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## Gone canoein'

Twenty volunteers from the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge received a field lesson in wildlife last week on a canoe trip

down the Commodore Creek trail. The outing was part lesson and part thank-you from refuge staffers for the 600-plus hours the volunteers put in at the refuge last month. For details about the trip see page 4B. Photo by Mark Johnson.

## Proposition One: Yes or no?

### Political organization hopes forum will help voters decide

By Barbara Brundage

Proposition One, the proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution that would place a cap on all state and local taxing unit revenues and cut the fat from government spending, remains an enigma to most Florida voters.

But Sanibel and Captiva residents will have an opportunity to hear the pros and cons of the proposal at a town meeting at 7:30 p.m. this Wednesday, March 28, at the Sanibel Community Association.

The public forum sponsored by the Committee of the Islands will feature four speakers, two supporting the amendment and two opposing it.

The presentations will focus on how Proposition One will affect Sanibel and Captiva residents.

Douglas Morgan, president of Lee County Concerned Citizens and a member of the Lee County Charter Commission, and Joe Miller, a director of the Fort Myers Restaurant Association and a member of the Lee County Tourist Development Council, will present the case "for" voter approval of the amendment in November.

William Neron, a Lee County assistant administrator for five years, and Phil Bennett, an accountant with Probe Betson Co., will present the opposition.

Neron is a member of the Florida

City and County Management Association and the American Society of Public Administrators. Bennett has served on the Committee on Relations with State and Local Government and the Committee on Legislative Action.

Thirty minutes will be set aside for questions from the floor. Fred Metcalfe, COTI president who will moderate the evening, said the meeting will end at 9:30 p.m.

Supporters of Proposition One, frustrated by the continued rise in taxes and lack of government response to the wishes of the electorate, say the amendment will curb government spending.

Opponents say it will reduce state and local government services to an unacceptable level.

The State Legislative Committee of the American Association of Retired Persons views Proposition One as too drastic. Committee members are convinced its enactment would damage, rather than help most Floridians.

At a special City Council meeting at 9 a.m. Wednesday in MacKenzie Hall Sanibel officials will hear an overview of the issues involved in Proposition One.

The purpose of the meeting, City Manager Bernie Murphy emphasized, is to provide information on the

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## 92-year-old welcomes spring with birthday celebration

By Scott Kessel

Mary Reichert, 92, celebrated her birthday recently with a party at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. N. "Ding" Darling. Reichert, who was born in Germany, has lived in the United States for many years. She is a member of the Sanibel Community Association and has been active in many community organizations. She is also a member of the Sanibel Island Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons.

Reichert is a very active and cheerful woman. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She is also a very good cook and enjoys preparing meals for her family. She is also a very good gardener and enjoys spending time in her garden. She is also a very good reader and enjoys reading books. She is also a very good listener and enjoys listening to her family and friends.

## Mary Reichert advises younger folks

Stay happy and never be negative. There's roses coming up all the time.

When Reichert does have a negative problem, she says, "A strong handshake helps. And, yes, her family."

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## Citizens build trash receptacles

By Scott Martell

Several Tahitian Shore residents built 10 trash receptacles last week as part of a project initiated by an environmental concern group on the Island.

The cans will be placed along the city's bike path system.

Sanibel Public Works Director Gary Price designed the receptacles and found the material to build them.

Volunteers Harry Hooper, Windon Arens, Ed Donoghue, Mike Klein and Ken Preston built the receptacles.

Other Islanders who are interested in a litter-free Sanibel should keep Saturday, April 14, open so they can participate in an island-wide clean-up called Save Our American Resources.

SOAR volunteers will cover more than 75 miles of streets and beach access on Sanibel, collecting trash and debris left by less conscientious citizens.

234 volunteers picked up more than 13,000 pounds of trash in last year's SOAR effort.



Citizens for a cleaner island who helped construct trash receptacles that will be placed along Sanibel's bike path system are, from left to right, Harry Hooper, Windon Arens, Ed Donoghue, Mike Klein and Ken Preston.

## County wants public input on Causeway use

Lee County commissioners are seeking public input on a proposed ordinance to regulate the use of the three-mile Causeway that links Sanibel to the mainland.

Sanibel officials reviewed the ordinance last week (See related story page 23A).

The sandy spot islands and beaches that border San Carlos Bay are popular spots for picnics, fishing and other recreational activities.

If the ordinance becomes law, launching or docking boats except at Punta Rassa and operating speed boats or jet skis in adjacent waters will be forbidden.

Also prohibited will be soliciting for any purpose without written permission from the county; selling, serving or consuming alcoholic beverages; selling any goods or equipment; or operating a concession stand.

The ordinance will also make it unlawful to share or pass toll books from car to car. That policy is enforced now but is not official. If the ordinance becomes law, passing bridge books will be punishable by a fine up to \$500 and 60 days in jail.

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gnarled with arthritis. She exercises and loosens her hands by working with putty. And to offset a hip injury she sustained last year, she religiously walks a promenade on her porch.

"I feel wonderful," she says. And she gives some of the credit to living on Sanibel for the past 12 years.

Reichert came to Sanibel in 1972 and at 80 years old designed her own home off Lindgren Boulevard.

"I'd lived a pretty good life, and I was looking for security and beauty," she says. "And I found it. I never go to the mainland if I can help it."

After all, she's had her share of traveling, from touring the country as an opera singer and hunting

and fishing at her brother's gun club in central Canada.

What have been the most thrilling moments in her 92 years? Without a pause she says her two marriages. "They were very good," she chuckles.



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

Police investigated an attempted burglary at the Shirley Allen store in Tahitian Garden shopping center Saturday evening, March 17. Police were alerted to the shop by an alarm.

Two men extinguished a fire they had started on the beach near Loggerhead Cay after police requested the fire be put out around 2:30 a.m. Sunday, March 18.

Police advised the driver of a van along Sanibel-Captiva Road to keep up with the 35 mph speed limit after several drivers complained the van was holding up traffic by driving 10 mph down the highway Sunday afternoon, March 18. The driver of the van told police he was looking for an

osprey and did not realize he was creating a traffic problem.

An officer on routine patrol discovered the gate to the foot bridge at Bowman's Beach had been vandalized Sunday night, March 18. The gate keeps vehicles from going on the beach.

A Pyralis Street man reported his mailbox had been struck by a car and damaged beyond repair early Monday morning, March 19.

Officials at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation were notified to remove a dead alligator from near the number nine hole at the Beachview Golf Course Monday afternoon, March 19.

A Bromoe, Quebec, woman reported she had lost her purse and \$120 in cash somewhere on Sanibel Monday evening, March 19.

A Grand Rapids, Mich., man reported he has lost his wallet and \$100 in travelers checks somewhere on the Island Monday night, March 19.

Police asked a group of about 80 college students to keep the noise down after a Sundial resident complained about noise from the beach around 11 p.m. Monday, March 19. Police found the group "not unruly" and said the wind was carrying the music and the students' voices toward the condominium complex.

A Sanibel woman reported her purse was missing from the beach in front of the Sundial Tuesday morning, March 20. The purse contained \$50 in cash and a 35 mm camera valued at \$100.

Police gave permission to the Sundial manager to operate a small motor vehicle on the beach to clean up litter Tuesday morning, March 20.

A Shaker Heights, Ohio, woman reported she had lost her 35 mm Nikon camera around Middle Gulf Drive Tuesday afternoon, March 20. The camera was valued at \$350.

A New Brighton, Minn., woman told police her antique Bulova watch valued at \$1,000 had been stolen from her room at the Ramada Inn Tuesday evening, March 20.

An Atlanta Plaza resident reported an AM/FM stereo cassette player had been stolen from his car while it was parked at the Sundial early Wednesday morning, March 21. The stereo was valued at \$450.

The office manager at the Sanibel Community Association reported two signs were stolen from the center grounds Wednesday morning, March 21. The signs, one for the SOA and another for the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society, were valued at more than \$100.

An Albatross Road woman told police \$100 in cash and her bank book was taken from her purse sometime between March 16 and March 19.

A resident of Bird Lane reported a two-man brown and yellow rubber raft had been taken from his house Wednesday morning, March 21.

A pool party dispersed after police arrived on the scene at the Sandall condominiums around 1:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 22.

Police looked for a camper who was reportedly sleeping in a laundry room at the Sundial early Thursday morning, March 22. A Sundial employee alerted police about the man, but he was gone when police arrived.

Several beachgoers complained to an officer on routine patrol about a low-flying helicopter near the Lighthouse beach around 9 a.m. Thursday, March 22. The Sanibel officer notified Airport Police, who checked on the registration of the copter.

A Minneapolis, Minn., man reported an AM/FM stereo cassette player and several classical music tapes had been stolen from his Volkswagen convertible car while it was parked at the Sundial Thursday morning, March 22. Value of the missing items was placed at \$250.

An East Gulf Drive resident reported someone had been dumping vegetation debris on his two vacant lots on the west side of Anchor Drive Thursday morning, March 22. The man said he suspected the driver of an older model red pick-up truck had dumped the debris.

A Disiplans, Ill., woman reported one pair of binoculars and several power tools were missing from her home on Shell Basket Lane Thursday afternoon, March 22. She said the items, which were valued at \$400, had been taken sometime during the early part of February.

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## Weather watch Everybody talks about it...



The weatherman predicts cloudy skies over Southwest Florida that could bring showers by Thursday. Highs are forecast in the upper 70s to low 80s, lows in the upper 60s.

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

	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Monday, March 19	80	65	0
Tuesday, March 20	80	68	0
Wednesday, March 21	76	61	0
Thursday, March 22	78	55	0
Friday, March 23	77	59	2.53
Saturday, March 24	80	65	0
Sunday, March 25	80	70	0

## Condominium organization plans annual meeting

Lee County Commissioner Porter Goss will be the guest speaker at the annual meeting of Condominium Associations of Sanibel, Inc., at 2:15 p.m. this Thursday, March 29, at the Sundial.

Members and non-members of CASI are encouraged to attend the meeting and learn more about the new CASI Political Action Committee that seeks to secure a voice for condominium owners and residents in local government affairs.

## Registered yet? Election officials bring the process to you

The Lee County Mobile Voters Registration Unit will be on Sanibel from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 6. Workers from the Elections Office will register new voters in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Dunlop Road.

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## AN EYE FOR THE ISLANDS

By Maggie Greenberg

Many people who have never visited Sanibel entertain some rather odd notions about our small barrier island. Frequently, they envision a wee spit of sand inhabited by a mere handful of hardy souls who constantly brave the bugs and defy the eye of every hurricane.

My octogenarian mother is clearly a classic case in point. In her eyes, life on Sanibel is the tropical equivalent of life on an off-shore oil rig in the North Sea, i.e., fraught with frightful danger from all sides.

However, she concedes, one advantage of living in such a small community is the fact that everyone must surely know everyone else. Thus, should a single stranger come upon the scene his presence will be instantly apparent!

Several weeks ago my mother called from the

snowbound wilderness of Pennsylvania to say that her good friend, Mrs. Smythe-Pickering, would stay at Loggerhead Cay for the entire month of March. Naturally, Mother was quite convinced that I would certainly "bump into" her friend on the beach.

Although somewhat offended by the assumption that I am so clumsy as to "bump into" people during my daily jogging routine, I ignored the unintended insult. However, I did try to explain that a permanent population of some 3,000 souls swells to 17,000 or more on any given day in Season. In short, it was rather unlikely that I would "bump into" Ms. Smythe-Pickering on the beach — either literally or figuratively.

Not surprisingly, my mother (a most indomitable lady) was utterly undaunted by the overwhelming odds. Thus, she informed me that Mrs. Smythe-

Pickering was an elderly lady with white hair who would probably be out shelling.

"But, Mother," I protested, "There are hundreds of little old ladies with white hair out there shelling every day!"

"Ah," murmured my mother, "but Mrs. Smythe-Pickering wears glasses!"

Thus, throughout the entire month of March I have accosted legions of white-haired ladies with glasses and inquired, "Are you by any chance Mrs. Smythe-Pickering from Pennsylvania?" While all were pleased to chat for a while, none turned out to be Mrs. Smythe-Pickering.

Editor's note: Portions of this article are from Maggie Greenberg's next book, *Scenes From Sanibel in Season*, to be published in the fall.

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## COMMENTARY

### New Yorker says widening Periwinkle Way would cut into the essence of Sanibel

To the Editor  
The Islander

In regard to the plans to widen Periwinkle Way — any city planner will tell you that once a road is crowded, adding a lane will simply cause traffic to rise to meet the new capacity. It will not alleviate the traffic jam.

I remember when Robert Moses wanted to build what amounted to a superhighway down the middle of Fire Island, about as beautiful and unspoiled an island as could reasonably be expected near New York City. The people rose up — and it was defeated. A bridge was built on either end of the island, but no road.

Fire Island's particular character depends on there being no roads — just ferries and walkways.

Obviously you (i.e., the Sanibel City Council) have to strike a balance between legitimate commercial interests and conservationists, between making it reasonably easy for people to visit the island and preventing the

spoiling of what they have come to see. As a long-time visitor, I want to say that you are beginning now to cut into the essence of the attributes that give these islands their unique appeal.

Sincerely,  
Ralph Kaplan  
Sanibel  
and Long Island

### New Jersey resident offers reflections on Sanibel

A copy of the following poem by Grace Robinson of Spring Lake, N.J., was given to The Islander for publication.

Reflections  
On Sanibel, I'd like to dwell,  
In the surf, pick up a shell.  
There is no place I'd rather be  
Than Sanibel by the sapphire sea.

Where every day the dolphins play  
In the gulf or in the bay,  
And pelicans dive for their prey  
Their beaks to fill the living day.

The soft white sand beneath my feet  
Can only make me live up beat.  
The sparkling water, the sky so blue,  
The lovely sunsets in every hue.

The bright stars at night  
Hang in the velvet sky.  
The moon does not seem very high.  
I could reach up and touch it  
If I try.

Sanibel, a reflection in my mind.  
Grace Robinson  
Spring Lake, N.J.

### Trash logo idea inspires resident to write limerick

To the Editor  
The Islander  
We are proud of our CLUP's and our ROGO's.  
But some of our notions are no-gos:  
What is gained if we ban  
Every bottle and can  
With a ludicrous litter of logos?  
Calvin Brown  
Sanibel

### What's in a name? It's hard to tell sometimes

By Bill Read

Stephen Vincent Benet once wrote a poem about American names. He started out by saying, "I have fallen in love with American names," and then went on to celebrate such spots as Medicine Hat, Tucson, Deadwood, Lost Mule Flat, Little French Lick, Lundy's Lane and Skunktown Plain. He wound up with a plea to whomever it might be concerned to "Bury my heart at Wounded Knee."

I am not certain Benet knew about some of our more exotic geographic names, like the Caloosahatchee, Lake Okechobee, Cabbage Key, Punta Rassa, Matlacha, Boketta or Immokele. I think he would have approved of them.

But what would he have thought, if he were still around, of some of the monickers with which our developers are saddling the many little bits of paradise that are springing up almost daily in Southwest Florida?

Take Board Walk Caper, the name assigned to a complex of townhouses on San Carlos Boulevard on the way to Fort Myers Beach. Admittedly, my eyes aren't the greatest, and tail-gaters were pushing us along at a fairly rapid clip as we drove by, but I couldn't see any boardwalk there. Or at least what I would call a boardwalk. There might have been some kind of a structure, but it will certainly never rival the Atlantic City boardwalk.

And what did the inspired chroniclers of this condo mean to convey by the word "caper"? Were they asking us to imagine happy owners or

renters gambling on what little green was left after all of the townhouses went up? Or did they use caper in the sense that they had accomplished some audacious move, something perhaps in the nature of film-flamery, in palming this project off on the public?

And of course caper is also the word for pickled flower buds used as a condiment in the bawtier cuisines? I doubt that that was intended. Still, you never know.

In any case, caper is definitely an in word these days, when it comes to naming condominiums. There is also a San Caper on Estero Boulevard.

The ability of developers and/or their "concept" persons to come up with catchy, trendy names is by no means matched by their knowledge of geography.

A very large single-family project going up on Summerlin Road boasts the fetching name of Cinnamon Cove. This for a development that is right smack in the middle of a cow pasture rezoned from agricultural to residential. I couldn't for the life of me figure out where the cove was.

And over on Gladiolus Drive, Paddle Creek slowly emerges in the middle of another cow pasture, upward of West Wind.

An unsuspecting off-islander might be led to believe that Wu's Landing, soon to be the location of yet another restaurant for the delectation of Sanibel diners-out, is picturesquely situated on exotic shore where guests can gnaw at their steaks to the sound of water

gently lapping against a dock. Not true. Wu's is off Periwinkle Way, and the only water that will come into view when the project is completed will be a drainage retention pond.

Sometimes name-givers are a little closer to the mark, as in the case of Ocean's Reach here on Sanibel. This condo is very definitely within easy reach of that body of water called, unimaginatively, the Gulf of Mexico.

It is certainly fortunate that Pepper Tree Pointe is on the mainland. It would never fly on Sanibel, given the official abhorrence with which the Brazilian pepper tree is viewed here.

But to judge by the uproar at recent City Council meetings in support of that strange weed sometimes called the paper tree, Melaleuca Miasma just might make it. Especially if it were situated on the shores of Lago Cipriani.

We had long been under the spell of Sanibel, even before we finally settled here in 1978, but I had no idea of the fascination it held for people trying to think up names for their projects.

There is, for example, Sanibel Cottages. The only trouble is, the cottages are gone, replaced by massive, although admittedly attractive neo-"old Florida" style buildings housing intervally owned apartments. More and more, that "old Florida," is being rendered "olde Florida," by the way.

Now the name Sanibel is being exported to the mainland. We are soon to have the Sanibel Harbour Resort, which will make Sanibel the

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## MUNICIPAL RECORDS

By Barbara Brundage

### Mariner vice president questions council on ROGO hardship allocations

No one made a formal request for council review of the March Rate of Growth allocations last Tuesday. But Ray Pavelka, vice president for development for Mariner Properties, Inc., questioned from which surplus the Planning Commission had drawn the five multi-family dwelling units that were awarded on the basis of hardship.

"Our immediate concern is that these five allocations do not impact on the multi-family reserves and/or total allocations available for the 1984 ROGO year," Pavelka told the council.

He said he supported the commission's policy of awarding surplus units to complete a project, but his concern was over how and when they would be recaptured.

He said his interpretation of the ROGO ordinance indicated the recapturing would occur over the "next three subsequent ROGO years."

From the minutes of the commission allocation meeting it appeared that the intent was to recapture the units in November, which would reduce the number of multi-family allocations available to 40 and would penalize other applicants who had been waiting in line, Pavelka said.

He asked that this be clarified and stated clearly in the record.

Mayor Fred Valtin agreed that the motions granting the surplus units were ambiguous.

Valtin, who was present during the allocation session, said the commissioners' rationale was that the two applicants probably would get their allocations in November, anyway.

City Attorney David La Croix said the ordinance required the commission at the time of allocating

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Councilman Louise Johnson

surplus units to determine how they would be recaptured.

It was council consensus that the Planning Commission clarify the motions at its next regular meeting.

Pavelka said Mariner also was concerned with what constituted an "extraordinary hardship." Previous statements of City Council and Planning Commission policy did not include "financial hardship," Pavelka said.

Councilman Mike Klein said he had never understood why economic hardship had been excluded. "Most hardships we've considered have been economic," he said, adding, "We need a clear definition."

Valtin pointed out that the planning commissioners have the flexibility to make their own interpretation.

Pavelka urged the council to make clear policy and guidelines for granting hardship appeals before the next ROGO allocation.

Valtin said the council could not make a decision at the time last week. He asked the staff and Planning Commission to consider the issue and

make a recommendation.

Councilman Louise Johnson brought up the question of the automatic granting of units in the next allocation period to those applicants who fail to receive them.

"My fear that speculative houses will be getting allocations at the expense of owner built homes is proving to be true," Johnson said. "Some carryovers who expended minimum effort to compete are getting allocations the next time around without competing against homes that scored higher," she said. "I think we should examine this carefully."

But her colleagues disagreed.

"I still think this is a good provision," Valtin said. "Though some houses do not score as high as others, nevertheless, they meet all city standards and are entitled to build."

Klein reminded the council that the original purpose of ROGO was to slow growth to coincide with the city's ability to furnish services. The criteria make people build homes better than the code to get points, he said, adding, "I don't know if it's bad if no one goes beyond the code."

### State, regional, county agencies receive draft amendments to CLUP

Four general amendments to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan have been forwarded to state, regional and county planning agencies for review and comment.

The City Council, by resolutions adopted unanimously last Tuesday, sent on their way two "strictly housekeeping" draft ordinances and two others designed to limit and control the intensity of use of units of high impact and to eliminate short term rentals in residential zones.

One ordinance proposed by the Committee of the Islands defines "average occupancy rates" for different types of dwelling units based on

the number of bedrooms. A second, proposed by the city staff, defines temporary occupancy as "less than one month" and prohibits short term rentals of single family homes or duplexes outside the resort housing area after Oct. 1, 1985.

Councilman Louise Johnson lost her bid to change the effective date of the temporary occupancy ordinance to Oct. 1, 1985.

Planning Director Bruce Rogers said the extra year's grace would give owners a "phasing out time."

Councilman Bill Hagerup pointed out that under current CLUP regulations it is illegal for homes in

residential zones to be rented for less than a month. But because of the lack of a clearcut definition of "temporary occupancy" in CLUP that provision has been difficult to enforce, Hagerup said.

But he said that one year is a reasonable period in which affected home owners can adjust to the change.

Johnson's motion to make the change effective in 1985 was defeated 2-3 with Mayor Fred Valtin and Councilmen Francis Bailey and Mike Klein opposed.

Of the two "strictly housekeeping items," one ordinance developed as part of the CLUP five-year review

expands the list of typical wildlife and adds to the list of vegetation used as criteria to delineate the various ecological zones on the island.

The other would permit the planning staff to issue short term development permits for duplexes that meet all density standards. That measure would eliminate the need for a public hearing before the Planning Commission.

The outside planning agencies have 60 days in which to reply, Valtin said, after which the ordinances will be scheduled for two public hearings before final adoption.

### CONA gets council's ear on rentals, public drinking, emergency phone number

Three areas of concern identified by the board of directors of the Committee of Neighborhood Associations gained the City Council's attention last week.

CONA secretary Fritz Holtz said the board wholeheartedly supports and urges immediate adoption of an ordinance proposed by the Committee of the Islands that prohibits rentals of

single-family homes outside the resort housing area for a period of less than one month.

Holtz said a majority of the board also supports enactment of an ordinance to prohibit consumption of alcoholic beverage in public places and the adoption of the 911 telephone number to report all emergencies.

Mayor Fred Valtin said Lee County

officials are having second thoughts about the public drinking ordinance passed recently and are considering changes to make it more enforceable.

The county law that currently prohibits possession of alcohol in public and carries a penalty of a \$500 fine and 60 days in jail is not applicable on Sanibel, except at the county's Bowman's Beach park.

The council has already decided not to take any action until the county's law is firm, Valtin told Holtz.

The Lee County Commission has voted 3-2 to amend the law so that in order to be charged with a violation,

persons must be caught in the act of drinking in a public place. The amendment also would delete the portion of the law that prohibits transportation of open containers of alcohol.

The commission has been served a petition signed by 12,782 persons asking for the ordinance's repeal.

Commissioners Porter Goss and Roland Eastwood first voted for repeal because they believe the law goes too far. But they were overruled by the three other commissioners. Both Goss

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### Coming Up at City Hall

A list of upcoming City Council and Planning Commission meetings

Wednesday, March 28, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. — Special meeting of the City Council to discuss Proposition One.

Thursday, March 29, Council conference room, City Hall, 9 a.m. — County Commissioner Porter Goss and County Administrator Lavon Wisher to meet with Mayor Fred

Valtin, City Manager Bernie Murphy and staff to discuss further development of Bowman's Beach as a regional park under the city's interlocal agreement with the county.

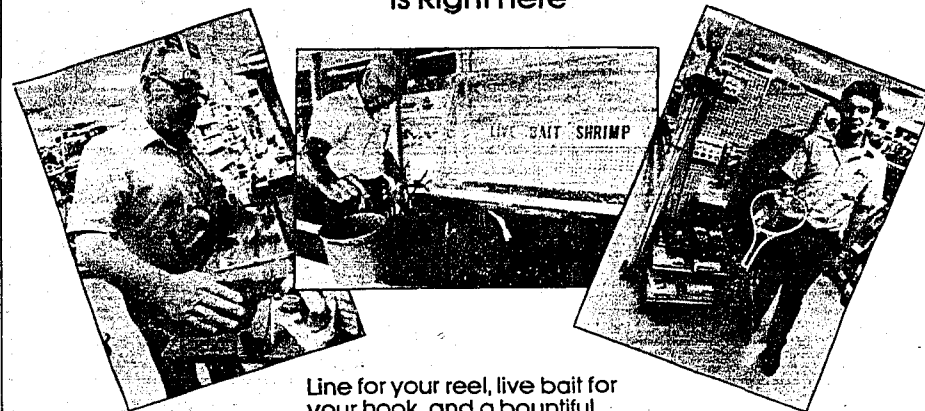
Tuesday, April 3, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. — Regular meeting of the City Council.

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

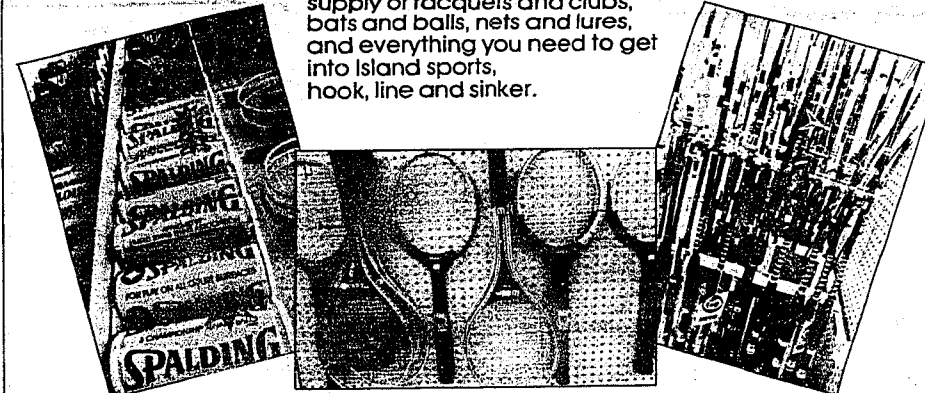
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## MUNICIPAL RECORDS

### Ocean's Reach attorney, coastal engineers get more time to revise revetment plan

If Ocean's Reach Condominium owners are willing to relocate their beach front swimming pool, four members of the City Council indicated last week they will support installation of a 400-foot rock revetment forward of the Coastal Construction Setback Line.

The revetment would protect 16 ground floor apartments from destruction in a major storm.

But Ocean Reach's attorney Richard Brodeur said he was certain his clients would not consider a trade-off of \$75,000 it would cost to relocate the pool for the \$600 to \$1,500 a year it would cost to replace the sand and revegetate the revetment.

After a two-hour discussion at last Tuesday's council hearing both sides decided a continuation was in order.

A decision was deferred until April 17 to give coastal engineers Dick Stevens and David Tackney time to devise a new plan that would place the revetment closer to the 64-unit complex and farther

from the high water line on the beach.

Councilman Louise Johnson voted against the continuance, saying she preferred to deny the request. "To approve this is not consistent with Sanibel's plan or policy and will open up repeated requests to armor the beach as a protection against storms," she said.

"I have no animosity toward condominiums, but I believe that for the greater good of Sanibel, which is unique because it has had no interference with its natural shoreline, it should not be permitted," Johnson added.

Councilmen Bill Hagerup and Mike Klein both suggested moving the revetment closer to the building would make the proposal more palatable.

Under the present plan the rock revetment is 40 feet from the high water mark and to accommodate the pool at one point is 80 feet from the front of the complex.

The 10-year old complex has been plagued by erosion around the pool. Several times the area has been nourished with sand to stop the undermining.

The Ocean's Reach Condominium Association hired Stevens and Tackney with hopes of finding a permanent solution to the problem. The coastal engineers propose installation of a "flexible storm protection system" that requires a five-foot deep excavation along 400 feet of the beach in front of the complex.

It will be lined with Polyfilter X, a plastic material

that allows water to flow through but traps sand. "It will keep the 500- to 1,000-pound rocks from settling into the sand," Stevens said. The rocks will be covered with a layer of sand and planted with native vegetation.

The structure will serve no purpose until there is a major storm, and then it will be the last line of defense to prevent the ground level apartments from being undermined, he explained.

Brodeur assured the council that the condominium owners were willing to submit legal documents to pay for removal of the revetment if it does not solve the problem and to finance replacement of sand on the revetment whenever necessary and to pay for any damage to neighboring properties if it can be proved the damage was caused by the revetment.

Planning Director Bruce Rogers offered an alternative solution. "There is room on the property to relocate the 16 ground level units should they be more than 50 percent destroyed in a storm," he said.

But Brodeur was appalled at the suggestion. "You can't just say, 'Well, fellows, that's too bad you just lost 16 units, now you can relocate them in your backyard,'" Brodeur said. "I can't believe that's what the council wants."

Brodeur asked for 30 days to consult with owners on relocating the pool and to allow the engineers time to devise an alternate plan to place the revetment structure as close to the building as possible.

## MUNICIPAL RECORDS

### Council says no to Mariner request for sign variance

The City Council last week denied Mariner Properties' request for a temporary variance to the Graphics Ordinance. The denial means six "ladder" signs must be deleted from two existing signs in the Dunes and two off-site signs advertising new model homes must be removed.

Ray Pavelka, Mariner vice president for development, told the council the signs are directional and are needed to control traffic through the Dunes until the third phase of development there is sold out. He said the project should be sold out by September.

Four ladder signs on the sign at the

entrance to the Dunes clubhouse point the way to the clubhouse, golf and tennis, salescenter and model homes. Those four signs increase the total of information to 16. But the Graphics Ordinance permits only five items of information.

Two other ladder signs on the Horseshoe Lake Village sign directing visitors to the sales center and model homes are in violation of the off-site prohibition. A "Model Homes ahead" sign mounted in the right-of-way of Sandcastle Road is in violation, as is another sign near the entrance to the subdivision with arrows directing visitors to sales center, golf, tennis

and model homes, Dick Baker, city code enforcement officer, said.

Pavelka admitted that Mariner made an error by installing the signs and then seeking a variance after the fact. But he blamed "lack of communications within the organization" for the mistake.

Pavelka said the informational signs would prevent "casual traffic through the subdivision by people trying to find the model homes."

But Councilman Francis Bailey said he was "not at all sympathetic" to permitting the signs even on a temporary basis. "There are dozens of others on this island in the same situation as Mariner," he said.

Mayer Fred Valtin and Councilman Louise Johnson leaned toward a compromise by allowing the six ladders to remain on the Dunes clubhouse and Horseshoe Lake Village signs.

Councilman Mike Klein said he was sure there had been "no misunderstanding."

"Mariner knows what's required," he insisted. "You got approval for the

signs and then added the ladders later." His motion to "flatly deny the variance request" passed by a 3-2 vote with Valtin and Johnson dissenting.

After that action Pavelka suggested that the council re-examine the Graphics Ordinance, particularly the items of information section.

"It doesn't seem reasonable that a logo and 'incorporated' each should count as an item of information," he said, adding, "Mariner would like to present some amendments for council consideration."

Pavelka said he did not like to "throw stones," but he maintained some people on the island are playing games with the city. "After being cited for a violation they remove the sign within the 30 days given them to correct it and in a few days it's back up again and the process starts over," he said.

Baker agreed that it could be a vicious circle.

Valtin said if this were true the

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and Eastwood cast the dissenting votes on amending the ordinance.

As for the 911 emergency number, Valtin said, "To me it makes sense to have one number. From my own experience I know in an emergency your brain just doesn't work."

The problem in initiating the use of 911 on Sanibel is one of coordination, he said, adding he would support the city's undertaking a "mini-study" to find out the advantages and disadvantages of adopting the 911 and to come up with a cost estimate.



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By Scott Martell

### Tax time on Sanibel

#### Local accountants say it's a bit different here

People all around the country this time of year are frantically finishing their income tax returns in time for the Internal Revenue Service deadline April 15.

As with many other things, Sanibel residents are a little bit different when it comes to filing taxes. That's according to island accountants Reed Palmer, Andy Gelberg and Thomas Louwers.

Sanibel does stand out as different from the "typical" community. The island's taxpaying citizens generally are more affluent, older and have a more diversified economic base than do the typical residents of all-American towns.

Their affluence and years of experience with tax forms generally mean Islanders are less likely to leave their taxes to the last minute.

"Our tax clients are well-organized," says Gelberg, who has worked as a tax accountant on Sanibel for five years and before that spent 13 years in the accounting department for a county in Virginia. "They know what they've earned and what they've spent and are prepared."

Palmer, an accountant since 1965 and on Sanibel since 1980, agrees. "Islanders are usually more apt to pay their taxes on time, maybe because they have the money," he says.

But because of the complexity of all the forms involved, some Islanders might need extensions for filing their returns, Louwers says. Louwers has a master's degree in taxation and has been a tax accountant for 15 years. He started his

practice on Sanibel last year.

Tax preparation for Islanders on the whole does seem complex. Gelberg says most of his clients use many of the numerous forms available from the IRS — and there are 75 different forms, from a simple 1040A to a more obscure Investors Interest Expense Deduction form.

Palmer says most of his clients use the long form and have various deductions, from interest on home mortgages to charitable contributions.

Palmer says his clients on Sanibel seem to make more and larger charitable contributions than most typical taxpayers. "Of course some contribute quite a bit more than others," he says.

"You kind of get an idea of what someone is like by what they give away."

Louwers says many of his clients have businesses or residences in other states and must fill out those states' tax forms as well. Therefore, he says, a Sanibel tax preparer must have a library of forms and regulations from many states.

The three accountants say there are many deductions that can be taken but that most people are not aware of.

Perhaps the most interesting is that whiskey can be deducted if it is prescribed by a doctor, Gelberg says.

"And some people try to claim their dogs as a dependent, claiming they treat the dog just like a family," he laughs. "But no way that is deduc-

ible.

"There probably more odd deductions, but you must remember that tax laws are very refined. It is not guess work, but instead an exact science."

Palmer says sometimes he has difficulty explaining to his clients why they cannot deduct certain things. "One fellow was sick for a long time and couldn't work," he says. "He couldn't understand why he couldn't take the salary he had not earned as a tax deductible loss."

Louwers says many changes have gone into effect in tax laws this year. The change in depreciation rules for cars now makes it less advantageous for some people to use the standard 20.5 cents a mile deduction for driving.

"That's the easy way out, but it no longer necessarily creates the greatest tax benefit," Louwers says. He adds that other changes have been made in guidelines regulating medical and marital deductions.

Palmer says it is almost too late to consider deductions for 1983 tax purposes, with the exception of setting up an Individual Retirement Account.

"And the time to start thinking about options for deductions in 1984 is Jan. 1, 1984," he emphasizes. "If you start thinking about them at the end of the year it might be too late for many of the options."



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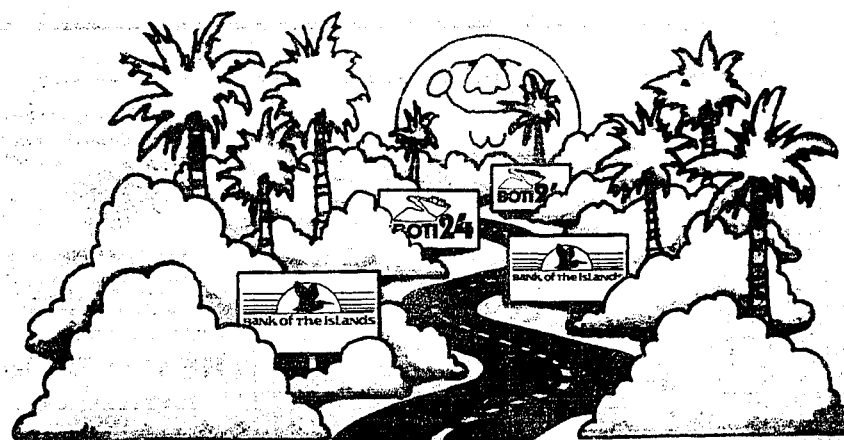
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proposed amendment, "not to develop strategies to respond to its possible passage."

The administrative staff does not plan to recommend specific remedies to deal with Proposition One until after a thorough analysis is made and all available advice and suggestions are received, Murphy said.

At Wednesday morning's session, to which the public is invited, City Attorney David La Croix will point out as many as possible of the problems local government would face if Proposition One is adopted in November.

The major problem with the proposition, La Croix said, is that it is too simplistic. "It covers a broad and

complex subject with very few words, no definitions and no explanations or qualifications."

"Taxing units subject to it will have to guess at its meaning in many respects, and in many cases more than one interpretation can be argued with equal force, logic and justification," he explained.

La Croix will discuss each provision of the proposed amendment highlighting issues Sanibel will face should Proposition One win voter approval.

Gene Hind, a partner in Cooper and Lybrand, certified public accountants of Fort Myers, will also make a presentation on the impact the

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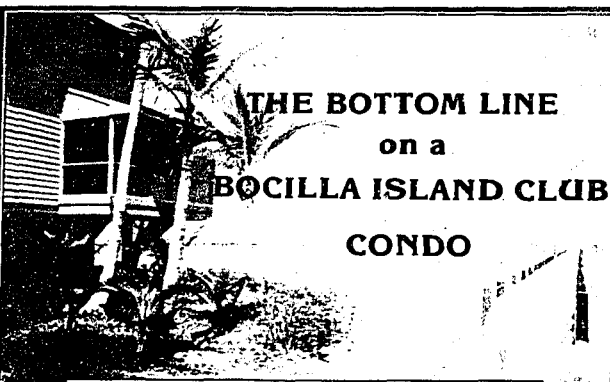
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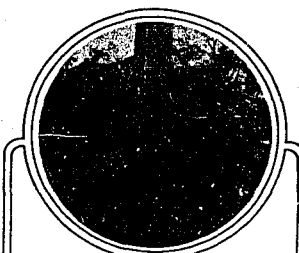
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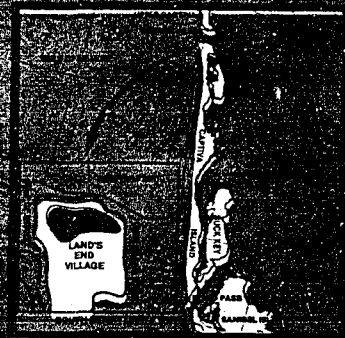
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**The villas at Land's End Village are spectacular in many ways!**

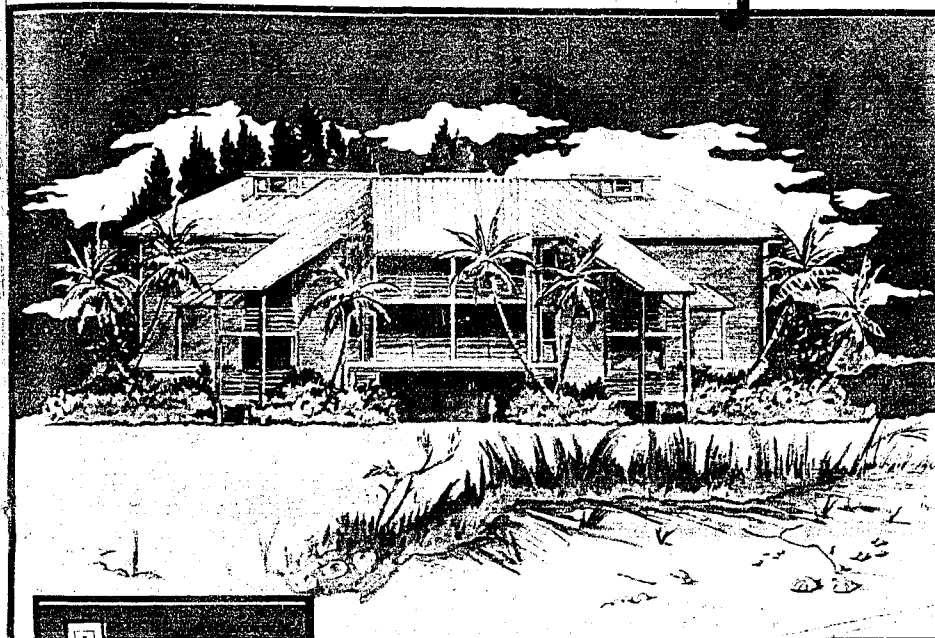
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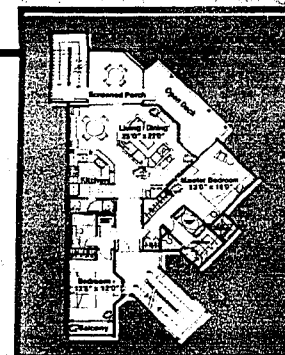
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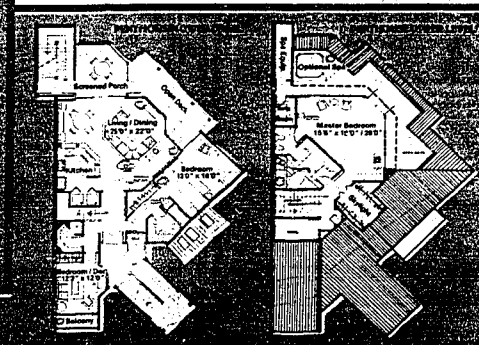


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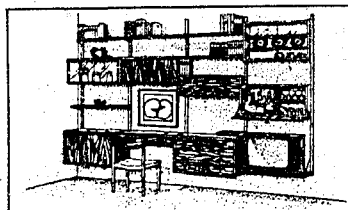
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3. Harriet MacKinnon and Bill McDonald

East-West  
1. Barbara and John Lester  
2. Rex Ellis and Belle Lipaky  
3. Ginny Baerren and Lorraine Hauser  
The Thursday afternoon sessions are directed by Sterling Bassett. For more information call 472-0025.  
Nine tables played at the community

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North-South  
1. Harriet and Don MacKinnon  
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1. Fran and Cal Christensen  
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## Bill Read from page 5A

only island I know of whose harbor is across the bay on the mainland. Just up the Caloosahatchee, we can eventually expect to view rising into mainland skies the Port Sanibel Yacht Club. For a couple of years or more, we have had the Sanibel Way garden apartments on Kelley Road. Unfortunately, with the construction of Summerlin Road, Sanibel Way has been bypassed.

Pretty soon it may get to the point where South Fort Myers will be renamed East Sanibel. I often puzzle over how developers come up with their names. Do they draw them out of a hat? Do the same advertising types who dream up those cute little names for boutiques and the like in urban redevelopment projects also name condominiums? Or do computers spew out

names?

Whoever or whatever it is might benefit from referring to Benet's poem. But then again, which idea person would be brave enough to suggest that the next cow pasture to be developed be called "Skunktown Plain?"

## Sanibel resident honored by National Achievement Academy

Sanibel resident Laura Stern, 14, recently received the 1984 United States National Award for science by the National Achievement Academy.

The award is a prestigious honor very few students ever hope to attain. The academy recognizes less than 10 percent of all American high school

students.

A student at Cypress Lake High School, Laura was nominated for the award by her science teacher, Pat Kleinman.

Laura will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook. The academy selects USAA

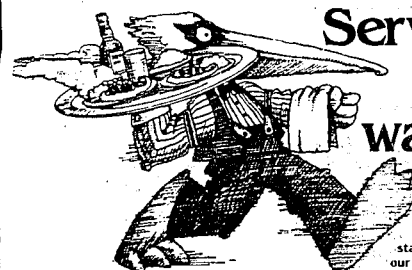
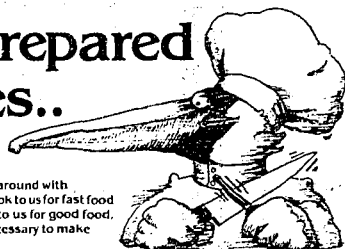
winners upon the exclusive recommendations of teachers, coaches, counselors or other school sponsors and upon the standards of selection set forth by the academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility,

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Laura's parents are Lynda and Jerrold Stern.

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# MUNICIPAL RECORDS

## CPR training will remain voluntary for restaurant owners, personnel

The City Council deemed last week that it was beyond the city's responsibility for the public welfare to force owners of restaurants and other food service establishments on Sanibel to have an employee trained in CPR available during business hours.

But the council did agree to adopt a resolution recommending that Island businesses take advantage of the

cardiopulmonary resuscitation training offered by the Sanibel Fire District and Police Department.

LL Ray Rhodes of the Sanibel police had asked the council to pass an ordinance requiring all establishments serving food to have at least one CPR-trained employee on duty at all times to administer first aid when needed.

"On the surface it sounds great and

wonderful," Councilman Francis Bailey said. "But I'm nervous about it. Even if two or three persons were trained there's no guarantee one would be there when needed."

"It's a little restrictive," he added. Mayor Fred Vaitin thought the measure would be difficult to enforce and raised the question of liability.

City Attorney David La Croix said such an ordinance would "create the potential of private liability as much as is the city."

Councilman Mike Klein maintained that a voluntary requirement for CPR training should apply to all businesses, not just restaurants.

Councilman Louise Johnson agreed but added that it was more critical for restaurant personnel.

Valin said 252 persons were trained in CPR by the Sanibel Fire Department in 1983, but none were connected with restaurants on the island.

A resolution urging businesses to take advantage of the CPR training could be adopted, and with the cooperation of the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce copies could be sent to every business on Sanibel, Vaitin said.

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## MUNICIPAL RECORDS

### Council reviews county plans for management of Causeway islands

In response to a request from County Administrator Layton Wieser, the Sanibel City Council last week reviewed a proposed county ordinance to provide for the future orderly management of the Causeway spoil islands.

The County Commission took a first look at the new regulations two weeks ago but decided to seek public input before taking final action. Sanibel's council lauded the county's intent to encourage the natural use of the "three sandy strips" for outdoor recreation by all county residents. But some of the council members

were worried that prohibiting the launching and docking of boats along the Causeway would not permit the use of small sailboats such as Hobie cats or Sunfishes.

"That's a recreational use that should be encouraged on the bay," Councilman Louise Johnson said.

Councilman Bill Hagerup suggested that the ban on boat launching might be limited primarily to stop people from parking boat trailers on the spoil island beaches and would not preclude the use of small boats that can be transported on top of a car or in a station wagon.

Councilman Mike Klein said a definition of "adjacent waters" is needed with the distance from shore spelled out.

Vallin said that area was left flexible to accommodate commercial fishermen who sometimes need to move in close to the Causeway beaches.

The ordinance will require permits from the Lee County Parks and Recreation Department for organized and scheduled events both public and private.

The permits can be granted on a per event, daily, monthly or seasonal

basis. Johnson suggested that seasonal permits are "too long term" and said she would prefer that events be approved one by one.

The council directed City Manager Bernie Murphy to forward the city's comments to Wieser and to seek clarification on the status of charter seaplanes.

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## MUNICIPAL RECORDS

## Captran gets okay for trailer sales office

It took less than five minutes last week for the City Council to approve on second reading two specific amendments to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Captran Resort Vacations, Inc., got the greenlight to use a mobile home as a temporary sales office on the site of its proposed Tarpon Resort Beach Club on West Gulf Drive at Tarpon Bay Road.

The office was exempted from flood proofing requirements as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The council voted 5-0 to change the zoning on a 1.4-acre parcel on Sanibel-

Captiva Road just east of Rabbit Road from institutional to residential. The action corrects an inadvertent error made by the city when St. Isabel Catholic Church was designated 'institution district,' Mayor Fred Valtin explained.

The property is owned by James Evans. Monday the Planning Commission was scheduled to hear Evans' request to rezone the acreage from residential to primary office and retail commercial use. The results of the hearing were not available at press time.

## Sanibel Highlands improvements begin

The Public Works Department has begun work on improving Atlanta Plaza in Sanibel Highlands subdivision between Capital City Way and East Lake Road.

Public Works Director Gary Price said this portion of Atlanta Plaza services lots that were recently released from the moratorium on development that is in effect in three subdivisions that are prone to flooding and have sewage disposal problems.

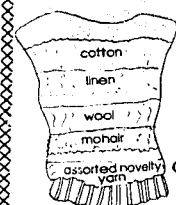
These lots have been designated by Howard Needles, Tammen and Bergendoff, the city's engineers, as being "drainage correctable."

Work will include minor

straightening of the 18-foot right-of-way and recentering where it can be done without sacrificing native vegetation. The elevation of the road will be raised to ensure proper run-off, and new culverts and swales will be constructed, Price said.

Private driveways will be rebuilt where necessary. The road will be surfaced with Sanibel shell, he said.

The council approved the project, which will cost an estimated \$5,778, not including labor by city forces. It will be funded from the \$100,000 budgeted to correct drainage problems in six areas identified in an HNTB study, Price said.



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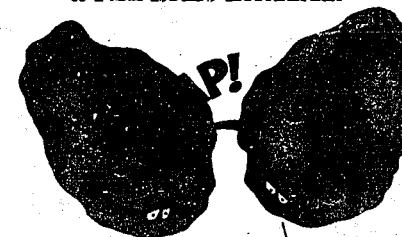
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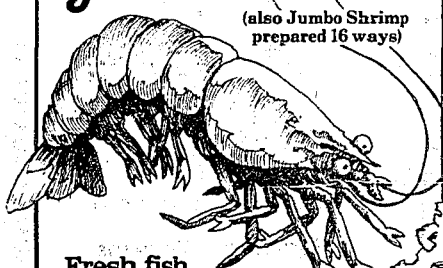
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# Sanibel-Captiva Islander

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## Section B

The Cherokee bean tree

### Beautiful scarlet flowers bloom in Sanibel's wild places

By George Campbell  
Illustrated by Ann Winterbotham

The lovely Cherokee bean is coming into full bloom all over the wild high places of Sanibel this time of year.

As its common name suggests, *Erythrina hercacea* is a legume. Its bright red seed is produced in a typical bean-like pod.

Most of the arrow-shaped compound leaves have fallen by the time the flowers appear, but sometimes leaves and flowers exist together, as pictured here. The scarlet flowers are produced in loose, beautiful, one- to two-foot-long racemes.

Delicate, light green new leaves appear soon after the plant blooms. The leaves are pinnately trifoliate. The petiole and rachis, or the leaf and leaflet stems, are uniquely armed on the underside with small but sharp spines.

There are herbaceous *Erythrina* species and there are woody trees among the more than 50 kinds that are found worldwide. From its name, *E. hercacea*, one would expect our own Cherokee bean to be herbaceous, not woody. Such is not the case on Sanibel and elsewhere in the southern extremes of its range, where this form grows into a rather large woody tree. I have seen a tree with an 18-inch trunk and a height or perhaps 35 feet. The wood is quite soft, sometimes pithy.

Underground is a very thick tuberous structure perhaps 2½ to three feet in diameter and three feet long. Even the small trees have a rather large "potato root."

It is not common to dig up this cumbersome part of the plant when transplanting it because the Cherokee bean will grow easily from a cut stem or trunk. A big tree can be cut smoothly at ground level, the cut trunk

dropped in a high ground post hole (three to four feet above sea level and 2½ feet deep) and it will grow without any problem and soon expand its own new over-sized "potato root." The old cut stump will grow into a new forest of small trees.

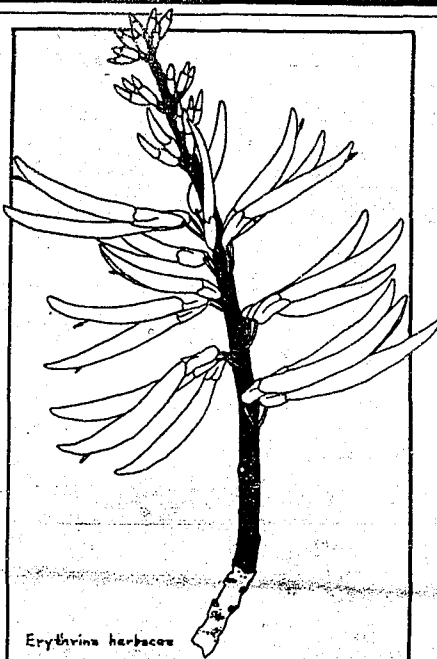
In ease and method of transplanting, the Cherokee bean resembles the Gumbo Limbo.

A few years ago sloppy management at the Lee County park on Cayo Costa Island resulted in the wrecking of a nice four-inch trunk Cherokee bean tree by a careless heavy equipment operator. I passed this felled trunk a number of times on my weekly visits to that beautiful island, each time dragging it a few yards further along the trail, hoping, somehow, to find a way to save it.

The gods were smiling, for one day I found a cabbage palm hole. You might know that when our state tree, Sabal Palmetto, dies the standing dead caudex or trunk, worked over by woodpeckers and many invertebrates, soon (in a year or two) becomes hollow and resembles a free-standing stove pipe.

The powdery remains of the interior vascular tissue, consumed by small creatures, fungi and bacteria, falls away. The cortical part, or "bark," being of harder material, remains. The rotting interior empties the "pipe" to about 18 inches below the surface of the soil. So when the hollow trunk eventually falls a neat, round, 1½-foot-deep hole remains.

Into such a hole I dragged the orphaned Cherokee bean trunk. Without water or any tools other than shovels, my companions and I kicked sand and shell into the hole, tamping it sufficiently to fix the trunk firmly. The next spring our plant put forth



beautiful scarlet flowers, and it promises to grow once again into a fine tree. In some places *Erythrina* is called "Immortelle," and from the

foregoing anecdote I think you can see why.

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### At the wildlife refuge

#### Film traces life cycle of the green sea turtle

The J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge will show "The Green Sea Turtle" at 3 p.m. this Saturday, March 31.

The 30-minute film follows Calypso divers as they trace the life cycle of these 400-pound turtles.

Showtime is in the auditorium of the Visitor Center on refuge grounds off Sanibel-Captiva Road near the Sanibel Elementary School.

Also shown at the refuge at 10 a.m., noon and 2

p.m. every day of the week is a short orientation slide program in the auditorium.

A Wet Walk is conducted at 9:30 a.m. every Monday. This 1½-hour guided tour starts at the Visitor Center flag pole, from where participants drive to the start of the walk in one of the refuge's wetland habitats. Be prepared to get wet. Wear tie-on tennis shoes and bring a jacket.

Wildlife profiles are presented at 1 p.m. every Tuesday and Wednesday. These 15-minute talks take a closer look at some of the refuge's wild inhabitants.

Visitor Center hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. For more information on programs at the refuge, call 472-1100.



### Audubon entertainment

#### Final show highlights local nature photographers

Sanibel's wildlife and vegetation play starring roles in the final program of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society at 8 p.m. this Thursday, March 29.

The show has been culled from hundreds of color transparencies produced on the Islands by members and guests of the Audubon society during the past year. Three of the society's most talented

birders — Hugh Irwin, Jane Francis and Russell Francis — have selected the pictures to be shown and will preside over the 2½-hour program.

"Bird life" is featured in a large percentage of the pictures, but many focus on vegetation and other aspects of the Islands' natural beauty.

### Tuesday at the Center

#### Season's weekly series ends with program on moths and butterflies

Today's program at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Center will feature Dr. Lee Adair, an associate of biochemistry at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

Adair will present a slide program on the moths and butterflies of Sanibel.

A noted entomologist, Adair has collected on Sanibel for the U.S. Department of the Interior since 1979. He has found many unusual moths during that experience, some of them quite rare, including a number that have developed a taste for feeding on Brazilian pepper.

This week's program is the last of this winter's weekly series held at 2 p.m. every Tuesday at the SCCF center on Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Guided trail walks are offered on the SCCF wetlands trails at 10 and 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The guided tours last about one hour and stress plant and animal ecology. The \$1 cost of admission to the SCCF center also covers the trail.





## REFUGE REPORT

### Refuge celebrates Duck Stamp's 50th anniversary

By Chris Olsen  
Outdoor recreation planner  
J.N. "Ding" Darling Refuge

Fifty years of waterfowl conservation will be celebrated this Friday, March 30, at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge and at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

During the past 50 years more than 3.5 million acres of wetlands have been acquired as national wildlife refuges because of the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act that was passed on March 16, 1934.

The act requires that all migratory bird hunters purchase a Duck Stamp and that all proceeds of stamp sales go toward acquiring wetlands. All individuals interested in saving

wetlands are encouraged to buy a Duck Stamp.

This longest running, annually issued series of United States stamps has generated more than \$285 million in revenue. More than 89 million Duck Stamps have been sold.

Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling spearheaded the initial act and was the artist for the first stamp that was issued in 1934.

Darling was a noted Pulitzer prize winning political cartoonist for the Des Moines, Iowa, Register for more than 40 years. His interest in politics and wildlife and his popularity netted him an appointment as chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey in 1934. The bureau was the predecessor of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Now a nationally acclaimed art contest is held every year for the design of the stamp Darling initiated. A collection of all 50 stamps is said to be worth more than \$5,000.

To kick off the year-long 50th anniversary celebration a special day of events will take place on Sanibel this Friday. Special Duck Stamp displays and audio-visual presentations and tours will be available at the SCCF center and at the refuge. Both centers are on Sanibel-Captiva Road.

At 1 p.m. Friday a special ceremony will be held at the refuge to recognize the significance of Darling and the stamp to conservation. Ray Arnett, assistant secretary of the Interior, and Robert Jantzen, director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will speak

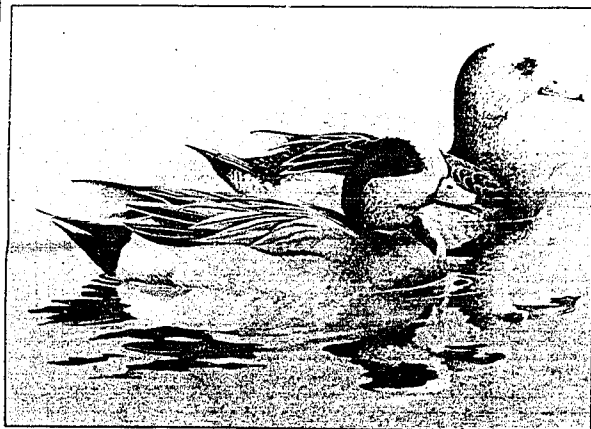
at the ceremony.

Parking for the ceremony will be available at St. Isabel Catholic Church and at Sanibel Elementary School. The Sanibel trolley will shuttle people between the parking areas and the refuge.

At 4 p.m. Friday a special program of music and slides will be presented by conservationists Linda and Dale Crider. The show will be held at Sanibel Elementary School. Parking will be available at the school and at the refuge.

In case of rain both events will be held at the Island Cinema next to Bailey's.

A complete agenda of the day's special events is available at the SCCF and at the refuge.



Above, Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling around 1935. Left, the 51st in the series of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps was created by William Morris of Mobile, Ala. Photos courtesy of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

### George Campbell continued

Some day I hope to seek out E. herbaea in its North Carolina range. I have heard that there it is truly herbaceous, each winter dying back to its "potato," thus living up to its specific name.

Our species ranges into Mexico, where its scarlet seeds are used in a rather unique, perhaps cruel, way. It happens that these seeds contain six deadly alkaloid toxins that can kill mammals. Crushed and ground seeds can be mixed with bait such as peanut butter, and some Mexicans use the mixture as an effective rat poison.

I caution all Sanibel children to leave red colored wild seeds alone, for several are deadly poisonous. But in spite of its toxic seeds, I still recommend the Cherokee bean as a yard tree on Sanibel. It requires no care and is exquisitely beautiful. In winter, though it might be bare, its greenish-grey, prickly bark is ornamental. Moreover, it provides energy efficient service — summer shade, winter sun. Thus this species



The Cherokee bean tree has arrowhead-shaped leaves. The beautiful red seeds are highly toxic if ingested.



J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge volunteers Paul Brundage, left, and Bud Ryckman, third from left, present a gift bag to Bank of the Islands president Jim Hermes in front of the refuge entrance.

The gift bags were made available

through donations from the Bank of the Islands and The Islander newspaper. The bags will be used by refuge visitors to carry purchases they make at the Visitor Center gift counter. At far right is refuge outdoor recreation planner Chris Olsen. Photo by Mark Johnson.

### Wildlife rehabilitation agency holds annual meeting

By Catherine Battista

There were no flying banners or flourish of trumpets — just the call of the osprey and complete harmony with nature at the recent annual meeting of Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.

It was the last meeting chaired by Adelaide Cherbonnier as president of the wildlife organization. She reminded the members about CROW's humble beginnings as a backyard operation at her home on Captiva.

CROW will be forever grateful to Jesse Dugger and Shirley Walters, who started the organization in 1977, she said.

Cherbonnier said CROW has come a long way and is now at the crossroads. Last year people contributed time, money, supplies, food, medicine, vitamins, equipment, land fill, appliances, tools, lumber, craftsmanship, artistic and writing skills, photography, a narrated slide show and two cottages. "It takes a lot of money, hard work and a big heart to tackle the job we are charged with seven days a week," she said.

Without a penny of public funds, CROW's income exceeded \$100,000 last year. The organization released more than 600 wildlife patients. But the bad

news is that the facility is still operating on a deficit budget.

Cherbonnier turned the meeting over to the new president, Dr. K.C. Emerson, who told the members CROW cannot rest on past accomplishments but now must move ahead. The organization faces three challenges, he said, the first of which is to raise \$70,000 for operating funds for the fiscal year 1984-85.

The second challenge, Emerson said, is to implement an effective search and rescue program utilizing both CROW staffers and volunteers. The third challenge is to initiate a breeding program for permanently injured wildlife and to finalize a veterinary student intern program.

To achieve these goals CROW must raise another \$50,000 in matching funds, which was the condition of anonymous donors who recently pledged a maximum of \$150,000 to capital expansion and new programs.

"With the continued support from the staff, directors, members and friends of CROW," Emerson said, "I know we can do it."

Other officers elected to the CROW board for 1984-85 year are: Barbara Toomey, first vice president; John Cook, second vice president; Ruth

Duben, third vice president; Claire Walters, secretary; and Arthur Johnson, treasurer.

Directors elected to the board are:

Catherine Battista, John Cook, Ruth Duben, Adelaide Edgar, Arthur Johnson, Bebe Roosa, Charles Rylander and Nancy Palmer.



Newly elected officers on the CROW board are from left to right: Barbara Toomey, first vice president; Dr. K.C. Emerson,

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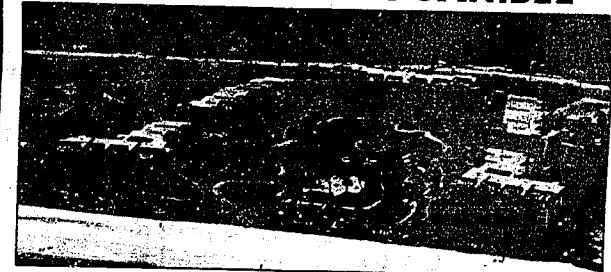
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## Refuge volunteers learn wildlife lessons on canoe trip

By Scott Martell

A strong wind stirred up Tarpon Bay last Wednesday, casting frothy-tipped waves that exploded on the shallow sandbars.

But 20 volunteers from the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge remained undaunted as they prepared to launch canoes.

A trip from Tarpon Bay through the 1 1/2-mile Commodore Creek canoe trail was a combination of final exam and party for the volunteers.

More than 62 volunteers have helped the refuge staff this season as record crowds marvelled at rescale spoonbills on the Wildlife Drive or watched Al Milliken's orientation slide show at the Visitor Center.

In February alone more than 95,000 people visited the refuge. And ready and willing to aid these visitors were the volunteers, who worked more than 600 hours during the month.

"And that's 640 hours more than last February," Ron Light, manager at the refuge, said. He estimated that the volunteer help saved the refuge more than \$4,000.

To prepare the volunteers to handle visitors' questions, refuge staffers put the volunteers through a series of courses in January and February. The courses ranged from plant identification taught by Ann Winterbottom to the responsibilities of the refuge staff taught by outdoor recreation planner Chris Olsen.

The final course was the Commodore Creek canoe trip. Postponed once before because of rough weather, the outing was destined to go forward last Wednesday.

While the volunteers pulled the canoes that were donated by Tarpon Bay Marina off the racks, a bald eagle soared above in the air currents.

"All right! A good omen, isn't it?" shouted an exuberant Kristie Seaman, the refuge staffer who guided the canoe trip.

After Seaman reassured everyone that the water averaged two feet deep and that it would be more calm past the sandbar, the dozen canoes were underway.

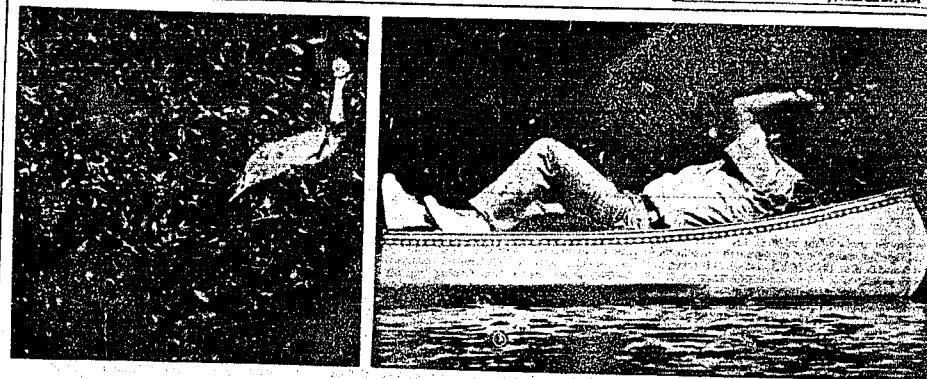
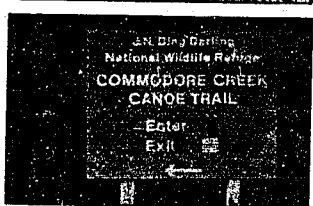


The canoes spread out a great deal during the zig-zag ride to the entrance of the trail. Here the pathway grew narrow and edged between banks of mangroves.

As the canoes caught up to one another, volunteers pointed out their wildlife finds. Fran Wright quietly pointed out a "little blue" hiding in the mangrove leaves to Ari and Louise Johnson. Later, Kieth Harrison pointed to a blue crab scurrying through the clear water. And Marjorie Sherman marvelled at the oysters clinging to the mangrove roots.

To the right of the trail a series of tiny canals

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## Refuge volunteers learn wildlife lessons continued

dredged out for mosquito control shot off into the dark and dank mangroves. The paddlers carefully watched for the red markers that designated the trail. No one wanted to end up alone in a narrow dead-end canal.

Proth like thin icing met the canoes at every bend, showing the movement of the brackish tide as it ran out against the effort of the paddlers.

Except for the sound of other canoes, the trail was quiet and mysterious. A movement in the dark mud would catch your eye, but a closer glance showed nothing. A stick drifted by — or was it a snake? Up ahead a silver flash leaped in the air as a mullet grabbed a mangrove leaf from the water and fed.

As the canoes pulled up together at the halfway spot in Mullet Lake, Seaman yelled to the others,

"You just missed the offer!"

Seaman turned the open area of the lake into a classroom as she stepped out of her canoe to instruct the volunteers about the productivity of the mangroves.

"This is National Wildlife Week," she reminded her charges. "And the mangroves are a big food producer for all kinds of wildlife. For instance, bacteria graze on the surface of fallen mangrove leaves. Then little crustaceans feed on the bacteria. And baby redfish and other fish love those little crustaceans."

Seaman put her paddle under the water and brought it back up full of algae. Then she waded to each canoe to show her finds to the volunteers.

"This little shrimp-like crustacean is the am-

phipod, and these jelly-like blobs are egg masses," she said, emphasizing the wide variety of life in this ecosystem.

As she walked toward another canoe with her life-laden paddle, she stopped abruptly. "This deep mud is trying to take my shoes off," she laughed.

The volunteers listened intently to Seaman's information, storing it for use when a visitor might ask them a question.

But soon it was time to disperse and begin an easier journey back through the canoe trail, this time following the tide. The volunteers were not anxious to leave but wanted to enjoy the sun and calmness of Mullet Lake.

The bald eagle had indeed been a good omen.

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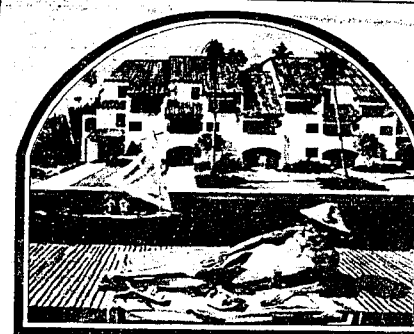
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## ON THE WATER

By Captain Mike Fuery

We are on the leading edge of the start of the annual spring migration of Spanish mackerel, bluefish and bonito. Let's talk about what it takes to catch these fish.

First, we see two migrations of fish — one in the fall from October into November and another one this time of the year from late March into the middle of April. The dates vary, depending upon the weather and the water temperature.

Warmer waters of 65-72 degrees allow the small baitfish to start north on their trip to the Florida Panhandle area, where they will spend the summer.

Of course, when the bait moves north along the eastern and western sides of the state, the larger predator fish come right behind. This is when our local anglers have their chance to get some action.

It won't last long. The spring run usually is shorter, perhaps only three weeks, as compared to the fall run of six to eight weeks. The numbers vary

with every year, but the important thing is that you be ready to move once the vanguard of the schools comes into the waters off Sanibel and Captiva.

This is 90 percent boat fishing, but on occasion anglers fishing from the pier near the Lighthouse hook into bluefish or mackerel that are feeding in those deep waters near the eastern tip of Sanibel.

But the majority of the fish will be taken by trolling along shore from as little as a quarter mile into the Gulf of Mexico to as far as 50 miles out.

We know that schools of bonito were spotted tearing into bait in the third week of March. That usually means the Spanish mackerel and bluefish are close behind. Along with these bands of eating machines will come jacks, blue runners, ladyfish and others that we lump into a category of "fun to catch, but no good to eat" fish. The bonito isn't very good to eat, either, but they sure can fight.

I'll try to straighten out an identification problem

about the bonito right now. The fish we catch is part of the tuna family. Technically it is not a bonito, but rather a little tunny. Most of these fish look very similar and feed in the same school patterns.

The little tunny we see could reach up to 10 pounds, but the ones we catch weigh from three to seven pounds. A big one might reach 24 inches or so. Don't let the size fool you — these fish are some of the strongest you will encounter, and they make top-notch light tackle anglers. For a real challenge try 12-pound spinning tackle. Just be sure you have a high capacity reel. These fish can run off 100 yards in a matter of seconds.

We will have several more stories on this type of fishing as the mackerel, blues and bonito really get going. In the meantime, buy some 1/0 and 3/0 silver spoons, number five coffee colored leader wire and black swivels and check that trolling gear. The season is just about to break.

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## SHELLING TIPS

By Captain Mike Fuery

If you are new to shelling, you probably don't think of clams as being very good additions to your collection. Oh, sure, you don't mind eating clams on occasion — but why look for them on the beach?

Actually, there are several very special clams that are considered prized finds on our island beaches. This week I want to talk about one of the more rare varieties.

Outwardly, the macoma clam is much like any typical clam. It has two sides, and like many close cousins it lives its life buried in sand or mud, sending a feeding tube out to gather tiny bits of food. And even though it is good enough for eating, few people in these parts have ever tried it.

But as with any good collector's shell, something different about the macoma clam sets it apart from the others. At the base of its light shell a wave develops and gives the shell a delicate, interesting design.

Five or six types of macomas are found in this

country. The one we are most likely to find are the constricted macoma and the Atlantic grooved macoma.

The shells are white or slightly yellow and average about two inches long. Around these parts many shells are white, and hundreds of those are clams, so you must search carefully to pick out the macomas from the others.

I did a little research on the macomas and found they belong to the tellin family. All are thin shelled clams. One source said several of the macomas are found close to shore, particularly in muddy, shallow areas and are dug for food. But I haven't found anyone around who has ever found a live one, let alone eaten one.

Most of the time I have found only one side of the shell. I have seen one set that a woman put together after searching for a long time. The two halves from different clams fit together nearly perfectly, but I suspect a perfect pair would be a very rare find

Indeed.

Incidentally, on March 18 the state Department of Natural Resources lifted the ban on the taking of shellfish for eating.

Way back in the latter part of 1983 the department issued a ban saying no one was allowed to take clams, oysters or other shells for eating. The red tide had moved into the local waters. Since clams are sifting feeders, they retain some of that red tide toxin that will make humans ill. It takes several weeks for the living shells to expel those toxins, and state officials lifted the ban after several weeks of careful testing.

Good shelling this week, and watch for macomas.

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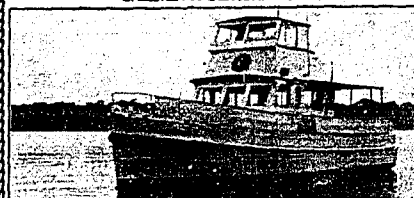
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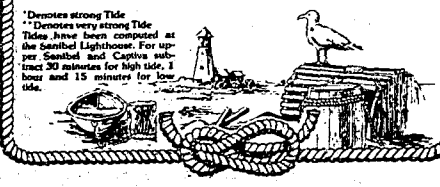
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## ISLANDER SPORTS

By Scott Martell

### Young windsurfers organize Junior Boardsailing Club



Tara Friedlund waits for the wind.

Already some of Sanibel's young boardsailors have their eyes set on sailing exciting stunts or racing in future Olympic competitions.

To help them realize their goals, the young boardsailors now have a Junior Boardsailing Club on the island.

The Sanibel youngsters from 9 to 12 years old organized for twice a month windsurfing lessons last fall. And Sunday they gave their first demonstration to the public prior to the windsurfing regatta at the Tortuga Beach Club.

The young boardsailors usually sail on the bay, and Sunday was the first time they had sailed on the gulf and the first time they had an audience other than parents.

"As far as we know, this is the only known organization of this type in the United States or Canada," Ben McGuire of Windsurfing Works says. Windsurfing Works supplied the specially designed sailing rigs, and provided the instruction for the youngsters.

McGuire says starting such a club took a lot of community involvement — from the Sanibel Elementary School to the parent and sponsors such as Bank of the Islands and Mariner Properties.

But mostly it took an interest on the kids' part, he says. "The kids tend to be more attentive and enthusiastic than adults. They know they are breaking into what was primarily seen as an adult sport not too long ago."

"It's great fun," a chorus of voices answers when the sailors are asked why they became involved with windsurfing.

"I saw other people trying it and I wanted to try it too," says Amy Lennex. "It is a lot harder than I thought at first, but it grows easier after a few tries."

"It's fun because it is something you know you can do by yourself," says Christina Rodgers.

The boardsailors agreed that the hardest thing to learn was pulling up the mast and sail and learning how to tack, or turn the board around.

"But you can feel your muscles growing stronger, and then the mast comes up easier," says Sophi Mitchell.

The young boardsailors are confident in the skills they have learned. They were disappointed Sunday because the gulf wind wasn't very strong.

"We like to go fast," says Tara Friedlund. "And that depends on the wind. We know what to do to come back to shore. We've learned a lot from our instructors and through experience."

The windsurfing instruction is given in exactly the same technique as it is for adults, stresses McGuire. The difference comes with the equipment.

Peter Sanger designed the equipment from the Hoye Schwitzer adult original, McGuire says. The differences lie in the size of the sail, the height of the mast and the circumference of the boom.

"Sanger's philosophy is to start with an eight-foot mast," McGuire says. "A 20-square-foot sail is the smallest possible. Any smaller of a sail and there isn't enough sail area to allow it to be effective. The boom is smaller so a smaller hand can grip it tightly."

McGuire says the idea behind developing windsurfers for youngsters is two-fold. First, windsurfing is a family experience. And, like many other sports, the younger they get started the better chances athletes have of becoming very good.

"If we can develop the youngsters at an early age, then America should have a very competitive boardsailing team in the future," McGuire says.

The current United States boardsailing team is the very first for America. The sport of windsurfing is only 16 years old, and already the sport is headed for the 1994 Olympics this summer.

The young Sanibel boardsailors will meet some of the Olympic hopefuls and their coach, Major Hall, at the Myers Run District 9 championships held May 4-6 here on Sanibel. This will also be the first competition for Sanibel's boardsailors, who will steer themselves through a specially designed triangle course.

### Sanibel's two volleyball teams meet on the beach for grudge match

It was showdown time in the sun and sand around the Sanibel Hilton Inn last week.

In what was billed as a grudge match/party, Sanibel's two adult co-ed volleyball teams, which had competed in the Fort Myers city league, again faced off.

And once again the Slammers had the Spikers' number and won the match 12-15, 15-7, 15-13.

Team members took the competition fairly seriously, diving face first into the sand in between sips of cold brew. Good slams raised puffs of sand. A few minor arguments erupted but quickly turned to laughter.

Play was a little more serious back in league competition. When the two Sanibel teams first met in early February the Slammers defeated the Spikers 15-10, 15-3, 12-15. These early games were the first the Slammers won in the city league. The wins raised the Slammers' record to 2-7. The Spikers fell to 5-7.

Both teams continued to improve as the season progressed. The Spikers ended up with a 16-14 record. The Slammers finished 14-16. Both teams were in the toughest seven-team division in the league and finished fourth and fifth, respectively.



Above, Casey Shaw. Right, Kristin La Croix. Photos by Scott Martell.



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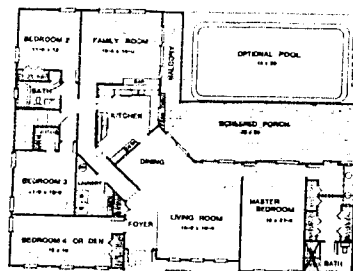


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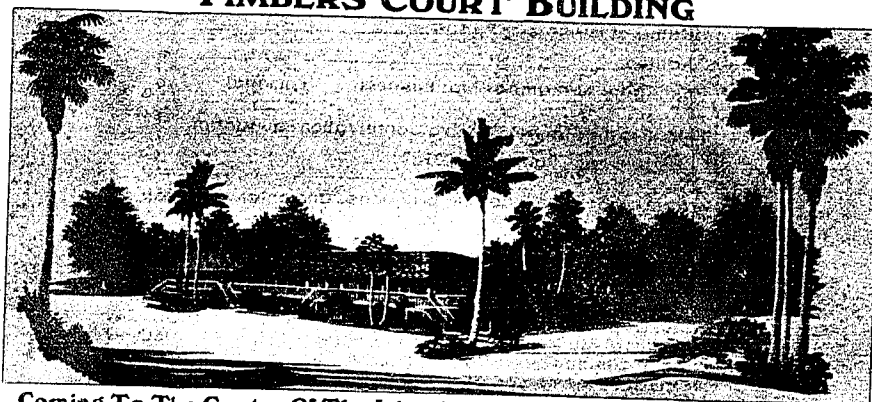
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A ping pong tournament will be held for anyone 10 years old and over, including adults. Competition will include both singles and doubles matches.

Interested Islanders need to register for both the basketball free throw and the ping pong tournaments by this Saturday, March 31.

Trophies and prizes will be awarded in both tournaments. To register and for more information, please call the rec complex, 472-0345.

### Dunes men's golf

The Dunes men played a four-man scramble last Wednesday.

In the nine-hole division, the first place team shot 29 and included Bob Arthur, Frank Uhrich, George Olmstead and John Seabrooke. The second place team shot 32 and included Len Lorenson, Frank Schwartz, Everett Post and Henry McKee.

In the 18-hole division, two teams tied for first place with a 60 score. One team included Bob Jenkins, Dick Light, Sam Clark and Art Malyszch.

The other team included Corky Collins, Dick Smith, Paul Cornelius and Bob Maloney.

On Sunday the club played a mixer. The first place team shot a 30 score and included Dick Light, Bob Arthur, Ruth Menecke and Cathy Ransavage.

### Beachview men's golf

63 Beachview men turned out for tournament play Saturday, March 24. The winning team with plus nine was made up of J. Backus, R. Light, E. Reed and A. Widman. Placing second with plus four were I. Hartman, R. Neth and M. Reik.

Three teams tied for third with plus three. One team was made up of T. Chaves, G. Fletcher, B. Burgoyne and R. Sagers. The second team was made up of J. Keichen, D. Miller, F. Millson and B. Sheppard. And the third team was made up of F. Callahan, D. Hughes, E. Joy and R. Marye.

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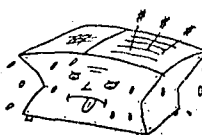
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the public for more and better services."

"The traditional American system of representative democracy provides appropriate ways of establishing areas and levels of governmental activity, expenditure and taxation. To resort to a constitutional revenue cap is unnecessary and undesirable. Furthermore, Proposition One is complex and poorly drafted and will give rise to years of litigation."

"There is no guarantee that inefficiency, fraud and waste in government will be reduced."

"Highly desirable and even essential services now rendered by government such as education, police protection,

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"State and local revenues will be drastically and progressively reduced in terms of purchasing power by the rollback to 1980-81 levels plus only two-thirds of the annual inflation rate."

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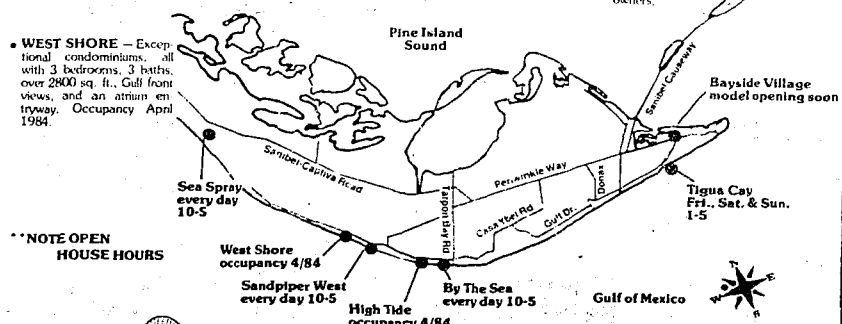
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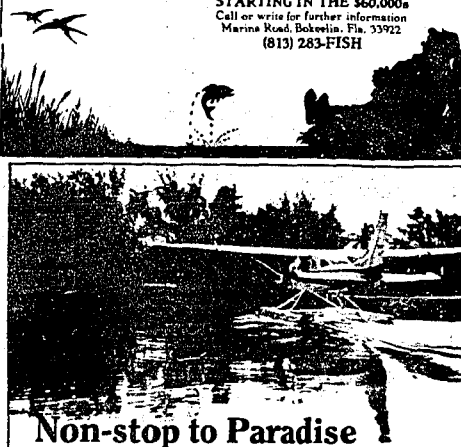
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The team record stands at 9-8-1 as the Sanibel men prepare to face the number one team in the league, Dovetail Cabinets, at 8:15 p.m. tonight at Rutenberg Field.

Last Tuesday Sanibel knocked out Beach Oyster Bar, 11-4. Jim Cook was the winning pitcher and hit 3-4 including a double. Sonny Volzger added a big bat with a double and a triple while batting 4-4. Al Nave, Dick Traucht and Irv Elder all picked up doubles.

Thursday night Sanibel defeated the number two team in the league, North Fort Myers, 13-12. Al Nave was the winning pitcher. Sanibel picked up runs with

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A consistent run of 21 hits, only one of which went for extra base, a double by Nave. Charlie Dufner brought in some runs with a long fly that was dropped and turned into a homerun. Irv Elders picked up five singles. Mark McClintock, Bob Hauser, and Marshall Keyes all added three hits.

For more information call Bishop Verot High School, 936-2113.

### Sports quiz

Michael Holloway and Tom Mosca were right on target by knowing that Chisty Mathewson was the pitcher who pitched three shutouts in a World Series. Mathewson pitched his shutouts for the Glens in 1905 against the Philadelphia Athletics.

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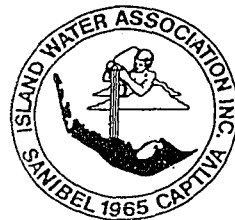
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AT THE SANIBEL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
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## SPORTS SHORTS

## Sanibel little league

The Astros burst out of the pack in little league action last week, downing the Angels twice to raise their record to 3-1.

The Rangers and Yankees stayed in the middle of the pack by playing two tight extra inning games with each team taking home one victory.

In the Ranger vs. Yankee game Tuesday, the score was tied 13-13 in the eighth inning when the game was stopped because it was getting late. The two teams faced off Saturday to decide the result. The Rangers won in just one more inning, 14-12.

Then the two teams faced off again. And again the game went into extra innings.

Jeff Bell hit a homerun in the eighth to give the Rangers the lead. But then in the bottom of the inning Yankee Bruce Shaw walloped a hit and drove in

one run, then stole home for the winning run. The Yankees won, 5-7.

"This was top notch ball by both teams," Ranger coach Thom Trauchi said.

"It was most exciting," Yankee coach Bill Arnold said, adding the Yankees have played three overtime games in their four games this season, which indicates the closeness of the teams this year.

Little league standings as of March 27 are as follows:

Boys Little League

Astros, 3-1

Rangers, 2-2

Yankees, 2-2

Angels, 1-3

Girls softball

Dodgers, 2-0

Phillies, 0-2

T-ballers

Hilton Pirates, 1-0

Horne-Hill Cardinals, 0-1

Teen softball

Baileys, 2-0

Jerrys, 0-2

The schedule for this week's games is as follows:

Tuesday, March 27, 6 p.m. — Angels vs. Rangers.

Thursday, March 29, 6 p.m. — Astros vs. Yankees.

Saturday, March 31, 9 a.m. — Yankees vs. Astros;

10:30 a.m. — Rangers vs. Angels; noon — Phillies

vs. Dodgers.

T-ballers play at 10 a.m. every Saturday. Co-ed

teen teams play at 7 p.m. every Tuesday.



## Announcement



The subtropical charm, the quiet ambience, the pristine environment of Sanibel and Captiva Islands in the 1970's - these cherished qualities still exist today, protected and guarded in the last undeveloped area on Southwest Florida's Gulf coast.

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Gar and his professional management team have begun to develop two unique properties: Island Harbor Marina and Harbortown Village, situated on the Intracoastal Waterway and Island Harbor Beach Club, two miles of pristine Gulf beachfront on the northern tip of Palm Island, just offshore from the marina. Together, these two

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## CLUB NEWS

### Rotarians hear from district director for Connie Mack

U.S. Rep. Connie Mack had to cancel his appearance before the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club Friday, March 16. Even so, 110 members and guests attended the breakfast meeting, which has been standard attendance for the past several weeks.

In Mack's place was Sharon Thierer, his district director. She was introduced by Bill McDonald, who made his introduction around the work "serendipity," which means finding a valuable thing when you actually were looking for something else.

Thierer told the club about the two district offices she manages for Mack in Florida. Many in the

audience did not even know Mack had these offices, one of which is in the Federal Building in downtown Fort Myers.

President Bob Dellorto reminded members about the installation of officers night Saturday, March 31, at the Sundial.

Bill Donnell, promoter of the Festivity coupon books, said sales are approaching \$7,000 and have already paid for two Rotary scholarships. The books are available for \$20 at the Sanibel Post Office, at the Bank of the Islands and at Bailey's every Thursday and at Jerry's every Saturday.

### Gallery director will address business women

The Sanibel-Captiva Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will hold a special membership meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at Beachview Country Club.

The ABWA theme for 1984 is "Making Tomorrow Better." 110,000 women are currently involved in more than 2,000 ABWA chapters around the country. The association awards scholarships to local women to continue or advance their education and is involved in community activities. In the past year representatives from Island group participated in

the blood drive, children's Halloween party, 4th of July celebration, City Hall dedication, Sunrise Marathon, Lee County Children's Home Christmas and numerous other activities.

The guest speaker April 12 will be Joseph Pullitano, director of the Schoolhouse Gallery. Pullitano received his education in art in New York City, Maine and Boston. He has exhibited, demonstrated and directed in Massachusetts, New York, Vermont and Maine.

In the early 1970s he assisted Fred Fox in setting up the Schoolhouse Gallery. The two men became acquainted through Carl Nelson, whose work is on display at the gallery.

As director, Pullitano chooses the art that shows at the gallery. He says more than 300 artists a year vie for this honor.

Pullitano and his wife have lived on Sanibel for almost two years.

Any woman who is employed in the area is invited to attend the ABWA meeting. For reservations call Florene Higgins by April 9, 472-0900 days, or 482-3786 evenings. Membership information can be obtained from Eleanor Bowman, 472-1222 days, or 482-0555 evenings.

### ABWA, CROW prepare for flea market

The ABWA is collecting a bounty of prizes to be raffled off at the sixth annual flea market this Sunday, April 1.

The event in conjunction with Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife will be at the Sanibel Community Association. The doors will open at 9 a.m.

Workers from the Lee County Humane Society will be on hand with puppies and kittens from the pound for sale.

### Lions host visitors from area clubs

28 visiting Lions from the Fort Myers area attended the regular meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club on March 21.

President Len Yaeche reported that several new members will be inducted at the April 4 meeting. Speaker for the April 18 meeting will be Ukee Washington, sports anchor for Channel 20-WBHH.

Lion John Cook announced plans for the Bloodmobile visit April 4. The unit will be at Bailey's and at Bank of the Islands.

Zone chairman Sam Campareto announced that a group of hearing specialists have organized in Fort Myers to rebuild donated hearing aids so that those who cannot afford a new hearing aid can receive assistance from the Lions much the same as do those who cannot afford new eyeglasses. Used hearing aids can be donated to any area Lions club and will be forwarded to the repair group.

The election of next year's officers will take place at the April 4 meeting, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Sanibel Community Association hall.

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## Lions sponsor hearing tests at Sanibel Elementary School

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The Pure-tone Audiometric screening tests will take five to 10 minutes and will be conducted by Diane Levy, speech and language pathologist. If the screening tests indicate a hearing impairment, the participant will be advised to consult his or her own

physician. All interested adults are invited to participate in the screening.

## Share your good health: Donate blood

While 85 percent of all Americans who live a normal life span will need blood, only about 5 percent of the population actually gives blood. Because of the very limited lifetime of blood and blood components outside the body, it is necessary for individuals to give blood regularly to replenish the supply.

To ensure that adequate supplies are available for local people who need hospitalization, the Sanibel-Captiva

Lions, Kiwanis and Rotary clubs are sponsoring the Edison Regional Blood Center's "Wheels for Life" bloodmobile at two locations Wednesday, April 4.

The first drive will be at Bailey's General Store from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The second drive will be at the Bank of the Islands from 3 to 5 p.m.

Anyone who is reasonably healthy, weighs at least 100 pounds and is at least 17 years old can donate blood.

Individuals with a history of hepatitis or heart disease are not permitted to donate.

People are urged to participate and share their good health. Appointments can be made by calling 472-2110, 472-4987 or 472-0497 or by contacting a member of the Lions, Kiwanis or Rotary clubs.

All Island residents, visitors and employees are covered with blood assurance credits by simply con-

tacting these service organizations when blood has been used. Edison Regional Blood Center volunteer donors provide the total blood supply to seven area medical institutions. In 1983 nearly 18,000 units were distributed. ERBC anticipates almost 21,000 units will be needed this year.

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from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.; Friday and Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesdays hear the Southwest Florida Steel Drum Band from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Crow's Nest — Through April 1 hear the Fabulous Seallion Sisters play songs from the swing era plus originals and contemporary music by the Manhattan Transfer and the Roches from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Cover charge \$1. Dancing happy hour from 2 to 6 p.m. daily.

Gibby's — Across from the Harbor House restaurant on Periwinkle Way. Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday and Sunday evenings hear Erich Foll; Friday from 8 p.m. to midnight hear Dooley's Little Five.

Morgan's Lounge — At the Sundial, Middle Gulf Drive, Sanibel. This week hear the Simonds Martin Band play jazz. Top 40 and rock 'n' roll from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

Peppers — In the Tahitian Garden shopping center on Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Hear Bang Gang from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday this week. No cover. Dancing. Every Monday from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. is "Open Mike Night" — bring your instrument.

Shirley's Spirit of Foolishness — Just past the Captiva Post Office on the Gulf. Every night is string-along, sing-along. Bring your guitar from 5

p.m. to 2 a.m.

Thistle Lodge — At Casa Ybel Resort, Casa Ybel Road, Sanibel. Through May 6 hear the Danny Morgan Band play an eclectic mix of top 40, rock 'n' roll, jazz acoustic country and original music from 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Every Monday is all night happy hour with music by Alexander's Jazz Band beginning at 7 p.m. Dancing. No cover.

Twigs — At The Timbers restaurant, corner of Habbit Road and Sanibel-Captiva Road. Hear Skip Perry at the piano bar nightly from 7:30 p.m. to midnight. No cover.

Island Cinema — Through Thursday this week see Ingmar Bergman's festive dream play, Fanny and Alexander. The movie depicts a gifted boy's vision of family life as he might have perfected it, replacing his strict family with a generous-hearted theatrical clan. Rated R. One show at 8 p.m. seven days a week.

Starting Friday see The Grey Fox, the story of British Columbia folk hero Bill Miner, a legendary stagecoach bandit who is released into the 20th century after spending 30 years in prison. Rated PG. One show at 8 p.m. nightly.

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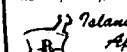
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### New books at the Sanibel Library

#### FICTION

Greeley, Andrew. Lord of the Dance. (Warner, 1984) A shocking family scandal involving the mysterious disappearance of one of its members looms over a wealthy, powerful Irish Chicago family as one of its younger members begins to examine her heritage for a school project.

#### NON-FICTION

Higgins, George. A Choice of Enemies. (Knopf, 1984) The Boston political arena sets the scene as enemies begin looking into the antics of the powerful, seemingly indestructible and soon-to-be Speaker of the Massachusetts House. Kallen, Lucille. C.B. Greenfield: The Piano Bird. (Random, 1984) The body of a beautiful actress is discovered in the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, and sleuth C.B. Greenfield must determine the murderer in this mystery set on Sanibel and Captiva.

Killian, Michael. Blood of the Stars. (St. Martin's, 1984) An American heiress who appears to be a descendant of the Romanovs holds the key to a deadly Kremlin power struggle.

Pronzini, Bill. Quicksilver. (St. Martin's, 1984) A weekend fling turns into a week-long manhunt as the Nameless Detective's last solo case involves him in a cat and mouse chase through San Francisco's Japantown that ends in a confusion of murder, rape and suicide.

#### NON-FICTION

Baskin, Yvonne. The Gene Doctor. (Morrow, 1984) A study of gene therapy, its political, social and economic implications and how new scientific breakthroughs might change the future.

Morris, Desmond. The Book of Ages. (Viking, 1984) Takes a look at each year in human life, from 0 to 100 plus, and presents interesting facts about what happened to famous and infamous people at a particular age.

Schickel, Richard. Cary Grant: A Celebration. (Little, Brown, 1985) Biography of one of Hollywood's most charming and most popular screen legends, accompanied by hundreds of black and white photographs.

Terrill, Ross. The White-Boned Demon. (Morrow, 1984) Biography of Mao Zedong's widow, tracing the life of the Gang of Four leader from her early days as the daughter of a concubine through her days as a successful actress, a career she abandoned when she joined Mao, to present, where her bid to become Empress failed, only to be followed by a sentence of life imprisonment.

## LIBRARY REPORTS

### New Books at the Captiva Library

#### FICTION

Avrett, Roz. 72nd and Rodeo. (Arbor House, 1984) Christy Shaw lives two separate lives in Beverly Hills and Manhattan. From Monday to Friday she is the senior beauty editor at Allure magazine in Manhattan. Saturday she flies to her producer-husband's Rodeo Drive home to spend the weekend with him and their two children. As Christy crisscrosses the country her life unravels and she emerges to a deeper and more lasting love for a very special man — and for herself.

Davidson, Sara. Friends of the Opposite Sex. (Doubleday, 1984) Lucy has lived a liberated lifestyle, but now she yearns for permanence and a family. She has been having a love affair with Joe, and she hopes perhaps he is the one. Then Joe backs

off sexually and proposes that instead of being lovers they be friends and work together on a documentary film.

Lucy is devastated, but when she loses her one female friend to her ex-husband she decides to try to be just working friends with Joe with hopes that intimacy and love will grow.

Isaac, Susan. Almost Paradise. (Harper and Row, 1984) Isaac's novel captures the comedy and heartbreak of the 20-year marriage of Jane and Nicholas Coleleigh. It is a sweeping look at the generation that sired them, at the children of their union and at the wide cast of family and friends with whom their lives and loves are intertwined. In 1960 Jane is hit by a car, and the result is an upheaval in their lives that no one could have anticipated.

Jaanus, Maire. She: Memoir of a Love Affair. (Dial, 1984) The heroine, a successful professional just turned 40 finds herself being drawn to a much younger man. She dismisses the overtures and fantasies that suddenly come upon her. She is married and she has a child. But the bond grows, as does the realization that their affair is blossoming into a relationship that will require her to abandon herself and her present life if she is to have the physical and spiritual union she believed impossible.

Lofts, Norah. Saving Face and Other Stories. (Doubleday, 1984) A collection of nine tales set in a contemporary English village. All the stories feature ordinary people who quite suddenly find themselves in extraordinary circumstances. A

lonely old woman advertises for someone to walk her dog and winds up supporting more companions that she bargained for. Two widows are the innocent victims of the mischievous games of neighborhood children — until one of them is found dead.

Orde, Lewis. Eagles. (Arbor House, 1984) Roland Eagles, son of a Catholic father and a Jewish mother, is orphaned when a German bomb destroys his family during a raid on England. As a soldier he is forced to come to terms with this heritage at Bergen-Belsen, where he actually befriends an S.S. officer. Years later, when his only daughter makes a shocking marital choice, Eagles' world falls apart and a deep hunger for revenge wars against a love that surpasses all logic.

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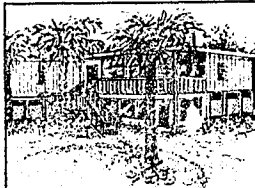
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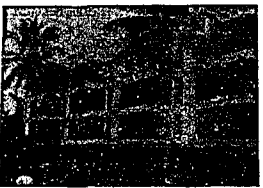
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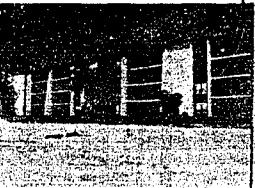
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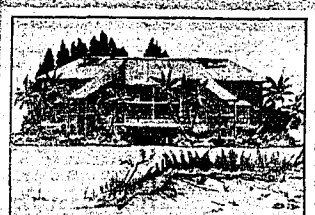
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## 'Uncle' Clarence Rutland house nears completion as Island museum

When you look east out of a 70-year-old window in the Island Historical Museum, the Sanibel City Hall shimmers like a mirage through the slightly warped glass.

The old, roughly cast pane makes a reflection much like an imaginary time warp. The city's Historical Preservation Committee hopes displays and furnishings inside the refurbished 1913 home will cast another reflection back through time to the lifestyle of Sanibel's pioneer settlers.

The museum is in the final stage of development. In 1975, when the Historical Preservation Committee was created, the members, led by Ellmore Dornier, knew a major goal was to establish a museum.

Now they have the building — the "Uncle" Clarence Rutland home. And they have the "perfect spot" for the house — on the grounds at the new City Hall. Now the committee members are seeking money and donations for the finishing touches to the museum.

Last week we toured the museum with Dornier and found that, although the building itself is mostly empty, the historical aura there is strong.

The first thing we noticed at the museum was the fine workmanship, both of the past and present. The city has nicely refurbished the old building, adding new paint, installing electrical wiring, building a wheelchair ramp, getting rid of termites, and much else.

The entrance hall runs through the middle of the house and is impressively wrought with original banded woodwork, strips of one-inch hard Florida pine.

The entrance way is where old photographs, documents and maps will be displayed and special exhibits presented. These displays could spotlight a specific time on Sanibel. For instance, Dornier says, the committee hopes to borrow an exhibit of letters from the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

"The letters document how a very well-to-do family's fortune changed," Dornier says. "The husband died, and sometime afterwards the wife

and her daughters came to Sanibel to homestead. Here, they pulled themselves up by the bootstraps and made a living."

This kind of vibrant history will also run through the rest of the rooms, where the emphasis will be on furnishing the rooms exactly as they would have been in the Sanibel pioneer period from 1893 to 1930.

Among the furnishings in the now empty eastern front room will be an antique piano donated by longtime Captivan Marie Kalman, whose grandmother was a concert pianist.

"So the kinds of things we will use must be related to our pioneer families," Dornier stresses.

This is a house you can move through, very open and airy. One room will be a furnished bedroom, another a dining room. Dornier hopes the modernized kitchen someday will be "modernized," with the addition of such things as

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Top, the "Uncle" Clarence Rutland house, circa 1913, is almost ready for the public as the Island Historical Museum. Above, details of the old Florida style house. Left, Historical Preservation Committee member Ellmore Dornier. Story by Scott Martell. Photos by Mark Johnson.

## Rutland house nears completion as Island museum continued

a woodstove.

The first room taking shape at the museum will be different from all the others and will focus on Sanibel's "prehistory."

The committee has several exciting ideas for this room. One plan is for a recreated burial site, complete with a 300-year-old skeleton of an Indian woman.

"We know quite a bit about this woman," Dormer said. "We know she died when she was about 55 years old, and Dr. Harry Kair noticed she had arthritis in her spine."

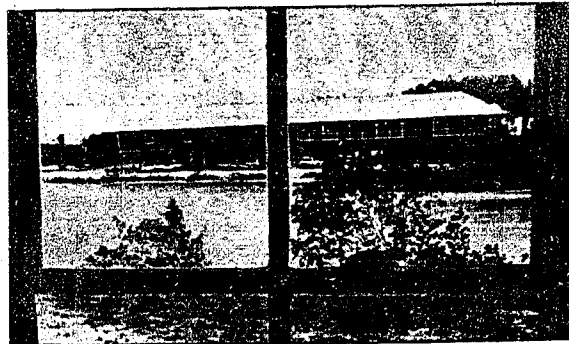
Around the burial site will be pieces of Indian pottery and some interesting shell tools, such as whelks that were used as hammers.

"This one has two holes lined up where a stick would go in," she says. "And this shell has but one hole, which makes it an older style."

For the prehistory room, Dormer hopes the museum will also someday acquire some relics from the time of the Spanish explorations.

With such a diversity of history, from the Indians to the Spanish to the first pioneers, the museum could be unique. Dormer thinks having the museum is also unique.

"This is another case of our city being very much different from other cities, be it environment or conservation and now historical preservation," she says.



The view of Sanibel's new City Hall from a window in the Rutland house.

## 'Wish list' will make museum ready for the public

The Island Historical Museum is taking shape in preparation for a Nov. 10, 1984, opening — just in time for the city of Sanibel's 10th anniversary celebration.

But several things still are needed for the 1913 house that belonged to "Uncle" Clarence Rutland, and the city's Historical Preservation Committee has compiled a "wish list" of items that will make the museum ready for

the public.

Money donations could be used for display cabinets, track lighting, fire alarms or for the exterior bronze plaque that will tell about the home's history.

"And eventually we'll need air conditioning," says Eleanor Dormer of the Historical Preservation Committee.

Money donations can be made in care of the

City of Sanibel and are tax deductible.

And to fill the museum the committee is seeking antiques, specifically those relating to Sanibel's pioneer families.

Old maps, photographs or charts would also be appropriate additions to the museum.

Those who would like to contribute pieces to the museum can call museum acquisition chairman Charlotte White, 472-3406.

## SRO crowds greet the Fabulous Scallion Sisters

By Mark Johnson

SRO crowds are the norm at the Crow's Nest lounge at Tween Waters this week for the return of the Fabulous Scallion Sisters.

The five-woman band from Atlanta, Ga., has rocked audiences with its own blend of swing and rock 'n' roll as the members harmonize through old favorites by the Andrews Sisters, the modern sounds of the Manhattan Transfer and an array of original songs.

The Scallion Sisters have turned strong vocals, excellent musicianship and five distinct personalities into a winning combination that has wowed audiences throughout the Southeastern United States club circuit.

"We're just fun-loving girls," says lead vocalist and founding member Anne MacDonald.

And the fun rubs off on the audience. But according to bass player and vocalist Dede Vogt, the band members have to be careful because they sometimes have so much fun performing that they leave the audience behind.

A well-known group in the Atlanta area, the Scallion Sisters say they enjoy coming to a new area and being well received.

"I have never had a better response from any band I have booked here," Timmy Jardas, food and beverage manager of Tween Waters, said in reaction to the full house last Wednesday night.

The "sisters" started two years ago as a trio made up of MacDonald, Vogt and vocalist, song writer and guitarist Cindy Diamond. The three found they blended together well together and began to find success in various clubs throughout the Atlanta area.

When they decided they needed a drummer to hold together their music, they recruited percussionist Carolyn Bennett. The final acquisition to the trio was lead guitarist Missy Speert of Miami.

With Speert's joining in July 1983 the group could meet the instrumental needs of their music and also added another fine voice and song writer.

The band has been in the studio taping for an album, but Speert says it is hard to get the excitement that is on the stage into the studio.

Hoping for more commercial success, the band



The Fabulous Scallion Sisters rock the crowds at the Crow's Nest at Tween Waters from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday through Sunday through April 1. Pictured from left to right are Missy Speert, Dede Vogt, Anne MacDonald and Cindy Diamond. Carolyn Bennett is not shown. Photo by Mark Johnson.

plans to travel north sometime in this year, possibly to New York in search of a break that could mean a recording contract.

The group attributes much of its success with audiences to the differences in individual style and the collaboration with which they blend those differences into one sound.

The original songs that make up more than half the group's repertoire come from everyone rather than just one person. But the one all encompassing

factor that creates the Scallion Sisters' distinctive sound is the various styles each woman brings to the group.

"We each represent a different style," Diamond explains. "Our performances are like a variety show."

No matter what they attribute their sound and presence to, one thing is certain — the Fabulous Scallion Sisters live up to the first word of their name.

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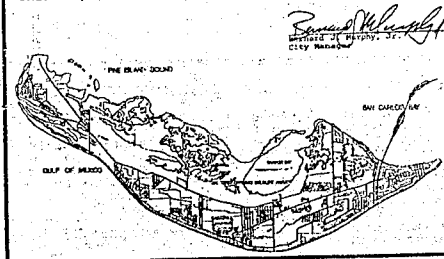
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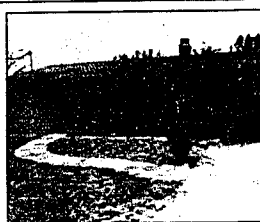


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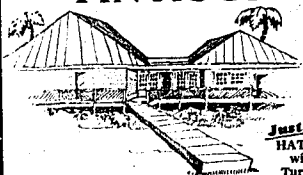
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## ARTS ON THE ISLANDS

By Julie Niedenfuer

### Avant-garde artist's projects featured at Arnold's gallery

If painter Bob Owens has his way, he will "arrive" within the next five years.

It isn't a transportation problem the artist has — he has been in the area for almost two years.

To Owens, "arriving" means having his name known in the proper art circles. For many artists that's a lifelong endeavor; for most it is a goal never realized. Owens attributes that to the highly competitive nature of the art field.

"If there were only a hundred artists in the world, it would be as hard," he says. "The percent who make it is way under ten."

At any given time in almost every area of art or music or entertainment, only a select few reach a pinnacle of popularity. Attaining that high point is not necessarily the result of years of hard work or a particularly brilliant or extraordinary talent, although many times that is the case.

Often times the singer, writer, actor who happens to have good timing, a lot of luck and a dollar or two who suddenly becomes a hot commodity.

Owens says the art world is no different, but he warns, "If your work quality isn't good, you won't stay around. You can't put a high price on a piece of junk."

He says artists must be selective when choosing places to exhibit their work. Hanging paintings in galleries with the right reputation can do wonders for an artist's standing in the art world. Owens says potential buyers often check the artist's background. If the artist has been showing his paintings at the local shopping mall it will probably mean losing the sale, and even worse, losing face among the elite, he says.

Owens has been careful — and he's been selling his artwork for a long time.

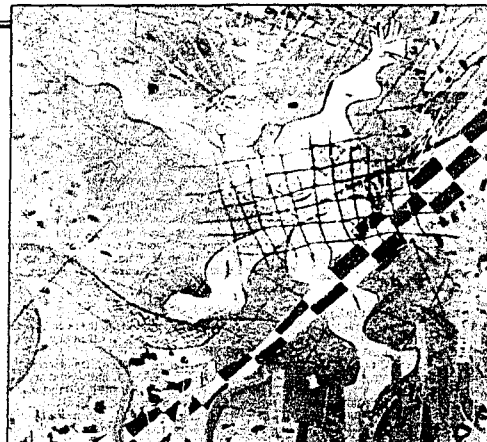
The 30-year-old artist was born and raised in Indiana. He discovered at an early age his ability to render things accurately and didn't waste time using his talent to his advantage. "My classmates paid me to draw pictures for them," he says.

He turned down an engineering scholarship to enroll at the Dayton (Ohio) Art Institute after high school. After that he spent three more years in art training at Indiana's Ball State University in Muncie.

He was the recipient of the Ohio Merit Scholarship in 1972 and the Purdue Research Foundation Scholarship in 1977. But his parents were disappointed. "They didn't want me to be an artist," he says. "They kept asking me when I was going to mature."

In art school his work was often considered offbeat because of his preoccupation with conceptual art. As an example he recalls a sculpture he created using living people. He had models pose with props for several hours. Instructors at Ball State, where Owens was exhibiting the sculpture, made it clear his work was not considered art.

It was not the last time the artist would experience rejection.



Detail from Owens' "Holy Ghost" series.

Later, while living in California he tried peddling his paintings in Los Angeles. "I went from door to door," he says. "Everybody turned me down. I felt inferior."

But at last he squeezed a foot in the door. He now runs a continuing exhibit at the Space Gallery in Hollywood, Calif.

He has also since had exhibits in Ohio and recently in Florida. He was recently commissioned by the Southwest Florida Eye and Heart Institute to do a series of paintings.

Standard Oil purchased a collection of his work, as did the Dayton Art Institute Museum and Security Pacific National Corporation, among others.

At one point in Owens' career he pushed art aside to become a minister. He was serious enough about it to spend three years in a



Bob Owens

seminary. The experience is one he hesitates to talk freely about, but many of his current works evidence the influence religion has had on his life.

Owens paints spontaneously. "I wake up at night. I work on 12 things at once," he says.

"It's hard for me to stop, but by the time I'm finished, it's history. In five years I'm going to be thinking about a new project. When I'm 60 I want to be thinking about new projects."

Right now the artist is preparing for the opening of the G. David Thompson Memorial Gallery at Arnolds in the Sea Horse complex near the Lighthouse end of Sanibel. His paintings will hang there along with Joan Bitzer's and Wayne Taylor's, according to gallery owner Dave Arnold.

It will be the proper surroundings for Owens' artwork, Arnold says. "We've very discriminating. The gallery is not for just anybody's stuff. I think this area needs something like this."

Arnold says he hopes the gallery will be open to the public sometime this week.

Owens agrees that the area needs more fine art. "You can't have just a million fast food restaurants. People need more than just the beaches or they're going to get bored. I think there's going to be a real culture boom here in the next three years."

He says he knows of several artists who have shown an interest in promoting the arts in Southwest Florida.

Right now Owens keeps busy promoting his own art. "A long time ago I decided I'm going to make it. You're either a painter or you just paint for a while and ride on your success and get a house by the river."

"I didn't want that. I've always wanted to keep painting. If I'm successful that's icing on the cake."

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### Sanibel Gallery

Original art, photography and craftwork is the theme of this gallery.

March 23 through April 4 the gallery is featuring a one-woman show by Barbara Benson Delannoy. The show presents a series of watercolors and mixed media depicting images of the sea.

Considered the most exciting of her works in this show are the two- and three-part watercolors, or diptychs and triptychs.

Delannoy's most recent award was first prize at the juried Sanibel-Captiva Art League show for her watercolor "She Shall Be Called Woman."

Sanibel Gallery owners Jane and Fred Valtin are excited to have an artist of this caliber as an exhibiting artist and as gallery director.

The gallery at 1628 Periwinkle Way is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

### Captiva Memorial Library



Through March 31 the library is hosting an exhibit of collages and photography by husband and wife artists Pat Eng and Ralph LeVigne.

From 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, the library will host an opening reception for an exhibit by Islander photographer Mark Johnson.

Titled "Images," the show will run for two weeks and will feature a collection of Johnson's most recent black and

white photographs taken on Sanibel and Captiva.

The public is invited to the reception. A cash bar and refreshments will be available.

Visitors can view the exhibit during regular library hours from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday; and from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday. The library is at Wiles Drive and Chapin Lane on Captiva.

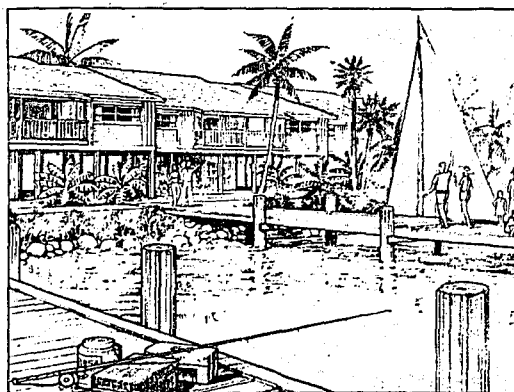
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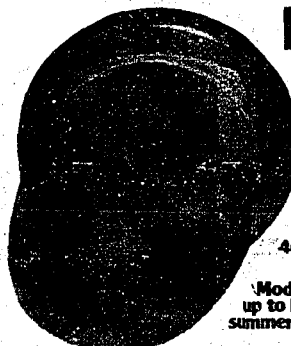
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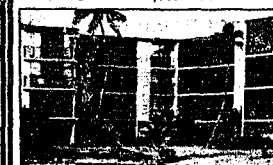


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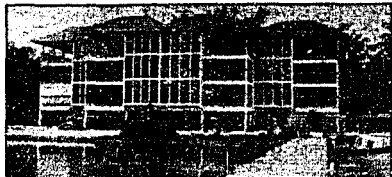






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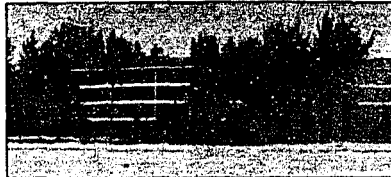
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