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## County Commission commits \$1 million for renourishment project

By Scott Martell

If the pot yields, then the Captiva Erosion Prevention District will receive \$1 million from the planned refinancing of the Sanibel Causeway, Lee County Commissioner Porter Goss said last week.

Goss' motion to commit \$1 million to the Captiva Erosion Prevention District for any project that might qualify for validation in the bond hearings

passed unanimously. The estimated \$1 million from refinancing the Causeway must go for projects that improve access roads to the Sanibel Causeway.

The motion committed the \$1 million without pigeonholing the money for renourishment alone, though this has been the CEPD's planned expenditure.

"This way you are not plumed down," Goss said.

"You have more latitude and could use the money for the Blind Pass Bridge or even further up the (Captiva) road."

Nor is the money tied to the CEPD's recent Municipal Services Taxing Unit petitions, Goss explained.

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## City officials endorse COTI density ordinance

By Barbara Brandage

At one of the shortest City Council workshop meetings in recent years, an ordinance designed to control density by counting "holes" rather than dwelling units was approved, and Planning Commission endorsement last week.

With only minor changes the ordinance submitted by the Committee of the Islands was started on its way as a general amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan after only an hour and half of discussion.

The first step will be a Planning Commission review of the revised document and a recommendation to the council.

COTI Chairman Fred Metcalfe and board member William Angst with Attorney Fred Boesselman, who helped COTI draft the ordinance, outlined the ramifications of their proposal.

Mayor Fred Valtin questioned whether the change in calculating residential density for new develop-

ment that will have an impact on only 200 or so Islanders was worth the trouble.

He was persuaded by Boesselman's argument that, "On a barrier island the public safety of a couple of hundred people is important."

"This ordinance affects evacuation and supports the original CLUP policy (to keep growth at a level that will allow all residents to get off the island in the event of a disaster)," Boesselman said.

There are only 20 to 25 acres of raw land left to be developed in the resort housing zone, Assistant Planning Director Bob Duane said.

If the density is based on the "average occupancy rate" of the resort housing units, the over all density would be reduced by about 50 units, Duane explained.

Metcalfe said reducing density on new development is only the first step

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The early bird gets it

The worm that is. And the early photographer gets the early bird, in this case an egret on Sanibel, getting the worm. Photo by Mark Johnson.

## 150-seat restaurant, shops too much for Periwinkle site

By Barbara Brandage

Rick Kennedy's plans to develop an eight-acre site on Periwinkle Way with a 150-seat restaurant and lounge and three adjoining retail shops is a "too intensive use of the property," the Planning Commission agreed last week.

The proposed complex dubbed W's Landing would use the maximum 3,500 square feet of retail floor area allowed on the 2.2 acres of the site zoned for general office and retail use, the planning staff reported.

The remainder of the property to the rear is zoned for residential use with

six dwelling units permitted. Kennedy said he wants to develop only the commercial portion at this time.

Under commercial regulations the restaurant and lounge are conditional uses, and the 4,500 square feet of floor space proposed far exceeds the permitted development intensity.

An atrium that would provide access to both the restaurant and the retail shops is not included in the calculations of commercial floor area.

The commission agreed the atrium could be aesthetically pleasing, but they expressed concern about the

possibility of its future use as a "sidewalk cafe."

Earlier this year the commission ruled out drive-in windows for a proposed branch bank on the same site because of the increased traffic that facility would generate just east of the Harbour House restaurant and across Periwinkle Way from Gibby's restaurant.

Kennedy pointed out the bank planned to use 14,256 square feet of retail space while his FAR is only 10 percent.

He said he plans to keep the restaurant open only for dinner,

during the hours when traffic on Periwinkle Way is not a problem.

But he said it would be difficult to make a commitment, as suggested by one commissioner, that breakfast and lunch would never be served.

When they are built, Kennedy said, he would use the residential units on the site house employees. But he would not agree to place them in the city's Below Market Rate Housing program.

One access road designed to serve both the commercial and residential sites will require only one curb cut on

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## County commits \$1 million for renourishment

The commission met last Wednesday, one day before the MSTU petition deadline. As of Friday, only 27 of the 123 petitions had been returned, much less than the 65 percent support required to establish a taxing unit.

It seemed the general consensus of the CEPD board that many Captivians were holding their petitions until they knew the county's answer to both the \$1 million commitment and the Captiva parking ordinance. It seemed certain the board would consider extending the petition deadline at yesterday's board meeting.

The CEPD asked the county Wednesday for \$1 million for renourishment and another \$1 million for raising the elevation of Captiva Road on both sides of Blind Pass Bridge and for repairs to the bridge itself.

Goss said the \$2 million is an appropriate request, but he asked that the additional \$1 million request be set aside until the county either refinances the Causeway or sells the span. The commission agreed to commit \$1 million and give Captiva a fair shot at further money when the priority list of projects is better established.

The CEPD had planned for the county's \$1 million to help finance renourishment. In the recent MSTU petition finance plan, the \$1 million from the county would lower Captivians' exclusive of South Seas Plantation property owners, share of the funding from \$5 million to about \$4 million of the proposed \$6 million project.

Goss tried to pin down County Administrator Lavon Wisler to a timetable when the CEPD could expect the \$1 million. Wisler said a timetable was impossible to come up with now, but she made it clear to Goss that the CEPD could not possibly receive the money before next summer.

One reason for the delay will be the bond validation hearings in refinancing the Causeway. County Attorney Jim Yaeger said he and county

bonding attorney Jack McWilliams had agreed that renourishment could pass through the courts as a valid expenditure for the refinanced bond money. "The real issue will be to show that a beach renourishment project will show an improvement to

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the toll facility," Yaeger said. Yaeger added that, "A struggle issue, but for using the money for renourishment, but that certainly is not a clear-cut thing. It might be a hard task."

## MSTU petition deadline extended

By Scott Martell

Because of several recent developments concerning Captiva and erosion prevention, the Captiva Erosion Prevention District decided yesterday to extend the deadline of the Municipal Services Taxing Unit petitions until Jan. 21.

As of Thursday, Dec. 22, the original deadline between 45-48 percent of the petitions had been returned. The county requires that 65 percent of those petitioned approve an MSTU before the taxing district can be established.

The MSTU cuts for Captivians to pay approximately \$4 to \$5 million of the estimated \$6 million cost of renourishment.

The CEPD board generally felt many Captivians withheld their petitions until several issues were resolved. The issues included:

"The day before the MSTU deadline last Thursday, the Lee County Commission passed into law a parking ordinance that prohibits parking on road rights-of-way on Captiva. The only parking allowed on Captiva will be at Turner Beach and the county park adjacent to South Seas Plantation. (See story page 2A).

"The commissioner also passed a resolution

committing \$1 million from the proposed refinancing of the Sanibel Causeway to the CEPD to protect Captiva Road. Should the money be forthcoming, the MSTU cost for Captivians on the lower two-thirds of the island will be \$4 million instead of \$5 million of the total \$6 million cost of the renourishment project.

"Commissioner Porter Goss last week received a completed application form for the construction of the Blind Pass groin. Two weeks ago, at Goss' request, the CEPD made a presentation to the Sanibel City Council concerning the groin. Sanibel did not offer a formal objection or approval of the groin at that time.

The CEPD board generally felt many Captivians withheld their petitions until several issues were resolved. The issues included:

"At yesterday's CEPD meeting the board unanimously passed a motion forcing out any further efforts to seek enlarged parking at the county park adjacent to South Seas Plantation to return for parking money for renourishment from the state of Florida.

"When the board extended the deadline for the return of the MSTU petition to Jan. 21, they emphasized this would be the "absolute, unassailable and irrevocable" deadline.

## Captiva parking plan adopted

By Scott Martell

The Lee County Commission unanimously passed a parking ordinance for Captiva last week that prohibits parking on all street and road rights-of-way on the five-mile-long barrier island.

Public parking is now limited to Turner Beach on the southern end of the island and the county park adjacent to South Seas Plantation where Captiva Drive terminates.

The two public parking areas have a total of 111 parking spaces.

The ordinance, which carries a \$15 fine for those found in violation, will go

into effect within a few weeks.

The commission took only 15 minutes to pass the measure that was sponsored by the Captiva Civic Association. About 47 Captivians packed the commission meeting room to show their support for the ordinance.

"My office has received strong and unanimous support for the ordinance," Commissioner Porter Goss said. "It is a good ordinance that has been carefully considered."

Commissioner Roland Eastwood wondered if a \$15 fine was sufficient to discourage violations. For big city

people, \$15 is a typical daily parking fee," he said.

Captiva Civic Association attorney Jim Humphrey said Captivians' first concern was to pass the parking ordinance, which following Lee County's own parking code that calls for a \$15 fine. He said he would like to see the fine raised later.

In presenting a case for the ordinance, Dewey Jones emphasized several points. First, he said, parking on Captiva Drive makes the island more vulnerable in the case of a storm evacuation. Second, using photographs of the island's roads to

illustrate his point, Jones showed there is not much room anyway for cars to park without obstructing the road.

Third, he said, parking on the road obstructs the movement of fire trucks and emergency vehicles. And fourth, he said, parking on rights-of-way affects the island's ambiance and character.

The ordinance lists several exceptions, from county vehicles to emergency and fire vehicles and private vehicles on animal rescue calls. Special permits will be available for those people with handicaps or other unique hardships.

## COTI density ordinance

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in solving the problem of intensity of use that threatens the quality of life on Sanibel.

COTI plans to tackle the problem of controlling density in existing housing units and already has a rough draft of an ordinance with that in mind.

Councilman Bill Hagerup suggested it would be helpful for the council to see COTI's second proposal before the first reading of the pending ordinance. As a general amendment it must be sent to state, regional and local planning agencies for review and comment before council considers it formally.

This process will take at least two months, Planning Director Bruce Rogers said. "So a first reading will not be likely until the second council meeting in February."

Metcalf promised COTI will have the new material available for council study before that deadline.

Councilman Louise Johnson found "very little controversy" about the COTI ordinance, but she wanted it clarified that redevelopment of existing hotels will also be affected.

The planning staff called the proposed ordinance an improvement over the present formula in CLUP that uses only the number of dwelling units in regulating residential densities.

"The dwelling unit has long been recognized by planning practitioners as an imprecise measure of actual development intensity," Rogers said.

This is because typically the size, type and characteristics of occupancy are not to vary so greatly between dwelling units and locations, he added.

## 150-seat restaurant

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Periwinkle, Kennedy said. His proposed drainage plan for the entire parcel is in accordance with the South Florida Water Management District's regulations, but planners were concerned that the retention area on the commercial portion of the site is not large enough to store all of the water generated on the portion as required by city regulations.

The staff recommended that Kennedy provide a drawing that clearly demonstrates that the runoff from the commercial portion can in fact be retained in that area.

Commissioner Jerry Muench reminded his colleagues that Kennedy has the right to develop the property.

A dinner restaurant is a better use than retail and office development, which would generate traffic during the peak daytime hours, Muench said.

But it was commission consensus that Kennedy's proposal called for "too much" development. "But they were not yet ready to either approve or reject his plans.

Acting Chairman Larry Simon suggested that Kennedy compromise a little and come back with a more acceptable plan.

Commissioner Emily Barefield's motion to continue the hearing until Jan. 9 passed by a 6-0 vote. Chairman Ann Winterbotham was absent.

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## Weather watch



Everybody talks about it

Holiday visitors and island residents can expect partly cloudy skies through Friday this week with highs near 80 and lows in the 60s.

Last week's weather according to records kept by the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce was as follows:

	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Monday, Dec. 12	78	63	1.05
Tuesday, Dec. 13	72	61	0
Wednesday, Dec. 14	77	63	0
Thursday, Dec. 15	78	61	.43
Friday, Dec. 16	78	69	0
Saturday, Dec. 17	78	64	0
Sunday, Dec. 18	78	69	0

## Holiday schedules

### Islander

Because of the holiday the day after Christmas, Monday, Dec. 26, The Islander will be published next Wednesday, Dec. 28. The deadline for submitting news items for next week's issue is 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23.

The same publication and deadline schedule will be followed the next week after the New Year's holiday, which means The Islander will be on the stands and in your mailbox Wednesday, Jan. 3.

### IWA

The Island Water Association will close at noon this Friday, Dec. 23, and Friday, Dec. 30. The offices will also be closed Monday, Dec. 26, and Monday, Jan. 7.

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### Businesswomen contribute toys for Lee County Children's Home

The Sanibel-Captiva American Business Women's Association met Dec. 8 at the Dunes and sent Santa on his way loaded down with Christmas gifts for the Lee County Children's Home.

ABWA member Jaye Halcrow conducted a "blind auction" of items ranging from a computer donated by Marty and Alan Graegreen to surprise

packages with unknown contents.

The auction raised more than \$500, which will be added to the ABWA Scholarship Fund.

Winners of the club's holiday raffle were drawn and are as follows: Martha Dumaire of Fort Myers, dinner for two at McT's; Florence Higgins of Sanibel, dinner for two at the Harbor House; Irene LaPorte of

Fort Myers, the basket of cheer; and Dick Baker of Sanibel, a latch-hook rug, map of Sanibel and Captiva.

The next meeting will take place Thursday, Jan. 12, at the Beachview Country Club. Any woman who is gainfully employed in the Sanibel-Captiva area is invited to attend a meeting. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month. ABWA

members who are visiting the Islands are always welcome.

For reservations call Florence Higgins, 472-6000 days and 432-3706 evenings. Information on membership can be obtained from Eleanor Bouvarain, 472-1222 days or 463-0656 evenings.

### Committee of the Islands elects new officers, committee chairmen

The new officers for the Committee of the Islands as elected at the annual meeting Dec. 8 are as follows: Fred Metcalfe, chairman; William Angst, vice chairman; H.H. Foster, treasurer; and Mary Lou Husler, secretary.

Standing committee chairmen for the coming year are: Carol Davenport, elections; Harriet Klingel, public

relations; Gilbert Bursley, government liaison; Anita Glazie, nominations; H. Foster, Captiva liaison; William Angst, below market rate housing; Duane White, industry of use; Conrad Lickel, causeway; Milena Kaskow, ROGO; Arthur Wycoff, public utilities; Joseph Diamond, emergency management.

### Pastor will address Kiwanians

Pastor Bruce Milligan of the Sanibel Community Church will be the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club this Wednesday, Dec. 21. The meeting will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Dunes

Country Club.

All Kiwanians and guests are invited to join the Island members for breakfast every Wednesday at the dunes. For more information call Mark Rodgers, 472-4141.

### The Boy Scout Law: Part Three: Helpfulness

A Boy Scout must be prepared at any time to save life, help injured persons and share the home duties. He

must do at least one good turn for somebody every day.

### BGA plans CLEAN-UP 84 campaign

The Better Government Association of the Island announced plans last week for a "CLEAN-UP 84" campaign on Sanibel and Captiva.

The "CLEAN-UP" campaign is a state-wide petition drive by members of organizations with consumer, health, public interest and environmental concerns. They will attempt to place an amendment to the Florida Constitution entitled "Environmental Rights" on the ballot in the general election in November 1984.

The amendment establishes a right to a healthful environment and the right to know if that healthful environment has been endangered.

Any Sanibel and Captiva voters who would like to participate in the campaign should write to: Better Government Association of the Islands, P.O. Box 611, Sanibel 33957.

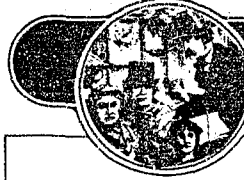
### Elementary school students learn first hand about marine life

Every Thursday morning fifth graders at Sanibel Elementary School get a first hand look at another segment of marine life.

Alice Anders and Pat Kair deliver a lecture and then conduct a question and answer time for the children. Some of the lectures in the past few weeks have been on sea horses and pipe fish, toxic marine animals, sea plants and live shells.

There is also an observation time when the children tell what they have observed in the class marine aquarium during the week. The aquarium is provided and maintained by the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club.

The school and the fifth graders especially thank Anders for the time and effort she gives so freely in this project.



# COMMENTARY

## Koala compromise might solve melaleuca melee

To the Editor:  
The Islander

Perhaps there is a compromise solution to the increasingly bitter controversy over the melaleuca.

Instead of spending large amounts of taxpayers' money and city workers' time and abruptly denuding shaded areas, perhaps a biological solution could be found that would constantly work at little or no direct expense to anyone and at the same time provide

manifold benefits to residents, businesses and tourists alike.

Our nation has imported many creatures for biological control of rampant vegetation — fish (amur, tilapia), insects, etc. In Australia, I am informed, the eucalyptus tree provides the sole nourishment for the koala bear. Melaleuca is in the eucalyptus family. If we were to import a breeding population of koalas to check our melaleuca problem the tax

savings for residents would be tremendous.

Koalas are a draw for Australia; imagine if Sanibel had its own population. Our guides would be inundated with requests, the t-shirt industry would have a sure-fire subject, and each "infected" yard would have built-in entertainment. That caddy looking bear would rival our pelican in popularity!

The island nature of our city would

limit the confines of the koalas until scientists were certain nothing was going awry. If they had to be removed, koalas would certainly be easier to round up than Japanese beetles. If it worked, south Florida and the Everglades would be saved.

Merry Christmas,  
Betty Anbolt  
Sanibel

## Humane officer pleads for removal of birds

A copy of the following letter to Jerry Paulsen was given to The Islander for publication.

Dear Mr. Paulsen,

A few days ago I visited your new shopping center. All the shops are very appealing and attractively decorated. Then I saw the four birds in four separate cages. As a humane officer for the state of Virginia I take an immediate interest in any animal, so I paused and noticed that these birds do not have adequate protection from the elements. The small birds at the top of the cages do not offer shelter from driving rain or sun, and what would protect them from being molested at

night when the shops are closed?

I left the center, for I will not buy anything from a place that exploits animals. What is the purpose of their being there? Do you think they will bring more business? After having discussed this with friends here on the Island who are equally dismayed at this situation, I can assure you that you will lose the business of all those who are animal oriented. And since the citizens of Sanibel are just that, you might lose quite a lot.

I talked to the owner of the birds, Richard Muench, but he is not concerned about the danger of vandalism because your store is open all night

and the area is well lit. This does not mean anything. Much harm can be done in seconds.

Mr. Muench also said the birds love the rain. Sure they do — as long as they can get out of it when they have had enough. These birds cannot! They have been observed, soaking wet, huddled up as far as they can get to the top of their cages.

Your shopping center would be much more attractive to the Islanders if the birds were not there.

Sincerely,  
Edith Von Staemmer  
Sanibel

## FISH receives thanks from grateful recipient

A copy of the following message was enclosed with a Christmas card to FISH of Sanibel in care of Marilyn Bradley, president of Friends In Service Here, was submitted to The Islander for publication.

Dear FISH,

I wanted to thank your society for helping me out last week. My son cut his wrist on one of the rocks and cut his artery. Your society helped me get him to Fort Myers to a plastic surgeon. Thanks for being such a caring group of people — you'll make the world much better — and thanks for helping us out of a bad situation. Hope each and every one of you'll have a good, good Christmas. I know "Chip" and I will too!

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## COTI board clarifies BMRH endorsement

A copy of the following letter to Mayor Fred Valtin from the Committee of the Islands was given to The Islander for publication.

Dear Mayor Valtin,

At the annual meeting of COTI on Dec. 9, 1983, a great deal of discussion time was devoted to the Below Market Rate Housing program. We were fortunate to have Ben Fuller, a liability and annual accountabilities, give a comprehensive report of the workings and the application of the housing support envisaged by the proposed ordinance.

The COTI general membership in attendance voiced unanimous support. We regret that lack of time has precluded a full poll of the membership majority (some 90 percent were absent).

This expression of support together with the specific request of Mayor Valtin to the COTI board for an official position statement is the basis for this letter. Subsequent to the annual meeting, the board held its regular meeting and made the following determination:

The COTI board supports the current action of the City Council in regard to fulfilling the legislative need for some form of below market rate housing within the city. The draft

ordinance establishing an agreement with CHR is presented and discussed at council chambers Dec. 6, 1983, generally provides opportunity, administrative support and seed money consistent with a positive, equitable and clearly measurable program.

The strong evidence of forethought regarding 1) administration, execution, tenant qualification, fiscal liability and annual accountabilities, 2) compatibility with Sanibel's unique community structure, clearly demonstrates the sincere application of the author as to the pertinent documentation.

In pursuit of a clear understanding of the BMRH proposed ordinance, COTI board members sought out and have been satisfied on certain grave concerns as well as certain minor emotional issues. We have listed these without implied priority as a matter of record.

1) The "mandate" for action on BMRH is clearly conceived by both the council and the city staff as much more than simply providing applicable "favorable" or "opportunistic" language.

2) The wisdom and the initiative to do our own Sanibel program rather than to rely on state or federal encroachment in this sensitive arena is commendable.

3) This restless moral, social, political issue has been dealt with in a manner involving a high potential for satisfaction while at the same time offering a well limited, well defined risk, releasing our leadership for other current, urgent concerns.

4) Sanibel's managerial and legal stunts demonstrated and/or implied a high degree of satisfaction with the overall scheme during the several recent hearings.

5) Our mayor unequivocally preempted any conflict of interest situations in his preamble to the council hearing.

6) The administration and the administrator are the responsibility of CHR, operating under the jurisdiction of the city manager.

a) The selection of an administrator is presumed to be a CHR function, but hopefully the city staff will constructively participate.

b) It is also presumed that the CHR organization structure precludes its officers from holding the fulltime responsibility of the administrator position.

7) Both Councilman Klein and Planning Commissioner Larry Simon

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# MUNICIPAL RECORDS

By Barbara Brundage

## Satellite dish ordinance gains commission okay

After making only minor changes the Planning Commission last week voted 4-2 to recommend City Council approval of an ordinance regulating installation of earth stations (television dish antennas) on Sanibel.

Commissioners Lennart Lorenson and Henry McKee dissented and said they could not support placement of the 12-foot diameter disks in single-family areas.

"The bulk of the antenna makes it an intrusion on the peaceful enjoyment of neighboring property owners," Lorenson said. He added he could support their commercial use because of the benefits to a large number of users at a potentially lower cost.

McKee agreed with Lorenson's position.

Standards for installing the dish antennas, which can receive communication or other signals from orbiting satellites or other extra-terrestrial sources, apply to all earth stations for both accessory and

principal use, Planning Director Bruce Rogers said.

Applicants will be required to produce a site plan showing adjacent properties and all screening features. The architectural features of the structure and the colors and materials to be used cannot be bright, shiny, garish or reflective.

The application for the long form development permit must include a statement demonstrating that the earth station will not produce electromagnetic interference on adjacent properties. The setbacks must be equal to or greater than the height of the proposed structure, and any guy anchorage must meet the minimum setbacks in the zoning district where the dish is located.

The earth station must be placed so there will be minimum visual impact on surrounding properties and must be screened with architectural devices or vegetation landscaping that harmonizes with the area.

Installation of dish antennas on roofs is prohibited, but the Planning Commission will consider specific requests for relief on a case-by-case basis.

If the earth station is the principal structure, such as for radio use, it cannot exceed the building height limitation of 45 feet.

Commissioner Bill Read pointed out that this restriction conflicts with another provision of the ordinance that requires the height of the earth station not to exceed a height equal to the distance from the base of the structure to the nearest

overhead electrical power line that serves more than one dwelling unit or place of business.

Rogers agreed that section should be revised.

The only other substantive change the commission made regarded the type of material that coats the hardware used in the dish installation to protect against rust or corrosion.

Acting Chairman Larry Simon, a retired engineer, said cadmium is not a suitable coating for use in the galvanizing process and should be deleted from the specifications.

In addition the use of stainless steel hardware should also be recommended.

Simon said the ordinance is not designed to prohibit dish satellites on Sanibel but to ensure their proper installation.

Rogers added that its purpose is to protect the interest of the general public and community at large. "It doesn't guarantee that everyone one will be able to install one," he said.

Because of the setback requirements, "People with small lots should forget about it," Commissioner Emily Barefield said.

It will be easiest to meet these standards on golf front lots, Rogers said.

Chuck and Kathleen Chappelle, who install satellite dishes in Lee County, told the commission the ordinance was reasonable. But they said they could foresee problems in the vegetation screening that might prevent reception of the satellite signal.

## Residents want improvements in exchange for density increase

Fourteen residents of Belle Meade subdivision who have formed a homeowners association strongly object to the increase in density requested by developer Paul Stahlin for an eight-acre tract he owns in the subdivision.

The association has asked the Planning Commission to grant a density increase only if Stahlin upgrades all three roads in the subdivision to meet city standards so that continued maintenance and upkeep will be done by the city of Sanibel.

Stahlin proposes to improve only Dimmick Court as an access to the property where he is seeking a hike in density from eight to 17 dwelling units.

During the past six months the current residents have financed repairs to the three roads and cleared the median strips of Brazilian pepper trees.

"Our roads are all inter-connected and very closely knit and will never stand up to use by another 17 units and will be further distressed by heavy construction traffic," Michelle Landi, secretary of the homeowners association, said in a letter to the commission.

Attorney Steve Helgemo, representing Stahlin, said there would be a legal problem if Stahlin were required to improve other roads when Dimmick Court will be the only one used for access to his proposed development.

To give the other Belle Meade property owners roads at no cost would constitute "contract zoning," Helgemo said.

Permission from everyone who owns property in Belle Meade will be required to improve the roads, and that could take years, he said.

Helgemo said one solution would be for Stahlin to join the homeowners association and pay a pro rata share of the cost of road improvements and maintenance.

In May 1981 Stahlin submitted a specific amendment request to permit 35 dwelling units on his two undeveloped parcels that had a one-unit-per-acre

density.

At that time the Planning Department stated for the property to qualify for increased density the road and drainage in Belle Meade would have to be brought up to city standards.

Last week Planner Ken Pfalzer told the commission a "threshold figure" of 13 dwelling units is all the property can support.

Eight of the proposed lots border the Sanibel River. Planning Director Bruce Rogers reminded the commission that his staff has been directed by the City Council to prepare an ordinance restricting development in environmentally sensitive areas within 200 feet of the Sanibel River.

"We need to know the total plan that is one mutually satisfactory to both the

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## Coming up at City Hall

A list of upcoming City Council and Planning Commission meetings

Tuesday, Dec. 20, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. — Regular meeting of the City Council. 2:30 p.m. — Second reading and public hearing of an ordinance approving an agreement with Community Housing and Resources, Inc., to serve as the city's housing foundation to administer the Below Market Rate Housing program.

Monday, Dec. 26 — City Hall offices closed for the Christmas holiday. Regular Planning Commission meeting canceled.

Monday, Jan. 2 — City Hall offices closed for the New Year's holiday.

## Height restriction clouds City Hall weathervane

The silvery dolphin weathervane perched on the cupola of City Hall 50 feet in the sky is a thing of beauty in the eyes of most beholders.

But the Planning Commission found it an embarrassment last week when they learned the weathervane exceeds the city's building height limitation by five feet.

The commissioners agreed the weathervane is lovely and should remain. They were willing to take the necessary action to mitigate the city's error, but they said granting a deviation was not the proper approach.

City Attorney David La Croix supported Commissioner Bill Read's contention that the commission cannot grant a deviation for a self-created problem. The specific amendment Rogers is the proper route to take, La Croix said.

According to the Planning Department report, it did not become apparent that the weathervane exceeds the 45-foot mean sea level height limitation until City Hall was completed.

The architect originally planned to have a flagpole on top of the cupola, but because of the difficulty of raising and lowering a flag at that height the weathervane was substituted.

The only structures that can legally exceed the height limitation are free-standing flagpoles and towers.

The planning staff pointed out that the weathervane, situated 245 feet from the nearest property line, does not

impose a negative visual impact on other properties.

"It is an esthetically pleasing feature that complements the overall appearance of the City Hall complex," the staff emphasized.

The commission agreed and suggested that the city file for a specific amendment for relief from the height restriction. This will require another hearing before the commission and two before the City Council.

"I hate to be a nitpicker," Read said. "But I recall another request for a deviation that we denied because it was a self-imposed hardship."

Read's motion to deny the deviation passed by a 6-0 vote.

Later in last week's meeting Mayor Properties' request for a deviation to construct a garage of Sanibel Cottages within 20 feet of a manmade body of water called by the commission as flying colors.

Though Read realized the garage presented the same problem as the city's weathervane, his colleagues disagreed.

"The city created this body of water by requiring a water retention pond on the project," Acting Chairman Larry Simon said.

The garage, originally was planned for postoffice use; the planning staff recommended approval of its relocation to the basis of the retention pond.

Commissioners Jerry Muench's motion to approve the deviation passed 5-1 with Read dissenting. Read cast the only dissenting vote.

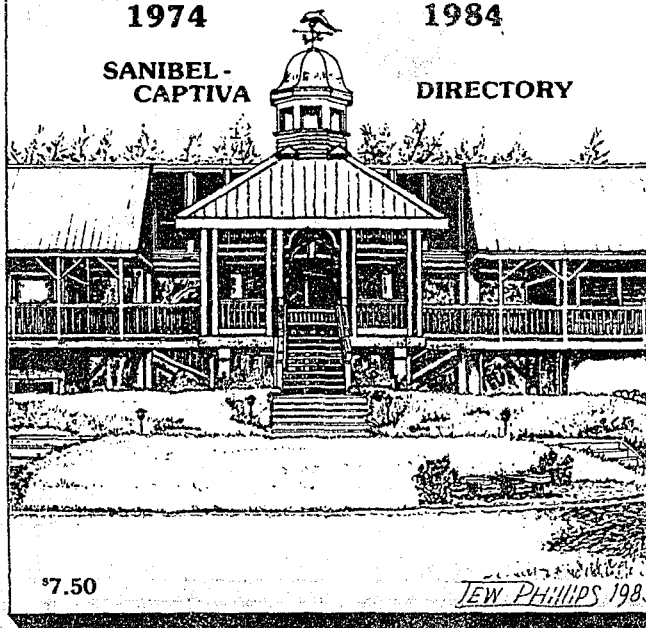
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## To those of you who are fortunate enough to subscribe to the Islander, but unfortunate enough not to be here the first two weeks of February...

The Sanibel Police Recreation Club will publish and distribute a special 10th Anniversary Telephone and Information Directory commemorating the city's 10 years of incorporation. In addition to telephone listings for Sanibel and Captiva the new volume will contain necessary information pertaining to city and county government, emergency hurricane evacuation plans and other need-to-know data.

Illustrated by local artists Lew and Kat Phillips, the book will contain all new artwork depicting scenes of local interest and historical significance.

Supported by local businesses and private donations, the project is expected to pay off most of the \$42,000 indebtedness of the city's largest recreational facility.

During the first two weeks of February every Island resident will receive a complimentary issue of the directory. Although there will be no charge for the book, it is hoped that tax-free contributions from those who receive copies will help defray the costs of publishing the directory and also contribute to the recreation complex fund.

On-island distribution will be handled by Neighborhood Watch committee members on Sanibel and by Sanibel Police Explorers on Captiva.

If you will not be on the islands during the first two weeks of February but would like a copy of the directory either mailed to you at another address or held for you at Sanibel Police Department headquarters until you arrive on the islands, please fill out and mail the coupon below so we can order enough books.

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Proceeds from the first directory in 1973-74 were used for the Sanibel Captiva Girl Scouts and the construction of bicycle paths on Sanibel. In 1981 the Sanibel Police Recreation Club assumed responsibility for the directory to raise funds for the Sanibel Recreation complex (free to the public. Olympic heated pool, exercise room, gymnasium).

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**Potter donates vase for library raffle at Lions craft fair**

In order to make more meaningful the items that will be raffled for the benefit of the Sanibel Public Library at the Lions Arts and Crafts Fair in February, it seems appropriate to tell something about the donors. This week we focus on potter Hanna Hilger. Hilger has contributed a stoneware vase to the raffle. She has exhibited at the fair for several years when it was sponsored by the Sanibel Library. She has visited Sanibel with her husband, Peter, since 1967. In 1969 they purchased a lot on Rue Belle Mer in Chateaux-Sur-Mer and built their house in 1970. They spend winters on Sanibel and summers in Hendersonville, N.C.

Hilger has been a potter for 13 years. Her first lessons were in an adult pottery class. She then spent two weeks at the Penland Craft School in North Carolina. The rest, she says, she has learned by trial and error.

In a small workshop in her home Hilger has an electric kiln and an electric wheel. Her pots are oxidation fired at 2,300 degrees. She mixes her own glazes and uses no lead. Thus her pots, which have been tested and proven over-proof provided they do not go in the oven directly from the refrigerator, are perfectly safe for food. They are microwave oven safe and can be put in the dishwasher.

Hilger's designs are original, and she marks her pots with her name or initials and the date. Her special sign is a porcupine, which is a family nickname.

The Sanibel Public Library is grateful to craftsmen such as Hanna Hilger who have generously contributed their work for the annual raffle.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and can be purchased at the library. They would make an excellent Christmas present for that hard-to-shop-for person on your list.

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## BUSINESS NEWS

By Scott Martell

### Will include 'full-fledged grocery store' Plans announced for Captiva shopping center

Location is the name of the game in planning new shopping centers. And representatives of Carmel Investment Properties, Corp., think they have the perfect location — directly across from South Seas Plantation on Captiva Island.

Groundbreaking for a new 9,300-square-foot shopping center should begin next week, Carmel president and Sanibel resident Steve Stephanides said last week. Construction of the six or seven stores in the center should be completed within 90 days, he added.

In this "year of the shopping centers" the islands have seen Jerry's of Sanibel and Old Sanibel completed and watched Bailey's Shopping Center expand.

Captiva's \$1.2 million "Plantation View Shopping Center" compares more closely with the 9,500-square-foot Old Sanibel than with larger centers such as Jerry's, with its 41,000 square feet.

"We were enticed by this piece of property (.64 acres)," Stephanides said. "What we want to do is compliment what they have at South Seas.



They aren't really in the retail business. And we're not going to 'break' their fine restaurant."

The shopping center's mix of stores is not yet complete, but Stephanides said the center will be anchored by a 5,200-square-foot combination of grocery store, hardware and delicatessen.

"We feel there is a definite need on Captiva for a full-fledged grocery," Stephanides said. Other spaces will be leased to a real estate

office, a branch of Peter Burns' Island Moped, a men's and women's clothing shop and a restaurant. This leaves one or two unleased stores, depending on whether the clothing stores combine in one space or lease two spots, Stephanides said.

Stephanides added his firm has leased parking from the Captiva Post Office. With 11 spaces from the Post Office, the center has spaces for 13 cars. A walkway will connect the shopping center and the Post Office.

Carmel Investment Properties is a Florida corporation of Canadian investors. This is the firm's first venture into business in Florida, but they own several investments in the Montreal area, Stephanides said, adding they have plans to invest in commercial development in Lee County, Stephanides added.

Construction of the center will be by Kalbetto Construction of Fort Myers. Joseph Duboc is the architect of the "Useppa Island look" center. Duboc has previously done work on Useppa and Boca Grande, Stephanides said.



### Husband and wife team will manage Sea Shells condos

The Condominium Association of Sea Shells of Sanibel announced last week the appointment of Joseph and Mildred Heim as managers of the 44-unit complex.

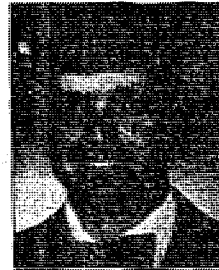
The Heims moved here recently from New Port Ritzschy, Fla., where Joseph was in real estate sales and Mildred was associated with Florida Federal Savings and Loan. Joseph also is a retired New York City detective and a licensed tennis instructor.

The couple will manage the physical plant and administer the on-site rental program at Sea Shells.

### Collucci named president of local medical association

Dr. John Collucci of Sanibel was recently elected president of the local district of the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association.

A native of Kansas, Collucci has practiced family medicine on Sanibel for the past three years. He is serving a one-year term as president of Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club.



### Natzke joins Naumann team

Jackie Natzke has joined John Naumann and Associates, Inc., Realtor, as a broker/salesman. Originally from Chicago, Natzke was employed as an accountant with Illinois Central, Evans Products and the University of Chicago.

She has been a southwest Florida resident since 1974. She started her real estate career in Cape Coral and for the past five years has been associated with EST on Sanibel. With her background in accounting and her experience in real estate on the Island, Natzke is well qualified as an investment realtor.

She says she enjoys the warm weather activities on the Island and appreciates the unique beauty of Sanibel and the friendly people.

### New restaurant adopts fantasy theme

The idea at the Mad Hatter, the gourmet restaurant which opened at Blind Pass last Friday night, is fantasy — in decor, in the gulf view and in the dining.

The Alice-in-Wonderland theme restaurant is in one of the older buildings on the Sanibel side of Blind Pass. The building previously housed the Waterside Inn restaurant.

"We are trying to create a place where folks can come for lunch and dinner, relax, and not be rushed," says owner Gary Skirry.

Islands come naturally for Skirry. He has been a chef from Boca Grande to Nantucket and Mount Desert Island in Maine. He currently owns three restaurants in Maine.

He came to Sanibel last winter to relax and look around. He also checked out several local

restaurants.

"These Islands can be considered very dreamy and fairy-tale-like," he says. "So we felt we should come up with a happy-go-lucky theme."

With the Alice-in-Wonderland theme in mind, the Mad Hatter is decorated with stained glass characters from Lewis Carroll's novel, such as Alice, the rabbit and the door mouse.

And the 44-seat restaurant also focuses on its fantasy-like view of the Gulf of Mexico.

Entrees at the Mad Hatter range from fillet mignon stuffed with fresh oysters and wrapped in bacon to a "Seafarers Delight" casserole. Prices are \$10 and up.

The restaurant also specializes in fresh vegetables, pastries and homemade deserts, Skirry adds.



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

Sanibel Fire Chief Fred Reez reported several drenched chickens and meat scraps were dumped in the rear driveway at Fire Station 2 on Sanibel-Captive Road Thursday morning, Dec. 8. Police ascertained the scraps had come from Jerry's Grocery Store. Employees there said the scraps had been given to two local fishermen to use for crab bait.

A West Gulf Drive resident reported someone had dumped garbage on Island Inn Road Thursday afternoon, Dec. 8.

Three Tennessee men were arrested for burglary and petty larceny after

they were discovered in the pool bar area at Casa Ybel resort around 12:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10.

Patrick Rowell of Knoxville, Tenn., and Joseph Daws and Jeffrey Howard of Nashville, Tenn., allegedly took several six packs of beer from the bar. Police found Howell inside the bar and the other two men on the premises with items that had been taken from the bar.

A 3x5-foot nylon American flag valued at \$80 was reported stolen from the Mariner Point condominium complex early Saturday morning, Dec. 10.

Police were unable to locate motorcycles that were reportedly riding on the golf course at the Beachview Country Club Saturday night,

Dec. 10. A Parview Drive resident made the complaint.

A Cape Coral man was charged with violation of a Sanibel ordinance that prohibits motorized vehicles from driving on Island beaches after police found his car on the beach near Casa Ybel resort Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11. Edwin Shevlin, 19, of 5146 SW 3rd Ave. was charged. Shortly after the minor accident on Southvinda Drive, Police notified Shevlin's parents, who picked him up at the Police Department.

A San Carlos Bay Drive woman called police for assistance in removing a snake from her home

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### Police beat continued

Monday morning, Dec. 12. The two-foot-long brown snake was released in nearby woods.

Police found an abandoned golf cart at the GulfSide City Park public beach access Monday morning, Dec. 12. The cart had been taken from Casa Ybel resort.

An Antioch, Ill., man reported a 13-inch black and white television was missing from his home at 1075 Skiff Place Monday morning, Dec. 12. The television was valued at \$150.

An Island Beach Club resident reported \$300 in cash was missing from her unit Thursday morning, Dec.

14. Police notified wildlife refuge officials to remove a sea turtle carcass that washed ashore near Sandollar condominiums Wednesday morning, Dec. 14.

A Sanibel woman reported the passenger vent window on her 1977 Dodge van was broken out while the van was parked at the beach access near Spanish Cay condominiums Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 14. Nothing was missing from the van.

A 19-inch Sylvania color television was reported missing from a Loggerhead Cay condominium

Wednesday evening, Dec. 14. The television was last seen in the unit Dec. 3.

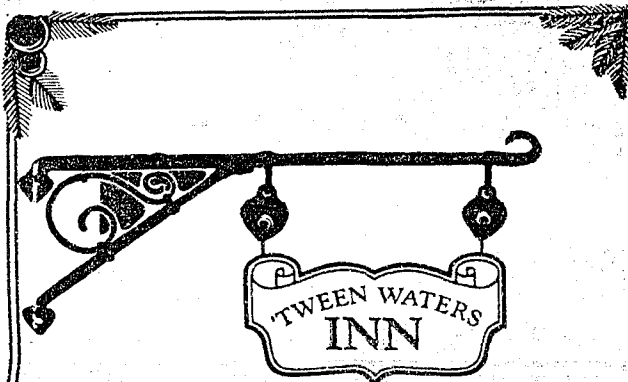
A Falls Church, Va., man told police \$150 in cash had been taken from his room at the Rainada Inn Thursday morning, Dec. 15.

A purse, wallet and \$65 in cash were stolen from a car that was parked at the Lighthouse Thursday afternoon, Dec. 15. The items belonged to a Largo, Fla., woman.

Two residents of Loggerhead Cay condominiums reported televisions were missing from their units Thur-

sdays afternoon, Dec. 15. Both televisions were 19-inch color sets. Value was not given at the time the report was filed.

A Centerville, Ohio, woman reported her purse containing \$15 in cash and \$100 in travelers checks was stolen from her car that was parked at the Tarpon Bay Road public beach access between 1:15 and 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15.



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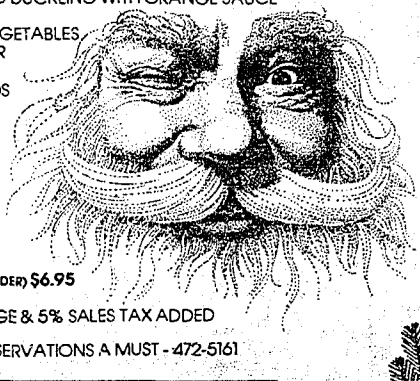
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COMMENTARY

Howe criticizes council-chosen BMRH route

A copy of the following letter to the Sanibel City Council was given to The Islander for publication.

Dear Councilmembers,

It was a most frightening experience to listen to the report and discussions of Sanibel's Below Market Rate Housing program at the recent meeting of the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency and its successor, HUD. That experience cries out at the City Council's apparent casual assessment of the construction, financing and operating knowledge and experience required by such highly specialized endeavors.

It seems irresponsible to expose Sanibel taxpayers to the most experienced organization to conduct

the BMRH program. To do so certainly could lead the city's taxpayers down into a morass of financial and legal entanglements that would be both costly and counterproductive to a sound program for the untold number of eligible needy island workers.

Yet, you have selected the unidentified and possibly untried members of the local Community Housing and Resources, Inc., to administer the program — rather than an experienced public agency already in the field.

You will recall that the city attorney in his recently reported six-page memorandum suggested to you how the program might safely and satisfactorily work under such public agency administration. Also, that my 1982 suggestions (that were also reported in The Islander and the Fort

Myers News-Press) to you similarly outlined the current availability of the Florida Housing Finance Agency, which was mandated by a 1980 referendum of the state's voters.

Through the Lee County Housing Finance Agency and federal aid that agency has been successful in arranging for some \$16 million in marketable low-interest, tax-exempt bonds to provide low and moderate income housing for hundreds of eligible Lee Countyans.

At the risk of again being accused of "quoting out of context," the repeated contentions of two councilmen strike me as valid excuses for avoiding the use of available experienced public agencies when they said: "A housing authority set up under state regulations is quite contrary to what we intended to do," and that the two basic criteria for establishing the need

for such housing "do not necessarily apply to Sanibel."

After listening to the recent COTI forum and attending several of your public hearings at which CHH presentations were considered, I am one who is totally unwilling to hand over the key to our city treasury to such an inexperienced group as CHH. I believe that many other taxpayers have similar reservations but are understandably hesitant to publicly state them.

Accordingly, I suggest that either a public referendum or a court ruling sought by the City Council would be prudent to resolve this proposed and unprecedented pledging of the city's credit.

Sincerely,  
Paul Howe  
Sanibel

COTI clarifies BMRH endorsement

questioned and received absolutely affirmative responses to matters addressed to the full maintenance and equality of application of CLUP, ROGO, deed restrictions, density, codes and all other applicable building legislation, regardless of BMRH status.

4) The CHH memo to BMRH committee dated 11-9-83 comments on the minimal effect of the scheme on density, but this is presumed not to be a condition, or consideration as regard the subject agreement.

5) BMRH subsidies, as provided for, apply specifically and singly to a unit and cannot be repeated for subsequent tenants.

6) The "model" incorporates a \$35,000 mortgage at 14 percent, 30-year term, \$414 monthly base payment, subsidy totaling 14 percent, inflation rate 6 percent. It has been presented, discussed, challenged and defended solely as a single, typical example of a rental application. Proprietary values may be applied and analyzed for manifold other examples within

the parameters of the original ordinance, which spells out initial rental at 10 percent of construction costs and a 31-year contract life with said restrictions running with the land.

7) Although no model for tenant purchase has been provided, subsidy program as presently set forth was described as being comparable to rental subsidies. This implies 14 percent subsidy for three years, with offsetting 6 percent annual inflation counterpayments by the tenant. Thereafter, the counterpayments will effectively cancel subsidies and will apply to scheduled repayments of city checks and bonuses, including a specific schedule for comprehensive reporting consistent with the mandated annual review and determination by the city to extend the program for another year.

8) This exercise could be further

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enhanced with the addition of a prescribed reporting format incorporating the "objectively" concepts as they apply to ROGO by the city staff.

9) The COTI board members have two remaining concerns as to the BMRH program, respectively and constructively submit them herewith.

1) The qualifications and likely sources of tenant candidates have been discussed and agreed upon, but hard data on real people seems limited or even lacking. We feel it would be constructive and conducive to the council's best decision if the city manager's office would, in a paid newspaper ad, solicit confidential applications for tenants in facilities being considered by the city of Sanibel using a curatory description of conditions as prescribed by the model. Simply stated, can we survey the market before we commit?

2) Simultaneously, can a second survey of three or more unrelated bank executives be undertaken to provide professional opinion on the

fiscal viability of the model, and perhaps two or three variations of same so as to give guidance as to the "best" alternative?

The COTI board regrets that our summary of position as to the proposed BMRH legislation has progressed so lengthy, but we felt the matter deserves broad consideration.

We support the council's apparent intention to enact the CHH agreement ordinance, based on our findings and our understandings as spelled out herewith.

We do very strongly recommend, however, that the two suggested surveys, i.e., regarding real estate need and degree of fiscal viability, be undertaken even with a possible slight time delay for the final enactment in order that we cite all, with clear conscience, lend our unqualified support to this important legislation.

Respectfully submitted,  
William Ampt, vice chairman  
COTI Committee on BMRH



**TODAY AT CITY HALL**

SANIBEL CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING HALL  
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DECEMBER 20, 1983

**AGENDA**

9 a.m.

- Innovation and Pledge of Allegiance (10 min)
- Appointment of Committee
- A Resolution Commending the efforts of the Southwest Florida Veterans' Task Force in the City of Sanibel, Florida; awarding a Certificate of Appreciation to the Florida Veterans' Administration for its efforts in the Fort Myers Area; and providing an effective date.
- Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of November 15, 1983
- Planning Commission Report
- City Attorney's Report
- Memorandum re: Right-of-way for Windsor Lane
- A Resolution ac-

Recommendation re: "Cable Hub" structure

1. Public Hearing and Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Part 3.2.2, Pertaining to the Removal of the Cable Hub Structure from the General Office and Commercial District

2. Public Hearing and Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Part 3.2.2, Pertaining to the Addition of a Cable Hub Structure to the General Office and Commercial District

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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Sculpture okayed for lawn at Schoolhouse Gallery

The city's Planning Department disagreed, but the Planning Commission deemed a sculpture proposed for the lawn at the Schoolhouse Gallery to be a work of art that will only enhance the island's ambience.

Planners deemed the proposed sculpture a street graphic designed to attract the public to the gallery. They recommended that the commission deny gallery owner Fred Fox's request for permission to install the sculpture.

Fox had a small scale model of Arthur Bauman's sculpture at the commission meeting Monday, and the commissioners agreed that in no way could it be construed to be an advertisement.

Acting Chairman Larry Simon said the small scale model of Arthur Bauman's graceful metal sculpture looked like "a giraffe with a butterfly on its head." Commissioner Lesmart Lorenson said, "It is whatever you see it as."

By the planning staff insisted that whether or not the sculpture is classified as a public it cannot be sited less than 100 feet from the centerline of Tarpon Bay Road.

Fox plans to place the sculpture in an island created by a circular drive only 25 feet from the centerline of the road.

He told the commission that in the 12

years he has been doing business on the island this is the first time he's made "any kind of an appeal."

"I would hope the commission will consider this sculpture graceful, interesting in line, non-controversial and pleasing," he said.

Bauman's sculpture will serve as a dramatic introduction to the overall images of his gallery, Fox added.

Commissioner Emily Barefield, who has resigned effective Dec. 15, asked her colleagues' indulgence to make a speech during her last meeting on the commission.

"We are remarkably fortunate to have Fred Fox and his gallery on Sanibel," she said. "I'm just thrilled

with this sculpture. I think it's lovely and beautiful artwork which can be interspersed gracefully with beautiful vegetation.

"We shouldn't have closed minds about allowing it," she concluded.

Fox said he plans to apply for a development permit to construct a small addition on the back of the gallery and at that time will install a vegetation buffer as an integral part of the sculpture placement.

With that assurance the commission voted 5-1 to permit the encroachment into the road setback. Lorenson cast the dissenting vote.

shell.

Spelm-Smith agreed with the commission's suggestion to continue the hearing to give him time to work out the tennis court problem and to clarify what type of road will be required on Las Tiendas.

Commissioner Bill Read's motion to delay action on the development permit until the Jan. 9 meeting passed by a 6-0 vote. Chairman Ann Wintertotham was absent from the meeting.

Developer submits revised plans for Periwinkle Way subdivision

A 400-foot undeveloped strip of dedicated Las Tiendas Way that the City Council has refused to vacate will remain a grassy area of open space in a proposed new subdivision on Periwinkle Way.

According to a new site plan submitted to the Planning Commission by developer Douglas Spelm-Smith last week, three of the six lots will have access from Sabal Drive. Two will share a common driveway on Periwinkle Way, and a 50-foot extension of the north-south portion of Las Tiendas Way will provide access

for the sixth.

Spelm-Smith said he preferred utilizing the existing road frontages rather than bringing the unimproved Las Tiendas right-of-way up to city road standards.

Commissioner Henry McKee objected to the common driveway and the curb cut on Periwinkle that would have been eliminated if the right-of-way had been vacated.

But Commissioner Jerry Muench said he "would rather see grass than blacktop. "One curb cut is not bad," he said.

But a new problem for Spelm-Smith surfaced when Planning Director Bruce Rogers pointed out that the 16,825-square-foot corner lot reserved for a common recreational area would be too small to accommodate a tennis court after complying with setbacks.

At least 7,200 square feet is needed for a tennis court, and Spelm-Smith's lot would provide only 4,900, Rogers said. The lot would be large enough for a swimming pool, he added.

The commissioners also questioned whether the extension of Las Tiendas to the south would be paved or left

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Planners present proposed fence ordinance

Agreeing with poet Robert Frost that "Fences make good neighbors," the Planning Commission two years ago asked the city staff to recommend regulations for the installation of fences on Sanibel.

Last week Planning Director Bruce Rogers presented a draft ordinance outlining specifications and standards for fences.

Currently the Comprehensive Land Use Plan does not address the subject other than to classify a fence as "a structure" that requires a development permit.

The proposed ordinance provides that an applicant for a permit to construct a fence must provide a site plan showing all dimensions of all property lines.

If the fence is to be constructed on a

property line a notarized statement authorizing its construction must be obtained from the owner of the adjoining property.

A drawing of a cross section of the fence as it would appear from adjoining properties with a description of the materials to be used and their colors is also required under the new proposal.

Electrified and barbed wire fences and those of sharp or garish colors are taboo, and all fences are prohibited seaward of the Coastal Construction Setback Line and less than 20 feet from any open body of water.

No fence can be constructed within 20 feet of an intersection of two or more right-of-way.

Six feet is the maximum height for fences that comply with front and rear

setbacks. Fences within front yard setbacks must be a minimum of three feet from the property lines abutting the street and must be at least 20 feet from the centerline of the road with four feet the maximum height allowed.

The area between the fence and the property line must be landscaped. If both sides of the fence are not alike, then the most attractive side must face the street.

Rogers said definitions delineating between "open" and "closed" fences were not included in the draft, but he recommended that they should be "clear," he said. An open fence is a see-through type such as chainlink that provides 75 percent visibility, Rogers explained.

Acting Commission Chairman Larry Simon said open fences should be required on side and rear property lines so as not to cut off the neighbors' view.

But Commissioner Bill Read disagreed. "Chainlink is the most abominable esthetically," he said, adding that a closed fence better provides the privacy most people seek.

The ordinance outlines standards for an alligator fence that can be constructed closer than 20 feet to an open body of water. But its height is limited to two feet, and the type of fence and its exact location must be reviewed by a person licensed by the Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission to remove, trap or transport alligators on Sanibel. That person will make a recommendation to the city.

Addition approved for home in Sanibel Isles subdivision

The Planning Commission last week unanimously approved a deviation to permit construction of an addition to a home in Sanibel Isles subdivision that encroaches on the 10-foot side setback.

Arrel Doane told the commission that at one point a 48-square-foot ex-

panation of a clothes closet is only 8.25 feet from the east property line.

The Planning staff found the construction did not have a significant negative impact on the adjacent lot or property and recommended approval of the deviation.

But Doane will have to obtain required development and building permits before construction can resume.

A stop work order was posted by the city on the project last August.

Doane said he had been under the

impression that no permits were needed because with the work being done by a family member the addition would cost less than \$500.

Relocation of single-family home to Lagoon Estates okayed

A development permit to relocate a single-family home on a 10,681-square-foot lot on Casa Ybel Road in Lagoon Estates gained approval from the Planning Commission last week.

The commission also approved Marilyn Rylander's request for a deviation to site the house 65 feet from the center line of Casa Ybel Road. CLUP requires a 75-foot setback.

There are three existing residences on the west side of Casa Ybel Road with non-conforming setbacks of 50 feet, the planning staff pointed out.

There are two recycled homes already relocated in Lagoon Estates. City Council action is pending on a general amendment that would permit siting of these homes no less than a quarter of a mile from each

other in any one subdivision. The Planning Commission has recommended denial of the general amendment.

The commission attached and Rylander agreed to 18 conditions of the development permit approval.

Residents want road improvements

That would be the last time.

But to give Stahlin time to work out the problems, the commission last week voted once more to continue the hearing, this time to a date uncertain.

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## Members enjoy SCA Christmas dinner, program

By Harland Bell  
 Many members of the Sanibel Community Association and their guests enjoyed a catered dinner the program that followed at the association hall on Periwinkle Way Wednesday, Dec. 14.  
 The dinner was prepared by the SCA dinner committee headed by Becky and Muff Frosser.  
 Members were asked to wear hats of their own creation. Among the prizes awarded were: Mike and Evelyn Klein, best couple; Harman Elder, most original; Joyce Johnson, biggest; and Elinore Goldbloom, special prize.  
 Everyone attending brought an

unwrapped toy. All the toys have been donated to the Salvation Army and will be distributed to needy children in the Fort Myers area.  
 The Youth Club of the Sanibel Community Church presented a musical, "Three Wee Kings."  
 A slide presentation about Shell Point Village ended the evening program.  
 The SCA is a non-profit organization that benefits the entire community. A variety of activities involving many residents and visitors take place throughout the year at the association hall.  
 Memberships are available, and all are invited. Dues are \$10 per year.

## County economic development committee contributes to fund for Veterans Hospital

The Economic Development Committee of Lee County, Inc., has donated \$2,500 to the Southwest Florida Veterans Hospital Task Force on behalf of the group's desire to see a Veteran's Hospital built in Southwest Florida.  
 The donation will help pay postage costs for a massive mailout to determine how many veterans live in Southwest Florida.  
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Committee is giving its full support to the efforts of all veterans to bring a Veterans Hospital to Southwest Florida.  
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**Crow's Nest** — At Tween Waters Inn on Captiva. Through Jan. 1 hear Unicorn Run play a variety of jazz and rock dance music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Happy hour

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**Gibby's** — Across from the Harbor House restaurant on Periwinkle Way. Friday from 8 p.m. to midnight hear Doolley's Dixie Five. Wednesday and Sunday from 8 p.m. to midnight a banjo and piano combo provide live entertainment.

**Morgan's Lounge** — At the Sundial, Middle Gulf Drive, Sanibel. Through Jan. 1 hear the Simonda and Martin Band play contemporary adult music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

**Peppers** — In the Tahitian Garden shopping center on Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Hear Spinnaker play jazz and dance tunes Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover. Casual dress. Sunday and Monday hear the Jazzmyth Band from

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**Thistle Lodge** — At Casa Ybel Resort, Casa Ybel Road, Sanibel. Through Jan. 22 hear the Danny Morgan Band play a mix of Top 40, rock 'n' roll, acoustic, country and new original material Tuesday through Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Every Monday is all night happy hour with music by Alexander's Jazz Band beginning at 7 p.m. Dance floor. No cover. Casual dress.

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## Santa makes house calls to good little Island girls and boys

By Scott Martell  
Christmas just wouldn't be right without a visit from Santa, and thanks to the Sanibel Captiva Kiwanis Club the jolly old soul will deliver gifts to children all over the Islands for the ninth consecutive year this week.

This year Santa Claus will make his rounds beginning at dusk Friday, Dec. 23. All Island children and visiting youngsters are eligible for a visit from Santa, who will deliver their Christmas gifts right to their front door.

Here are a few keys to help Santa's rounds run smoothly. Parents should bring a wrapped, labeled gift in a paper bag to the Sanibel Fire Department on Palm Ridge Road before 5 p.m. Dec. 23.

The bag should be labeled with the child's name, address and phone number and a map to the home.

The number of gifts inside the bag should also be indicated clearly on the outside. Other information that might help Santa should also be included on the bag (for example, Johnny helped his father mow the lawn all year and kept his room clean).

Parents who want to take pictures of Santa's visit should also have their cameras loaded with film and set to go. Santa Claus gave out more than 100 presents last year, and helping him in this way will ensure he gets to everyone on his list before their bedtimes.

Santa and his helpers will pack up the sleigh at 6 p.m. and head from the firehouse toward Captiva and then back to the Lighthouse end of Sanibel.

Any questions about Santa's visit can be answered by Dick Muench, 473-2812.



## Duplicate bridge scores

- Six tables played duplicate bridge at the Sanibel Community Association hall Thursday afternoon, Dec. 15.
1. Sam Berney and Dick Wilson 74 1/2
  2. Millie Chapman and Tap Osborn 74
  3. Frieda and Jacob Goodman 74
  4. Virginia Ewert and Kitty Rose 73
  5. Peg and Dick Halberstadt 71 1/2
- For more information about the Thursday afternoon games call Sterling Bassett, 472-0025. There will be a game this Thursday, Dec. 22.

- Seven tables played Friday evening, Dec. 16.
- NORTH-SOUTH**
1. Betty Wakefield and Charlotte Heilmann 94
  2. Millie Chapman and Tap Osborn 92
  3. Frieda and Jacob Goodman 91 1/2
- EAST-WEST**
1. Ruth and Clarence Frank 97
  2. Doris and Frank Gilmartin 87
  3. Marianne Beechold and Gen Howard 86 1/2
- For details of the Dec. 18 game call Sterling Bassett. For other information about the Friday games call Martha Holts, 481-1232. There will not be a game this Friday, Dec. 21.

## \$5,000 offered for information about vandalism

The Lee County Electric Cooperative is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons who willfully vandalized the co-op's transmission line in North Cape Coral shortly after midnight Friday, Dec. 2.

Damage to the line left 12,000 customers on Sanibel, Captiva and Five Islands and in North Cape Coral without electric power between 12:26 and 4:50 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.

A second outage stemming from the same damage started at 11:07 a.m. Saturday and continued to 11:50 p.m. Saturday afternoon, when final repairs to the line were finished, Shuttle said.

Anyone with relevant information should call the Pinkerton Detective Agency collect in Tampa, 1-876-3179. The reward offer expires Dec. 31.



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From Lee Kessler



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# Season's Greetings



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# Sanibel Captiva Islander

## Looking for Christmas gifts? 'Go native'

By George Campbell  
Illustrated by Ann Winterbottom

I've seen so many Yuletide seasons come and go that I'm gratified Christmas comes but once a year. Perhaps my Scrooge-like attitude stems from the commercialization of the holiday, which seems too much to me. One wonders what is happening to our society: Are we just before the fall part of a rise and fall cycle?

Christmas gift problems can be solved easily enough on Sanibel by purchasing exotic sea shells that have been killed after capture. These beautiful "corpses" are available from all parts of the world. In many places, the marine animals they represent are threatened with extinction, e.g., giant clams from Palau. Naturally, I don't approve of this sort of wildlife exploitation.

The local source of Christmas gifts I prefer is the Native Plant Nursery at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. Here you can acquire very appropriate living gifts — ones that contribute to and help restore environmental quality to our little insular microcosm.

The nursery is adjacent to the SCCF Nature Center on Captiva-Captiva Road. Here you will find the fruition of the dream of former foundation director Dick Workman as described in his excellent volume, *Growing Native*.

In this book (which is available at the SCCF gift shop) Workman expounds on the idea of landscaping one's island homestead with indigenous trees and shrubs.

This concept was perhaps a natural evolutionary result of early Sanibel city efforts to preserve existing stands of native plants. But in many places the land has been altered — and in some cases is still being altered with far too much native plant destruction. (A discouraging example of such denudation is Jerry's Shopping Center, the new incongruous Broward-like center on Sanibel.)

The result is that native plants have been and still are being lost. This is so in spite of the fact that 99 percent of the valuable species can readily be transplanted.

Under the current direction of Dee Slinkard, the Native Plant Nursery, nursed through its formative years by Norma Jean Byrd, has flourished. By propagation and purchase Slinkard has assembled a huge stock of potted indigenous delight.

For anyone coming to live on Sanibel — and especially for those building new houses — this is the one sensible place to get the plants needed to restore the land to its original beauty, i.e., the environmental condition that attracted people here in the first place.

By this time it should be unnecessary to say that the indigenous plants that have evolved in this region are better able to withstand the climatic conditions and depauperate soils than are the delicate and fancy foreign exotics that are so widely employed elsewhere in Florida and to an increasing and unfortunate extent here.

Again I must cite Jerry's as the outstanding example of violation of the

Sanibel Ethic. I refer to such things as the deadly, deady, oleander and the Chinese fan palms. Yes, Chinese plants on Sanibel!

In a walk through the SCCF nursery one will see wild coffee, *Psychotria undata*, the olive tree, *Forestiera segregata*, the beautiful Valentine-colored seagrape, *Coccoloba uvifera*, and the exquisite Christmas berry, *Lycium czodzinianum*. These and many other species are available.

There are many hundreds of pots of sea oats, *Uniola paniculata*, which, if your new house happens to be on the beach, you will find of great value in holding your beach steady or even encouraging accretion of sand on your land. There is no more economical way to get land on Sanibel than to catch the sand coming down the long shore current from Captiva's renourishment project.

Make sure your dune is properly planted with sea oats, for the intricate root system of this plant serves to preserve the dune against beach erosion from both water and wind. Other available plants are the delicious *Coccoloba*, *Chrysobalanus icaco*, and the elegant necklace pod, *Leucaena leucocarpa* — a delicate and beautiful yellow-flowered legume tree whose seed pod is very like a lovely string of beads.

Slinkard is even successful in having a few foxtail, *Jacquinia keyensis*, growing in pots. This hard-to-grow plant proves Slinkard's skill. There are also a lot of white indigo berry plants, *Randia scutellaria*. I never quite understood why it is called indigo berry because indigo is supposed to be blue, and if you squeeze this white berry out comes a black ink substance. It is nonetheless an attractive plant for the Sanibel homesite.

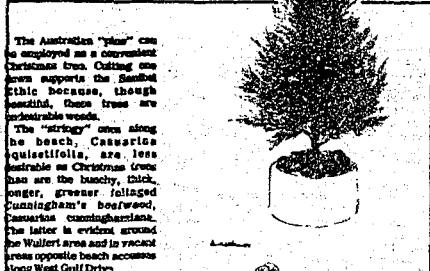
Do you know the great tree that grows on the Gasparilla Trail in the J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge, the *Mastichodendron foetidissimum*, also known as the West Indian mastle tree? There are many excellent specimens available at the SCCF. The yellow fruit is tasty but so sticky with a mastic-like gum that after a free meal you might have trouble communicating because your lips will be stuck together!

At one time Sanibel had a lot of long-leaved pines, *Pinus elliottii* dense. There is still a good natural stand growing up around Wulfert, but if you want your very own you can buy five- or six-footers in pots at the SCCF nursery. These and red cedars *Juniperus silicicola*, which are also available at the nursery, make lovely Christmas trees that can be planted in your yard after the holidays.

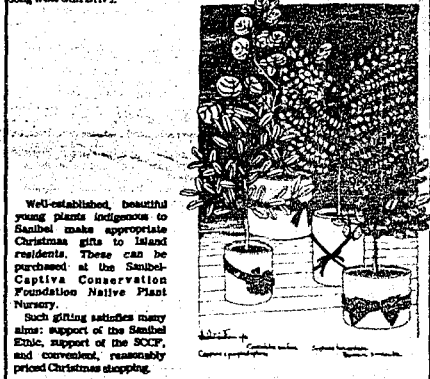
Another readily available and tree Christmas tree available for the cutting on Sanibel is *Casuarina*. Bushy *C. cunninghamiana* youngsters around six feet tall are better than the sparse-folliaged *C. equisetifolia*, the more common one.

Just chop down a shapely one a few days before Christmas. It will last weeks in a bucket of water. And you aid the environment when you destroy one of these beautiful weeds.

Hundreds of *Myrica cerifera*, the Southern bayberry, are regularly



The Australian "palm" can be employed as a convenient Christmas tree. Cutting one down supports the Sanibel Ethic because, though beautiful, these trees are indestructible weeds. The "stringy" ones along the beach, *Casuarina equisetifolia*, are less desirable as Christmas trees than are the bushy, thick-leaved, greener-folliaged *Cunningham's boobywood*, *Casuarina cunninghamiana*. The latter is evident around the Wulfert area and in vacant areas opposite beach accesses along West Gulf Drive.



Well-established, beautiful young plants indigenous to Sanibel make appropriate Christmas gifts to island residents. These can be purchased at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Native Plant Nursery. Such gifting satisfies many aims: support of the Sanibel Ethic, support of the SCCF, and convenient, reasonably priced Christmas shopping.

rooted at the nursery under the "winter miser." This example of Sanibel "high technology" pees off every few minutes and logs the cuttings to encourage rooting and growth.

Here, too, there is a goodly stock of seedlings of the kind of oak under which Scarlett O'Hara and Clark Gable got into so much trouble in that picture that never ends. I refer to the live oak, *Quercus virginiana*, which not only occurs naturally on Sanibel but is readily transplanted and grows remarkably fast.

Once established, none of these native plants requires any attention at all because they can withstand the long winter droughts and the abundant water during the rainy season. But you must make quite sure they are established in the right habitat before abandoning them to the fate of the Sanibel environment.

Some lovely Jamaica capers, *Capparis cynophallophora*, can also be found in the nursery. This beautiful native will grace any garden.

Slinkard is also growing quite a large number of six- to eight-foot West Indian mahogany trees, the same kind your dining table might be made of.

*Swietenia mahagoni*. If you want to see how well these develop on Sanibel take a look at the successful and attractive planting in front of the Bank of the Islands and see how beautiful these trees can be after just a few years.

Of course we can't forget the most loved tree of all — the gumbo limbo, *Bursera simaruba*. Many lovely young plants are available at the nursery, and they are guaranteed to do well in your garden if you plant them in a high, well-drained spot.

The advocacy of native plants in your garden does not necessarily preclude the occasional use of exotics. I see that even in the Native Plant Nursery Slinkard has succumbed to the exotic tree. I found an exotic cactus, an exotic *Peperomia*, and of course that famous "sumbura plant" everybody loves, the African aloë.

So really, nobody is suggesting that you shouldn't have fun with exotics. I do appeal to you, however, mostly to "Grow Native" and encourage your friends to do the same by using the SCCF Native Plant Nursery as your source of quality Christmas gifts.



## REFUGE REPORTS

### Food handouts for wildlife are not generous

By Chris Olson  
Outdoor Recreation Planner  
J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge

Generous handouts are not always beneficial, particularly when the handouts are food for wildlife.

Island residents are aware of the problems associated with feeding alligators; those visiting are most often unaware.

Many people are not aware of the proper way to feed wild animals. There is nothing compared to the danger and fearful feeling an unsuspecting human or dog is put through when they knowingly or unknowingly approach an alligator that learned to be aggressive because of generous handouts or food.

The terror to humans or the sadness felt by a pet owner who loses his dog to alligators or to allow dogs without leashes to be where alligators are found is ignoring the natural law of the survival of the strongest and the fittest.

Of course, feeding wild animals damages the animal as well as harms humans. Feeding situations can make animals congregated in large groups, which is abnormal. Prairie dogs are known to group closer together in unnatural feeding situations, as are deer and elk. This closeness not only promotes territorial fights but can make these animals more susceptible to predations by coyotes, cougars and bears.

The unnatural grouping also can cause stressful situations which in turn can lead to a weakened condition and make the animal more susceptible to disease. Some of these diseases,

such as rabies, can be fatal when transmitted to humans.

An alteration of normal behavior patterns of wildlife also can result when they are fed handouts. Alligators become more aggressive, deer more passive, and birds might alter their normal migration.

If you live up north and are just now escaping the cold effects of those first winter storms, you are experiencing the same feeling birds do when they migrate—a great feeling, isn't it? But there is one important difference: humans have learned to alter their environment to make it livable no matter what the weather conditions; birds have not.

Thus, if birds are fed up to and through the time when they should be migrating, they will die from exposure because they cannot alter their environment. All this because of a generous, but not beneficial, handout. But there is a right way to give an edible handout to wildlife. And that is to give them the food they naturally eat in the wild. By planting native vegetation that produces the stuff animals like to eat, you are not only giving them the food they need to survive, but you are also giving it to them at the right time.

The National Wildlife Federation has printed an excellent publication, *Invite Wildlife To Your Backyard*, that discusses how to select and plant natural food-producing plants for wildlife attraction. Another publication entitled *Banquets for Birds* if produced by the National Audubon Society and should be secured by anyone who plans to use bird feeders.

### Boundaries reposted in wildlife refuge

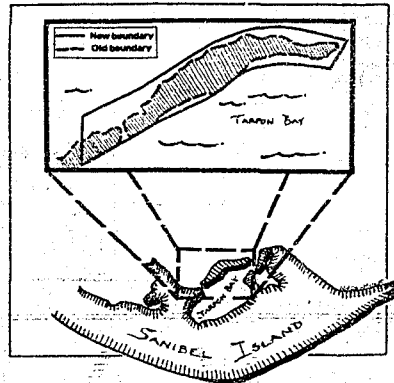
J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge Manager Ron Hight recently announced that officials have reposted the refuge boundary at the cut-off that leads from Tarpon Bay to Pine Island Sound.

"This means that all refuge regulations now apply in this area," Hight said.

The reposting efforts are a result of a more accurate survey of the refuge

boundary. The change also means that live shelling, which has traditionally been done in this area, is now prohibited by federal law, as is any collection on a national wildlife refuge.

Anyone with questions concerning the refuge boundary or refuge regulations should contact the refuge manager during normal business hours at 472-1100.



### At the wildlife refuge

#### Holiday film schedule, Visitor Center hours announced

The J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge will show a film on alligators at 1 p.m. this Wednesday, Dec. 21, and at 11 a.m. this Saturday, Dec. 24.

The 22-minute film will be shown in the auditorium of the Visitor Center on refuge grounds off Sanibel-Captiva Road near the Sanibel Elementary School.

The 15-minute general slide-tape program that provides an introduction to the refuge and its wildlife will be shown only at 10:30 a.m. this

Saturday, Dec. 24. The program is normally presented at 10:30 a.m. and at 12:30, 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. every day.

Next week between Christmas and New Year's, a film entitled *Empty Nest* will be shown at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, and at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31.

The film provides a beautiful study of the osprey's courtship nest building, rearing of young, flight patterns and habits and also explains the dangers of pesticides.

The Visitor Center will be closed from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24; all day Monday, Dec. 26, and all day Monday, Jan. 2, so the refuge staff can enjoy the holidays.

The center will be open as usual 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, through Saturday, Dec. 31.

For more information about any refuge activities call 472-1100 or stop by the Visitor Center.

### Audubon entertainment

#### CROW presentation starts season's series Jan. 5

"Birds and Wildlife of Sanibel and Captiva," a color slide program by Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife, will start off this season's entertainment series sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society.

The slide show will be presented at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, at the Sanibel Community Association hall. Different programs will continue every Thursday night until March 29. The general public is invited to attend. The schedule for this season includes:

Jan. 12 — "Birds of Southwest Florida" presented by George and Marilyn Schaffer.

Jan. 19 — "Magnificent Fish Hawk: The Story of the Osprey," a 16mm movie filmed in Scotland and presented by Mark Westall.

Jan. 26 — "Natural History of Cayo Costa Island," a color slide show of wildlife and plant

communities on this pristine barrier island presented by Roger Clark.

Feb. 9 — "Rain Forests of Panama," a 16mm movie by world wide naturalist photographers presented by Drs. Lorus and Margery Miller.

Feb. 16 — "Sanibel: The Natural History of a Barrier Island," a color slide show of water birds, land birds, flowers and trees presented by Alvah Sanborn.

Feb. 23 — "Nature Trail East," a color slide show featuring birds, animals, wildflowers and scenes presented by Lee Canfield.

March 8 — "Sanibel Birds — Nesting and Otherwise," a color slide show of nesting birds on Sanibel presented by Al Milliken.

March 15 — "Flamingoes," a color slide show by the president of the Florida Audubon, Peter Holt.

March 22 — "The Florida Panther," a color

slide show concerning our endangered panther presented by Sgt. Kathleen Kelley-Phillips.

March 29 — Audience Participation Color Slide Show — watch The Islander for further details.

The Audubon Society has also arranged six field trips for 1984. All trips begin at the Chamber of Commerce parking lot and are made by car. Departure times will be announced later. The schedule is as follows:

Jan. 28 — Lovahatchee National Wildlife Refuge.

Feb. 11 — Fort Myers Beach sand bar.

Feb. 22 — Cuckoo Swamp Sanctuary.

March 8 — Cecil-Webb State Wildlife Area.

March 17 — Myakka River State Park.

March 24 — Koreschan State Park.

### And you should have seen the one that got away!

By Scott Martell

This is a story about a whopper that didn't get away — despite the fact that the difference in the strength of the fishing line and the weight of the fish was an astounding 45 pounds.

Rob Fowler was casually throwing out a lead-head jig from Bud Paul's boat "Sold Out" last week. Fishing in San Carlos Bay with eight-pound test line, Fowler hoped to catch trout.

Instead scorching heavier grabbed the line. After a 45-minute struggle in which he carefully played the heavy fish on the lightweight line, Fowler brought the fish to the boat.

The beast turned out to be a huge bay drum — the biggest Fowler had ever seen.

"Sold Out" quickly turned toward shore and headed to the Sanibel Marina, where Paul owns the ship's store; thoughts of world records dancing in their heads.

Fowler and Paul needed most of their strength to lift the massive drum. They lugged the fish to the scales and found the huge drum was 53 pounds — then they learned the world record for drum on eight-pound test is 63 pounds.

Nevertheless, the big fat fish provided quite a thrill and record enough for both fishermen.



Bank of the Islands and Island Exxon last week presented checks to the J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society last week to help purchase a cash register and paper materials to help handle some of the wildlife refuge gift shop.

The equipment and materials purchased with the funds will help refuge staffers and volunteers more efficiently serve visitors who buy books, games and

other articles at the gift shop. Refuge officials thanked board members Paul Brundage and John Cook for their efforts to secure the gifts and purchase the cash register. In the photo above from left to right are Bud Rytzman, John Cook, DDTI President Jim Hermes, Island Exxon's Bob Louwers, Paul Brundage and Chris Olson. Photo by Mark Johnson.

### Correction

The 45-acre wetland tract in the Sanibel Garden's subdivision area that has been named after Malcolm Beattie is land designated for a preserve for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, not for the city of Sanibel as was

previously reported. Also, it is the foundation's total acquisition of land, 750 acres, that is worth close to \$3 million, not this year's acquisition of 191 acres.

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# ON THE WATER

By Captain Mike Fuery

Even fishing guides file a wish list with Santa Claus as Christmas approaches. I wonder if you anglers might have some of the same things on your list that I have on mine?

First of all, I want Santa to send me a dozen self-hooking, net-release shrimp for ball. These darn shrimp we buy to fish with come off too easily, cost too much and are almost as difficult to catch in a bucket as are the fish we bait them for.

What I want is a dozen shrimp that attach themselves to the hook and don't come off, no matter how many pinfish attack them.

One item high on my list is a self-dehooking lure for dealing with those menaces of Pine Island Sound — the saltwater catfish. Nobody likes to handle cats. They have a stinky slime. They can't really be eaten, and they have barbs on their heads that can inflict a painful stab.

What I want is a lure that pulls in its barbs when caught by a catfish. I don't care what they cost. I'll take a box.

I could also use some of that invisible paint for my boat. Here's the problem: when I start catching too

many trout or redfish it draws unwanted attention from nearby boaters. They tend to edge closer with every fish I catch. And when I leave for the day they put down a marker and steal my spot.

Now, if Santa brought me a gallon of invisible boat paint I could blend right in with the sea and sky. Some guides already use invisible paint. They tell me they caught their fish at a certain spot, but I'll be darned if I ever see them there. The only thing I can figure is that they have invisible paint on their boats.

And as long as he's got his word processor on, I'm asking Santa for a talking bobber. That's right. I want a float that will tell me when I'm getting a bite. If you're using a bobber and are not catching any fish, here's some guaranteed ways to get a bite. Light a cigar, open a can of soda, take a handful of chips or check out the clouds. This is when the fish like trout always strike. What we need is a programmed, talking cork that will shout things like, "Hey, you got a bite," or, "I'm going under. Pull!" That's not too much to ask, is it?

And it would be nice to have a plastic mask to

carry in my tackle box. I could use this mask at the fish market at the end of the day. This way when I don the mask and step up to the fish counter the guy behind won't laugh and say, "You again, huh? I see you had your usual lucky day fishing."

I also wouldn't mind having a machine that analyzes the day and then spits out an appropriate excuse to justify the catch. This excuse machine could say, "too windy," "too cold," "low bar," "wrong tide," "right tide, wrong wind," "hooks dull," and so on. I used to have a fishing partner who did this, but he took up golf and now he says words that don't appear in family dictionaries.

But most of all I'm asking Santa for a little sun around Christmas Day. And it wouldn't hurt if he calmed down the winds a bit for us, too. Of course, we would like to catch a few fish, but that's not as important as having a relaxing, enjoyable day on the water.

P.S. I'll leave the coconut milk and the cookies in the same place.



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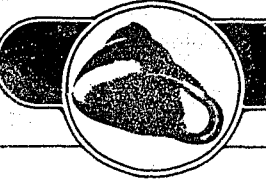
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# SHELLING TIPS

By Captain Mike Fuery

Forget to buy that favorite shell collector of yours a Christmas gift? Maybe I can suggest a couple of ideas to keep your beachcomber happy for the holiday season.

What does the well-dressed sheller wear? Not much — or at least not much when it's warm outside. Oh, sure, 70 degrees and sunny might be your idea of comfortable, but us "year rounders" don't function well until it hits 85 or so on the thermometer.

Is there really such a thing as shelling clothes? Not really, but there are items you can wear and take along while you walk the beaches that will add to your shelling enjoyment.

Here's a few gift ideas. Many collectors don't like walking on the sand and broken shells in bare feet. You might give them "shelling shoes," an inexpensive pair of mesh slippers that let sand and water out even in the mud flats. There are only a couple of sizes, so most likely your sheller won't have to take the shell shoes back. The cost varies, but figure \$3 to \$4 a pair.

If that collector on your list is fond of dragging home pounds of big cookies, surf clams or just plain "junk shells," then he probably has suffered from "shell-bag-itis." This happens when the collector stuffs heavy, sharp-edged shells into a plastic bag. These people are also referred to as "streamers" by

more knowledgeable collectors because the plastic bag people leave a stream of shells behind them as they walk with a leaky bag.

Get these folks on your list a nylon mesh bag. Most shops carry them, and they usually cost between \$3 and \$4. The best thing about these full mesh bags is that you can dunk your shells in the water and wash off the sand while they are still in the bag.

Many of our shell collectors have trouble walking on the soft sand of the beaches as they look for specimens. Some time ago a concerned collector designed what is usually referred to as a shelling scope.

These gadgets look like a golf club with a ventilated metal scoop arrangement at the bottom. They serve a couple of purposes. If you have trouble walking or bending down to pick up shells, the scoop can give you balance like a walking cane and help you retrieve shells without even bending over.

Shelling scopes are a bit more expensive than mesh shoes or net bags. Plan on spending \$12 to \$15. But there's no reason why they won't last a lifetime — and you'll drive them crazy back home making them guess what it is!

Of course things like polarized sunglasses, big floppy hats and number 15 sunscreen are always welcomed by those who walk the beach this time of year.

Many collectors like to know more about shells and might enjoy a book on the subject to read on a cool evening before a shelling trip the next day.

One book I enjoy is by noted expert R. Tucker Abbott and is called *Seashells of North America*. It sells for about \$3 and is available at Mcintosh Book Shop and a couple of other places on Sanibel.

If you are looking for local shelling books, try *The Sanibel Shell Guide* by Islander columnist Maggie Greenberg and co-author Nancy Olds. This guide sells for about \$5.

The best part about writing a shelling column for the past seven years is that I get to loot my own horn on occasion. Capt. Mike Fuery's *Shelling Guide* is one year old and is alive and well, thanks to so many of you who have bought copies. The book is at local shops for \$5.

So, have a great Christmas season while you are with us. Yes, the traffic is awful and the restaurants are crowded. And, yes, we know the weather should be sunny and warm while you are here. But as you no doubt will agree, it sure beats shelling along Lake Erie this time of year!

Capt. Mike Fuery offers daily shelling charters to North Captiva and Cayo Costa Islands. For information call 472-5462.

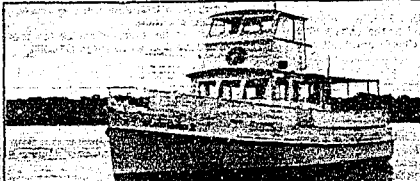
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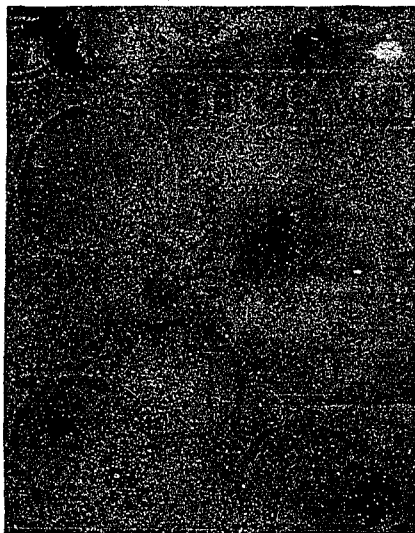
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# ISLANDER SPORTS

By Scott Martell



## Timbers, Sanibel Glass tied for first in basketball standings

Timbers came on strong last week to win two games, including one over previously undefeated Sanibel Glass, 69-56. The two teams are now tied in the standings, both with 4-1 records.

Against Sanibel Glass, Timbers held on tight as Sanibel Glass, down by 5-7 points most of the second half, surged to tie the game 61-61 with 1:40 remaining.

Timbers' Rock Morse then hit a shot to put his team up 63-61. Sanibel Glass' Mike Powell quickly tied the score again, 63-63, on a rebound basket. But then Calvin W. spun in a reverse lay-in to give the Timbers a two-point edge.

Then with 36 seconds left to play, Powell hit one foul shot to bring Sanibel Glass within one. But Timbers' Bobby C. countered with one foul shot to put Timbers ahead, 65-64. Then Morse hit a foul shot to put Timbers up by three.

Sanibel Glass hit a shot at the buzzer that seemed to end the game with Timbers winning by one. But instead, the referees called a technical foul on Timbers, gave the ball back to Sanibel Glass and added five seconds to the expired clock.

But Sanibel Glass quickly turned the ball over and then fouled a Timbers player who calmly put in the two shots for the final 69-66 score.

In other games last Thursday, Sunibel Recreation beat South Seas, 54-45, which gives both teams a 3-2 record. Windsurfing beat Arnolds, 56-46, and Island Medical Center beat Hurricane House, 42-38.

In games played Tuesday, South Seas beat Arnolds, 51-48, in an overtime contest. Sanibel Recreation beat Windsurfing, 59-46. Sanibel Glass beat Hurricane House, 63-47, and Timbers beat Island Medical Center, 44-43.

The schedule for this week's games is:

7 p.m. Tuesday — Sanibel Glass vs. South Seas; and Arnolds vs. Hurricane House.

8 p.m. Tuesday — Sunibel Recreation vs. Timbers; and Island Medical Center vs. Windsurfing.

7 p.m. Thursday — Windsurfing vs. Sanibel Glass; and Arnolds vs. Timbers.

8 p.m. Thursday — Island Medical Center vs. South Seas; and Hurricane House vs. Sanibel Recreation.

Standings as of Monday, Dec. 19, are:

Timbers, 4-1  
Sanibel Glass, 4-1  
Sunibel Recreation, 3-2  
South Seas, 3-2  
Windsurfing, 2-3  
Arnolds, 2-3  
Island Medical Center, 1-4  
Hurricane House, 1-4

## SPORTS SHORTS

### John Hayden Tennis Tournament

The weekend of Dec. 10-11 saw the final action in the John Hayden Tennis Tournament, which included amateurs competing in singles and doubles matches at the Dunes Country Club.

Close to 100 people participated in the tournament.

In men's singles play, Steve Ruffino beat Butch Shorack in two tight sets, 7-5, 7-5, in the "A" division. And in the "B" division, Larry Noon defeated Don Colledge, 6-2, 6-2.

In women's singles play, Kerry Kendrick defeated Claudia Huggill, 6-2, 7-5, in the "B" division. And in the "C" division Ellen Hunt defeated Kappy Cole, 6-3, 6-0.

In men's "B" doubles, Patriceau and Hyndon

defeated Cull and Strickland in the finals, 6-1, 6-1.

In men's 39 and over doubles, Whigham and Canon defeated Skiry and Helm, 6-4, 6-1.

In men's "C" doubles, Caille and Diggs defeated Tregressor and Simon, 6-3, 6-1.

In the women's play Weng and Borden defeated Thompson and Cassavale, 6-1, 6-2, in "B" doubles.

In "C" doubles Heckamin and Lowrey defeated Hawthorn and Kelly, 6-4, 7-6.

In mixed "B" doubles, the Riddalls defeated Thompson and Cassavale. And in the mixed "C" finals, the Gravings will face Caille and Weit at a later date.

### Hangover Open

For those feeling up to par on New Year's Day, the Dunes Country Club is sponsoring a Hangover Open. The tournament will begin with an 11 a.m. tee-off for those who can still see after a pre-game handicap — pitchers of Bloody Mary's.

Cocktails will be served after the 18-hole low-cost tournament.

Tournament fees will be \$12.00 for members and \$17.00 for non-members. Fees include a cart, green fees, prizes and cocktails.

To register for the tournament or for more information call the Dunes Pro Shop, 472-2233.

### Dunes women's golf

The women golfers at the Dunes finished a two-week, two-woman team, best ball, low net tournament Dec. 16.

The 18-hole winners were, First, Joan Smith and blind partner, low net 114; second, Cathie Sutherland and Sybil Rubin, low net 116.

The nine-hole winners were: First, Phyllis Harvey and blind partner, low net 48; second, Dorrie Van Derbeck and Marion Gordon, low net 53.

### Dunes men's golf

Men at the Dunes Country Club played a team point quota tournament last Friday.

The first place team on the front nine with an 86 score included Jim Ayers, Frank Stevens, Andy Van Hest and Jim Kline.

Placing second with an 80 score was the threesome of C. Glendon, Curly Collins and Wendell Latt.

And taking third with 77 points was a team with George Obrowsky, John Seabrooks, Gerry Buech and Bill Brewer.

Placing first on the back nine with a 71 score was the threesome of Glendon, Collins and Latt.

### Beachview women's golf

The Beachview Women's Golf Association played a scramble Dec. 14. The winning team with a 38 score included Ginny Farrier, Ruth Hauch, Ethel Ketchum and Cecile Dingerson.

Three teams tied for second with a 38 score. One

team included Beth Curtis, Ann Alquist, Thelma Hines and Jean Hovick. The second team included Mary Phillips, Joy Beredini, Hal Rekasas and D. Corbin. The third team included Sybil Rubin, Katie Reynolds, Cal Greene and Endr Bever.

### Beachview men's golf

Sixty golfers turned out for tournament play Dec. 16. The winning team with plus 15 was comprised of Bill Alquist, Lee Gibson, Don Purcell and Dale Ruffin.

In second place with plus 14 was the team of Ed Curtis, Ray Howland, Bud Ristow and Carl Wagner.

Third place with plus 13 went to the team of Ted Hartshorn, Bob Neth, Ken Preston and Milt Beck.

### Sports quiz

Volleyball proved tough for Island quiz masters last week. No one guessed that a volleyball can travel up to 70 mph over the net. And the net is supposed to be 7'11 1/2" in men's competition and 7'6 1/2" in women's competition.

Let's go back to football this week: First, name the player who played in the most AFL and NFL

games during his career. And second, name the top player who caught 50 or more passes in a season for seven consecutive years. Here's a hint: he played for San Diego.

If you think you know the answers, call The Islander, 472-2185, during business hours this week. If you're right we'll print your name in this spot in next week's issue.

## Islander picks

Young Duffy Traucht wears the crown for the first time this week. Three people guessed four games correctly, but Duffy picked 38 points in the game of the week between Tampa and Detroit. That game saw 43 points scored.

The other two people who picked four winners were Anne Bethune and Belinda York.

Picking three games were Paul Brundage, Joselio Marie York, Jennifer Traucht, Marcy Freeman, Dave Freeman, Dick Traucht and "Jimmy the Greek." And with two correct games were E.P. Bethune, Jack Reed and John Wickham.

Each week during the football season we list the upcoming games and challenge sports fans to predict the winners. The object of the "betting" is to guess more winners than others in the game and dethrone last week's best guesser.

In case you're late, we pick one game of the week. For this game, players guess the total points scored in the game. The closest to the point tally breaks the tie and wins the contest.

So pick up the challenge and mail your picks to P.O. Box 56, Sanibel, 33957. Drop them by our office behind the Burger Emporium or give us a call at 472-2185 no later than noon Friday.

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Game Four  
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Game Five  
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## Sanibel Fitness Center prepares for new year

The Rhythmic Exercise Studio is changing and expanding. Along with new equipment the facility has a new name — the Sanibel Fitness Center — effective in January.

Owner Midge Amoroso announced plans last week to add a work out area equipped with dynamic variable resistance Universal Exercise Equipment, a Nautilus dual hip and back machine and Nautilus abductor, adductor and rotary torso machines.

Amoroso said the fitness center, which is on the second floor of the office building behind the Burger Emporium restaurant, will offer a full complement of Nautilus equipment within a year.

Warm up, cool down, floor exercise and aerobic stations and a fitness

testing program are also part of the changes planned for the center.

There will be no long term contracts for use of the Sanibel Fitness Center. Payment will be by the visit on a decreasing scale on a monthly basis.

The first and second visits of the month will be \$5 each; the third, fourth and fifth are \$4; the sixth, seventh and eighth are \$3; the ninth, tenth and eleventh are \$2; and 12 or more visits a month are \$1 each.

During January users pay only for the first four visits, and additional visits throughout the month are free.

There will be an initial one-time registration fee of \$25 that entitles users to the decreasing scale payments. Without the \$25 fee visits are \$5 each. There will be a \$10 re-

gistration fee for those who drop out of the program for a month or more.

The schedule for the fitness center will be as follows:

Women only — Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7 to 11 a.m.

Men only — Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 7 to 11 a.m.

Coed — Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

There will be a \$1 per visit discount for those who use the facility between noon and 4 p.m.

Users should make an appointment for their first visit to ensure individual attention and orientation. Appointments are now being taken to begin Monday, Jan. 2. Call 472-4101 or 472-3353 for more information. There is

no obligation to register for the program.

Those who register by Jan. 15 will be included for a drawing for use of the facility for one year at no charge.

The rhythmic exercise classes will continue at the studio as a separate entity, and class members will be eligible for discounts on use of the new equipment.

The Neuromuscular Center for Therapeutic Massage also is moving to the fitness facility as well as Suncoast Productions, a modeling and talent agency offering classes in modeling, make up, wardrobe coordination and color analysis. Suncoast's sub-company, Kerl's Place, will offer facials and a complete line of make-up and skin care products.

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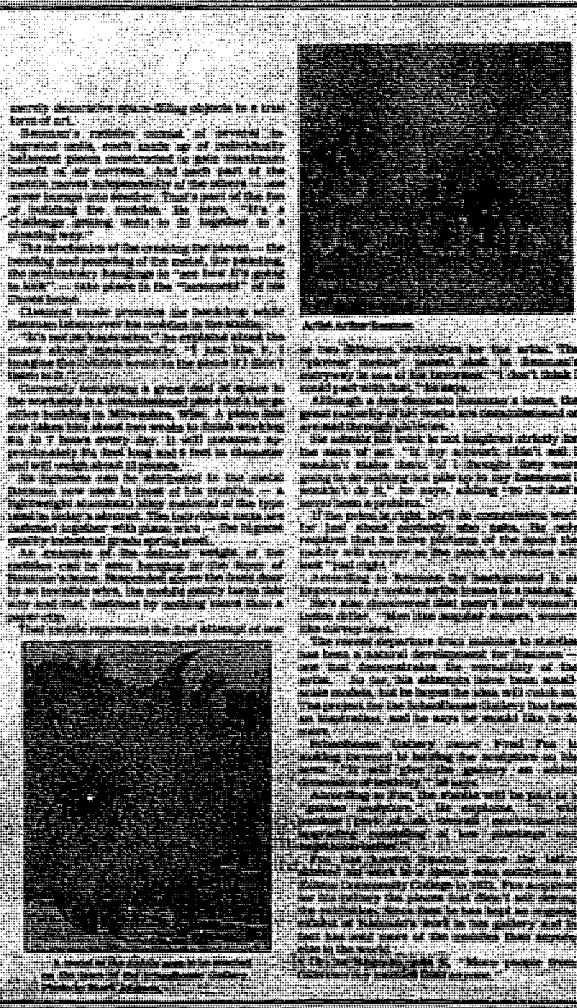


# ARTS ON THE ISLANDS

By Julie Niedentuer

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*Art by artist...*

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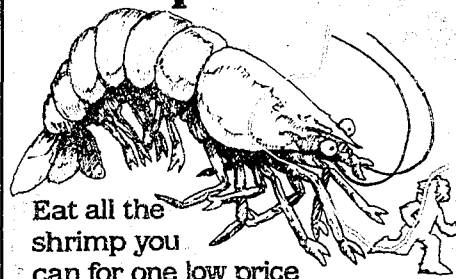
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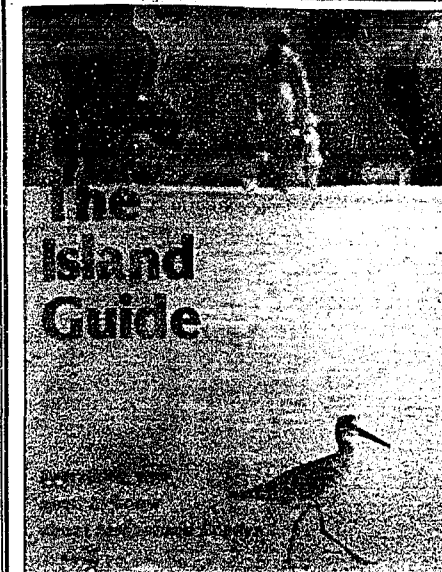
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Beach accesses

Unrestricted bathing with no sticker is permitted for everyone along the Caspary, at Bonner's Beach on the upper end of Sanibel, at the Sanibel Lighthouse and Fishing Pier at the eastern tip of the island, at Gulliver's City Park at Cava Yuel Road, on the east side of the Sanibel end of Chautauque Road, at the golf end of Tarpon Bay Road and at the Trout Preserve on Tarpon Bay Road.  
Off-islanders with restricted bathing stickers on their beach access can be found at Turner Beach on further north. Just call the entrance to South Look Plantation.  
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Dedicated to the preservation of vegetation and wildlife on the island. The Foundation offers many exhibits and nature tours. Admission for non-members is \$4 cents per child and \$1 for adults.  
Open 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
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Do you like to visit places with a lot to nature them? Are you interested in first hand experience with the wild things growing on Sanibel? Want to meet some new friends? The Wildlife Drive and Bait Traps and open Tuesdays to sunset daily. The Visitor Center opens from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.  
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Things to do and see

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Marinas, fishing, shelling, sailing charters

**Blind Pines Marina**  
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Sanibel-Captiva Road and Andy Rose Lane  
Captiva  
472-4666  
Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Closed weekends.

### BIKING

The extensive network of bike paths on the island is clearly marked along the edge of the road. Observe caution when driving near the bike paths. A state law and city ordinance combine to prohibit starting or driving on the bike paths. Hazards are not permitted on the bike paths.

If you plan to take some time on a bike make sure your vehicle is equipped with a tire, horns, good brakes and a light for night riding.

Under Florida law bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicle drivers.

### CAMPING, BEACH FIRES

Camping on the beach is prohibited, as are open beach fires. Fires are permitted, however, in an approved cooking container and to eat, used 24x21 1/2 inches deep with an enameled metal oil for non-combustible food preparation.

After you have your beach party please assume the responsibility for cleaning up any debris or litter in your area.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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### DISASTER ALERT

Radio Station WRCB 104.5 FM broadcasts hurricane and other emergency information that must affect Sanibel or Captiva.

Cable TV Channel 11 broadcasts the same disaster information for the islands.

### DOGGY DO'S AND DON'TS

Sanibel law requires that although your dog does not have to be on a leash in public he must be under your control at all times. You are responsible for your pet's behavior.

The Chamber of Commerce can tell you which accommodations accept families with pets.

Remember: wherever you are, clean up after your pet. "Leave nothing on the beach but footprints." applies to dogs, too.

### HELP! EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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**Minimum Legal Lengths**  
Bleakish 10 inches  
Flounder 12 inches  
Mackerel 12 inches  
Pompano 10 inches  
Redfish 12 inches  
Snook 18 inches  
Trout 12 inches

Snook fishing is outlawed from Jan. 1 through Feb. 28 and from June 1 through July 31.

**SHELLING**  
The city has a regulation limiting the taking of live shells to two per species per day per person. In order to preserve Sanibel's beautiful shelling beaches most collectors prefer to take any live shells what-so-ever.

### GATORS

Feeding alligators anywhere within the Sanibel City limits is not only illegal but extremely dangerous. Alligators can run up to 45 mph. So if you are close enough to feed an alligator he is close enough to bite you. An alligator fed for fun loses his natural fear of humans and becomes a vicious threat to children and pets.

Do's: would never be permitted to run free on Sanibel. Fence your dog, walk him on a leash or, if you must free him for a walk, keep him under voice control. Never let your dog in an unenclosed backyard.

For help with a nuisance alligator call the following representatives of the South-west Florida Alligator Association. They are licensed and have permits to handle alligators: George Camblott, 472-2755; Steve Phillips, 472-2329; Mark Westall, 472-5128.

### GOVERNMENT

**Sanibel City Council**  
Meetings held on the first and third Tuesday of every month beginning at 9 a.m. in Mackenzie Hall council chambers at City Hall off Dunlop Street.

**Sanibel Planning Commission**  
Meetings held on the second and fourth Monday of every month beginning at 9 a.m. in Mackenzie Hall council chambers at City Hall off Dunlop Street.

**Sanibel Fire Control District**  
Meetings held on the second Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m. at the Sanibel Fire House on Palm Ridge Road.

**Captiva Fire Control District**  
Meetings held on the first Monday of every month beginning at 10 a.m. at the Captiva Community Center.



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### LIBRARIES

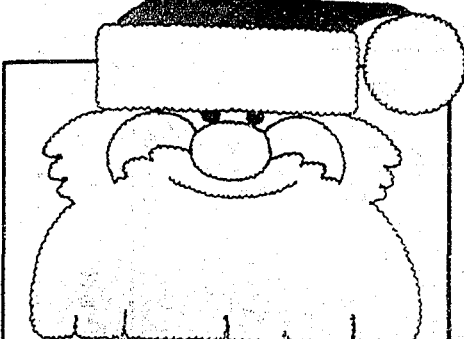
**Sanibel Public Library**  
Palm Ridge Road and Florence Street  
472-2663  
Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday, 10 to 11 p.m. on Wednesdays.

**Captiva Memorial Library**  
Chapin and Wiles  
472-2132  
Open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday.

**Sanibel Fishing Pier** - At the eastern tip of the island near the Lighthouse  
**Turner Beach** - At Blind Pass between Sanibel and Captiva Causeway - Between the drawbridge and Sanibel Chamber of Commerce - Just off the Causeway on the Sanibel side  
**Quintessence City Park** - Public beach off Casa Ybel Road

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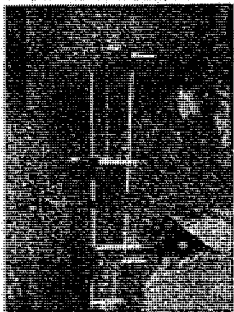
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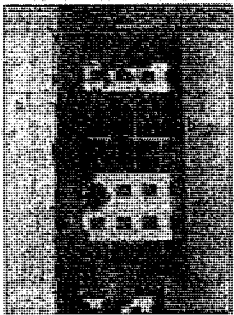
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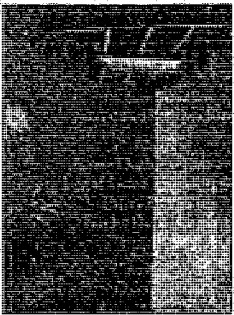
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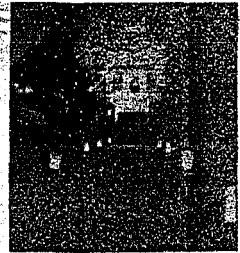
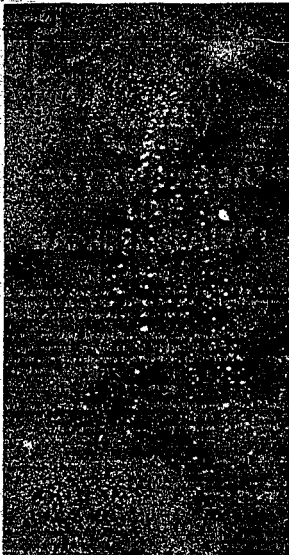
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## Happy Island Holidays!



Signs of Christmas abound on Sanibel and Captiva as the holiday season hits its peak. Clockwise from top, decorations at Tween-Waters Inn include Santa and his reindeer; a Putting Pelican waitress gets her wish; Thistle Lodge is ready for holiday customers; a Sanibel house that doesn't need snow; the Sanibel Community Association Christmas tree; and sparkling palm trees at the Hilton.



Master Sgt. James East wraps Toys for Tots.

### Toys for Tots means Christmas for otherwise unfortunate children

By Mark Johnson  
The Sandial played Island host to the U.S. Marine Corp Reserve Toys for Tots program last week, capping off the annual toy drive with a number of special events Sunday.

Starting with a holiday fashion show in Megan's Restaurant and Lounge presented by Dotti's of Sanibel, the day long event was organized to help the Marine Corp Reserve gather toys for youngsters who might not otherwise have any Christmas.

A Christmas crafts demonstration by Gladys Anderson allowed interested participants to learn the joy of hand crafting ornaments and decorations for the holidays.

A tennis clinic and doubles exhibition finished the day's activities.

Admission to the festivities was a new toy donated to the Toys for Tots program.

### Elementary school celebrates the season with holiday program, impressive test scores

By Scott Martell  
The Sanibel Elementary School reverberated with the spirit of Christmas almost two weeks early last Tuesday.

In front of a packed house, students presented "Around the World in Song," which included American, French, Israeli and British Christmas carols. The chorus was directed by first year music teacher Margaret Bunck, with Susie Santamaria accompanying the songs on piano.

The Sanibel audience was joined by Ray Pottori, retiring superintendent of schools for Lee County. Before the music began Principal Barbara Ward presented Pottori with an award of appreciation, a

Sanibel-Captiva poster painted by her husband, Wellington Ward.

"We will feel his loss in Lee County," Ward said about Pottori. "Even though we're a tiny school, he made sure we weren't slighted, which can so easily happen to smaller schools."

Ward also announced at the Christmas program the results of the recent Florida State Student Assessment Tests. The fifth grade class finished with a score of 94 in communications and a 98 in math. And the third grade picked up 99 scores in both communications and math.

"I'm very, very pleased," Ward said. "It will be very hard to do much better next year."

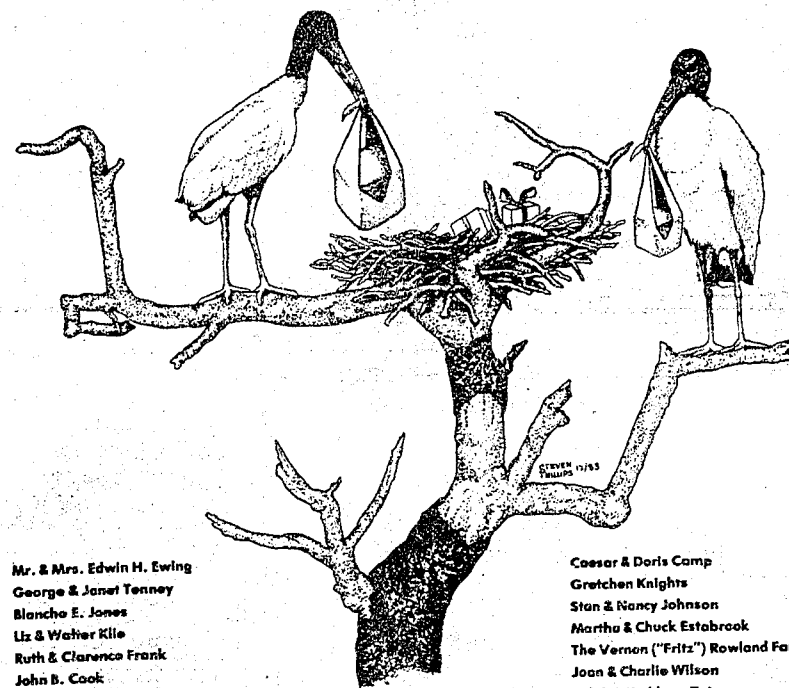


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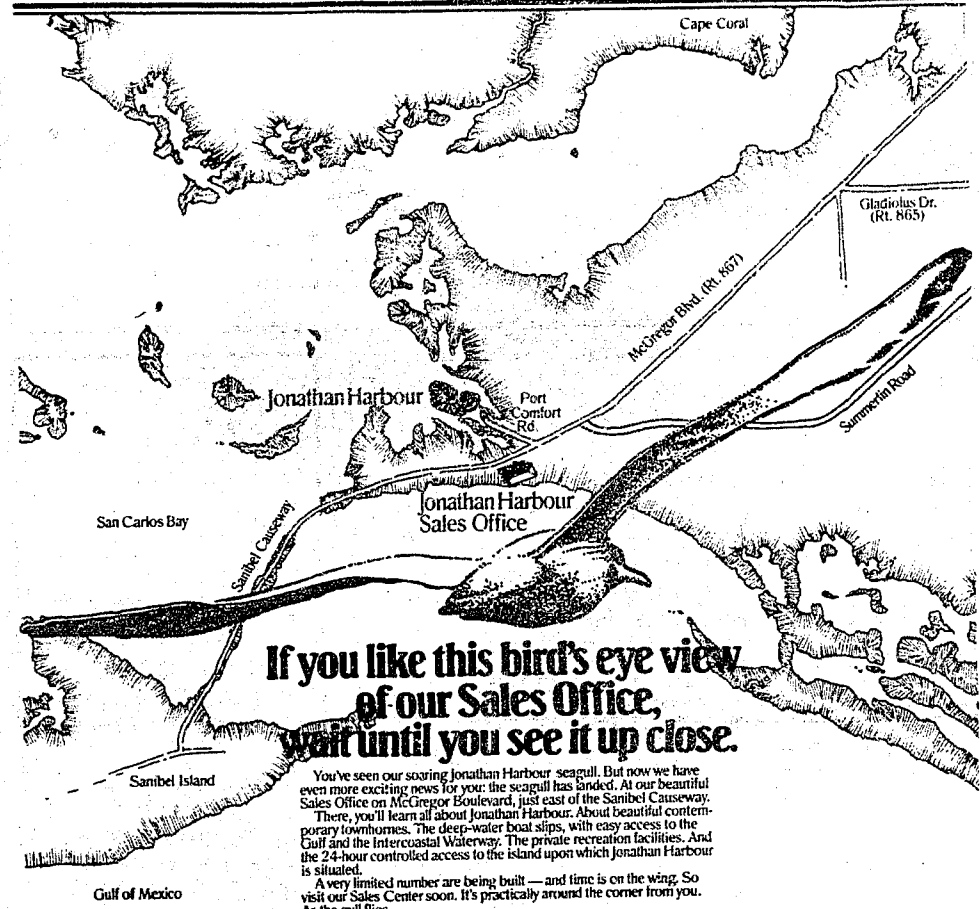


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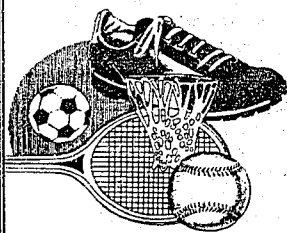
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Christmas Day service at 11:15 a.m. at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church. Trumpeteer Keith Clark will provide Christmas music.

**Captiva Chapel by the Sea**  
Dr. Bertram DeH Alwood  
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Candlelight service at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve followed by carol singing and a Christmas story. Christmas Day service at 11 a.m.

**St. Isabel Catholic Church**  
Father Joseph Besancon  
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472-2763

Christmas Eve service at 5:30 p.m. Christmas carols begin at 11:30 p.m. Mass at midnight Christmas Eve. Christmas Day mass at 8:30 and 10 a.m. and at noon.

**Sanibel Community Church**  
The Rev. Bruce Milligan  
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472-2684

Both choirs will participate in the 7 p.m. service Christmas Eve. The adult choir will participate in the 9 p.m. service Christmas Eve. Christmas Day services at 9 and 11:15 a.m.

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## Churches observe Christmas

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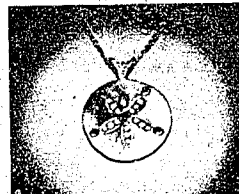


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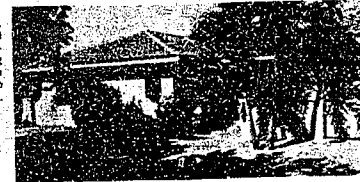
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The Sanibel Community Association provides an outlet for those interested in civic and cultural projects on the Island, and nature lovers will enjoy a gift membership in the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. SCFF members are encouraged to attend meetings and programs about various aspects of Island wildlife and the environment. Members also have the use of nature trails and the reference library and receive a quarterly newsletter.

If you want to give a gift to the community in the name of someone on your gift list, any of the Islands' organizations welcome donations and contributions. Consider the Sanibel or Captiva libraries, the J.N. "Ding" Darling-Zelda Butler Scholarship Fund, Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife or the Sanibel Police Recreation Club, all of which rely heavily on community contributions for their very existence.

We have mentioned only a few of the clubs and organizations that are alive and well on the Islands thanks to the continued support of the community. For a more complete list of Island organizations check the Island Guide at the back of every issue of The Islander.

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Community association, Lions, Kiwanis combine efforts for children's party

By Mark Johnson More than 250 Island children were treated to Christmas a little early last Saturday at the Sanibel Community Association annual Christmas pageant and party. The party sponsored by the community association and by the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis and Lions clubs has been an island tradition for 11 years.



The Dramatic Kids and Company. Photo by Mark Johnson.

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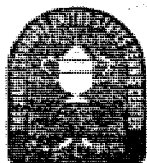
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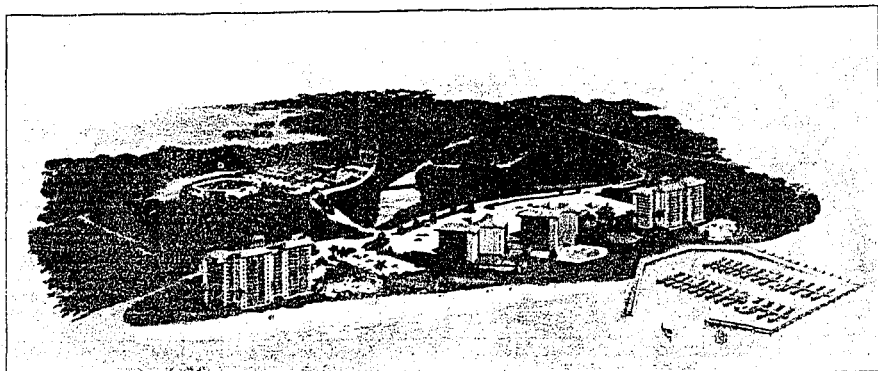
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