

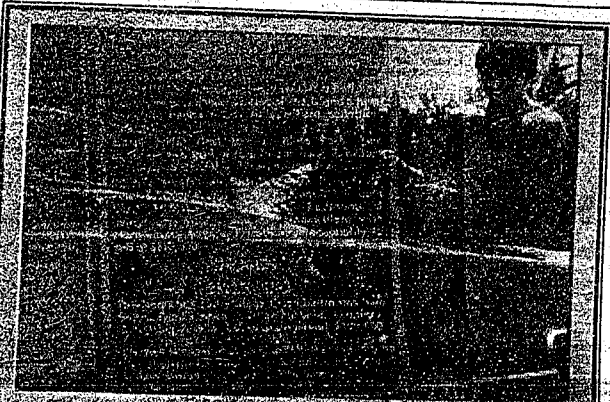


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Property appraiser defends increased valuations

By Barbara Brundage
 Lee County Tax Appraiser Ken Wilkinson did his best to correct the perception of many residents that he was "picking on Sanibel" when he reappraised properties island-wide at a higher valuation than others in the county.

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last Wednesday morning at which Wilkinson defended his action. State law mandates that properties with appraisals "farthest from the market value" must be reevaluated, Wilkinson said, adding, "This year it was Sanibel."

Only the land was reappraised, he explained, and since waterfront land appreciates the most, there were increases in the value.

But some Sanibel residents insisted that land prices had gone down on the island. Wilkinson disagreed and argued that a decrease would "show up in the sales price."

"We use actual sales as the basis, not the price a property is listed at with a realtor," he explained.

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Budget business

Sanibel City Council okays tentative plan at first public session

By Barbara Brundage
 Sanibel City Council approved the \$3,288 million tentative budget for fiscal year 1984-85 at the first public hearing last Wednesday night.

A proposed millage rate of 2.585 mills, down from this year's 2.89 mills, was also adopted by a 3-0 vote of council. Councilmen Bill Hagerup and Louise Johnson were absent.

This decrease in millage, 3.3 percent lower than the rolled back rate, means city taxes for most Sanibel property owners next year will be lower than those in the current year, City Manager Bernie Murphy said.

But because of a substantial hike in the appraised property values island-wide the total tax bill for many will be higher than in 1983, Murphy explained. The city's budget to fund operating and capital expenditures is up \$432,506 from the current year, but the budget dollars resulted from ad valorem

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Drastically reduced CEPD plan adopted at second hearing

By Scott Martell
 The moment came and passed without comment. Then the final line items on the Captiva Erosion Prevention District budget flashed by quicker than windows on a Japanese bullet train. The final line read \$145,689 to be gathered with .906 mills tax in 1984-85.

The CEPD board adopted the proposed budget with a unanimous vote.

No other scenario could have been written, despite some suspicion and fear that the meeting would erupt when the discussion came to the line reading "Capital Outlay Reserve Fund."

In the initial budget 2.5 mills, or \$562,834, was in the reserve fund to help pay for a beach renourishment project. The project is supported unanimously by the five board members and a hard-to-pinpoint majority of Captivans. (A 64 percent majority of property owners supported a special tax plan to pay for the project last spring — but the Lee County Commission requires 63 percent approval before it can initiate the tax.)

The problem has always been finding a fair way to pay for the expensive (\$5.5 million) project — and garnering the support of a clear majority for the

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"Location, location, location is the answer. You'd rather live on Sanibel than in Dunbar, wouldn't you?"

Ken Wilkinson

ISLAND SHORTS

Community news and announcements about your friends and neighbors



St. Isabel's founding pastor celebrates Mass with the Pope

350,000 people gathered in Jarry Park stadium in Montreal, Canada, last Tuesday when Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass during a 12-day tour of Canada.

Father Gerard Beaugard, founding pastor of Sanibel's St. Isabel Catholic, was one of the priests to celebrate Mass with the Pope in the ceremony that beatified a Canadian nun, Mother Marie-Leonie Paradis.

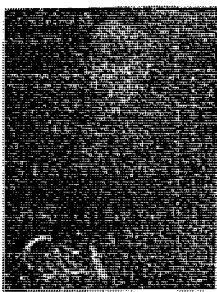
Mother Marie-Leonie founded the order of the Little Sisters of the Holy Family in Quebec in 1874. The order is devoted to the service of priests and seminarians, chiefly through domestic work in rectories and seminaries.

Beaugard retired in 1983 after serving for 10 years as the priest-in-charge of the Sanibel parish. He is a native of Canada.

He was ordained to the priesthood in Montreal in 1940 and assigned to that Canadian diocese. He was forced to return in 1965 after three serious heart attacks.

He moved to Fort Myers Beach in 1967 and in 1969 was recovered enough to begin saying Mass each weekend at the Catholic mission on Sanibel.

In 1973 when St. Isabel parish was established Beaugard became its spiritual leader. Watching the parish grow from 25 families to more than 200 brought him an "enormous satisfaction" he told *The Islander* in a 1981 interview.



This portrait of Father Gerard Beaugard hangs in the parson hall at St. Isabel Church on Sanibel.

But to serve Mass with the Pope was the thrill of a lifetime, he told Lillie Ryan, St. Isabel church secretary during his tenure, last week.

Beaugard has been spending the summer in Montreal but will return to his Sanibel condominium at the end of September.

Traditional council dinner will serve as farewell for City Manager Bernie Murphy

Bernie Murphy, Sanibel's city manager for almost five years, leaves the island this Friday to begin a new job as town manager of Acton, Mass.

The City Council respected Murphy's well-known aversion to "public good-byes" and did not organize a community farewell party for the popular administrator.

But Murphy and his wife, Linda, are invited to the annual dinner party for the outgoing mayor traditionally hosted for his council colleagues and their spouses.

"I thought this would be an opportunity to kill two birds with one stone," Mayor Fred Veltin said. "It will give the council members a chance to express their appreciation to Bernie and wish him well and at the same time fulfill the council tradition."

The party is set for Wednesday night at the Veltins' Shell Harbor home.

For the occasion Veltin will take over the cooking chores from his wife, Jane, and prepare the gourmet dinner himself.

Featured will be the mayor's speciality, beef

stroganoff. He plans to serve crab and shrimp salad as the first course with a fresh fruit forte for dessert.

Murphy's last official public appearance will be at the special council meeting beginning at 9:01 p.m. Tuesday for adoption of the 1984-85 city budget.

"The movers will be here Thursday," Murphy said, outlining his busy schedule for his final days on the island.

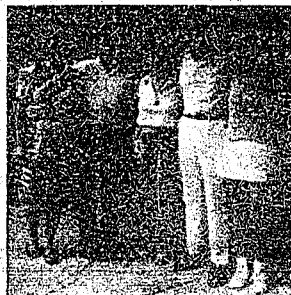
At 9:01 p.m. Friday Assistant City Manager Gary Price will take over the city's top job.

Newmeyers celebrate 25th anniversary

Sanibel's Tom and Ginger Newmeyer, managers of the Hurricane House, celebrated their Silver Anniversary recently at Little Dix Bay in Virginia Gorda, British Virgin Islands.

The couple were married Aug. 22, 1959, in Miami.

Shown here at the anniversary celebration are, left to right: Anita Jennings, Tom, Ginger, Joel Jennings and Bettina Jennings. Joel Jennings manages Little Dix Bay resort.



Ted Turner lands 71-pound tarpon off South Seas Plantation

Ted Turner, the tycoon of Turner Broadcasting Systems, landed a 71-pound tarpon off the shores of South Seas Plantation during his recent visit to Captiva.

Shown in the photo at left congratulating Turner.

Left, are Orlando Wilson, center, host of the "Fishing with Orlando Wilson" show on WTBS, and Captiva fishing guide Capt. Bob Sabatino, who piloted the boat from which Turner landed his tanker.



DO YOU REMEMBER?

30 Years Ago This Week

Sept. 17, 1954
The staff of *The Islander* is on vacation and will be back with the next issue of the paper on Oct. 15.

15 Years Ago This Week

Sept. 18, 1969
Sunset South condominiums advertised its brand new garden suite for \$35,500 to \$49,500.

Phillip and Ruth Hunter have returned to the

Pirate Playhouse after a vacation in the North Carolina mountains.

10 Years Ago This Week

Sept. 19, 1974
Ann Winterbottom of Sanibel has designed a wildlife series for Matallay in needpoint and has generously donated the series to the World Wildlife Fund.

Barry Webb has been named general manager at the Sundial resort. Webb has spent the past two years in management at the Marco Beach Hotel.

Fred and Kathy Bunnell, long time managers of the Surf Rider motel, are vacationing in Tennessee.

FOR SALE: Two-bedroom condominium in Captiva's Walk, \$34,000; canal lot in Shell Harbor with seawall and dock, \$29,500 with terms.

5 Years Ago This Week

Sept. 19, 1979
The results of a poll taken by the Captiva Erosion Prevention District indicate that island's residents are three-to-one in favor of a \$3.5 million beach rearsourment project.

George Blain has been named Sanibel's new building official. Blain replaces Harold Bassman, who recently became the third city official to resign

within the past six weeks.

New officers in the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club are: Curt Reinhardt, president; Harry Kahr, president elect; Ronald Weaver, first vice president; James Lowman, treasurer; and Roger Gunterfeldt, secretary.

1 Year Ago This Week

Sept. 20, 1983
The Planning Commission last week granted a request from the Rev. Richard Stein for the United Congregational Church of Christ to allow the construction of a 11,000-square-foot church on four acres east of Tahitian Gardens shopping center.

The City Council last week adopted a \$2,356,013 operating budget for the 1983-84 fiscal year. The budget calls for a millage of 2.822, or approximately \$7.29 in taxes on each \$1,000 of property. Sanibel's taxable base for 1983-84 is \$543,181,425 compared to \$591,069,898 in 1983-82.

Sanibel resident Jean Turney has purchased Forworthy's, the 60-year-old furniture and interior design firm.

Police found several youngsters selling sea shells door-to-door in the Gumbo Limbo subdivision one afternoon last week. The youths were advised of the city's law prohibiting solicitation without the proper permit.

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Weather watch

Everybody talks about it...



Highs in the upper 80s and partly cloudy skies should continue this week around Sanibel and Captiva. The weatherman calls for lows in the mid to low 70s with a 30 percent chance of afternoon and evening thundershowers through Friday.

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

	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Monday, Sept. 10	84	73	0
Tuesday, Sept. 11	87	73	0
Wednesday, Sept. 12	87	75	0
Thursday, Sept. 13	88	76	0
Friday, Sept. 14	89	75	0
Saturday, Sept. 15	90	74	37
Sunday, Sept. 16	88	74	2.32

OBITUARY

Howard Dayton, Sr.

Howard Lape Dayton Sr., of Daytona Beach died Sunday, Sept. 9, 1984, at his summer home in Highlands, N.C. He was 81.

Dayton worked most of his life in the hotel business and operated 87 hotels. He owned and operated Casa Ybel resort and Tarpon Bay Marina on Sanibel for many years and made several donations of land to the city.

Dayton is survived by his wife, Gertrude Dayton of Daytona Beach and Highlands, N.C.; two daughters, Hazel Gunn of Trunnsburg, N.Y., and Deborah Dayton of Orlando; two sons, Donald Dayton of Houston, Texas, and Howard Dayton Jr. of Longwood, Fla.; one brother, Wilbur Dayton of Washington, D.C.; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sept. 11, 1984, at Highlands Presbyterian Church. Memorials can be made to the Volusia County Library Center Endowment Fund, City Island, Daytona Beach, FL 32115.

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COMMENTARY

Howe disagrees with city's stance on health care facility, BMRH program

To the Editor
The Islander

The renowned 18th Century author and literary conversationalist Samuel Johnson, in response to his equally-famed biographer James Boswell's question, "So, Sir, you laugh at schemes of political improvement?" pithily responded: "Why, Sir, most schemes of political improvement are very laughable things."

If they did not have such far-reaching and costly impacts on Sanibel taxpayers, I would be inclined to so laugh at some policies adopted by our elected City Council and its appointed Planning Commission and advisory committees.

The Islander's Sept. 5 issue reported on two policy determinations by city officials that confirm Johnson observations. One was the Planning Commission's unanimous approval of rezoning for a comprehensive health care facility at the present Michigan Homes office building. The planning staff had previously recommended denial because: "There is ample land already zoned for such use."

The commission's reversal was probably mainly based on the applicant's assertion: "We are a city and a city has the responsibility of providing the best up-to-date health care facilities."

On the same day a similar belief was put forward as the basis for the proposal by the city-paid director of the private Community Housing and Resources, Inc. Her proposal would place upon the city the duty to waive CLUP's revered building-density requirements to accommodate the Below Market Rate Housing program — at the whim of her organization.

The proposal would also have the city mandate that large residential or commercial development contribute impact fees to be used for BMRH projects or physically provide

Island photographer notified of prize-winning color slide

A copy of the following letter to former Islander photographer David Meardon was given to The Islander for publication.

Dear David:

Congratulations. Your color slide entitled "Sunset Fishing" won first place in the Public Use category of the 1984 National Photo Contest.

A plaque and an engraving of your winning entry will soon be forwarded to your supervisor for presentation to you.

We appreciate your participation in the contest. David, these photographs are an increasingly important resource tool in our communication with the public. We look forward to seeing more of your work in next year's contest.

Sincerely,
Phil Millon
Assistant director, public affairs
United States Department
of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Washington, DC

Unsuccessful candidate thanks supporters

To the Editor
The Islander

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation and thanks to the thousands of voters who supported me as their candidate for the Lee County Commission. Special thanks go to the many volunteers who helped me during the past six weeks. Most important, my wife Diana and sons Scott and Rick, who endured the long hours and agencies of campaigning and shared the joys — I am grateful to them.

We put forth our best efforts and all our energies. I feel good that we ran an issue-oriented campaign to address Lee County's major concerns — project management and fiscal accountability, professional staffing to serve the public, citizen participation, good and workable comprehensive planning, smooth permitting process and protection of our environment and quality of life.

I will continue to work for these goals as I have during the past eight years. Together we can make Lee County a more harmonious and exciting place to live, work and enjoy for all the people. Communication and trust between various interest groups, and not polarization and confrontation, will be the key toward our community's success.

Thank you once again for this confidence in me. Although I did not win, I hope I made you proud as your candidate by participating in our democratic process.

Sincerely,
Dinesh Sharma
Fort Myers

Sanibel resident casts vote for Mary Ann Wallace

To the Editor
The Islander

Mary Ann Wallace has worked hard to preserve the environment, and everyone who is concerned about the future of our natural resources should vote for her in the October run-off elections.

Alice Kylla
Sanibel

Captiva taxpayer wants items removed from CEPD budget

A copy of the following letter to the Captiva Erosion Prevention District was given to The Islander for publication.

To the CEPD:

The first public hearing of the Captiva Erosion Prevention District for the 1984-85 budget was held Wednesday, Sept. 5, 1984. At that meeting a petition was presented signed by more than 60 property owners and residents now on the Island. It demanded that money collected should not be accumulated for beach nourishment until it has been accepted by a vote of the people.

This petition was presented near the end of the budget hearing at the rear end of the budget list, namely Capital Outlay Reserve Fund — \$833,382. After discussion it was voted that this line item be stricken from the budget to the extent that no new taxes are required (reduced \$562,834).

Unfortunately, this vote to abolish this amount does not satisfy the wishes of the public: "Not to collect money until a vote of the public says yes." Some prior line items earlier discussed at the hearing are directly related to this change of budget policy. We, the taxpayers, want removed from the budget the following:

BEACH RESTORATION PROJECT MANAGER'S BUDGET

Update profile	\$7,000
Survey	\$3,000
Magn. survey	\$7,000

Engineering and design	\$12,000
Support	\$2,000
Final plans	\$12,000
Bond validation	\$15,000
Contingencies	\$25,000
Legal (additional)	\$10,000
Legal (additional)	\$121,000
Interest on money collected (held as beach maintenance)	\$190,000
Captiva Reserve Outlay	\$100,000
1983-84 two mills nourishment (beach renourishment)	\$269,548
Monitoring	\$50,200
TOTAL REDUCTION	\$540,200
Additional reduction in millage: 1.3632 mills. NO TAX IN 1984-85.	

John Mousa
Captiva

Spoonbill directors say letter was intended for sponsors only

The Aug. 28, 1984, "Commentary" page of The Islander included a letter from the Spoonbill Board of Directors that was addressed specifically to Spoonbill sponsors. The directors have indicated that the letter was not intended for publication. However, it is in the City Council reading file that is available to the public at City Hall.

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Lions, school board, rec center join efforts for fitness trail

By Scott Martell

What if an army boot camp were set up on Sanibel? No, but within a month that's what it might look like near the ball diamonds on Sanibel-Captiva Road.

But instead of enlistees, anyone who wants to get in better shape will be able to use the fitness trail that will open soon near the elementary school.

The fitness trail has become reality thanks to great numbers of people, including the Sanibel-Captiva Lions, who are paying for it; the Lee County School Board, which owns the property; and the Sanibel Recreation Center, which pushed the project through.

"We got into this because people here like to run —

and often on the bike paths they come into a conflict with the bike riders," says Dick Noon, Sanibel's recreation director. "Many large cities and corporations have these trails."

The trail will run in a loop of about five-eighths of a mile. On the loop will be eight stations for exercise. Other stations could be added later.

Among the initial stations will be one for an Achilles stretch, leg raises, body curls, leg lung exercises, a horizontal ladder, situps, push-ups and chin-ups.

The trail will begin in the park area by the tennis courts and wind around the two ball diamonds.

"It will be for all ages and all levels of physical fitness," Noon says. "You can go at your own pace."

and the stations give you the opportunity to do exercises. Yet you can cut across at any of the stations and be right back in the parking lot."

There is a pig of about 200 yards in between exercise stations. Additional stations that could be added sometime in the future include steps for hip rotators, standing jumps, vault bar or even a balancer beam.

"I'm pretty enthused about the trail," Noon says. "You can run to it and feel safe about being there. And it gives you a drive to do exercise other than just running."

"It should be an excellent cardiovascular, aerobic-type exercise," he adds.

Property appraiser defends evaluations from page 1

George Fister of Sanibel Realty said that although land values stayed static during the past year there was a big escalation in price over the previous four years.

Fister said later that owners' expectations for the sale of their homes are oftentimes inflated and not realistic.

Henry Shelton, a candidate for a City Council seat, questioned why tiny Sanibel's taxable property valuation was \$55 million higher than that for the entire city of Fort Myers.

"Location, location, location is the answer," Wilkinson replied, countering with his own question. "You'd rather live on Sanibel than in Dunbar, wouldn't you?"

Fort Myers has many, many more \$25,000 Homestead exemptions as well as exemptions for the disabled, widows and the military, he pointed out.

All of the above reduce the valuation of taxable property that is used as a base to compute the millage rate.

Wilkinson was unopposed for the property appraiser's office and will hold the post for another four years.

He acknowledged that his office sometimes makes errors — "but never mistakes."

"Errors are human and made all the time. Mistakes are when you are unwilling to admit your errors," he explained.

His conclusion that land values have escalated on Sanibel since the last island reappraisal was not an error, he insisted.

"We have it all computerized so we can call up a file on any property to see how the assessment was arrived at," he explained.

The same base rate of \$2.50 a square foot is used to evaluate every structure, he said. And then it is evaluated on its own merits using such factors as air conditioning, swimming pool, number of bedrooms and baths.

The land value is computed from actual sales price and added to the value of the structure, he said.

Lawsuit challenges ROGO guidelines

By Barbara Brundage

A lawsuit filed against the city of Sanibel last last month is the first legal challenge of the controversial Rate of Growth ordinance now in its fifth year.

The suit was filed in Lee County Circuit Court by Sanibel attorney Heidi Wegryn-Martin on behalf of Millard Brown, a Sanibel property owner.

Wegryn-Martin told The Islander Brown wants to build on Sanibel before the 18-month grace period in which he can replace a home and not have to pay capital gains tax on the proceeds of the sale of his former home.

With the current backlog of single-family home applications there appears to be little chance of obtaining an allocation before next March, which will be too late for Brown to take advantage of the tax break, she said.

The city was served the six-count complaint, which generally challenges the validity of the Rate of Growth ordinance and the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, on Sept. 6.

City Attorney David La Croix is now preparing a motion to dismiss.

The suit charges that ROGO places an unjust, arbitrary and unwarranted encumbrance on Brown's real property and improperly restricts development in the city of Sanibel.

The court is asked to enjoin the city's enforcement of the ordinance.

The complaint also charges that the number of allocations granted each year (180) is arbitrary and unreasonable. The limitation is applicable to residential development but not commercial. Only 20 percent of the residentially zoned property on Sanibel is subject to ROGO, and the ordinance does not apply to Captiva or other areas of Lee County.

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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

By Barbara Brundage

ROGO 'catch-up' plan is good news for multi-family projects

The Planning Commission has given its blessing to a proposal for a one-time "catch-up" that will wipe all but three multi-family projects from the ROGO allocation slate.

If the City Council follows the commission's recommendation for approval of the scheme advanced by Mariner Properties, Inc., then multi-family projects will be rewarded for longevity.

In the November ROGO allocation each of the 10 multi-family projects in competition receives one dwelling unit for each four-month period the project has been in the system.

Under this plan Mariner's 54-unit Tortuga Beach Club, which has been seeking units since July 1980, will receive 13 allocations, leaving a deficit of three.

Rufus Dodrill's seven-unit complex will receive three allocations, leaving another three to be obtained in the March period. Captran's Tarpon Resort Beach Club will receive four, leaving seven for future allocations.

Seven other projects could be completed by allocating Captran's Shell Land Beach Club eight, Ray Fenton's Ferry Landing, two; Mariner's Sanibel Cottages, four; Dahlmans' condominium, five; Priscilla Murphy's duplex project, six; John Goode's Anchor Group, one; and the Landl duplex, one.

It will take 47 units from the multi-family reserve to make these allocations, Planning Director Bruce Rogers computed. Only 44 are available in November.

Three units to satisfy three new applications for duplexes without beneficial use must be skimmed from the top, Rogers reminded the commission. This leaves only 41 units to satisfy the "catch-up" demand for 47.

But the commission has the option to dip into the surplus for the four extra units, Rogers said.

And the opportunity to "clear the decks of all older multi-family projects at one fell swoop" was too tempting for the four commissioners present, who said the advantages overrode their distaste for using surplus units that must be recaptured in the future.

"We gave single-family people a break last July," Commission Chairman Larry Simon said, referring to the 25 allocations awarded from the surplus to "losers" in that ROGO allocation period.

"I guess it's only fair to do the same for the multi-family people," he added.

It was commission consensus to recommend the one-time deal to the City Council.

The decision was made during a review of an ordinance that proposed 10 other changes to the State of Growth allocation process, most of which favored the multi-family category.

Two of the changes were suggested by Captran, one by the City Council and the remainder by Mariner.

The council had asked a review and recommendation from the Planning Commission before considering the ordinance on second reading at today's meeting.

The commission turned thumbs down on five of the changes.

"We gave single-family people a break last July. I guess it's only fair to do the same for the multi-family people."

Larry Simon
Commission chairman

Mariner's suggestion that the commission could dip into the multi-family surplus to award extra allocations for a project to be completed was labeled "too broad and open-ended."

The commissioners recommended keeping the current requirement that surplus units can be used for completion if only one or two units are needed.

They did agree to Mariner's change that would give projects in the system for more than seven four-month periods credit of "up to one unit" per period to facilitate completion.

Captran proposed that even though all allocations have not been received, a building permit can be issued for the approved dwellings provided they are built as if no further dwelling unit allocations were to be received and have an aesthetically pleasing appearance.

The commissioners agreed that "half-built buildings" were unacceptable and questioned their structural soundness. They recommended deletion of the provision.

They also turned down as "unacceptable and unnecessary" Mariner's suggestion for creating a "long term application" priority. It proposed that

The opportunity to "clear the decks of all older multi-family projects at one fell swoop" was too tempting for the four commissioners present at last week's session.

after all multi-family applicants have been awarded four units during the ROGO year, then priority for awarding additional units would be given to projects that have been pending for more than seven four-month periods on a pro rata basis according to the number of units requested by each applicant.

Commissioner Bill Read called the idea "overall — killing the beast twice."

However, Mariner's proposal to allocate one-third of the reserves of all housing types in each of the three ROGO periods won a nod of approval.

This means that 15 units of the multi-family reserve would be available for each ROGO allocation.

"The initial effect on the single-family category will be that those applicants will have to wait longer," Rogers pointed out. It will also mean scoring of single-family applications by the staff and scoring of multi-family on the subjective criteria by the Planning Commission in each period, he added.

Simon said spreading out multi-family allocations through the entire year would be more orderly and indicated he was willing to give it a try.

But the commissioners nixed Mariner's proposal that would have made it mandatory for the commission to allocate any unused balance of single-family reserves to multi-family projects that have been pending for more than seven four-month periods. They preferred to keep the option of carrying them over to the next ROGO year.

They also recommended retaining the provision that limits to 12 the number of dwelling units a multi-family project can receive in any ROGO year.

They did agree to award 0.1 point to each project for each four-month period the application is pending. Mariner had suggested 0.5 point.

The commission favored a change suggested by the City Council for a tiered approach to single-family applicants who have a priority after being denied allocations the first time around.

The council was looking ahead to next March, when single-family holdovers from last July will compete with holdovers expected from the November allocation.

If approved this provision will give priority to the applications that have been pending for the greatest number of four-month periods and then in a descending order.

Coming up at City Hall

A list of scheduled Sanibel City Council and Planning Commission meetings

Tuesday, Sept. 18, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. — Regular meeting of the City Council.

Thursday, Sept. 20, MacKenzie Hall 10 a.m. — Scheduled hearings before the Code Enforcement Board.

Monday, Sept. 24, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. — Regular meeting of the Planning Commission.

Tuesday, Sept. 25, MacKenzie Hall, 5:01 p.m. — Second public hearing of the city's tentative budget for the fiscal year 1984-85 and its adoption by the City Council.

See today's complete agenda, page 13A

One request for boat dock approved, second continued until Oct. 8

Boat docks on San Carlos bay are permitted as an accessory use under the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, but the City Council is considering deleting this use in an effort to preserve the aquatic wildlife in these waters.

In recent months the Planning Commission and council have denied development permits for two private docks that would have extended more than 150 feet into the bay. The officials thought the docks would threaten shell breeding beds in the area.

Last week the Planning Commission considered two new requests for private docks.

Charles McCullough wants to replace a deteriorating 40-year-old dock at his home with one extending 57 feet into the bay near Woodring Point.

McCullough furnished the commission with a survey of the bottom lands in that area of the bay that showed the mooring area

of the proposed dock would extend beyond the sea grass beds and would have minimal impact on the wildlife habitat.

The commissioners voted 4-0 to approve the development permit.

Gerden Smith's request to build a 74-foot-long, six-foot-wide dock in the bay at his home at 512 Lighthouse Way was continued until the commission's Oct. 8 meeting.

The extension gives Smith the opportunity to provide data showing his plan would not have a negative impact on the marine grasses and bay bottom.

Mike Malone, one of Smith's neighbors, supported his plan for the dock. Malone said he fishes and swims in these waters and knows the bay bottom in that area is mud and there are no sea grasses to be destroyed.

Don Woodward, who lives on the other side of Smith, strongly opposed the dock on the basis that

it would detract from the view and obstruct the use of the beach by walkers. In addition, he maintained, the dock would reduce property values.

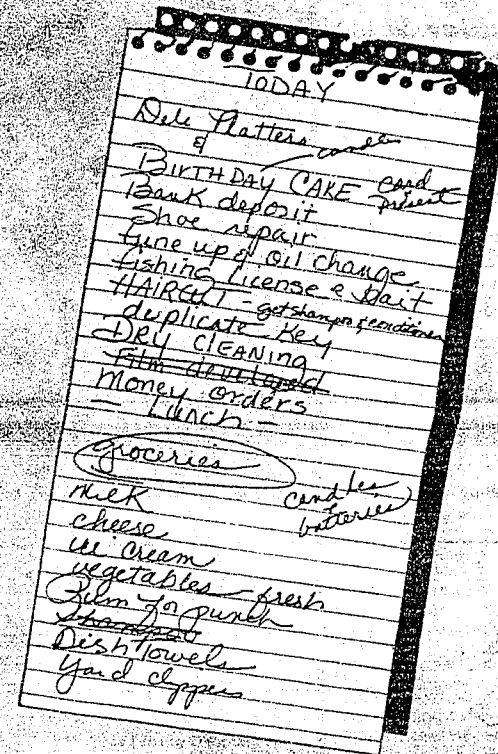
Commissioner Jerry Muench said it had not been proved to him that docks have a deleterious effect on vegetation, fish life or shells. His motion to approve Smith's development permit failed by a 1-3 vote with only Muench supporting it.

Commissioner Bill Read withdrew his motion to deny the request after Smith pleaded for an opportunity to conduct a study of the dock's impact and "make peace with my neighbors."

Commissioner Henry McKee's motion to continue the hearing to Oct. 8 passed by a 4-1 vote.

Commissioners Ann Winterbottom, Mary Wegmuller and Lenhart Lorenson were absent.

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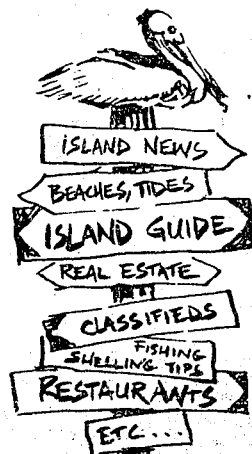
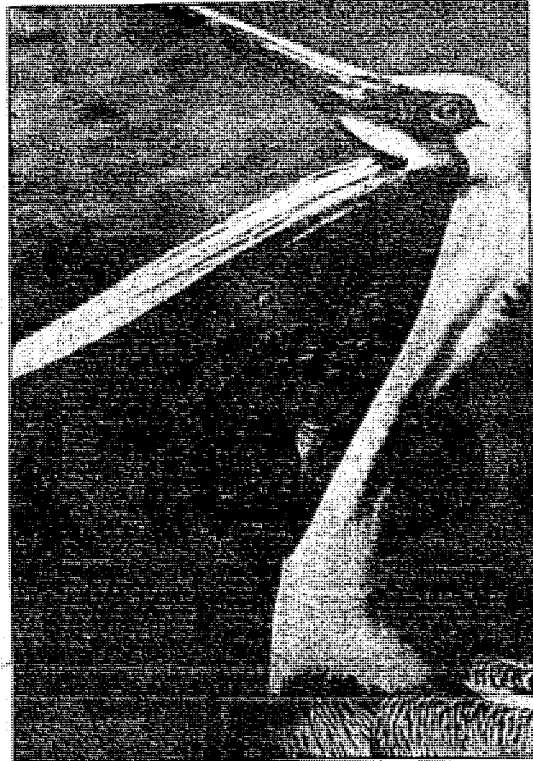
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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Board considers Mariner density changes

Mariner Properties, Inc. battled 500 last week in its pitch before the Planning Commission to transfer development rights from an undeveloped Dunlop Road parcel and from Phase II of the Dunes subdivision.

Mariner wanted to increase density at Harbor Cottages, Tortuga Beach Club and the Inverc Dunes former borrow pit site at Dixie Beach Boulevard.

The commissioners approved by a 3-1 vote Mariner's request to decrease by five dwelling units the density on the 9.26-acre Dunlop Road parcel off Vines Way north of Periwinkle Way.

The five-unit density was based on the 2.3 units per acre density that was assigned to property fronting on Periwinkle Way when the city adopted new commercial regulations in 1982.

The Planning Department pointed out that this parcel originally had a density of .3 dwelling units per acre, which would permit development of up to three units.

The parcel, retained by Mariner when a larger tract was subdivided, no longer has any frontage on Periwinkle Way, the staff reported. And the rationale for increasing the density to 2.3 has been lost, Planning Director Bruce Rogers said.

But three of the four commissioners

present agreed to honor the current allowable density and voted for a five-unit decrease. Commissioner Henry Meeker cast the dissenting vote.

The commissioners also recommended by a 3-1 vote increasing the density at the Tortuga Beach Club by one unit to permit Mariner to convert storage space into a manager's apartment.

Ray Pavelka, Mariner's vice president for development, reminded the commission that 36 dwelling units have been approved for the Tortuga Beach Club.

Mariner chose to build only 54 interval ownership apartments.

Pavelka said Mariner's request now to use storage space as living quarters for an on-site resident manager in one of the buildings that has only six units but is large enough to accommodate eight was "a reasonable one."

Three of the commissioners viewed the advantage of having a manager on site as a good trade-off for a density increase of one unit.

Commissioner Jerry Muench's motion to recommend City Council approval of the extra unit with the condition that it cannot be used for interval ownership passed by a 3-1 vote with Meeker again dissenting.

But the commission was unanimous in its denial of Mariner's request to

Valtin names campaign treasurer

Fred Valtin, a candidate for reelection to Seat No. 3 on the Sanibel City Council, has named Reed Palmer as his campaign treasurer.

Palmer is an Island resident and a practicing certified public accountant.

Valtin said he hopes for broad based support and that while contributions of any size will be appreciated, he will accept none in excess of \$100.

Checks should be made payable to the Fred Valtin Campaign Fund and sent either to Palmer at 3229 Lake Road South, Sanibel 33957, or to the candidate at 929 Ecten

Court, Sanibel.

Friday at noon is the deadline for council candidates to file petitions of nomination to qualify for the council race. Candidates must designate on these petitions which council seat they are running for.

The petition must be signed by at least 18 Sanibel residents who have been certified as registered voters by the office of the Lee County Elections Supervisor.

One challenger, attorney Richard Dantin, has already said he will seek Seat No. 1 held by longtime Councilman Francis Bailey.

transfer five dwelling units from Phase II development at the Dunes to a 16.4-acre parcel east of Dixie Beach Boulevard and north of the Sanibel Center subdivision. Mariner wanted to build four duplexes on the 16.4-acre site.

The Planning Department recommended denial of the request on the basis that Mariner "has no units in the Phase II of the Dunes to either give up or transfer."

But Dick Sproat, Mariner's director of development, said there was a surplus of 13 units in Phase II of the Dunes. The units cannot be built because there is no more room in the subdivision, he explained.

The density of five dwelling units CLUP permits on the parcel off Dixie

Beach Boulevard is "more than generous," Rogers said.

The parcel is mostly water, he emphasized, and Mariner already has considerable economic benefit from its use as a borrow pit for fill material for the Dunes Phase II.

The commission agreed with Rogers and voted 4-0 to recommend council denial of the specific amendment.

Mariner's request to increase density from 13 to 22 units at its Harbor Cottages duplex complex also met denial before the commissioners.

There are currently six duplexes with boat docks on the canal, a swimming pool and tennis courts on the parcel on Causeway Road between

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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Request continued for pool in Baywinds Plaza commercial area

Because Baywinds Plaza on Palm Ridge Road is already overdeveloped, the Planning Commission was reluctant to grant a deviation to permit a residential swimming pool at the rear of the complex.

The existing building already exceeds the commercial floor area permitted on the site under current standards. And with the parking and driveway, the permitted 60 percent surface coverage is also exceeded, the planning staff reported.

Betty Parke, who with Bette Puff owns the property and occupies a residential unit at the rear of the building, said her doctor had ordered her to swim daily as physical therapy. "This pool is a vital necessity," she said.

The applicant owns adjacent property with 130-foot frontage on Palm Ridge Road. The commissioners suggested that enough of this land could be annexed to provide sufficient square footage to accommodate the

pool. "We need some numbers," Commissioner Jerry Muench said.

Planning Director Bruce Rogers said Parke's request did not qualify as a deviation and should be resubmitted as a specific amendment without an additional fee.

Parke agreed to consult with the planning staff to work out a compromise.

It was pointed out that this was the first request the city has ever received

"This pool is a vital necessity."

Betty Parke,
Property owner

for a residential pool in a commercial area.

Muench's motion to continue the hearing to a date uncertain passed by a 4-9 vote.

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Tennisplace and Periwinkle Way.

That location is on the busiest road and busiest intersection on the island, the city staff reported.

In 1977 Mariner was granted a density of three units per acre on the 13.5-acre tract between Sextant Drive and Periwinkle Way that would be developed under Sanibel standards.

Twenty-eight units of the 41 permitted were added to Tennisplace; 13 were allocated for Harbor Cottages.

In 1968 a development permit for 12 units at Harbor Cottages was approved by the Planning Commission.

The parcel is entitled to one more unit, the staff reported. At this time staff could find no rationale to in-

crease the density beyond the three units per acre already approved.

Commissioner Jerry Muench commented that neighboring Mariner Pointe condominium has a density of five units per acre.

"If 23 were allowed at Harbor Cottages that would be a density of less than four units per acre," he said.

Commission Chairman Larry Simon said there is already an over-intense use of the site with wall-to-wall boats.

"I don't see adding any more," he said.

Commissioner Bill Read's motion to recommend council denial of the increase in density passed by a 3-1 vote with Muench dissenting.

MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Commission says no to request for sales office in Buck Key Road home

Priscilla Murphy family's request to operate a temporary sales office on the ground level of a single-family home on Buck Key Road in Sanibel Bayou subdivision was denied last week by the Planning Commission.

Planning Director Bruce Rogers told the commission the house has been used as a model and sales office for homes in Sanibel Bayou Phase II (The Ridge) development without city permits for more than a year.

The model, while highly visible from Sanibel-Captiva Road, is a considerable distance from the actual development, Rogers said.

Models and sales offices are not permitted at this location and constitute an "outstanding violation" for which the property owner, Ester Radecky, has been cited by the city's code enforcement officer.

The Code Enforcement Board has continued a hearing of the violation

until the request for relief is resolved.

Mrs. John Van Lier, who lives next door, complained to the commissioners that the model home/sales office use was an "infringement on the rights of others" and an invasion of her privacy.

"Cars are constantly turning around in my driveway and blocking access to the street," she said. "In addition, people have entered my home uninvited, mistaking it for another model."

Stanley Johnson of Priscilla Murphy Realty had asked for a continuance of the hearing until his return from vacation.

But the commissioners agreed that to do so would extend the time the violation could continue and benefit only the applicant.

The motion to recommend council denial of the specific amendment passed by a 4-6 vote. The first and second City Council hearings on the



The Sanibel Bayou model home

request are scheduled for Oct. 2 and Nov. 6.

In other commission action last week Riverbend Realty, Inc. sales agent for Rufus Doolittle's Seagull subdivision off West Gulf Drive, won approval to open four single-family home models and to operate a sales office in one of the models for up to three years.

A review of the operation will be required after 18 months.

Construction of the four homes is nearing completion. Dave Eaton, representing Riverbend, told the commission. There will be 58 homes in Seagull subdivision when the development is built out.

Model homes are not defined in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, but they are not a permitted use in non-resort areas, Rogers said, adding the city staff interprets a model as a home furnished and staffed by the developer to sell.



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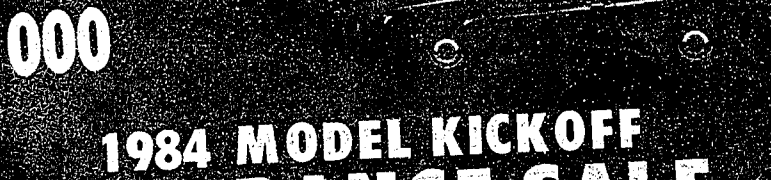
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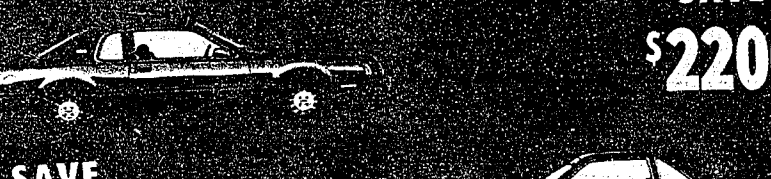
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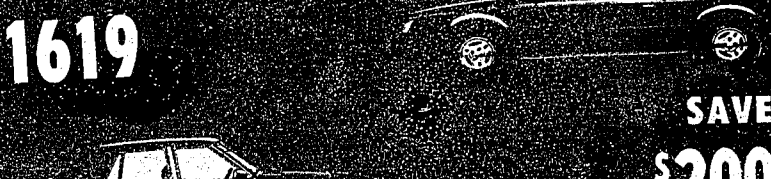
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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Residents will dredge Shell Harbor waterway

The Planning Department recommended approval with the condition that placement of spoil on the undeveloped lot would not require the removal of native vegetation.

The permits for dredging required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the state Department of Environmental Regulations have been applied for.

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Development permit okayed for East Gulf Drive drainage improvements

Public Works Director Gary Price called it a "chicken and egg" situation.

He was seeking a development permit for the city to install a drainage system with swales and ditches along East Gulf Drive from Sanibel Arms condominiums to the Colony resort.

Easements from three property owners for outlets to drain water from roadside swales into the canal on the north side of East Gulf Drive were needed.

Carl Almas, owner of two of the easements, had told the Planning Commission at an earlier hearing he would not dedicate his land to the city for this purpose.

The commission then postponed

action on the city's development permit to give Price time to obtain the necessary easements.

Last week Price said he had obtained one easement, but Almas had not yet been persuaded to change his mind.

"It would be in a better bargaining position if I had your approval," he told the commission. The project is one in a long range program to improve drainage island-wide.

Price said he was sure the problem with Almas could be worked out.

Commissioner Bill Read's motion to approve the development permit passed unanimously with four commissioners present.



TODAY AT CITY HALL

8:30 a.m. Beach Ridge, to permit construction of a ten-unit apartment building. The Planning Commission last week approved a development permit to allow the 150 cubic yards of sand and shell that will be excavated to be deposited on a low-lying vacant lot.

Since the city has no plans to dredge the network of Shell Harbor canals, it will be up to the individual property owners to keep their access to the bay open.

Commission Chairman Larry Simpson pointed out Gordon Kiddoo submitted the request for a development permit for his neighbors, Jergen Evenhoeft and Robert Beard.

10:00 a.m. Public hearing and first reading of an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3172, relating to Rate of Growth Allocation, amending Sub-section 1.B. relating to applicability. Sub-section 1.B. relating to number of units to be allocated. Sub-section 1.C. relating to open space easements. Ordinance No. 3172, relating to Rate of Growth Allocation, amending Sub-section 1.B. relating to applicability. Sub-section 1.B. relating to number of units to be allocated. Sub-section 1.C. relating to open space easements.

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Sanibel City Council okays tentative plan at first public session from page 1

taxes (\$1.857 million) are less, Murphy said, because more income is available from other sources of revenue including the local government half-cent sales tax.

With only a half dozen persons representing the public on hand, the council spent more than four hours reviewing the 74-page budget, department by department.

The council was not sure whether to attribute the poor attendance to "public apathy or confidence that we're doing things right."

At the outset it was council consensus to postpone a vote on any potential issues until the final public hearing scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, when four council members will be present.

At the end of the session Mayor Fred Valth had identified five issues to be decided by council at the second hearing:

- Whether to grant a merit increase in salary for City Attorney David La Colta;
- Whether to approve a 2 percent salary increase for longevity for persons employed by the city for more than 10 years;
- Whether \$4,000 left in the Below Market Rate Housing Foundation budget should be carried over to the next fiscal year;
- Whether a five-year average of salary should be used to compute retirement income for sworn police officers rather than the 10-year average now in effect; and
- Whether to adopt a plan for alligator control

proposed by George Campbell.

The budget as proposed calls for a 5.5 percent cost of living increase for all city employees plus a 4 percent merit increase for those eligible.

Currently employees with more than five years tenure are eligible for a 1 percent of base salary increase. Murphy is recommending an additional 2 percent payment for employees entering their 10th year of service.

Though no new employees are budgeted, Murphy said two employees in the Public Works Department and one in the Police Department are recommended for promotion.

Should council decide during the next fiscal year to create a new position of sanitary engineer, as recommended by a Committee of the Islands Task Force studying the city's sewage treatment and solid waste problems, Murphy said there are ample funds in the Administrative Department's contingency account to cover the salary.

The budget provides funds for purchasing word processors for the city manager's secretary and the Legal and Planning department secretaries that are compatible with one already in use by the council secretary.

The Police Department's \$904,688 budget, the largest proposed, provides for a 376,348 increase in wages, fringe benefits and retirement costs. It covers the cost of leasing five police cars including one four-wheel drive Ford.

The Public Works Department budget was in-

creased by \$117,564, bolstered by the \$250,000 revenue from the city's share of the county's new four-cent gasoline tax.

Improvements provided in this budget include Phase 1 of the West Gulf Drive drainage improvement and bike path installation between Tarpon Bay and Rabbit roads as well as installation of the riprap separators along 1.2 miles of Periwinkle Way. Public Works Director Gary Price said.

Price said most of the first phase work will be engineering studies and acquisition of easements and will not be visible during the next fiscal year. Actual installation of the bike path will begin in 1986, he said.

Funding of up to \$13,000 is provided by the proposed budget for the improvement and operation of the Island Historical Museum.

The City Hall Debt Service will be funded from special accounts — J.N. "Ding" Darling, \$29,815; Sanibel Causeway Surplus, \$26,188; and Franchise and Occupational Licenses, \$36,897.

The \$155,900 total will pay Bank of the Islands \$142,900 on the principal and interest and put \$13,000 into the escrow account. As of April 1, 1985, the debt will be reduced to \$500,600.

The budget provides continuation of donations of \$10,000 to the Sanibel Community Association mortgage reduction fund; \$35,000 to the Below

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Drastically reduced CEPD plan adopted at second hearing from page 1

plan. At the first public hearing on the budget a general protest — including a petition signed by 65 Captivans — led to the board's 2-1 vote to delete the reserve for beach renourishment — therefore cutting the proposed budget by more than 75 percent. Two commissioners who strongly supported the reserve were not in attendance.

Those two commissioners, Lloyd Wright and Dewitt Jones, were in attendance last Wednesday for the second public hearing. When the discussion came to the Capital Outlay Reserve Fund they sat silent and staid.

Once the budget had been tentatively adopted in the first public hearing there was no way the board could return the capital outlay reserve money to the budget without going through a complicated legal procedure.

After the hearing, CEPD Attorney Jim Humphrey put his finger on the law where it expressly states: "In no event may the millage rate ... exceed the millage rate tentatively adopted." "Naturally, I'm very unhappy this (budget cut) was done without the rest of us in attendance,"

He added the group that opposes using ad valorem

taxes as part of the finance plan for renourishment would likely complain later that South Seas Plantation wasn't paying enough for the project, South Seas Plantation would have paid 60 percent of any tax load put on the island.

The opposition, however, countered that an ad valorem tax is the most unfair way to pay for renourishment. In such a tax, the cost-to-benefit ratio is skewed because bay-front and gulf-front homeowners are taxed with the same millage rate — yet the gulf-front homeowners obviously receive a much greater benefit from a new beach.

Captivan Jack Mount also fingered an important philosophic dissent to the renourishment reserve when fighting to eliminate other renourishment-related budget items last Wednesday.

"What right does the CEPD have to set up taxes ... to pile the money into their coffers ... for something they can't be sure they are going to get (a new beach)," Mount asked.

He added that renourishment funding plans have been voted down three times. And he strongly queried the legality of the CEPD collecting taxes one year and then carrying those funds over to the next fiscal year if they are not used during the year they are collected.

"What right do they have?" Mount asked. "I have never seen in my whole life an agency that is allowed to collect money, which it gets interest when it is not used ... just as if it were a bank."

Attorney Humphrey said it was his legal opinion, after reading the enabling act, that the CEPD could collect money and carry it over year by year if that money were strictly intended for a project that the board has approved.

As far as the reserve that was to be collected this year in anticipation of a new finance plan going before the voters in a February or March referendum, the commissioners appeared to be considering keeping that figure in the finance plan and then borrowing the money if the plan passes.

The opposition — most of the audience of about 12 members — said this was the path the CEPD should take. First get voter approval, then get the money.

Mount said the board would have to pay interest on a loan for that money, but in the meantime Captivans would be making interest on their own money, not the CEPD. And if the CEPD had to make the loan, at least it would be after the resident of Captiva had approved a renourishment plan via a referendum, he added.

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Market Rate Housing Foundation; and \$10,000 to the Sanibel-Captiva Wetlands Acquisition fund. Murphy said Federal Revenue Sharing funds totaling \$24,650 and \$85,000 from franchise and occupational license taxes has been earmarked for the possible purchase of wetlands for conservation. There is also \$19,500 available in the Mario Hutton fund that could be used for wetlands acquisition, he said.

Vallin pointed out that a Planning Department inventory shows that land partially or wholly within 200 feet of the Sanibel River, where development is least likely to be allowed under Wetlands Conservation District standards and the property is most likely to be acquired by the city, lies in Sanibel Highlands, Sanibel Gardens and Tarpon Bay subdivisions.

The 1983 appraised value of all the lots is only

\$110,340, Vallin said, a figure considerably lower than first estimated. "There's enough money in the budget for the city to acquire all these properties," he said.

The taxes levied in 1983 on all these properties totaled \$1,754,077, and the argument that public acquisition of sensitive wetlands would remove too much of the city's tax base is no longer an argument, Vallin said.

A culinary coup

Island chefs cook up a winner at 1984 Culinary Arts Expo



After six hours in the kitchen and an hour of camera work, Peter Hartz was exhausted when he took a brief respite at the hotel and lobby reception. Mark Hartz, executive chef of the hotel, accompanied him to the reception area.

There was the first year for the best food competition at the hotel and lobby reception. Mark Hartz, executive chef of the hotel, accompanied him to the reception area.

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Story and photos by Mark Johnson



Chief Peter Hartzman competes with a chef's assistant for a portion.

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Fall means fun on Sanibel and Captiva

Fall is traditionally a quiet time of year for both residents and visitors of Sanibel and Captiva. That started to change last year, however, with the First Annual Fall Festival of the Islands.

This year's second annual festival sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce is even bigger and better and offers something for everyone from runners to sailors, softball pitchers, golfers, fishermen, jazz aficionados and oom-pah-pah fans.

The Islands' finest resorts and facilities are set to host competition and weekend novices to compete with their peers for cash, trophies, island vacations and other valuable prizes.

Chili Cook-Off

The Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the chili cook-off for the third time this year. The popular event has become one of the club's main fund-raising activities. The proceeds of which go toward programs such as scouting and sports for the Islands' youth.

Jazz on the Green

Jazz on the Green returns to Sanibel under the sponsorship of the Frontier Island Group for the fourth time this year. Each year the evening of jazz under the stars grows more and more popular.

Entry fee is \$30 per person. For entry blanks and more information call head pro Pat Finn at the Dunes, 472-5232. The entry deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 10.

Oktoberfest at Tween Waters

Roll out the barrels at Tween Waters Inn on Captiva Oct. 16-21 during the second annual Oktoberfest of the Islands. Last year's festivities drew hundreds of oom-pah-pah fans to the tented bier garden every day of the festival.

One-Pitch Softball Tournament

A new event for the fall festival is the First Annual One-Pitch Softball Tournament. The competition will be held at the Sanibel and Captiva fields next to the Sanibel and Captiva Police Department softball team, one of the better teams in the country.

Sailing Regatta

The Second Annual Sanibel and Captiva Sailing Regatta is set for the weekend of Oct. 13-14. This year's regatta is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Lowerbrau.

10K Sunrise Run

The Second Annual Sanibel-Captiva 10K Sunrise Run promises to draw more than the 500 runners who came from throughout Florida last year. This year's race takes place Saturday, Oct. 13.

Golf Tournament

Tea up for the Second Annual Festival of the Islands Golf Classic at the Dunes and the Beachview country clubs Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 21-22. This year's professional tournament is sponsored by Bank of the Islands and the Reef Motel of Sanibel.

Big Pumpkin Swim Meet

Florida's finest young swimmers will gather at the Sanibel Recreation Complex pool Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 19, 20 and 21 for the Annual Big Pumpkin Swim Meet.

Tennis Tournament

Tennis players from pros to novices will gather on courts around the Islands on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 27-28, for the Second Annual Champagne Slips Tennis Tournament.

More festival events, page 21A



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

Police investigated the theft of six \$100 bills from a room at the Ramada Inn early Friday morning, Sept. 7. The money was taken sometime between 3 and 5:15 p.m., Sept. 6.

A Cincinnati, Ohio, man reported \$50 in cash was missing from a home on West Gulf Drive Friday afternoon, Sept. 7. The complainant told police the money was taken sometime between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. that day.

The theft of \$240 in cash, a Sears credit card and a MasterCard from a room at the Ramada Inn was reported Friday evening, Sept. 7. The items were taken between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. that day.

Three police officers made a thorough check of the area around Woodbridge apartments around 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, after a resident of the apartments reported someone was throwing rocks at her window. Police found no one suspicious in the area.

A Fort Myers man was arrested for driving under the influence after police stopped him in the parking lot at Tahitian Gardens shopping center around 1:15 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8. John James Walsh, 22, of Route 29, Fort Myers, was taken to the Lee County Jail.

A Sanibel woman reported an older model red, single speed girl's bicycle was missing from her Sanibel-Captiva Road home Saturday morning, Sept. 8.

A Cape Coral man reported a brass and glass light fixture valued at \$350 was missing from a home at 1223 Parview Drive on Sanibel Sunday morning, Sept. 9.

Several youths reportedly fled the area around Sanibel Beach Club II around 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, after nearby residents notified police that the youths were setting off fireworks. The youths reportedly ran away as police arrived on the scene.

A Sanibel man reported someone had taken four 6" by 6" wood pilings from a lot on Kittwake Circle Sunday evening, Sept. 9. The 15-foot pilings were valued at \$340.

Police investigated the theft of a purse and wallet and several credit cards from a car that was parked at the Lighthouse beach Monday afternoon, Sept. 10. The items belonged to a Lehigh Acres couple.

A Drexel Hill, Penn., man reported someone had taken his Nikon camera and lens from his car that was parked at the Lighthouse beach between 12:15 and 12:45 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10. The missing camera equipment was valued at \$400.

A Sanibel man was charged with driving under the influence after police stopped him around 11 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10. John Wengrycki, 34, of Sanibel-Captiva Road was taken to Lee County Jail.

A Sanibel woman called police to view a video tape her son had rented from a business on the Island Monday night, Sept. 10. She was concerned that the tape might be pornographic. An officer saw 10 minutes of the tape and reported there was violence but no pornography in the tape.

Police investigated the theft of a lawnmower valued at \$150 from a Pine Tree Drive home Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 11. The lawnmower was taken between 1:15 and 3:15 p.m. that day.

Police recovered 10 real estate "For Sale" signs that were reported missing the previous week from several properties in Sea Oats subdivision. A Sanibel man discovered the signs discarded in a ditch along Sandcastle Road Wednesday morning, Sept. 12.

A Sunrize, Mo., man reported \$502 in cash was missing from his room at the Ramada Inn Thursday morning, Sept. 13. The cash was taken sometime between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m., Sept. 12 and 7:15 and 9:40 a.m., Sept. 13.

Police investigated a West Gulf Drive resident's complaint that gun shots were being fired near his house Thursday morning, Sept. 13. The officer discovered a worker at the nearby West Wind Inn using a nail gun.

Sanibel police issued two citations to drivers for speeding on Island roads during the week that ended Thursday afternoon, Sept. 13.

Correction

In last week's Police Beat it was incorrectly reported that Fort Myers resident William Kenneth Ellison, 44, of 265 Central Ave. was charged with possession of a forged instrument when he was stopped by Sanibel police Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 4. Ellison was charged only with speeding. The Islander regrets the mistake.

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BUSINESS NEWS

By Scott Martell



"Being an executive vice president isn't an ego thing. But it carries a lot of self-satisfaction."

Loraine Maroon

Profile: Loraine Maroon

Profession: Executive vice president, Marquis Hotels and Resorts.

Most admires: Geraldine Ferraro — "I have to admire her guts to take all that abuse."

When not working: Plays golf, swims, reads and is learning tennis.

Pet peeve: The upcoming change in the bed tax ordinance that will allow money collected from that tax to be spent on projects other than those directly related to bringing tourists to South-west Florida in the off-season.

Family: Husband James, and two white-Maltese dogs.

Several years ago Loraine Maroon walked into a banker's office to close a loan on a major construction project. The banker looked at Maroon and immediately said, "Wait a minute. We want to see Reed." Nathaniel Reed was Maroon's partner. It was a man — and gender was the issue despite the fact that Maroon was a full partner, with titles of executive vice president of a Northwest construction and chain executive officer of Manor Park Realty, in the companies she and Reed started. "I suppose every time a woman closes big deals and so other business," Maroon says. "But back then there was some resentment

toward me at first. Attorneys and bankers were the worst — they would be upset if I knew something they didn't or if I corrected them. But I knew some things because I learned them from the ground up. Now well-established in Marquis Hotels and Resorts, Maroon admits things aren't much smoother for her now.

"It really was not that hard for me coming up," she maintains. "But it seemed there always was that little difference — that I was a woman."

A strong woman, however, and one who was secure enough to stop her career at certain critical points with a "retirement," and then quickly shoot off to a new business challenge. She grew up in Canada and discovered early on she did not want an ordinary woman's job.

"In Winnipeg, I was at the top of where I could be there, and that wasn't much as executive secretary to the president of a heavy equipment dealership," she says. "I knew I couldn't go any further there as a woman."

So Maroon "retired" to the windy city of Chicago, where she tried several jobs.

And then came her big break. She met an attorney, Nathaniel Reed, who started her on her way in property management and construction. "She jokes that he had built speculation homes and had her writing the checks to pay the help when she was 8 years old. But, she says seriously, most of the credit goes to Reed, who started her off and running in the field."

"I picked up a good legal background from him," she says. And she was given the kind of responsibility she desired. Soon she was handling real estate problems and getting involved in apartment complexes for Reed's clients. At one time she handled 80 residential units.

Then Reed became involved in construction projects. He formed Northwest Construction and Manor Park Realty. Maroon moved executive positions and later a full partnership. The two look, projects, fees, bank loans, completed buildings and they managed them. They put up 2,000 apartment units in six years.

During that time came a critical turning point for Maroon. Reed collapsed. Maroon was forced to take over. He left her with a hand hat on and a couple of million dollars of a project.

"Our attorney said to go and give it a try," Maroon says. "I had moved personally on the construction loan, as well as signing the contracts. Instead of getting up and losing everything, I completed the project. Reed was really glad I started. I could do it."

Reed recovered and business went on as usual. But now Maroon has lost confidence in

Reed. "Reed would generally get the financing together. Then he'd get the money for the project going. But Reed usually pretty much removed himself from the construction end. He'd say 'go to it' and they would go off to play golf," Maroon laughs.

Maroon's work with Reed involved many projects, including the fact that no such money was being tied up in Florida and Illinois "Development" projects, which involves a mass of paperwork.

So she "retired" again. This one lasted less than four months. An attorney and accountant contacted with her previous firm asked her to look at a piece of land in Orlando. A condominium project called Vista was at a standstill.

Maroon couldn't resist the challenge. She joined the two developers in the project as a partner. The group turned Vista into a 16-unit resort. In the first year, Maroon — as executive vice president and general manager — was on the road 26 weeks out of the year, meeting wholesalers, attending trade shows, getting the resort known — this plus opening the resort.

Then in 1982 the partners turned it into a timeshare resort and added 112 units. Vista was well on its way to becoming a success story.

Seven years later, Vista's owners, the two northern partners wanted to sell. "Phase II" which included a hotel, Maroon opposed the plan.

Again she "retired," and again the retirement did not last long. Mike Peeples, president of Marquis Hotels and Resorts, asked her to join the company as executive vice president, in charge of operations, marketing and property management.

She was delighted with the prospects of joining a firm that has so prospered all over Florida and 13 resorts in the past five years. "I've been in the construction industry for 12 years. I've done everything you could do. I've done everything you could do. I've done everything you could do."

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BUSINESS NEWS

Former Mariner project manager starts Benchmark General Contractors

With Mariner Properties, Mark Anderson constructed many buildings that can serve as a benchmark for his future work.

Now, with the construction of an addition to the Sanibel firehouse, Anderson has another benchmark. This time as the first project of his new general contracting firm — Benchmark General Contractors, Inc.

The project began July 30 and took six weeks to complete — two weeks less than expected, which pleased Anderson.

The work added a large, second floor classroom facing Palm Ridge Road and included fixing a problem that has been irritating the fire crew for years — a leaky roof that seemed unfixable.

"The key to why the project worked so well was the design by architect Joe A. Cyr," Anderson said last week. "We covered the firehouse with a frame wood truss roof that acts like a raincoat over the building."

Midwest Carpentry did the work, and now the firemen will finish up the job with coats of paint.

Anderson feels strongly that there is a niche in the contracting field for his new company. With the lower overhead of a small firm, he says, he

can handle the smaller to mid-size jobs at a lower bid than many larger companies. He can even tackle the "big boys" to certain instances.

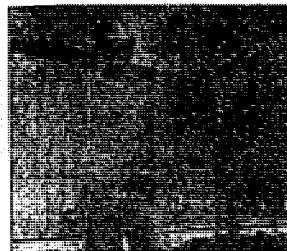
He's leaving himself open to contracting for multi-family units, commercial properties and single-family homes.

While his bids will be competitive, Anderson also feels the quality and depth of his services will be competitive. He feels he's been with a leader in the field (Mariner) and he wouldn't be doing what he is now without the lessons and experiences he gained with that firm.

As a project manager for Mariner Properties, Anderson was responsible for the completion of projects at South Seas Plantation, Useppa Island, Cypress Square Shopping Center, Tortuga Beach Club and North Shore Place.

Owning his own firm has forced Anderson to grow professionally — with Mariner he was strictly limited to operations. He must make the transition to other aspects of business, including marketing.

"Now it's not just a question of getting the job done, but of getting the job, period," he laughs.



Mark Anderson stands outside the Sanibel Fire Station on Palm Ridge Road, which his firm recently remodeled and expanded. Photo by Scott Martell.

Tips could save the small business owners from bankruptcy

Courtesy of the U.S. Small Business Administration

Two years ago a Small Business Development Council client filed for reorganization under Chapter 11. Today he is out of Chapter 11 and is rebuilding his business. He has volunteered some suggestions that might help other small business owners avoid the perils of bankruptcy:

"When you open your new business budget enough capital to carry you through the first year. Plan for emergencies.

"Take daily or weekly inventories of stock for at least the first six months until your costs balance.

"You cannot afford to be a nice guy. If labor costs exceed your budget, no one will have a job. If costs go up in any area, find the source and control them.

"Establish credit with only a few major firms. Pay everything else COD to avoid letting major debts build up.

"Do not allow your sales people or suppliers to take an inordinate amount of your time. Insist that they schedule appointments. A small business owner cannot afford the time to see every sales rep who walks through the door.

"If at all possible, open your business on the Monday before a "season" (Holidays, Christmas). Don't have the grand opening for at least two

or three weeks. Allow time for the staff to adjust to the business.

"Do not get involved with a variable or floating interest rate loan. Try to get fixed rate financing. A floating interest rate can double your payments unexpectedly.

"If you find that you cannot handle your payments, don't be afraid to go back to the bank and renegotiate the terms.

"If you have to go back to the bank, go to the top; don't start at the bottom. When you do go to the bank, show your banker a professional, structured salvage plan. He will be able to relate to your plan and help you.

"If you do file Chapter 11 make the commitment to either salvage the business or sell it while you still have some control over it.

"If you file for bankruptcy take care of the IRS and state sales tax first, whether you are a corporation or not. The IRS is subject to no other laws, and despite protection from Chapter 11 you are still liable for stiff penalties and interest.

"Most important, you have to be on top of everything yourself. Run your business; don't let it run you.

"The moral of the story is that you can survive a bankruptcy. This client was successful in turning his business around; he paid off his creditors and after one year was discharged from the bankruptcy.

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BUSINESS NEWS

SBDC offers seminars

The Small Business Development Center has established a series of September seminars useful for small business owners. The seminars are taking place in Englewood, St. Petersburg and Tampa.

In Englewood a seminar about "How to use modern marketing practices in seeking sales and profits for your small business" takes place Sept. 25. For more information call the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 474-5511, or the SBDC in Tampa, 974-4274.

In Tampa a seminar on understanding bankruptcy will be held Sept. 20. Among the topics will be "An overview of bankruptcy in small business," "What you need to know about trustees," "What you need to know if you are a creditor," and "What you need to know if you are a debtor." For more information call the SBDC in Tampa, 974-4274.

Another Tampa seminar on interviewing will take place Sept. 26. Again, call the SBDC in Tampa, 974-4274.

An all-day seminar Sept. 23 in St. Petersburg will focus on "Survival in the 80's: Tactics for small business success." Eight different seminars will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information call the St. Petersburg SBDC, 839-2529.



RESI to hear about county development standards ordinance

Members of the Real Estate Securities and Syndication Institute will hear Steven Shimp give an update from the committee to revise the Lee County Development Standards Ordinance at noon, Thursday, Sept. 27, at the Forest Country Club.

Shimp is president of Owen-Ames-Rimball Company, a general contracting firm with offices in Fort Myers. He is the contractor representative on the charter revision committee.

Reservations for the luncheon can be made by calling 936-6600. The cost of the luncheon will be \$7 to members and \$8 to non-members.

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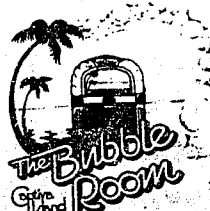
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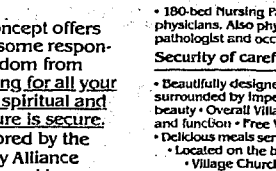
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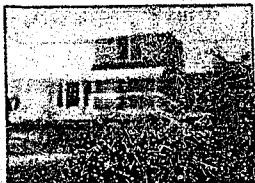
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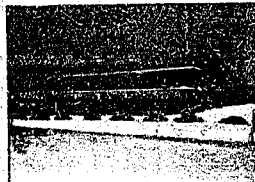


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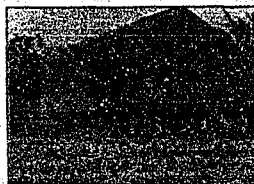


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Part II: The SCCF barn owl project

Program enjoys amazing success
in renourishing the population
of one of the Islands' best friends

By George Campbell

Illustrated by Ann Winterbetham

In 1980 the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Research Committee, under the chairmanship of Ken Preston undertook an investigation concerning the barn owl on Sanibel.

The project was inspired by Dr. Bill Webb and had the goal re-establishing our depleted barn owl population. The work began with this hypothesis: "That the depleted or absent population of barn owls is due to lack of good and safe nesting sites." In the past, farming, commercial and fishing activities on Sanibel produced lots of owl food, and farm sheds, barns and fish houses provided nesting sites.

Today on Sanibel there is certainly plenty of food for barn owls. As cited in a previous article, *Rattus rattus*, the roof rat, is extremely abundant on Sanibel now and is a noxious pest in many yards and garages.

But there are few old sheds, and the barns have long gone. Modern architecture does not leave needed openings into attics that would be suitable for barn owl nests. Large hollow trees, cliffside holes, caves, etc. are absent on Sanibel. The latter were the natural nesting sites of the barn owl in prehistoric times, before the human species entered the picture and provided good substitute breeding sites.

To test the hypothesis that the low or absent barn owl population was due to the absence of safe nesting sites on Sanibel, the Research Committee resolved to provide 23 proper nesting boxes at appropriate sites around the Island.

Publicity surrounding this new and popular project soon identified 50 people who offered their houses for the installation of nest boxes. So SCCF volunteers built 50 in all.

Al Lloyd led the building effort. He and Webb scrounged various building sites and liberated necessary scrap lumber so that only nails had to be purchased. A whole flock of volunteers, including Ken Preston, Henry McKee, Herb Rhinesmith, John Seabrooke and Dick Light, helped with the actual building, which took place in Lloyd's back yard.

The owls' use of the boxes was extremely interesting. The nest boxes were installed in the spring of 1980. No one really expected the barn owls to show up very soon. It was supposed that a considerable length of time would elapse before the possibly very few barn owls extant here would discover the newly provided, superior nesting sites.

But, miracle of miracles, in Sep-

tember 1980 the first nesting pair occupied the first house, which happened to be the one at the SCCF center on Sanibel-Captiva Road.

The box was on the back wall under the eaves of the building. Many thought the spot was too close for avian comfort to where all nature center visitors would have to pass. It was within a few feet of a screen door that slammed reliably 300-400 times a day and was between two noisy ventilating fans.

Actually, nobody expected this box to be used at all! But its placement there, it was felt, would be useful public relations because it would enable the volunteer SCCF trail guides to pause briefly to explain to visitors that the barn owl program was in place and that an effort was being made to bring these animals back to Sanibel in their former numbers. It was, accordingly, hoped that support for and interest in the program would be generated.

So when this "model home" was the very first one to be occupied, it came as a pleasant surprise to all those interested in the project, and especially to those volunteers who had worked so hard. Moreover, nesting has taken place there every year since September 1980!

Then the next avian miracle took place. The second box to be occupied was the one installed at Bill Webb's house of all places! This was in January 1981.

The third barn owl nest box to be occupied carries this strange narrative one step further. It is at the home of Hugh Irwin, president of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society!

Webb says the birds were very "considerate." I'm not sure "considerate" is the right word. There must be some supernatural collusion here, or perhaps some avian pagan god or goddess is at work. There has to be some occult explanation.

Fortunately, in contemplating this weighty problem I had the good sense to consult our Sanibel authority on such matters, Dr. Calvin Brown. He quickly gave me the clues that led to what certainly is the correct answer: Owls were sacred to Athena, the Goddess of Wisdom, the same for whom Athens was named as a tribute. Owls, though not barn owls, are found on ancient Athenian coins. Possibly this patron goddess of Athens, the Goddess of Wisdom (no matter that modern ornithologists don't credit owls with much wisdom - in fact they are classed as slow learners) has surely had her hand in this "Sanibel Miracle." What other explanation could there possibly be?

Of 50 boxes, 47 remain unused by
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Incubation commences as soon as the first egg is laid. Hatching is sequential, hence there are three sizes (equal) in the pictured brood. In a scarce food situation, perhaps only the largest

(oldest) would fledge, because it would have a competitive advantage over the others. Here on Sanibel we have so many rats that there is enough food for all, so probably all will survive.



Peleistatus' became dictator of Athens in B.C. 56. His patron goddess, the virgin Athene, was pictured on one side of an ancient silver coin. The other side of the coin (1) was occupied by the coat of arms of Athens, the "Little Owl," Athene noctua, native to Greece and still common in that country. An olive branch or an olive twig was shown with the owl.

This fat silver coin represents the oldest coinage in the world that has an image on both sides. Other Greek coins "picturing" owls came later:

"Hippus was Peleistatus' son. He coin (2) dates from 516 B.C. and is considered an artistic masterpiece."

"The 'Owl of Marathon' with wings spread to fly away is depicted on the reverse. (3) This 10-drachma coin in heavy silver would be equivalent to about \$100 in 1984 dollars."

Drawn from photographs by Sellman.

Part I: The first of the 'Big Three' undesirable exotics on Sanibel

By Charles LeBuff Biological technician J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge...

Now that the "Great Melaleuca Controversy" has somewhat diminished here on Sanibel, it is appropriate to bring the issue of exotic plant control up again...

The "Big Three" are commonly known as the Brazilian pepper, the Australian pine and the melaleuca trees.

Brazilian pepper control is like a good marriage — it takes commitment and a lot of hard work.

The Islands. The first plants brought to Florida are thought to have reached Bradenton in 1891. We know that Schinus was present on Sanibel in the early 1930s and had been utilized as an ornamental around some homesites.

I recall that in the late 1950s "Uncle" Clarence Rutland had several canned seedlings at his small nursery operation next to the Gulf service station. In 1961 he gave Tommy Wood (the first refuge manager) and me two potted Schinus. We promptly planted them at our seaplane base on the Bailey Tract. They were planted as a wildlife food source — robins, cabirids and raccoons love their bright red fruit.

Little did we know that 20 years later I would be spending many of my official workdays combating the cancer-like spread of this beautiful, but highly undesirable, plant on Sanibel. Incidentally, in 1980 I killed the two trees Wood

and I planted, plus hundreds of "offspring" they had produced over two decades.

The invasion of Brazilian pepper into all of the islands' ecosystems is complete. It is distributed from the shallow freshwater sloughs of the interior to the mangrove forest on the north and to the gulf beach on the south. Some property owners still cultivate and manicure the trees as individual shade trees or as hedges. It's a shame that the plant could not have been less successful, for it can be aesthetically pleasing.

To see how devastating to Sanibel's natural systems this plant really is, take a slow, observant ride along Sanibel-Captiva Road toward Blind Pass. Look and compare the left side of the road to the right. I think the vista speaks for itself.

There are several philosophies as to how Schinus can best be managed on Sanibel. The refuge has selected a program that works for its management needs. Several steps are taken in a balanced regimen aimed at "control" of Brazilian pepper on the refuge. We recognize that "control" can be realized — not eradication.

Step one of our Brazilian pepper control program involved a cultural survey to locate and identify both historic and prehistoric sites so we could avoid damaging these resources. The second phase was a planning effort to select areas where various forms of control techniques would be implemented.

Large tracts of land such as the Bailey Tract and the American Legion curve on Sanibel-Captiva Road receive dramatic initial treatment. A small bulldozer selectively uproots Schinus trees and systematically pushes them into piles. This looks bad, but only temporarily.

We must recognize that the properties on the refuge that have been cleared by this method were not "virgin" wildlands at the time we started Brazilian pepper control. For example, the Bailey Tract was completely bulldozed and partly excavated by dragline in the years 1952-57. We even dynamited several potholes around the tract's central mangrove head in an attempt to have permanent freshwater pools — this was done prior to the construction of the mosquito control ditch — in the days when year-round freshwater was at a premium on Sanibel.

Another example is very obvious. The corner of refuge property at Tarpon Bay Road and Sanibel-

"The Big Three" are commonly known as the Brazilian pepper, the Australian pine and the melaleuca trees.

Captiva Road was cleared of Schinus by refuge personnel in 1969. This "virgin" land had been cleared several times prior to our work. The parcel had been cultivated for farm crops at least up until the late 1920s and was locally cleared in the mid-1960s. Then it was to be the site of a small shopping center, but the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service had included the tract in its approved acquisition boundary and the corner was spared from development.

After clearing the large trees a simple procedure involving the application of a relatively selective herbicide comes into play. Banvel 720, a foliar spray, is applied to remaining Schinus, including root suckers that generate soon after the clearing operation. This herbicide is mixed one gallon of Banvel 720 to 99 gallons of water.

Two to three weeks after the initial spraying we return with our tractor-sprayer rig and re-apply the herbicide to plants that were missed the first time. Each spring (in March, April and May) the various areas are retreated several times. This follow-up technique has been the key to our success; but our source of action cannot pause or stray. Schinus control is like a good marriage — it takes a commitment and hard work.

Other chemicals are also part of our arsenal. The herbicides Banvel 52 and Garlon 4 are mixed with diesel fuel and sprayed to the trunks of Brazilian peppers. Velpar graniballs sometimes are used in dense monotypic stands of Schinus.

All of the chemicals utilized by the refuge are approved by the U.S. Department of the Interior's working group on pesticides. Two refuge staff members are trained applicators and are licensed by the state of Florida to apply the herbicides we use.

The refuge Schinus control program works. For a demonstration of its success just walk through the Bailey Tract. This 100-acre parcel of land is like an oasis in a desert of undesirable plant species. Sure, you'll see a few small Brazilian peppers — but they're going to get theirs next spring!

CLUB NEWS

Rotarians honor Island couple for their work with young people

Sanibel's David and Diane La Croix were honored by the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club last week for their contributions to the Island community.

The La Croixs received the Rotary Four-Way Test Award for their tireless efforts with the young people of Sanibel and Captiva. It was the first time in the local club's history that the award has been given to non-Rotarians.

The Four-Way Test includes:

- 1. Is it the truth? 2. Is it fair to all concerned? 3. Will it build good will and better friendships? 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned? The La Croixs spearheaded the drive for the Island Teen Club that was formed earlier this year. The organizers have targeted 170 teenagers from 13 to 18 on Sanibel and Captiva. Forty have joined the club thus far, and members hope for 70 by Christmas.

Porter Goss will address Lions

Lee County Commissioner and Sanibel resident Porter Goss will address the regular meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club at 6:30 p.m. this Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the Sanibel Community Association hall. Goss' topic will be the "Present Status of Lee County Government."



ENTERTAINMENT THIS WEEK

Chadwick's — At the entrance to South Seas Plantation on Captiva. Hear Danny Morgan in the lounge through Oct. 1 weekdays (except Tuesday) and Sunday from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.; Friday and Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesdays hear

The Southwest Florida Steel Drum Band from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Crow's Nest — This week hear Music Business, a four-piece band from Eustis, Fla., in the lounge every night except Monday from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dancing. Cover charge \$1. Movies every Monday night. Happy hour from 4 to 6 p.m. daily.

Gib's — Next to Hunter's Market on Periwinkle Way. Hear Duke's Hit Single from 8 p.m. to midnight every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Every Friday hear Dooley's Dixie Five from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Morgan's Lounge — At the Sundial, Middle Gulf Drive, Sanibel. This month dance to the music of Southbound from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

Thistle Lodge — At Casa Ybel Resort, Casa Ybel Road, Sanibel. Through Sept. 23 hear Ron and Bob Inkenbrandt beginning at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Happy hour with piano music from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Closed Monday. Dancing. No cover.

Island Cinema — Closed for vacation through Oct. 31.

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And the three that are occupied are at the homes of people or at institutions where obvious and considerable interest in these birds exists. It is all very strange indeed. Perhaps this should be investigated in depth and full disclosure statements demanded of both birds and hosts.

Insofar as percentage of occupancy is concerned, at first glance you might say three out of 50 is not such a great success story. But when you consider the fact that nobody knew for sure whether there were any barn owls on Sanibel anyway, this really does turn into a real success story — especially when you consider the large number of young that have been produced, as we will discuss later.

About half of those 47 houses that are not used by barn owls are indeed used by other birds. Some are used by screech owls, others by great crested flycatchers and the Carolina wren (which will even breed in your straw hat if you carelessly leave it lying about your garage).

With the above scientific explanation, which leads to the inescapable conclusion that Athena obviously had her hand in the selection of successful barn owl nest sites, it should not be hard for the bird refuge to forecast the next successful nesting location.

They must simply study the hierarchical relationships of the remaining Sanibel naturalist-conscientists, concentrating on those with an ornithological bent. Obviously, the next most prestigious person's property will be selected. If I had to guess, I would say... Well, I won't say it here. But I will seal my selection in an envelope and mail the sealed envelope to Bill Webb to be opened only after the next nest box is occupied.

A perusal of literature would indicate that barn owls nest only once each year in most places. But Sanibel's barn owls might be making history. Webb's study has revealed that the barn owls here have two nest periods each year.

The winter-spring nesting period starts in January or February, with the young fledging in May. These youngsters stay around the box area for

one or two months and are fed during this period by the parent birds.

After moulting in midsummer, by September or October the adult birds are again laying eggs. The young from these eggs fledge in December.

Three nest boxes in five years have produced 25 successfully fledged young barn owls on Sanibel. This impressive figure proves beyond any doubt the original hypothesis: "That the depleted (or absent) population of barn owls is due to lack of good, safe nesting sites."

All the youngsters have been banded by SCCF Manager Steve Phillip, who seems to have no fear of the talons of these birds when he hauls his hand into a box of young owls and hauls one out for ringing, as they say on the other side of the ocean. "There is a trans-Atlantic drift at work here — 'ringing' drifts into 'banding' on this side of the ocean."

Since there have been no returns of any of these bands so far, it is not possible to know whether our young birds stay here on Sanibel or whether some cross the water to the mainland. It is known, however, that barn owls fly long distances, so it is certainly possible that they go to more distant places in Lee County and elsewhere in South Florida.

The records of productivity of the barn owls on Sanibel compares favorably with those from other parts of the species' range. As compared with Great Britain, the four to five eggs per clutch that we have is just about on target, and the brood size of two to four is in harmony, too.

As for the food, visiting students have done some interesting pellet studies here. To me the most interesting item was proof that the Sanibel rice rat, Oryzopsis palustris sanibelli, still exists because one worker has found pellets containing bones and teeth of this subspecies in pellets from the bird house at the SCCF center.

Since the roof rat has become so onomniologically prevalent on Sanibel, I had worried that the reddish-colored rice rat might be over-stressed. However, the fact that fragments are found in owl pellets is pretty good indication that they are still present.

Also, I saw a rice rat recently in the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, so this endemic subspecies does still seem to manage the stresses of modern "progress" on Sanibel.

The indigenous Florida mouse, Peromyscus floridana, has been found in pellets from the same source.

I will discuss many details of barn owl natural history, races, distribution, food and near relatives in a later piece in this series. I will also provide an update on the status of the species on Sanibel sometime around May 1985.

CROW HAS ITS FINGERS IN THE BARN OWL PIE, TOO

During the years since the 1960 inception of the SCCF barn owl project, Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc., has had its finger in the barn owl pie.

In 1980 five birds were brought to CROW from Palm Beach County. Of these one died, and four were released on Captiva.

In 1981 CROW received 11 barn owls, again from Palm Beach County. One died, one was bled, a cripple and nine were released.

In 1982 a barn owl received from one Fort Myers died. There were no others in 1982.

In 1983 CROW received 50 barn owls.

In 1984 until a few days ago CROW received 41 barn owls. Two died and four have been released in freedom.

This is the year of the SCCF project, and we have been releasing by CROW. Twenty-one have been released to the refuge, and four others were banded and released to the refuge.

Since 1980 CROW's barn owl project has pretty much been successful. It has been a pretty good indication that they are still present.

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SCHOOLNEWS

Island Children's Co-op elects officers

The Island Children's Co-op elected officers at its semi-annual membership meeting last week. Sherry Anderson is the new president of the group; Anne Ketterman, vice president; and Pamela Gilbert, treasurer. Thirty-one families actively participate in the babysitting cooperative. New members are

encouraged to register. The mothers have also devised a new program for the co-op called "Mothers Morning Out." Parents in the co-op will take turns watching the children at Sanibel Community Church from 9 a.m. to noon every Friday so other co-op parents can enjoy the free time.

Florida ACT scores are higher than the national average

Florida students are ahead of the national average in their performance on the ACT Assessment. The ACT Assessment consists of four tests in the areas of English, mathematics, social studies and natural sciences, as well as an interest inventory and a biographical questionnaire. About 40,000 Florida students participated in the ACT Assessment during the past school year.

For 1983-84, the average ACT composite score earned by Florida students was 18.7, two-tenths of a point

above the national average ACT composite of 18.5. There has also been a slight increase in Florida's average ACT composite this year, which is up one-tenth of a point from the 18.6 figure for 1982-83.

However, the average grades of the four high school classes has declined slightly, from 2.55 in 1982-83 to 2.87 in 1983-84.

The percentages of Florida students who say they regard their high school education as "excellent" or "good" has remained stable, at 65 percent of those taking the assessment.

Public can review proposed math texts

Lee County public schools will evaluate their secondary mathematics textbooks this month for adoption consideration later this year by the Florida Instructional Materials Council.

The public can review the textbooks from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 25 and 27 in the library at Lehigh Acres Middle School, 104 Arthur Avenue, Lehigh Acres. Evaluation committee members will be available for assistance.



By Pat Robertson, librarian
Sanibel Public Library

Sometimes what's new at the library is not always a book to put on the current shelf. The library recently has received donations in other categories that we would like to recognize.

Two new photographs now hang in the library, one in the reference room and one in the reading room. "Summer Majesty", a black and white print of clouds towering over the lighthouse buildings, was given to the library by photographer Charles McCullough. "Roseate Spoonbills at Sunset" by Geraldine Hillmer features a group of roseates in a lovely wash of pink light. It was given to the library by Mrs. Richard Potter in memory of her father, Karl Schuettler.

Both prints have received many favorable comments and add to the ambience of the library.

The Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club has given the library six decks of playing cards printed for the visually handicapped and marked with Braille to

identify each card. The library appreciates the many donations the Lions have made that help us expand our large print section.

A selection of books purchased with a donation from the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club will soon be on the shelves in the juvenile section. Three of the titles are: "The Seaside Naturalist" by Deborah Gouliombe, "Water Plants by Laurence Principi" and "The First Travel Guide to the Bottom of the Sea" by Rhoda Blumberg.

Islanders and patrons help the library with book donations also. Our rack of paperbacks is kept filled with donated books. The many hardback books we receive as donations are carefully screened. Some replace worn copies of titles we already have; others supplement areas of subject matter in which we would like to provide more materials. One such title recently received is "A Picture History of the Civil War" by Bruce Catton.

We have been able to expand our collection of books on art and artists through such donations, including the recent acquisition of "Masters of Painting" by Bernadine Kitzly. Our own reference librarian, Mildred Chamberlin, has given us a selection of novels by Joseph Lincoln about the Cape Cod area.

Plan to stop by the library when we reopen Oct. 1 and enjoy our expanded areas and our extensive services.

Sanibel Library closed for inventory

The Sanibel Public Library is closed until Monday, Oct. 1, so the staff can take inventory and prepare for the coming year. Any books checked out since Sept. 4 are due Oct. 1. Books can be returned through the book drop any time the library is closed.

Needlework news

Stitch a favorite quote from a kit or design your own needlepoint statement

By Barbara Boulton

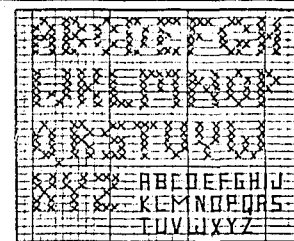
We have had more fun with a line of needlepoint quotes we sell in the shop. We started a few kits for **THANK YOU FOR NOT SMOKING, PLEASE COME IN, and OPEN and CLOSED signs.** Of course, since we are on Sanibel, we added **OLD SHELLERS NEVER DIE, THEY JUST 'CONCH' OUT** and a popular one for residents' guest rooms, **YOU ARE LEAVING SUNDAY, AREN'T YOU?** Then we started making special orders of customers' own favorites. Many of these orders became top sellers as **ONE MORE HOBBY, NO MORE JOBBY; OLD FISHERMEN NEVER DIE, THEY JUST SMELL THAT WAY; and SEX CURES ARTHRITIS** (After a customer read this quote, she indignantly told her friend that it wasn't true).

With the alphabet chart you can easily create your own quote project that can be needlepointed, cross stitched, candlewicked or even latch hooked.

Leave one space between each letter and three spaces between each word. Find the center space of your project, count 25 spaces to the left and begin.

The small alphabet is good for long quotations or poems. An adequate area could be tidily needlepointed and these letters could be straight stitched on top. Or beautiful cross stitch fabric could be used as the background as you straight stitch the letters.

Some of our latest best sellers are **SKINNY COOKS CAN'T BE TRUSTED, HAVE YOU CALLED YOUR MOTHER THIS YEAR?** and **SMOKE, THANKS FOR NOT B—** (complaining).



These projects make great gifts and are quick to do. But there is one quotation perfect for everyone: **LOVE ISN'T LOVE 'TIL YOU GIVE IT AWAY.** If you have questions stop by Idle Hours in Pelican Place shopping center, Palm Ridge Road.

Sheinwold on bridge

North dealer
North-South vulnerable

NORTH		EAST	
♠ 4	♥ 10 9 8	♠ 10 9 5	♥ Q 7
♦ 8 6 3	♣ A J 8 5 4	♦ A 10 9 7 5	♣ K 7 6
SOUTH		WEST	
♠ A K Q J 8 7 6	♥ A J	♠ 2	♥ Q 10 9
♦ Q 2	♣ Q 10 9	♠ 2	♥ Q 10 9

North East South West
Pass Pass 14 Pass
24 Pass 64 All Pass

Opening lead -- OK

By Altrud Sheinwold

Dealer looked for sympathy after playing today's hand. "I pay my taxes and I don't foot around," he pointed out. "Why can't I win a finesse?"

South ruffed the second diamond, drew trumps and led the queen of clubs for a finesse. He didn't expect the finesse to succeed, but he owed it to his partner to do something.

East took his king, and South was down one. Nobody who sympathizes with him, however, has more compassion than bridge savvy.

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After South has drawn trumps it costs him nothing to take the ace and king of hearts. If the queen happens to fall, as it would, South can discard clubs on the 10 and nine of hearts.

If the queen of hearts is not obliging enough to fall, then South returns to his hand by ruffing a heart and then tries the club finesse.

Perhaps there's a moral buried in our story: Don't complain about bad luck when you should be apologizing for bad play.

WEEKLY QUESTION
You hold: ♠ 3 2 0 8 5 4 3 2 0 K Q J 4 3 2. Partner bids one spade, you respond INT, and then he bids two hearts. The opponents pass. What do you say?
ANSWER

Bid three hearts. With six points in high cards, two points for doubletons and a point for the fifth heart you can afford to invite a game, but you can't afford to bid the game yourself. If partner can make four hearts, he'll probably be able to accept your invitation.



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ARTS ON THE ISLANDS

By Julie Niedenfuer

Happy birthday, BIG Arts

Barrier Island Group for the Arts is having a birthday party and everybody is invited.

The organization celebrates its fifth birthday this year, and the Islanders can help celebrate the occasion by participating in what promises to be BIG Arts' best season ever.

By scheduling new shows and performances this year, BIG Arts members are trying to garner the interest and involvement of more Islanders and visitors.

Jay Halcrow, who chairs the program committee, says the events planned will appeal to a wider audience this year. "We're showing a broader perspective of the arts this year, not just music," she says.

That "broader perspective" includes performances by the Asolo Florida State Theater, the Gulf Coast Dance Company and a series of narrated films on topics ranging from architecture to Rauschenberg.

Welcome events Islanders have come to look forward to — Jazz on the Green, readings by "The Company" and performances by the Chicago Lyric Ensemble, for example — will

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Donna Kreager
President, BIG Arts

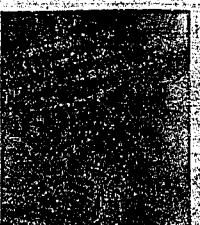
be back and in more force than ever. Jazz on the Green begins on Saturday, Oct. 13, this year, and spills over into a second day Sunday. And the Ensemble will make four appearances on the Islands.

Enthusiasm and creativity are evident in the planning that has gone into this year's calendar. The payoff likely will be the most successful season ever for BIG Arts. Considering the group is supported solely by contributions — with some help from corporations — that's good news. But considering the backgrounds of the organizers, it's not surprising that BIG Arts has 13 years of experience as a fashion sales

promotion director for all the Burdicks stores in Florida. In addition to directing the group, she planned all special events and was in charge of the total concept promotions.

Halcrow, who believes, "Life should be lived to a rumba beat," has copied her current position with the art group since the April 1984 elections. She has been a member since she moved to Sanibel 2 1/2 years ago. "I feel it's your responsibility to become part of a community when you move into the community," she says.

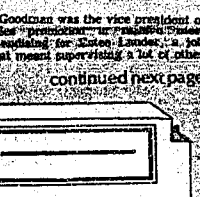
Jill Vannier Goodman moved to Sanibel from New York City four years ago. Like Halcrow, she carries her special credentials in her company chairing the publicity committee.



Jill Vannier Goodman



Donna Kreager



Jay Halcrow

Goodman was the vice president of sales promotion for the Burdicks stores in Florida. She is currently chairing the publicity committee.

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ARTS

Happy birthday, BIG Arts continued

people as well as traveling more than 10,000 miles a year. Now that she's 49, Goodman says, it's time to get domesticated. "I've reversed my life. I'm happy with whatever I do now — baking bread, cooking. We're planning on adopting a child."

BIG Arts President Donna Kreager says the growth of the organization is due in large part to the efforts of people like Halcrow and Goodman and the other officers, chairman and board members. "I have great people working for me. It's been a pleasure," she says.

"We've finally been accepted as a

viable community entity," she says, pointing out that the annual arts and crafts fair now attracts national attention. The type of people who are attracted to Sanibel because of its environment and artsy atmosphere have helped swell the ranks of BIG Arts members and in doing so have made invaluable contributions to the art group, she says.

The future looks sunny indeed. Plans for 1985 are in the works even as the 1984 season gets off the ground. As the saying goes — you're not getting older, you're getting better.

Happy birthday, BIG Arts.



Three of BIG Arts' officers are, from left to right: Molly Orloff, co-treasurer; Aaron Ritvo, vice president; and Nancy Gordon, corresponding secretary. Officers not pictured are Betsy Payton, recording secretary, and Helen Moe, co-

treasurer. Committee chairmen not pictured are Bettis Johnson, membership; Kitty Rose and Sybil I. Rubin, bylaws and grants. All photos by Mark Johnson except Nancy Gordon, which was by Julie Niedenfuer.

Art group 'founding father' remembers when organization was born



Pete Smith

BIG Arts members have a lot of respect for Pete Smith. Not only is he considered a founding father of the group, he stood by when the infant organization was experiencing some difficult growing pains.

Still an active member, Smith well recalls the dramatic events that led to BIG Arts' origin in 1979. "We (Ikkil and Polly MacSwaine and Emil and Bradley Eray) were sitting around in the evening, bemoaning the fact that there was nothing going on," he says.

"They decided the Island needed more cultural activities, but first a nucleus of people with common goals in mind had to be organized. Within a matter of weeks that foundation had started to form. By fall more than 20 people had joined the ranks."

That first season's premier event was an instant hit. Operatic baritone Frank Guarrera attracted a standing room only crowd.

But Smith says initial plans were slow to formulate. Naming the organization alone took three weeks. (The name had to explain the group's purpose while at the same time form a "catchy acronym.")

The goals set forth in the original

charter of the organization are the guidelines still followed today, Smith says. A glance at the bylaws gives an indication of what he means. They begin: "The purposes of the corporation are exclusively charitable, educational and civic, and will be accomplished by sponsoring and coordinating cultural events for the enjoyment and participation of the entire island community..."

Smith says during the past five years BIG Arts has undergone a few changes, most notably the increase in size. (There are currently more than 300 members.) Says Smith, "A lot of organizations go great for four or five years and then the people get tired of it. Here there is a constant influx of new people with new ideas and new energy."

And he believes this year will be no different. "It's going to be our best one so far."

1984-85 C.A.L.E.N.D.A.R

General membership meetings will be held at the Sanibel Public Library at 7:30 p.m. the last Monday of each month beginning September. All members are invited to attend the meetings.

perform at the Sanibel Community Association hall.



OCTOBER
Saturday, Oct. 13 — Jazz on the Green — Contemporary jazz with the Peter Graves Orchestra at the Dunes.
Monday, Oct. 15 — Jazz on the Green — Contemporary jazz with Peter Graves and the Dunes.
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Friday, Oct. 19 — Auction for Art — A fun fundraiser for BIG Arts. All sundial restor.

MONDAY, DEC. 10 — Asolo Florida State Theater — Area children will get a taste of the performing arts when the group gives a show at the Sanibel Elementary School.
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JANUARY
Sunday, Jan. 13 — Chicago Lyric Opera Ensemble ("The Barber of Seville") — They're back! A gala evening is planned for the newly redesigned Kings Crown South Seas Plantation in celebration of BIG Arts' fifth birthday. (No football jams that day!) For 550 you get in the door, be wined and dined and have the rare opportunity to listen to some of the most beautiful music heard in these parts — live.

NOVEMBER
Saturday, Nov. 24 — Fifth annual Arts and Crafts Fair — national hatted crafts fair at the Sanibel Community Association.

DECEMBER
Saturday, Dec. 8 — Asolo Florida State Theater — in its first time over appearance on Sanibel, the company will



MONDAY, JAN. 14 — The Ensemble — They'll treat the children to a performance at the Sanibel Elementary School.
THURSDAY, JAN. 17 — The Ensemble — An intimate sunset performance will be given at "Palazzo Isle," a private Sanibel home. Attendance is subject to limited availability.
SATURDAY, JAN. 19 — The Ensemble members conclude their stay on the Islands with a final concert at the Sanibel Community Association.

with the company in a presentation at the Sanibel Community Association.
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27 — A Portrait of Roy Lichtenstein — A film presentation about this famous local artist is planned. Locations and details to be announced.

MARCH
Saturday, Mar. 7 — Ingrid and Robert McDonald will present "Cabaret Nite."
WEDNESDAY, MAR. 13 — Narrated film — Locations and details to be announced.
SATURDAY, MAR. 16 — Behind the Sea Grapes — BIG Arts' annual tour of private homes on Sanibel and Captiva.
WEDNESDAY, MAR. 27 — Beyond Utopia — A narrated film that looks at the changing attitude in American architecture.
WEDNESDAY, MAR. 30 — BIG Arts' Annual Meeting — Dinner and election of officers will be held poolside at Sundial.

FEBRUARY
Sunday, Feb. 3 — The Miami Opera Company — An afternoon performance of "Bernstein and Broadway" will be the day's fare at the Sanibel Community Association.
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13 — Film presentation — Island artist Arthur Bauman will narrate a film about contemporary sculptors.
SUNDAY, FEB. 24 — Gulf Coast Dance Company — West-Dance dancers Jean and Marc Platt are featured

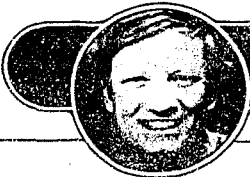
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ON THE WATER

By Captain Mike Fuery

As a fisherman, have you ever wondered if there were some secret bait that certain fish, under the right conditions, could not resist? Ever seen one fisherman out-fish everyone else from a pier and wonder if he were using a secret "superbait"?

Several years ago I got up grid and early one morning as every great snook fisherman should do, I had the "superbait" that was the choice of any snook that time of year — about a dozen three-inch pigfish.

Pigfish are close relatives of true grunts. And when I say grunts I don't mean the sound when it is handled or when it is in distress. A silver fish? Come on, I thought, get serious! I lit a cigar and turned up my radio (didn't want to embarrass him with the screech of the reel's drag when the first snook took my bait).

My one rod tip started to twitch a bit, just as it should when the little ballfish sees a snook closing in. I turned up the stereo and reached for the rod. A catfish the size of a Boston Whaler came gamely to the side of the boat. I tried to steer it to the other side just so the fellow in the other boat wouldn't see the bait the catfish had shot halfway up my leader.

was already there. No problem. It's a big hole that has room for half a dozen boats or so.

I smiled confidently, smugly waving to the fellow there before me, who was just getting his lines out. I sharpened my hooks, checked the reel drag and tossed out my "superbait." "I remember thinking to myself, 'Boy, that guy over there is going to beg me to tell him what I'm using.'"

When I fish by myself I turn on a stereo radio and have something to sip on along with a fresh cigar so I can really enjoy the waters. Why not? On this particular day I was going to load up on snook.

The fellow in the other boat didn't pay much attention to me. He was fishing two rods, like I was — but what was he using? A silver fish? Come on, I thought, get serious! I lit a cigar and turned up my radio (didn't want to embarrass him with the screech of the reel's drag when the first snook took my bait).

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"Fish coming over!" the fellow yelled as he struggled to keep control of a wildly running snook headed right toward my anchor line. It broke water and splashed several times before he boated it. Soon after he got a violent hit on his second rod, and I cast out a superbait almost in the same spot.

Shortly thereafter he got another snook, smaller than the first. I got down low in the boat and used binoculars to check his bait. Shiners. He obviously didn't know snook don't eat shiners when there's a pigfish within 100 miles.

In the next hour he caught two more snook. And I caught every large, slimy catfish in the hole. Finally he limited out and started to pull his boat away.

"Come over in this spot," he shouted to me. I pulled up beside him and he displayed his four fine snook. "Here," he said. "Take some of these baits." I eagerly put some in my live well and thanked him profusely.

"They usually stop biting around this time, though," he said as he pulled away.

I quickly tossed in two fat, lively shiners. Not a hit for the next hour. Even the catfish were gone. Moral: There is no "superbait," no matter how much we all want to believe the contrary. Good fishing this week.

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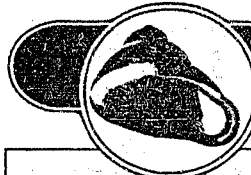
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SHELLING TIPS

By Captain Mike Fuery

One of my favorite sidelines of shelling is watching the people who are doing the looking. We certainly cannot categorize every kind of sheller, but I have a few observations about particular shell hounds seen regularly along our beaches.

One of the largest groups is the Blue Crabs. These are the folks who tell you shelling isn't any good and certainly isn't what it was just a few years ago.

The Blue Crabs also will tell you there shouldn't be any laws against taking live shells. Then they will proceed to tell you there are too many people on the beaches and roads and in the restaurants. On top of that, they will try to convince you that nothing is going right with their vacation. Sometimes you wonder why Blue Crabs go on vacation at all.

One of my favorite categories of shore birds is the Red-headed Shutter Clicker. You've seen lots of them, too. They forgot to wear a hat the first day out in the sun and consequently have a forehead the same color as a fire engine. But that doesn't stop them from their favorite pastime, which is making the Kodak company even richer.

The Red-headed Shutter Clicker is forever lining up kids with the sunset and the gulf in the background. He shouts orders for hours to get just the right shot, and then wonders why no one wants to smile.

Sometimes the Red-headed Shutter Clicker sneaks up on dead tree stumps or tangled driftwood and with a series of body contortions takes yards of

film of the exact same subject. Many Red-headed Shutter Clickers wait in ambush for an unsuspecting beach walker to come along so the entire Clicker family can be in the same photo. Invariably, when the film comes back the father Clicker says the picture didn't come out because that stranger he forced to take the picture didn't know how to use the camera.

Then there is the annual migration of Bottom Wavers. They resemble ostriches in that their faces are down close to the shells and their other ends are thrust toward the sky. They get their sunburns on the opposite ends of where the Red-headed Shutter Clickers get theirs.

The Bottom Wavers appear on the islands in great numbers once the weather in the northern climates turn cold. They are particularly drawn to beaches where you might have a condo with a normally pleasant view. Bottom Wavers leave for the North when spring weather returns. They almost always are gone by the opening of baseball season.

The Pale Strutting Bod is indeed a strange bird. Both male and female of the species appear on the island only for a short time, usually around Easter vacation.

The male Pale Strutting Bod wears worn-out sneakers, shorts and sweat shirt that has either "Harvard" or "Yale" on it. He arises at 1 p.m., being basically a nocturnal creature, and walks the beach with a cold beer while looking for the female

counterpart. The female Pale Strutting Bod tends to gather in groups of two to 20, usually around large freshwater pools not far from the tiki bar. She usually has a more even brown color that is accented by two thin strips of cloth called a bikini.

Yes, there certainly are a lot of interesting things to watch as you walk the beaches looking for shells. I fall into the Laughing Gull category and find that watching the shellers is as much fun as collecting the shells. Good luck this week.

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ISLANDER SPORTS

By Scott Martell

Cypress Lake Panthers lose season's opener to Clewiston

Visions of the recent Miami loss to Michigan probably stumbled through the thoughts of some spectators during Cypress Lake High School's first football game of the season Friday night. It ended in a 25-7 loss to Clewiston.

Cypress Lake — like Miami — seemed to find just about every way in the book to look bad.

Miami's problem was too many tough games in a short time. Cypress Lake's problem might have been too few games.

While schools in Southwest Florida threw off first game jitters two weeks ago, the Panthers had last week off. It showed.

But with a schedule that has the Panthers playing at Cape Coral this Friday and hosting Port Charlotte the following week, the Panthers have some time to get games under their belt before it really counts — the beginning of District play Oct. 5 at Riverdale.

"We are awfully young... as far as playing experience," said Coach Ray Rhodes. Rhodes, a lieutenant of the Sanibel Police Department, is once again handling the defensive line for the Panthers.

"Last year we were 10-0, and maybe we came out a little bit overconfident last week," Rhodes said. "This team has got to remember they aren't the ones who did so great last year."

Rhodes mentioned that there are only eight or nine seniors on the team, and of those maybe two were starters last year. So in many ways, this is a completely new team.

And the "new team" is going to

win a "few games" Rhodes promised.

"A few wins" could translate to quite a few once the team gets experience and confidence. Last week the Panthers did show they could have a potent offense — at least from the arm of quarterback Archie Hopkins.

Hopkins passed for 145 yards on 12-25 attempts. He was thwarted by penalties, defensive pressure, fumbles and interceptions. He tossed out three interceptions, but two bounced off the hands or bodies of his receivers before settling into eager Clewiston Tiger paws.

Clewiston was the more eager team — aggressive and never hesitant to take the breaks when they were given to them.

After the Panther's first possession, in which the Panthers had a net zero yards, Clewiston blocked a Hopkins punt. The ball rolled directly into the end zone, where a Tiger pounced on it for a touchdown.

On Cypress Lake's second possession, again the Panthers couldn't move the ball. Again



they punted. And again the ball was blocked. To add insult to injury the Panthers were penalized on the play and the Tigers got the ball on the 10 yard line. On the first play Wade Walkers tossed a picture perfect pass to Doug Farris for another touchdown.

About this time spectators began wondering who were these Clewiston Tigers? Most already knew that though they were a AA division school, the Tigers have been one of the best in their division for the past three years.

Yet Cypress Lake had handled them easily last year, 27-7.

"I think Clewiston could be one of the best teams around here," Rhodes said. "Their runners (who picked up 206 yards rushing compared to 41 for Cypress Lake) were good. I don't think we'll face a field of backs that quick again. Nevertheless, we should have been in there."

Those quick backs gave Rhodes' defensive line fits all evening.

"We're back to square one as far as I'm concerned," Rhodes said. "We need to find some aggressive people. Every position

on the line is available, and we'll be looking at a lot of new personnel this week."

The "bad breaks" — two blocked punts, three interceptions, 84 yards in penalties, four fumbles — all added up to a big loss for the Panthers. Yet it was clear that the defense, with 10 of 11 new starters, needs the work.

One play was particularly telling. Finally, in the second quarter, something went right for the Panthers. Clewiston was called for offensive holding, making it third down and 25 yards to go. On the next play a Clewiston runner ran 25 yards for the first down.

Yet all wasn't bad news — even for the Panther defense.

"Brad Stanke (defensive back from Sanibel) was one of the bright spots," Rhodes said. "He shut down a couple of runs, hit a few people."

The Panthers head to Cape Coral to play the AAAA division, Seahawks this Friday night.

Cypress Lake is AAA, but as the Panthers learned last week, the size of the school doesn't necessarily mean a thing.

sport is all about. First, there's the competition that often lures individual runners to run better than they ever have before, maybe even better than they ever imagined they could — whether that be covering the 6.2-mile course in 30 minutes or two hours.

Second, maybe some people don't realize that a race can be a very fun social event.

True, to many runners, myself included, running is usually a personal thing. I run and "space out" — my mind seems to leave my body and all its earthly cares (which is a good thing — with all that physical pain from running, who wants to be stuck in the body?)

But the chances for what I call "social running" are extremely limited in this area. So when a good one happens — like the Sunrise Run — it would be a shame to miss it.

Last year 350 runners took part in the event. This year the party should be even larger. I'd like to encourage people to give it a try.

I took the leap into my first social run at the Scandinavian Festival in Junction City, Ore., where we lived on a small farm. This run drew 2,800 runners. But then Junction City is a farming community just 15 miles north of the running capital of the World — Eugene, home of Alberto Salazar, Mary Decker Tabb and numerous other running "nuts."

The run seemed 90 percent a social event and 10 percent a competitive race. Frankly, if you want to win or place you must be in the front line of racers.

When the starting gun goes off you are part of a huge river of people — and as the mass of people stretches and flows like a glacial stream, conversations are struck, acquaintances made, jokes and personal history bantered about.

Often in such a river of runners it seems you could stop pumping your legs and arms, make no motion on your own, and still be carried along by the strong and dense current.

Yet, make no mistake, should you desire you can slow on the turns, accelerate on the straightaways and cruise to whatever pocket of the party you wish to crash.

You do need to be more careful in such a run — just like you would be more careful on a busy highway. Courtesy is vital, especially when passing. Try to pass on the left and give a little yell to say you're coming through.

Again, if you're really serious about having your best time ever, move quickly to the front where there will be less congestion.

But, at least for me, I don't want to push myself so much that I can't absorb all the sensations — the scenery, which in the Dunes will be very tranquil, or the impressions, which with hundreds of runners should be interesting.

Take time to "smell the roses" — for those of you who participate, the event will be more than just a daily jog — it could be an experience you will remember for quite some time.

SPORTS

Sanibel Post Office worker picks 10 winners, wins two dinners

The Greek of the Week saw its first 10-10 perfect score last week. Sanibel post office worker Ted Satermus picked all the games correctly in the contest sponsored by The Islander and Sundial Beach and Tennis resort.

Satermus' win sends him to a free dinner for two at Morgans Market and Lounge. His perfect score also gives him a better chance at the grand prize — a trip for two to the Orange Bowl, which will be awarded to the player who has the best winning percentage based on at least seven weeks of play.

A slew of players picked eight or nine games correctly. Perhaps this week's game will prove more challenging. Will Tampa Bay make it

two in a row? Will the University of Miami be too relaxed now that they are back home — finally? And what will happen when two giants collide as Nebraska visits UCLA?

Good luck this week. Remember to circle all 10 games on the card, and then guess the number of points you think will be scored in the Game of the Week. These points will be used in case of a tie.

Entries must be brought to the Islander by 5 p.m. Friday or to Sundial by noon Saturday. They can also be mailed to the Islander, P.O. Box 56, Sanibel 33957, or to Sundial, 1246 Middle Gulf Drive, Sanibel 33957.

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SPORTS TALK

By Scott Martell

The time has come for us recreational runners to start shuffling a few hundreds yards a day and limit our liquid intake to less than a daily six-pack — or else we shall surely die in the upcoming Sunibel-Captiva 10K Sunrise Run planned for Saturday, Oct. 13.

The Sunrise Run is something no one who's ever run any farther than armchair to fridge should miss. In many ways running in a big race is what the

SPORTS

Sportsman of the Week: Dave Case

This week's Sportsman of the Week has done something no one on the Island has done in a long time — shot a hole-in-one.

Dave Case made his shot on the eighth hole at the Dunes Country Club. He blasted his Titleist 4 with a three-iron on the 165-yard hole.

"It can be a tricky hole," says Case. The fairway is narrow and has water on both sides. A pro once told him he had tried everything from a seven-iron to a five-wood on the hole.

When Case blasted away with his three-iron, he says, he saw the ball bounce once before the flag and disappear. A man mowing the lawn by the hole all of a sudden raised both fists, indicating the ball was in the hole.

"That was my first, and something I never expected to get," Case laughs. He has been golfing seriously for the past 2½ years — trying to get in at least two rounds a week between his jobs as a fireman and fishing guide.

The Sportsman of the Week recognizes local athletes of all ages, from fishermen to bullfighters 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 Scott Martell, 472-5182.



By Steve Kline

Men's and women's softball teams prepare for weekend No-Seem tourney

Sanibel's softball season ends this weekend with the No-Seem Tournament, which has been bumped up one week.

Both the men and women will play double-elimination tournaments. The 25 men's teams in the tournament will start play at 9 a.m. Saturday with West Wind playing Island Medical. At 10:15 a.m. Naumann will play Peppers, and at 11:30 a.m. South Seas will play Mucky Duck.

After these initial games teams will go through winners and losers brackets until the final championship game at 3:45 p.m. Sunday. If a second championship game is needed because of the double elimination formula, then it will be at 5 p.m. Sunday.

The three women's teams will start their tournament at 11 a.m. Saturday with Timbers going up against Normandy Lounge. Then at 12:30 p.m. the winner of that game will challenge Peppers.

Before the men's competition begins a playoff will occur between Naumann

and Mucky Duck to see who holds third place. The game will be at 6:30 p.m. this Thursday.

In last week's final game the Dunes Beers grabbed a solid hold on second place by defeating first place West Wind, 9-4. The Dunes were behind as Mucky was 2-0 in the third inning, but came back to tie the game in the fifth and then slipped across a run in the seventh inning for the victory.

Despite four losses, West Wind ended up winning the league by two full games.

In other games last week Naumann picked up a forfeit from South Seas, and Island Medical beat Peppers.

The following are final standings for the season:
West Wind, 20-4
Dunes Beers, 18-6
Mucky Duck, 17-7
Naumann, 17-7
Island Medical Center, 12-12
Island Exxon, 11-13
South Seas, 6-18
Peppers, 5-19
Mariners, 5-18

SPORTS

Sports quiz

Ice hockey doesn't seem to be many Islanders' sport — so one guessed correctly this week's questions.

Gary Unger holds the record for the most consecutive games in the NHL. He played for Toronto, Detroit, St. Louis and Atlanta — in a total of 914 straight games from 1968 to 1979, when a shoulder injury put him out of action.

And the player who scored both 50 or more goals and 100 or more points for six consecutive seasons was Guy Lafleur of the Montreal Canadiens.

This week we turn to something all

Sanibel and Captivana surely must have a wealth of knowledge about — surfing. First, Has anybody ever ridden a wave of more than 50 feet while surfing? And second, Where in this area can surfers can ride waves for more than 5,000 feet a few times a year?

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Dunes tennis tournament

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Anyone who plays tennis is invited to enter and can register for more than

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues. Across: 1. Holifield, 2. Billance, 11. Large cat, 12. Saudi's land, 14. Song of 1947, 17. Of core, 18. Tennessee athletes, 19. Barrier, 20. Pub pours, 21. Soave and chablis, 22. One-time, 23. Tinsy, 24. Constricts, 25. Word with way and sea, 27. Prose unit, 28. Trustworthy, 31. Eating, 32. Abrades, 33. Focussed, 38. Shows one's attack, 40. Dislikeable, 41. Cautious, 42. Court phrase, 43. Bars, 44. Fads, 45. Royal address, 47. Truckster, 48. Gets dizzy. Down: 1. Doom, 2. Oymyakon slides, 3. Classic conflict, 4. Fairy queen, 5. Ontario or Quebec, 6. NFL team, 7. Peewee, 8. Tech space, 9. Australian, 10. Certain pots, 11. Lasalle, for one, 12. Tuff, 13. Favorite marbles, 14. Dory and yawl, 15. Holey, 16. Museum display, 21. Alike, 24. Yields, 25. Pays the bill, 26. Miss Meira, 28. Darr's point, 29. Tips off, 31. Certain, 32. Union member, 33. Mill Outcut, 34. Recalivers, 35. PI, revival, 36. Egyptian dynasty, 37. Most Siss, 38. Slow-witted, 40. Enlure, 41. Luff off, 44. Altain, 46. Ralston D., 47. South, 48. Dory and yawl, 49. Holey, 50. Tweaky, 51. Corrida approval.

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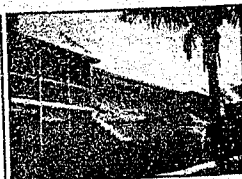
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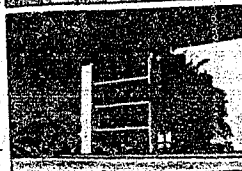
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