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Are you prepared to face a hurricane within 35-27 hours?

By Cindy Chalmers

When hurricane landfall is 36-27 hours away, an orange flag bearing the number three will fly over Sanibel to warn residents and visitors of the threat.

The orange number three flag is the fourth in a series of six color-coded and numbered flags designed to keep Islanders abreast of an approaching storm.

The countdown to storm strike (black flag, number one - strike within 18 hours) begins with the blue number six flag when the storm is 72-60 hours away. As the storm develops emergency officials will change the flags to correspond with the stage of the storm. Flags will fly at:

- The Causeway toll booth
- Periwinkle Way and Lindgren Boulevard
- Palm Ridge Road and Periwinkle Way
- Tarpon Bay Road and Periwinkle Way
- The Sanibel Elementary School
- The Sanibel side of the Blind Pass Bridge

When you see an orange flag you should make sure your property is secured and you are prepared to evacuate quickly and calmly if and when the order is given.

People with trailers boats or recreational vehicles should depart the Island immediately as restricted access to the Causeway might become necessary as the storm nears.

When an evacuation is ordered the designated Red Cross shelter and the mainland route Islanders should travel to the shelter will be broadcast over WRCC-104 FM radio, Cablevision Channel 11 and Sanibel's special alert radio system. Shelters and routes will change according to the strength of the pending storm.

Stay tuned to one of the above three emergency networks for the latest storm information. Remain calm and make sure your neighbors are aware of the approaching hurricane and are taking the appropriate

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Decision on Spoonbill postponed until July

Mayor Fred Valtin says the issue is rending the community apart and could have lasting negative effects on the Island.

By Barbara Brundage

It will be more than two months before Spoonbill Golf and Tennis Club, Inc., sponsors will know whether their plan to develop an 18-hole membership golf course and clubhouse and 180 homes on a 315-acre tract of land bordered by Tarpon Bay Road, West Gulf Drive and Casa Ybel Road will fly. At the end of a five-hour public hearing last Thursday night before a packed house at MacKenzie

Hall, the City Council postponed until July 24 a decision on the issue that Mayor Fred Valtin said was "rending the community apart."

"Passions are running high," he said. "Unless it is kept within reasonable bounds, this could have a lasting negative effect on the community."

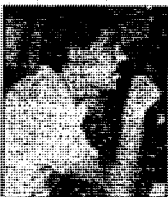
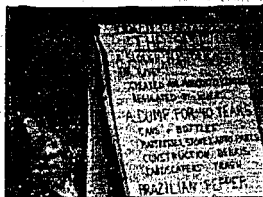
Spoonbill Golf and Tennis Club wants to develop the property under the Open Space Zone regulations of CLUP.

About half of the land, 175 acres that is primarily wetlands north of the Sanibel River, which meanders through the property, would be left untouched except for removal of Brazilian pepper.

A 200-foot corridor along the river would also be left undeveloped.

The remainder of the property, including the former Casa Ybel airstrip that is high and dry

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Proponents who addressed the Spoonbill plan included Gordon Kiddoo, far left, who argued that the proposed site has been a dump for years, and project director Ray Fenlon, left. Photos by Scott Martell.

Federal government wants private sector to assume staffer's duties.

Refuge employee will fight for his job

By Scott Martell

In 1969 Richard Blackburn was fighting in Vietnam for the American government. Now, Blackburn is fighting again — this time to save his government job.

Blackburn has worked at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge for the past three years. But now a government order from Washington could lead to the elimination of his job, and possibly that of one other refuge staffer.

Only nine staffers work at the 6,000-plus-acre refuge.

At issue is a government program called OMB Circular A-76, which has swept through federal agencies since 1965. The premise of the program is to streamline the federal government by turning over certain operations to the private sector.

The two U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service operations fingered for possible transfer to the private sector are "general maintenance"

(Blackburn's job) and "public involvement" (staffer Kristie Seaman's job).

"The Fish and Wildlife Service is one of the last government agencies to go through this process," says Ron Hight, refuge manager.

"In theory the plan to turn over some operations to the private sector might be a good idea," Hight says. "This is particularly true for big operations such as a huge military base that might need to farm out for many services."

"Our skepticism lies in the fact we are so small — we are a little apprehensive that this can work in our small federal agency," he adds.

The southeast region of the agency has 80 employees, with the entire Fish and Wildlife division employing about 5,200.

The program's benefits to the refuge appear small, and the loss

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Richard Blackburn



COMMENTARY

Spoonbill controversy continues...

Missouri councilman appreciates decision Sanibel officials must make

A copy of the following letter to Mayor Fred Vallin was given to The Islander for publication.

Dear Mayor Vallin:

As a Spoonbill sponsor, I am writing to urge you and the City Council to give the Spoonbill proposal your most thoughtful and earnest consideration — with the objective of lessening the possibility that the Islands we love so much do not lose by a technical knock-out.

By way of background, I built a home at South Seas Plantation in 1976-77 which my family occupies three months each year. Within the next five years I hope to increase our time on the Islands to five or six months each year.

I first started visiting the Islands as a youngster in the mid-1950s and have not missed a stay in at least the last 20 years.

My "temporary" northern home is in Ladue, Mo., a suburb of St. Louis, where I am president of the City Council. In that capacity I have experienced the necessity of making difficult public policy decisions on matters of land use under circumstances where public sentiment

was strongly and sincerely divided. Consequently, you can be sure I appreciate the difficult choices with which you are presented as well as the need for foresight and an unclouded crystal ball.

Incidentally, Ladue, Mo., has 9,400 residents and the equivalent of three 18-hole golf courses in a nine-square-mile area with attendant tennis, swimming and clubhouse facilities. In a very real sense these form three "green belts" in our community and make a very positive contribution to the "lifestyle" of all our residents as well as provide lakes and wooded areas as an important refuge for wild fowl migrating up and down the Mississippi flyway.

I bless forebearers on our City Council who had the foresight to permit — if not encourage — this type of land use, without which today we would either have a concrete jungle or at least incessant pressure of landowners and developers to use that substantial acreage for commercial or multiple dwelling projects.

In an attempt to relate my experience to the questions before you, may I suggest your consideration of the following points:

(1) The Spoonbill project would result in a defined and aesthetically desirable use of the land in question which, with appropriate controls and conditions imposed by the council,

could ensure that the area would be permanently utilized for healthy personal recreation, at little or no cost in ecological terms;

(2) Future governing bodies, responding to ideas and moods of future times, might choose a different, more commercially attuned use for the Spoonbill site;

(3) Erosion of the tax base and the cost of public acquisition of the site might combine to make the wetlands alternative a difficult fiscal pit to swallow and result in the council having to take undesirable decisions accelerating commercial and residential development elsewhere on the Island;

(4) Litigation — always a possibility in the land use arena — could result in court decisions or settlements that would be much less ecologically satisfactory than the Spoonbill project; and

(5) A golf course with its attendant people benefits need not be inconsistent with the preservation of wildlife. In this connection I urge you to take my favorite early morning and evening walks at South Seas Plantation, not on our new resort beach, but through the resort golf course where, in spite of the surrounding development, wildlife flourishes and abounds.

As a conservationist and as an Island homeowner, I urge you to give

Development will replace birds with birdies

Tees
(With thanks and apologies to Joyce Kilmer)

I think that I shall never see
A tree as lovely as a tee.
A tee, a golf ball at its crest,
Much like a bird's egg on a nest;
A tee where macho men inveigh
Against white peliets gone astray.
Tees where wetlands once held sway,
Will beckon golfers to their play.
Erase the birds from days of yore,
And strings of birdies to the score!
Let links and condos now arise
From swales where nature sighs and dies!

Loximer Moe
Sanibel

The Spoonbill project consideration as being in the best long range interest of the Island community you and the City Council are serving so well.

Sincerely yours,
Thomas Remington
St. Louis, Mo. and
South Seas Plantation

COTI founder insists on resignation of organization's Spoonbill advocates

To the Editor
The Islander

I write in full support of the position George Campbell takes in his full-page advertisement in your May 15, 1984, issue.

As the founder and first chairman of the Committee of the Islands, it was not my intention that it or any of its members participate in any such activity as this.

Resident registers unalterable opposition

A copy of the following letter to Mayor Fred Vallin and members of the Sanibel City Council was given to The Islander for publication.

Dear Mayor and council members:

I wish to go on record as being unalterably opposed regarding the proposed Spoonbill development.

In my opinion this Island has no need for a private golf club just to favor a few wealthy people who regard Sanibel as their private playground, irrespective of what happens to the environment.

There are two golf courses here already, and if it is a question of

walking to tee off, I cannot imagine what else these people have to do with their spare time. If, on the other hand, the reason for the development is more money in the pockets of the shareholders, I am against that too — now and later, when they will surely return with all kinds of amendments to their original request.

For once, City Council, stick to your guns and turn down, now and forever, this request to minimize what is left of Sanibel's precious and environmentally sensitive lands.

Sincerely,
Hilda Rush
Sanibel

Illinois property owner urges council endorsement

A copy of the following letter to Mayor Fred Vallin was given to The Islander for publication.

Dear Mayor Vallin:

My wife and I are owners of real estate on Sanibel and spend a good bit of time in residence.

I write to urge you and members of the Sanibel City Council to look with favor at the land use plan submitted by the Spoonbill Golf and Tennis Club and to adopt the specific necessary amendments to the Open Space Ordinance.

We have been residents of Sanibel for sufficient length of time to understand the need for wetland preservation. We are strong supporters of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

To us the plan presented by the Spoonbill Golf and Tennis Club is by all accounts the best and most logical way of utilizing the area under question. Otherwise some "enterprising" real estate developer will acquire the property for one more undesirable housing project. One needs look only at what is to happen at Wulfert Point.

A copy of this letter goes to your vice mayor and to the members of your

Three cheers for 'Spoonbill Explained'

To the Editor
The Islander

Remember the song that said, somewhere in the lyrics, "...tear down the trees and put up a parking lot...?" Well, three cheers to George Campbell's "Spoonbill Explained" (advertisement in the May 15, 1984, Islander). It says it all (might be lyrics for another song).

Joseph Koetting
Sanibel

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To our readers Something to say?

All letters submitted to The Islander for publication must contain the sender's name, address and phone number for verification.

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COMMENTARY

Captivan praises South Seas security for actions that saved osprey

To the Editor
The Islander

We have always felt that the South Seas Plantation security forces tried to do and did a great job. Today some osprey's mother owes a big thank you to two South Seas duty officers for their efforts to protect an ailing osprey.

The bird was standing in the middle of the road, obviously with a problem, when security began to direct traffic around it. Being somewhat restless, the bird would walk from one side of the road to the other while it worked its way south.

Security sent out calls for help to CROW, mean-

while for the better part of an hour herding traffic around the subject of their attention. They also admonished joggers and walkers to keep their distance and keep moving so as to minimize the bird's distress and avoid added injury.

Two CROW volunteers (man and wife) arrived and after an assessment of the situation (osprey was not in undergrowth) managed to expeditiously and safely place the bird in a container for transport.

It is reassuring to know that "security" has a broader meaning for all of us.

Richard Butze
Captiva

Sanibel sunrise

Oh, Lord in Heaven, what a sight
To greet my morning eyes
The sky ablaze with orange light
An unexpected bright surprise.
I knew the sun was coming
For he spread the sky for miles
With his colors orange and pink
To bring out all your smiles.
Don't look away too long
Because his colors do not last.
Stand still to watch the beauty
And hold the memory fast.
He will come again tomorrow
And if the mix is right
You shall see his royal splendor
To make your new day bright.

Police institute director commends Sanibel sergeant

A copy of the following letter to Sanibel Police Chief John Estler was given to The Islander for publication.

Dear Chief Estler:

As you perhaps know, the Southern Police Institute awards the Director's Award for Academic Excellence to the undergraduate student with the highest academic average in the class. It is based on the highest cumulative average in all academic courses.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I announce to you that Sgt. Lewis Phillips of your organization has received the Director's Award for the 71st Administrative Officers Course. The certificate reads: "In recognition of your achievement recording the highest academic average."

I certainly feel that the awarding of this certificate to Sgt. Phillips represents an organization philosophy of the Sanibel Police Department that is second to none.

We certainly enjoyed having Sgt. Phillips as a part of our last class and certainly look forward to other representatives from the Sanibel Police Department.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,
Norman Porenke, director
Southern Police Institute
University of Louisville
Louisville, Ky.

Retirees feel they deserve more services from the city

To the Editor
The Islander

The Sanibel-Captiva chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons wishes to extend a belated thanks to the Lions Club for the benches the club has placed along Periwinkle Way.

We also thank the Sanibel Community Association for its fine, well-managed facilities that permit many of our organized groups to meet — groups that many of our retired citizens are members of.

This brings to mind the fact that City Hall has done very little for our senior citizens. The City Council has budgeted \$54,000 per year for meal/leuca eradication. They will eventually spend \$100,000 or more for Below Market Rate Housing for our younger citizens. However, to the best of our knowledge this City Council has yet to spend the first dollar to enhance the quality of life for our senior citizens, who constitute the majority of our taxpayers and voters.

We suggest that City Hall at least do as much as our Lions organization. Many of our citizens no longer drive but must walk or ride their bicycles to shop. More benches placed around Sanibel would permit them to rest as they travel between their homes and stores.

This is little to ask if we consider the services that the cities of Fort Myers, Cape Coral and Fort Charlotte and Naples extend to their retirees.

Sincerely,
Henry Shelton
Chapter President
Sanibel-Captiva AARP

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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

By Barbara Brundage

Code Enforcement Board collects first fine in 3½-year history

Restaurateur Roger Osborn paid \$70 for his failure to correct a sign violation at Gringo's within the time frame imposed by the board.

The Sanibel Code Enforcement Board last week collected a fine for a code violation for the first time in its 3½-year history.

Restaurateur Roger Osborn paid the city \$70 (\$10 a day) for failure to correct a sign violation at Gringos take out by the April 18 deadline imposed by the board.

Code Enforcement Officer Dick Baker informed the board at its regular meeting last Thursday that Osborn had given him a check earlier that morning and the signs in the restaurant parking lot had been removed.

Osborn was cited for a violation of the Graphics ordinance for having more than one street sign at his Blind Pass restaurant.

At Thursday morning's hearing the board found two other Sanibel businessmen guilty of sign violations.

Peter Leonardi was ordered to remove a hand-painted sign on the door of his gift shop, Pandora's Box, by May 21 or pay a \$50 fine for each day he is not in compliance thereafter.

Businesses in shopping centers are permitted only one street graphic, Baker said, and Leonardi already has one sign in front of his shop.

Leonardi said the name on the entrance to the shop is part of the artistic design for the door and he does not consider it a sign. He said he was willing to remove the name but it would take a full eight hours work to eradicate it and repaint the door.

Leonardi said Baker had turned down his request for a larger sign in front of the shop to replace the existing sign that is smaller than the permitted 20 square feet.

Baker said the sign would not be compatible with others in the Punta Ybel shopping center. He explained that "compatibility is a judgment call" and told Leonardi he could appeal the decision to the City Council.

The board also found Gary Skirry guilty of having more than one street graphic at his Mad Hatter's restaurant on Sanibel-Captiva Road near Blind Pass.

Jack Quinn, the restaurant manager, represented Skirry at the hearing.

Baker told the board that in addition to a sign in front for which Skirry had a permit, a second sign was posted on the beach side of the gulf-front restaurant.

A sign that hangs below the roadside sign and notes the hours the restaurant is open also violates the ordinance, Baker said.

Quinn said his problem was that he did not understand what signs were allowed.

The hours the restaurant is open could be added to the existing sign, Baker explained, or a permit could be issued for a separate sign no larger than 140 square inches.

The board ordered Quinn to have the two signs in violation removed by May 21 or face a \$50 fine each day thereafter.

Bud Locicero, owner of MCT's Shrimp House, pleaded "not guilty" to the city's charge that he had placed fill on a vacant lot next to the restaurant to enlarge the parking lot without a development permit.

Locicero denied that he had enlarged the restaurant parking lot but said he was willing to remove the fill from the commercial property he owns with his wife, Mary.

Locicero said he had made "many trips to the Planning Department" since he was first cited for the violation in January. "But each time I've applied for a development permit to be in compliance, the staff has insisted on imposing a condition that would remove 50 seats from the restaurant," he said.

Locicero said only he and restaurant employees park on the lot where the fill was placed, and it is not designated in any way for patron parking.

Baker said Public Works Director Gary Price has complained the fill interferes with drainage on Periwinkle Way.

The board found Locicero guilty of placing fill on the vacant lot at 1525 Periwinkle Way without a permit and ordered him to apply for a development

permit by May 24 or be subject to a \$200 fine for each day thereafter he is not in compliance.

Board Chairman Ray Fenton pointed out that, "Placing fill is a much greater violation than illegal signs," and maintained the fine should be closer to the maximum penalty (\$50) than to the minimum.

Assistant City Attorney Jerry Stern identified a problem created by "the gap in time between citation for illegal signs and the board's hearing for a finding of innocence or guilt of the violations."

Because the board conducts hearings only once a month, an illegal sign put up at the beginning of the winter season can remain in place until season's end when it may no longer be needed, Stern said.

The board agreed to meet more frequently "at the call of the chairman" in order to strengthen code enforcement on Sanibel.



The Code Enforcement Board considered this door at an island gift shop a sign and ruled it must go. Photo by Julie Niedentuer.

Coming up at City Hall

A list of scheduled City Council and Planning Commission meetings

Wednesday, May 23, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. — Student Government Day with mock council meeting conducted by students of the fifth grade at Sanibel Elementary School. Students will be honored at a luncheon at the Sanibel Community Association at noon.

Monday, May 28 — City Hall closed in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Tuesday, May 29, MacKenzie Hall, 7:30 p.m. — Meeting of the Live Shelling Committee.

Tuesday, June 5, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. — Regular meeting of the City Council.

Developer wanted 13

11 units okayed for eight acres in Belle Meade subdivision

After months of delay Paul Stahlin won approval last week for a density increase to permit 11 single-family homes on an eight-acre tract in Belle Meade subdivision, where one unit per acre is allowed under the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Stahlin's original request was for 13 units.

Last Tuesday the City Council unanimously approved a specific amendment permitting the density increase but prohibiting construction of any homes within 200 feet of the Sanibel River.

None of the development can be on the Lowland Wetland portion of the parcel, which will

be used for drainage retention.

The developer has agreed to improve the Dimmick Drive access road to city specifications, and a sewage disposal system has been designed to comply with the 75-foot setback from a surface body of water required for septic systems.

Attorney Steve Helgemo, representing Stahlin, said the proposed plan will improve roads and drainage in a sub-standard area.

He argued that the additional two units would make a material difference to the developer because the homes are modest.

Helgemo said he has been contacted about participating in the Below Market Rate Housing Program. "I don't know enough about it and don't understand it yet," he said. "But if there's a fit it could happen."

Planning Director Bruce Rogers said the planning staff recommended only eight units, adding "One unit per acre is not low density."

The council split the difference and followed the Planning Commission's recommendation to permit 11 units.

with other developments in the area.

The Planning Department said an increase of one unit would be appropriate and recommended council denial of the 14-unit request.

Klein said he could support an increase to nine units.

Johnson said there is no hardship involved and therefore no reason to allow six additional units. "To allow this would be a disservice to CLUP and

to the community," she maintained.

With only the support of Klein, her motion to deny the specific amendment failed by a 2-3 vote.

Councilman Bill Hagerup's subsequent motion to approve 12 units that must be located in the most desirable areas with the highest elevation passed by a 3-2 vote. Johnson and Klein cast the dissenting votes.

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Three of five councilmen approve density increase

Three city councilman agreed with Architect Tim Stone that a 10-acre parcel of land on East Gulf Drive east of Beach Road is "one of the highest and driest spots on the island" and can support the 12 dwelling units requested.

But Councilmen Louise Johnson and Mike Klein viewed increasing the density from the eight units permitted by the land use plan as an erosion of

CLUP's density cap.

Stone, representing Beach Road and Gulf Drive Partnership, originally requested a density increase to 14 units on the tract consisting three separate parcels of land.

Seven units are permitted on the portion of the tract south of East Gulf Drive. Stone wanted an increase from one to seven units on the portion north of Gulf Drive for a density compatible

MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Council says cottages can remain in storage on former airstrip property

Mayor Fred D. W. Squires received permission from the City Council to store two cottages on 3 acres and a 1.5-acre site in Laguna Vista and adjacent to the former airstrip.

The council granted the property an increase in density from zero to two units because the cottages were to be available for the city's Senior Market/Housing program.

Squires originally asked for five units and the Planning Commission recommended three, one single-family unit and two duplexes.

But after Planning Director Bruce Hagner revealed that the site was in the city's senior market support land, the council unanimously and unanimously approved by a 5-0 vote two units, one single-family house and one duplex.

Last Tuesday Squires asked for an extension of the storage permit to give his time to process a development permit

or moving the cottages to a different site.

Mayor Fred W. Squires has announced the 1984-85 program.

City Councilman Bill Hagerman made the motion to extend Squires' storage permit for three months or until his new plan for construction of the cottages is completed.

Hagerman suggested that Squires might reconsider if he numbers were higher.

The cottages were moved from Mariner Properties, Inc.'s Mariner Cottages site on West Gulf Drive to the old airstrip, where Hagner supports senior market housing from Laguna Vista Road.

Contractor Dave Adams received a 90-day extension in February, and announced the start of the project, was initially delayed because the owner had previously submitted approval of the housing.

Hagerman suggested that if a second motion to give more construction of cottages that can

be reviewed.

Hagerman would like approval of a development permit and the 1984-85 program to be completed.

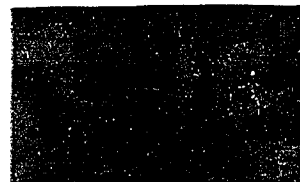
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The council also granted Winward Development Corp. a 90-day extension of a building permit that expired April 22, because construction of a single-family home was completed.

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The council voted these cottages, once destined to be before Market Place Housing units, can stay at their storage site off Cape Yacht Road for 90 more days. Photo by Mark Johnson.

MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Unanimous vote denies zoning change for property at corner of Rabbit Road

The City Council last week unanimously denied James O. Evans' request to change the zoning on 1.4 acres of land bordering Sanibel-Captiva Road at the southeast corner of Rabbit Road from residential to Primary Office and Retail Commercial.

The majority of the councilmen agreed with Evans that the property was "not perfect land for residential use." But they were reluctant to rezone without a specific proposal for its commercial use.

Councilman Mike Klein, however, said he was unalterably opposed to expanding commercial on Sanibel. "We're heading for trouble already toward a commercial ghetto by offices going condo," he said.

Councilman Francis Bailey said, "I can't see going commercial, but not for the reasons Mike (Klein) said." Evans' son, Dr. Albert Evans, maintained commercial is the best use for the property that is across Rabbit

Road from the Timbers restaurant on one of the busiest traffic corners on the island.

"I'm planning to build my own home on Rabbit Road only 1,000 feet from this land, so I would not want anything bulky on it there," Dr. Evans said.

A slender finger of the property runs east in front of St. Isabel Catholic Church and is used for the west entrance to the church parking lot.

"The value of the property will be enhanced if it's commercial," the elder Evans pointed out, "and will help us resolve the problem of providing an easement for the church."

"That's between you and the church," Mayor Fred Vallin said, "and not a concern of council."

Councilman Louise Johnson said changing the zoning without having a specific plan for its use would be "premature." Her motion to deny the zoning passed by a 5-0 vote.

City officials for a day Sanibel's young citizens prepare for Student Government Day

Fifth grade students at Sanibel Elementary School will examine the operation of city government this Wednesday during the sixth annual Student Government Day activities.

The youngsters who submitted the winning essays on the subject "What Good Government Means to Me" will play the roles of mayor and council, city department heads, council secretary and the two Island newspaper reporters who cover government happenings.

The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. when all 22 fifth graders arrive by school bus at Sanibel City Hall. After a tour of the new complex on Dunlop Road and the fire and medical emergency facility on Palm Ridge Road, the students will convene in MacKenzie Hall for a special council meeting beginning at 11 a.m.

Tara Friedlund will preside as mayor, with Kristi Stuhls as vice mayor and Carl Merrin, Anthony Pribble and Antoinette Sassman as

the other council members. Susannah Stern will serve as city manager/city clerk; Jennifer DeVere will be deputy city clerk/finance director; Scott Lowe, police chief; Thomas Smith, city attorney; Joie Hammer, planning director; and Eric Rizzo, assistant city manager/public works director.

Jennifer Traucht will serve as building official; Mindy Potts, Planning Commission chairman, Sophie Mitchell, recreation director; Jason Morris, fire chief; Sheryl Priestner, council secretary.

Reporters for the two local papers will be Michael Herries for The Islander and Erik Sieler for the Island Reporter.

Youth recreation has been selected as the topic for council discussion with public input from the rest of the class.

The essay winners will be honored by the city at a luncheon at the Sanibel Community

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CITY OF SANIBEL, FLORIDA CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

The regular election of City Council Members shall be held on Tuesday, November 6, 1984, and terms of office shall be for four (4) years.

The three seats being vacated and to be filled in this election are:

- Seat No. 1 (Currently held by Francis P. Bailey, Jr.)
- Seat No. 2 (Currently held by Myron W. Klein)
- Seat No. 3 (Currently held by Fred W. Vallin)

Election fact sheets and all prescribed forms will be available in the office of the Deputy City Clerk during normal office hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

NOMINATIONS

A candidate must be an elector. (Elector is any person who is a resident of the City, who has qualified as an elector of this State, and who registers in the procedural manner). Nominations and elections for the office of City Councilman shall be conducted on a nonpartisan basis.

DECLARATION OF INTENTION FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 1984

Candidates for Council Seats shall file a Declaration of Intention to seek office with the designated City Official not later than Friday, August 31, 1984, at 5:00 P.M. A declaration does not have to specify the Seat number for which a nominee plans to qualify.

QUALIFYING PERIOD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1984 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1984

Candidates must qualify by written certified petition between noon of September 17th and noon of September 21st, 1984. A minimum of eighteen (18) qualified electors must sign the candidate's Petition for Nomination. Each Petition shall specify the number of the council seat for which the candidate is nominated and have attached an affidavit executed by its circulator. Petitions for Nomination and affidavits will be available to all candidates and may be picked up in the office of the Deputy City Clerk. Petitions for Nomination must be certified by the Lee County Supervisor of Elections and the candidate shall pay the fee for this service to the Supervisor prior to submitting the petitions to the Deputy City Clerk.

BUSINESS NEWS

By Scott Martell

Smith and Radigan and Ross Island advertising firm expands, plans to pursue bigger market

Smith and Radigan Advertising is spreading its wings — adding a new business partner and moving operations to a larger Sanibel location.

The new member of the advertising firm is Susan Ross, owner of West Coast Design of Fort Myers.

"We've worked together on several projects and we felt her skills were very complementary to ours," says Pete Smith. "She knows the business very well," adds Bob Radigan. "And she can talk it to a client."

With the addition of Ross, both Smith and Radigan feel that Smith, Radigan and Ross will grow into the creative force in Southwest Florida.

"The merger should establish us as a highly creative shop," Smith says. In recent local advertising awards, Smith and Radigan was the number one creative award winner. Ross' work placed second. Together, they picked up more than 20 awards. Each shop also picked up an award in recent state competition.

The firm moved last week into the large upstairs space above 3-Star grocery, which was formerly the Sanibel Police Department

headquarters. Sharing the large space with Smith, Radigan and Ross will be Susan's husband, Greg Ross, a commercial photographer.

Greg Ross will be an "associate" of the advertising firm but will have his separate commercial photographic business.

"He will do most of our photographic work for us," says Smith. "Having an in-house photographer in both black and white and color is new for us."

Another new ingredient will be Doug Kelly, who worked with Ross' firm. He specializes in medical illustration and miniature clay set design, says Ross.

Smith, Radigan and Ross now has several objectives in mind. "I think our first purpose is rounding ourselves out as a full service agency," says Ross. "To fulfill this goal, the agency will delve into more radio and television work. Ross has a strong background in these fields.

"This market area is low budget for radio and television," Smith says. "But we plan to become the prime source for all sophisticated television products for the area. But to really do it, we must branch



The expanded and relocated Smith and Radigan and Ross Advertising includes, from left to right: Bob Radigan, Susan Ross, Pete Smith, Doug Kelly

out of the market area." Branching out of the local market is another goal. "We do plan to push more out of this area," says Radigan. "We have an

agent in Atlanta and we will concentrate on the southeast and midwestern area." continued next page

Marquis announces new director of operations



Phillip Schlegel III

Phillip Schlegel III as been appointed director of operations for Marquis Hotels and Resorts. The announcement was made last week by Lorraine Maroon, executive vice president of the resort and property management firm.

Schlegel will be responsible for all resort operations, including supervision of the general managers,

front desk and reservation systems, and food and beverage procedures.

Schlegel joined Marquis in 1982 as resort general manager and has also served as the firm's operations manager. His previous experience includes positions as general manager and director of sales at the Gainesville, Fla., Hilton and assistant manager and

sales director at the Flagler Inn, also in Gainesville.

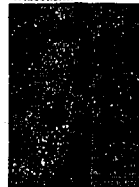
A Certified Hotel Administrator, Schlegel served on the board of directors of the Florida Hotel and Motel Association and is a member of the employee relations committee of the American Hotel and Motel Association.

Sanibel resident named vice president of marketing firm

Marketing Group of Southwest Florida, Inc., last week announced the promotion of Sanibel resident Eric Anderson to vice president of the firm.

Marketing Group, Inc., specializes in coordinating the marketing efforts for various firms throughout south Florida.

Anderson completed four years of education at the University of Wisconsin.



Eric Anderson

Market analysis

The expert asks: To panic or not to panic?

Courtesy of Mark Webb Investment Broker

A.G. Edwards and Sons All market places confront participants with mental and emotional puzzles that separate the winners from the losers. These puzzles are among the most difficult ones thrust at all of us as we struggle with life's pot holes.

The stock market is full of some of the toughest puzzles, as the solutions require both intellectual skill and control and understanding of our emotions — impossible for most; merely difficult for a few.

So far our comments are nothing more than generalities and pontifications, but last week's market action, specifically Friday's, brought us back to the real world of those trying to survive and prosper in the stock market.

Market action last week was poor as expected after Dr. Henry Kaufman's projection of "spectacularly higher" interest rates. However, the real

puzzle showed up Friday, when the bond market came close to disappearing and stocks went as low as does some DOW industrial points.

No question — there was panic in both the stock and bond markets Friday, which affected all of our emotions — and, therefore, our ability to think rationally.

When you are surrounded by panic, why not go with it and be trampled by the herd? Or, if panic is rampant and sellers are dumping at any price, the supply/demand ratio will soon be out of balance with the sellers out and only buyers left.

Thus, why not buy when no one wants them? That puzzle has driven investors to drink since the first buyer and seller got together. To keep the stock market as difficult an arena of capitalism as it has and always will be, the answer to the puzzle is seldom the same. Even the same set of circumstances that were prevalent previously do not always provide a similar solution.

We have re-analyzed our long-standing opinion that the market is locked in a DOW 1075 to 1225 range with a bottom provided by heavy selling that occurred close to 100 and reasonable values in the equity market and a top due to the high level of interest rates.

We see no reason to change this opinion. Thus, although we might have been a bit premature, we advised and still advise the buying of selected stocks into this weakness.

For traders we will sell into rallies. For the more patient we will not chase stocks when they rally up to the high end of the trading range. For all — a reminder that profits almost never come comfortably.

Market analyst Al Goldman based this column on market conditions as of Tuesday, May 15. Comments or questions should be directed to Mark Webb in care of The Islander, P.O. Box 56, Sanibel 33957. Or call Webb at 334-3325.



POLICE BEAT

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

A Venice, Fla., man was arrested on charges of prostitution after a homosexual incident in the public restroom at the Lighthouse Friday afternoon, May 11. Edmund Lawrence Walzter was charged and taken to the Lee County Jail.

Police notified the Lee County Humane Society to pick up two dogs that were running loose around Ibis

Lane Friday afternoon, May 11. The female Irish setter and a male Weimaraner were taken to the humane society pound in Fort Myers.

Police investigated an attempted break-in at a Peaceful Drive home Friday afternoon, May 11. The owner reported that sometime between May 3 and May 10 someone had forced open a door to the pool area. No entry was gained to the house.

An employee of the Sanibel-Captiva Shoppers Guide reported a new rack for the newspaper was missing from Bailey's Friday afternoon, May 11. The rack was valued at \$25.

Police responded to the observation tower in the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge after a report that several people were barbecuing in the tower Friday evening, May 11. No one was in the tower when police arrived.

A Watsonville, Calif., woman reported someone was throwing rocks at a window in her condominium around 1:45 a.m. Saturday, May 12. Police checked the area but found no one suspicious.

Police contacted the Lee County Sheriff's office to investigate a report that a St. Louis, Mo., woman's purse had been stolen from her car at Bowman's Beach Saturday afternoon, Myers business.

May 12.

An officer on routine patrol discovered the glass in the phone booth in front of the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce had been shattered by a BB just after midnight Saturday, May 12.

A Naples woman reported she had lost a gold bracelet valued at \$1,000 while she was on Sanibel sometime Sunday, May 13.

Three Fort Lauderdale residents dismantled their campsite on the bay beach on the east side of the Causeway around 9:30 p.m. Sunday, May 13, after police advised them of the city's law prohibiting camping on Sanibel.

A Cincinnati, Ohio, man and his companion reported someone in a bright red Jeep CJ-7 bearing Florida tags had pulled alongside them as they rode mopeds on Sanibel-Captiva Road Monday afternoon, May 14, forcing them off the road into the grass. Neither moped rider was injured.

A Sanibel woman reported she had lost a gold bracelet with 16 diamonds between Bailey's and the Sanibel Post Office Wednesday afternoon, May 16. The bracelet was valued at \$300.

Sanibel officers issued 19 citations for exceeding the speed limit during the week that ended Friday, May 18.

Officials need names of people to assist during evacuation

Sanibel police and FISH volunteers are asking that all handicapped, elderly or invalid citizens who might need assistance leaving the island during a hurricane evacuation order contact FISH at 472-9404.

Police are trying to compile a list of all such citizens so every effort can be made to ensure their safe and speedy departure in an emergency situation.

"Our biggest problem is that most of these people who are going to need help aren't even thinking about making arrangements at this time," says Sgt. Jack Primm, the city's disaster preparedness coordinator. "We know there are people out there we just don't know about yet," he added.

If you will need transportation or other assistance leaving the island during an evacuation please contact FISH, 472-9404, as soon as possible.

Agency expands continued

Smith and Radigan have done work as far away as Chicago, New York, and Columbus, Ohio. But the firm's primary focus up to now has been developing a solid local clientele.

On Sanibel, Smith and Radigan is the advertising agent for Bank of the Islands, The Mariner Group, Priscilla Murphy and others, including many of the island's major restaurants. They also do many Fort

Myers businesses. "We still plan to keep a strong local focus," says Radigan. "But in order to support a real business, we need to go after the bigger budgets. We are a small shop now, but as we grow we'll be able to service a wider range of businesses."

Smith and Radigan have worked together for three years, with Smith a designer, humorist and copywriter, and Radigan as an illustrator and designer. "But we really blend together to do many dif-

ferent things," says Radigan. Now, with Ross, a staff that blossomed from three members to six, and finally some space at 3-Star (three times larger than their previous quarters) the advertising firm will create a new blend — one they hope will make it the top creative advertising group in the area.

"We will stress contemporary advertising ideas," says Ross. "We will keep abreast of what's happening and bring it to this area."

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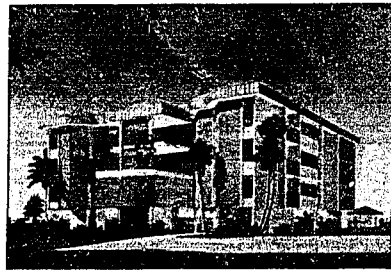
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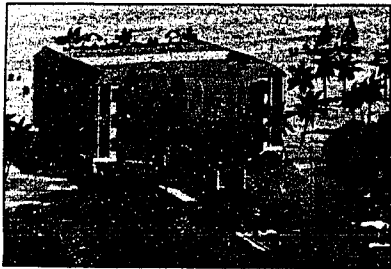
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'Something to do on Sanibel'

Police Explorers solve problem of Island-bound boredom



The police Explorers at a recent meeting - Front row, right to left: Lisa Simcoe, new members Janet Wilson and Siam Boon. Back row, left to right: Jim Bell, Jim Toomey, Joe St. Cyr, Jason Vaughn, Len Kair and Eric Palmer. Photo by Mark Johnson.

By Cindy Chalmers

Junior cop. Narc. Straight. Sanibel's nerd-iest. Call them what you will, but once you get to know them, Sanibel's Police Explorers prove themselves anything but the string of insulting adjectives often attached to them by their peers who don't know better.

These active, normal teens have developed a refreshing camaraderie they say was impossible to generate on the island in pre-Explorer days. All of them have lived here for three years or more - and all of them say they were desperate for something that would involve them in the community and give them "something to do on Sanibel" - a common complaint among the Island's younger citizens, who often find themselves without transportation and miles away from their mainland school friends and activities.

The group now numbers 11. Members range from 14 to 18 years old. They attend Cypress Lake High and Middle schools, Bishop Verot High School and the Canterbury School.

Their aspirations range from joining the Army to attending top-notch universities, working in a

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foreign embassy and becoming full-fledged police officers.

Aside from the Explorers, their extra-curricular activities range from football to Future Farmers of America, karate classes, student government offices and drama clubs.

Although their various interests scatter them in different directions of the island, these teenagers share one thing in common on Sanibel — their need, enthusiasm and gratefulness for the Explorers experience.

"I've been here since the seventh grade and until this has never done much on Sanibel," says 16-year-old Janet Wilson, who with 14-year-old Siam Boon was voted into the group at the regular meeting two weeks ago.

"This is my chance to learn more about Sanibel and do something for my community," Wilson said just before she and Boon were asked to step outside the meeting room at City Hall while the other Explorers voted on their membership.

Boon said he wanted to be an Explorer because it was "something productive to do on the island."

Janet and Siam beamed with pleasure a few minutes later when Explorer Chief Jim Toomey told them their acceptance into the organization was unanimous. Now the two newest members are on "probation" for three months, after which they will receive uniforms and will be able to perform in all

the official capacities of their colleagues.

Under the guidance of police Dispatcher Janet Call, Officers Ann Westbrook and Jamie Phillips and Lt. Ray Rhodes, the Explorers receive hands-on experience within the Sanibel Police Department.

They accumulate hours by helping with office duties at headquarters, riding in patrol cars with on-duty officers and assisting on calls, and directing traffic and parking for special events on Sanibel.

Earlier this month Explorers posted scores, aided refreshments and did whatever needed to be done at the season's first swimming meet at the city's recreation complex. Two weekends ago they helped at the Red Cross first aid station on Sanibel in connection with the offshore powerboat races.

"Sure, I took some flack from my friends at first," says 16-year-old Lisa Simone, who is the club secretary-treasurer. "But now they've had a chance to see that I really am the same person I was before," she adds. "I haven't changed just because I've become an Explorer."

But advisor Call, who also happens to be Lisa's mother, says her daughter has changed — for the better — since the club was formed late last year.

"There was an attitude problem," Call says. "Lisa was always complaining that she was bored."

Call says she thought about the less-desirable alternatives her daughter could turn to and then decided to do everything she could to get the Ex-

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Lisa Simone, 16

plorers going on Sanibel.

That was in December last year, and since then, Call says, Lisa's grades and her general outlook have improved considerably.

"I don't think I could say one single person in the Explorers has not changed for the better because of the club," Call says. "Everyone came in here with some sort of attitude problem. Maybe one thought he was much better or smarter than the others. Maybe another couldn't take constructive criticism."

The kids themselves agree their association has helped them learn how to work together and accept responsibility for their words and actions.

"I think this is a good step into adulthood," says 16-year-old Jim Bell. He takes jeers about the gravity of his remark in stride, knowing his peers in

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'Something to do on Sanibel' continued

he group agree with him.

"It's not just like the Army or anything, but it's taught us a lot about responsibility and the importance of punctuality," he says. The junior at Bishop Verot High School wants to study communications or law in college.

Lee Kair and Jason Vaughn, both 14 and the youngest members of the group, say they felt stuck on Sanibel before Explorers came along.

"It seemed like everything was in town if you wanted to have any fun," says Lee. "I spent a lot of time sitting in my room." Even though he still participates in a Fort Myers drama company and various school sports, Lee now also has something to do on Sanibel.

Jason was active in Boy Scouts on the island but wanted to get more involved in the community. "I saw the Explorers as a way to learn more about Sanibel in particular," the eighth grader who aspires to Annapolis or Harvard says.

Although several say they will consider police work for a career, Call Toomey and Joe St. Cyr are the only two Explorers who are certain they want a life in law enforcement.

Toomey, 18, has been a regular visitor to police headquarters for several years. With 500-plus hours there since he became an Explorer, he has earned his rank. "I just live up here," he says about the department. He enters Rollins College in the fall

and hopes to be an exchange student in Moscow before starting as a full-time police officer.

Joe was an Explorer with the Lee County Sheriff's Department for three years before the group was formed on Sanibel. He is also an auxiliary Sanibel firefighter — and he wants someday to be sheriff in a "small town in the middle of Alabama."

The 17-year-old junior acknowledges that his goals are somewhat different from those of most of his classmates at the Canterbury School. "It's unusual for any kid there not to want to be a nuclear physicist," he laughs. But that only makes him more adamant about his plans.

"I honestly believe it takes Pride, Integrity and Guts (PIG) to be a police officer," he says with all seriousness. "And you can quote me on that."

Eric Palmer, a 17-year-old Cypress Lake High School junior, says he will consider police work after he completes college. "But that (college) is all I'm really sure of right now."

The Explorers' latest project is selling merchant and private homeowner decals that assign businesses and homes on Sanibel a number. Decals bearing the number will be applied to the front door of the business or home so officers on night patrol who find open doors can identify the location by its number over the police radio. This will keep names and addresses from being broadcast over the scanner, which many residents have access to.

Once the dispatcher knows the number he or she can notify the owner/manager of the establishment or the homeowner or neighbor.

The \$10 price of each decal goes toward funding any of the group's travels or local activities.

The Explorers are not included in the city's budget, so the club has been financially on its own since the beginning, Call says. The Sanibel Police Recreation Club generously contributed \$100 to help get the club out of the planning stages, she adds.

Call says the biggest obstacle the club faces right now is a lack of transportation. "We desperately need a van or something so we all can travel together," she says.

When the group goes anywhere the members have to split up in cars, which takes away from the fun of


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Four Sanibel youngsters last week became the keepers of \$175 they found last November while playing in the Dunes. After a sufficient period of time elapsed and no one claimed the money, Sanibel police returned the money to the children to divide equally and spend as they please.

From left to right, the lucky youngsters and the investigating of-

ficer are: Duncan Boswell, Adrian Jones, Off. Ray Christensen, James Paul Sweeney and Eric Stieier.

Boswell said he plans to put his share of the stash in the bank; Sweeney plans to buy a radio; Stieier will save his portion; and Jones hasn't quite decided what to do with his bounty. Photo by Mark Johnson.

'Something to do on Sanibel' from page 15A

being part of the group and also costs more money for gas.

Although the club meets at MacKenzie Hall on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month in official sessions that require members to dress in uniform and pass inspection, there is also much opportunity for casual get-togethers at other times and places.

On the Friday of every week in which there is not a Wednesday meeting the group plans some activity with Explorers from the Fort Myers Police Department, the Airport Police or the Lee County Sheriff's Department. So far the Friday evenings have included movies, pizza and similar teenage-

type activities.

A van would make the Friday evenings out much easier to coordinate, Call says.

Now that summer is coming and the demands of school will be forgotten temporarily, Call says, the Explorers hope more of their peers will join the group. "There's lots to do," she says, adding members this summer will help with dark house checks, conduct beach patrols and even help with a survey for the Below Market Rate Housing program on Sanibel.

Although he obviously enjoys the company of all his fellow Explorers, Eric Palmer hopes the ranks will swell this summer — "especially with pretty

girls," he jokes. "I think I speak for the club when I say we are always willing to accept pretty girls."

Lisa Simone doesn't let the opportunity pass by. "Of course we can always use good-looking guys, too," she says matter-of-factly. Palmer is un-doubtedly.

So the Islands' young men and women, good-looking or not, are invited to join the Explorers this summer and become part of a friendly, funny, active crowd of resourceful kids who have found their own answer to "Island-bound boredom."

For more information about joining the group or attending a meeting call Dispatcher Call at the Sanibel Police Department, 472-3111.

City of Sanibel hears from engineer on Blind Pass terminal structure

Council votes not to approve the project until several questions are answered.

By Scott Martell

Last week was a busy one for the Captiva Erosion Prevention District as the commissioners tried to secure local support for the Blind Pass terminal structure and proceed with establishing a financial base for the beach renourishment project.

Last Tuesday the district heard and responded to a report on the terminal structure given to the Sanibel City Council by Michael Stephen of Coastal Engineering Consultants. Stephen recommended that the city oppose the structure until questions were better answered as to the effect of the structure on the Sanibel coastline.

The council followed Stephen's advice, saying that the permitting agencies were better able to weigh all the facts on the structure's effect on Sanibel's coastline.

The next day members of the Lee County Commission also decided not to approve the structure until they had a better idea of its effects on Sanibel. "And as far as financing renourishment — without which the stabilizing structure would not be built — the CEPD petitioned the Captiva Civic Association for the opportunity to use the 4 percent Causeway surplus designated for Captiva. The association's board of governors agreed to poll its members on the use of the \$400,000 now in surplus as part of the \$6 million finance package to pay for renourishment.

A new finance package, the third one in 1 1/2 years, is in the works that would piece together the

Causeway surplus, an MSTU of gulf-front property owners, and ad valorem taxes.

At Tuesday's council meeting Stephen stressed that the city of Sanibel should weigh the benefits and detriments of the proposed extension of the stabilizing structure.

The "stub" groin is now about 100 feet long, and the CEPD would like to extend the structure 130 feet. The structure's purpose is to "button-up" the sand that is placed on the beach in a renourishment project, giving it stability and a longer engineering life.

"In my opinion there are too many questions at this point on how the structure will affect the downdrift areas," Stephen told the council.

Questions addressed to Stephen ranged from the effects of such a structure on Sanibel's erosion and on Blind Pass itself, to how the project would be monitored and whether the city could be guaranteed that the structure would be removed should it prove harmful to Sanibel.

Present at the meeting were Richard Stevens, the CEPD renourishment project manager, and George Watts, project engineer and designer of the terminal structure.

Watts emphasized that the structure would be no wider than the beach and that the combination of the structure and a renourished beach would add a supply of sand to Sanibel that is not available now.

"The facts are clear," Watts said, "Without the CEPD project Sanibel can expect to see its beaches appreciably diminish."

The engineering design of the structure is in Sanibel's favor, Watts implied.

"I must reiterate — this in no way resembles a truly terminal groin," he said. "Ours is much lower and shorter. It should be completely covered by sand as is the one up at Redfish Pass."

Councilman Louise Johnson asked what would happen if there were no continual renourishment in the future — would the Islands be stuck with the groin, but no supply of sand?

Watts said he, too, would be concerned in such an instance. But he added that if the structure were monitored and the data showed a problem, then the structure could be adjusted — up to the point of complete removal.

"But I am willing to stake my reputation that if there is a continuing maintenance program (supplying sand) then this structure will not need to be touched," Watts said.

Stephen countered that his firm did not have access to all the structure's design details.

"However, it is my impression that that this structure is not critical to the renourishment project," Stephen said. "Yes, it would be advantageous, but I still think there are better means, such as smaller type structures. These structures they are proposing is the hammer-type approach."

Taking the approach that an "objection" would underline the questions the council wanted studied by the permitting agencies, the council decided to oppose the terminal structure.

"All we're doing is alerting them that certain answers need to be satisfactorily obtained," said Mayor Fred Vailin. "We have to hope the permitting agencies have the scientific data to make the correct decision."

State agencies such as the Department of Natural Resources do not make it mandatory that local bodies such as Lee County and the city of Sanibel approve actions by another body — such as the CEPD.

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COMMENTARY

Ohio reader would prefer golf course to residences

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

Dear Mayor Valtin:
As a winter resident and condominium owner on Sanibel, I urge you to give careful consideration to the proposal to approve the Spoonbill golf club project.

It is my impression that the proposed plan provides adequate safeguards for the protection of wetlands and other environmental concerns. Clearly, that should be done in a sensible, rational way.

At the same time, an 18-hole country club would be a huge plus for the residents of the Island. When well done, as I am sure this

would be, a fine golf course facility is often one of the most attractive features of any vacation area. Surely, no one can believe that the land under consideration is going to continue to lie idle. The alternative is more residential concentration.

In my view, the best interests of the current residents and property owners of Sanibel are far better served by the well-maintained and beautiful open spaces of a golf course than by more residential development.

I would appreciate your bringing my views to the attention of the other members of the City Council.

Sincerely yours,
Stanley Laing
Dayton, Ohio

Opponents are thankful for CLUP

To the Editor
The Islander

Re: Spoonbill and the marathon council meeting of May 15 — We heard plenty to confirm our early opinion that the Spoonbill proposal is outrageous.

There's no question that Sanibel is unique: a subtropical barrier island with a substantial interior freshwater ecosystem. The strong address by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation to the protection of this ecosystem has broad-based support.

The Spoonbill proposal would, if approved, involve earth moving on a scale that would pose an unacceptable risk to Sanibel's unique ecosystem. Some guesswork was involved in the Spoonbill presentation. It should be understood that no leeway for any guesswork or error can be tolerated on a project of such import for this island.

The Spoonbill proponents presented an example of an ecological success

involving a completed golf course in East Fort Myers. A different example presented in the Fort Myers News-Press of May 17, 1984, is the 18-hole Wildcat Run, currently under construction, which involved the moving of "1.4 million cubic yards on 584 acres of high and dry land with elevations from 16 to 18 feet above sea level."

However, Spoonbill proposes dredge and fill on 315 acres that are dominantly wetlands. Most, if not all, of the fill would have to come from the small area of mid-island ridge. In such a context, assurances of an ecologically sound end result for the project and environs did not impress us favorably.

We are thankful that CLUP exists to serve as a sound reason for denying Spoonbill's requests. We are confident, too, that come July 24 council will back up staff and Planning Commission with unanimous denial.

Carter and Dorothy Leslie
Sanibel

COMMENTARY

Neighbors of proposed site say current plan is 'least undesirable'

A copy of the following letter to the city of Sanibel, attention Planning Commission Chairman Larry Simon, was given to The Islander for publication.

Gentlemen:
The Island Beach Club Condominium Association, representing its owners and residents, would like to go on record as being very much in favor of the proposed Spoonbill development on the property immediate to our north.

Although any use of this land — and sooner or later a use will be made — will have some adverse effect, this plan is clearly the least undesirable.

The open spaces of a golf course and small number of homes (160) is a lot less taxing to our resources than any other use.

It is obvious that this property will not go undeveloped. The aesthetics of

a golf course and a small number of homes on large lots is not at all a bad second choice. We should compare this to a situation that involves 160 units times 52 owners with the load that would put in our island.

It is our opinion that our public officials, both elected and appointed, have an obligation to further as well as protect the goals and objects of the residents of Sanibel. It may be more difficult, although just as incumbent, to apply our many rules and regulations to allow something desirable to happen as it is to prevent an undesirable.

We feel this project, as proposed, to be a very acceptable one and ask that every effort be made by our officials to see that all objections are overcome.

Certainly every detrimental effect must be reviewed and eliminated or reduced, as is practical, so that this

project can go forward rather than waiting for the next one which we might have to accept.

Any idea that this Island can remain the same as it was 20-30 years ago is nonsense, and our job must be to see that whatever changes are permitted are the most beneficial overall and the least damaging.

It is impossible that we are going to proceed without compromise, and it is your responsibility to see that the best is what we get.

We ask for and expect your help.
Yours truly,
Island Beach Club
Condo Association
Robert Amertze, president

Campbell delivers kudos to Johnson, Tenney

To the Editor
The Islander

The City Council's marathon May 15 (until 11 p.m.) session on the Spoonbill Golf and Tennis Club identified two people who gained much deserved respect:

George Tenney's eloquent and courageous plea to deny marked one of the most outstanding few minutes in the decade of the Sanibel City Council's history.

Louise Johnson emerged as a heroine for her brave but futile attempt to seek council approval when she moved for a denial. I'm sure her brave act left her feeling alone when none of her colleagues would second it. Kudos to both Louise and George, distinguished Sanibel citizens.

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Applicants fail to appear

Council denies two requests for variances

Because the applicant failed to appear for the second time for a scheduled hearing, the City Council last Tuesday turned down a request from Pelican's Roost condominium for a variance to the Graphics ordinance. Code Enforcement Officer Dick Baker told the council he had had no communication from the condominium association since the hearing was continued at the May 1 meeting. No one was at that meeting to represent the applicant. The condominium needed a variance to move an existing sign to a more visible location closer to the corner of Donax Street and Middle

Gulf Drive and to mount two signs — one on the tennis court fence to ensure privacy and a second directional sign at the Pelican's Roost entrance. The Graphics ordinance permits only one ground mounted street sign at multi-family sites.

Councilman Louise Johnson's motion to deny the request passed by a 5-0 vote.

The council also denied Roger Patch's request for a specific amendment to place a pelican sculpture 50 feet in the air atop a cupola on his North Yachtman's Drive home when Patch did not appear for the second hearing last Tuesday.

Patch had argued earlier that the council had set a precedent when it permitted the city to keep a dolphin weathervane on the cupola at City Hall that exceeds the 45-foot height limitation for structures.

Apparently Mr. Patch read the mood of the council as unfavorable.

Mayor Fred Valtin commented after learning that Patch had not requested a continuance. Councilman Bill Hagerup's motion

to deny the specific amendment passed by a 4-1 vote with Councilman Francis Bailey dissenting.

Sanibel's young citizens prepare for Student Government Day from page 9A

Association hall at noon.

Students will read the essays judged as best by former Sanibel Councilman Duane White, Allan Smith, editor of the Island Reporter, and Cindy Chalmers, editor of The Islander.

The fifth graders have been preparing for this day for several months. Sanibel Elementary School Principal Barbara Ward said.

The CRIDS (Citizens Responsible in a Democratic Society)

project, under the direction of fifth grade teacher Sallyann Sharp, is part of the American history curriculum at the Sanibel school, Ward said.

To become familiar with the main issues facing Sanibel lawmakers, the students read both island newspapers. To learn how to conduct a public meeting they discussed Roberts Rules of Order, Ward added.

MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Historical Preservation Committee needs funds to prepare city museum for opening

The City Council has deferred action on a proposed budget for the Historical Preservation Committee's operation of the Island Historical Museum (the former "Uncle" Clarence Rutland home) until the city's 1984-85 budget is complete.

City Manager Bernie Murphy said committee Chairman Evelyn Pearson has requested \$2,000 to cover the items needed to make the museum ready for its scheduled Nov. 10 opening. The opening will coincide with the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the city's incorporation.

But Murphy said he believed the committee underestimated the

amount needed to accomplish this goal and that a supplemental appropriation to the committee's current budget would be necessary.

Anita Glantz has been named chairman of a committee soliciting contributions from private citizens to supplement the city's funding.

The council approved placement of a plaque at the museum just west of City Hall. The inscription, written by Island historian Elinore Dornier, designates the museum as a facility "dedicated to the pioneer families of Sanibel and Captiva."

The text continues: "The building, known as the Rutland House, was

Appointments made to city committees

The City Council unanimously approved the appointment of Anne Margaret Bailey to the Historical Preservation Committee to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ty Symroski, who has moved off-

Island. The council also recently approved the appointment of Alice Kyilo and Dr. Calvin Brown to the Live Shelling Committee.

donated by the Muench family and moved to this site from its original location on Periwinkle Way. It was built in 1913 by Dan Waldron for W.D. Swint on property homesteaded by The Rev. Andrew Wren and his wife, Abia. It was bought in 1928 by Clarence Rutland, whose home it was until his death in 1982."

Her colleagues assured Councilman Louise Johnson that recognition of donations to the city in this manner was not new.

"A plaque was placed at a small city park on San Carlos Bay recognizing pioneer Daisy Mayer as the donor of the land," Councilman Mike Klein said.

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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Council rules Sanibel Gardens lots are buildable

Property owner Marvin Post says he wants to become 'a citizen of Sanibel' once again

After resolving the "real issue" — whether Marvin Post's three lots in Sanibel Gardens subdivision are buildable in terms of density — the City Council last week approved Post's request for a specific amendment that had been hanging fire for two months.

But the council reminded Post this was only the first hurdle on the road to fulfillment of his dream of becoming a "citizen of Sanibel" once again.

Before he can build a home on his property Post must petition the council for exemption from the moratorium on development that is currently in effect in Sanibel Gardens.

To do this he must first obtain approval for a development permit that meets all the specifications and standards for construction in the

proposed Wetlands Preservation District.

Post came to the last Tuesday's second hearing of his specific amendment with a deed for the three lots signed by the president of Gulf Florida Land Development, Corp.

Gulf Florida still holds title to two remaining lots in the block.

City Attorney David La Croix said the deed was not properly executed.

Two witnesses to the signature were required, La Croix said, and in order for Post to be "the owner of the whole property in the eyes of the whole world," the deed must be properly recorded.

Post agreed to have the deed recorded in Lee County the next morning.

The council had no problem with the deed, but La Croix pointed out that all five lots in the block were held in common ownership by Gulf Florida when the land use plan was adopted and the entire parcel was considered as one buildable lot.

The specific amendment carves out three as one buildable lot and makes the other two also one buildable lot, La Croix said.

But Post said the other lots fall short of the 15,000-square-foot minimum requirement in that ecological zone.

Mayor Fred Valtin said he was more sympathetic to Post's request after viewing the lots. The land is higher than most in that area, and access could be provided from Emerson

Avenue, he said.

"Your application has given us a lot of trouble — legal and for other reasons," Valtin told Post. "But compassion motivates me to approve it."

Councilman Louise Johnson said she was concerned with preserving the integrity of the Wetlands Preservation District, but, "Because this is a special case with unique circumstances I will support a motion to approve."

Councilman Bill Hagerup's motion to transfer the one dwelling unit assigned to Lots 1-3 to Lots 1-3 (owned by Post) passed by a 5-0 vote.

Refuge employee will fight for his job from page 2A

For instance, the refuge recently sent Blackburn to school to learn boat maintenance so he could keep up the government boats. He is also responsible for vehicle maintenance, helps with exotic plant control and water level management, maintains the many miles of hiking and canoe trails, does all the electrical work, and more.

He is especially proud of his stewardship of the Youth Conservation Corp summer workers. Last year the teenage group was singled out at the best in the entire nation.

"This is where the problem lies when you consider such a cut in a small governmental organization compared to the big ones," Hight acknowledged. "We only have two maintenance people, and they obviously contribute in many other ways than just maintenance."

But, Hight admits, the system doesn't allow thinking in "human terms." Instead it simply tries to reduce government budgets — a goal that Hight, as refuge manager, obviously feels is worthy, but... "Richard's dedication has to be a key factor here," Hight says.

While employees in the Fish and Wildlife Service have not been given final notice, "There is no doubt whom they are talking about," says Hight, when it comes to looking at the Sanibel refuge.

So with his job on the line, Blackburn cut his vacation off last week and quickly returned to Sanibel.

"This job has refocused me," he reiterates. "And I don't want to lose it. I could find another job — I am a worker. But if the government cuts this job, what's next? More jobs protecting wildlife and preserving the environment? Sensitive land? Who knows?"

Many notable island residents appear to believe that Blackburn, as a veteran and a dedicated environmental worker, should be able to keep his refuge job.

A grassroots letter writing campaign has begun, with letters being sent to congressmen and senators from Florida. Those islanders interested in participating can call Blackburn at the refuge, 472-1100.

Birth

Zachary Almas Phillips



Debbie and Steve Phillips announce the birth of their son, Zachary Almas, Monday afternoon, May 14, 1984.

Zachary was 21½ inches long and weighed 8 pounds 13 ounces when he was born at Lee Memorial Hospital. His father is manager of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation; his mother works for The Mariner Group.

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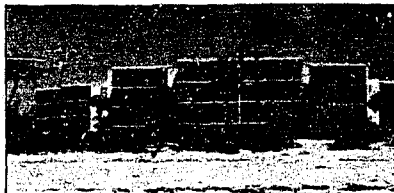
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Section B

Elegy for an Island spoonbill

On Oct. 10, 1982, Councilman Louise Johnson was playing the seventh hole of the Dunes golf course when she came upon a roseate spoonbill felled by a golf ball.

By George Campbell
Illustrated by Ann Winterkahn

The word Spoonbill has been on everyone's tongue lately. Why? Certainly not because of the beautiful pink spatulate-billed birds that some consider to be the most exquisite of our Island avifauna.

Rather, this word has become over-used as the symbol for the single most divisive issue that has come to plague us since Sanibel's Declaration of Independence from Lee County back in 1974. I refer to the Spoonbill Golf and Tennis Club, Inc.

It is interesting that the board of directors of the golf and tennis club chose Spoonbill for their name. This inappropriate choice degrades our beautiful bird species.

On the other hand, there is something singularly appropriate about naming the

Spoonbill Golf and Tennis Club after *Ajaja ajaja* (Linnaeus), which is the roseate spoonbill's binomial.

How can I, of all people, discover anything appropriate about this misplaced use of Spoonbill as a symbol? Well, I'll tell you: it is due to an unfortunate accident.

On Oct. 10, 1982, Councilman Louise Johnson was playing the seventh hole of the Dunes golf course when she came upon a roseate spoonbill felled by a golf ball. The party ahead of her had obviously hit the bird.

When Louise found it, the spoonbill was apparently dead. But being a gentleman and admiring the rare beauty of this bird that is adorned with much rich pink, she could not bear to leave the exquisite creature lying there to be consumed by scavengers.

So she picked up the bird and returned to the clubhouse, where she learned that a hit spoonbill had been reported. Louise then took the animal to "Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc., where it was pronounced DOA and recorded as patient no. 504.

At that time it happened that the officials of the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge had sent out a request to all naturalists on Sanibel who might encounter certain fresh dead specimens, usually accident victims, that could be employed in the refuge's audio-

visual nature exhibits that were being prepared for the Visitors Center. Among the birds sought was a roseate spoonbill.

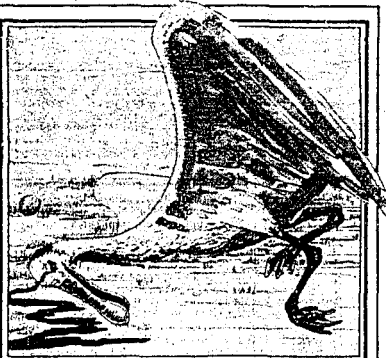
The lovely specimen that Johnson collected was sent to Wilderness Graphics, Inc., a new firm in Tallahassee that had contracted with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to create the educational dioramas that now are on display at the refuge headquarters. It must be counted as a credit to the "Ding" Darling refuge staff that not one specimen displayed in the headquarters dioramas was taken alive for the purpose. All had been accidentally killed.

Louise Johnson's specimen is today an important display, restored to its living beauty in a diorama at No. 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel.

So, because of Johnson's caring, a spoonbill killed by a golf ball remains for all to see, a symbol of wildlife-human interaction that belies Spoonbill, Inc.'s May 1, 1984 statement to its sponsors (page three, *insert one*):

"Consideration for Sanibel's people as well as wildlife -- they need not be mutually exclusive."

We can ill afford to lose spoonbills in this country. Once common, Audubon reported them from South Carolina to Mississippi. A huge rookery used to be at Cape Romano, a few miles south of Sanibel. Today few spoonbills remain -- perhaps 1,200 live in or "migrate



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north" in the United States. Sanibel had about one-third of the total United States population a few years ago when 400 of them summured here. The late Richard Beebe and I counted that many on

more than one occasion between 1974 and 1976. In the last few years I have not found quite that many, and I fear the number is

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Islander's travelogue details African safari

Sanibel resident George Tenney traveled to Africa last November with George Campbell and 15 others. The following are excerpts from Tenney's record of his travels.

This chronical started in the May 8 issue of *The Islander*. We conclude the series this week with Tenney's account of his final days in Kenya.

The full text of his travelogue along with 200 color photographs from the safari is available to the public for reading at the Sanibel Public Library.

"... The ride to Lake Nakuru the next morning put us in rich farming and dairy country. We almost ran out of gas (there are no gas stations along the highways) and barely coasted into a Mobil station in Nakuru.

"Roger Tory Peterson says there are more than a million flamingoes on Lake Nakuru, and no one will dispute him. The shoreline in both directions was pink with them, and so, too, was the opposite shore.

"While pelicans, aligrets, cormorants, herons, maribou storks and other water birds mingled with the flamingoes. In the 28 square miles the park encompasses we saw a variety of game topped by reed buck and gazelles.

"Lake Nakuru Lodge, where we enjoyed a buffet lunch, is a delightful spot worthy of a place on any African safari. Situated on a high

ridge above the lake, the lodge looks out on an inspiringly beautiful sight -- the lakeshore tinged pink from flamingoes.

"However, Lake Navilasha Lodge on the shores of the lake of the same name is equally beautiful. Sweeping lawns, towering trees and multi-hued flowers give it a glorious setting. We crossed by boat to Crawford Island National Park, the smallest in Kenya. It is a miniature reserve with most of the accustomed game plus big-eared foxes, African hares and a variety of birds. A hippo surfaced on the lake as we returned.

"Our destination, Keekoruk Lodge, sits in the center of the Kenya reserve on the edge of the Serengethi plains. Most of the Serengethi and the Masai Mara preserve are situated in neighboring Tanzania.

"One can be surfeited with too much wild games, and this was true of our afternoon safari ride. Here are some highlights:

"Eshenas immediately we encountered a dozen or more playing in a waterhole. The babies were a delight to watch.

"Giraffes -- Four separate bands either grazed in the wooded areas or on the open plains -- tall ungainly but majestic.

"Lions -- We passed three different groups of two each -- the first at a fresh zebra kill beside a waterhole. A male and a lioness dozed beside the road. A pair of huge males

put on a show washing their faces with paw and tongue.

"Rhinoceros -- Two -- a mother and half-grown juvenile grazed in the brush. Too late for pictures because no flash is permitted.

"Ostriches -- Several pair people-watched from the plain. Males are black, females a dusty brown. They have a lumbering but incredibly fast gallop.

"Hyenas -- Scores of the dirty and awesome creatures bounded across the plain, lay beside the road or skulked close to dens dug in the group. A tiny pup glared at us from one hole.

"Saturday morning the safari set out for the hippo pools at the Mara River, which twines through the reserve.

"Sixteen hippos were submerged in the first pool. One huge beast stood with snout level with the water surface. In the next pool 21 of the ungainly beasts stretched out along the beach with one standing as though it were watchman. One tiny baby was crowded among them.

"(As I write this a large female baboon watches me from the window ledge outside my room).

"Our Saturday afternoon hunt was to track down predators. We were successful with everything but leopards. First off a male and

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declining. There is a rookery on the southern end of Florida's peninsula, the only one around here. Another at Great Inagua in the southern Bahamas contains several hundred breeding pairs, and other rookeries are elsewhere around the Caribbean Basin. The species migrates northward to the Texas gulf coast from mangrove forest rookeries south of Tampa. They are known to have bred historically as far north as Tampa Bay in Florida. The "northward migration" alluded to above might really represent an effort to extend the breeding range. Today Sanibel is "way up

north" to the spoonbill. It is the light-colored young and the more richly colored adults that spend their summers here after the breeding season to the south. Funny thing, in the last eight years or so the spoonbills, when they leave for their southern breeding grounds toward the end of the year, have left some eight to 14 (17 one-year) of their group at our refuge, to the joy and pleasure of our winter visitors. Prior to that, about 10 years ago, one did not see this. They just were not here in the winter time. Perhaps the birds that are left here in the winter breeding season are young

and have not yet joined the breeding flock, or perhaps some are sculls and have left the breeding population. Or, as suggested above, perhaps there is a breeding range extension in prospect. Once again we might see breeding of this species in this part of the state. Who knows? In any case, how fortunate it is that we have these few animals with us each winter and, of course, the large flock each spring and summer. A peculiarly inappropriate reason for selecting this bird's name to describe the Spoonbill Golf and Tennis Club, Inc., is the fact that this has become such a noisy and divisive brouhaha on Sanibel

and is likely to get even more raucous. I say "Inappropriate" because the spoonbill is usually mute, or almost mute. It has no beautiful call, such as the cardinal's. It has no distinctive cry like that frequently heard background sound on Sanibel, the cry of the red-shouldered hawk. Nor does it mimic the lovely "song" of the several heron species. The spoonbill merely grunts a bit, or clucks like a chicken. That a mute, or almost mute, bird would have the same name as a raucous battleground hullabaloo like that which is tearing Sanibel apart today is some kind of exquisite irony.

Should the Spoonbill Golf and Tennis Club be approved, which I sincerely hope it will not, the day could come when another spoonbill is based on the head with a golfball. And who knows, maybe the managers of that proposed club would employ Wilderness Graphics to set up a neat little stuffed spoonbill in their clubhouse foyer. Sometimes I feel that all of Sanibel's original goals are forgotten. We seem to be rushing away from natural value preservation; Sanibel's own Concord is rushing toward its own Watergate, with the destroyers em-

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Elegy for an Island spoonbill continued

playing McCarthy-like threats such as the May 1 Spoonbill board's ominous, although skillfully distorted, allegation that if a golf course is not created at the site in question, then there will likely eventuate 200 Below Market Rate Housing units! That is "hyperbolic acid." The continued destruction of birds on golf courses is not idle speculation. Until very recently, I was closely associated with CROW. I still handle reptile problems for that firm group. My association with CROW has led me to understand that each year between five and 10 patients are brought in from golf courses. Some are terminal, such as the DOA spoonbill described above. Some are injured by golf balls. About half are intoxicated with the kinds of chemicals that must be used to make golf courses function to the satisfaction of the players — chemical pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers. It has been stated by authorities that about 80 percent of Florida's wetland bird species have been destroyed in the last century. How long can we continue to lose birds, especially on Sanibel, which is supposed to be a SANCTUARY ISLAND! Golf courses are not the only hazards by a long shot. We must include traffic, poachers and unskilled fishermen who kill a lot of

birds through improper handling of entangling fishing lines, hooks and nets. Certain plastic rubbish takes a toll, too. How long can the remaining populations endure? And what would a full-size, 18-hole golf course add to this situation? King rails are somewhat unusual on this island. There might be more than we think because they are elusive creatures, but they are not seen very frequently. On April 20 on a road adjacent to the site selected by the Spoonbill Golf and Tennis Club, Inc., for its private club (which is to benefit "all" of Sanibel), the king rail pictured here was hit by a car. How many more animals would suffer from the added traffic if the city were to permit the four-times-the-legal density that is being sought by Spoonbill? Rails are of five kinds here — Sara, Virginia, clapper, king and black rails. Only the clapper and the king breed here; others migrate. Rails do not look like agile flyers, but apparently they are because three of the species migrate to distant breeding habitats. The king rail is a large, very thin bird that needs the low cover and gullies and edges where it seeks its aquatic prey. These birds are fast walkers and can slip through the narrowest places imaginable in the vegetation.

Maybe you thought the phrase "thin as a rail" referred to the kind of rail Abraham Lincoln split when he was a boy. Not so. It refers to these thin birds that slip through narrow gaps in the vegetation along the edges of waterways. That is the origin of the colorful expression. According to early literature, the king rail was once common here. You can still hear them at the Bailey tract and in the nearby Trost tract, which is part of the land being sought for the golf course, but they are hard to see. What a shame that one had to be smashed by a car! What a further shame it would be if these scarce and diminishing animals were stressed even more by the destruction of habitat on the Trost property and the addition of traffic that would eventuate with the building of 160 dwelling units if the Spoonbill Golf and Tennis Club were to be built. The citizens of Sanibel and our visitors, too, who come here for the same reasons many of us came to live here — because of the natural values of this island — should unite to oppose developments that will further impact our wildlife, either through actual slaughter — or equally destructive — the altering and abuse of habitat. I hope all who value this wildlife heritage will stand up and be counted. Make your desires known to the City

At the wildlife refuge Film interprets environmental ethics

The summer schedule for the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge in effect through Oct. 31, 1984. Summer operating hours for the national wildlife refuge facilities and programs on Sanibel will include: Self-guiding tour along the five-mile Wildlife Drive, walking trails at the Bailey Tract, and self-guiding canoe trails (canoe rentals available at Tarpon Bay Marina and Tween Waters Marina) every day of the week from sunrise to sunset. Visitors Center wildlife exhibits open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. An orientation slide show at the Visitors Center at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m., Monday through Saturday. A special film presentation at 11 a.m. Saturday. This week's film at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 26, is "Sand County Almanac," the visual interpretation of Aldo Leopold's book on environmental ethics.



Fathers (and Mothers). Let us stay on the ball; let us keep Sanibel a wildlife haven in perpetuity. Let Sanibel remain the example of excellence in land use planning that it is today and that is known throughout this great country of ours. Marco Island North, it is not! Let us keep it that way. This King Rail was killed by a car near the Trost tract on April 20. These seldom seen birds use both the Trost and the Bailey tracts.

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a female lion sat beside the road less than 1/4 mile from the lodge, the lioness obviously anxious to get off to a waterhole for a kill. Next were two lionesses, one a juvenile and the other a mother with a very small cub. A cheetah loped across the plain, stopped once for a stalk that included a lightning fast but unsuccessful run at a band of gazelle. A short distance beyond we found another cheetah, this one with a recent kill, an immature gazelle. She gnawed furiously and paid no attention to the vans gathered to watch and photograph. Highlight of the trip from Kookeruk to Cotter's Camp next day was four bands of giraffes numbering from six to 22 with several juveniles. Cotter's Camp is pre-tourist Africa — quaint, rustic and definitely primitive. It is

run by a white hunter and his wife and was a great center for pre-conservation trophy game hunts. It accommodates only 30 guests in tents or bombas. "It is a place for the young, for voyagers and for the adventuresome, but not for the fastidious who relish intercontinental or Hilton amenities. I enjoyed it; it was quiet, relaxing, restful and uncrowded." "We set out on our afternoon hunt to find Leo, the MGM symbolic lion, reputedly the largest and finest black-maned specimen in these parts." "With the help of an old and ear-pierced Masai, we found him. However, beforehand we spotted a lioness with four cubs (obviously fathered by Leo). Close by was the King of Beasts himself — a truly magnificent animal." "We drove back to Nairobi across the Rift

Valley, where the plains rolled away to the distant horizon with herds of game as far as the eye could see. "Our last day in Nairobi one of the guides put the topping on our cake. He drove Ann Winterbotham, George Campbell and myself out to Nairobi National Park for a last game hunt. We saw everything but elephants — one rhino, many gland (some of Africa's largest antelope), giraffes, warthogs and piglets and tens of thousands of other animal. Capping it all were many ostriches, with two pair accompanied by a band of turkey-sized chickens. All of this with the Nairobi skyline and the airport tower for a backdrop. "It was a fitting end to an unforgettable experience. I keep thinking, 'I must go back again to prove to myself it all was truly real.'"

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ARTS ON THE ISLANDS

By Julie Niedenfuer

Is it scrimshaw? Or is it plastic?

Authenticity doesn't matter
to Captiva collector

In the 1800s when whaling vessels sailed from New England seaports, men on board had to make preparations to be gone a long time. Often the expeditions at sea lasted more than two years.

It was during such voyages that scrimshaw, the art of carving and engraving the bones and teeth of slaughtered whales and walrus, originated. Lonely sailors with time on their hands found carving a good way to fill the long hours.

Scrimshanders, those who do scrimshaw work, didn't limit their craft to just the decorative objects we often associate with the art form. Using nothing more than a jackknife or sharpened nail, these craftsmen turned out such things as clothespins, jaggng wheels for crimping pie crusts, rolling pins and very often, corset busks.

Birdcages, checkerboards, toys and ship models were some of the more ornamental objects scrimshanders fashioned from the ivory. But perhaps the most easily recognized scrimshaw pieces (aside from an Old Spice bottle) are the engraved whales teeth or walrus tusks depicting naval battles or whale hunts.

Because of its beauty and value scrimshaw is highly prized and is a favorite of collectors. Islander Codman Hislop has been a fancier for a long time.

"Many, many years ago I saw the most remarkable snuff box at a flea market in Paris," he says about how he acquired his first piece of scrimshaw. "It was very small, no more than three inches, and the lid was lined. On one side was a stylized figure of a king and on the other, a queen, which you could see had been copied from playing cards."

"It was obviously very old ivory," he bought it not fully realizing its value, but it wasn't long before he found out. On his way back to the United States, customs officials noticed the piece in his suitcase and told him it was the most valuable piece they'd yet seen come through.

Except on an extremely limited basis, ivory is no longer legally imported to the United States, which makes scrimshaw even more valuable today. So it was inevitable that somebody would figure out a way to manufacture fake scrimshaw. In the United States the company's name is Artek, and it makes polymer plastic whale teeth and walrus tusks solely for the purpose of selling to museums.

Because these fakes are so convincing, each carries identifying marks — the name Artek, the initials of the museum that owns the original piece and the word "reproduction" or "replica."



It's not too surprising that somebody has found a way to remove the marks. Fake scrimshaw pieces have been turning up everywhere.

Museums and dealers have been approached by people selling the ivory or inquiring as to the worth of a piece they've recently purchased. And even though the fakes are beautifully crafted, they are worth little compared to the real thing.

Hislop says an Artek tooth might sell for \$50 in a museum gift shop, but an authentic piece dating back to the early to mid-1800s might go for \$25,000 to \$30,000 at certain auctions.

Recently he purchased a collection of seven pieces, including whale teeth and walrus tusks. "I bought them with a clear understanding they might not be genuine," he says.

He now believes they're not. Hislop says the "very reasonable price" he paid for the collection was his first good clue that his scrimshaw had not been carved by the hand of a lonely sailor 150 years ago.

Captivan Fred Schlip has an ivory collection that includes one carved whale tooth he believes is authentic. The tooth is dated 1840 and is engraved with a naval battle scene. The scene is different from Hislop's, but the two are identical in every other way.

There are several methods for testing the authenticity of a scrimshaw piece. One of the most conclusive, albeit technical, is researching

the records of the old Yankee whaling vessels. Ships maintained detailed logs that listed crew members and voyage dates, as well as other information.

Authentic carved whale teeth and walrus tusks are usually inscribed with such historical data as the ship's name and rig, dates and master's name, and often the carver's initials.

Checking the information on the scrimshaw against the actual sailing records has disproven the authenticity of many plastic pieces.

Another testing method is to expose the ivory to ultraviolet light. Genuine ivory will show up brilliant white under the light; the polymer plastic doesn't change. Also, ivory stays cool while plastic takes on room temperature.

Hislop put his scrimshaw to the ultraviolet light test and the "ivory" failed. He hasn't researched the historical data, but a friend, Waldo Hasland, a director of the Mystic Seaport Museum, which has one of the largest scrimshaw collections in the world, sent him pictures of authentic pieces from the museum after which his had obviously been copied.

Even though his collection isn't authentic, Hislop isn't too disappointed. "It's been fun," he says. "Sort of detective work."

"And they're remarkable reproductions. This is a sophisticated piece of artwork. I'm glad to have them whether they're original or not."

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Island playwright reflects on first endeavor

When the final applause died on closing night of "We Blew Up the Bridge, Didn't We?" it marked the end of one of the most ambitious projects ever undertaken by Island writer Mike Fuery — and one of the most successful. Five of the six performances were nearly sold out.

"I think it was pretty well received," Fuery says modestly about his production that poked fun at the sometimes explosive relationship between environmentalists and developers and hit pretty close to home on Sanibel and Captiva.

The only night attendance dropped was the fourth — and last — performance at the Captiva Civic

Center. Estimating that 70 to 80 percent of playgoers consisted of Island residents, Fuery speculates that by the fourth night on Captiva they simply ran out of an audience.

Performances at Sundial on Sanibel the following weekend drew near capacity crowds of 140 to 150 each evening.

Barring a few unforeseen expenses and one or two minor problems, the production went smoothly. Relocating the set to the Sundial for the final two nights of performances proved to be the greatest problem encountered, Fuery says — everything had to be torn down, moved and then set up all over

again. The actors also had to make some minor adjustments in the transition. At the civic center they faced the audience straight on; at Sundial audiences looked on from three sides.

And because of the set arrangement at the resort, cast members awaiting cues were separated — some waited in the hallway while the others bade their time in the kitchen. This arrangement presented an assortment of interesting situations, Fuery says.

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Island playwright reflects on first endeavor continued

One instance he recalls involved the character Firecracker, played by Mike Gaylord. Firecracker was a salty old janitor who had a cigar butt perpetually wedged between his upper and lower teeth and whose every movement never failed to elicit a puff of dust from some part of his filthy attire.

One part of his performance required that he enter the stage from the opposite side he had just exited, and to do so meant a quick trip around through the kitchen and dining room of the restaurant.

On one occasion as he passed through the dining

room he stopped at a table, leaned over and, assuming an air of authority, inquired of the surprised patron how she liked her linguine.

All but two or three of the cast members had some previous acting experience before "We Blew Up the Bridge, Didn't We?" Fuery maintains his players are "very passable as community talent."

"I was very impressed with the actors," he says. Will Islanders be treated to an encore performance of the play? Maybe, he says, "but not until fall or winter anyway."

"Doing this has been an experience."

Canterbury students present musical comedy-mystery

The drama and music departments of Canterbury School will present the play "The Mystery of Hastings House" at 8 p.m. this Friday, May 25, in the school gymnasium.

The musical comedy/mystery involves a group of teenagers who spend the night in a haunted house. Admission is \$1 for students and \$2 for adults. Tickets are available from cast members now, and also may be purchased at the door the evening of the play.

For more information call 481-4323.

CLUB NEWS

Business women vote to oppose additional 5 percent tourist tax

The Sanibel-Captiva American Business Women's Association met May 10 at the Thistled Lodge. Dr. Linda Lopez McAllister, dean of the University of South Florida at Fort Myers, was the guest speaker. She discussed the growth and future of USP.

McAllister said there are 1,000 students at the university, about half of which are transfers from

Edison Community College. She said she is pleased with the interaction that exists between the university and the community and added there are plans to survey the actual needs of the area.

Kate Gooderham, 1984-85 Woman of the Year, accepted a plaque from last year's honored woman, Barbara Boulton.

Karen Bell, education chairman, reported that the three scholarship recipients will be guests of the association at the June meeting.

The membership voted to communicate disapproval of State Senate Bill 808, which would impose an additional 5 percent tax on motel and hotel accommodations.

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ON THE WATER

By Captain Mike Fuery



This is traditionally the start of the "big fish" season around Sanibel and Captiva, and among the most exciting and challenging fishes to catch are the sharks.

Yes, there are sharks in our waters. And so, they are not a danger to you as a swimmer, snorkeler or sheller. But these fish do make fine sport tackle angling, and one or two are excellent for eating, too.

By far, the most abundant type of shark is the blacktip. These sharks range from 18 inches to about five feet long. The blacktip has a close relative, the spinner shark, that also has black tips on its fins. They technically are two different sharks, but they do share some characteristics.

Both blacktip and spinner sharks jump from the water when hooked. A four- or five-foot shark shooting out of the water, twisting wildly, is a great sight and a thrill to have on the end of your line.

Both blacktip and spinner also take artificial baits. Usually larger sharks like slices or chunks of fish. The bloodier the baitfish, the better. Fish like jacks, ladyfish or Spanish mackerel work well. So do

mullet and pinfish.

The spinner shark grows longer than the blacktip, but neither reach great weights as compared to their length.

Occasionally someone in the area gulf waters hooks a bull shark. These can reach up to 10 feet long and weigh around 400 pounds. This shark has a huge front portion of the body and also has a reputation for eating big tarpon.

Many guides who fish for tarpon in world famous Boca Grande Pass see big bull sharks chase and eat hooked tarpon. And the tarpon usually weigh 100 pounds or more!

The blacktip shark is much easier to catch and more likely to be brought back to the dock by the casual angler. Troat anglers often catch the smaller ones from two to three feet that roam the Pine Island Sound grass flats.

If you are looking primarily for small blacktips, then try drifting the flats with cut and live bait about three feet under a popping cork. Anchor and chum for the fish if you hit a pocket of strikes from

blacktips.

Incidentally, many of the strips of shallow waters along either side of the Intercoastal Waterway have fine shark fishing. The sharks like working the flats from the deeper waters of the waterway. Mornings seem to be the best time, but cloudy, calm afternoons also produce.

These are definitely sharks, so you need to use care when dealing with them. I net the smaller ones, but they can eat the net in the process. A small gaff works best on larger fish.

Once you have one in your boat, dispatch the fish to shark heaven, via club, and then with a stout knife cut it open and clean out the insides. Toss the insides in the water — to draw more, of course.

Ice the sharks and file like a regular fish, paying particular attention to getting all the skin off. The blacktips make good eating when smoked, barbecued or char-broiled.

Most of all, they are a hard fighting, fun fish to catch that will become more plentiful as the summer goes on.

SHELLING TIPS

By Captain Mike Fuery



Every year we have an invasion of sorts along our beaches. It's not the college spring break crowd or the Easter family vacationers. This invasion comes from the Gulf of Mexico and involves rays. Some are dangerous, some beautiful, and all have an interesting life.

The rays seem to start working the southern side of Sanibel first, coming along the shallow waters in schools of a dozen to 10 times that number. Their presence can send panic down the beaches, while some shellers and swimmers choose to ignore the whole thing and watch the passing parade.

Most Island visitors know about the infamous stingray. It is sand colored, rounded and flat, with a whip-like tail that has a barb toward the base of the body.

That barb can inflict a painful wound if a sheller or swimmer should accidentally step on the ray as it works shallow waters for tiny shells, crabs and shrimps.

You might have heard about doing the "stingray shuffle" when walking the shallows or beaches. Instead of stepping, you shuffle your feet so the ray can detect your presence and get out of your way. It works most of the time.

But be careful of having another person near you who speaks a ray out of his path — right into yours! That's how many stings happen.

A ray's barb can go into your foot or leg for two inches. Get to a doctor as soon as possible because of the possibility of infection. Soaking in hot water helps relieve pain from the wound, but it's best to avoid the problem altogether if you can.

The rays you see around here are most likely Atlantic stingrays. They only reach about two feet long and look much like the Southern stingray. These can reach seven feet long and five feet wide and weigh 100 pounds or more. They make for entertaining flailing, and we often catch the larger rays while looking for tarpon and sharks.

Sometimes you will see a triangular shaped ray that is harmless but beautiful to watch. The smooth butterfly rays have no stinger. Netters often catch them while looking for pompano off the beaches.

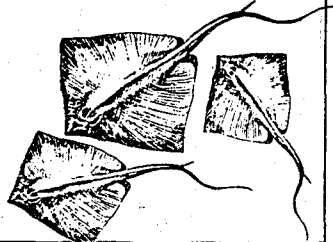
Ever look along the shore and see two distinct fins? These belong to bat rays. They are darker and have a more winged shape than the stingrays. Another ray, the cownose ray, is very close in markings. One book I referred to about rays said the bat ray is primarily a west coast ray, but I am sure I've seen them here. The cownose is found around our southern waters. Both have stingers on the tail near the base of the body.

By far the most beautiful of our local rays is the spotted eagle ray. These can reach seven feet across the wings, but most are three to four feet. You will

often see them leap completely out of the water. They are shy creatures, often lying or swimming slowly near the surface.

Good shelling this week. Remember to keep an eye out for the rays and give them plenty of room to get out of your path.

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ISLANDER SPORTS

By Scott Martell

Girls' softball season ends Dodgers claim league title by one game

The score went back and forth in a tight game between the Dodgers and Phillies last Saturday. When it was over, the Dodgers had won 8-6 and had earned the league title by one game.



Top: Joy Cramer (21) reaches out to bug Dodgers teammate Amber Noon after home made the last out in ensure the Dodger victory. Above: Phillie Bridget Sweeney tags out Dodger

Although the girls' season is officially over, there will be a fun game between girls and their mothers this Saturday afternoon, May 26.

In the boys' Little League last week the Astros wrapped up the title by beating the second place Rangers twice. The Astros finished the season with a 15-5 record and have to be the team to beat in this week's playoff tournament that begins tonight and continues Thursday and Saturday.

Tuesday last week the Astros beat the Rangers, 6-3. Thursday the Yanks powered past the Angels 19-9. But the Angels came back on Saturday to beat the Yankees, 12-8. Then the Astros again beat the Rangers, 8-6.

While the Astros won their league by four big games, in the girls' league the competition turned out to be as tight as a new ball of twine. The Dodgers quickly scored two runs in the first inning, bringing back memories of their early dominance.

But then the Phillies came up to the plate and fought back. Bridget Sweeney scored one run, then Laura Fenton doubled with the bases loaded. The Phillies were up 3-2. Cheryl Prielster then singled in another Phillie run, and before the inning was over Brit Laurence added an RBI, and the Phillies led 5-2.

But the Dodgers remained undaunted. Joy Cramer knocked in Shannon Cantrell to make the score 5-3. The Dodgers continued to threaten, adding another run and then loading the bases with two outs. The next Dodger hitter blasted a hot smash, which pitcher Sweeney snared in her glove to end the inning.

Dodger defense put out the Phillies 1,2,3, in the third. Then the Dodgers came to bat in the fourth and took the lead on Shannon Cantrell's two-run homerun that rolled all the way to the centerfield fence. The Dodgers led 6-5 and added one more

run to finish the inning leading 7-5. The Phillies made a last gasp in the following inning when Wendy Laurence walloped a triple and scored on Prielster's single.

But the Dodgers continued to play tough defense and then added one more run in the final inning to win 8-6.

Now it's the boys' turn to see if they can make their championship tournament just as exciting. Last year the 4-15 Astros pulled some upsets to go to the final game against the league-leading Yankees. The Yankees prevailed 14-2 in the championship game.

Will there be any upsets this year? "Anybody can win it," says Ranger Coach Tom Traucht. "And we certainly plan to win."

"You bet we'll be going after it," adds Angels Coach Bill Brott. "Right now we are as good or better than any team in the league."

The final regular season standings are as follows:

- Boys' Little League
- Astros, 15-5
- Rangers, 11-9
- Yankees, 8-12
- Angels, 2-12
- Girls softball
- Dodgers, 6-4
- Phillies, 4-6

- T-ballers
- Hilton Pirates, 4-2
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Shannon Cantrell, Cheryl Prielster is the catcher. Right: Things were looking good for the Phillies when Bridget Sweeney scored this run in the first inning. Photos by Scott Martell.

Little League Night at Terry Park will benefit island teams

All Sanibel ballplayers should remember that this Wednesday is Sanibel-Captiva Little League Night at Terry Park in Fort Myers.

West Palm Beach will come to town to play the Fort Myers Royals. The Royals have been hot lately and lead the Florida State League with a 33-14 record.

While pitching and defense have been the Royals' strengths all season, the team's bats can also be explosive — as they were

last Sunday when they beat the Vero Beach Dodgers, 16-5.

This is the very first Sanibel-Captiva Little League Night. All island ballplayers will get into the game free if they wear their uniform. The coaches and their teams will be introduced on the field prior to the game.

The event is also a fundraiser for the Little League. Tickets are available for \$1, and all the proceeds go to the Sanibel-Captiva Little League to buy equipment.

Sportsman of the Week: Shannon Cantrell

Shannon Cantrell of the Dodgers girls' softball team is this week's Sportsman of the Week.

One of the Dodgers' strong pitchers and also a powerful batter, Cantrell helps hold the team together. Last Saturday she blasted a two-run homerun to the centerfield fence in the fourth inning to give the Dodgers a 6-5 lead — a lead they would not relinquish.

The Sportsman of the Week recognizes local athletes from fishermen to ballplayers and swimmers to golfers.

The Islander welcomes nominations for Sportsman of the Week. Nominations should be in our office by noon Thursday and can be made by calling Scott Martell, 472-3185.

SPORTS

Rec center round-up

This column provides information about the latest classes, tournaments, teams and try-outs taking place and other services that are offered at the city's recreation complex.

*Through Oct. 1 the complex is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The pool is open during the lunch hour, and the complex stays open an extra hour in the evening. At least two lanes are open for adult lap swimming at all times.



*Softball players take note! The rec complex is considering a co-ed softball league. But first it must be determined if enough interest exists in the community to support such a league.

The fields are available and the competition could be fairly "relaxed" compared to the more competitive men's and women's leagues on the island.

Interested Islanders should call the rec complex and voice their enthusiasm if they wish such a league to develop.

*The adult softball leagues begin play this season June 13 with the Old Sports for Youth Sports Tournament. So far there are nine men's teams and three women's teams. Those who are still interested in playing but have no team should notify the rec complex staff.

*The men will have a summer softball coaches meeting at 6:30 p.m. this Thursday, May 24, at the rec complex. All coaches must attend and must bring their teams' entry fees. Entry fees are \$475.



*And for the kids, the summer recreation program is in the planning stages. The program will start June 18 and last through the last week of July. Already programs for the youngsters appear to be even better than last year.

Recreation Director Dick Noon says a Frisbee instructor will be available. Tennis lessons will also be a new event at the summer program. A larger staff will provide everything from arts and crafts to dancing and aerobics.

The program will again be absolutely free and run every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Every Friday the complex will sponsor a "Sports Day" fun competition in which youths will compete in various activities from track and field to shooting baskets.

To register the children for the program parents must fill out a registration form, which is available at the complex.

*Aquaerobics — the popular all-body exercise that takes place in the shallow end of a swimming pool — is starting again.

Pat Shank will teach the class at the rec complex pool beginning May 22. Sessions will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the summer. Cost of each session is \$1.50.

Sessions start with stretching exercises for 15 minutes then progress to bouncing exercises similar to the aerobic routines.

Aquaerobics works the body against the force of the water. And because of the cushion of water, there is no pain or stiffness, Shank says.

For more information on any of the above classes or events call the rec complex, 472-0345.

Beachview women plan summer golf league

The Beachview Golf Club has started a women's summer golf league open to non-members as well as members. The league started May 2, but golfers are still welcome to sign up for the summer.

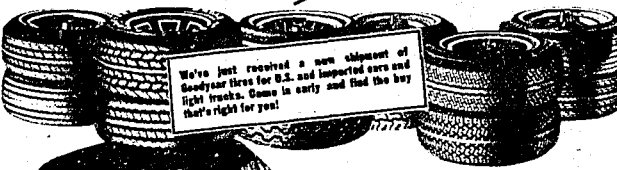
Interested players should call the Beachview club, 472-2828, or Betty Puff, 472-2946.

Sports quiz

Several people guessed it was Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris who were part of the Yankee trio that hit the most homeruns in one major league season. But no one guessed the third ballplayer — Bill Skowron. Guesses included most of the rest of the Yankee team, from Elston Howard to Joe Pepitone. But "Moose" Skowron was the man with 28 homeruns in 1961, who along with Maris (61 homers) and Mantle (54) set a homerun record.

This week we stick with baseball. Who was known as the "Say Hey Kid"? If you think you know give us a call at 472-5185. If you're right we'll print your name in next week's Islander.

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Sheinwold on bridge

By Alfred Sheinwold
I occasionally accompany a friend who is a great pianist and a fine bridge player to a race track, where he picks horses that look like bridge players. They're off with a burst of speed, but then they develop a charley horse and come to a halt.

Today's South ruffed the first diamond, raced to draw trumps and ran the clubs. The first 11 tricks were a breeze, but South slowed down as he saw that the 12th trick was a horse of another color.

BEATS THE SLAM
At the finish line West saved the ace of hearts and a diamond. South could do nothing but tear up his tickets.

This week *The Islander* introduces syndicated bridge columnist Alfred Sheinwold as a regular feature.

South is on the right track when he begins the trumps like a horse affire, but when the bad trump break shows up South must develop a heart trick while dummy still has a trump. West takes his ace but cannot make South ruff a diamond since dummy's trump (saved for just that purpose) does that job.

Now firmly in the saddle, South finishes drawing trumps and the hand is then a claimer.

WEEKLY QUESTION
You hold: ♠A K Q J 3 ♥K Q 5 3 2 ♠None ♣A 10 4. Partner bids INT (16 to 18 high-card points), you respond three spades and he raises to four spades. You then bid five clubs and

partner responds five hearts (both ace-showing bids). The opponents pass. What do you say?

ANSWER

Bid seven spades. In response to five clubs partner would bid five diamonds (the cheapest ace-showing bid) if he had the ace of diamonds. Since he doesn't have the ace of diamonds he must have the K-Q of clubs as well as the ace of hearts for his opening bid. The grand slam will probably be a lay-down.

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East-West vulnerable

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♠754
♥1064
♦91
♣AKQ963

WEST ♠10986
♥A7
♦1098542
♣5

EAST ♠43
♥J98
♦AKQ763
♣872

SOUTH ♠AKQJ2
♥KQ532
♦None
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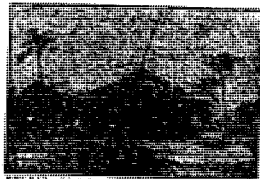
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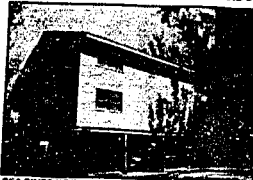
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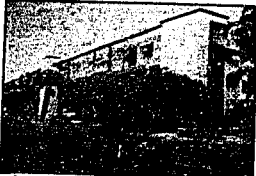


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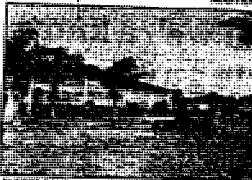


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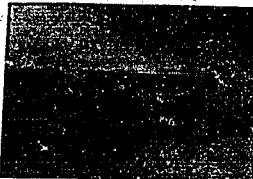
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