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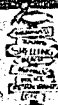


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I scream, you scream

Aaron Almagud, 9½, didn't have to scream last week for the ice cream he and his schoolmates from Children's Center of the Islands got for free at Dunbar's. The trip was part of the center's summer field trip program. Photo by Mark Johnson.

## Tarpon Bay, Sanibel Gardens, Highlands Moratorium expected in three sensitive subdivisions

By Barbara Brundage

A six-month moratorium on development in Sanibel Highlands, Sanibel Gardens and Tarpon Bay subdivisions will go into effect Sept. 6, as the City Council adopts the ordinance it considered for first reading last Thursday.

During the six-month period the council hopes to find answers to the drainage and access road problems in the three environmentally sensitive subdivisions that currently are considered unsuitable for development.

If the drainage studies for which \$100,000 has been appropriated in the 1983-84 budget do not provide solutions by the March deadline, the

moratorium could be extended, the council decided.

Some of the reasons the council will consider as deterrents to development in the wetland areas include: acquisition of the property by the city; transfer of development rights to more buildable locations; and implementation of new plans to dry up the areas.

"Early," last month, the council recognized more time was needed to accomplish that goal and decided a moratorium on building in these critical areas was the only choice it had.

"Moratoriums scare me," Council

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## City seeks citizen input on proposed road changes

By Barbara Brundage

Sanibel city officials want the help of property owners in the Palm Ridge Road triangle to decide whether the extension of "Gumbo Limbo" from Florence Way to Periwinkle Way and one-way pairing of Palm Ridge Road, Tarpon Bay Road and Periwinkle Way will solve future traffic problems in the proposed town center.

The City Council invites the property owners' input at a special meeting Oct. 32 during discussion of a

plan for redevelopment of the area as the island's commercial center.

"If the business people have ideas as to the effect a one-way system would have on their businesses, and if citizens have any objections, we need to know," Mayor Mike Klein said. "This is where we need guidance."

In addition to the long-range strategy for Palm Ridge development that was submitted last April by

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## DONATE!

The Lee Memorial Hospital bloodmobile will be at Bailey's from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Wednesday, Aug. 10.

This bi-annual blood drive is co-sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Lions, Kiwanis and Rotary clubs. By giving blood, donors ensure island residents and their families of coverage in case they need blood.

For additional information and to schedule an appointment at the bloodmobile, call the Lee Memorial Hospital Blood Bank, 334-5333.

## MSTU out of renourishment funding picture

By Scott Martell

The move to establish a Municipal Service Taxing Unit to fund beach renourishment on Captiva died by a 3-2 vote of the CEPD board at the regular monthly meeting last Monday.

For several months the board has tried to garner enough support for an MSTU via petitions from Captiva property owners. But endorsement of the proposed tax was weak at best, and they decided last week to dissolve the plan.

Commissioners Chuck Bruning, John Burr and Ed Oling voted to dissolve the effort. Commissioners Peg Holschneider and Lloyd Wright cast the dissenting votes and wanted to keep the MSTU idea alive.

Both Holschneider and Wright stressed that they did not want Captivians to panic and assume that nothing will ever be done to protect Captiva's

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## IWA manager explains disaster plan

By Barbara Brundage

Island Water Association's plan to shut down its water system approximately 24 hours before predicted landfall of a major hurricane has been in effect since 1979, IWA General Manager Robert Hollander said last week.

But the order to do so must come from either the Lee County Commission or the county's disaster preparedness coordinator. "The decision is not ours per se," Hollander said.

IWA's own Disaster Preparedness Plan, revised last June with the assistance of Sanibel's Assistant

Planning Director Bob Duane and Eslet Edwards of the county's Department of Disaster Preparedness, calls for IWA to be ready to shut down during time window 2—27 to 18 hours before predicted strike.

"If it did not shut down we would run the real risk of losing our 13 million gallons of stored water because of water main washouts anywhere in the distribution system," Hollander explained.

"We also believe our water storage tanks would withstand hurricane winds better if they were not empty," he said.

But never has IWA considered a

water shutdown as an incentive for evacuation, Hollander said, adding, "We do not think it is our job to force people to leave the islands."

City Councilman Fred Valtin last week criticized IWA's plan to cut off the water supply and said it seemed to be a unilateral decision.

Hollander pointed out Friday that a resolution passed by the County Commission in July 1979 authorized the utility to shut down in the event of threat of disaster.

When a disaster threatens the IWA system to the extent that its continued operation is a threat to health, safety and welfare, the commissioners or

the disaster preparedness coordinator can authorize IWA to cease and desist operation and secure the system, the resolution stated.

IWA has purchased a new, UHF radio and will be tied into the county's emergency center for water utilities at Lee County water plant at Olga, Hollander said.

"This means instant communication with other utilities, instant information on storm conditions and the capacity to 'borrow' personnel and equipment if needed to restore IWA's system in the aftermath of a storm," he said.

## Moratorium expected from page 1

clinician Francis Bailey said last Tuesday. "But our main reason for incorporation was to save the island and preserve the wetlands."

"The best way to keep the wetlands is to not build in the wetlands," he added. "The lowest density on the island is in the mid-island ridge, which is the best place to build. Maybe we should consider transferring density there from the wetlands."

Sanibel Highlands, Tarpon Bay and Sanibel Gardens all have a moratorium on new development. The Sanibel River, and the council has decided to establish a 200-foot corridor along the river where future development will be prohibited.

City Manager Bernie Murphy said money for mapping the corridor is included in the new budget.

Before the Sept. 6 second reading of the moratorium amendments, Valtin will attempt to contact the more than 500 people who own parcels in the relatively undeveloped Sanibel Gardens and Tarpon Bay subdivisions to inform them of the city's action.

"This will not be an easy task," Rose Rogers of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation warned the council last week. In the foundation's effort to contact owners of wetlands in all three subdivisions, she explained, many letters are returned marked "unknown." The foundation wants to acquire the wetland property.

Some of the property was planted in the mid 1920s and has been inherited, she said, adding many of the owners have never seen their land and have no idea of the conditions.

Taxes are only a \$1 a year on some parcels, Rogers said when she urged the council to consider public acquisition of the wetlands.

"SCCF is willing to help the city in a acquisition program," she added.

City Attorney David La Croix said appraisers are working this week on estimating the cost of a public acquisition program in the three subdivisions.

"You must weigh the cost of land acquisition against the cost of providing services if the area is

developed," Rogers said.

Robert Kornick, who has a home on the Sanibel River in Sanibel Highlands, said he favored a six-month moratorium to help solve the problems. But with a drainage study of the Highlands already completed, solutions there can be arrived at more easily, he said.

Some of the property has been personally solved some flooding problems on his own property by using swales to direct excess water back to the river. He asked the council to consider not extending the moratorium in the Highlands beyond the initial six-month period.

Though Howard Needles Tammen and Bergendoff study recommends solutions to the Highlands drainage problem, the question remains unanswered as to who will pay for the improvements.

Assistant City Manager Gary Price said an impact fee could be imposed on developers, property owners could be assessed or a special taxing district could be established for

wetlands.

"The city can pay for some modifications," but these improvements will never eliminate wet feet on the island," Price said.

The council emphasized, too, that the goal of drainage improvement is not to dry up the island.

At a special meeting this Wednesday at 9 a.m. at MacKenzie Hall the council will continue its discussion with the Planning Commission of long range plans for surface water management and drainage on the island.

Price said the session will focus on the proposed ordinance that will add a new section (stormwater management) to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and amend other sections of the plan dealing with hydrology.

The ordinance is based on recommendations made in an IINTB water surface management study completed earlier this year.

## Citizen input sought from page 1

Tampa architect Jim Edwards of The Stewart Corp., the council now has a traffic study of the area prepared by Harry Bertossa of Howard Needles Tammen and Bergendoff.

To ease traffic congestion, Bertossa's study suggests extending Gumbo Limbo to Periwinkle Way to restrict access driveways on Palm Ridge. But to work successfully the plan must be combined with a system of one-way pairs and limited access to Gumbo Limbo from Periwinkle.

Rights-of-way from property owners must be acquired to extend Gumbo Limbo, Assistant Manager Gary Price told the council last Tuesday. "A few have indicated they would be willing to dedicate their land," he said. "But not all businesses

that would be affected have been notified of the proposal."

"That is a major notification problem," Councilman Fred Valtin said. But he urged the council not to delay making a decision in order to "remove any cloud on the future use of these properties."

"Owners should know what to expect," Valtin added.

Klein said some residents already have adopted their own one-way system to avoid turning left from Palm Ridge Road onto Periwinkle Way — they simply turn left from Sanibel-Captiva Road onto Tarpon Bay Road and from there turn left at Periwinkle at the three-way stop sign.

Edwards estimated the Gumbo Limbo extension would cost \$68,000.

With a bike path and landscaping the price would double.

Councilman Bill Hagerup said he definitely opposed any one-way system unless there is "absolutely no other alternative."

City Manager Bernie Murphy said because there is no appropriation in the 1983-84 budget to pay for the extension the improvement would have to wait for 1985.

Another recommendation to Edwards' master plan for Palm Ridge is to acquire at an estimated cost of \$250,000 to \$300,000 several large parcels of land along the east side of Tarpon Bay Road as water retention ponds to improve drainage in the area.

But a better solution, the planning

staff said, is to give individual owners the option of retaining water on their own property or absorbing the additional cost of drainage improvements to direct storm water to Palm Ridge Lake or to the wetlands west of Tarpon Bay Road.

The four councilmen present last Tuesday agreed that no decision on the traffic pattern should be made without input from affected property owners or without a full council.

And because of the magnitude of the problem the council agreed that a special meeting is required.

The earliest date when all of these requirements can be met is Wednesday, Oct. 12.

## MSTU out of renourishment funding picture from page 1

ending shoreline.

Burr, who seconded the motion to dissolve the MSTU proposal, said the board members should let Captivians know that they are trying to find a more equitable way to fund renourishment.

The board agreed to complete a newsletter that fully expresses the new feelings on the CEPD.

The board was unanimous, however, in its vote to add two mills to its proposed 1983-84 budget for a total of 6.67 mills. Last year the CEPD operated on 5.7 mills.

The idea to add the two mills came after the board received a legal opinion from attorney Frank Pavese that they could legally set aside money in an accumulative fund on a year to year basis for special projects such as renourishment.

Finance Committee chairman Hofschneider mentioned some "rough figures" that such a fund could generate. A two-mill tax would add about \$300,000 yearly, she said. Therefore, it would take about 17 years to fully pay for the 1983 cost of renourishment. A four-mill tax would raise enough to pay for the \$5 million renourishment in about 8½ years, she said.

But the board does not intend to cover the cost of

renourishment completely with a capital surplus reserve fund for beach nourishment. Instead, the fund could provide money to complete the project after other funding methods have been fully explored and solicited.

Hofschneider said money from the accumulative fund could possibly be used for maintenance of a renourished beach.

"But we must be very very careful how we use this capital reserve fund," she emphasized. "We need to provide guidelines for future use of the fund so a totally new board doesn't just use the money off the top of its head."

Wright said he thought the two-mill capital reserve fund would be really tax anybody any more over the years, but instead would create a more evenly distributed tax.

At first, Olling expressed reservations about adding to the 6.67 millage that already set on the budget worksheet. But when he compared the proposed 2.67 new millage rate with last year's 5.7 rate, he said he could tolerate the increase.

Hofschneider asked that further discussion about the capital reserve fund be put on the agenda for the September monthly meeting.

The board had to have its final budget sheet drawn up by 5 p.m. last Monday. Now the process continues to public hearings in which the millage rate can be lowered but not raised.

The first public hearing is scheduled for 5:01 p.m. Sept. 8. The second hearing will be Sept. 22, also at 5:01.



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Friday, Aug. 5	88	76	1.16
Saturday, Aug. 6	83	72	0.21
Sunday, Aug. 7	83	72	0.00

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# AN EYE FOR THE ISLANDS

By Maggie Greenberg



There is something paradoxical about the very idea of leaving our favorite islands in order to vacation elsewhere. However, a Sanibel friend and I concluded that the true paradox of paradise is the fact that life in an endless earthly Eden can become rather boring.

Therefore, we decided to devote some six summer weeks to a quixotic quest for excitement and new experiences in terra incognita (realms beyond the Causeway).

Naturally, our foray into the great unknown involved visiting many of the friends and relatives who constantly take advantage of 1-95 to descend upon us during the height of the season. (After all, how could any islander resist the rather perverse pleasure of being a tiresome tourist on someone else's turf?)

However, we wisely avoided that endless interstate serpent on our first day away from Periwinkle Way and opted for a visit to one of Florida's tourist attractions: Daytona Beach.

Now, generations of Americans have believed that travel is a broadening experience. When my grandmother travelled throughout Germany she was inspired to paint countless canvases. Importantly, fresh flowers and sliced fruit. Subsequently, while sojourning in England my father embarked upon a highly distinguished academic career devoted to the bard of Avon. (My mother developed a life-long passion for Henry James and a particular London cemetery dedicated to the perpetual care of dearly departed dogs and cats.) Surely a trip to Daytona Beach, followed by more than 1,000 miles of exploration along 1-95 would inspire me to reach comparable heights of cultural accomplishment.

Several island friends were enormously amused by the fact that we left Sanibel some 24 hours later than scheduled, and expressed doubt that we would get as far as LaBelle.

Well, let me tell you something, my insular, island-bound friends. LaBelle is no longer a laughable back town. In fact, it is now in the throes of being transformed into a full-fledged, high-priced resort!

Of course, I am not really advocating that islanders flock to LaBelle in order to witness this transformation, for it is still impossible to find a decent restaurant in that general area. Indeed, we had to drive many miles beyond LaBelle before locating something called a Kentucky Colonel.

I had never before sought the hospitality of the Kentucky Colonel, and "Y'all come back now, heah?" did nothing to diminish my first and everlasting impression of the bearded Colonel's ubiquitous deep-frying establishments. In addition to chicken, this one also served such delicacies as fried okra and pizzards.

Eventually, having digested our "finger lickin' good" chicken and logged a very respectable 300 miles, we arrived in Daytona Beach. Actually, we nearly drove right through that highly touted tourist attraction without even realizing that we had indeed arrived.

Although the famous beach is but a few yards away from the main road, one never catches a glimpse of the ocean — the view is entirely blocked by a concrete wall of cheek-by-jowl motels! Thus, if you want to see Daytona Beach, your best bet is to check into a motel.

Our view of the Atlantic ocean was indeed spectacular, although the panorama was marred

by the presence of all manner of speeding motor vehicles on the beach.

Indeed, the view from our balcony the following morning caused us to beat a hasty retreat from Daytona. It seems that the driver of an 18 wheeler had been insanely inspired to cruise along the beach in his outrageous juggernaut.

Since many tourists love to find fault with the places they visit, we had no difficulty in concluding that Daytona Beach left a great deal to be desired. For example, the city of Sanibel would never countenance such a degradation of natural beauty (a jungle of towering infernos on Gulf Drive) or allow its beaches to become superhighways (with vehicles grinding up all the shells).

Moreover, we readily agreed that those ordained with enforcing Sanibel's strict graphics ordinance would have an apoplectic fit in Daytona. That city's main street is but a blinking blur of garish signs for fast-food joints, lively evening entertainment, particularly (yep, go-go dancers) and steady souvenir stalls.

While the brief visit to Daytona had left us quite smug and secure in the banal conviction that there's no place like home, and although I was more than willing to return to Sanibel at that point, we agreed that 24 hours hardly constituted a fair foray into terra incognita. Thus, we decided to brave 1-95 and reach Georgia as soon as possible.

Now, anyone who drives great distances on an interminable interstate highway soon becomes mightily bored and glances at the scenery for some form of relief. On 1-95, however, the scenery is dominated by ubiquitous billboards that give the

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# COMMENTARY

To accompany the publication of this year's Hurricane Extra this week, The Islander took to the streets and asked island residents where they would go in the face of a hurricane.



"I've really no idea right now. I've thought of going to the Hurricane observation lab for Lighthouse Island, but I haven't seen that yet. So I guess I'd go up to Lake Placid, Fla."

Frank Wagner  
Sanibel



"I plan to get in my car with my cat and just head north — up to northern Florida even."

Nancy Thompson  
Sanibel



"As a police officer, I have to be here on the island to institute evacuation procedures."

Sgt. Lew Phillips  
Sanibel Police Department



"We'll probably head up to Lake Wales or to Disney World. Disney World gets pretty crowded during hurricane alerts. Lake Wales is one of the highest places in the state, and they have a good campground."

Paul Cramer  
Sanibel



"I could go to an apartment I own in Fort Myers. But usually I try to be elsewhere during hurricane season."

William Jackson  
Sanibel



"I might just head north. I have nowhere specific in mind. Maybe Fort Myers. But what I'm really not sure of is what to do with my animals."

Desiree Frederick  
Captiva



"I haven't really thought about it all that much. I could head to my father's condominium in South Fort Myers or the designated place to go, Cypress Lake High School."

Pat Parker  
Sanibel

## Searing sets ROGO to poetry

The Rating Game

Time capsules somehow worry me. Those gilt-wrapped bits of history. What if ROGO gets in ours? Think of the effect on Mars!

Would not our friends in outer space look on us as losing face? For using such lame criteria To choose whose homes we deemed superior?

Joe Searing  
Sanibel

## Former commissioner questions episode

A copy of the following open letter to the Sanibel City Council from former Planning Commissioner Arthur Wycoff was given to The Islander for publication.

To the Sanibel City Council, The ROGO episode at the last council meeting, as reported in The Islander of Aug. 2, was disquieting, particularly in light of increasing concerns in other cities experiencing development pressures.

Boca Raton and Stuart, Fla., are

looking to effective management "learning from Sanibel's mistakes," according to a report in the Fort Myers News-Press. It seems unconscionable that pioneer Sanibel should capitulate in any degree to pressures it has learned to control.

Imperfect though it is, ROGO has succeeded until now in maintaining a reasonable rate of growth while reversing the 2:1 advantage formerly held by the multi-family sector.

Past scoring periods have dealt with an excess of applications. What

was so different about this one that impelled the council to "direct" 23 additional allocations to accommodate all single-family applicants? What could the council have done if the excess applications had exceeded the allowable 15 percent?

In effect, the council has declared that there was no effective scoring by the Planning Commission on July 12 and waived the selection process for

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# MUNICIPAL RECORDS

By Barbara Brundage

## Ordinance changing duplex permitting process defeated

An ordinance that would have eliminated a public hearing before the Planning Commission for applicants seeking development permits for duplexes on lots that already have commission approval for duplex development died before the City Council on second reading last week.

Questions raised by City Attorney David La Croix convinced the council that the ordinance was not merely a "matter of housekeeping" but might have more serious implications.

The city proposed the ordinance as an amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. It would have allowed the Planning Department to issue short form permits for construction of

duplexes on lots that already have commission approval for duplex development.

Planning Director Bruce Rogers said that the ordinance would apply to only two subdivisions — The Dunes Phase II duplex development, where under a court stipulated "settlement" two-family homes can be built on single-family lots, and James Evans' Sanibel Hamlet subdivision on Rabbit Road, which was planned for duplex development several years ago.

But La Croix argued that Planning Commission approval of a plat of a subdivision with lots large enough to support duplexes was not approval for

duplex development on individual lots.

CLUP requires the long form development permit for all duplex construction on property already declared suitable for duplexes. One commissioner suggested this category be exempted, Rogers said.

Rogers said that under terms of the proposed ordinance if a lot is in an area where duplexes are a permitted use and the acreage is large enough to comply with CLUP's duplex lot size,

only a short form development permit would be required.

But La Croix insisted that to protect everyone's rights a public hearing should be required when a duplex is proposed in a primarily single-family home neighborhood.

Rogers said he didn't care whether or not the ordinance was adopted. Councilman Bill Hagopian said he thought the amendment was just a simple matter of housekeeping and didn't expect it to get into "this hairy state."

"It's not that important," he said. His motion to deny the ordinance passed unanimously with Councilman Louise Johnson absent.

## Homebuilder faces board over illegal driveway

A Sanibel homebuilder has been ordered to appear before the Code Enforcement Board Aug. 18 to answer charges she violated a city stop-work order and constructed an illegal driveway to Sanibel-Captiva Road for access to her new home in Sanibel Gardens subdivision.

The Planning Commission on July 25 denied Jean Ray's request for an after-the-fact development permit for the 95-foot roadway. The commission instead ordered Ray to remove the culvert and fill, restore the area to its original grade and revegetate with native plants.

Code Enforcement Officer Dick Baker told the commission Ray's development permit to build her house required access to the home site be via Grand Central Avenue and Captiva Road, designated streets on the subdivision's 1921 plat.

Baker said when he discovered a

culvert had been installed on San-Cap Road on Feb. 28 he issued a stop work order prohibiting further work on the road.

But on July 21 he discovered the driveway had been completed "without benefit of city permits," Baker said.

The illegal driveway also crosses property owned by Fred and Nancy Arthur, Baker said. But Ray said she had notarized permission from the Arthurs to use their property.

"I have a right to put fill on my own property," Ray said, adding that she had spent \$2,500 to build the "first class road."

She said Grand Central Avenue and Captiva Road are impassable and if cleared would be overgrown again in a month or two. In a shaky voice and near tears, Ray complained that it was "not equitable to require one taxpayer to maintain 550 feet of city

streets."

She said she did everything the Planning Department requested in a series of conferences in an attempt to solve the problem.

"It's not right to carry stick people knowing that you will shoot them down as soon as they jump through the hoop," she maintained.

Ray explained that when the stop work order disappeared from a tree where it had been tacked, she thought it was okay to continue work on the road.

Planning Director Bruce Rogers said he continually told Ray he would recommend denial of a development permit for the driveway in accordance with the city's policy to reduce future driveway cuts on busy San-Cap Road.

Rogers maintained that for the same amount of money she had spent on the driveway Ray could have made

Captiva Road a good road.

Commissioner Lennart Lorenson told Ray that approving her driveway request would set a precedent, and then, "Every lot owner can ask for a driveway with access on San-Cap Road."

"This is a planning decision that must be made with our heads, not our hearts," Lorenson added.

"You apparently have not been hearing what our planning staff has been saying," Commissioner Emily Barefield told Ray. "Though it may seem punitive to ask you to remove the road, from the record it seems equitable."

Barefield's motion to deny the development permit passed by a 4-0 vote. Commissioners Jerry Muench, Bill Read and Larry Simon were absent.

## Bid awarded for bike paths; work will wait until Spring 1984

Macasphalt, Inc.'s low bid of \$128,280.75 last week earned that company the chance to complete the Casa Ybel bike path between Middle Gulf Drive and Periwinkle Way.

But the city fathers decided to postpone the start of phase 1 of the Periwinkle bike path and drainage repair project until after Easter 1984. The project will create major traffic disruptions along Periwinkle Way during the estimated 120 days required for the actual construction.

Bidding and council approval of contracts will require 45 days up front for a total of 165 days for completion.

"If we started the process today,"

Assistant City Manager Gary Price explained to the council last Tuesday, "It could not be completed before Jan. 14, 1984, and every day of delay will put us further into the '84 tourist season."

Funds for the \$261,380 project are available in the 1982-83 budget, but they can be held over for use in the next fiscal year, City Manager Bernie Murphy said.

If phase 1 is delayed until mid-April 1984, Price suggested that phase 11 of the Periwinkle bike path repair program be done simultaneously. An additional \$264,000 to complete the project is allocated in the 1983-84 budget.

Councilman Francis Bailey expressed concern that traffic disruptions created by the project during the winter season would "put some of the little places on Periwinkle out of business."

The council agreed that it would be in the best interest of both island businesses and residents to start the work after Easter next year and do both phases of construction at the same time.

Macasphalt's bid for the Casa Ybel bike path was the lowest of three received — \$69,000 under the high bidder.

Price could not account for the

discrepancy, but he said Macasphalt has constructed "all but a couple of the city's existing bike paths and knows what to expect."

Macasphalt also received a contract for a related project that includes repairing the Casa Ybel Road-Sanibel River crossing, paving edges on Casa Ybel Road east of Tarpon Bay Road, repaving paving on East Gulf Drive and Divis Beach Boulevard at Bunting Lane and repairing a manhole in Shell Harbor.

Macasphalt's bid of \$38,441 for those projects was the lowest of three. John Carlo, Florida, Inc., submitted the high bid of \$52,500.

## City supports plan for Bowman's Beach user fees

The Sanibel City Council supports Lee County's move to charge a user fee at the regional park at Bowman's Beach. In return the city expects the county to accept responsibility for maintenance and security at the park and to provide an annual accounting of the money generated by the fees and the monies expended for the park operation.

The council made that decision last week in response to a communication from former Sanibel councilman and now County Commissioner Porter

Goss. In a letter to Mayor Mike Klein Goss said that because of the crunch in the county's budget this year the commission is considering imposing user fees for certain county facilities that have previously been free.

"Bowman's Beach Park is a likely spot where fees could be charged once the improvements to the park are completed and the facility is formally opened as a regional park," Goss wrote.

"This could have both a direct and indirect impact on Sanibel," he added.

The council agreed that Islanders who regularly use Bowman's Beach might resent having to pay to use the facility, and it might put a strain on other beach areas on the island that are free.

Councilman Fred Valtin viewed it as a "public relations problem" since Islanders do not generally recognize Bowman's Beach as a county park but perceive it as a Sanibel park.

Goss said he is promoting a two-tier system of user fees, with Lee County taxpayers charged a lower fee than non-taxpayers visiting the island.

He suggests that county taxpayers should be able to purchase for a modest fee once a year a sticker or pass that would be valid for all Lee County beach parties.

Goss acknowledged that this approach would necessitate some formula to cope with Lee County's continued next page

## MUNICIPAL RECORDS

### City supports user fees continued

residents who are not taxpayers.

City Manager Bernie Murphy reminded the council that the city has a \$50,000 stake in Bowman's Beach Park, its share of a joint venture with Lee County for the construction of a beach walkover and improvements in the parking area.

With revenue available from a user fee the county will be in a better position to provide a ranger to supervise the park and maintain a clean-up program on a more organized basis, Murphy said.

### Council says no to paving at new City Hall

Determined to set a "sterling example," the City Council last week overruled Assistant City Manager Gary Price's recommendation to pave all parking areas at the new City Hall complex.

"I'm against large paved lots," Councilman Fred Valtin said. "My opposition is strictly philosophical."

Mayor Mike Klein, too, objected on the grounds that the city shouldn't do something it has denied its citizens for years.

"We've been telling people you've got to get your feet wet and put up with alligators if you want to live on

Sanibel," Klein said. "For years we've been harping at people to keep the island atmosphere by not paving and keeping shell driveways and parking lots."

"We have to set a sterling example," he added.

But the council agreed that the main through road in the new complex from Dunlop Road to Wooster Lane, the driveway to the main entrance and the police parking area and emergency exit road should be blacktopped.

Price admitted that his suggestion was "probably 'heresy,'" but he

argued that the impermeable coverage at the site is less than the city allows for anything extra," he maintained.

Price said that pit shell parking lots are difficult and expensive to maintain. And the \$70,000 worth of native landscaping on the site would lessen the visual impact of the asphalt, he added.

The council agreed to reexamine the area in one and consider reversing the decision if problems have developed.



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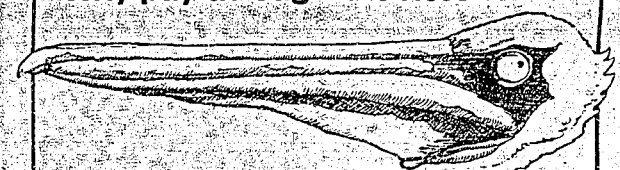
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## MUNICIPAL RECORDS

### IWA installs eight-inch main for new City Hall fire protection

To ensure better fire flow for the new City Hall complex, the Island Water Association will install an eight-inch water main through the site from Palm Ridge and Wooster road to Dunlop Road.

The larger line will permit installation of two fire hydrants closer to City Hall and will improve the water flows to Wooster Road and a portion of Periwinkle Way. Assistant City Manager Gene Price informed

the City Council last week. The council granted IWA a 12-foot-wide easement along the entry road that parallels the United Telephone System easement.

The council also approved expenditure of \$30,411 for additional wiring and piping required to move the electrical transformer 30 inches to a site where it will be screened by vegetation.

### Coming up at City Hall

A list of upcoming City Council and Planning Commission meetings

Wednesday, Aug. 10: MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. — Special City Council meeting with Planning Commission to continue discussion of Surface Water Management and drainage.

Thursday, Aug. 11: MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. — Regular meeting of the City Council.

Thursday, Aug. 12: MacKenzie Hall, 10 a.m. — Scheduled hearing of the Code Enforcement Board.

Monday, Aug. 22: MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. — Regular meeting of the Planning Commission.

## Service club urges Islanders to participate in blood drive

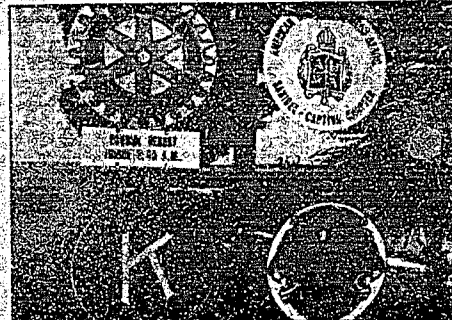
The regular meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club was held on Aug. 3 at the Sanibel Community Association hall. The chief topic considered was the upcoming bloodmobile visit to Bailey's on Wednesday, Aug. 10.

Lion Rogers reported that the Lee Memorial Blood Bank has 127 units reserve for the Lions Blood Bank, and the Edison Regional Blood Center has 97 units in reserve for the same bank. He said an increase of about 30 units in each bank will bring the reserve up to a more satisfactory level in case of an emergency. All island residents and workers are urged to donate this life-saving fluid if time and health permit.

## Island Rotarians welcome new member

The July 29 meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club included a program from Goodwill Industries about its efforts to help the handicapped. Handicapped employees are trained to process goods for resale to the public through Goodwill stores.

Goodwill welcomes any donations. Congratulations were in order for Jim and Marie Elder on their 46th wedding anniversary. Rotarians welcomed a new member Barney Goldman, sponsored by Dick Traucht. Goldman owns Barney's



Incredible Edibles on Sanibel. His classification is food services, but Goldman is a bachelor's and master's degree in accounting. He was an auditor for Arthur Andersen, taught at the University of Illinois and Miami of Ohio and was chief financial

officer of Arby's before he moved to Sanibel. The club is happy to have Goldman aboard. Rotarians also wish to remind those who can to drop by at Bailey's this Wednesday, Aug. 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to donate blood.

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A Cape Coral man was arrested for driving under the influence after a one-car accident on Sanibel-Captiva Road near Pine Avenue early Monday morning, Aug. 3.

William Walther of 828 Miramar Court was treated at Fort Myers Community Hospital for injuries he received when he lost control of his car.

Almost \$900 worth of equipment was reported vandalized and/or stolen at the swimming pool at the Ridge subdivision on Monday morning, Aug. 1. The pump, two chlorinators and a brass valve were missing from the site.

A Pittsburgh Street trash receptacle approximately \$100 in value taken from a jar in his house on Monday morning, Aug. 3. Entry was gained to the house through a front window. Nothing else was disturbed.

A Sanibel builder reported a brand new microwave oven valued at \$400 was stolen from a house under construction on Blue Heron Lane on Monday afternoon, Aug. 1. The microwave oven had been delivered to the site on July 23.

A Cape Coral man reported two mudders and a canvas cover for a Hobie Cat were missing from the rental concession at the Sandbar on Tuesday morning, Aug. 2. The items were taken sometime between 5 p.m.

Aug. 1 and 6 a.m. Aug. 2. They were valued at \$500.

Solicitors for Capraas were ordered to stop the practice at Tahitian Gardens shopping center after a city code enforcement officer saw them soliciting for the timesharing company on Tuesday morning, Aug. 2. The salesmen told the officer they had verbal permission from the owner of the center, but the officer said they would need written permission to continue the practice.

A Sanibel man reported a water meter and sprinkler system had been vandalized at the Ridge subdivision on Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 2. An estimate of the damage was not continued next page

## Police beat continued

available.

Almost \$700 in cash and numerous personal items valued at a total of \$1,255 were reported stolen from two purses that were left near the swimming pool at the Lighthouse resort on Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 2. The Cleveland, Tenn., woman who reported the theft said she and her daughter had left their purses in a chair by the pool.

Three bottles of liquor and an HBO box valued at \$250 were reported stolen from a Captain's Walk home on Wednesday evening, Aug. 3. A screen door was cut and sliding glass door opened for entry. A stereo in the house

was tampered with, but the liquor and HBO box were the only items taken.

A group of beachgoers extinguished their beach fire upon request from police after the fire was reported by a Sanibel Arms condominium resident on Wednesday night, Aug. 3.

A blue nylon car cover valued at \$95 was reported missing from a car in the Natures Village condominium parking lot on Thursday afternoon, Aug. 4. The owner of the car and cover was out of town, and a neighbor reported the cover had been taken.

An RCA color television valued at \$400 was reported missing from a unit

at King's Crown condominiums on Friday afternoon, Aug. 5.

A Corydon, Ind., man reported a \$100 bill was missing from his wallet that was on a table in his unit at the Sander Hillon Inn on Friday evening, Aug. 5. Police found no signs of forced entry to the unit.

Three rings valued at \$4,400 were reported stolen from a Fort Myers woman's purse that was left in the trunk of her car at the Lighthouse beach parking lot on Saturday morning, Aug. 6. The trunk was pried open and the woman's purse taken. Police are continuing their investigation.

Police advised a group of nine people that they would be arrested if police received further complaints about the group driving mopeds on private driveways and lanes along West Gulf Drive on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 6. A West Gulf Drive resident complained to police that the group on mopeds had driven through several areas of private property.



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## Former commissioner questions episode

from page 5A

that period. If, as implied, the council lacked confidence in the scoring by the commission, should there not have been a review either to correct or confirm the results and restore confidence?

There can be little doubt of the difficulties and agonies experienced by the commission in evaluating applications under the scoring criteria, and improvements surely are needed. But can that justify abandoning the process, even temporarily? Has not the council violated

its own ordinance?

The better judgement of the Planning Commission was not to invoke the 15 percent reserve clause to accommodate the excess of applications, there being no apparent compelling difference between this and any other scoring period.

With ultimate responsibility, the council overruled the commission and directed it to use the 15 percent reserve allowed by law. This was called a "political decision." What precisely does that mean? Does this action not strike at the independence

of the commission? Does it not encourage further attacks upon the entire growth management process? And why now?

I emphasize that this concern is directed to an episode and its possible adverse consequences and does not assume to be a critique of the City Council. Inevitably, officialdom will reflect its constituency.

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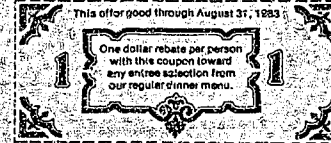
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## An eye for the islands from page 4A

brazy-eyed traveller a rather peculiar impression of the state through which he is passing.

Thus, if the whole be equal to the sum of its billboard parts, 1985's Florida is the sum total of family-run, attractive, life-care communities, Indian River fruit, Stuckey's pecan log rolls and plenty of cold beer to go. It is also "the home of Rid-as-Bug."

Inasmuch as the entertainment value of billboards is not very great, I soon turned on the radio for more interesting fare. It was in this manner that I became far better acquainted than I had ever cared to be with a form of music called Country Western.

It does not take very long to determine that the lyrics for Country Western songs are often sickeningly sentimental — with a preference for heartbreaking tragedy. Whatever is not utterly lachrymose should probably be X-rated and banned from the air waves.

The fact that many naughty ditties are not banned is merely a commentary on the singular inability of Country Western singers to pronounce

the English language at all intelligibly. Indeed, their pronunciation is so appalling as to render the lyrics utterly incomprehensible to the uninitiated.

It took me many tales of intense concentration on 1-95 (without benefit of a pocket Rosetta Stone) to decipher the following lyrical line: "Yer baky's soft'n' yenne! ammah payagin' rhizes' fih."

(Translation: "Your body's soft and gentle and my passion rises high.")

As the car sped past yet another squashed armadillo, a sign indicated that we had finally arrived in Georgia — "The State of Adventure." We breathed a sigh of relief, confident in the conviction that we would now embark upon an exciting series of stimulating experiences and adventures along I-95 that would put the "finishing" touches on our respective education.

I turned off the radio, praying that I would no longer be at the mercy of Country Western singers who cannot express the simplest sentiments intelligibly — especially when personal pronouns are involved ("Ah ha-ay yew!")



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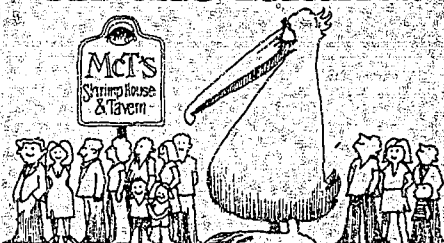
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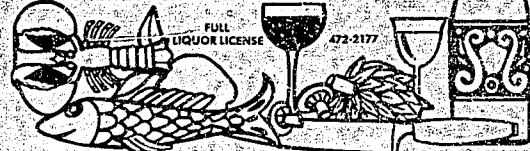
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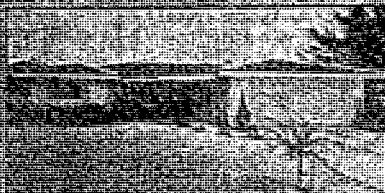
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## Dioramas, maps, photographs featured in refuge exhibit

By David Mearns

The J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center has taken on a new look. After nearly two years in the planning stages, an educational and eye-catching wildlife exhibit is now displayed in the center's main room.

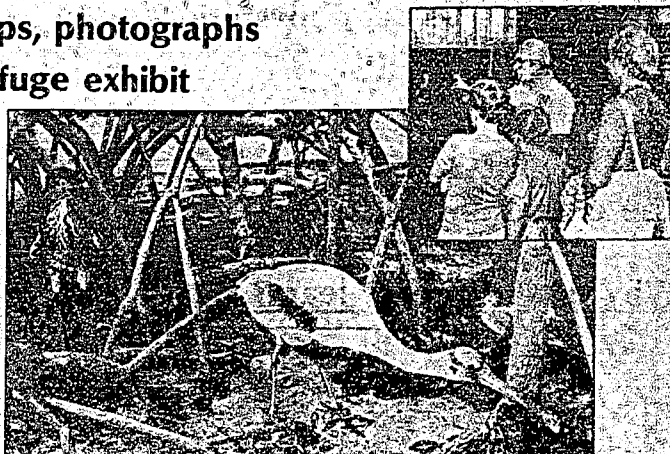
The exhibit features dioramas, maps, photographs and audio-visual presentations explaining the ecosystem of the refuge and its inhabitants.

The exhibit is more dedicated to saltwater habitat and mangrove systems of the islands, since the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation exhibits deal primarily with the wetlands habitat, explained Marvin Cook, president of Wilderness Graphics, Inc., of Tallahassee.

Cook and his staff of eight spent several days and nights last week at the Visitor Center installing the exhibit, which cost nearly \$70,000 from the planning stages to its fruition.

"We want the visitor who comes here to see that Southwest Florida and Sanibel Island is a special natural environment and is a treasure to be taken care of," Cook said.

A mangrove tree against a red sunset opens the exhibit and sets the theme for many of the other 10 exhibits. Inhabitants of a mangrove swamp, including a roseate spoonbill, an immature night heron and an anhinga, are featured in one diorama. Another depicts the underwater inhabitants of a mangrove swamp: sheephead, snappers, blue and stone crabs and other marine organisms. Both exhibits include an audio of the



Above, the exhibits at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center include dioramas showing visitors the ecology and wildlife of Sanibel and Captiva. Inset, local Audubon Society.

sounds of each habitat.

Other exhibits include a slide program on the endangered manatee, a view inside a brown pelican nest, a cross section of a gopher tortoise hole and a people-scanned exhibit of the energy flow of mangroves and food chain of Sanibel's ecosystem. This exhibit lights up with an educational overview of the importance of refuge management and is initially triggered

by the approach of a visitor.

Much of the wildlife featured became a part of the exhibits as a result of untimely deaths at the hands of man. The alligator was a road kill; the roseate spoonbill met its demise after it was struck by an errant golfer's ball.

Other nature exhibits are actually handmade illustrations of reality. The golden orb spider was designed from

wire, cotton and latex. More than 900 mangrove leaves were fabricated by hand in many hours of painstaking work.

The exhibits provide visitors and locals alike with an audio-visual education of the history, beauty, uniqueness and fragility of the islands.

## Uncovering the deep mysteries of the ocean

The ocean often is described as mysterious — and, for good reason. Much of it has never been seen. Of course, anyone who has ever been to the coast is familiar with the ocean's surface, which can change from near mirror-like on a calm day to rolling, thundering waves in a storm.

We go out in boats to fish or cruise and move about the surface of the water almost as easily as along highways. But what is under the water is still a mystery.

Divers have explored the upper 900 feet or so, and a few scientists in submersible vessels have descended to the bottom in certain places. But much of the vast expanse of ocean between the sunlit waters of the open

ocean and the hidden valleys and ridges of its floor remains virtually unexplored and unseen.

From information that is available, the ocean has been divided into three distinct zones — the sunlit zone that tops 500 feet of water; the twilight zone that reaches from 600 to 6,000 feet down; and the abyssal zone from 6,000 to 36,000 feet under the surface.

What is known about those three zones has been graphically portrayed in a chart published by Guidance Associates and distributed by Sea World.

The sunlit zone is shown as a productive area, made so by the multitude of nutrients that are carried into the ocean from the many

rivers emptying into it. The action of the sun on plant life in the sunlit zone converts raw material into organic matter that directly or indirectly provides food for all animal life in the ocean.

Many of the fish and mammals inhabiting the open ocean have developed streamlined, torpedo-shaped bodies for speed and maneuverability. Some, like the herring, travel in schools, seeking safety in numbers. Others rely on protective coloration to blend in with their environment.

Drooping downward into the mysterious lower ocean we find that in the twilight zone from 600 to 6,000 feet the inhabitants depend on food that

filters down to them from the upper level. Because the sun is not felt here, the water is cold and much more dense.

The cold, dense waters slow down the descent of food particles from above so that many of the creatures in this zone migrate at night to feed in the upper level. Then, when returning to the deeper ocean, they become prey for non-migrating fishes in their quest for food.

From the lower ocean we go down into the black waters of endless night, where food is scarce and hard to find and the inhabitants must prey upon each other to survive. Because there's

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## Campbell continued

of termination, one of which provides for a gentle landing on a cushion of gold. I call it the Gilded Parachute clause, for it provides for one month's compensation (\$6,870) for each year of service in the event of discharge for any reason other than cause of disability.

Since the director has been around for a quarter century more or less, let us multiply that figure by 25. The severance pay (or Gilded Parachute) would come to \$171,750 — and of course that figure grows substantially with the passage of each year.

Those who study such matters generally concede that the terms of office of employees of public bodies governed by elected boards should run no longer than the terms of the elected board members. But for five board members out of six to vote to limit the actions of future board members by passing and accepting this Gilded Umbrella and concomitant Gilded Parachute Clause is wrong.

The Fort Myers News-Press espoused the concept of time limited contracts in an editorial on June 11, 1983, and said, "No elected body should have the power to enter into a long-term contract with a top ranking administrator." Of course they were writing about Gadd, but the principle applies equally to Miller.

In contradiction to this above-expressed editorial opinion, the News-Press has always supported incumbent mosquito board commissioners who have been around forever — and who rubber-stamp Miller's every proposal — even his surprise proposal of Nov. 4, 1982, for his own Gilded Umbrella, which he sprung on them without previous notice. The lone contrary vote (remember, it was 5-1) was Commissioner Matt Smith.

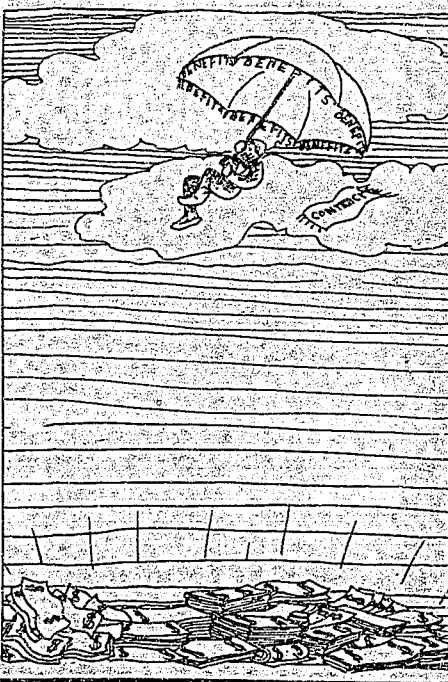
If you carry this open-ended contract concept to its ridiculous, but unavoidable conclusion, the governor of Florida, for example, could provide compensation for his favorite cabinet members and top civil servants — open-ended, automatically-renewable contracts like Miller's — and thus continue his influence on state government long after he himself is out of office!

Lee County Administrator Lavin Wisner maybe ought to try it. Job security, right? And maybe she could give open-ended contracts to her top officials and keep them on for the next 10 or 20 years or until they reach 65!

As one examines this contract, one wonders how it is possible for the citizens of Lee County to continue tolerating such extremely costly and unfair situations as the Gadd contract — now history — and the present (apparently forever-to-be-in-effect, at least until 1992) mosquito control director's contract, which is every bit as sugar-coated as was the Gadd contract, though the numbers are different.

Schiller states it aptly: "Agnostic stupidity the gods themselves fight in vain."

The Lee County Mosquito Control District is its name, but it must be pointed out that it really is a creature of the state. Hence it is not entirely correct to compare Lee County Administrator Lavin Wisner's "highest" county salary of \$61,322 with Mosquito Control District Director Wayne Miller's. But both are public servants, and the bureaucratic structure under which they are paid is really not relevant.



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# ON THE WATER

By Captain Mike Fuery



Over the past couple of months I have mentioned there are many small black tip sharks feeding in the area. But nearly every year at this time the big brothers move in — and they provide a fantastic fight and a good dinner, too.

I can't help but be amused by many new big game anglers who are so disappointed when they don't catch a tarpon but they do land a big shark. The sharks don't have the aura of the silver tarpon, but I think most knowledgeable anglers will put many sharks, including our black tips, up against some of the more glamorous fish in the world.

There's something we don't understand about sharks. They won't give up. Never. Not until the last gulch of his body do you even want to assume that a shark won't come snapping back to life. More than one person has been bitten by a "dead" shark on a boat or dock. I guess it's the shark's basic strength and determination to live that makes them so attractive to so many anglers.

But there's something else I like about sharks. Fishermen usually release the shark at the end of the fight, unharmed and ready to take on another angler. So the sharks retain their numbers. Tarpon,

too, are like this, and I look forward to many years of fishing for both.

The black tips are more than three feet and sometimes more than five feet long. Right now they are moving in Pine Island Sound. If you want to try to catch some, now is a good time. And here's what it takes.

I like to use 4-6 reels with an eight-foot rod. You need the muscle to turn these fish, and in case you took a tarpon instead, you have the equipment to handle it. Use about eight feet of 120-pound leader, line with the last foot wire leader to keep the shark from cutting you off. I like to use a 3/4-ounce sinker at the swirl between line and leader to help throw the bait.

The bait is flexible. I use large, live pinfish. But a ladyfish or half a jack will work, too. Of course the old standby half mullet is about as good as any dead bait. We can't always get fresh live pinfish, but frozen or even live mullet work well.

Use a 6-0 hook on the wire leader — and keep that bigger sharp!

If you want to bring in a black tip for dinner you need a gaff and rope to "tail rope" the fish and let it

die at the side of the boat before you bring it in. This is the most dangerous part of the angling, and you must use much care in safely handling sharks. They react by instinct, and a moving object, even if they are dying on the floor of a boat, will make them slash and bite.

Make sure the fish is dead before you bring it aboard. You might have to use a "fish billy" to club it and speed up the process. You want to gut the fish or fillet it on the spot. Sharks spoil easily this time of the year.

The Intracoastal Waterway, that deep channel running down the middle of Pine Island Sound, is a good place to start your search for sharks. The waters around markers 18 to 20 produce well. I suggest early morning or late evening fishing because of the heat and thunderstorms during the day.

Good fishing this week: The sharks really can peel line off a reel and provide the same jumping thrills tarpon do — only you get to eat the shark meat if you choose not to release the fish.

# SHELLING TIPS

By Captain Mike Fuery



It seems many of our island visitors who want to look for shells have their hearts set on finding that One Big Shell. Most don't even know what they are looking for — just as long as it's big. I get so many questions about Big Shells I thought they would make a good subject for this week's shelling tips.

If you are new to shelling, as many visitors to Sanibel and Captiva are, then you probably tend to equate all those hours of looking through miles of drizzle shells with hard work. Rewarding work is finding a nice, colorful, big shell. These could be conchs or whelks or a variety of other shells that our local shells always carry, but that are never even found in local waters.

So folks often get their shells all mixed up and relate big shells to "conchs" and anything else "other shells". Those who have seriously shelled our beaches for years know the frustration of a novice sheller walking seemingly endless miles of sand and not seeing any of the big, colorful shells Sanibel is supposed to be famous for. Where are these shells, anyway?

We have two local shells that can grow to giant standards. As I have already mentioned, whelks can grow to more than 12 inches from tip to tip and weigh from three to five pounds. The horse conch is probably the best known big shell. Technical books

say horse conchs can reach up to 18 inches, but I've never seen one that could touch that length. The more usual size is from 10 to 12 inches.

The living patterns of both of these large shells are closely associated. They love to eat clams. Who doesn't, right? But the whelks and horse conchs have a special attraction. For hours and even days they can work over a sandy bar "driveling" for clams, especially the sandy venus clams and the regular large clams that are in so many soups.

The two shells move laboriously over the sand, sensing out where the clams are buried. They really work to find their quarry and then do a type of excavation to bring the clam to the surface.

A combination of body acids and water pressure forces open even the most stubborn clam. Then they eat the insides and go one to the next clam hole.

It might be difficult to think of "predator" shells, but the whelks and conchs do qualify in a way with their feeding patterns. But what you want to know is why they grow so large and where you can find them.

First, historically they are large shells. The tiny conch shells many people call "butterflies" only grow to be an inch or so long. Many other local collector shells are the same way. They never get very big, but their color intensity and form make

them valuable for any display. The big whelks and conchs are often barnacle encrusted and cumbersome. The conch, shark's eyes, olives, murexes, worn shells and cockles might be smaller, but their vivid color makes them just as good — or even better — items for your shell table.

So don't let your heart on finding that one large, gaudy shell to start off your collection. But rather start with general shells, then gradually improve on each as you become more experienced. And as you search the beaches one day you probably will find a Big One.

After you come to cherish shells for their beauty I think you just might come to an understanding many of us already have reached: You put back those big, old shells and conchs and wish them a long and happy life. Because that, friends, is the only way we are ever going to have great shelling on our beaches in the future.

Good luck shelling this week. Turn back the live ones, and enjoy your time on our beaches.

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# ISLANDER SPORTS

By Scott Martell



## Local PGA players hold Beachview tournament

By Mark Johnson

The local chapter of Southwest Florida Professional Golfers Association held its summer tournament Monday, Aug. 5, at the Beachview Golf Club in Sanibel.

In the one-day event 22 pro golfers battled hot weather and slow putting greens. At the end of the day four teams were tied for first place. Each of the two-man teams finished the course with a five under par 65.

Local pro Tom Kochensparger and

his partner, Marion Heck of Fort Myers were among the first place finishers. Heck also held the lowest individual score with a five under par 65 on the par 70 course.

Beachview pro Robbie Wilson said the course was in good condition for the tournament.

The Southwest Florida PGA chapter holds summer tournaments for its members once a week June through October.



## No-Name, No Win!

This picture of the No-Name Golf Tournament winners did not appear in the June 21 issue of The Islander because only two of the three were winners.

John Mitchell, on the left, was mistakenly awarded the Islander trophy for low net (subsequently and correctly awarded to Bob Henderson).

Mitchell left with the trophy before the mistake was caught. He received the bad news the next day on the phone. After his

first, "Whaaaaat?" and some unintelligible mutterings, he accepted the name with good grace and returned the trophy promptly.

In view of John's forbearance and good sportsmanship, there is considerable support for a John Mitchell Trophy in next year's tournament — one that will be awarded for sportsmanship, then taken back. And, who knows, maybe given to John Mitchell?

## SPORTS SHORTS

### Blue meet SWAT results

8 and under

Andy Muench finished first in the 25-yard freestyle, third place in the 25-yard breaststroke, sixth in the 25-yard backstroke, second in the 25-yard butterfly and second in the individual medley.

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Tara Friedland finished eighth in the 50-yard freestyle and in the 50-yard butterfly and swam the 50-yard breaststroke in 54.28, the 50-yard backstroke in 52.47 and the 100-yard individual medley in 1:45.

Christina Rogers finished seventh in the 50-yard freestyle, eighth in the 50-yard breaststroke, sixth in the 50-yard backstroke, sixth in the 100-yard butterfly and seventh in the 100-yard individual medley.

Heather Muench finished first in the 50-yard breaststroke, the 50-yard butterfly and in the 100-yard individual medley.

Jeani Muench finished first in the 100-yard backstroke and the 100-yard butterfly.

### All-star softball squads picked

The Islands' men and women all-stars will be chosen tonight for the all-star softball series set for next Sunday, Aug. 14.

The tentative time schedule is 11 a.m. for the women's game and 12:30 p.m. for the men's game. Regularly scheduled Sunday games have been cancelled and will be made up at the end of the season.

The cancelled games include Island

Excels versus The Other Team and the Ducks versus versus Marine in the men's division. In women's league the Twigs versus Gringos game has also been cancelled.

A first place trophy and individual trophies will be awarded at the all-star games. After the contest, a celebration will be held at Peppers restaurant, which is sponsoring the tournaments.



## Hockey stars break the ice at South Seas

Ice-hockey stars reclined in a tropical setting seems as incongruous as people on the moon. Yet both happen.

Last week two hockey heroes from the 1980 Olympic squad that beat the Russians in Lake Placid and went on to win the hockey gold medal visited South Seas Plantation on Captiva.

Mike Ramsey and Bill Baker enjoyed the off-season respite courtesy of Network One, an interval ownership company. Both Ramsey and Baker are current National Hockey League players. Ramsey plays for the Buffalo Sabres; Baker for the New York Rangers.

Ramsey played more than 100 games in the year before the Olympics. Then he was only 19 and one of the youngest members of the Olympic gold medal winning team.

"I had to grow up and mature pretty quickly," he said. "It was a very mentally trying experience."

And the glory from being part of that historic team continued last week as Captiva's crowd

around the two players seeking autographs. Even in Buffalo, where Ramsey is a defenseman, autograph seekers wait his name not because he is a Sabre but because of his affiliation with upsetting the Russian's prize hockey team. Yet Ramsey tries not to live in the past.

He admires European style of play that was followed in the Olympics. One difference is the rink size, he said, adding that European rinks are bigger than American professional rinks. And partially because of this size, the Europeans emphasize good skating and more passing.

The American game is more "bump and grind," Ramsey said. He likes to think he can play both styles well. And as a defenseman, or "plumber," he does all the hard work keeping the opposition from scoring — what he calls work without much glory.

Work without glory — after the heady days of Olympic victory, these days of steady hard work must seem like a vacation at South Seas compared to the fast lane of NHL hockey.



Hockey stars Mike Ramsey and Bill Baker sign autographs for happy fans at South Seas Plantation. Photos by Mark Johnson.

## Islander sports quiz

With visiting Olympic hockey players stimulating thoughts of air tinged with frost on a winter day, it seems appropriate to start out here in the middle of a hot and humid summer with sports trivia about a winter sport — what else but hockey? How about this easy two-parter:

Who did the United States beat in the ice hockey finals in 1980 to win the gold medal? And, still dreaming 50-degree weather, how about this: Overall, which one of these countries has won the most medals in the history of the winter Olympics: the United States, the USSR or Norway?

Got an idea? Give us a Buzz at 472-5182. Answers and new trivia questions next week.

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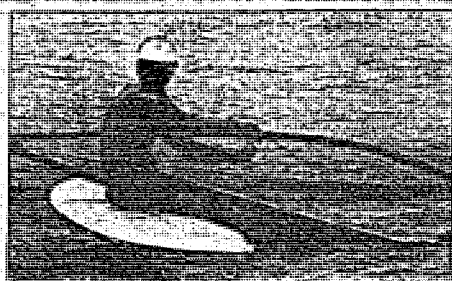
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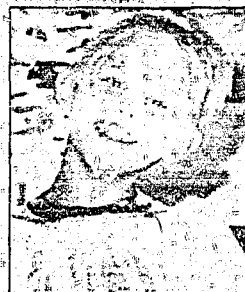
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## First ever rec center summer program ends

By Scott Martell

A full summer of recreational fun comes to an end this week for Island youth.

The summer program at the city's recreation complex has included a diverse group of activities — from a talent show to movies to a holiday week in which children celebrated Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving and a general "birthday" day.

Recreation Director Dick Noon says attendance at the summer program run by Trish Bissell, Toni Canino and Suzanne Boettcher averaged between 60-70 youngsters a day. "It was just a super program," he says. "It worked about very well I think."

"This was the first year we've done anything like this on our own," Noon adds. Noon has hopes the program can expand next summer to include more organized

sports. This year's participants were younger than expected, and organized sports were not as feasible.

The community gave generous support to the program. Noon says. The Bank of the Islands contributed hot dogs for Friday lunch parties, and Bailey's sent ice cream for the "birthday" day. Other contributors ranged from the Sanibel Police Recreation Club to Three Crafty Ladies to the many parents who offered art supplies.

And last but not least, the Sanibel Elementary school gave full use of the multi-purpose room for arts and crafts and encouraged the use of school sports equipment and other supplies.

While the program technically ends this week, a tentative plan is to have some organized program from 2-6 p.m. during the first month of school.



Top left, Tara Friedland works on a Thanksgiving turkey during holiday week festivities. Center, Jimmy Townsend plays a drum in the talent show. Right, Joacile York puts together her Thanksgiving turkey. Above, an unidentified spook reveals around the pool on Halloween day. Photos by David Meardon.

## Uncovering the deep mysteries of the ocean from page 3B

are few places to hide they must keep moving and moving, confined for a lifetime to this prison-like layer of the sea.

These bottom dwellers must withstand tremendous pressures, too — up to seven and a half tons per square inch — and they do so with only minor internal changes, since

their body fluids are at the same pressure as the surrounding water.

Organic matter from the sunlit zone eventually accumulates on the bottom, where deep ocean currents carry it to organisms that do not move about. The Sea World chart depicts some of the strange and unfamiliar fish that inhabit these depths such as

the brotulid (the most numerous), angler fish, hatchet fish, lantern fish and viper fish.

For most of us our view of the unseen ocean will be through films brought back by the few who are able to make the descent in submersible vessels. As time goes on they will be able to tell us more about that vast life

under the sea that covers three quarters of our earth's surface.



## 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-shelling 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, Tuesdays hear Irvin Ellis and Rhapsody Reggae, a three-piece band, featuring Ellis on steel pans. Originally from Jamaica, the Miami-based band plays calypso and folk songs 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

**Crow's Nest** — At Tween Waters Inn on Captiva. Now featuring Unicorn Run, a four-piece jazz-funk band, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Appearing through Aug. 28. Casual dress. Dancing. Cover charge \$1. Happy hour from 2 to 5 p.m. daily.

**Glads Piano Lounge** — At the Ramada Inn on the gulf at the end of Donax Street, Sanibel. Lounge is open from 5 p.m. to midnight every day. Through

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**Peppers** — In Tahitian Garden shopping center on Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Hummingbird, a three-piece band, plays top 40, rock and roll and country Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. through Aug. 20.

**Sunday and Monday** hear the Jack Smith Band of Captiva. Happy hour from 5 to 7 p.m. daily with "Wheel of Fortune" specials. Casual dress. No cover. Small dance floor.

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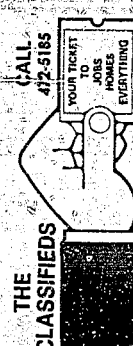


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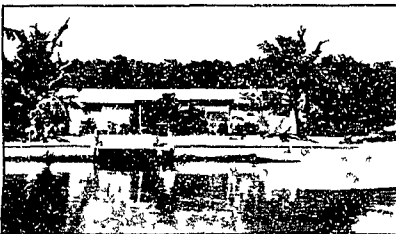


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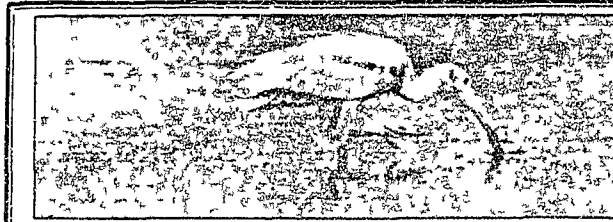
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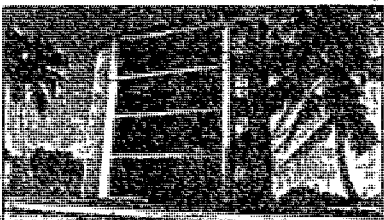
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