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CEPD discusses economic analysis, reimbursement procedure

By Scott Martell

The Captiva Erosion Prevention District meeting last week emphasized two major issues:

- The economic analysis that is currently being developed as the basis for a new plan to finance beach replenishment; and
- Debate and discussion specifically about whether Commissioner Dewitt Jones should be reimbursed for his travel expenses (\$650) to attend the second budget hearing in September. (Jones was asked to come to Captiva by CEPD vice-chairman Lloyd Wright, who did not consult others on the CEPD board, in order to assure the board of the mandatory quorum.) The board also discussed what kinds of rules of procedure should be formed to make the issue more clear in the future.

Many questions arose concerning the economic analysis and the plan being developed by the engineering firm Tetra-Tech.

Every Captiva property owner should receive a detailed data sheet later this month fully explaining how their property fits into the new finance plan.

The data sheet will be an engineer's computerized analysis using "weighted benefit units" to determine what the CEPD hopes will be a "fair and balanced" cost-to-benefit analysis for the specific properties.

A special meeting will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, about specific data sheets. Further public hearings will be held in January, and it is likely a

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Planning Commission allocates 42 multi-family units

By Barbara Brundage

In a one-time "catch-up" the Planning Commission Monday allocated 42 dwelling units to 10 multi-family projects that wiped all but three of the projects from the Rate of Growth slate.

Each project received one dwelling unit for each four-month allocation period it has been in the ROGO system.

Under this rationale Shell Harbor Beach Club III was awarded eight units; Tortuga Beach Club, 13; Ferry Landing, two; Sanibel Cottages, four; Dahlmann, five; Dodrill, three; Triscille Murphy, two duplexes; Tarpon Resort Beach Club, three; Anchor Group, one; and Landl, one duplex.

This leaves a total of 14 dwelling units remaining for allocation in 1985.

Martine's 24-unit Tortuga Beach Club and Dodrill's seven-unit condominium each needs three allocations and Captivan's Tarpon Resort Beach requires seven for completion.

To fulfill the multi-family reserve of 45 for the 1985 ROGO year, the commission awarded the two remaining allocations to Matulis's three-duplex project on Faubell Road.

To correct an irregularity created by the catch-up scheme, the commissioners agreed to dip into the multi-family surplus for the four other allocations needed to complete all six of Matulis's units.

It was pointed out that under the usual priorities

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United Way workers begin campaign toward \$24,000 goal

The annual United Way campaign will begin in earnest this week with the goal of raising \$24,000 for the United Way of Captiva.

Starting on Monday, Nov. 13, the campaign will focus on door-to-door fundraising efforts in the community.

The United Way of Captiva is a non-profit organization that provides social services to the community.

The campaign will continue through the end of the year, with a goal of raising \$24,000.

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ISLAND SHORTS

Community news and announcements about your friends and neighbors



Sanibel resident elected president of national funeral and memorial society

Sanibel resident Dr. Ingalls Simmons recently was elected president of the Continental Association of Funeral and Memorial Societies, Inc. He has served as vice president of the organization for two years.

Last weekend he presided over the executive board meeting of the organization in Washington, D.C.

"CAPMS is a national, voluntary organization that has approximately 200 member societies and almost a million members in the United States. Its goals are to provide information and work to protect every citizen's right to freedom of choice in making funeral arrangements. Members strive to obtain dignity, simplicity and economy in funeral arrangements through pre-planning.

Simmons says he has three reasons for trying to perpetuate memorial societies: "One, for preventive mental health that relieves death trauma by pre-planning. Two, for the reciprocity provided by CAPMS that sets this society above all others. And three, for the savings that can be passed on to others for educational and charitable purposes."

He has been interested in memorial societies since 1960, when he and his wife, Patricia, helped to establish a memorial society in San Antonio, Texas.

"Back in the 1960s even funeral directors were horrified at the thought that we were going to talk to people about their own deaths in advance," Simmons says.



Dr. Ingalls Simmons

Community church announces dates for Christmas bazaar

The Sanibel Community Church will hold its annual Christmas bazaar and craft sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at the church on Periwinkle Way.

Hand made Christmas decorations and household crafts including jewelry and shell items, dried wreaths and palm fronds are available.

A bake sale and refreshments will be featured. General chairman this year is Fae Muller.



Dick Muench's award-winning Toucan.

Muench's birds compete with flying colors

Sometimes when Dick Muench takes his birds out of their cages in Fort Myers. And they were far from sick. In fact, they outshined many of the more than 1,000 birds at the show.

The toucan from Jerry's won first in his class and advanced to the sectional competition, which includes birds other than toucans, such as jays and starlings. Muench's toucan took second in the sectional, ironically enough. It lost to another of Muench's birds, a unique blue ear starling from Africa.

And the cockatoo from Jerry's also won honors. It strutted its stuff to picked up a second place ribbon in its class.

Maryland sheller joins the junonia ranks



Michael Joranzo of Baltimore, Md., last week joined the ranks of the few lucky shellers who find a junonia on Sanibel's beaches.

Joranzo found his near perfect specimen in a low tide tidal pool east of Casa Ybel resort in the early hours Wednesday morning.

Earlier the same morning he had found a large cone shell. The junonia, he says, "Was just frosting on the cake." Photo by Mark Johnson.

Sanibel Community Association hall.

15 Years Ago This Week
Nov. 11, 1969
Bailey's advertised three pounds of apples for 29 cents, a pound of cottage cheese for 59 cents, and a pound of coffee for 39 cents.

The Pirate Playhouse needs a picture of Calvin Collidge for use in the forthcoming play, "January Thaw." Anyone who can help should call GR 2 3943. Members of the cast for the production include Elaine Patton, Raymond Rhodes, Ted Fonda, Edith Craig, Reason Goodwin, Ruth Hunter, Lucia Fishburne, Dor Modrahl, Alice Aleck, Wally Henderson and Duane White.

FOR SALE: 200 feet of gulf front property on Sanibel, motel zoned, 500 feet deep. \$116,000 cash.

10 Years Ago This Week
Nov. 11, 1974
An enthusiastic crowd of nearly 50 dancers gathered at the Sanibel Community Association last week for square dancing. Among the dancers were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pickens, Mrs. and Mrs. Harley Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bistow, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dugger, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Nave and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carr.

Fiction bestsellers advertised by MacIntosh Bookshop were: Centennial; Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy; The Dogs of War; Something Happened. Non-fiction bestsellers were: All Things Bright and Beautiful; All the President's Men; The Woman He Loved; The Memory Book and A Bridge Too Far.

5 Years Ago This Week

Nov. 13, 1979
Community Housing and Resources, Inc., a group of Islanders interested in solving the moderate cost housing dilemma, held what members termed a "coming out" meeting last week.

A proposal submitted in the city for a 56,000-square-foot shopping center on Periwinkle Way across from Casa Ybel Road has aroused the anger of area residents who argue the location and design of the center are wrong for that busy location. Architect Ray Fenton designed the center for Gerald Paulsen.

Ray Howland, Ray Martorelli, Hertz Pryzant and Homer Bistow set a record high score of plus 15 in tournament play in the Beachview Ken's Golf Association last weekend. Jeff Dean won the high individual score with plus seven.

1 Year Ago This Week
Nov. 15, 1983
The Islander published a special third section to celebrate the newspaper's 22nd birthday. The section included photographs and news from the past 22 years of news on Sanibel and Captiva.

The biggest crowd ever to attend a regular meeting of the Sanibel Community Association turned out last Wednesday to hear Lee County Commissioner Porter Goas discuss the merits of the city's purchase of the Sanibel Causeway.

Sanibel postman Jeff Shul' was honored for his outstanding mail delivery services last week. He has been a postman on Sanibel for the past five years.

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Weather watch

Everybody talks about it...



The winter's first cold snap has arrived in Southwest Florida and will stay for the week, with highs predicted near 70 and lows in the mid to upper 50s through Friday.

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

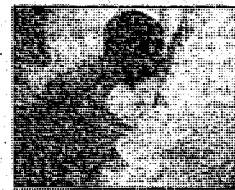
	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Monday, Nov. 5	30	39	0
Tuesday, Nov. 6	78	43	0
Wednesday, Nov. 7	74	62	0
Thursday, Nov. 8	74	57	0
Friday, Nov. 9	76	59	0
Saturday, Nov. 11	76	61	0
Sunday, Nov. 12	75	67	0

Birth

Joshua Daniel Thomas

James and Sharon Thomas of Sanibel announce the birth of their son, Joshua Daniel, on Saturday morning, Nov. 3, 1984. Joshua weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long when he was born at Lee Memorial Hospital.

Proud grandparents are Mary and Jim Thomas of Island Garage and Island Gifts on Sanibel and Virginia and Walter Hucks of Cincinnati, Ohio.



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20 Years Ago This Week
Nov. 12, 1964
The women of the Sanibel-Captiva American Legion Auxiliary have gathered several boxes of children's clothing to be sent to needy families for Christmas. The women also have gathered numerous gifts that will be sent to veterans' hospitals for the holidays.

The Sea Horse Shops on Sanibel will mark the opening of its 11th season on the Island with an open house Nov. 16. The traditional punch and cookies will be served.

The Sanibel Library has opened for another season. Hours are from 10 a.m. to noon every Tuesday and 1 to 4 p.m. every Saturday at the

COMMENTARY

Unhappy resident speaks out against commercial development along Periwinkle Way

To the Editor
The Islander
I am 100 percent for the people who raised their voice on Candidate Night against the proliferation of commercial along Periwinkle Way.

To us Islanders it is a pile of junk — unwanted, unneeded and unnecessary.

We were different. We had a beautiful jungle pathway through the center of our island. How can anyone justify the devastation of

this beautiful forest and the destruction of the habitat or our wildlife? This is being needlessly destroyed, and for what purpose? For the sale of trivia to tourists? This devastation is a desecration of our island, and we are very angry.

One thing we can do and I intend to do is boycott all these new places. Let's make it so tough for them that no one else will want to build.

Alice Kylo
Sanibel

prevent this junk pile along our once beautiful road? A road, a 1,000-foot setback, a vote by concerned citizens — something should have been done besides blindly going along and approving this.

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Alice Kylo
Sanibel

Mayor commends recent commemorative birthday supplement

To the Editor
The Islander
I want to congratulate you and your staff for the splendid Tenth Anniversary supplement you published last week (The Islander, Oct. 30, 1984).

I know, of course, that such undertakings are not altogether unrelated to the profit motive. However, in this case The Islander went to unusual lengths to ensure a high level of substantive content.

The articles — be they devoted to the city's history or to the details of the anniversary celebration itself — are well researched and well written. They are informative in providing the context in which the question of incorporation arose and in summarizing the achievements and shortcomings since then. I believe that Barbara Brundage did a particularly fine job in writing up the results of her hours of interviews on the next 10 years. The pictorial content is also of a high order, as are the graphics, including that crisp and well conceived cover illustration.

In sum, a superior job that will be of continuing value to the community's history buffs.

Sincerely,
Mayor Fred Valtin

Dancers' families plead for continuation of Dance La Croix school on Sanibel

To the Editor
The Islander
With the closing of the "Dance La Croix" school of dance go the dreams and aspirations of approximately 50 potential future dancers. This school under the caring and spirited leadership of Diane La Croix provided an outlet for the creative energies of the youth of Sanibel which we are sure is sorely missed already by

dancers and parents alike.

The art of dance is not only an art of outward physical beauty but more importantly one that encourages the development of a positive self image, a means of expressing the feelings of the heart, and moving in harmony with the world around you.

Within the hearts of our youth lies the map of our future. With this in mind, we encourage the

city, the Sanibel Community Association and the many friends of the youth of Sanibel to do whatever can be done to make sure this invaluable community service continues at whatever cost this be, at the community association level or elsewhere.

The class and families of Dance La Croix!
Sanibel



Dance students need new 'home'

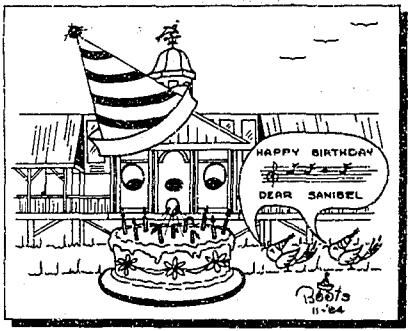
To the Editor
The Islander
We are two members of Dance La Croix — or should I say two former members? Dance La Croix is no longer in existence. The community center's non-renewal of the lease came totally without warning or notice to Dianne La Croix, founder and beloved instructor of Dance La Croix.

This sudden end was a shocking disappointment to the families and the entire class. Our last recital at the community center had more than 300 people in attendance. It was a wonderful experience for all who were involved. We were also planning and prepared to take part in the city parade, with all our costumes ready and waiting. Now we have no reason to participate.

Dianne and all her students wish to continue classes. We desperately need a new "home," one that has a wooden floor. The community center is ideal for this purpose and is one of the few places on Sanibel that does have a wooden floor.

This is such a loss to all of us who have had the good fortune to be a part of Dianne's classes. The love and caring that went into our classes cannot be described. All who have been fortunate enough to attend have gained so much and are broken hearted that it had to come to such an abrupt end.

Sincerely,
Ginger Newmyer
Judy Blaze-Cone
Sanibel



Muench thanks supporters in recent bid for council seat

To the Editor
The Islander
Quite simply, I would like to thank my campaign workers, supporters,

family, friends and citizens of Sanibel who worked to promote my election to the City Council.

I will continue to serve you as a

planning commissioner for the next two years. In the future I will again make a bid for a council seat to promote the principles that I and my

supporters believe in.

Thank you,
Jerry Muench
Sanibel

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Bailey, Klein, Valtin re-elected to City Council

By Barbara Brundage
Three Sanibel City Councilmembers were elected for another four years last week and will be sworn into office at next Tuesday's council meeting.

At the first order of business City Attorney David La Croix will announce the oath to councilmembers Francis Bailey, Mike Klein and Fred Valtin.

The council will then elect a new mayor and vice mayor.

If past tradition is followed Councilman Bill Hagerup will be named mayor to succeed Valtin, who has held the post for the past year. It is expected that Councilwoman Louise Johnson will be elected vice mayor.

In a record turnout 73.39 percent of Sanibel's voters went to the polls Nov. 6 to return Bailey, a 10-year veteran, for a fourth term and Valtin and Klein for second terms.

Bailey, 57, the highest vote getter, garnered 2,056 votes to turn back his challenger, 43-year-old attorney Richard Donlin. Donlin, a newcomer to politics, polled 1,075 votes.

In a close race with the outcome not determined until 1:30 a.m. Wed-

nesday, Klein, 65, defeated 39-year-old Planning Commissioner Jerry Muench to his second bid for a council seat.

When absentee ballots were counted Klein had a total of 1,437 vote to Muench's 1,238.

Valtin, 61, was victorious over 55-year-old Don Anderson, a retired university administrator and educator. Valtin polled 1,813 votes to Anderson's 823.

Valtin called his two-to-one margin "comfortable" and cited the other two victors' totals as a "very positive voter endorsement."

Bailey, a Sanibel native who was first elected to the council when the city was incorporated, scored a major victory with a low-key, no-expending campaign.

Klein, who led the candidates in campaign contributions and spending, said the contest was closer than he expected.

Muench, who was back in the harness at the Planning Commission Board allocation session Monday, said he will try again in two years. He was upbeat over the close race, pointing

out that he "lost last week with more votes than Bill Hagerup polled to beat me in 1980."

Muench, who campaigned ringing doorbells house-to-house, said next time he will try a little harder.

"I'm sure Mike got the message that he did not win by a landslide," Muench added.

Although he said he has no intention of running for council again, Donlin said he was very happy with the 669 votes he polled. "I consider them quality votes from people who are interested in improving government on Sanibel," he said.

Anderson, too, said his first bid for public office would be his last. "It's a little disappointing to be turned down after offering to give four years of your life to public service," he said the morning after.

Anderson appeared cheerful at last Wednesday's City Council meeting and urged the city to hold the issue as densely as outlined in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

"To tell the truth I'm relieved of the outcome of the election," he told The Islander. "I much prefer being on this side of the table."

Goss, Kontinos win bids for County Commission, mosquito control board

By Barbara Brundage
In last week's elections two Sanibel residents were victorious in their bids for Lee County offices, while a third lost his bid for the District 74 seat in the state House of Representatives.

Sanibel's first mayor, Porter Goss, defeated Tom Castelecci, his Democratic challenger, by a 2-1 margin for the District 74 seat on the Lee County Commission. Goss was appointed to the commission seat 13 months ago by Gov. Bob Graham.

Goss, a Republican, polled 73,418 votes to his opponent's 37,107.

John Kontinos, long-time Sanibel resident, retained his seat on the Lee County Mosquito Control

Board with a narrow win over Scott Douglas. Kontinos has served on the board for 10 years.

Sanibel Planning Commissioner Ann Winterbottom had originally filed to run against Kontinos in the non-partisan race but withdrew before the ballot was printed.

Democrat Andy Lippl, a 24-year-old law student from the island, was defeated by Republican incumbent Fred Dudley for the state house seat. Lippl polled 19,181 votes to Dudley's 37,066.

Sanibel voters vote 2-to-1 against the proposed Lee County Charter, 754 for and 1,546 against. Captivans were almost evenly divided, casting 104 votes for the charter and 155 against.



Francis Bailey Mike Klein Fred Valtin

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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

By Barbara Brundage

Realty company has 30 days to alleviate model home problems

The efforts of Priscilla Murphy Realty to correct the problems caused by the presence of a model home in the Sanibel Bayous subdivision have not mollified the neighbors who find the operation disruptive.

With an ordinance pending that will set standards for model homes in residential areas, the City Council gave the realty company another 30 days to try to work out an equitable solution.

By that time the general amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan will be ready for council review.

Last Tuesday at the second hearing of PMR's request for a specific amendment to allow the model home operation to continue, Rose Van Laere, who lives next door to the model home, told the council that her rights were still being violated.

"The relocation of the customer parking area has not helped at all," she said, adding that strangers are still using her driveway for a turn around and blocking her driveway by parking their cars on the narrow street in front of her house.

Stan Johnson, president of PMR, said he had tried to do everything the council suggested to alleviate the inconvenience to the Van Laeres, including having the sales people at the site park in the driveway of the model home.

Councilman Mike Klein suggested Johnson go one step further and instruct his employees there to make sure visitors park in the proper area.

Councilman Louise Johnson said directional signs pointing the way to the new parking area would be helpful.

The single-family home next door to Van Laere's has been used for about a year as a model to sell property in The Ridge, a condominium complex of single-family homes that share common recreational amenities. The Ridge is within the Sanibel Bayous subdivision.

There is no provision in the land use plan for model homes within residential neighborhoods.

The Planning Commission has recommended that the operation cease because it is disruptive to the neighborhood.

In related action the council unanimously approved a specific amendment to permit Riverbend Realty, Inc. to operate a model home/sales office and use three other single-family units as models in the new Scagall subdivision off West Gulf Drive. The operation will be reviewed by the council after 18 months.

Coming up at City Hall

A list of scheduled Sanibel City Council and Planning Commission meetings

Wednesday, Nov. 14, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. — Special meeting of the City Council for a public hearing of the third draft of an ordinance sanctioning the temporary use of private lands for special events, requiring permits and regulating their conduct. Reports on permeability of shell pavement and plans for removal of Brazilian peppers on the city-owned Causeway property will be discussed.

Thursday, Nov. 15, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. — Scheduled hearings before the Code Enforcement Board.

Tuesday, Nov. 20, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. — Regular meeting of the City Council. Swearing in of new council members will be the first order of business. Council will elect a new mayor and vice mayor.

Thursday, Nov. 22, and Friday, Nov. 23 — City Hall closed for the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

Beach Road residents say no to one-way proposal

The council had considered one-waying as a possible solution to complaints of speeding traffic and resultant dust caused by heavy trucks that use the gravel street as a shortcut.

After hearing strong objections from residents of Beach Road last week the City Council turned down a proposal to make the road one-way south to north from East Gulf Drive to Periwinkle Way.

The council had considered one-waying as a possible solution to complaints of speeding traffic and resultant dust caused by heavy trucks that use the gravel street as a shortcut.

Charlotte Forster, a resident of Beach Road, had pleaded with the council Oct. 16 to capitulate the road to alleviate the dust problem; she said was a health hazard to homeowners and damaging to vegetation.

At that time City Manager Gary Price pointed out that it would be several years before funds for such a project would be available since there were many other road improvements with higher priorities.

Councilman Louise Johnson

maintained that paving would only encourage more traffic and higher speeds.

Also on Oct. 16 the council discussed constructing a barrier midway on the street to prevent through traffic. But the discussion ended with council's direction to city staff to draft an ordinance designating Beach Road a one-way street.

Mayor Fred Valtin said this procedure would give the residents an opportunity for input at two public hearings. But last Tuesday at the first reading of the ordinance neither one-waying nor constructing a barrier midway down Beach Road appeared viable.

Forster suggested that a better solution would be a cul-de-sac on Beach Road a few hundred feet south of Periwinkle Way that would still permit traffic from the Michigan Homes building and the Steward service station to exit on

Periwinkle Way. "Through traffic is the real problem," she maintained. Some of Forster's neighbors surprised the council by saying they preferred the street before it was "improved" by adding a gravel surface.

San: Price, who lives on Deere Lane just off Beach Road, said spreading mulch on his driveway and in front of his house had solved the dust problem. He suggested the city try the same.

"There are plenty of people who will give much away rather than haul it off Island," he said. Other suggestions were in post "No through traffic" signs and to prohibit left turns onto Beach Road from Periwinkle Road during rush hours.

Planning Commission Chairman Larry Sizem said the commission was scheduled to discuss it Nov. 22 meeting the Beach Road-Periwinkle Way traffic problem in connection with the proposed conversion of the Michigan Homes building into a medical center.

Valtin asked the staff to consider the suggestions made and recommend other solutions or a series of options for future council consideration.

Revised flood insurance rate maps are available for review at City Hall

The latest revised federal flood insurance rate maps covering Sanibel are available for public scrutiny in the Planning Department at City Hall.

Planning Director Bruce Rogers told the council that comments on the latest version can be made to the Federal Emergency Management Agency through Nov. 28.

If FEMA makes no further changes the formal 90-day period when property owners can seek changes in the maps will begin around Dec. 1. Beginning around March 1 the city will have six months in which to adopt the maps, Rogers said.

In a discussion at last Tuesday's City Council meeting Rogers summarized the major differences between the proposed maps and those currently in effect.

In the "A" zone base flood elevations are about the same or lower except in the area of the Lighthouse near East Gulf Drive and Kinzie Island and in the Southwinds subdivision, where they have been raised to 13 and 14 feet as compared with the current 12-foot height.

The "V" (velocity) zone has been narrowed and does not extend as far landward except from Kinzie Island to the Lighthouse, where it is the same or wider, and at Blind Pass, where it has been expanded to include Albright Island, Runyon Key and

the tip of the Wulffert property. In the "V" zone flood elevations are higher than the current 11- and 12-foot heights, ranging from 14 to 17 feet, Rogers said.

"The most dramatic change proposed is taking the areas between the Gulf of Mexico and Gulf Drive from Kinzie Island west to Blind Pass out of the "V" zone and putting them in the "A" zone.

This means owners of properties in these areas will have a lower flood insurance rate, he said.

The council authorized Rogers to notify FEMA of a few errors in the Revised Preliminary Flood Insurance study.

Sanibel's corporate limits do not include the Causeway right-of-way. Rogers will ask FEMA to show the limits stopping at the Causeway bridge abutment on Sanibel and to extend the limits 300 feet into the waters surrounding the island.

FEMA will be asked to project Sanibel's maximum elevation as approximately 10 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum (formerly known as Mean Sea Level) and the average elevation as approximately 14 feet.

The city's permanent population was estimated at 4,120 on April 1 by the Bureau of Economic and Business Research at the University of Florida, and Rogers said he had no quarrel with that figure.

Consideration of financial advisor for Causeway purchase negotiations withdrawn

City Manager Gary Price said consideration of the agreement was "premature."

A resolution approving an agreement to hire the Bank of Boston Trust Company of Southeast Florida as the city's financial advisor in the sale of tax

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Mayor Fred Valtin pointed out that neither the city nor the county has yet reviewed the final report of consultants retained to study the condition of the Causeway bridges and to appraise its value.

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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Attorney withdraws appeal of commission denial of San Carlos Bay Boat dock

When it appeared the City Council would uphold the Planning Commission's denial of Gordon Smith's request for a development permit for a dock on San Carlos Bay off Lighthouse Way, Smith's attorney withdrew his appeal of the decision.

The council agreed the commission had acted properly in turning down Smith's plan, for the dock because the application did not demonstrate that the structure would not interfere with the public's right to use the beach or that it would not result in diminution in the amount of sand, silt, shell or other geologic components which make up the beach.

All three of the above standards are required by the land use plan for construction of boat docks in the Bay Beach ecological zone.

At last week's council hearing Robert DeSantis of

Coastal Seawalls, Inc., presented a new design for the dock that would permit free use of the beach by the public. He proposed to build the dock 10 feet seaward of the existing seawall in front of Smith's property with steps to provide the owner access.

DeSantis acknowledged that Smith might have to get his feet wet to get to the dock at high tide, but the onus would be on Smith to make sure the structure would have no negative impact.

Planning Director Bruce Rogers said the application reviewed by the commission did not reflect this change, nor was the input from environmental experts Dick Workman and Michael Hess included in the original application.

Attorney Robert Donald earlier questioned why plans for a dock off Woodring Point and three docks at the city's new boat ramp, all approved by the

commission, met the CLUP standards while Smith's did not.

City Attorney David La Croix reminded the council that the issue before them was whether the planning commissioners had reasonably applied the CLUP criteria in Smith's case.

Councilman Mike Klein made a motion to deny Smith's appeal and uphold the commission's action. In light of the additional information presented to the council and not included in the development permit reviewed by the commission, La Croix said, Smith's request could be withdrawn and a new application could be submitted for consideration by the Planning Commission.

Before the council voted on the denial motion

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Consideration of financial advisor for Causeway negotiations withdrawn from page 6A

Vaitin emphasized that even if the city and county both accept the report without change and if the city decides to hire a fiscal advisor, it does not constitute a decision to purchase the Causeway.

In other action under the city manager's report last week the council:

*Approved two additional change orders to the Macasphalt, Inc. contract for the Periwinkle Way drainage and bike path improvements project totaling \$4,532.18.

*Rejected three bids for a revised group health insurance plan for city employees. The bids failed to meet specifications. The council voted to

readvertise for bids in March before the current Blue Cross/Blue Shield policy expires in May.

*Adopted a \$50 fee for a solo entertainment occupational license for Coconut Grove restaurant to allow a belly dancer to entertain in the lounge between 5 and 10 p.m. on Fridays.

*Adopted a resolution recom-

mending the designation of State Road 80 as a "cross state highway" that will raise its priority for improvements.

*Adopted two quit-claim deeds for public right-of-way on West Gulf Drive east of the Woodmere Preserve. The right-of-way had erroneously been deeded by the city to abutting property owners.

MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Mariner specific amendment package meets with council denial

After four hours of discussion before the City Council last Wednesday morning Mariner Properties, Inc. lost its bid for an increase in density from 12 to 22 dwelling units at Harbor Cottages.

Mariner had requested the council to consider four specific amendments as a package that would result in the addition of five more duplexes on the site on Causeway Road at Periwinkle Way without changing the overall density.

There are currently six duplexes at the Harbor Cottages complex. Under the proposal presented by Itay Pavelka, Mariner's vice

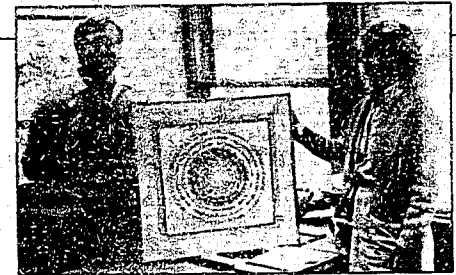
president for development, and Dick Spradl, director of development, Mariner offered to decrease the permitted residential density of five dwelling units on a 0.5-acre parcel off Vince Way to zero density and to donate the land for preservation.

The planning staff maintained that the Vince Way parcel was entitled to only three units.

Planning Director Bruce Rogers said there was no rationale for reducing density on property that is destined to be preserved.

The council was reluctant to make a

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City Manager Gary Price and city Recording Secretary Christine Kennedy show off the first piece of art accepted for display at City Hall. The work by Dave and Jo Stark

combines seascapes and calligraphy for a message that reads: "We, the people of Sanibel, are a community. No man is an island." Photo by Mark Johnson.

Attorney withdraws appeal of commission denial continued

Donald asked to withdraw the appeal request. This made the motion moot, Mayor Fred Vaitin ruled.

On Oct. 2 the council voted 3-2 to uphold the commission's denial of another boat dock application. And

last Wednesday the city was served notice that Theodore Cross had filed a suit in Lee County Circuit Court appealing that action.

Cross wants to build a 200-foot-long dock in the bay as an accessory use of his single-family home.

The Planning Commission, not swayed by testimony from environmental consultants that the dock would have minimal impact on the beach and seagrass beds in the bay, turned down Cross' request.

Cross purchased the property that

has 1,000 feet of frontage on the bay from Larry and Sheila Snell. His suit maintains that CLUP standards for docks were not properly applied by the city when his request was denied.

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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Mariner specific amendment package meets with council denial continued

decision on this request before considering the other three amendments. The majority looked on the proposal as a transfer of development rights, and the city has no mechanism for implementing such action.

Councilman Louise Johnson's motion to approve a decrease in density of up to three units died for lack of a second. The council tabled the amendment until hearing Mariner's other requests.

The council struggled to find a rationale to allow Mariner to convert a storage area at its Tortuga Beach Club time share project into an apartment

for a resident manager.

To do this would increase the density on that site from 54 to 55 dwelling units.

The Planning Commission had recommended approval with the condition that the unit would always be occupied by the resident manager and never rented as an interval unit.

City Attorney David La Croix squashed this suggestion citing a recent appellate court ruling that it was irrelevant who occupied a dwelling unit.

He said, however, a condition limiting the unit to non-interval use

would stand up until challenged.

The council tried to work out details of how the unit could be tied into the Below Market Rate Housing Program.

To be eligible the Mariner employee who lived in the unit would have to comply with BMRH's financial need criterion, which would place constraints on Tortuga's management, Johnson said.

Paveika said it would be impossible to place the unit in the BMRH pool without 100 percent approval of the 1,700 interval owners.

Councilman Bill Hagerup said to take this option would be giving "only

lip service to the BMRH program" and would be no help to the island.

Vasily said he favored upping the density if the unit could be a BMRH unit. But his four colleagues expressed doubts that it could be worked out to assure a benefit to the city.

Johnson's motion to deny the request without prejudice passed unanimously.

Mariner's request to increase to eight dwelling units the density on a 16.5-acre parcel east of Dixie Beach Boulevard and north of Sanibel Center

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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Mariner specific amendment package meets with council denial continued

subdivision, originally the borrow site for the Dunes Phase II development, was also rejected by a 5-0 vote of the council.

Sproat explained that Mariner had used only 152 of the 263 dwelling units permitted under a court ordered settlement. By using only eight of these 13 surplus units the Dunes overall density would be reduced by five units, he said.

Rogers pointed out that the Dixie Beach Boulevard parcel has a density of five dwelling units by right, but he said the borrow site was not included in the Dunes density.

Paveika said Mariner had always interpreted it as part of the Phase II development.

Because 25 acres of the Dunes was designated as islands and is not buildable, it already has been developed up to what the land will allow, Johnson said.

Paveika said the site was not appropriate for below market rate housing. But if the parcel were to be developed under the BMRH program a greater increase in density than eight units would be necessary.

Klein said the only way he would approve more than the five units

request for increased density at Harbor Cottages, it was emphasized that it had been the council's intent in 1977 when the density was set at 13 units that no more development would be allowed on the 9.89 acres remaining in the parcel that included the 48-unit Tennis Place complex.

Paveika explained that Mariner at the time understood the council's action but did not agree with it.

A council appointed fact finding committee in 1980 came to the conclusion that the only way for Mariner

to deny passed unanimously.

In the lengthy discussion of the

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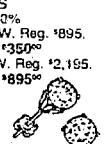
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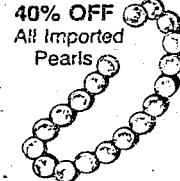
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BUSINESS NEWS

By Scott Martell

Wil's Landing

Restaurant-shopping complex opens for business next week

Wil's Landing — already the name is known. Just recently the restaurant participated in Taste of the Town in Fort Myers and in the city of Sanibel's 10th anniversary parade.



Left to right: Developer Wil Schlosser, restaurant manager Zan Rasmilic, and developer Rick Kennedy in front of Wil's Landing. Photo by Mark Johnson.

The shopping center anchored by the 150-seat Wil's Landing restaurant will open next Monday, Nov. 12.

The three stores that will complement the restaurant are Michael's Enchanted Mermaid, a nautical gift shop; the Sandcastle, swimwear and beach gear; and Tropic Boutique, men and women's clothing.

Hick Kennedy and Wil Schlosser developed and own the complex. The two have been partners since 1979. Other projects they have worked on include Cham Shell and Sea Pines condominiums and several single-family homes on Middle Gulf Drive.

Also part of the partnership is Kennedy's wife, Edie. Besides work as a contractor, Kennedy is a Sanibel police officer.

Schlosser owns a construction company in Washington, D.C., but three of his sons now run much of that business. He also raises cattle and thoroughbred horses on his ranch in Virginia.

But now Schlosser is primarily a Sanibel resident. "And since I live here I wanted to be involved in business here," he says. "We felt there was need for a good restaurant, thinking of both the present and the future." Wil's Landing is the biggest single project the partners have undertaken, Kennedy says. "We came up with the idea in September 1983, and we've been in construction since last March. We've tried to combine a fair of old Florida with

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Reagan re-election ensures four more years of popularity for jelly beans in Sanibel candy store

At least one Sanibel entrepreneur has reason to be thankful for Ronald Reagan's re-election — and not necessarily for political reasons. The issue instead revolves around jelly beans.

David Leas sells the candy Reagan made popular. Leas, 29, manages The Candy Man shop on Tarpon Bay Road. The store offers 27 flavors of jelly beans from the ordinary to the bizarre — like jalapeno pepper flavored.

"Four more years of prosperity," laughs Leas. "Before Reagan, jelly beans sold only during the Easter holidays."

But The Candy Man, which Leas says is the oldest candy store on the island, offers much more than jelly beans. The store features all kinds of candy, including its own homemade fudge, peanut brittle and pecan rolls. And some of these aren't ordinary either, including chocolate covered potato chips and alligator, turtle, or golf bag-shaped bunches of chocolate.

The young entrepreneur certainly fits into the Reagan theme stressing opportunity. He works during the day managing The Candy Man, which his parents own, and then works all evening in his own jewelry store, the Golden Sand Dollar next to Gib's restaurant.

While David Leas says he never really expected to end up in the candy business, his mom says it was certain David would end up in retail selling.

"When he was eight years old he was off selling door-to-door pot holders he had made," she laughs. At that time the Leas owned a general store in a rural area of Pennsylvania. At 14 years old David was working in the store. Then 10 years ago the Leas family moved to Sanibel with hopes of opening some kind of business. They chose a candy store "because it was the only thing that wasn't already here when we came."

Norma says. And while David says he does not even eat candy, the store has become sort of a fantasy for him and, he hopes, for others.

"It's a kid's dream, whether it be little kids or big kids," he says. "It's a place to go crazy in."



David Leas



Peter Harman



Kathy Reilly

Promotions announced at Thistle Lodge

Peter Harman has been promoted to restaurant manager/executive chef of the Thistle Lodge restaurant at Casa Ybel resort. The announcement was made last week by Brian Flaherty, Thistle Lodge food and beverage director.

Prior to this appointment Harman held the title of executive chef at Thistle Lodge.

Flaherty said Harman's efforts in the kitchen and as a public relations spokesman have been outstanding throughout his tenure at Thistle Lodge and added he expects Harman's dedication, expertise and his commitment to excellence to serve the restaurant well in the future.

Flaherty also announced that Kathy Reilly, a long time server at the Thistle Lodge restaurant, has been promoted to the position of restaurant supervisor.

Flaherty said Reilly's performance as a server has been exemplary over the years and her promotion represents a well-deserved and hard-earned opportunity.

Marquis adds operations assistant



James McManemon Jr.

James McManemon Jr. has joined the operations department of Marquis Hotels and Resorts as operations assistant. The announcement was made last week by Lorraine Maroon, executive vice president of the firm.

McManemon was most recently front office manager for the Marriott Hotel in Nashville, Tenn., and has also worked as front desk manager at the Marriott Hotel and Resort and Marina in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He has a bachelor's degree in hotel and restaurant administration from Florida State University and a bachelor's degree in management from the University of Florida.

His responsibilities at Marquis include supervising central reservation operations, assisting property managers in the coordination and administration of operational policies and conducting property inspections of Marquis' 12 Southwest Florida resorts.

BUSINESS NEWS

Sanibel Realty names sales manager

Bob Hurbans will assume the responsibilities of sales manager of all Sanibel offices and the Fort Myers real estate office of Sanibel Realty. The announcement was made last week by Bert Jenks.

John Good will continue to oversee all rental and property management aspects of the corporation. Hurbans has more than 25 years of

management experience. For the past 12 years he has been involved in real estate sales and development and management of real estate offices on Sanibel and the mainland.

Hurbans brings to Sanibel Realty, Inc., the necessary background to complete the growth plans for the corporation, Jenks said.



Bob Hurbans

RESSI luncheon scheduled for Nov. 15

The next luncheon meeting of the southwest Florida Council of the Real Estate Securities and Syndication Institute will be held at noon, Thursday, Nov. 15, at the Forest Country Club in Fort Myers. The cost of the luncheon will be \$7 to members and \$8 to non-members.

Reservations can be made through Lynne DiStefano, 836-6662.

Restaurant-shopping complex opens for business next week continued

some contemporary."

The entire center is 9,000 square feet. With 6,400 square feet the restaurant is the dominant feature. It will be run by general manager Zan Rasmilic, who has been in the restaurant business for 14 years from Denver to Pennsylvania to Florida. He was the opening manager for Brannigan's in Fort Myers.

"I think we'll be filling a gap," Rasmilic says about the new venture on Sanibel. "We're not

going to be very expensive, but we'll offer quality. And the atmosphere will be very casual — people can come in with blue jeans or a suit and tie."

The restaurant will offer a large variety of items, most in the continental tradition. Among the dozen or so appetizers will be sharks flageolet and fried zucchini, salads and soups. Entrées will run the gamut from Grouper Bauana to Chikil Chicken to Steak De Leon.

Adding to the atmosphere in the restaurant is the two-floor construction. 100 seats are on the ground floor, and 50 are upstairs in a balcony type arrangement.

"It has been exciting to build, and we hope it will be a fun place to come to," Schlosser says. "For us, the entire project from day one, when we had a plant giveaway from what was a jungle here, to the present has been all fun."

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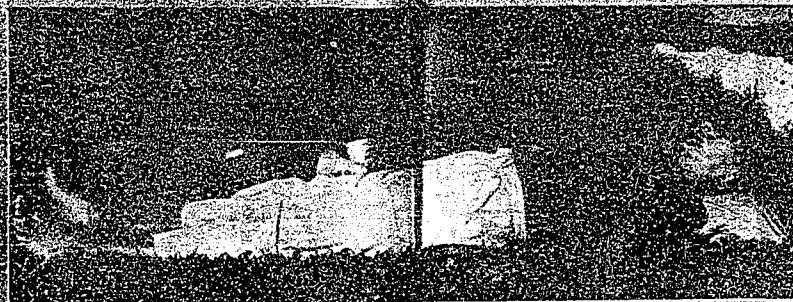
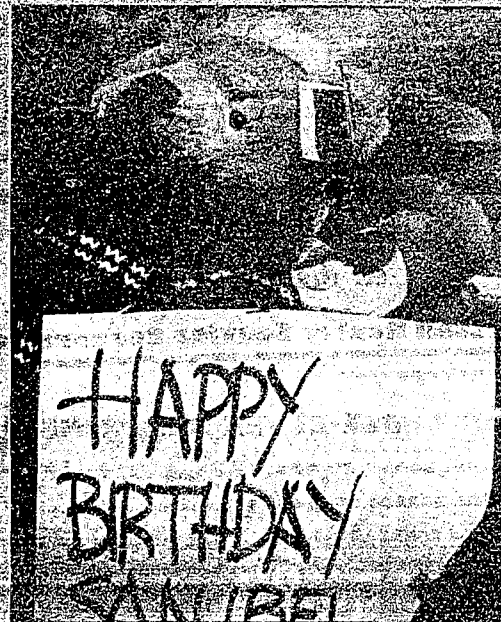
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Above: Edmond Grove, a Sanibel pioneer, rode in a horse-drawn carriage as the parade's grand marshal. Below: City Manager Larry Pifer took his turn in the duck tank.



At the front, above: Scott, the Sanibel Police Department, and the Children's Center. Below: A float for the parade. The float's sign reads "SANIBEL ISLAND".



Above: Ann Bailey found the time, especially relaxing. Right: Parade queen Anne Bailey. Left: The citizens say it all about Meyer-Ered Villa's trip to the duck tank.



Photos by Mark Johnson

Islander follow-up

When life gives you lemons

New car owner finds making lemonade is not always easy

Reporter Barbara Brundage first wrote about Kathy Lynch's experience with her Chevrolet Blazer in the Aug. 14, 1984, Islander. At that time Lynch was waiting for her Aug. 21 arbitration hearing. On the day the story appeared, however, Lynch was notified the hearing had been postponed to a date uncertain. The hearing was finally held Oct. 9 in Naples. The outcome was as follows.

By Barbara Brundage
The use of arbitration as a quick and inexpensive way to settle disputes dates back to ancient Greece.

But Sanibel resident Kathy Lynch, who faithfully followed the procedure provided by Florida's Motor Vehicle Warranty Act, has found it neither quick nor inexpensive.

Instead her attempts to solve her problem with General Motors through mediation have left her alienated from the process.

"It wasn't worth it because of the legal jargon, bureaucracy, red tape and intimidation I encountered," she said recently about her experience.

Last May 11 the 23-year-old Sanibel resident notified the Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors that

15 mechanical defects in her five-month-old, 1984 5-16 Blazer truck had not been fixed after numerous trips and a total of 25 days in authorized dealers' service departments.

She told Chevrolet she intended to follow the recourse offered by the Florida law and file for an arbitration hearing.

A copy of the letter was sent to the South Florida Better Business Bureau, which provides arbitrators to settle disputes between car owners and the manufacturers.

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When life gives you lemons continued

According to Alex Cortinas of the State Division of Consumer Services, BBB has 90 days after receiving a consumer's request for arbitration to set a date for hearing.

Lynch maintains that in her case the BBB did not meet this deadline. After many delays the date was set for Aug. 21 in Naples.

Terrie Tracy, BBB's arbitration coordinator for South Florida, told Lynch the hearing could have been scheduled earlier in Miami but that a trained arbitrator was not available in the Southwest Florida area before Aug. 21.

But Lynch was afraid to drive her Blazer to Miami with the problem of the brakes locking still unresolved.

Lynch has since learned that Chevrolet ordered a recall of Blazers with that problem that were manufactured between July and October 1983. Her Blazer, however, purchased from Palm Olds Chevrolet in Punta Gorda in early January, was

manufactured in December 1983.

In early August the initial hearing date was changed when an arbitrator was still not available in the Naples area.

BBB rescheduled the hearing twice, and it eventually took place on Oct. 9, 4 1/2 months after Lynch first filed for arbitration.

Lynch was unhappy with the manner in which the hearing was conducted. The arbitration board was composed of Howard Ullman, the BBB-trained arbitrator, and two Naples men who volunteered and were serving for the first time.

Neither of the two volunteers said a word during the hearing, Lynch said. Under the rules all three should have questioned her and driven the Blazer to confirm or deny the existence of the claimed defects.

Only Ullman drove the vehicle, she said.

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Kathy Lynch on the tailgate of her Blazer.

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Lynch originally requested a replacement for her "non-conforming" Blazer but was advised to change to a "buy back" which would have brought her a refund of the purchase price of the car less 20 cents a mile for the total driven.

Ten days after the hearing BBB notified Lynch of the arbitration board's decision: "Buy back denied."

Instead the board ordered Chevrolet Motors Division to "repair rear window leak, inspect and replace, if necessary, weather stripping throughout the car; repair all rust; inspect and repair, if necessary, complete braking system."

The decision continued: "General Motors is to assist consumer in obtaining replacement set of tires from Goodrich; adjust and/or tighten rear back seatrest; adjust, repair or replace right rear seatbelt; inspect and repair, if necessary, any transmission leaks."

"Consumer is to take vehicle to any authorized Chevrolet dealer within one week from acceptance of decision. Chevrolet Motor Division is to complete repairs within 30 days from delivery of vehicle to dealer and provide consumer with a loaner vehicle for duration of repairs."

On Nov. 5 Lynch delivered her Blazer to Palm Olds Chevrolet in Punta Gorda and picked up a replacement car to use until the Blazer is repaired.

"It's ironic," she said. "That a lot of these defects finally acknowledged by the arbitration board were sloughed off by the Punta Gorda dealership when I first took the Blazer back to them."

Lynch is skeptical about the final outcome. "I'm not sure all the repairs will be made," she said.

If the Blazer is still not satisfactory when it is returned in early December, Lynch has the option of going to court to seek a replacement vehicle, Cortinas pointed out.

But filing a civil suit will require hiring an attorney, and if the judge agrees with the arbitration board decision Lynch might have to pay court costs to Chevrolet.

Cortinas said if it appeared to him that BBB could have handled Lynch's case more expeditiously, Lynch, for her part, said Cortinas had helped her a lot.

Even though her long-time dream of owning a Blazer has turned into a nightmare, Lynch said the good thing has come out of the process. "At least the board's decision confirms that I didn't make up all these problems," she says.

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

Police found two Sanibel boys setting off firecrackers near Nerita Street about 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, after responding to an area resident's report that he had heard gunshots. The boys were advised of the city's law prohibiting fireworks.

Police investigated the theft of several plastic bags filled with soda and beer cans from behind the American Legion post on Sanibel-Captiva road Saturday afternoon, Nov. 3. Value of the cans was estimated at \$50.

An Indianapolis, Ind., man reported he lost a diamond ring either near

the Lighthouse beach or at Bowman's Beach around 8:20 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4. The man's ring had one 1-karat diamond surrounded by 10 smaller diamonds and was valued at \$2,000.

A Sanibel man was cited for careless driving after he struck a tree near the intersection of Atlanta Plaza and Casa Ybel Road around 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5. Ulrich Pakusch of 1890 Atlanta Plaza was cited.

A Sanibel woman reported she had lost her Selko watch with a black velvet band somewhere on the Island Wednesday morning, Nov. 7. The watch was valued at \$300.

A Cape Coral man was cited for following too closely after an accident in the parking lot at the Ramada Inn

Thursday morning, Nov. 8. Sheldon Rowe of 3414 SE 22nd Place was charged.

Police investigated vandalism to a Hobie Cat that was parked on a trailer in front of Coquina Beach Club condominiums between 5 p.m. Nov. 7 and 1:30 p.m. Nov. 8. Someone broke the rudder bar and removed the Joy Stick from the boat that belongs to a Sanibel resident.

A Fort Myers woman reported a naked man had approached her while she was on the beach in front of Gulf Ridge subdivision shortly before 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8. The woman said the man, who was about six feet tall and in his mid-20s, tried to coax her into the bushes along the beach.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Mock election introduces fourth graders to the voting process

The posters lining the red brick walls like the open windows quickly told the story. "Vote for Reagan!" one shouted. Another showed an elephant stamping on a donkey. One was more neutral: "Voting is Freedom."

And when the final tally came in the election story was complete -- Reagan, 137; Mondale, 25. Missing a few zeros? No. These are the results of the mock election held at the Sanibel Elementary School on Election Day last Tuesday.

The project was sponsored by the

fourth grade under the direction of substitute teacher Carol Forsberg and volunteer teacher Lisa Letendre.

The fourth graders created the posters, set up the polls, served as election day judges and tabulated the results.

"The Weekly Reader had a poll with students and found the way kids vote is how the country went," Forsberg said. "So we decided to hold our own mock election and see how it went."

"It's been a very exciting day for



The students lined up much like real registered voters at the Sanibel Elementary School "poll."

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SCHOOL NEWS

Mock election introduces fourth graders to the voting process

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the students." The students are very patriotic at this age and wearing red, white and blue.

The first thing the children had to do was create a polling booth. With no one representing the fortune teller but most definitely knew who they wanted as president.

"The fourth graders had a chant they liked quite a bit," Forsberg said. It went: "Reagan, Reagan, he's our mas, if he can't do it, nobody mas."

The ballots had pictures of an elephant and a donkey plus the names Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro, Ronald Reagan and George Bush. Some of the younger students put an "X" on the animal instead of beside the appropriate names.

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Chris Williams thoughtfully casts his ballot. Photos by Scott Martell.



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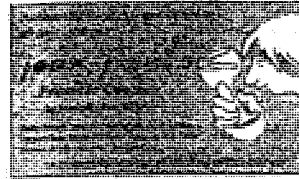
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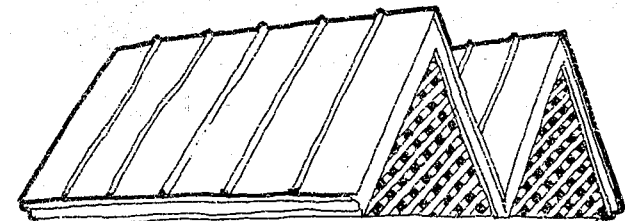
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CEPD discusses economic analysis, reimbursement procedures from page 1

Municipal Services Taxing Unit petition or referendum will be voted on in March. Questions were raised about several of the benefit unit categories — including how much should the road be "weighed" as a benefit, whether revenues should be considered a benefit, and whether square footage figures were correct.

Tetra-Tech has assessed one benefit unit for those properties that rely on Captiva Road for access on and off the Island — this was said to be all properties north of the S-curve.

CEPD Chairman Peg Hofschoeider said she felt the road should be divided into three parcels — Turner Beach to the S-curves, the S-curve to the Post Office and the Post Office to the north of the Island.

This point was not resolved at last week's session. However, it led to a discussion on how much input the CEPD should give to the engineers.

Several commissioners indicated they felt they should stay out of the process and let the attorneys and engineers first come up with their unbiased reports. But Hofschoeider felt the CEPD should give some input "to avoid potential problems."

Commissioner John Burr raised the square footage question. He feared the assessments could be unfair because they were based on outdated Lee County legal descriptions. He cited his own property, which is in the records as 58,000 square feet when in fact it is 28,000 square feet. He said he had checked several other properties and noticed similar inaccuracies.

"Tetra-Tech is using county records," replied Dick Stevens, renourishment project director. "So if

they were wrong it is really up to the property owners to correct the figures if they so choose."

Commissioner Dewitt Jones said he would look for the last plat made for the Sanibel-Captiva Planning Board because they are more recent legal descriptions and should be more accurate.

Differences between these plats and those the county uses would not need to be made known to the county tax assessor, the board felt. They board agreed it was not up to the CEPD to make sure the county had the right figures. It is up to the CEPD, however, to have the closest figures so that the assessments would be as fair as possible.

Stevens added that Tetra-Tech had put one benefit unit per 15,600 square feet of land, so there was some grounds for error.

Captivan Jack Mount raised the rip-rap issue. He said for years the CEPD has maintained revetments create severe erosion in front and to the sides of the rock structures. Yet in the economic analysis the engineers gave owners with revetments credit as having less need for beach renourishment.

Burr countered he thought it was not a critical issue because having revetments or not having them counted only one benefit unit anyway.

If most of the questions and discussion at last week's meeting occurred due to the Tetra-Tech economic analysis, most of the debate and emotional intensity arose during the discussion about reimbursing Jones for his flight from Michigan to Fort Myers to attend the second budget hearing in September.

The board eventually voted unanimously (3-0,

with Jones abstaining) to reimburse Jones. But it was not without much dissension from the audience and a long discussion on how to establish general rules of procedure for the future.

Jones and Commissioner Lloyd Wright were not at attendance at the first budget hearing. At the meeting the board heard a petition to drop \$562,83 designated as a reserve for beach renourishment from the budget. The board voted 2-1 to cut the figure from the budget, a move that cut the budget by more than 75 percent. Both Jones and Wright strongly supported the reserve fund.

Once this money was dropped from the budget there was no way, according to attorney James Humphrey, that it could be put back in.

In order to assure a quorum for the second budget hearing, Wright — who said his doctor had advised him to stay away from stress situations because of heart problems — called Jones and asked him to attend. Commissioner John Burr was traveling out west and could not be reached. As it turned out Wright attended the budget hearing.

Chairman Hofschoeider objected to the fact that Wright called Jones on his own, without first asking the board.

Captivan Orville Schaefer contended that if commissioner were on vacation and returned Captiva at taxpayers' expense "that was extending the rights and privileges (of commissioner) to far."

Captivan Harley Luddington felt that those on the

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State DNR official says Blind Pass groin will be approved

By Scott Martell

Approval of an extension of the 100-foot Blind Pass groin on Captiva by 150 feet appears closer to reality this week.

Officials at the state Department of Natural Resources have said they will notify Sanibel and the Captiva Freshwater Prevention District by the end of December at the latest on whether or not the permit application will be accepted.

However, at last week's City Council meeting Sanibel City Manager Gary Price told the council that Mark Leadon, a DNR engineer, had

told Price the state agency will approve the Blind Pass extension.

The DNR official also told Price, however, that his agency would write into the permit the need for a regular monitoring program to last throughout the design life of the project to allow mitigation of any possible negative impacts.

And the DNR likely will require that some type of bond be acquired to finance any corrective action should negative impacts occur, Price said.

Sanibel and Lee County officials had stressed

both of these requirements.

Leadon was on vacation at the end of last week and could not be reached for further comment.

The groin extension will only be built should Captivians find a way to finance beach renourishment. The groin extension application strictly states there will be no extensions without the new beach.

"I think it's kind of great," said CEPD

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board have a duty to be on the island — if not all year, then at least for the meetings.

Jones countered that he did not come down here "willy nilly" — that he was asked down to assure that the CEPD had a quorum.

"I spend a lot of time on CEPD business, a lot of

effort, and I take a lot of abuse," Jones said. "I was called and I attended."

While this was generally called a "special case," the board agreed on the need for detailed procedures for handling possible future cases. It was determined that had there been no quorum,

there would have been no operating budget for the year.

"This is something we will have to deal with," Burz

said.

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DNR official says Blind Pass groin will be approved continued

Chairman Peg Hofschneider when she learned the groin extension would be approved. "We are anxious for an official notification."

"Captivians have already paid for it (1950,000 in 1982)," Hofschneider said. "They are for it, they want it, and it certainly goes with a renourished beach."

Hofschneider added she feels a bond is not necessary, however.

"We have the taxing power to raise money to remove the structure if that proves to be necessary. We'd much prefer that over a bond," she said.

The purpose of the groin extension is to "batonup" the renourished sand, giving it stability and a longer engineering life.

For the past two years the money has been gaining interest while the CEPD has sought

funding avenues to pay for a renourished beach.

A referendum to raise \$9 million for beach renourishment failed by four votes. Two Municipal Services Taxing Unit petitions have also failed to receive enough votes to implement the tax. The most recent petition garnered the approval of nearly 64 percent of Captiva homeowners, but 65 percent approval is required before the MSTU can be established.

Planning Commission allocates 42 multi-family units from page 1

of no beneficial use and phased development the Matule project would have received all six allocations this time around.

The commission voted 4-0, with Commissioner Ann Winterbotham absent, to recapture the four units in 1985, two in the July period and two in November.

There was a net total of 62 dwelling units to allocate after three were reclaimed off the top to

continue recapturing surplus units allocated since July 1982.

Five allocations, terminated after building permits were not obtained by the Oct. 30 deadline, were thrown in the pot.

After the multi-family needs were satisfied there were only 18 allocations left to be doled out to the top scorers among the 55 single-family holdovers from the July period.

With 59 now single-family applications filed for the November allocation there will be a total of 36 applicants waiting in line next March.

However, under the new tiered priority system the 37 July holdovers will have first chance at available allocations at that time.

The City Council will review the commission's November allocations at its Nov. 20 meeting.

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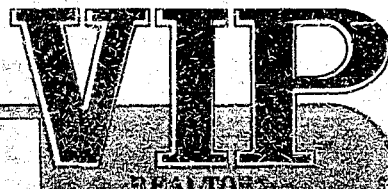


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What IS the difference between alligators and crocodiles (both of which exist on Sanibel)?

By George Campbell

Illustrated by Ann Wierthothen

So many people, sometimes total strangers, come up to me and ask, "How do you tell a crocodile from an alligator?" Then they say, "Now tell us there are alligators and crocodiles on Sanibel!"

It seems time to address this weighty issue. Herodotus, "The Father of History," started it all in 450 B.C. He first spoke of the crocodile as having a "hinged upper jaw." The crocodile of which Herodotus wrote was the Nile crocodile, *Crocodylus niloticus* of Africa. In those days the species ranged to the delta of the Nile and around the Mediterranean coast to Palestine in the east, and westward along the shores of the Mediterranean as far as Spain.

Since that time this crocodile species, which was really the only one known to early European man, has been largely destroyed. Its present day range is much restricted, in Africa, and Madagascar (although it can be seen in small numbers in many places).

Crocodiles still kill and eat a few people every year in Africa. They say in Kenya this animal kills more people than any other wild creature except the hippopotamus. This might come as a surprise to those who are impressed by the "big three" — the elephant, the buffalo and the rhino.

It was Herodotus who stated as fact that the crocodile had a hinged upper jaw. As it raised its head upon the mud bank it would fit its hinged upper jaw beneath its lower jaw, its mouth would be closed and other parasites from the inside.

Actually, Herodotus was wrong. The upper jaw is not hinged. It is contiguous with and forms a part of the skull. When the crocodile lies there on the bank and apparently opens his upper jaw, he is in fact leaving his lower jaw at rest on the sand and lifting his whole head up to open his mouth, thus creating the appearance of a hinged upper jaw.

Herodotus' erroneous observation has come down through the ages to the present as fact. He has been quoted so many times that even some modern day naturalists and zoologists believe this myth, which is just that — a false myth without any truth whatsoever. Why, just recently a friend attended a lecture at San Diego Zoo and the speaker repeated the myth for the umpteenth thousand time since 424 B.C. And the San Diego Zoo is the Harvard College of all zoos. They should really know better.

The crocodilians include the Alligator family, the crocodile family and the gaviel family. All possess similar construction insofar as the articulation of the jaws is concerned. The lower jaw is articulated to the skull and upper jaw, and it is the lower jaw that moves — always.

The strength of all crocodilian jaws is in the closing. Those muscles that are employed to close the jaws are tremendously powerful; those that open the jaws are quite weak.

It is true that the power of a man's two hands can hold even the largest crocodile's mouth closed. But this is a dangerous procedure, so don't go out and try it. For if the beast thrusts his head from side to side he might loosen your hands, and on the return thrust his mouth might no longer be closed so he could grip you, roll and twist your hands or fingers off.

Do please accept the above as fact. Let no one else do the experimenting.

As a general rule members of the crocodile family have more pointed, triangular shaped heads (see accompanying sketch). When viewed from the side, all true crocodiles display both upper and lower teeth when the mouth is closed. In all species, also, there is not "truncating overbite," such as there is in the alligator family.

We have a couple of true American crocodiles, *Crocodylus acutus*, on Sanibel. One of them was first seen by Charles S. House in Tappan Shore. Another

was viewed by quite a number of people who are lived in the waters at the end of the wildlife refuge in the Wulfert area.

American crocodiles are easily distinguished from the alligator because they are very bumpy. Their dorsal scutes are richly endowed with what we call osteoderms or skin bones, free-floating skeletal parts that lie within the skin, usually the dorsal skin, and provide protection against enemies and also aid in moisture retention.

The crocodile here in Florida has this extremely bumpy look about him due to these osteoderms. Also, his color is somewhat different from the alligator.

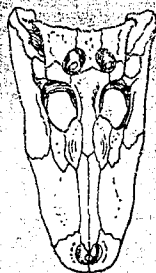
An adult crocodile is olive green or grey. With its prominent bumps, narrow snout and characteristic color, it cannot possibly be mistaken for the often all-black alligator. (Baby alligators are black with yellow bands.)

On the other hand, the alligator's jaws are broad and heavy, and the overbite is readily apparent. With the alligator's mouth closed only the upper teeth are visible; the rest are hidden by his overbite. The alligator has a broad snout that is said to have evolved so he could consume hard shell prey such as turtles. Here on Sanibel it is not at all uncommon to see an alligator crunching on a hard shell tarapin such as the peninsular cooter or a chicken turtle. . . . The strength of the alligator's jaw muscles is such that it is easy for him to clamp down hard and crush the animal. Then this ancient Mesozoic leftover can

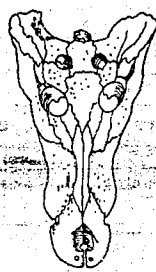
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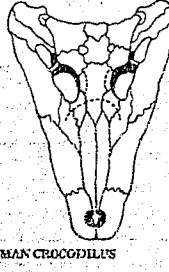
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CAIMAN CROCODYLUS

The broad snout of the alligator is typical of the species (top). The crocodile's head (center) is more triangular and has a more pointed snout. The Caiman of South America, established in parts of Florida, has a snout halfway in between the two natives (bottom).

Windows to wildlife habitat

Trimming vegetation will allow for better views along refuge drive

In an effort to offer better wildlife viewing and to lessen up traffic congestion on the Wildlife Drive in the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, staffers last week cut out a series of "windows" along the drive.

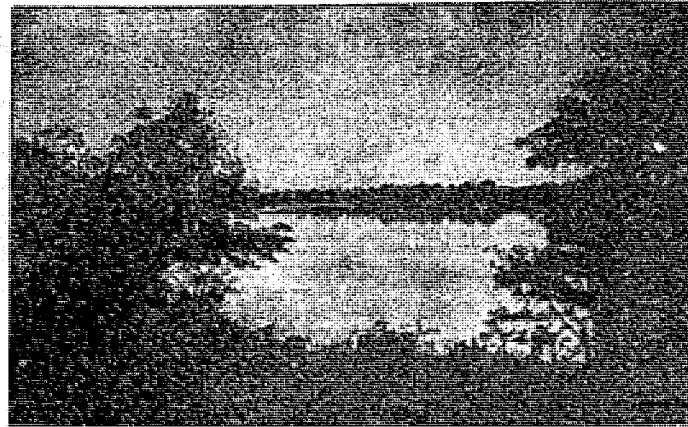
"We had a wildlife drive where only 25 percent (of the view) wasn't obstructed by vegetation," said Refuge Manager Ron Hight. "We have a responsibility to allow people to observe — otherwise we are defeating the purpose of the drive."

Windows were trimmed by hand long ago, and there has been some trimming since. But this is the first time the refuge has used a large machine, the "boom and boom" from the Merritt Island Refuge, to cut through the vegetation to allow views.

"The machine is doing a fantastic job. And it just wasn't feasible to do it by hand with the size staff we have," Hight said. "We're certainly not trying to clearcut the berm of the dike. We're trying to be sensitive to how it looks. Also, the trees and brush — the mangroves particularly — have tremendous regenerative power and will grow back quickly."

Besides offering better viewing, the windows will spread out the flow of traffic Hight believes. Before, all cars stopped at the few open areas. And when drivers came to the "green walls" of the mangroves they drove faster, causing other problems.

Hight feels the cut does not hurt wildlife habitat and in fact could help it. "There is ample habitat out in the refuge, and some of the most productive habitat is the edge (between two ecosystems). In a sense, we are creating an artificial edge by



"Windows" such as this one open up the view for drivers on the Wildlife Drive to the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Volunteers were needed to help create the windows." he said.

The idea of "windows" has been tossed around for several years. But every time it has been brought up the concern was that the windows would need constant trimming and the refuge staff had done the heavy work,

but that the small staff would not be able to keep up with the trimming. "So if individuals or service organizations would like to volunteer to maintain a window they can give us a call," Hight said. "It would only take some simple snipping every three

months or so. They can gain some satisfaction knowing that their work is being enjoyed by many many people who are viewing wildlife here."

Nature programs, lectures, tours

Local Audubon Society announces 1985 slide series

The 1985 series of wildlife and nature conservation programs presented by the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society begins Thursday, Jan. 2, at the Sanibel Community Association hall. The season's opening program will be a color slide show on the "Natural Wonders of North America" prepared by James Walsh of Sanibel.

Hugh Irwin, president of the local Audubon group, described the public entertainment series in detail at the season's first meeting of the society's board of directors.

As in past years, the public programs will be presented at 8 p.m. Thursdays in the main auditorium of the community association hall. Following is a list of the subjects that will be explored and the people who will present the programs in the series arranged by program chairman Francis Saxinger.

- *Jan. 10 — Bayfers: The Plunderers of the Sky — Mark Westall, president of the International Osprey Foundation.
- *Jan. 17 — Native Trees for Landscaping — David Fox, district forestry officer.

- *Jan. 24 — The Southern Appalachians — George and Marilyn Schaffer.
- *Feb. 7. An Introduction to Florida's Mammals — Dr. James Layne, director Archbold Biological Station.
- *Feb. 14 — Audubon: Artist, Author and Adventurer — Aivah Sanborn.
- *Feb. 21 — Birds and Wildlife of Sanibel and Captiva — A CROW presentation. Introduction by Laura Riley.
- *Feb. 28 — Wander and Wonder — Resident and visiting birds of the Island. Al Milliken of Sanibel.
- *Mar. 14 — Raising an Endangered Species at Home Don and Nora Deitelin, local zoologists.
- *Mar. 21 — Conservation Issues in Florida — Larry Thompson, Florida regional representative for National Audubon Society.
- *Mar. 28 — Audience Participation Color Slide Program — A Russ Francis presentation. Watch local papers for details.

In addition to its public programs, the Audubon Society will offer two courses in bird

identification. Beginner classes will be held Jan. 11 and 18 and will conclude with a field trip Jan. 15. Advanced classes will be held Feb. 15 and 22 and March 1 and will conclude with a field trip March 2.

Field trips for members of the society have been scheduled for Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 and March 9 and 16.

A new checklist is available of the birds of Sanibel, Captiva and nearby islands prepared by a committee of area experts under the chairmanship of K.C. Emerson. The list includes 247 species of birds, each of which has been observed at least twice during the last 10 years on the islands, adjacent mainland areas and surrounding waters. Preparation and publication of the list was a joint project of the Audubon Society, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and the J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society. Copies are available at the headquarters of the SCCF and the Wildlife Center and from members of the Audubon Society.

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Refuge schedules first sunset cruise

Several naturalist programs are scheduled during the coming weeks at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. The programs, which consist of film and slide tours each week, are for visitors who want more information than the Visitor Center offers or for first-time refuge visitors who want a guide to help them explore the refuge.

For those who are unable to attend one of the naturalist programs, the Visitor Center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Beginning Nov. 25 the center will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

A 15-minute slide orientation program is given at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. every day at the center.

The five-mile, self-guiding Wildlife Drive is open every day from sunrise to sunset. Walking trails take off the the drive and from the Bailey Trach on Tarpon Bay Road. The

refuge's two canoe trails are also open daily and start at Tarpon Bay Marina on Sanibel and Tween Waters Marina on Captiva.

This week's schedule at the refuge is as follows:

- *Thursday, Nov. 15, 1 p.m. — A repeat of the car caravan tour detailed above. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole.
- *Saturday, Nov. 17, 11 a.m. at the Visitor Center — The film "Manatee: The Silent Siren" will be shown in honor of manatee month.
- *Next Tuesday, Nov. 20, at 3 p.m. the first two-hour sunset tour on the Island Belle will leave Tarpon Bay Marina. Reservations are being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 472-3195. Cost is \$10 per person.

For more information about any of the above programs call the refuge, 472-1100, during normal working hours.

Tuesday at the Center programs begin next week

The upcoming schedule at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation includes daily guided tours, a gardening course and the weekly Tuesday at the Center programs.

*Wednesday, Nov. 14, 9 a.m. to noon at the SCCF center — The second session of the SCCF gardening course will concern Island trees. For more information call Milleau Eskew, 472-2504.

*Monday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. daily — Guided tours of the SCCF trails begin.

*Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2 p.m. at the SCCF center — Tuesday at the Center programs begin for the season with a talk by Ray Judah of the Lee County Planning Department regarding "County Jurisdiction and Regulations for Protection of Wetlands."

CLUB NEWS

Business women hold monthly meeting

The November meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva American Business Women's Association was held last Thursday at Thistle Lodge. President Barbara Boulton presided.

Guest speaker Fern Twenhafel discussed "Women in Finance" and "Managing Your Own Money." Career speaker Eleanor Bourman discussed her work with special children.

Membership chairman Betty Thompson introduced the following new members: Hazel Amon, Olga Jackson, Carolyn Lewis, Margaret Mullins, Joan Simonds and Tracy Kimpel.

The next meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at Thistle Lodge. A Christmas auction will be held.

Shell club will hear about shelling in West Africa

Ed Hanley will talk to the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club about shelling in West Africa, specifically the shells of Senegal, at the regular meeting at 8 p.m. next Monday, Nov. 19, at the Sanibel Community Association hall.

Hanley has been a sheller for 28 years and owns two shell shops on Sanibel — Glory of the Sea and Neptune's Treasure. He has provided three pamphlets on shelling and cleaning shells to the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce. He writes a regular column, "Let's Shell Sanibel," which appears in the Shopper's Guide and is a frequent auctioneer and speaker at the Southwest Florida Conchological Society.

A short business meeting will be held, and dates for future shelling trips will be discussed. All members, friends and visitors are invited.

Kiwanis present \$1,250 to Children's Center for scholarships, expenses

The Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club last week presented a check for \$1,250 to the Children's Center of the Islands. \$1,000 will go to the scholarship fund and \$250 will help meet operating expenses. The presentation was made to Eileen Dvorin and Becky Pierce of the Children's Center by club treasurer and youth services chairman Ron Sebald.

New Kiwanians inducted Nov. 7 were: Al Belton, Ted Haberkamp, Ben McGuire and Dwight Hughes. Hughes, a former Kiwanian in Saginaw, Mich., has been a winter member for several years.

The guest speaker Nov. 7 was Jay Halcorv of BIG Arts. She presented an overview of the upcoming season for the non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to obtain the best possible talent in the arts for the enjoyment of all Islanders and visitors.

Community association will hold dinner meeting

The November dinner meeting of the Sanibel Community Association will take place at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, at the community association hall on Portwinkle Way. A slide show on Israel will

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Above: Belton Johnson, Captiva's oldest resident, did the ribbon-cutting honors at the dedication of the Island Historical Museum. Left: A dazzling fireworks display over the Causeway provided a fitting finale to the celebration.

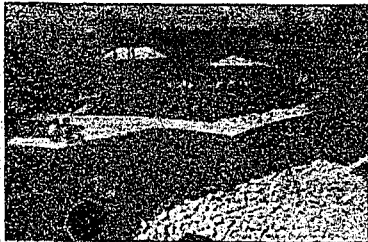


Above: The Caloosa Cloggers entertained in foot-stomping style. Below: Parade participants walked the route along



Periwinkle Way from Casa Ybel Road to Tarpon Bay Road and then down Florence Way and Woster Lane to City Hall.

Above: A handful of birthday balloons helped keep Sanibel Police Officer Art Leanos in the celebration spirit. Below: The



City Hall grounds provided ample space for the many activities during the day.

Sheinwold on Bridge

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 ♦J 5 4 2
 ♣Q 7 6 5

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 ♥Q 8 5 3
 ♦A Q
 ♣A 5

South West North East
 1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
 4 ♠ Pass 4 ♥ Pass
 5 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass
 6 ♠ All Pass

Opening lead -- ♠ J
 South dealer
 Both sides vulnerable

By Alfred Sheinwold
 In today's hand the average experienced player draws trumps and tries a finesse with the jack of hearts. If this loses, back comes a diamond; and South must commit himself. Should he take the diamond finesse or should he play for the missing hearts to divide equally?

The odds are substantially against the 3-3 break in hearts, but the diamond finesse is an even chance. South therefore tries the finesse and goes down — perhaps discovering then that the hearts were favorably divided.

HEART PLAY
 After drawing trumps South should lead a heart to the ace and return dummy's low heart.

As the cards lie, East must play the king. South then takes the diamond return with the ace and cashes the hearts, discarding dummy's losing diamond.

If East doesn't have the doubtless of

hearts, South needn't touch diamonds until he has played a third round of hearts. Then, if the hearts have broken favorably, he doesn't need the diamond finesse; but if the hearts have broken badly, the diamond finesse, his only chance, is still available.

DAILY QUESTION
 You hold: ♠K 2 1 4 3 2 A 1 4 9 6 5 4 K 4
 2. Dealer, at your left, bids one diamond. Your partner doubles, and the next player passes. What do you say?

ANSWER
 Bid two diamonds. This bid in the enemy's suit is forcing to game, promising a lead of "good" points or 12 points of any description. You expect to get to game in spades, but you are willing to consider 3NT or four hearts if partner expresses a strong preference for some such game contract.

Seasonal bridge sessions begin

Traditional Bridge for Fun afternoons have resumed for the season at 1 p.m. every Wednesday at the Sanibel Community Association hall. The sessions are under the direction of Roger Dickinson, 472-2340. Each participant is asked to make a \$1.50 contribution to help defray costs. Duplicate bridge sessions are also held at the community association hall 1:30 p.m. every Thursday under the direction of Sterling Sussach, 472-0225, and at 7 p.m. every Friday under the direction of Martha Hollis, 482-1222.

Duplicate bridge scores

Score of last week's duplicate bridge sessions at the Sanibel Community Association hall were as follows:

- Thursday afternoon Nov. 8**
1. Arlene Hinkle and Margie Turnbull
 2. Norma Loos and Ginny Reeves
 3. Barbara and John Lester

- Friday evening Nov. 9**
- North-South**
1. Billie and Duncan McDonald
 2. Jean and George Scott
 3. Norma Loos and Mary Sharp
- East-West**
1. Jo and Bob Lane

- 2. Doris and Frank Gilmartin**
- 3.4. Harriet and Don MacKinnon**
- Ginny and Colin Reeves**
- The Thursday sessions meet at 1:30 p.m. under the direction of Jean Scott. The Friday sessions meet at 7:30 p.m. under the direction of Martha Hollis. For more information about either session call Jean Scott, 472-4823.

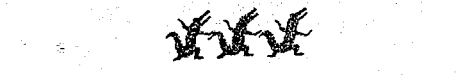
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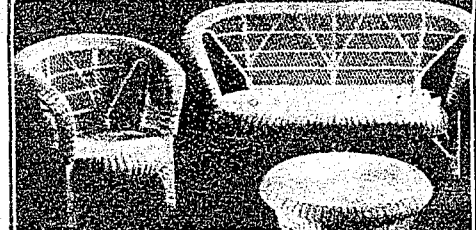
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Out and about:

The Ringling Museums in Sarasota



Story by Scott Martell
Photos by Mark Johnson

Distance from Sanibel:
Slightly more than 100 miles each way.

How to get there:
We recommend taking Interstate 75, despite the longer distance. Interstate 75 is easy to get to from Sanibel via Summerlin Road to Cypress Lake Drive. Turn right on Cypress Lake Drive, cross U.S. 41 to Daniels Road and head toward the airport until you see the interstate.

From here it is a smooth ride north to Sarasota. The exit for the museums is just north of Sarasota. Three exits veer off for Sarasota, and the very next exit sign indicates the museums. From here follow the signs.

Sights:
The 38 acre Ringling Museum complex, owned and operated by the State of Florida, holds a full day of sights for visitors.

On the grounds are the John and Mable Ringling Art Museum — 18 galleries holding over 1,600 paintings, 1,900 prints and drawings, and 560 pieces of sculpture and decorative art objects.

Then the opulent Ringling Residence ("Ca' d'Zan" — House of John in Venetian) is sure to amaze all with its grandeur. The riverfront home took 26 months to build and cost \$1,500,000 in 1923.

The Museum of the Circus houses all kinds of rare circus memorabilia. And the Asolo theater is the only genuine 19th century Italian theater in the United States.

All around the museums are park-like grounds full of fountains, trees, sculptures and pathways.

These grounds will host a special event this weekend. The Ringling Museums' 13th Annual Crafts Festival will be held on the grounds this Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17-18.

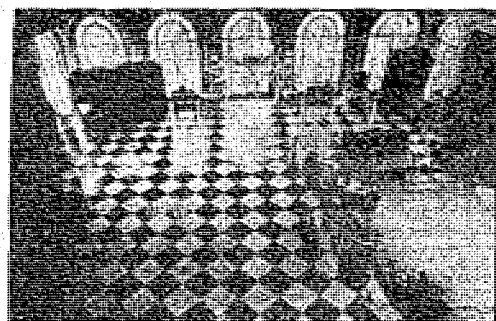
Among the crafts displayed will be ceramics, fine cutlery, musical instruments, exotic kites and even customized small boats. The festival will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entrance fee for adults is \$3, with children under 12 admitted free.

The entire complex is open every day. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

On Saturdays everyone is admitted to the art museum free. Adults usually pay \$4.50 for a pass to all the museums.

Trip Highlights:
The entire complex is so diverse that highlights have to be very subjective.

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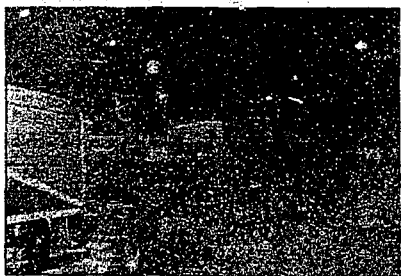


Above, top to bottom: John Ringling's main residence; inside the residence; the courtyard of the art museum.

Far right: An admirer studies a work in the art museum.

Right: Elaborate circus carriages in the Circus Museum.

Facing page: One of the five "cartoons" by Peter Paul Rubens on display in the art museum.



Out and about: The Ringling Museums continued

The grandeur of the grounds — the architecture, the landscaping, the river flowing by — is a colorful highlight.

The Circus Museum is a walk back in time to a different age in circus performances. One has to marvel at the size of the carriage that carried Gen'l Tom Thumb. And the posters of the performers! It's hard to imagine Jolee the Dog-faced boy or Alice from Ballet, 630 pounds of femininity.

After walking through one or two galleries in the art museum you will realize you are in the real thing, a fine art museum.

One of the first groups of paintings on display by the Rubens, very likely the most famous works of art in the museum. And as they seem to cover entire walls, they are impossible to miss.

Apparently seven of these "cartoons" — huge canvases used as patterns for tapestries — survived out of the original 41 canvases painted by Peter Paul Rubens. Five are housed at the Ringling Art Museum; two hang in the Louvre in Paris.

The galleries then proceed generally in chronological order — from ancient to contemporary art. But in the south wing you might run across a contemporary chromium plated steel piece by John Chamberlain in 900 room and then in the next room see a clock from the Louis XVI Period (1775-81).

Other notable artists represented include Benjamin West, Jan Brueghel I, Van Dyck, Fran Hals, Rembrandt and Velasquez.

Fine art most definitely dominates the art museum, but your senses might also pick up a dash of the bizarre, the unusual. For instance, a closer look at an apparent baroque painting reveals it was painted by Chen Ling, a Chinese painter who created works for the French trade during 1725-26.

The uniqueness of the art museum comes from one man — John Ringling, the famous circus man who created the setting.

As Bob Andren, the museum's information director, describes the complex:

"The entire place is Ringling. The circus is how he made his fortune; the home is how he lived; the art museum is an insight to how he spent his money and what his values were. It's an interesting portrait of



one of America's outstanding entrepreneurs. And when you look at the whole thing, I think it's a pretty complimentary portrait."

Trip highlights:

There are no real low points of the trip — except it would be nice if John and Mable Ringling had decided to live in Fort Myers, perhaps. Yet the drive, in our opinion, is worth the experience of the museums.

For more information:

Write to the Ringling Museum Information Department, P.O. Box 1638, Sarasota, FL 34278, or call 1-352-5101.

CHURCH NEWS

Unitarian-Universalist meetings resume

The Unitarian-Universalist Group of the Islands will start its fall Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 12, in the community room at the Sanibel Public Library.

Dr. Francesca Wada, a clinical psychologist who resides on Sanibel and practices in Fort Myers, will talk to the first gathering about self awareness, using as background her recently published book, *Way Stations to Self Awareness*.

Dr. Stephen Mullins and Maggie Mullins will lead the service. A fellowship hour will follow the morning discussion.

The U-U Group plans to hold services on the first and third Sunday mornings of each month throughout the fall and winter. All Unitarian-Universalists and any other interested persons are welcome. For more information call 472-6192.

Captiva Chapel By The Sea Sunday services resume

The Captiva Chapel By The Sea will open for services at 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 18. Dr. Bertram Atwood will again serve as minister for the interdenominational chapel that is open to all.

Atwood has served Presbyterian parishes in Englewood, N.Y., Schenectady, N.Y., Grosse Point Farms, Mich., and Swarthmore, Pa., and taught preaching in Princeton Seminary for five years before coming to Captiva to serve the chapel there.

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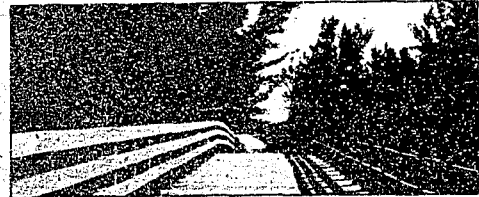
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ARTS ON THE ISLANDS

By Julie Niedenfuer

The Wildlife Preserver Islands' newest gallery specializes in Florida artists and animals

"Many people don't understand what an eat-or-be-eaten world it is," George Weymouth says as he leans forward intently, emphasizing his point with a gesture of his hands.

As he sits among the paintings of Sanibel's new wildlife gallery, the Wildlife Preserver at the Trustees Center, it's obvious he means his statement to be taken literally. Weymouth is talking about the world of nature. One in this instance he is making a specific reference to: the gallery is attempting — with success — to convey.

With a tanned finger he points to a painting that shows the dignified posture of a white-tailed deer and another showing a reclining Florida panther gazing with an electrifying stare.

"We want to avoid that 'Bambi' feeling," Weymouth says. "Nature is raw, often cruel, but very often beautiful."

And that description handily sums up the type of works visitors to the gallery will see. Specializing in original Florida wildlife art, the gallery features artists from around the state in a variety of media. The wooden bird sculptures for which Weymouth is so well known are a highlight of the gallery.

Wildlife Preserver is owned by Rick Hugger of Sanibel. Weymouth's affiliation with the gallery is as "artist at large," he says with a chuckle.

He's been smiling ever since Hugger first proposed the idea for the gallery three months ago. "It was his idea," Weymouth says. "He loves the woods and he wanted to do this gallery specializing in wildlife art." Including Weymouth in his endeavor was one of Hugger's plans. "It's the biggest break I've ever had," the artist says.

Weymouth is recognized both as a naturalist and an artist, though he says. "I call myself a woodsman, I really couldn't care less about Latin names, if you know what I mean."

It's hard to classify his artwork as wood-carving, though it often is categorized that way. Sculpture is a much more appropriate name for what he does.

From a rough piece of wood he "carves" a skimmer and her chick with such detail that each feather looks almost real. The chick's tufted down looks soft, as though it would give beneath your touch. On a table in the center of the room an osprey, clutching a fish in his talons, perches on a weathered branch surveying the reaches of his territory with a challenging gaze.

Pieces like these take a prominent position among the works that hang in the somewhat crowded gallery. (Weymouth explains that extension walls will soon be built and will double the wall space of the gallery.)

Most of the artists represented in the Wildlife Preserver are known throughout the state for their renderings of Florida's wildlife and landscapes. For instance, a large piece that dominates one wall of the gallery was painted by Bill Brown of Venice, an artist whose work has been published in a number of national wildlife magazines. Weymouth says Brown's work is representative of the high standards the gallery maintains for any work on display there.

And Weymouth and Hugger hope to dispel the stuffy atmosphere that often pervades many fine art galleries such as this. By hanging humorous and witty cartoons among the paintings, they try to lighten the mood. "We want people to feel relaxed when they come in," Weymouth says.

Every so often during the interview Weymouth launches into a brief lesson on ornithology. The mention of a woodpecker sculpture, for instance, prompts him to describe how that family of birds' tongues are attached to bones that curl

back and around, attaching near the top of the upper mandible. Splaying his fingers on the table-top, he shows how various species' feet differ in webbing and number of bones. With a snort lecture on birds' oil glands, he answers something most people have probably wondered about: the real reason umbrellas strike their dramatic, if not somewhat uncomfortable-looking pose.

Though he has never received a formal education on the subject, Weymouth knows birds well. But he asserts, "The more I find out the more I realize I don't know."

For many years Weymouth worked with wildlife — first in zoos, and for 10 or 15 years conducting birding tours, he says. His guided walks through the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge will now be booked through the gallery.

Sculpting birds has taught Weymouth a great deal about their anatomy. A special federal salvage permit allows him to take roadkills and other dead birds to study as subjects for his work. "I keep them in a special freezer, not in with the steaks," he says.

He also spends a lot of time "standing out on piern picking out poses," he says. And he also



Osprey sculpture by George Weymouth

tries to photograph his prey from as many angles as possible.

"It's a lot of work, but the finished project makes it all worthwhile. His tenderness for nature and wildlife is obvious in every chunk of wood that he brings to life.

When asked if it is ever difficult to sell any of his birds he answers, "Every one of them. But a guy has to eat."

Weymouth did not get serious about carving until five years ago, when he attended a show in Salisbury, Md., and "absolutely freaked out" when he saw the wood sculptures there.

Now, he says, he knows where he is going with his skill and what he wants to do with it. He is surprisingly modest about his work and says he has yet to enter a single piece in a competition, mostly because he is too busy.

And with the gallery now open his time is even more at a premium. Mornings are spent guiding at the refuge, and afternoons are spent at the gallery, where he does finishing work on some of his projects.

"It seems I just get one finished and I'm starting another," he says.

"I've reached the point where I can critique my own work. I know where I'm going now — it's just getting there."

With his work permanently displayed in the complementary surroundings of the Wildlife Preserver, it should be a very short trip for Weymouth indeed.



George Weymouth



This painting of an alligator languishing along a riverbank is one of many works hanging at the Wildlife Preserver art gallery. Photos by Mark Johnson.

ARTS

San-Cap Art League juried show opens Sunday

The Sanibel-Captiva Art League annual juried show opens this Sunday, Nov. 11, at the Captiva Community Association building and will run for two weeks, closing on Dec. 2.

On opening day a reception will precede the 3 p.m. awards presentation to which the public is invited. Exhibit hours are 10 a.m. daily.

Judging this year's show is Anne Miotke, a noted artist, instructor, author and lecturer from Cincinnati, Ohio. She is currently a faculty member of the Art Academy of Cincinnati, where she teaches drawing, painting, design and printmaking. She earned her bachelor's degree at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, Wis., and master's degrees at the University of Wisconsin.

Miotke has traveled extensively and has conducted workshops and study tours in this country and abroad. Her work has been included in many national and regional exhibitions. She is listed in Who's Who in American Art, Who's Who of American Women, The World Who's Who of Women, and Who's Who in the Midwest.

Charles McCullough is the general chairman of the show. He will be assisted by committee chairman Jean Gibson, Mary Ann McCormick, Ruth North, Harriet Ringel, Ruth Seary, Ken Turney and Tom Waterman.

Also assisting will be the many members of the art league.

Island artist's exhibit continues at Sanibel Library

Though November Islanders can take an so exhibit at the Sanibel Public Library by area artist and island resident Shelli Tarrisky.

Tarrisky works in all media — oil, watercolor, acrylic and even print-

making. Her formal training came at the Fortland School of Fine Arts in Malibu.

She has been a member of the Sanibel-Captiva Art League since the moved to the Islands six years ago.

Community band performs free concert Sunday

The Lee County Community Band will perform in concert at 3 p.m. this Sunday, Nov. 15, in the newly remodeled Fort Myers High School auditorium. The band is conducted by Walter Bertman. Announcer will be Norman Jones.

Selections will include "High School Cadets" by John Philip Sousa; "The Teddy-Grumble Song" by Leroy Anderson, and highlights from the musical, "Gigli."

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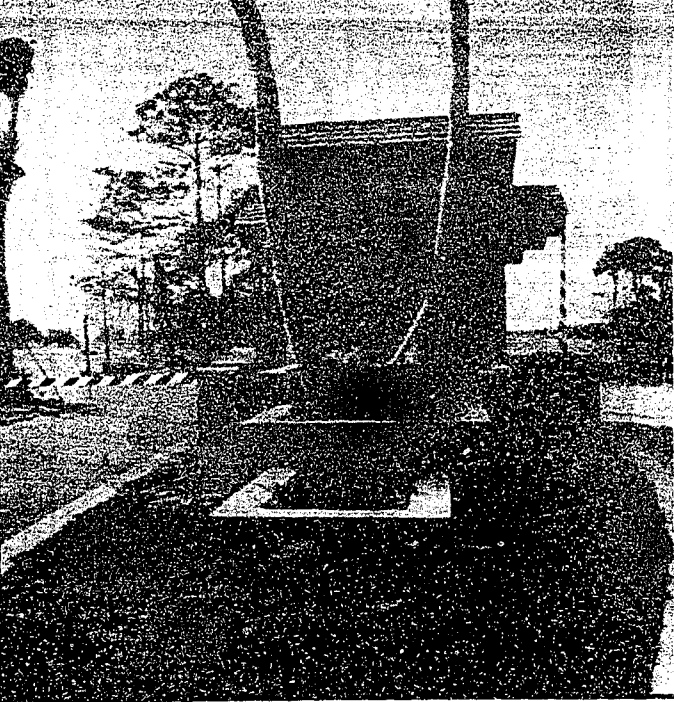
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ON THE WATER

By Captain Mike Fuery



The Jack family of fishes is not the only large group of related fish, but in this family are some of the strongest fighting and worst tasting fish you're ever going to find.

When we talk about jacks most likely you will think of our common jack, the crevalle.

While most anglers feel jack meat is poor for eating, one of the Jack family is hailed the best table fish in Florida. Of approximately 30 jacks found around North America, the Florida pompano, a member in good standing of the Jack family, is considered a delicacy.

Pompano are caught regularly along our Southwest Florida beaches, particularly off Captiva Island. They feed in small schools, searching for small sand fleas, shrimp and crabs. Anglers using size 2/0 hooks often take Florida pompano and whiting, another good eating surf fish, from the same spot.

But the Jack family has only that one fish that is considered good for table use. A couple of fish in the family are regarded as top notch game fish.

The African pompano has long been considered a trophy fish. I recall hearing someone say he happened to see a school of these large fish in Captiva Pass one time. They are rare around here. Guides in the Florida Keys find them occasionally.

The African pompano is not good for eating, as with the rest of the jacks, the meat is dark and

bloody. Cats love it, however, and I often keep a couple of jacks for cat food.

The African pompano can weigh from 25-35 pounds but only measure 36 inches. They are stout, tall backed fish capable of putting up a terrific fight on any light tackle.

It also has a close brother that is found as game fish in the Keys — the Atlantic permit. Permit are an elusive fish that can grow up to 30 pounds. Like nearly all of the others in the Jack family, they are silvery in color and not preferred for eating.

I have caught a few permit over years. They look very much like Florida pompano when they are smaller, and I suspect some permit are eaten as pompano.

You'll see a couple of other fish in the Jack family, too. The blue runner is sometimes caught while trolling for Spanish mackerel or other migratory fish. The runners hardly reach 12 inches in length. On the east coast of Florida, they are occasionally used as bait for billfishes. We release them here.

In the winter months we can hook into a slim, silver jack with a yellow tail called a leatherjacket. They too, are small, not much for eating and are also released.

The grand daddy of all the jacks in size and fighting strength has to be the amberjack. For sturdiness, hull strength, few fish in this part of Florida can match him.

Amberjacks are primarily deep water fish that patrol offshore rocks and rock ledges. A 100 lb. weighed 177 pounds was once caught with hook and line in the Caribbean, but fish in the 40-60 pound range are more common here. If you've ever caught a Jack crevalle in the 20 pound range, you know what a fight that can be. Now multiply that 17 times and you can imagine what a truly big Jack can do to your arms!

Good angling this week. Sea trout should be showing up in better numbers in the sound, and of course you are bound to see some of the Jack family, if you fish long enough.



CREVALLE JACK

SHELLING TIPS

By Captain Mike Fuery



You can tell that cooler weather has arrived by the number of junonia stories you can hear around the islands. Just in recent weeks I've heard from shellers working other parts of Florida who are also finding this valuable shell.

Recently I heard from an east coast resident who is making good use of a dredging project over there. Mrs. M. J. McBeay of Oakland Park sent along a photograph of two perfect junonias and a bunch of small lions paws.

It seems that over there from Dania Beach to Lauderdale-By-The-Sea and Deer from Hillsboro to Delray Beach the offshore dredging to restore lost beach sand is turning up a fine collection of shells.

I feel that here on our Sanibel and Captiva beaches the junonia, lion's paw and Scotch bonnet are about the most valued shells a collector can find.

Mrs. McBeay said in her letter that "Lion's paws are almost common with us now. We have a lot of them, some orange and others red. We have given away many, too, as some people don't seem to find them."

You might recall that a couple of years ago South Seas Plantation renourished its beach with offshore sand and started near riots when shellers found that the pipe bringing in sand from the dredge was spewing out all kinds of shells.

The other day I heard a lady say she would be sure

to return to Captiva if residents there ever decide to renourish the rest of the beach to Blind Pass with offshore sand!

We have moved into the cooler months of the year, and many collectors feel this is the best time to look for shells. For one thing, cold fronts that race down the state from time to time can cause unusually low tides — and less water means easier shelling for collectors.

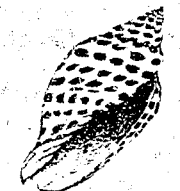
Timing is important, and although it's not as cold, sunrise coupled with a very low tide is a good time to get out and search the beaches.

Those northerly winds of more than 20 mph will push the water away from our side of the state, reducing the high tide and extending the low tide. It's cold, but these conditions are ideal.

That low tide at dawn will only happen a couple of times each month. So the best time to get out is on the first low tide of the morning.

Generally, low tides in the afternoon are not as good, primarily because other shellers already will have been over that part of the beach before you.

I am often asked if shelling is better in summer or winter. I've always like summer shelling for one reason — the calm, warm waters allow you to get in and wade along shore for shells that don't get washed to the beaches. In the winter months, with high waves and cold water, you are at the mercy of



what is washed high on the beach.

Still, some of the most valued and hard to find shells are found much more often in the winter than summer. So it's really a matter of comfort.

But now that we are entering the most blustery time of year I expect we will hear a lot more junonia and lion's paw stories. Good shelling this week.

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Th 15	3:43 AMH	11:27 PML	8:28 PMH	11:24 PML
F 16	4:36 AMH	11:31 PML	8:33 PMH	
Sa 17	5:31 AMH	8:26 AMH	7:27 PML	8:48 PMH
Su 18	3:11 AMH	8:17 AMH	3:19 PML	9:08 PMH
Mo 19	4:12 AMH	9:39 AMH	3:51 PML	9:38 PMH
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Tides have been computed at the Sanibel Lighthouse. For upper Sanibel and Captiva subtract 30 minutes for high tide, 1 hour and 15 minutes for low tide.

ISLANDER SPORTS

By Scott Martell

The annual sojourn to Florida One seasonal resident makes the trip by bike

About this time of year, when up north frost begins to tinge the edge of remaining leaves and the ground makes a crunching noise when tread upon, folks begin their journeys south to Sanibel.

Not many, however, make the journey by bicycle. But that is exactly how Marion Fryar did it this year.

The 42-year-old Fryar traveled 967 miles — from Ringgold, Ga., which is just across the border from his home in Tennessee, to his winter residence on Sanibel — in nine days, averaging about 107 miles a day.

At nightfall he pulled out his sleeping bag and camped at state campgrounds — or wherever darkness caught him and he could travel no further. He also lost 11 pounds, and in an accident in St. Petersburg was saved from serious injury by what he calls the "essential" riding helmet.

"It was a fun way to get here," Fryar says about his journey. "I had to come here anyway, and I like physical exercise. I would do it again in a minute." Fryar has many reasons for promoting bike touring, but one reason stands out.

"This keeps me mentally alert," he says. "I think it affects me dramatically. It tends to bring out the positive side of a person. During my bike trip I looked forward to and getting on my bike every day." And it's no wonder he looked forward to each day. Every day would bring new and different adventures, such as:

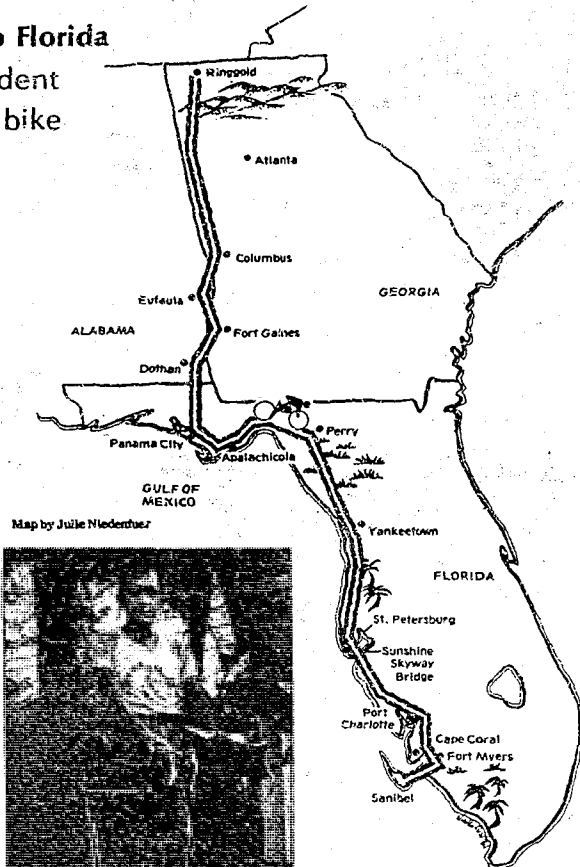
•Fryar says his most interesting experience came when he rode across the Apalachicola Bridge around 5 or 6 a.m. It was still dark, but he could see strimp boats working within 50 feet of the bridge. Since no autos were crossing the bridge at this early hour, Fryar could take his time and catch the whole scene that came with the dawn.

•The most unusual experience Fryar relates is seeing an albino squirrel at Ocklawaha State park. And he nearly ran over a raccoon on Highway 19 — the most unexpected happening along the way.

•And he says his most exhilarating experience was reaching the Gulf of Mexico on his fourth day of riding. "When I saw the gulf I knew I was going to make it the rest of the way," Fryar says.

•A different kind of traveling came at the Sunshine Parkway and Sanibel Causeway. Because no

Fryar says the most exhilarating experience of his journey was reaching the Gulf of Mexico on the fourth day. "When I saw the gulf I knew I was going to make it the rest of the way," he says.



Map by Julie Nlodentzer

Route taken by Marion Fryar



cyclists are permitted on their bikes on either span Fryar had to hitchhike rides in the back of pick-up trucks.

•And the most surprising thing to Fryar was the number of people who waved, gave friendly books, and asked him about his trip.

"I guess the most enjoyable part of the trip was the people I met," he says. "They all asked where I was coming from, where was I going. And many shouted encouragement as they passed me on the road."

To prepare himself for the close to 1,000-mile journey Fryar had to be in good physical shape. And he had to learn to be nearly totally self-sufficient. He worked himself up to tackling these long miles by biking 250 miles a week, including one 100-mile trip a week. A 100-mile trip took six or seven hours.

He also made two overnight trips to check out what gear he should use. He feels strongly that the most essential piece of equipment is the riding

helmet. He has reason to feel this way after an accident in St. Petersburg.

"A woman drove her car too close to me, and the air from the passing car moved me over about six inches," he relates. "This put the front tire in a gap between the pavement and the side of the road."

The gap grabbed the front tire, stopping the bike. Fryar flipped right over the bike. He landed on his shoulder and head and then rolled all the way back up to his feet.

"The helmet saved me there," he believes. "All you have to do is fall one time without a helmet and you're in trouble." He escaped serious injury but did end up with a bruised shoulder.

Practice bike touring can quickly tell a person what gear is important. For instance, 45 percent of a rider's weight rests on his hands. Without properly padded and fingerless gloves the nerve endings in the palm can go numb.

Other gear Fryar traveled with included sunglasses, two pairs of riding shorts, a sleeping bag and bike tools. He carried a total of 29 pounds of gear, including "too much winter type stuff!"

With the exception of food, he was almost totally self-sufficient.

"So I guess I could have gone another 1,000 miles," he laughs.

SPORTS

Tie means two winners get dinner at Morgan's

The old saying relates how a tie is like kissing your sister — but not in the Greek of the Week contest, Jan Helms and Carl Shank tied last week — and both are winners.

Helms and Shank each will receive a dinner for two at Morgan's Market and Lounge for their guesses in the football picks contest sponsored by Sundial resort and The Islander.

Island sports fans should take note that there are only two more chances (this week and next) to win a dinner at Morgan's. The contest will end with the final week in college football.

Also, The Islander received three cards on Monday morning — too late to be part of the contest. All three were addressed to our street address instead of our post office box. Please address your guesses to P.O. Box 56 to ensure your picks are counted.

Good luck this week. And remember, entries must be brought to The Islander by noon Friday or to Sundial by noon Saturday. They can also be mailed to the Islander, P.O. Box 56, Sanibel 33967, or to Sundial, 1246 Middle Gulf Drive.

Greek of the Week

Circle the team you think will win each game. For the Game of the Week also include your guess of the total points that will be scored in the game.

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NOV. 18
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GAME OF THE WEEK
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- DATE:** Wednesday, November 14, 1984
- TIME:** 9:00 A.M.
- LOCATION:** Sanibel City Hall Council Chambers (MacKenzie Hall) 800 Dunlop Road, Sanibel
- TOPIC:** Discussion of an ordinance sanctioning certain temporary uses of private lands for special events; requiring permits for certain special events; regulating the conduct of special events, etc.

The latest draft (#3) of said ordinance is on file and may be inspected by the public in the City Clerk's Office, Sanibel City Hall, 800 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, Florida and at the Sanibel Public Library, Palm Ridge Road, Sanibel.

All interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to any matter considered at such meeting. If a person decides to appeal any decision of the body with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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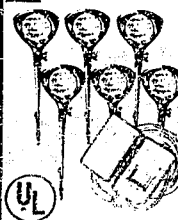
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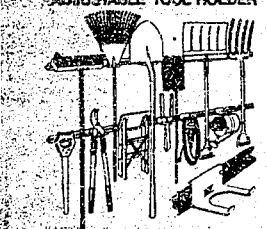
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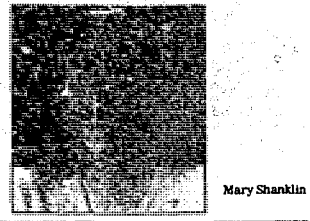
SPORTS

Sportsman of the Week: Mary Shanklin

This week's Sportsman of the Week, Mary Shanklin, spent a lot of time in the water in a week. It wasn't particularly for fun, nor for exercise, but rather for something more important — safety. Shanklin passed the tough Red Cross certified lifesaving course in a single weekend at a Girl Scout camp in Arcadia.

The Islander welcomes nominations for Sportsman of the Week. Nominations should be in our office by noon Thursday and can be made by calling Scott Merrill, 472-5185.

"The course has definitely made me more confident when we go out in the water, say on a canoe trip or something," Shanklin said, adding the most important thing she picked up to the course was the "reach, throw, row, go" rule. The first thing one does when trying to save someone is try to reach for them. If this can't be done, look for something to throw. Another possibility is to row out to help. And the last resort is to actually go — swim out to help.



Sundial remains undefeated in South Seas co-ed softball

Sundial remained undefeated and in first place of the South Seas co-ed softball league last week by virtue of having its only game canceled. But the Dunes and Marquis both helped tighten up the division with one victory apiece. Sundial now sits with a 5-0 record, followed by the Dunes (5-1) and Marquis (4-2).

Resources, 7-5. And Cap'n Al's came back from Tuesday's defeat by knocking off Sales and Marketing, 6-3. Standings after last week's games are: Sundial, 5-0; Dunes, 5-1; Marquis, 4-2; Cap'n Al's, 3-2; Human Resources, 2-3; Front Desk, 2-4; Sales and Marketing, 1-4; Chadwick's, 0-6.

Organizational meeting set for over-35 league

The Lee County over-35 softball league sponsored by Lee County Parks and Recreation Department will hold an organizational meeting for winter league competition at 7 p.m. next Wednesday, Nov.

21. The meeting will be held at Terry Park. For more information call Mac McFarridge, 323-2268 or 323-2389.

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SPORTS

Over-50 softball men lose two in a row

Sanibel's over-50 team suffered the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune last week with 33 runs scored against the Island men in two games last week. Sanibel countered with only seven runs and lost two games.
The team is still above .500, however, and has a 3-2 record.
The team lost 21-3 on Tuesday and 17-4 on Thursday and caused team representatives to say "no comment" on how the team played.
The team's oldest player, George Branch,

however, tried to show his younger teammates how to play. Branch managed to get on base six times in six at-bats.
The team also managed 18 hits in their 17-4 loss Thursday. The hits just didn't translate into many runs. Bob Hauser and Branch each had three hits, while Al Nave, Mark McClintock, Dick Traucht and Stan Cox each had two hits. McClintock and Sam Bailey managed the only extra base hits — a double apiece.

Win a turkey in horseshoe tournament

The American Legion is sponsoring a "Win a Turkey" Thanksgiving horseshoe tournament beginning at noon this Sunday, Nov. 13. Singles and doubles will be played in the double elimination competition. Cash prizes will be offered. For more information call 472-9979.

Over-50 fitness classes begin this week

"Over 50" fitness classes at 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays resumed this week at the Sanibel Fitness Center.
The classes are especially designed and paced for the 50-plus age group interested in increasing flexibility, improving muscle tone and circulatory and respiratory efficiency, increasing vitality level and losing control weight. Although in the past the class has attracted only women, men are welcomed and will benefit as well.
Moderate and advanced classes are also offered for all age groups. Moderate classes meet at 10 a.m.

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NOW Equality Walkathon set for Nov. 17

The Fort Myers chapter of the National Organization for Women invites everyone to the 6th Annual Equality Walkathon beginning at 9 a.m. this Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Lakes Park in South Fort Myers.
Participants can walk, skate or bike for 10 miles around the pathway inside the park.
Following the walk participants will be treated to a picnic lunch and an afternoon of volleyball. All walkers will be reimbursed for the park entrance fee.
To obtain pledge sheets call 481-5575 or 574-1827.

Softball marathon planned for Easter Seals Society

The Miller Highlife Softball Marathon for Easter Seals is scheduled Dec. 12. Miller Beer, Dino's Pizza and Easter Seal are teaming up for a good time.
The softball marathon will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days at Rutenberg Park in Fort Myers. For more information call 979-2770.

Guess the quiz, win a poster

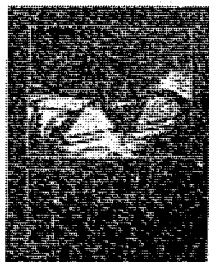
"Jimmy the Greek" guessed both parts of the Oct. 30 quiz and won a Sanibel Lighthouse Centennial poster by photographer David Meardon.

"The Greek" and Matt Aven both knew that the NFL was founded in Canton, Ohio, in 1920 but did not admit its present name until 1922.

And "the Greek" and Jon Anderson both knew that Tony Dorsett scored more points than O. J. Simpson or George Rogers. Dorsett, now playing for the Dallas Cowboys in the NFL, scored 356 points for the University of Pittsburgh from 1973 to 1976.

This week we turn to golf. First: who was the first golfer ever to earn \$1 million in a career? And second: Who is the only golfer ever to win all five major titles — Jack Nicklaus, Ben Hogan or Bobby Jones?

Think you know? Give us a call at 472-5185. Throughout November everyone who knows both parts of the sports quiz will have a chance of the Sanibel Lighthouse Centennial poster or a one-year subscription to *The Islander*.



NOTICE OF REGULATION OF LAND USE

The City of Sanibel proposes to regulate the use of land within the area shown in the map of this advertisement.

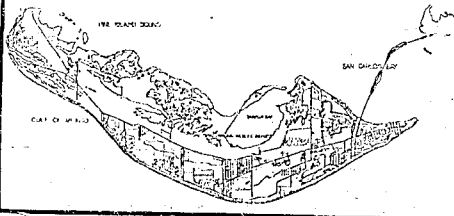
The proposed ordinance will generally amend the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Sub-section 2. a) of Section 3.3.3. Residential Densities, by adding thereto a new Part (ii) defining "continuous, uninterrupted, common ownership; providing for conflict and severance; a. d. providing an effective date.

The proposed ordinance is on file at Sanibel City Hall where such proposed ordinance may be inspected by the public.

A Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance will be held on November 20, 1984 at 5:01 p.m. at Sanibel City Hall, in the Council Chambers (MacKenzie Hall), 800 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing.

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SPORTS

Dunes women compete in nine-hole scramble

The Dunes Women's Golf Association played a competitive nine-hole scramble last Friday. The winning team won by just one point, and the second place team edged the two teams that tied for third place by another point.

C. Landrum, C. Ridall, P. Harvey and M. Vernon shot to first place. A. Derich, E. Arthur, G. Glaeser and B. Thomas took second. And the two teams that tied for third place were V. Light, D. Ohlman, D. Miller and P. Vasko; and D. Vanderbeck, B. Suberland, H. Maas and M. Hoorneman.

Beachview women golfers open 1984-85 season

The Beachview Women's Golf Association 1984-85 season started on Nov. 7. Erna Mikulic, Diane Sessions, Betty Clements and Kai Rekschan took the first place prize for the first day of action. The team shot a plus four to be high team.

Thelma Hilton, Jan Kinder, Jean Reed and Arline Mervet took second place with an even score. Betty Clements won high individual honors.

Over-50 fitness classes begin this week from page 16A

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and at 3:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Advanced classes are held at 9:45 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, and at 9:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Class fees are \$10 for the first class of each month and \$2.50 thereafter. You can register at your first class.

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Gymnastics classes for children are held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for grade school children and at 3:40 Tuesdays for pre-school through kindergarten children. These classes are offered in successive four-week sessions. The fee is \$20 per session for one class per week, \$32 for two classes. There is an initial \$5 registration fee.

Beachview men golfers begin three-week classic

The Beachview Mens Golf Association started the Men's Fall Classic with 51 players Saturday, Nov. 3. The winners for the classic will be listed after three weeks of competition. Meanwhile, the winning team last week with plus-13 consisted of Stan Condit, Buhl Burgoyne, Bob Schmeider and Bill Alquist.

Two teams tied for second place with plus seven. One team was Jim Briscoe, Lee Erbece, Herie Kester and Hank Groh. The second team was Dwight Hughes, Ed Reed, Art Widman and Carl Wagner.

In the Tuesday, Oct. 30, tournament 48 players turned out. The winning team with plus five was that of Curt Washburn, Buhl Burgoyne, Ira Hartzman and Art Widman.

Dunes 'A' tennis women win in Fort Myers

The Dunes "A" women's tennis team took three out of four matches from the Fort Myers Recreation Center last week.

Karen Klene and Annie Coplew won their tough match in a tiebreaker. They won the first match, 6-3, and the second, 7-6. After a tiebreaker went to 9-7.

Anne Costanzo and Stella Thompson won their match 6-3, 6-4. And June Stuenkel and Pam Fialter won 6-3, 6-3.

Ellen Dietrich and Candl Mather lost but took their opponents to three sets. After losing the first set, 4-6, Dietrich and Mather came back to win the second set, 6-2. But in the final set the local women lost 3-6.

Mattel Hayes is offering yoga classes at the center at 8 p.m. Thursdays and aerobic dance at 3:45 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Cindy Anderson teaches aerobic dance at 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Neurovascular Center also offers Shiatsu, Swedish, sports and deep tissue massage at the facility.

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The proposed ordinance will generally amend the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Subsection (1) of Part 4.5: Short Term Permit, Section 4.5.1: Development for Which Applicable, and Part 4.6: Development Permits, Section 4.6.5: Order Approving or Denying Development Permit, so as to remove from the short term development process the relocation of structures for residential use; so as to authorize the Planning Commission to approve or deny development permits for such relocations and to specify conditions thereto; and so as to authorize approval of such a relocation prior to receipt of a dwelling unit allocation and specifying conditions which may be attached thereto; providing for conflict and severance; and providing an effective date.

The proposed ordinance is on file at Sanibel City Hall where such proposed ordinance may be inspected by the public.

A Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance will be held on November 20, 1984 at 5:05 p.m. at Sanibel City Hall, in the Council Chambers (Mackenzie Hall), 800 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing.

If a person decides to appeal any decision of the body with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purposes he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Gary A. Prica, City Manager

George Campbell from page 1B

...of the animal shell and all. These relatives of the birds use turtle shells as well as stones. Coca Cola bottle caps, pine knots — even a policeman's whistle has been reported — in much the same way as birds use gravel to grind their food in their gizzards. If you've ever raised chickens, you know you must provide grit or gravel or shell. In the alligator, which has a two-chambered stomach, those rocks and Coca Cola caps are lodged into one of the two chambers to help the animal grind up his food. These foreign bodies

are called gastroliths and are usually found in all crocodilians. Among those species of crocodilla that sometimes eat people are the great South American Black Cayman, the Nile crocodile, and that natural engine of destruction of the Orient, the saltwater crocodile. Occasionally one finds beads, necklaces, bracelets and other jewelry amongst the other gastroliths. If this suggests to you that these animals sometimes eat people washing at the river bank, you are on the right track.

Incidentally, the Black Cayman of South America belongs to the alligator family and has the overbite the same as our own true alligator.

A third kind of crocodilian is occasionally seen in Sanibel, the South American Cayman, Galman crocodilus. When Florida and later the federal government called a halt to the pet baby alligator trade that was active here in the 1930s and 1940s, the pet trade had to find an alternative species. So they

started to import the Cayman. The Cayman belongs to the alligator family, is a much smaller animal, somewhat rougher, olive in color with some occasional black banding. It is distinguished as a member of the alligator family by its overbite as described above.

These little animals can still be found in pet shops in Florida and in the pet trade have assumed the place of the baby alligators of yesteryear. Consequently, a few million of them were brought from Columbia, Venezuela and more recently from the Guianas, especially Surinam. In one recent year a half million were shipped out of Columbia. Enough have been caught in South America so that this species is becoming seriously depleted in its native land, as are all other crocodilians throughout the world.

This little tropical animal only grows to eight feet. And when it escapes in Pennsylvania or Colorado it dies at the first snowfall or freeze. When that same creature got loose here in Florida — and plenty of them did — it became naturalized and exists here now as a third crocodilian species, an exotic that really doesn't belong here.

In the warm discharge water from the nuclear plant in South Dade, I think I think it's called Alligator Point Nuclear Power Plant, it has become established, as it has in Everglades National Park and a number of other places in the Everglades. When the Seminole Indians were discouraged from "crassling" alligators in their Tamiami hunters, they brought in a few Caymans. But they found the Caymans a lot meaner than alligators, so they soon gave up and turned them loose. So there are some in the Everglades, too. It happens that the very first crocodilian I ever caught on Sanibel was one of these creatures, although I confess I haven't seen any around here lately.

I trust that the above will put to rest in your mind once and for all the difference between crocodiles and alligators. It's a pity Herodotus isn't around so we could straighten him out, too.

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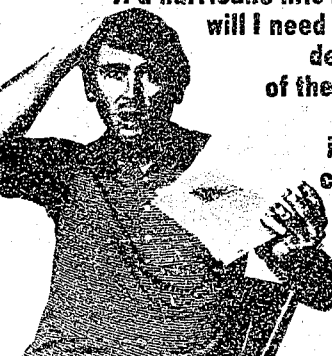
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HOMES



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LOTS

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