement such a program — but the project never got off the ground.

IWA's board of directors has approved the concept of a cooperative program in 1984 providing priority is given to abandoned wells on Sanibel that pose the greatest saltwater intrusion threat to IWA's producing wells, General Manager Bob Holland has informed Price.

The SFWMD will pay 40 percent or \$2,000 of the estimated \$20,000 cost of such a program, IWA and the city

each will contribute \$5,000 for the remaining 60 percent.

SFWMD estimates this expenditure would cover the cost of plugging 10 of the 81 wells on Sanibel that have been identified by the U.S. Geological Survey as abandoned and assumed to be leaking and causing saltwater contamination of useful aquifers.



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Special events ordinance reviewed

It will be unlawful for more than 25 people to gather for an organized event without a \$25 permit from the city if a proposed ordinance designed to regulate "special events" is approved by the City Council.

Last Tuesday the council had its first look at the ordinance that will regulate activities conducted for no more than 14 days on public rights-of-way, on other city properties open to the public, on city properties when closed to the public and on privately owned lands.

City Attorney David La Croix explained that areas to which the rules will apply include roads, sidewalks, bike paths, beaches and parking areas.

Events to be regulated include but are not limited to parades, rallies, demonstrations, races, bazaars, fairs, tent revivals, fund raising functions, concerts and other performances. Also falling under the ordinance are the use of searchlights,

hot air balloons or other devices to advertise such events or sales and grand openings.

But La Croix clarified that events such as the annual Shell Fair at the Community Association or a golf or tennis tournament at the Dunes would not be affected since these activities are accessory or permitted uses of the properties.

With the incidence of one-time special events ranging from Bach on the Beach to a Baptist revival on the increase in recent years the need for regulation has become more apparent, La Croix said.

The Comprehensive Land Use Plan provides no criteria or guidelines for this type of temporary land use. The only means of regulation thus far has been to require a development permit approved by the Planning Commission.

Concern that such events unregulated might overwhelm the residential character of the city or

create demands for city services and facilities that would threaten residents' peaceful use and enjoyment of the island prompted the drafting of the ordinance.

It outlines standards and criteria for the city manager to follow in issuing permits for such activities. Application for a permit must be made at least 14 days before the scheduled event. Applicants denied a permit by the city manager can appeal to the City Council.

The ordinance gives the city manager authority to attach conditions to the permit to insure that guidelines are met. He also can require a bond or cash deposit to cover the cost of any damage caused by the activity.

In order not to overburden any one area of the island only four events a year will be allowed at any one location.

"Mike Gaylord, coordinator of the Chamber of Commerce's October

Festival planned for this fall, was concerned about how the new regulations will affect the special events planned over five weekends.

"Time is of the essence," Walter Kile, the chamber's executive director, said, pointing out that the chamber already has invested a great deal of effort and money in the festival and needs to take action as soon as possible.

The ordinance is scheduled for first reading on June 21, but Murphy said he would be willing to run through the regulations with Kile and Gaylord as though it were already law.

The council has expressed opposition to the fall festival that will feature golf and tennis tournaments, a sailing regatta, a runners' road race and a fishing rodeo. Council members have maintained it is dangerous to attract an influx of visitors to the island during a prime hurricane month.

Council maintains opposition to proposed Causeway bike path

The city's opposition to a bike path across the Causeway was reaffirmed last week on the basis that such a path would be too dangerous at the present. The council first expressed

the opinion last July. The 28-foot roadway on the bridge spans is too narrow for two trucks and a bicycle to pass without endangering the cyclist, the council agreed.

"But this does not mean we are throwing out willy nilly our policy of encouraging the use of bicycles to eliminate car traffic," Councilman Francis Bailey explained.

Both Bailey and Mayor Mike Klein suggested a solution would be to build a separate roadway on a catwalk

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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Council lowers garbage rate for condominiums

The City Council has agreed to create a new trash disposal rate for condominiums lower than single-family rates. Condominiums have been billed under the single-family rate since mandatory garbage collection went into effect April 1.

Last Tuesday the council tentatively approved a "residential (dumpster)" rate of \$8.55 per unit per month for condominiums.

But Warren Hyde, representing the Condominium Association of Sanibel Inc., says he was most unhappy and disappointed with the council's action.

"The city has refused to consider the facts," Hyde said Friday. "The council members obviously had made up their minds before the meeting."

Before the meeting Hyde distributed to the council a five-page report outlining the condominiums' position.

Under a new rate schedule for mandatory collection, condominiums were removed from the commercial dumpster rate previously in effect and placed in the same category as single-family homes.

Many of the condominium associations found the change increased the annual cost of trash collection as much as 300 percent.

They maintained their rates should be lower than single-family rates because of reduced billing costs and pointed out there is more economy of scale in handling the refuse from 21 condominium units in one dumpster than shuffling at 21 separate single-family homes.

They believe the condominiums should not be required to pay for the mandatory twice weekly pickups, as do single-family homes, but that they should pay only for collection as needed. They also asked to be kept at the commercial dumpster rate as in the past.

After lodging a strong protest at the April 5 City Council meeting several condominiums refused to pay the new rate.

In an effort to solve the problem the council directed Sanibel Disposal Inc., the city's franchised hauler, to meet with representatives of the condominium associations and city staff to work out a possible compromise.

City Manager Bernie Murphy reported to the council last Tuesday that after two meetings Sanibel Disposal had agreed to a 5 percent or 40 cent discount for each unit. This discount would compensate for the savings from centralized billing and dumpster pickup, he explained.

Murphy said he considered a monthly rate of \$8.55 per unit a fair response to the economies of the collection issue, but he recommended that the condominiums be billed annually.

For the past five years single-family homes have had to pay the monthly rate whether or not the

service is used. In effect these residences have been paying a demand charge. Condominiums, billed at the commercial rate with pickup when needed, were not.

"It's only fair to treat condo units no differently than other residential units," Murphy said.

Councilman Francis Bailey said he couldn't understand why condominium owners, just because they live in a different shaped house, pay less for garbage collection than he does.

But Hyde insisted the issue is not a struggle between condominiums and single-family homes. "It really is a problem of determining a fair profit of rate base for a monopolistic franchise," he contended.

"We fall to see the rationale by which the city classifies interval ownership units as commercial and condominiums as residential," he added. "We see no difference as far as refuse collection is concerned."

Hyde criticized the city for not requiring a full financial disclosure from the franchise before approving the new rates and classifications.

Sanibel Disposal owner Joseph Hanstra was reportedly hospitalized from a heart attack and did not attend last week's meeting. His wife and

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attorney, Richard Ross, were present.

Hyde said that an analysis he had made of Sanibel Disposal's finances revealed "considerable interplay" between that company and Beach Disposal, both wholly owned by Hamstra.

Hamstra, according to Hyde, owed Sanibel Disposal more than \$111,000 in unsecured, non-interest bearing loans

in December 1982.

Hyde said Sanibel Disposal's audit used as a basis for the rate change is misleading because it compares Sanibel's revenues and costs with those of Sanibel.

Murphy said that in the future separate audits will be performed for Sanibel and Captiva.

Hyde questioned whether it really is cost effective to require refuse pickup

twice weekly from every home and condominium unit on the island when as many homes as condominiums are occupied only six months or less each year.

He added there is no way to determine a fair rate of return for the franchisee without a full disclosure.

Hyde said Friday he had not been able to contact all condominium associations for their reaction to the

proposed residential (dumpster) rate. But as president and manager of the Sanibel Surfside Condominium Association, he said he was recommending a hold-out for the new commercial rate of \$5.75 per yard.

The managers of two other condominiums have suggested that the only recourse might be legal action challenging the ordinance that sets up the franchise, Hyde said.

LIBRARY REPORTS

New books at the Sanibel Library

FICTION

Friedman, Mickey. Hurricane Season. (Dutton, 1983) Rich atmospheric descriptions add to this action-packed story involving a murder in a small town in northwest Florida. Set in the early '50s during hurricane season.

Heaven, Constance. The Wildcelite Fire. (Coward-McCann, 1983) In this historical romance a beautiful young woman flees from Paris and becomes a zealot in an English manor, where she discovers an unsettling and scandalous web of mysterious accidents and murder.

Hall, Oakley. The Children of the Sun. (Atheneum, 1983) Epic historical novel covering the story of Cabeza de Vaca and the search for the fabled Seven Cities of Cibola.

Vidal, Gore. Duluth. (Random, 1983) Wild happenings in the scenic Minnesota city as told by the best-selling author.

McCarthy, Charles. The Last Supper. (Dutton, 1983) First rate spy novel tracing the history of a secret American intelligence group from its early days in World War II through the Cold War and on to the complexities of modern days.

Cato, Nancy. Forefathers. (St. Martin's, 1983) Wide ranging Australian family saga tracing the fortunes and misfortunes of three families through seven generations and a century and a half.

Herbert, Frank and Bill Ransom. The Lazarus Effect. (Putnam's, 1983)

New books at the Captiva Library

FICTION

Caldwell, Erskine. Stories of Life North and South. (Dodd, Mead, 1983) The cream of Caldwell's depression-era short fiction. Fifty years later they hold their own with the best of the medium.

Greeley, Andrew. Alcott into Hell. (Warner, Books, 1983) The spiritual and worldly pilgrimage of a young priest — from a cloistered seminary to the moneyed halls of the Chicago Board of Trade.

Hartog, Jan de. The Trail of the Serpent. (Harper and Row, 1983) In the Dutch East Indies in World War II, a number of colonial refugees led by a nun are rescued by an ablest midlevel sea captain who demands an unusual price for the trip.

High, Monique Raphael. The Eleventh Year. (Delacorte Press, 1983) Although set in post-World War I Paris, the characters and attitudes in this novel bear a remarkable resemblance to post-Vietnam New York and Los Angeles.

Talloni, Elizabeth. In Constant Night. (Knopf, 1983) A slim collection of stories with some fragile heroes and heroines who seem to be in constant flight from their more vulnerable emotions.

Vidal, Gore. Duluth. (Random House, 1983) Any resemblance between Duluth, Minn., and this spoof-out parody of Dallas (with a little bit of Myra Breckinridge thrown in) must be purely unintentional.

Beyer, Jimmy. The Quilter's Album of Blocks and Borders. (EPM, 1980) More than 750 geometric designs illustrated and categorized for easy identification and drafting.

Jones, the cat about town; the old gumbie cat whose name is Jemmydyots; the ever-popular Jellie cats; and a number of other fascinating, feisty felines.

Also included are amusing instructions on "The Naming of Cats" and "The Addressing of Cats."

This short collection is a must for those who plan to see Cats and will be enjoyed by anyone who appreciates a clever verse or the antics of a clever cat.

Another new book that features felines is The Unlikely Cat, by J.C. Stares. This beautiful book traces the relationship between humans and cats as seen through literature, history and art and would be an asset to anyone's coffee table.

Sanibel Library receives Eliot book on cats

By Beth Manning

Both theatre goers and cat fanciers will be happy to learn that the library recently obtained T.S. Eliot's Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats, the collection of poems upon which the 1983 Tony Award winning Broadway musical Cats is based.

First published in 1939, the collection has had a resurgence following the recent theatrical production that has received both critical acclaim and box-office success, first in London and now in New York.

Unlike most of Eliot's poetry, this collection consists of pleasant, light verses that bring to life a menagerie of colorful cat characters including Gus, the theatre cat; Old Deuteronomy; Bustopher

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POLICE BEAT

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

Police escorted an Ocala, Fla., man to his room at the Palmetto Inn early Saturday morning, June 4, after the man was found lying across the hood of a car in the motel parking lot. Police determined the man had been drinking heavily.

Cash totaling \$390 was reported missing from a motor home that was parked in the Tarpon Bay Road public beach access lot on Saturday morning, June 4. The cash was taken sometime between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. and belonged to a Springfield, Fla., man and his wife. The money was in the man's wallet and his wife's purse.

Police found pry marks on the door of the motor home. Other valuables in the vehicle were undisturbed.

Assorted jewelry valued at more than \$2,200 was reported missing from a unit at the Ramada Inn on Sunday morning, June 5. The items belonged to a Dearborn, Mich., woman and had been left in a travel case on the dresser of the locked unit while the woman was on the beach between 8:45 and 8:55 a.m.

A ladies blue Schwinn bicycle valued at \$100 was reported missing from outside a unit at Sanibel Arms condominiums on Sunday morning, June 5.

A group of men who were signing up volunteers for Gen. Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia were advised to do so more quietly after a Sanibel man complained of noise from powder rifles on Harbor Drive on Sunday morning, June 5.

A travel case containing approximately \$200 in cash was reported stolen from a unit at the Ramada Inn on Sunday morning, June 5. The items were taken from the locked room between 8:10 and 9 a.m.

A Sanibel woman was ordered to appear in court on charges of violation of the city's solicitation ordinance on Monday afternoon, June 6.

An officer on routine patrol at the Tarpon Bay Road public beach access observed Beverly Oswald McDowell of 1515 Periwinkle Way passing out invitations to tour Shell Island Beach Club, McDowell was ordered to appear in Lee County Court.

A Sanibel woman notified police that two women were sunbathing

topless on the beach near the Castaways resort on Monday afternoon, June 6. By the time police arrived on the scene the women had already been advised of the city's law prohibiting nude sunbathing.

Members of the Lee County Airport Bomb Squad responded to a complaint of a "bomb" that washed up near the Sunland on Sunday evening, June 6. They determined the "bomb" was in fact a phosphorus flare and disposed of it.

A watch and an 18 karat gold bracelet valued at \$835 were reported missing on Sanibel by a Godfrey, Ill., woman on Wednesday morning, June 8. The woman told police the jewelry was last seen in her purse, but she was not sure when or where the items were lost. She did not think they had been stolen.

A 16-foot Lasar sailboat valued at \$1,000 was reported missing from the tennis court area at Sanibel Moorings condominiums on Wednesday afternoon, June 8. The boat belonged to an Oakbrook, Ill., man and was reported missing by a resident of East Gulf Drive.

Between eight and 10 rounds of ammunition for a .22 rifle were

reported missing from a car that was parked at the Lighthouse condominiums on Wednesday afternoon, June 8. The rounds were taken sometime before 11 a.m. that day.

The right rear window of a Jackson, Miss., man's car was reported broken while the car was parked at Bowman's Beach on Thursday evening, June 9. The damage was done sometime between 12:00 and 4:15 p.m. that day.

An employee of the Kona Kai motel told police someone had stayed in a unit at the motel without permission on Thursday evening, June 9. Police discovered the bed and bathroom had been used and trash had been left in the room. The lock on sliding glass door to the unit was broken.

A Sanibel man was charged with failure to yield the right of way after a two-car accident at the intersection of Dixie Beach Boulevard and Periwinkle Way on Wednesday morning, May 18.

Herbert Rhinesmith of 1656 Hibiscus Drive turned left onto Periwinkle Way from Dixie Beach Boulevard into the path of a west-bound car on Periwinkle Way that

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was driven by Darlene Lutz of 877 Black Skimmer Way.

Police estimated there was \$1,000 damage to Rhine-Smith's 1980 Buick and \$1,500 damage to Lutz's 1978 Chevrolet.

A car belonging to a Fort Myers Beach man received \$200 damage in a hit and run accident at the Tarpon Bay Road public beach access on Saturday afternoon, May 21.

A Tallahassee man was charged with unlawful speed and with driving left of the center line after a one-car

accident on Sanibel-Captiva Road near Coconut Drive on Saturday night, May 21.

John Matthew Lusk was westbound on Sanibel-Captiva Road when he lost control of his car and struck the Blind Pass bridge. Witnesses told police the car nearly hit them as it spun out of control. Police estimated there was \$750 damage to Lusk's 1983 Chevrolet.

A Saint James City man was charged with failure to report an accident after he reportedly lost control of his car and struck a palm tree on Lighthouse Road near Ferry

Head on Monday evening, May 30. Rodney Jones was charged after the accident in which his 1983 Volkswagen received \$500 damage.

No charges were filed after a two-car accident in the parking lot at Huxter's on Monday afternoon, June 6. Terry Patton, Holiston of Fort Myers backed from a space and struck a car driven by Rebecca Aline McClintick of Fort Myers. Police estimated there was no damage to Holiston's 1982 Datsun and \$200 damage to McClintick's 1983 Ford.

No charges were filed in a two-car accident at the intersection of Periwinkle Way and Lindgren Boulevard on Tuesday afternoon, June 7. Denise Brown Chism of Fort Myers was stopped at the intersection when her car was hit from behind by Edward Katz of Fort Myers. Police estimated there was no damage to Katz's 1978 Lincoln and \$60 damage to Chism's 1973 Chevrolet.

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Wish: "I suppose it's that I have a fruitful and healthful life."
Words of Wisdom: I would not be so presumptuous or arrogant as to try to pass on any words of wisdom to others."



By Cindy Chalmers
Photos by David Meardon

Brian Flaherty has formal training in finance, but his real business is food — restaurant food. And his restaurant is the Thistle Lodge on Sanibel, which he has managed for the past eight months.

Flaherty worked his way through high school and university in a series of Toronto and Florida east coast restaurants in every capacity from dishwasher to maître d'. So it wasn't unusual that what began as an occupation to help finance his education, turned into a passion and lead to Flaherty's current position.

"He discovered Sanibel and Captiva more than four years ago when he visited his parents in Cape Coral. He loved the seclusion and the quiet of the Islands," he says. Shortly after his visit he accepted a job at South Seas Plantation and has made the Islands his home ever since.

"The Canadian-born son of American parents still holds a fondness for the north, however, and isn't so sure the 'north' return there someday. But the

American economy is better for business, he says, and this is where he will stay for now.

He admits to harboring visions of his own restaurant someday but will not disclose the style or location he has in mind. "That depends," he says with a diplomatic grin. "A lot of things have to come together at the right time and the right place before you can undertake something so adventurous."

He says he probably inherited his love for the food business from his grandfather, who owned a candy store in the Midwest. "He was an independent businessman who had one of those marvelous old storefronts," he says. "I hardly remember his face, but I remember the tastes and the flavors of his store."

He hasn't had to roll up his shirt sleeves to wash dishes or bus tables at Thistle Lodge, but Flaherty's experience "in the trenches" during his school days, well qualifies him to handle just about any situation

the restaurant might produce.

He is quick to credit the supervisors and staff who work with him at "Thistle" for helping to make his job personally and professionally challenging and rewarding.

"It's long hours," he says at 4 p.m. as he prepares for the onslaught of evening diners and bar patrons. "Sometimes it's days, sometimes it's nights. And sometimes it's night and day."

Even though the hours are irregular, he adds, "The work is consistently rewarding."

When he isn't overseeing the evening's activities at the Thistle Lodge, Flaherty says he and his fiancée, Katherine, lead the quiet, private life that Sanibel fosters.

"We're so in love with the natural beauty of these Islands," he says. "I used to spend my summers in Northern Ontario, and the same things — fishing, sailing, boating — make themselves available here. We think we're very lucky."

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An eye for the Islands from page 4A

food. The ad for one such place concluded, "Looking forward to seeing 'fall'... and that turned me off. I had visions of bite-the-bullet bush puppies."

Another ad promised "old Florida dining at its most generous." Unfortunately, I recalled that native Islanders in the days of yore ate lots of rabbits and whelk snails. Generous portions of the preceding were not particularly appealing.

The last flyer I read was put out by an establishment that promised, "A great adventure in dining at Sanibel's most beautiful restaurant. A must see!" Moreover, all food was "freshly cooked to your individual order." With palpitating heart and palate, I checked the address of this paragon of peerless provender — and found that I had located a

local hamburger joint.

Thus, despite a wealth of advertising material in the Yellow Pages, coupled with numerous promotional flyers at our Chamber of Commerce, I was quite unable to determine which establishments I should patronize. Since we do have some very good restaurants on these Islands, however, it seemed that further research was clearly in order.

Therefore, I returned to the chamber and pored over their impressive collection of menus. The results of this delightful research project will appear in next week's column.

Editor's note: The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of The Islander.

Sanibel Library receives Eliot book on cats from page 10A

Also included is a look at the popular cats of today, presenting such stars as Morris, Felix and Garfield. Interspersed throughout the text are excerpts by authors who saluted cats in their literary masterpieces.

Author Suarez, who has himself written several successful books on cats, is quick to point out that almost all authors, many famous scientists and several well-known statesmen have been cat lovers, while most tyrants hate cats, no doubt objecting to their independent natures.

The many cat lovers on the Island will not only agree with the author's point of view but also certainly will take pleasure in this delightful book.

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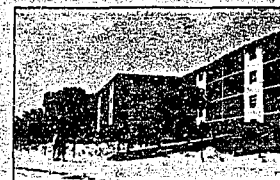
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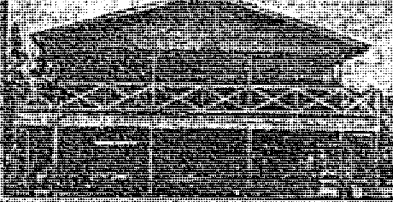
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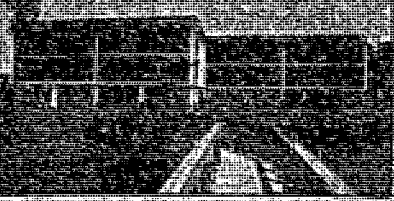
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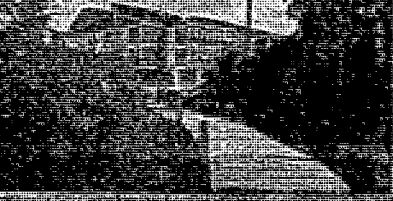
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Section B

Tuesday, June 14, 1983

Part VII

Examining the creatures of surrounding seas

By George Campbell

Illustrated by Ann Winklerbotam

One of Sanibel's greatest natural treasures is the molluscan fauna for which the islands are known far and wide.

I do not propose to delve deeply into this subject because Sanibel shells are well known and a large number of our residents and visitors nostalgically devote a great deal of time to the many species that occur here.

However, a few mollusks are of special interest, and it is of some of these with which we will concern ourselves in this series.

One shell genus, *Coccytoides*, the Cone shells, is of special interest because it contains shells that are among the most popular but also present a potential danger. All members of this genus are generally considered to be venomous.

Cones from Sanibel waters are not considered particularly risky to handle, but Dr. Bruce Halstead, in his incredible three-volume magnum opus entitled *Palaemones and Venezuela's Marine Animals of the World*, does list all Florida species to be at least worthy of caution.

The commonly-listed Cones that are generally recognized as native to our region are the Alphabet Cone, *Coccytoides sputator*; the Florida Cone, *Coccytoides floridanus*; and the Crown Cone, *Coccytoides regalis*. A number of authors — those splitters among the malacologists — list up to a dozen more species in Florida.

The possible dangerous nature of these animals might induce potential collectors to leave live ones alone. This could have a beneficial result in that no environmental damage could possibly take place. It would also support the no-live-shelling effort that is fast gaining enthusiastic acceptance in our community.

Tom Clifford, manager of Klase Maloon's Specimens, Shells here on Sanibel, recommends caution in handling of all Florida Cones. Clifford has been cooperating in a study of cone venom with Dr. William Soderman Jr., professor and chairman of the University of South Florida Medical Center. Soderman is currently studying Cones with an emphasis on Florida species. One principle that seems to be emerging is that Florida Cone species, inasmuch as they feed on slow-moving prey such as segmented worms of the phylum Annelida, have not, of necessity, evolved a fast-acting neurotoxic venom. Fast acting venom is unnecessary because the worms don't move very fast, and an envenomated dying worm can easily be caught up with and consumed by the Cone.

On the other hand, some of the Indo-Pacific Cones feed on fast-moving fish. In these cases the venom has to be fast-acting or the fish would disappear in the distance before it died and would not be available to the Cone.

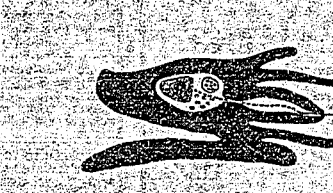
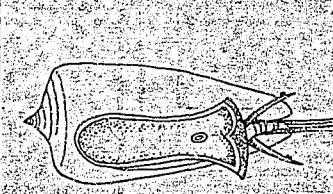
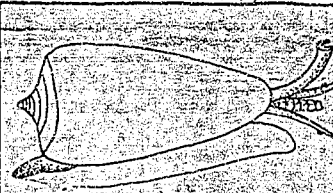
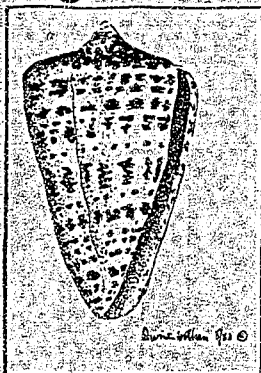
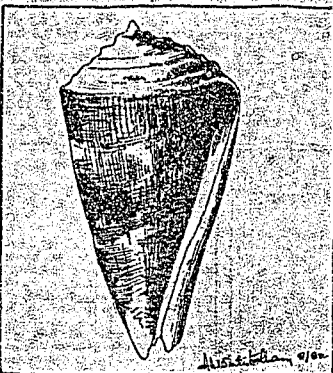
The same principle is well demonstrated in the genus *Bothrops* that contains the Fer-de-Lance, a dangerously venomous pit viper of South America.

The Fer-de-Lance, itself dangerous and venomous though it may be, does not have a very rapid acting venom. It can strike a rodent that might die only after traveling hundreds of feet. The snake can follow the dying animal easily by employing a heat-sensitive organ, the pit, and by smell.

The Island Pit Viper, *Bothrops insularis*, a close relative of the Fer-de-Lance that lives on a tiny rock island offshore from Santos, Brasil, has a different problem. For survival it must have a very fast-acting venom else its sea bird prey would fly out to sea before dying and would be unavailable to the predator.

Accordingly, *Bothrops insularis* has evolved the most toxic and fast-acting venom of any snake in the world. This elegant example of Darwinian selection may be cut from the same pattern as the example of the Indo-Pacific Cones versus the Florida Cones.

So it is with organic evolution — a need becomes an apparent, sufficient mutations occur, and the species will select for those that provide improved adaptation to meet the needs presented by the environment.



Above left, Alphabet Cone, *Coccytoides sputator*.

Above right, a more or less typical looking cone shell of the genus *Coccytoides*.

Left, anatomical features of a typical cone shell.

A. The proboscis lies between the "horns" or tentacles. Note eyes. The siphon curves upward.

B. Same as seen through the glass side of an aquarium. Note large "foot" that, here stuck to the glass, affords mobility.

C. A radular tooth, protruding from the proboscis, injects venom in prey or victim. Connected by the venom duct (dotted line) through a narrow channel (pharynx) to the venom gland, it is poised for action.

D. A typical radular tooth; many times enlarged.



REFUGE REPORT

By Christine Olsen
Outdoor recreation planner
J.N. "Ding" Darling fishage
 For eight weeks during the heat of the summer, eight high school students from Sanibel and the Fort Myers area will be working to improve the wildlife habitat and quality of visitor facilities at J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.
 These students are part of the Youth Conservation Corps, a federally funded program that began more than 10 years ago.
 At its inception, this work-team YCC program was administered by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Today it is administered by the Department of the Interior.
 The learning aspect of the program has been severely cut, and the number of workers that are

hired has been curtailed. But YCC still accomplishes its primary goal of hiring youths to work outdoors, complete needed conservation work and at the same time give them a look at the necessity of our nation's natural resources.
 This summer YCC workers throughout the United States will be working not only for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, like those at J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, but for the U.S. National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Bureau of Land Management.
 Some of these high school students will work on timber surveys in the Cascade Mountains Range of the northwest; others will build and repair wild horse corrals; while still others will conduct fish surveys in streams of the eastern part of the United States.

This summer YCC workers at J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge will work on the following projects: completing the Gagarilla Trail boardwalk loop, cleaning up litter, constructing a boat ramp, planting vegetation in the Bailey Tract and along the Wildlife Drive, painting refuge buildings, maintaining and cleaning the Visitor Center and clearing and maintaining the refuge's five trails.
 If you happen to be visiting the refuge during the summer and see these young people, you might ponder the importance of their work. Like the old CCC, after which YCC was partially patterned, YCC work projects will be around for some time to the benefit of people and the nation's natural resources.



Sanibel resident Dr. William Webb, right, accepts the Professional Gulf Oil Conservation Award from Gulf Oil Chairman James Lee, left, at a recent ceremony in Washington, D.C.
 Webb was one of 10 recipients of the award that honors individuals and organizations for their work in conserving renewable natural resources. Each winner received an engraved bronze plaque, a citation and \$500.

Plant dig planned at Paulsen center

Local plant enthusiasts will have an opportunity to obtain free native plants at the Paulsen shopping center construction site on Periwinkle Way from 9 a.m. to noon this Saturday, June 18.
 Bulldozers will scour additional land around the site later this month, but islanders can rescue some of the vegetation simply by showing up with pots, digging implements and a green thumb.
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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. The three-piece band Cartoon plays rock and roll, top 40 and originals nightly except Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Casual dress. Dancing. No cover charge.

Cow's Head — At Tween Waters Inn on Captiva. Now featuring Overst, a three-piece dance band playing originals and soft rock Tuesday through Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Jazz jam Sundays 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Casual dress. Dancing. Cover charge \$1. Happy hour from 4:30 to 6 p.m. weekdays.

Glads Piano Lounge — At the Ramada Inn on the golf at the end of Donax Street, Sanibel. Lounges is open from 5 p.m. to midnight every day. This week see Sonny Morrow and Igor, his mechanical monkey, with music and comedy. Showtime is 8 p.m. to midnight Thursday through Saturday. Happy hour 5 to 7 p.m. every day with live for one drinks and complimentary beer d'oeuvre. No dance floor. No cover. Casual dress.

Peppers — In Tahitian Garden shopping center on Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. The Bill Serejian Band plays rock and roll, rhythm and blues, oldies and originals, Tuesday through Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Casual dress. No cover. Small dance floor.

The Lost Horizon Lounge — At the Sundial resort on Middle Gulf Drive, Sanibel. Closed for the summer for remodeling.

Thistle Lodge — At Casa Ybel Resort, Casa Ybel Road, Sanibel. Simonds and Martin, formerly of Unicorn Bar, blend superb vocal harmony with a jazz-rock sound Tuesday through Sunday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Happy hour entertainment Tuesday through Friday from 6 to 7 p.m. featuring guitarist Tom Mizur on Tuesday and Bill Strecher Wednesday through Friday. No cover, no minimum. Serving light fare in the lounge all day long. Casual dress. Dancing.

Trigs 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 p.m. to midnight. Casual dress.

Dancing. No cover.

Scotty's Pub — In Scotty's Village on Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Solo guitarist and recording artist John Marnell plays a myriad of styles from folk and blues to country and western and Beatles. In the Backyard Saloon every Tuesday through Saturday from 9 p.m. to closing.

Shirley's Spirit of Footballism — On Captiva next to the new Post Office. Hear one-man band Tom Reymont take a musical trip through time and space from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Casual dress. 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!

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ON THE WATER

By Captain Mike Fuery

A few weeks ago I said the tarpon had finally shown up in our local waters and opened the big game fishing season. This week let's look at some tips on fishing for tarpon to help you put the first one on your wall.

Tarpon are somewhat like the shells that come to Sanibel — they are so common in the summertime that we take the annual migration of tarpon to the area as common occurrences. Why do these large, silvery fish that often weigh more than 140 pounds come to the Islands?

Naturalists say it's because they are by instinct bound to return to the waters of their birth to reproduce in a cycle that has gone on for countless years.

We know the tarpon is a unique fish. But how do we know where to work a certain area of the vast Gulf of Mexico shoreline for these fish? We look for them rolling on surface. They roll in a give-away fashion to gulp air. That's right, a fish that breathes air from the atmosphere!

Have you ever heard of such a thing? It's true, and that very trait allows the tarpon to live in waters so devoid of oxygen that even plants die. They won't be there for long, of course, but they can

cope with some difficult living circumstances that would kill other fish in a very short time.

One thing I love about watching tarpon roll close to the boat is that they actually seem to look at you as they gulp air and dive deep under your boat.

This fish with such unusual habits is a giant in the sport fishing world. It eats the finest of crabs the size of a dollar coin in world famous Boca Grande Pass. But in the gulf off Knapp's Point tarpon like piranha of six inches or larger.

I think some of the most exciting fishing one can experience is to pull into a fishing spot a half hour before dawn and sit spellbound as a school of huge tarpon comes rolling, feeding right toward your boat.

A bait pick-up takes only half a heartbeat, then the fish surges into the air, tail kicking on the surface as if it wants to go higher and higher before crashing down in a wall of spray.

Then the first big run starts. The reel groans as the line rips off and the fish jumps time and time again. You could be in for an hour's fight if you have him on light tackle.

Right now the hot tarpon fishing spot is off Knapp's Point. Some of the best action is a mile out

in front of the Sundial Resort on the beach facing Knapp's Point. We were fishing it one morning recently and saw many, many tarpon. We didn't hook a single fish, but we did, however, have five large sharks on that provided some real fishing thrills, too.

If you want to work the tarpon and sharks, then go for steel leader. One large shark we fought for about 20 minutes cut right through steel leader of just under 100-pound test.

The preferred bait right now is large, live pinfish. You should be able to purchase them from most marinas or the Bait Box tackle shop on Sanibel Island. Expect to pay 50 cents or more for the bait.

With the aid of a couple of kids, eight poles and tiny hooks you should be able to catch a couple of dozen "pins" over the grass beds around the Causeway in an hour or so the day before you want to fish.

Please release any tarpon you don't want to have mounted. Call me at 472-3001 for information on having your fish mounted should you want to do this with your fish. Good angling!



SHELLING TIPS

By Captain Mike Fuery

People on my shelling charters sometimes stammer because, although they are on one of the world's finest beaches for collecting unusual shells, more often than not they are most proud of the sand dollars they find.

I've often wondered why this is, especially when other shells are much more difficult to find. But the sand dollar still is one of the most popular shells sought around Sanibel and Captiva.

We recently talked about seasons for shells, and I said of all those I could think of the sand dollar might fit the seasons theory, not because they only show up at one time of year, but because in the warm months of the year you can get into the water and find them more easily.

Perhaps the popularity of the sand dollar is because it is more easily recognized than such specimens as the highly regarded lion's paw, which looks like a common scallop, or the immature Florida fighting conch, which looks much like a rare conch.

There is little doubt about what you find when you enter upon a flat, white, round shell. Most dead ones are bleached by the sun and salt. Some are yellowed from being buried for long periods of time.

If you find live sand dollars you will notice they are brown and have millions of tiny hairs on their flattened sides.

Fix up a live one and hold it for a few minutes. Your fingers will get yellow, much like the color you see on the fingers of a heavy smoker.

That color is a type of defense nature gives the sand dollar. In the life and death struggle on the floor of the Gulf of Mexico, the sand dollar can emit this dye as a repellent.

It took me some time to find any natural predators of the live sand dollar — many of which can reach leechup gopher size. It seems few marinas animals find the sand dollar very tasty. Apparently the Scotch bonnet is one of the few invertebrates that does eat dollars. The honest is a rare find, and I've often thought there would be a lot fewer of us around, too, if we had to eat sand dollars!

What you want to know is where to find sand dollars, right? You are going to have to put in some long but pleasant hours to find them.

First of all, sand dollars are nearly always beach dwellers, so don't waste time lumbering through the mud flats of Pine Island Sound. The sand dollar likes fresh, clean beach sand and lots of water that

wave action brings — so work on the gulf side of the Islands.

Next select a beach where you can either see a sand bar or already know there is one close to shore. Don't be surprised to find dollars in neck-deep water. Of course this means feeling the bottom with your toes because the water is just not clear enough for you to see that deep.

Working with a group often speeds up the process and the fun, too. Once you find a single dollar, you can be sure more are close by.

Good hunting! Some of the better sand dollar grounds are off Bowman's Beach, a beautiful beach on the upper end of Sanibel that is free and easy to shell.

Captivans find some good ones along most of their beaches in neck-to-hip-deep waters. Good luck looking for sand dollars. If you can snorkel on clear water days you might have an advantage.

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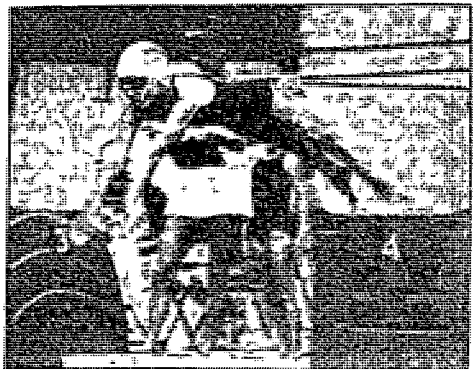
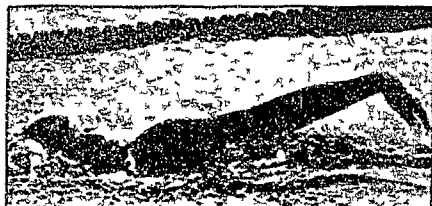
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ISLANDER SPORTS

By Scott Martelli



IN THE SWIM!

Sanibel hosts state swimmers

The Sanibel Recreation Complex sported a festive air last weekend as swimmers from around Florida gathered for the Patnode Roofing Invitational swim meet. Swimmers jumped into the water line after

line like galavanting porpoises. More than 300 youths competed in a whooping 122 different events and migrated to Sanibel from all over Lee, Collier and Sarasota counties. The Greater Lee County Youth team on

which members of the Sanibel Water Attack Team compete, with 218 members was by far the largest squad in the competition. Results were not available at press time on Monday.



Sanibel swimmers took the plunge with almost 400 other swimmers in the weekend meet at the recreation complex pool. Top left, Paundra Pfaber strikes toward the finish; top right, an unidentified swimmer prepares to make a splash; above left, an enthusiastic mother cheers; center, Heather Mumon catches her breath; and right, Jay Thomas has time for a quick snack. Full results of the meet will be published in next week's issue of The Islander. Photos by David Meardon.



Sports shorts

Rec complex summer schedule

The summer program at the recreation complex officially began yesterday and besides activities for youngsters from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day through Aug. 11, the complex offers plenty of time for open recreation. The pool will be available for open swimming from 10 a.m. to noon and

from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. On weekends open swim will run from 1 to 6 p.m. The gym will be busy in the morning with activities for youngsters in the summer fun program but will be open for open recreation from 2 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 1 to 6 p.m. on weekends.

Old Sports for Youth Sports

The Old Sports for Youth Sports softball tournament will feature vigorous action at the Sanibel Elementary School fields this weekend.

The games start at 6:30 p.m. Friday, when Island Exco goes up against John Naumann. Then the Timbers will meet West Wind at 7:45

p.m. The 9 p.m. game will pit Sandial against McP's. Bright and early Saturday morning Murrer will compete with a composite team, called "The Other Team." The winners of these games will continue playing a double elimination tournament through the weekend.

Summer softball

Teams have until June 17 to sign up for this summer's softball league. To register a team a roster must be made up and submitted to the Sanibel Recreation complex.

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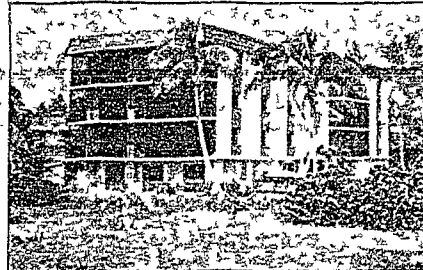
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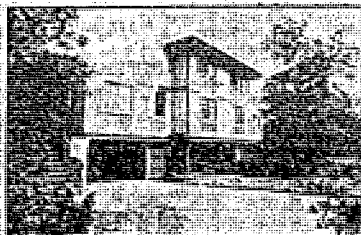
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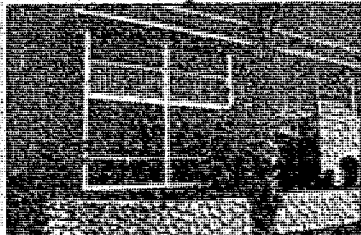
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