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Disappointed triathletes Ell Sevillie and Patil Kadis of West Palm Beach prepare to pack it in Sunday after final word came that the Sanibel Harbour Triathlon had been cancelled. Sevillie's comment: "It's unprintable." See story this page. Photo by Mark Johnson.

Triathletes meet the agony of disappointment

By Scott Martell
The Sanibel Harbour Triathlon sat and rusted for two hours last Sunday and then keeled over and died.

After frantically trying to meet Lee County requirements to hold the combination 3/4-mile swim, 25-mile bike race and 6.2-mile run, represen-

tatives from Sanibel Harbour Resort were forced to cancel the race — two hours after it was supposed to begin.

The resort failed to meet Lee County's safety requirements for number of volunteers and road barricades, according to Mike Carroll, administrative director of the Lee County

Department of Transportation and Engineering.

"We were at the starting line at least twice," said Sanibel's Joy Dahmer who was to swim the course. Dahmer had joined with biker Marion Fyrar and runner Rich Wells to form a corporate relay team.

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State Legislature considers proposals from Sanibel officials

By Barbara Brundage

One piece of legislation requested by the city of Sanibel is on its way to possible passage during the 1985 session of the Florida Legislature.

State Sen. Frank Mann on Feb. 1 filed a bill in the Senate to permit the city of Sanibel to impose an up to 2 percent sales tax on new real estate transactions on the Island.

The revenue would be earmarked for the city's acquisition of sensitive wetlands, beachfront, beach access or public recreational areas.

The legislation is modeled after a law passed in Massachusetts that gives Nantucket Island the right to tax real estate sales.

Last year Sanibel officials agreed that the Nan-

tucket Land Bank concept might be adapted as a tool to raise funds to purchase wetlands for preservation and their natural state.

At Sanibel's behest, Mann filed a bill in the 1984 session giving municipalities on barrier islands the authority to levy a tax of up to 2 percent on real estate sales with the revenue to be used for the purchase of interior and coastal wetlands that could not be developed without creating potential environmental hazards.

But by the time the Senate legal staff was able to tailor legislation to adapt this Massachusetts concept to Florida law, it was too late for action on the Senate bill.

Last month Sanibel Mayor Fred Valtin asked that

Referendum will determine Bay Drive bridge ownership

The question will be put to Sanibel voters on Tuesday, March 26.

By Barbara Brundage

Calling a referendum the "most democratic way" to determine whether a narrow wooden bridge on Bay Drive should be vacated to private ownership, the City Council set Tuesday, March 26, as the date for a special election to settle the question.

Faulette Burton and Maxene Michl, who are "constitutionally opposed to giving away public land," argued that the question

was already settled by a vote of the people in September 1982.

Burton and Michl were members of the Cussen's Petitioning Committee that forced the 1982 referendum that overturned the council's vacation of the bridge and 300 feet of Bay Drive to Larry and Sheila Snell, then-owners of the property to which the bridge provides access.

Ownership reverted to the city, and since then the city has spent more than \$10,000 on repairs to the bridge. City Manager Gary Price said last week.

Now faced with replacing the narrow wooden span with a concrete bridge to comply with

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Arraignment of model home murder suspect continued

By Mark Johnson

The scheduled Feb. 11 arraignment of the Cape Coral man charged with murdering Sanibel real estate agent Sheila Lankin was continued Monday to Feb. 25.

Assistant State Attorney Steve Russell said the continuation was set up through a mutual agreement between his office and Markham Dowell's attorney.

"I am trying to size up the whole thing," Russell said, adding he anticipates up to 10 burglary charges will be filed against Dowell in addition to the first degree murder and grand theft charges stemming from the Lankin incident.

Lankin was found dead in a model home at Seagull Estates

Jan. 9. She had been shot twice in the back at point blank. Missing from her body was a three-carat diamond ring valued at \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Dowell was arrested two days later. In his new home in Cape Coral investigators found countless household and furniture items that had been stolen from area model homes.

Russell, supervisor of the felony division at the State Attorney's Office in Fort Myers, said it is possible Dowell will be arraigned on burglary charges before the Feb. 25 murder arraignment.

Investigation into the murder and grand theft charges as well as the burglary charges are continuing, he said.

One bill would permit the city to impose a sales tax of up to 2 percent on new real estate transactions on the Island.

the Southwest Florida Legislative Delegation refile this same landmark bill and support its passage in this year's session.

Valtin also asked the delegation to support two special acts on Sanibel's behalf.

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ISLAND SHORTS

Community news and announcements about your friends and neighbors



Winter winds bring the shell birds

Several shellers had extra fine luck searching the sands and mud last week. Bill and Lane Steele of Memphis, Tenn., found a 1 1/2-inch paw and an albino snail along the shore at the Tarpon Bay Road beach access. They have been shelling on the islands since 1976. Cherie and Arvid Bergsten of Anoka, Minn., found a perfect junonia, a large Egan's paw — and some "small" shells in the form of 50-caliber machine gun shells covered with barnacles — in the sand near Blind Pass. The Bergstens have been visiting the islands for five years.



Cherie and Arvid Bergsten

And Richard Frink of Waterloo, Iowa, found a prized junonia on his first visit to Sanibel. Frink was with the island with friends who have been shelling here for 10

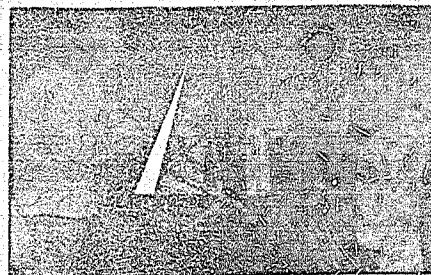


Richard Frink

perhaps in an effort to console his friends.



Richard Frink



ABC workers trying to squeeze still more goods into an already overflowing semi truck are from left to right: Buck Dastinger,

Georgia Hempfäll, Carol Allen, Bud Hempfäll and George Parker. Jane Basinger supervises the attempt. Photo by Mark Johnson.

Captivans prepare for the ABC crowds

Captivans expect record crowds at bargain-hunters and just plain fun-seekers at the famous ABC Sale Saturday, Feb. 23.

Donations gleaned from attics, basements and closets of island residents have piled up in such number that players have had to rent a 40-foot semi truck to house the overflow. The wares will be offered from three large tents on the grounds of the Captiva Civic Association on sale day.

The sale begins at 8 a.m., but early shoppers will be able to buy doughnuts and homemade goodies from the baked goods booth beginning at 7 a.m. Furniture of all kinds, appliances, plants, books, jewelry and linens will be available as well as clothing for

ABC crowds

both men and women. Some of the more unusual offerings collected thus far include a set of china, a tandem bike, a sewing machine, a brand new turntable for a stereo system and a new electric smoker for turkeys and ham.

An auction of the more special items will take place at 9:30 a.m., followed by a raffle of goods and services donated by Captiva merchants. Raffle tickets will be sold on the grounds — one for \$1, three for \$2 and 10 for \$5. Sanibel merchants are donating their specialties to be sold at bargain prices.

Proceeds from the ABC Sale benefit the Captiva Civic Association, the Captiva Memorial Library and the Captiva Scholarship Fund.

Group will continue consideration of medical care

The Unitarian Universalist Group of the Islands will meet at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, at the Sanibel Public Library. The group will

continue its consideration of medical ethics. Speakers will be Fort Myers attorney Peter Bright and Sanibel physician Dr. Stephen

Mullins. All Unitarian Universalists and interested residents and visitors are invited to attend.

Take the bus to medieval fair

The Community Courses is sponsoring a trip to the Medieval Fair in Sarasota Friday, March 8. The bus will leave Sanibel at 8 a.m. and return at 8 p.m. Transportation and entrance

fee to the fair are included in the \$20 cost of the trip.

Reservations and payment can be made to Margaret Emmons, 1634 Woodring Road, Sanibel, 472-1243.

have bought for conversion to a community theater. The premier production of *The Reluctant Debutante* will open March 20.

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15 Years Ago This Week

Feb. 12, 1970
Lee County Commissioners Kenneth Daniels, Bruce Scott and P.A. Geraci were guests at the recent Sanibel Community Association dinner. Hosting the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mueller and Mr. and Mrs. Al Walther.

Tween Waters Inn announced the beginning of its Wednesday night seafood buffet at \$4.75.

10 Years Ago This Week

Feb. 13, 1975
Surf Realty advertised a lot on Island Inn Road for \$7,500 and a five-acre, isolated parcel for \$25,000.

Best-sellers advertised at MacIntosh Book Shop included: Centennial by James Michener, *Something Happened* by Joseph Heller, *The Seven Percent Solution* by John Watson, *The Ebony Tower* by John Fowles, *A Bridge Too Far* by Cornelius Ryan and *Tales of Power* by Carlos Castaneda.

5 Years Ago This Week

Feb. 12, 1980
Ruth and Philip Hunter have given a name — the Pirate Playhouse — to the former schoolhouse they

Several bonfires on the bay beach last Friday were part of the Sanibel Police Department's efforts to destroy numerous piles of marijuana that washed ashore with the tide. Officials believe the pot came from a 41-foot sailboat the U.S. Coast Guard seized last week in the gulf.

Sanibel Police Officer Betty Weir has been named caretaker of the Algiers property off Casa Ybel Road. In return for accommodations in the cottage on the property, Weir will oversee the property.

The City Council last week denied a request from the Kona Kai motel to keep a neon "No Vacancy" sign hanging outside the Periwinkle Way motel.

1 Year Ago This Week

Feb. 14, 1984
Sanibel residents Ben Fuller, Jack Samler, Gordon Kiddoo, Dr. Eleanor Goldblock, police Sgt. Jack Primm and Assistant Fire Chief Charlie Frederick were named to the city's Below Market Rate Housing Committee last week.

Representatives from the city of Sanibel, the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, the Boy Scouts and the Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron met last week to discuss how to discourage littering on the islands.

The Timbers team took first place in the city league basketball championships last week. The second place team was Sunbelt Sports.

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Weather watch

Everybody talks about it...

The weatherman is calling for highs in the mid to upper 70s this week with only a slight chance of rain through Friday. Lows should be near 50.

	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Monday, Feb. 4	76	65	0
Tuesday, Feb. 5	76	65	0
Wednesday, Feb. 6	76	65	0
Thursday, Feb. 7	76	60	trace
Friday, Feb. 8	76	47	0
Saturday, Feb. 9	68	44	0
Sunday, Feb. 10	70	47	0

Children's Center conducts vision screening

The Children's Center of the Islands, in cooperation with the National Society to Prevent Blindness, will conduct a vision screening program from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, and Friday, Feb. 22, at the center.

This program is open to all island preschoolers between the ages of 3 1/2 and 5.

The purpose of the screening is to uncover eye defects in time for effective correction. Identifying children with amblyopia is the primary goal. Better known as "lazy eye blindness," this condition develops during the preschool years. If not detected and treated before school age or soon thereafter, it can lead to permanent loss of sight in the affected eye.

The first years in a child's life are crucial years in the detection and treatment of this and other eye defects. Permanent impairment of vision can often be prevented when treatment is started early. Emotional problems can be avoided when even minor visual difficulties are discovered and the children are helped to see better.

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency, FLOOD INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION, proposes to change the BASE FLOOD ELEVATION in the CITY OF SANIBEL. The Base Flood Elevation is used to determine FLOOD INSURANCE PREMIUM RATES and the HEIGHT TO WHICH BUILDING MUST BE CONSTRUCTED.

Anyone that wants to APPEAL the proposed Base Flood Elevations must do so by MARCH 26, 1985.

The proposed maps may be examined at the Sanibel Planning Department, City Hall, 800 Dunlop Road. Phone 472-4136 for additional information.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

20 Years Ago This Week
Feb. 11, 1965
Several Island artists earned awards for their work at the recent First Annual Sears Festival of Contemporary Florida Art show. The exhibit was held at the Sears store in Fort Myers.

Leon Levy won the first place blue ribbon and silver bowl for his watercolor, "Shipwreck;" Hugo Asbach won third place for his oil painting, "Nadir;" and Maybelle Stampler won first place for her mixed media, "Girl and Bird."

Ruth and Philip Hunter have given a name — the Pirate Playhouse — to the former schoolhouse they

COMMENTARY

'Snow bird' suggests bottle law might curb litter

To the Editor
The Islander

Your commentary under the heading, "Who's going to keep the Islands clean?" (The Islander, Feb. 5, 1985) was very well written and to the point of the problem. By the looks of the pictures this seems like a big job.

I am one of your many "snow birds" who flock to this wonderful Island each year, and I would like to suggest that there is another approach to this problem as solved by many of the New England states by a lobby for a "bottle law." This would have to be done by your state Legislature by putting a 5-cent or 20-cent deposit on all cans and bottles purchased.

It has been shown that under such a law the public really thinks twice before discarding the cans and bottles. This law is also responsible for the recycling effort. But in the meantime, if the public on Sanibel will "take pride," this should help for the time being.

Sincerely,
John Eggleston,
Strafford, Conn.,
and Sanibel

Writer expresses satisfaction with Cablevision outcome

The following letter to Sanibel City Manager Gary Price regarding Cablevision rates was given to The Islander for publication.

Dear Gary:

In reviewing the proceedings on the subject matter at City Hall over the past several months, I am pleased at the progress made and hope that at the next review in six months even more can be done for the residents of Sanibel. I have noted some 19 items I feel are significant.

1. Rate increases were not granted across the board based on casual inflationary factors as requested in an early session.

2. Franchise fees were clarified and established at a rate more favorable to Sanibel although still well below the federal limit.

3. The discount allowed for annual prepayment was unified for all classes of subscribers.

4. Existing special rates for "big

business" were eliminated — a specially important item in view of the council's effort to support profitability.

5. The difficult to substantiate rate differentials between residential, group and motel categories were favorably modified, although more remains to be accomplished.

6. One additional "basic" (no extra cost) channel is to be added by the end of May — still fewer than our neighbors but an improvement (No. 4).

7. Channel No. 3 with its poor reception is to be replaced with a clear source.

8. Greatly improved reception quality through better maintenance of distribution facilities. (The successful demonstration at the writer's home was represented to him as the standard for all subscribers.)

9. Financial clarification of Cablevision's (a) modest return on investment to date — offset by a highly

favorable cash flow; (b) relatively modest monthly fee per subscriber — offset by the relatively few number of basic channels; and (c) reasonable "corporate" service allocation.

10. Clarification regarding the misconception that "big brother" federal legislation would shortly nullify any constructive, mutually equitable rate regulations.

I am very pleased that our council saw fit to take the extra time (and additional sessions) necessary to allow a good public understanding and an improved franchise for the residents of Sanibel. I hope the experience will serve as a good foundation for an even more competitive and equitable arrangement at the time of the review in six months.

Respectfully,
William Arzgt
Sanibel

Island builder comments on ROGO coverage

The following letter was written to Island reporter Barbara Brundage.

Dear Barbara:

I was generally pleased with the article you wrote on ROGO (The Islander, Feb. 5, 1985) — except that I am a builder, not a developer.

Whereas there are additional hearings

coming up soon, I have enclosed some other correspondence we have had on the matter for your interest and convenience.

Moreover, I hope you will get a chance to review the letters that were submitted by everyone including young families. They tell the story of

young families and those who have longed to retire to Sanibel as well. It is a very tough story that we hear every day.

Sincerely,
William Frey, president
Sanibel Homes

Daughter's letter expresses thanks for Sanibel

To the Editor
The Islander

Our children visited us on Sanibel Christmas week. We just received this letter from our oldest daughter, and I thought it was so beautiful I wanted to share it with you.

Thanks for reading it.

Sincerely,
Jean Quirk
Sanibel

Thank you, Sanibel. For one short week you provided an island of quiet amidst a sea of busy-ness!

You bathed my soul in beauty and blanketed my being with warmth.

My ears delighted to the gentle music of the birds, the whispering of the pines.

My eyes welcomed refuge from

the hardened world in the myriads of kaleidoscopic configurations, where fronts and skies and waters merge.

My soul gained wholeness as heavenly bodies reminded me at once of man's minuteness and God's supremacy.

Thank you, Creator God, for sanctuaries in the sea.

Thank you, Sanibel, for resisting human transformation.

Ohio reader has had enough of Campbell/Howe exchange

To the Editor
The Islander

I was truly aghast when I read in your paper Paul Howe's open letter to George Campbell (The Islander, Jan. 22). Now, here is George's open answer in your paper (The Islander, Jan. 29).

My knowledge of the two subjects, which each is noted most for, is limited at best. My grammar is not as impeccable as these two truly literary giants.

However, I and surely many others hope they cease and desist already!

Jack Evans
Mentor, Ohio

Taking it to the street

The Islander asks: What do you think of the possibility of a moratorium on commercial development on Sanibel?



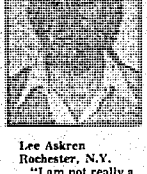
Byron Spanski
Sanibel
"I am all for it because I live here. Who's going to support it (the development) all?"



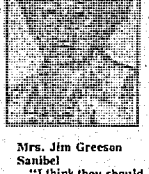
Lloyd Kylo
Sanibel
"It won't work. They tried it before and it did not work. But still I am all for it."



Mary Burt Lankford
Rehoboth Beach, Del.
"Frankly, I believe in free enterprise. The commercial development will level out. The city fathers should have learned that the last moratorium caused too much controversy."



Lee Askren
Rochester, N.Y.
"I am not really a resident, but to me it (Sanibel) appears to be developed enough already."



Mrs. Jim Greeson
Sanibel
"I think they should enact a moratorium. There should be a moratorium on everything. We have lived here 10 years and everything has changed."



Jack Harrington
Sanibel
"I am all for it, but I don't think the council can do it constitutionally."

COMMENTARY

Lions fair chairman thanks participants, purchasers

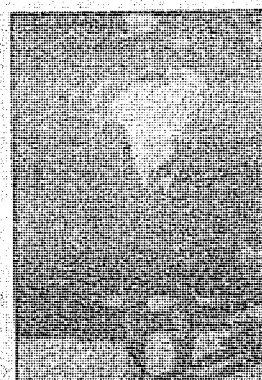
To the Editor
The Islander

As general chairman of the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club Arts and Crafts Fair held at the Sanibel Community Association, I wish to extend the club's thanks to all who took part. Committee chairmen, their assistants and exhibitors all performed efficiently and cheerfully, as evidenced in the successful results achieved.

Of course, our goals would not have been attained without the generous and good-natured response of our participants and the purchasers of the displayed items.

All profits of the fair will be distributed to the many charitable organizations our Lions Club supports.

Sincerely,
Bob Dormer
Sanibel



Paul Hillman



Kay Hickes

They cared enough to pick it up

It seems like we are not the only ones whose pet peeve is litter on Sanibel and Captiva.

Last week three people showed us some of the litter they had found strewn around the Islands.

"I just can't pass it up any more when I see litter," said Kay Hickes, who has been collecting cans for the past four weeks along East Gulf Drive.

Paul Gilland from Wilmington, Del., also gathered litter from the beaches on the east end of the Island. And Joan Brutsche from Greenville, Ohio, gathered litter along the bike paths.

Brutsche also takes part in a "Volksmarch" every year in her hometown. In that 5-6-mile walk, citizens gather up all the litter they can find.

That sounds similar in many ways to Sanibel's Project Soar, in which Boy Scouts, civic organization members and


other volunteers gather to cover almost every inch of the Island's roads and beach accesses. This event usually happens near the end of April.

But we still need an ongoing program to keep Sanibel and Captiva as litter-free as possible. So we will continue to offer those who show us some of the dastardly litter they've removed from beaches, roads, bike paths or parts a choice of three gifts.

The gifts are a free subscription to The Islander, a bottle of wine from the B-Hive or a Sanibel Lighthouse Centennial poster. Just bring your bag or box of trash to our office so we can take your picture and give you your prize.

Although we certainly don't want to discourage anyone from picking up litter, we must limit the prizes to one per month per person.

And thanks for picking up.



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Plans turned down for West Gulf Drive bike path

By Barbara Brundage
Public Works Director Don Schofield expressed disappointment last Tuesday when the City Council failed to endorse design plans for construction of a 1.83-mile stretch of bike path on West Gulf Drive between Tarpon Bay and Rabbit roads.

The council had problems with Schofield's concept of using five feet on either side of the 50-foot-wide paved road as one-way bike lanes separated from the vehicle driving lanes only by a six-inch solid white paint stripe.

The advantage of this design is that it allows the bicyclist to travel in the same direction as the motorist and presents less conflict potential at driveways and intersecting streets, Schofield said.

Councilman Louise Johnson said she preferred a bike path for a two-way path on the north side of West Gulf Drive separated from the road. The council will consider cost comparisons of all three.

Construction of the bicycle path is only part of the three-phase project that calls for widening and resurfacing the road and improving the drainage along West Gulf Drive.

Phase 1, scheduled for completion this year, will cover .65 miles between Tarpon Bay Road and Robinwood Circle. \$37,000 has been budgeted for that portion of the project. Phase 1 calls for \$400,000 to fund improvements to the remaining 1.18 miles west to Rabbit Road.

The third phase, scheduled for 1986-87, will consist of placing a one-inch top of asphalt on the 1.83-mile stretch at an estimated cost of \$100,000.

Work on Phase 1 should begin in May and be completed by September.

West Gulf Drive is not a rural area, and there would be no surprises for either motorists or cyclists

Plans turned down for West Gulf Drive bike path

if everyone is out in the open and easily visible, Price said.

Mayor Fred Vallin said he would prefer the use of Sanibel riprap rather than a stripe to separate the bike paths from the automobile driving surface.

Councilman Mike Klein said as a biker he personally preferred paths separated from the road.

Councilman Bill Hagerup, too, preferred bike paths separated from the roadway, as do most amateur cyclists.

Vallin said since the council was not comfortable approving a plan without the option of alternatives, Schofield was asked to submit two others.

One option would be to adapt the plan submitted in employ riprap instead of striping to separate the bike path from the roadway. The second option would be for a two-way path on the north side of West Gulf Drive separated from the road. The council will consider cost comparisons of all three.

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Popularity of 'mature driving' class results in another session this month

The 55 Alive/Mature Driving course held on Sanibel last month was again a huge success. Because of its popularity another course will be taught from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 19 and 26, at the Sanibel Public Library on Palm Ridge Road.

This training course is geared to the needs of the older motorist. The program covers basic driving rules, license renewal, local traffic hazards, adverse road conditions and the effects of aging and medications on driving skills.

For more information call volunteer instructor Kenneth Higbee, 334-4473.

There is a \$7 fee for material and books provided by the American Association of Retired Persons, which sponsors this program through the local Sanibel-Captiva chapter.

Wellesley alumni will meet on Sanibel

Wellesley College alumni who are resident or visitors on Sanibel and Captiva will meet for luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, at Thistle Lodge.

Howard Johnson, trustee of the college and former president

and chairman of the board at MIT, will be a special guest at the informal gathering.

Any alumni not already contacted can make reservations by calling Ellen Lawrence, 472-2722, or Libby Anderson, 472-3768.

MUNICIPAL RECORDS

By Barbara Brundage

City attorney recommends action to correct CLUP imperfections

The council unanimously agreed to retain attorney Richard Downes to revamp the city's development regulations and set them up in a separate zoning ordinance apart from the land use plan.

After two years as Sanibel's city attorney, David La Cruz has found a flaw in the city's Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Last Tuesday the City Council agreed to hire an outside legal consultant to draft separate zoning and subdivision ordinances to correct the imperfections.

"Articles I and II of CLUP (containing the philosophy, justifications and basic guidelines for implementation) are exceptionally well done. But the development regulations in Article III leave much to be desired," La Cruz reported to the council.

"In the first place there is nothing specifically regulating the subdivision of property, and many of the limitations placed on land subdivision are administrative policies only and have no clear justification in CLUP," he explained.

Article II is also filled with ambiguous and delegation of authority without specific standards to guide the Planning Commission and planning staff, La Cruz said.

"I look only a few months working with the CLUP for me to conclude that the city really needs a subdivision ordinance and a complete rewrite of development regulations," he said.

Now La Cruz is recommending that development regulations not only should be revamped but that they should be removed from the land use plan and enacted as a separate zoning ordinance.

To effect that change would be a major project that would best be handled by an outside consultant, La Cruz told the council.

He said Richard Downes, a New Jersey attorney who specializes in zoning and land use planning, was willing to take on the job while wintering on Sanibel.

His fee will be \$25 an hour, half his usual stipend, not only because of his concerns about the island's future but because the city law library and legal secretary would be made available to him, La Cruz explained.

The total cost would not exceed \$15,000, City Manager Gary Price said the funds are available in the budget.

One of the justifications for removing the development regulations from CLUP would be to comply with state law that says municipalities must have a

separate zoning ordinance. La Cruz said.

Another reason would be to give the planning staff and planning commissioners specific standards and to do away with the unlimited discretion afforded under CLUP.

Treating development permits on a case-to-case basis and not imposing uniform standards is in effect "spot zoning" and illegal, he said.

Almost 300 specific amendments have been granted in the past three years.

Frequent exceptions and amendments implies that CLUP is not a plan at all but simply a device for planning, La Cruz said, adding a land use plan should be rather inflexible and difficult to amend.

Within CLUP parameters a zoning ordinance could provide some flexibility based on definite and stated criteria uniformly applicable to every property within each zoning district.

Significant changes such as density or permitted uses would still be approved by the City Council, but many relatively minor matters (setbacks and the like) now handled as specific amendments would be taken care of administratively, La Cruz continued.

He said there were other advantages to having a separate zoning ordinance to implement CLUP in lieu of development regulations in the plan, but he could think of no disadvantages.

Drafting such an ordinance would not obligate the council to adopt the measure, La Cruz emphasized.

He said the city manager had a long list of reasons why a subdivision ordinance is needed.

Councilman Louise Johnson pointed out that CLUP has been acclaimed nationally for its uniqueness. One of its strengths is the control of zoning it sets, she added.

She feared the loss of discretionary power would result in great rigidity when the "backstop cap is reached in a few years."

Vallin said he had some reluctance to delegate that much power to the administration staff. But he was satisfied when La Cruz clarified that the zoning ordinance would be handled by a special administrative board and not by city staff.

Planning Commission Chairman Lemarr Lorenson called the move to draft a zoning ordinance "a great step forward."

He said that during seven years he served on a planning board in Illinois he worked with a zoning ordinance and the city's land use plan was not decimated.

Councilman Bill Hagerup said the proposed changes were important enough for the council to follow La Cruz's recommendation and hire an outside consultant to draft the necessary documents.

His motion to hire Downes at a maximum fee of \$15,000 passed unanimously.

Downes, who was present in the council chambers, said he would seek input from councilmen and planning commissioners as well as city staff.

Coming up at City Hall

A list of scheduled Sanibel City Council and Planning Commission meetings.

Wednesday, Feb. 22, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m.

Special meeting of the City Council with the Planning Commission to continue the discussion of options for regulating commercial development and to determine whether a six-month moratorium should be imposed on such development while the council and the Planning Department analyze alternatives or changes in commercial regulations or implement new regulations.

Tuesday, Feb. 15, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. — Regular meeting of the City Council.

Thursday, Feb. 21, MacKenzie Hall, 10 a.m. — Scheduled hearings before the Code Enforcement Board.

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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Two extensions granted for single-family home building permits

Last Tuesday the City Council granted extensions on two building permits, both of which had expired.

Contractor Jeff Good was given 60 days or until April 5 to complete a home he is building for William Tischler on Rosate Lane. The permit expired Sept. 29, 1984.

Good said an extension had been delayed until a problem with Tischler was resolved.

Susan Atkins, who is the contractor for her own home on Coconut Drive, won a 90-day extension of her building permit that expired Jan. 31.

She explained that the outside of the

house was completed and she wanted to oversee completion of the interior.

Atkins operates a business on Sanibel, which limits the time she can spend at the building site, she added.

Mayor Fred Vallin said it was not the city's interest to have buildings completed.

Others on the council agreed but expressed dissatisfaction with the regulation that allows an extension of a permit months after its expiration.

It was suggested the law should be amended to require issuance of a new permit with an additional fee.

Councilman Louise Johnson's motion to extend Good's permit 60 days but with a warning that an additional fee would be imposed if a further extension were needed to complete the house, passed by a 5-0 vote.

Despite this approval Vallin said he thought the council had "signaled its dissatisfaction with this type of case."

Councilman Francis Bailey said Atkins' situation was unique since the exterior of the house was finished, and delaying its interior completion would not adversely affect the neighborhood.

His motion to extend the permit to May 1 passed by a unanimous vote.

COTI ordinance will be reconsidered

The City Council has agreed to reconsider an ordinance regulating intensity of use on Sanibel. The document that was drafted by the Committee of the Islands was rejected by the council last July.


Councilman Bill Hagerup had been informally relayed to the council COTI Chairman Gilbert Bursley's request that the issue be reopened.

Bursley said there was no COTI representation at the final hearing on July 23 when the ordinance was denied by a 3-3 vote. The vote came at the end of a long, grueling council session, Hagerup said.



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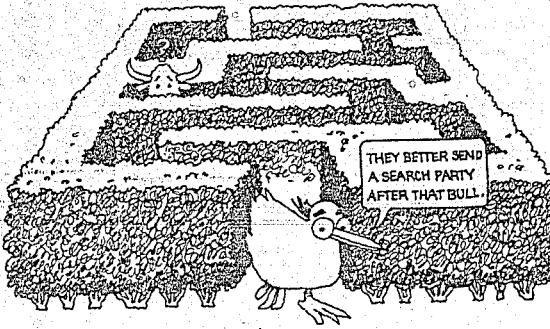
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Valtin out-voted on suggestion to change chickee hut policy

His City Council colleagues did not share Mayor Fred Vallin's view that chickee huts are "new." Last week they turned down his suggestion to reexamine the current policy that bans the huts from the golf beach.

Vallin brought up the idea during a second hearing of Ed Casavelli's request for permission to keep the thatched hut at Jaenthina condominiums that sits forward of the Coastal Construction Setback Line.

The Comprehensive Land Use Plan prohibits any structure seaward of that line.

In 1981 the council extended the life

of the thatched hut for three years. That reprieve was up last September.

In December Casavelli, representing Jaenthina condominium owners, filed for a specific amendment to permit the chickee hut to stay on the beach.

Vallin proposed that the council moderate its policy and allow a chickee hut to be forward of the CCSL if there were no room on the site to place it further inland.

But last week Councilman Louise Johnson said she had not changed her mind and agreed with Councilman Mike Klein that a chickee hut must do the beach vegetation and cause

the dunes to erode.

Councilman Francis Bailey said he could not see that a few pilings and a thatched roof caused much damage to the beach.

But when Councilman Bill Hagerup sided with Johnson and Klein, Vallin bowed to the majority.

Vallin said his move to reexamine the policy was not designed to save Jaenthina's chickee hut.

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

Casavelli was not present at the hearing.

Appointment made to board

Mary Alek has been appointed to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals to fill Elliott Gelberg's unexpired term. She will serve until January 1986.

The City Council also reappointed George Slay, Allen Nave and Frank Veldake to the board for another four years.

The board, required by the building code, has not met in two years.

Richard Wilson, who is moving off-island, has resigned from the Code Enforcement Board, effective after the board's February meeting.

Mayor Fred Vallin asked his colleagues to be prepared at the Feb. 19 meeting to make nominations to complete Wilson's term that expires next December.

MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Seaplane ruled not a 'normal, incidental' use

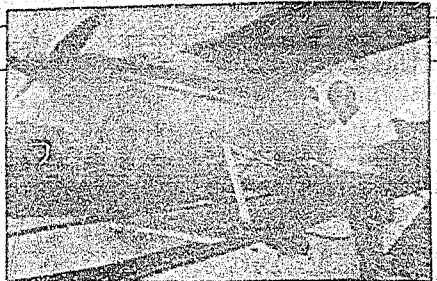
Myton Ireland checked with the city before he bought a seaplane last fall. No problem, Ireland was informed. But last Tuesday he found that was not the case.

To keep the plane moored in front of his home at the end of Lighthouse Way, Ireland must obtain a specific amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

The City Council upheld the Planning Department's interpretation that storage of a seaplane is not a "natural, normal, incidental, accessory use of a residential property."

Ireland pointed out that the U.S. Coast Guard classifies a seaplane when not in flight as a "vessel." He maintained that under this definition the craft should be treated in the same manner as a pleasure boat, which is a permitted accessory use in the bay beach ecological zone.

The majority of the council had no quarrel with the Coast Guard's definition but agreed with Councilman Fran-



Myton Ireland and his controversial sea plane. Photo by Mark Johnson.

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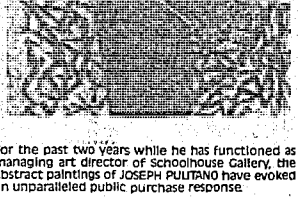
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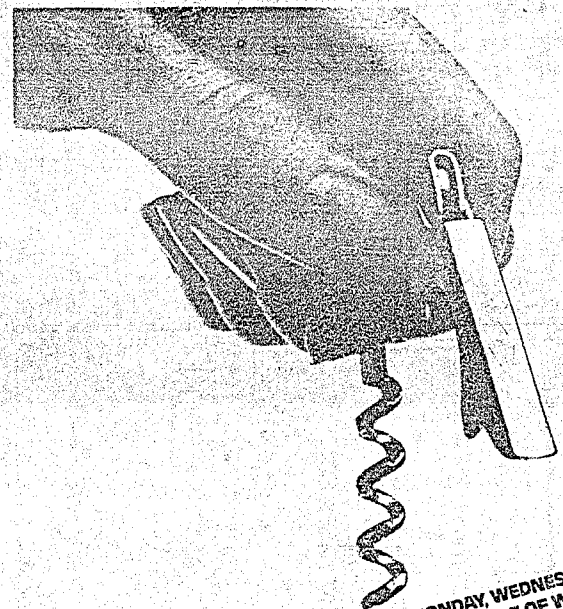
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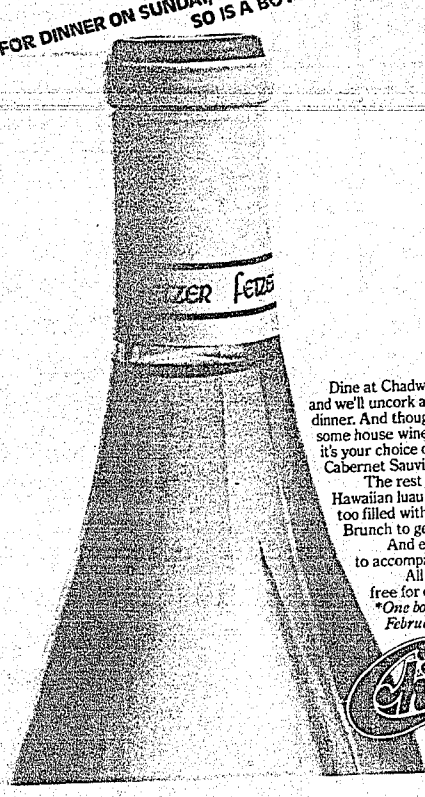


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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Seaplane ruled not a 'normal, incidental' use

cis Bailey that, "It is not normal to have a seaplane at your front door."

Ireland said none of his neighbors objected and he had a petition with 71 signatures to prove it. Longtime resident Bob Borman said the proposal was set 20 years ago when Bob Woods of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service kept a seaplane at his home that he used in his work.

Fritz Stoppelbein said Ireland's property at the entrance to the Shell Harbor canal is an ideal place to keep a plane and does not interfere with navigation.

Ireland said he would never have

bought the plane if he had known there would be a problem.

In a memo to the council City Manager Gary Price pointed out that Ireland had dredged the canal in front of his home, placed fill along the seawall and constructed a seaplane ramp without benefit of city permits.

Ireland said he thought obtaining a permit for the ramp and paying the fee would satisfy the matter.

But the planning staff took the position that the seaplane ramp was not a permitted structure and would, therefore, require a specific amendment.

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Ireland asked the council to make a determination if the seaplane when moored in his backyard is or is not a "vessel."

The council accepted the Coast Guard definition but insisted that to avoid future problems Ireland should apply for a specific amendment.

Councilman Louise Johnson said that, "From the evidence here today it (the specific amendment) will be approved."

"If you don't pursue this it will be illegal for you to continue to use the ramp," Valtin warned Ireland.

But Ireland said he would not take

that route and left the meeting. "I regret that he did that," Valtin said.

The council then voted 5-0 to affirm the staff position that the ramp is not a permitted accessory structure.

New ordinance requires excavation permit

An ordinance requiring a permit to excavate in public rights-of-way and other public lands was adopted by the

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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Council denies request for lunchtime restaurant next to McT's Shrimp House

Mary LoCicero's dream of having a restaurant of her very own was put on hold last Tuesday when the City Council denied on first reading a specific amendment to permit the facility on a lot with less than 150 feet frontage on Periwinkle Way.

As a conditional use a restaurant must be sited on property with at least that much frontage on Periwinkle Way.

The lot, owned by Mary and her husband, Bud, has a frontage of 150 feet, three inches and is located just west of

McT's Shrimp House, which the LoCiceros operate.

Currently dinner patrons at McT's use a portion of the lot for parking, a use which the council has stipulated is lawfully existing.

The shrimp house is open only for

dinner. Mary said she envisioned her new operation as an informal, family-type seafood take-out catering to lunchtime customers that would complement the nighttime operation next door.

There would be no table service indoors, but several picnic benches on an open deck would provide a place for customers to sit and eat after picking up their orders.

Without the benches the restaurant would technically be a take-out and the site would not have to comply with the frontage requirement.

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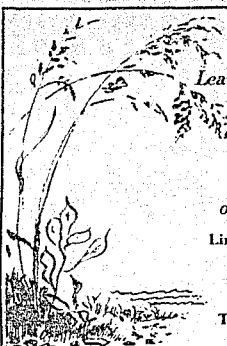
New ordinance requires excavation permit

City Council last Tuesday. It became effective immediately.

The fee is set at \$20 and a surety bond in an amount equal to the fair market value of the construction project must be deposited with the city.

The council also passed another ordinance calling for all public utilities to provide the city with drawings of their installations that are beneath or within five feet of the streets, rights-of-way and bike paths by Sept. 1, 1986.

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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Council denies request for restaurant next to McT's

The site plan for the take-out had been revised since the Planning Commission recommended council denial. The size of the building was reduced to meet the 5 percent floor area ratio permitted.

Councilman Louise Johnson said there already are three or four restaurants in that same stretch of Periwinkle Way.

"If you kept this strictly a carry-out (no benches) you would not need this specific amendment," Mayor Fred Valtin advised LoCicero and her attorney, Heidi Wegrin Martin.

But the council agreed with Councilman Mike Klein that with or without

benches it was "essentially a restaurant with a more intense use on too small a property."

The motion to deny passed by a 5-0 vote.

Another request from LoCicero for an alternate use for the same property as a "free-standing parking lot" generated a lengthy discussion.

Planning Director Bruce Rogers told the council that free-standing parking lots are not a permitted use and that none exist on Sanibel.

He maintained that the purpose of the request is to get the LoCiceros off the hook with the Code Enforcement Board.

The LoCiceros were cited for CLUP violations when the lot was cleared of Brazilian peppers and the area used for parking by McT's enlarged.

The staff reported that to allow a free-standing parking lot not coordinated with adjoining development would be poor planning.

But Martin said this was not possible in this case since the LoCiceros do not own McT's (they only operate the restaurant) and the owner is not interested in cooperating.

A final hearing on the request is scheduled for March 5.

Building permits issued

Permits for the following construction projects on Sanibel were issued from Jan. 28 through Feb. 1:

- To Dr. Carl Smith, 1473 Sanibel-Capri Road, for remodeling and patio deck. Contractor: Owner. Valuation: \$3,350. Fee: \$25.75.
- To Island Water Association, 1400 Periwinkle Way, for storage building 8751 sq. ft. Contractor: Call Davidson. Valuation: \$2,500. Fee: \$21.11.
- To Peter Green, 234 Lake Road South, for a pool. Contractor: Birchwood Pools. Valuation: \$14,000. Fee: \$165.
- To Niemann-Wolter, 1019 Periwinkle Way, Building No. 1, for duplex. Contractor: Niemann-Wolter. Valuation: \$43,800. Fee: \$364.
- To Niemann-Wolter, 1019 Periwinkle Way, Building No. 2, for duplex. Contractor: Niemann-Wolter. Valuation: \$43,800. Fee: \$364.
- To William Arnold, 2900 Coquina Drive, for a solar water heater. Contractor: Applied Solar Dynamics. Valuation: \$2,700. Fee: \$20.25.

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Building permits issued continued

- To William Arnold, 2345 Coquina Drive, for a solar water heater. Contractor: Applied Solar Dynamics. Valuation: \$2,700. Fee: \$20.25.
- To William Arnold, 2900 Coquina Drive, for a solar water heater. Contractor: Applied Solar Dynamics. Valuation: \$2,700. Fee: \$20.25.
- To Margaret Muck, 2329 Periwinkle Way, for loading ramp. Contractor: Owner. Valuation: \$1,000. Fee: \$7.50.
- To Island Water Association, 1400 Periwinkle Way, for a well head. Contractor: Owner. Valuation: \$20,000. Fee: \$180.
- To Ralph Miller, 2345 Lake Road West, for single-family residence. Contractor: Robert Horak. Valuation: \$60,719. Fee: \$571.18.
- To Robert Fiescher, 246 Coquina Drive, for a site. Contractor: Hyatt Spa. Valuation: \$3,300. Fee: \$28.25.
- To William Arnold, 2900 Coquina Drive, for pool enclosure. Contractor: Jones Screen Structures. Valuation: \$7,480. Fee: \$63.61.
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BUSINESS NEWS

By Scott Martell

Kay earns certified travel counselor designation

Jacqueline Kay, owner of Aladdin Travel Service on Sanibel (formerly All About Travel) recently earned the professional designation of Certified Travel Counselor from the national Institute of Certified Travel Agents based in Wellesley, Mass.

A resident of Southwest Florida for 24 years, Kay joins more than 5,000 other travel professionals across the country in achieving CTC status.

To receive certification Kay had to acquire a minimum of five years full-time travel experience and complete a two-year graduate level course in ethical and efficient travel management. She also had to



Jacqueline Kay pass four, four-hour examinations and write a travel research paper.

The Institute of Certified Travel Agents is a non-profit, educational arm of the travel industry. More than 7,000 candidates nationally are currently studying for the CTC designation, which was established in 1964.

Gildea named banquet manager at Morgan's Market and Lounge

Pat Gildea has been named banquet manager at Morgan's Market and Lounge at the Sunibel Beach and Francis Resort. Gildea has been employed with Marquis Hotels and Resorts for 3 1/2 years and most recently was the dining room manager at Tristite Lodge restaurant at Costa Ybel resort. She studied at the Cornell School of Hotel Administration, where she majored in food and beverage and minored in accounting.

Are you filing your small business income taxes properly?

Courtesy of the Small Business Administration

This week the Small Business Administration tries to relieve the fear and questions many new small business owners have when they are filing their income taxes.

First, when facts are in proper order Federal income tax reporting is greatly simplified. Proper recordkeeping procedures are the key to accurate calculation of the information necessary for computing the return schedules and the tax.

Although no specific records are required by the Internal Revenue Service, the owner-manager of a small business must be able to prove the statements made on the tax return.

In most tax matters the burden of proof lies with the taxpayer. Therefore, your records must reflect all your income and all your expenses, just in case they are inspected by an IRS agent. Otherwise, IRS might disallow any deduction you have made and cannot substantiate. As a result, you could have to make an additional tax payment.

In addition, if you have adequate records all the facts you need for filing a tax return are easily accessible. You are less likely to make a late filing for which there are severe charges and penalties. Moreover, you remove any suspicion of willful negligence and fraud, for which a person can be fined or imprisoned.

The IRS has free publications to assist you in preparing your income taxes. The location of the nearest IRS office can be found in your telephone book under "U.S. Government."

What's cooking?

The selection of Island eateries undergoes constant change

Business on Sanibel and Captiva is often volatile, with many business establishments changing from hand to hand much like a card game.

The restaurant business on the Islands might be among the most volatile. Close to 50 restaurants and delicatessens on the two Islands serve the Islands' approximately 4,800 residents plus countless visitors.

The Barton-Aschman 1981 commercial survey estimated that visitors staying at hotels and motels spend roughly nine times as much money in restaurants as single-family residents.

With that kind of profitable, but changeable, market the Island restaurant base is constantly changing in several ways:

New restaurants are still being built. Newly

opened ones include Wil's Landing and Hoang's. A new Thai restaurant and a large Captiva restaurant will open soon.

New entrepreneurs are buying up existing restaurants at a rapid rate in order to try their hand in the business. The Mad Hatter has just been sold. The Sub Shop is now Taste of Chicago, Choice Quality Staff has a new owner and is now Peppers/The Fountain has been sold twice in the past two months. And many others have also changed hands within the past year.

And several restaurants are currently up for sale, including the Lighthouse Cafe on the east end of Sanibel. The 60-seat cafe is being offered for \$120,000.

"I've enjoyed the restaurant tremendously," said owner Dick Mason. "But it is just too much work, and I want to be able to give more of my time to my other business — making television commercials."

Judging from a list of Sanibel and Captiva restaurants, it is accurate to say that almost half of the restaurants are new, under new ownership within the past six months or currently for sale.

Yes, this is not a particular aberration of Sanibel and Captiva Islands.

Matt Asen, owner of Timbers and Chop Suey Louies, said in a July interview that a restaurant trade publication reported about 60

percent of new restaurants nationwide end up closing their doors within three years.

Realtor Don Bissell concurred. "It's not too unusual for up to three-fourths of the restaurants in the country to be for sale in any given five-year period," Bissell said.

And in a tourist area in particular, Bissell added, it is normal for the small businesses to come up often for sale.

Few restaurants are in business "long term," and those that are usually can be called "exceptional," Bissell added.

About 50 restaurants for an such a small land area may seem extravagant, said Walter Klie, executive director of the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce. "There might be too many of them for their own good."

Klie recently completed a business survey that included speaking with many restaurant owners.

Most restaurants reported to the chamber that business was "up" or "steady" or even "well ahead" of last year's figures. The survey was done Feb. 1 and included figures for the usually slow month of January.

One concern was expressed by a Captiva restaurant owner. He was concerned that the rapid proliferation of restaurants on Sanibel could affect the number of visitors who came to Captiva to eat.

Heavy competition among more and more restaurants would seem to be a case of survival of the fittest, or as Bissell said, the most "exceptional."

Barton-Aschman estimated the total "pie" to be divided up among Island restaurants in 1985 would be \$11,029,245. Slightly over 46 million of that would come from hotel and motel visitors.

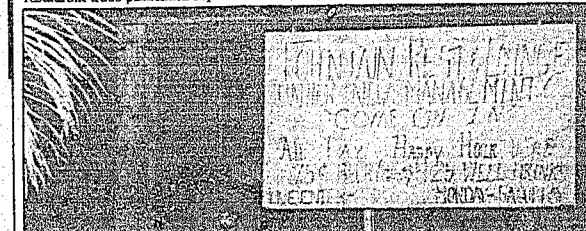
The figures don't specifically say how much day-trippers spend in restaurants, but in a footnote the survey says these sales add up to about 8 percent of the total and are factored in to the total \$11 million figure.

To make the "pie" larger so that more restaurants can remain profitable, more people would have to be encouraged to eat out or to spend more when they do go out.

Figures on the number or people who come to the Islands to eat out are not known, Klie said. Yet many people inquire about restaurants at the chamber and look at sample menus, he added.

The conclusion seems to be that the many here — as long as the quality is high. But it is a "tough racket," as well, hence the high turnover rate.

"It's a business you have to learn to love, work extremely hard in, and be totally devoted to," said one restaurant owner.



The Fountain at Tahitian Gardens recently came under new management. Photo by Mark Johnson.



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

Police arrested a Fort Myers man for driving under the influence after he was stopped on Periwinkle Way near St. Michael and All Angels church just before 3 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 3. Edward Allen Green, 25, of 2145 Canal St., was charged and taken to the Lee County Jail. A worker at the Causeway toll booth notified police to watch for Green after he crossed the bridge to Sanibel.

A Toronto, Ontario, woman notified police that her locked car had been broken into while it was parked at Gulside City Park between 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3. A purse and pair of pants were taken from the

back seat of the car. Police determined a wire or similar instrument was used to unlock the front passenger door.

A Par View Drive resident reported Monday morning, Feb. 4, that someone had driven a car across his lawn and his neighbor's lawn sometime during the previous night.

Police investigated the theft of a man's black Coast 10-speed bicycle from the rear of Heart of the Islands shopping center Monday morning, Feb. 4. The bike was valued at \$180 and had been left behind the center the night before it was reported stolen.

A Tico, Fla., man turned in to police a loaded handgun he received while fishing on the west side of

Causeway Road early Monday evening, Feb. 4. The Browning semi-automatic had one bullet in its chamber. A check on the gun and whether it might be connected with a crime proved negative.

A Minneapolis, Minn., woman reported she left her purse on the hood of her car and drove away from the Lighthouse beach area Monday evening, Feb. 4. The purse, which contained \$200 cash and \$200 in traveler's checks, was gone when the woman returned to the parking lot.

During the week that ended Friday morning, Feb. 8, police issued five citations to drivers for speeding on Sanibel, one for driving without a tag, two for passing in a no passing zone and one for running a stop sign.

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Owner won't sell to city

By Barbara Brundage
Thomas Cross is not interested in selling his Bay Drive property, the old Reed Boulevard, to the city as an historic site.

But the Historical Preservation Committee has recommended that if the property is ever put up for sale the city ask Cross for the right of first refusal. The committee also suggested that should Cross ever wish to demolish the old buildings on his property the city should ask for the option of moving them to a new site.

In a letter to City Manager Gary Price Cross confirmed that he has no intention of developing the property for other than personal use

by his family as a fishing and birding retreat.

He said his objectives of preservation and conservation of the lovely site are in line with the city's.

Cross reiterated his willingness to take over ownership of the Bay Drive bridge that provides access to his property from the east. He said he would assume all responsibility for future maintenance of the bridge.

But Price said Cross turned down the city's request that he grant a walking easement as public access to the bay beach west of the bridge. Cross said that would encourage

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state standards, the council opted to consider turning over ownership of the bridge to Thomas Cross, the current owner of the former Snell property, rather than spend \$4.8 million of taxpayers' money for the improvement.

Under private ownership the bridge could remain as is.

If the city retains public ownership the bridge must be made safe for heavy vehicles such as a garbage truck or fire-fighting equipment, Price told the council last week.

He pointed out that the proposal now being considered differs from that of two years ago in that only the bridge

would be vacated this time. Bay Drive east to Driscoll's Mower Park would remain a public road.

Michl and Burton maintained that without the bridge the public no longer has access to a 1,600-foot stretch of "lovely bay beach."

"\$40,000 is a lot of money," Michl acknowledged, "but it's a small price to pay to preserve this area for the people."

She suggested that a bridge with a 25-ton capacity was not necessary and that the city should examine building a lesser structure that would serve the

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Burton argued that for years service trucks used an entrance off Venus Drive. She produced a picture of a garbage truck entering the Cross property via that route only a week ago.

Mayor Fred Valtin said the two vacant lots at the end of Venus Drive used for access to the Cross property are privately owned. A development permit for a home on one of them is now in the RCOG competition, he added.

Fritz Stoppelbein also registered his opposition to the vacation of public land. He questioned the need for a concrete bridge and pointed out there is a small wooden bridge on the public road to John Morris Beach just off the Island.

Henry Shelton said the wooden Bay Drive bridge passed a county inspection "with flying colors" two years ago.

Miichl said she felt the city has a good case for leaving the bridge as it is. She suggested that the city through "prescriptive easement" could provide public access to the beach by leaving a public right-of-way over the few feet of private property between the four-foot stretch of public road west of the bridge and the mean high tide line.

But City Attorney David La Croix said that in order to go this route it must be proved that the right-of-way has been in public use without the owner's permission for 20 years.

Miichl and Burton said they and many other residents had used that

beach access for years. "We all assumed it was public," Miichl explained.

"We respectfully request we work together to keep one little piece of the Sanibel beauty and ambience that brought most of us here in the first place and that is slipping from our grasp," Miichl pleaded.

Councilman Louise Johnson said she understood the residents' concerns about vacating public land. But, she added, "There is public access to the bay beach from Daisy Mayer Park."

"And there is enough difference of opinion over spending the money for a new bridge that the question should be put to the people at a special election," Valtin agreed the referendum route would be "the eminently democratic way."

Johnson made a motion to put the ordinance calling for vacation of the bridge, as well as four feet of Bay Drive west of the bridge and two feet of the road east of the bridge, to a vote of the people within 90 days.

Burton questioned why so soon and suggested the referendum be postponed until the general election in November.

"Voters never turn out for a special election," she said.

It was council consensus that there would be more registered voters in residence on Sanibel in the spring than in November.

An ordinance setting the election for

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proceeding for the bridge should it become private property.

The council voted unanimously to explore the financial feasibility of a C. C. P. in Valtin's recommendations.

Mayor Fred Valtin said council should accept at face value Cross's assurances that he has no plans to sell or develop the property.

Faustelle Burton, who has vigorously opposed the city's vacating the bridge to a private owner, suggested that a statement of the proposed use of the property should be signed by Sanibel Capital Corporation, the owner of record.

Cross is president of the corporation.

"There are 50 stockholders in that corporation," Burton said. "And Cross can't speak for all of them."

Valtin accused Burton that if Cross becomes the owner of the bridge as the result of the proposed referendum on vacation of the structure, "The agreement will be on corporation stationery."

Referendum will determine bridge ownership continued

Tuesday, March 25, 10 days before the Easter holiday — the traditional end of the winter season — was heard on first reading. Final action is scheduled for Feb. 18.

The question on the ballot asking the voters to vote for or against will be: "Should the city of Sanibel Ordinance No. 85-04 be approved, thus vacating a portion of Bay Drive, the portion to be vacated extending from four feet west of the Bay Drive bridge (west end of Bay Drive) to a point two feet east of Bay Drive bridge and including the bridge itself, so as to relieve the city of liability for replacement, repair and maintenance of the bridge?"

After the decision to call the special election was made, Burton charged the council with doing the work of the people who favored the vacation.

"I demand equal treatment," she said. "The people who want to give away public land should have to get a petition signed by 25 percent of the voters calling for a referendum the same as we did," she said. "What you're doing is overturning the 1982 election that showed the people wanted Bay Drive bridge to remain public."

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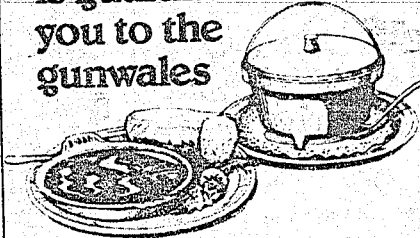
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Triathletes meet disappointment from page 1

"The race was supposed to start at 10 a.m.," Dahmer said. "Then at 10:15 they said it would start in half an hour. Then it was noon for start."

"You could see it on their faces that everyone was losing their enthusiasm. It's very hard to get psyched up for such a race twice."

Local competitors such as Dahmer were disappointed at not being able to compete in their first triathlon competition.

"But we just had to cross the bridge to compete," Dahmer added. "I really feel sorry for those who traveled all the way across the country."

The event had drawn the very best triathletes in the world. Among those who flew to Southwest Florida to compete were Scott Molina from San Diego, Calif., who is ranked number one overall by the Association of Professional Triathletes. Also ready to race were Patricia and Sylviane Puntoso, top women triathletes who have won many triathlons and placed first and second in the 1983 and 1984 Ironman Triathlon in Hawaii.

"We had about 200 racers who were ready to compete," said Bill Smith, director of marketing and sales for Sanibel Harbour. "It's a shame for the athletes and for our staff who had worked so hard to bring about the race."

According to Carroll, county officials met with representatives from Sanibel Harbour two weeks ago to review plans for the triathlon. The two groups met again last week to iron out details.

"They assured us that they would place barricades (for the biking and running segments of the race) in accordance with the Florida Department of Transportation manual for a construction project," Carroll said.

This meant that the barricades would be 20 feet apart. But on Sunday county engineers found the closest barricades were 375 feet apart, Carroll said.

He added resort officials also had assured the county that traffic marshals would be stationed, with paddleboard-style signs, at every intersection.

"There weren't nearly enough volunteer marshalls to ensure the competitors' safety," Carroll said. "Sanibel Harbour said all their volunteers just didn't show up."

Sanibel Harbour workers did scurry about to comply with the regulations Sunday.

"We almost had the situation in control by noon, and just about simultaneously the race was cancelled by the DOT," Smith said.

But Carroll said the county never told Sanibel Harbour the race would have to be cancelled. "They came to that conclusion themselves," he said.

Carroll added his division has never handled a professional triathlon of this sort before.

For that matter, neither has Sanibel Harbour — a new resort in the midst of a grand opening celebration week that includes tennis matches this weekend with Jimmy Connors, Eliot Teltscher, Eddie Dibbs and Brian Gottfried.

Smith said it had been intended that this would be the first annual Sanibel Harbour triathlon.

"At this moment we really haven't regrouped," he said Monday morning. "I think we hope we'll try it again. We would like to make it an annual event, and I think we'd still like to become part of the triathlete professional circuit."

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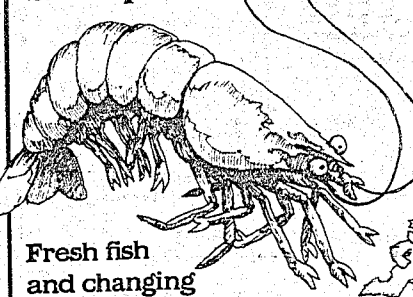


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State Legislature considers proposals from Sanibel officials from page 1

One would prohibit the commercial netting of saltwater fish in Sanibel's man-made saltwater canals; the other would prohibit the taking of more than two live shellfish per species per day.

Last Tuesday the City Council unanimously adopted resolutions asking the Legislature to enact the two special laws.

Valtin said State Rep. Fred Dudley had agreed to file the bill banning commercial fishing in Sanibel canals. The bill is modeled after special legislation passed last year for Pine Island.

Currently commercial net fishing in Sanibel

canals is prohibited between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

The city sought a special act related to live shellfish two years ago.

And last year Sanibel requested a general law to allow municipalities to pass ordinances regulating the taking of marine wildlife within municipal boundaries. But the council was advised this regulation would be in the purview of the newly-created Marine Fisheries Commission.

Last November City Attorney David La Croix sent a draft of a proposed regulation applicable only to Sanibel to the commission with a request that it be

considered for adoption.

With no response from the commission by mid-January, the council decided to once again ask the Legislature to pass a special act giving Sanibel the right to control live shellfish within its corporate boundaries.

Valtin reported Tuesday he had had a letter from the commission chairman setting a hearing on Sanibel's request for next May.

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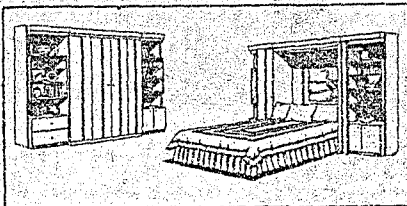
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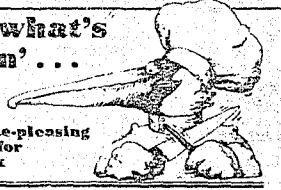
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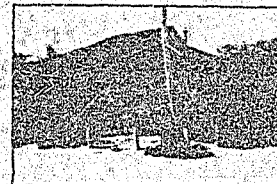
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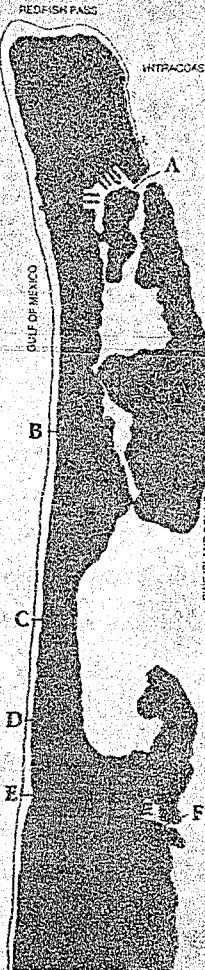
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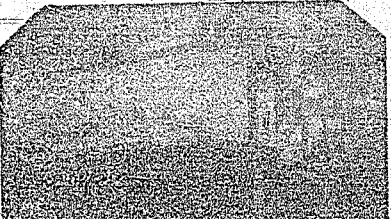
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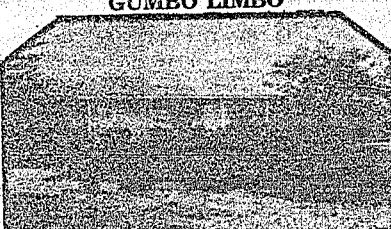
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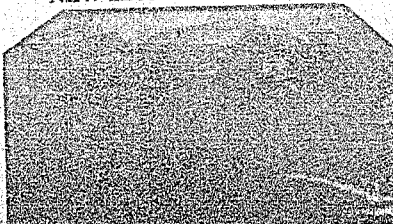
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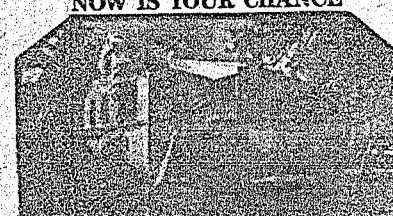
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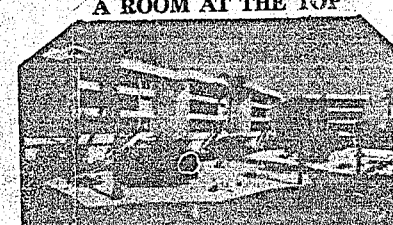
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Say it naturally Be my Valentine

By George Campbell

illustrated by Ann Winterbotham

Every year, rain or shine, we have a brief visit from Saint Valentine. And every year I drive another nail into the coffin of the Great Valentine Greeting Card Industry with the observation that we have better natural Valentines right here than anything created by "famous name brands" that cost considerable sums.

Since by popular demand I find it desirable to update this subject each February, this time around I'm going to delve into the history of Saint Valentine's Day.

Actually it was Geoffrey Chaucer who started the exchange of Valentine greeting cards in the English-speaking world, which, in his time from about 1350 to 1400, consisted only of England.

Chaucer observed that Feb. 14 was the day birds chose their mates for the coming spring reproductive year.

He really started something. Today in Britain the kids sing special songs, exchange gifts of candy, fruit and even steamed puddings. Careaway seed-flavored buns with plums on them, often in the shape of hearts, are produced in Britain today, and the same custom has spread to Italy.

Nowadays in this post-Katle era and with Stanley Kubrick still around, it's hard to realize there once was an old English Valentine Day custom wherein British spinsters stood at their bedroom windows waiting to be seen by eligible male passersby. When seen by the first man to pass, the lady just knew she would marry someone who looked like that man.

Shakespeare came along after Chaucer. In Hamlet he has Ophelia singing:

"Good morrow —
'Tis Saint Valentine's Day
All in the morning believe,
And I a maid at your window,
To be your Valentine!"

The Danes send each other pressed, dried white flowers called Snowdrops. The men exchange what they call a "Gaekkbrev", which simply means "joking letter" or "joking card." Danish men also write poems to Danish women, but they don't sign them. If the girl who receives the poem correctly guesses the author, she gets the reward of an Easter egg later on in the springtime.

Scholars quarrel over the legend of Saint Valentine's Day. It seems there were two Saint Valentines. The first was a priest who was beheaded in Rome on Feb. 14 A.D. 269. A basilica was built in his honor in A.D. 350, and his remains were found in a catacomb on this site.

The other Saint Valentine also died on the 14th day of the second month. He was a bishop of Interamna, now

Terni, about 60 miles from Rome. Scholars can't agree. Maybe the Interamna bishop went to Rome to be beheaded on Feb. 14. Consequently, it is conceivable that Saint Valentine, Number One and Saint Valentine, Number Two were one and the same person.

Some authorities believe Valentine's Day can be traced to an ancient Roman festival called Lupercalia. This was a celebration on the 15th of February. Its purpose was to insure protection from the wolves of the Apennines — probably a false basis without rationale, given what we know today about the gentle, social and intelligent nature of the wolf.

In any case, during Lupercalia the men beat their womenfolk with leather straps. The women tolerated this because they believed the treatment made them more fertile. Fertility in those days was considered desirable; today demographers tell us human fertility just might cause our extinction.

Yet another anecdote regarding Saint Valentine (and there is no clue as to whether it is S.V., No. 1 or S.V., No. 2) is that Valentine became the friend of young people, and at a time when marriage was outlawed by the emperor this Valentine performed marriage ceremonies contrary to the emperor's regulations. The Roman movers and shakers of the day caught him and put him in the slammer because of his acts and because he refused to worship their pagan gods.

This legend suggests that young people started the idea of sending loving cards or poems on Valentine's Day by slipping messages of esteem through the bars of the prison to the captive saint.

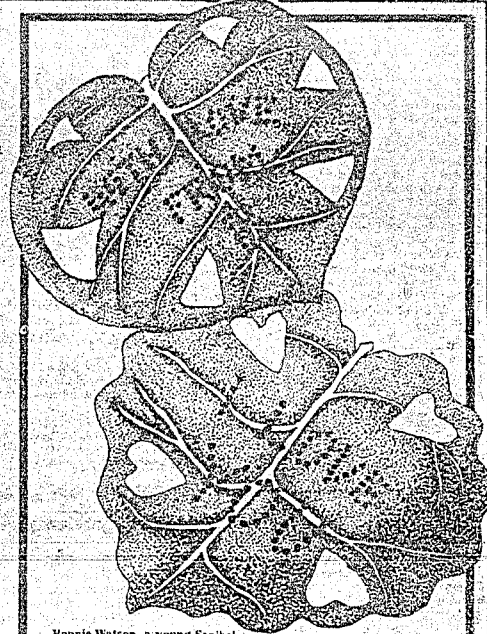
When Rome conquered Britain in A.D. 43 and the Brits adopted into their culture many Roman festivals, including Lupercalia, its date, Feb. 15, close to present-day Valentine's Day on Feb. 14, might have set the stage for the celebration of Valentine's Day in Britain.

A practice of both Britain and Denmark at one time during the history of this festival was for names and messages to be written in dots, as demonstrated in the accompanying drawings.

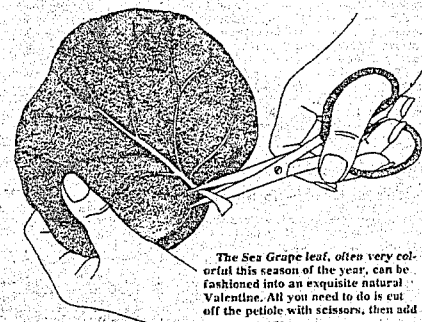
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This time of year our natural Valentines are ever so much more



Honnie Watson, a young Sanibel visitor, has improved our original Sea Grape Valentine; she makes them into cut-outs.



The Sea Grape leaf, often very colorful this season of the year, can be fashioned into an exquisite natural Valentine. All you need to do is cut off the petiole with scissors, then add your message.

beautiful than in other seasons. Why? Because cold weather colors them before they fall. As you drive down West Gulf Drive or around the wildlife refuge, or walk through the SOCP sanctuary, or any place else where the Sea Grape, *Coccoloba*

uvifera, grows, you will see thousands of exquisitely-colored, beautifully-shaped, leathery Sea Grape leaves in reds, yellows, greens, browns, pink, orange —

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Slide show recounts John James Audubon's struggle for recognition

John James Audubon's struggle for recognition as nature artist, author and adventurer comes to life at 8 p.m. this Thursday, Feb. 14, when the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society winter program series continues at the Sanibel Community Association.

The slide lecture by Alvah Sanborn presents Sanborn's account of Audubon's extraordinary career. Hugh Irwin, president of the local society, says the presentation will mark the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society's celebration of the 200th birthday of the famed naturalist.

The lecture is illustrated with photos taken by Sanborn, who had access to the original Audubon folios of "The Birds of America" at the Lenox, Mass., library.

Sanborn and his wife, Virginia, are winter residents of Sanibel. A graduate of Cornell University, he has devoted his life to nature study with emphasis on birds.

For 10 years before his retirement Sanborn toured the United States and Canada for the National Audubon Society with his films, Wings of the Wild and Allagash Country.

The Sanborn lecture will be the fifth in the Winter Wildlife Series arranged for the society by Program Chairman Francis Saxinger. There is no admission charge to the public, but donations toward program expenses are gratefully received.



Photo by Alvah Sanborn of an original John James Audubon work.

Refuge film explores habits of the osprey

The weekly film at the Visitor Center at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge at 11 a.m. this Saturday, Feb. 16, will be Osprey, which explores the breeding behavior and fishing adaptations of the fish hawk or osprey.

Starting Feb. 18 reservations will be taken for the next naturalist boat cruise planned for Monday, Feb. 25. The cruise leaves Tarpon Bay Marina at 3 p.m. to explore the waterways of Tarpon Bay and Pine Island Sound. The fee is \$10 per person.

Surrogate 'wise grandmother' will identify your wild findings

Do you feel the primordial urge of the gatherer when walking in the wilds of Sanibel, but find there is no wise grandmother around to pass on information about the identification and use of the wild seeds and fruits you encounter?

You are now invited to bring your wild harvest for identification to the SCCF Native Plant Nursery between 2:30 and 5 p.m. any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

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Reservations can be made beginning Feb. 18 by calling the marina, 472-3196. Visitors are reminded that the Visitor Center at the entrance to the refuge on Sanibel-Captiva Road is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Wildlife Drive, walking and canoe trails are open every day of the year from sunrise to sunset.

For more information about any refuge program call 472-1109.



CRGW volunteers are kept busy these days inventorying all the goods being donated for the March 2 White Pelican Sale at the SCA. Left

to right, Dr. Steven Pieri, Heien Webb, Lavina Davenport and Bob Perkins. Photo by Charlie McCallough.

White Pelican Sale items are worth 'CROW-ing' about

The annual White Pelican Sale sponsored by Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife is off and flying. Many brand new items for beetlers have been donated for the sale — cushions, safety jackets, a ladder, porta-poties, fishing reel, spreader boats, spreader rollers, assorted fish screens and unused Volvo motor parts and equipment.

This is but a sample of the interesting paraphernalia CRGW volunteers have already

collected. They are still looking for donations of items in general, such as all those things that are no longer of value to you but that are too good to throw away — and might be treasured by someone else. All proceeds from this White Pelican Sale will help CRGW workers care for injured and orphaned wildlife. For pick-up information call 472-3064.

George Campbell from page 1B

every color of the rainbow.

Those who say they miss the changing seasons because they live in Florida are, shall we say, not very observant. Our seasons are as just as noticeable to the trained eye as are the seasons in the hardwood forests of the North, where much color is displayed in the fall. I do not believe that any northern fall-colored trees are any more beautiful than our Sea Grapes.

To make your superior and cost-free Valentine, all you need to do is wander around a Sea Grape tree and pluck those most beautiful of leaves, or pick them up from the ground if they have already fallen.

The colored ones you find this time of year are all last year's growth. New ones have hardly started to bud. In any case, the leaves we employ as Valentines are old ones, and there is no harm in plucking them because they did their job of photosyn-

thesis all last summer and fall.

They are finished, and if they can make a small contribution before they are recycled, so much the better.

After you have picked your most beautiful leaf, take a pair of scissors and cut off the leaf stem or petiole, as shown in the illustration. This will give you a heart-shaped leaf of beautiful colors but without the thick stem. It will easily fit into an envelope for mailing — after you inscribe your loving Valentine message on the leathery surface, of course.

Until a few years ago we were permitted to glue a stamp to a leathery leaf, write an address on one side of it and a message on the other and pop the leaf into the mail. I have done this myself. It works; they do reach their destinations. Some Post Offices still accept them, but most do not.

In any case it is preferable to put your natural Valentine into

an envelope and send it off to your friend. After all, if it costs you a few cents more in postage, think of how much money you saved by not buying an expensive name brand card. Yet you have not sacrificed quality at all but have, in fact, enhanced it.

The leathery texture of the Sea Grape leaf really makes a fine card and accepts ink quite readily. I don't suggest a hard ballpoint but rather a soft Pilot pen is better.

Since it is a bit late for this year, you might not get around to doing this before Valentine's Day. Then just use this idea instead of those postcards that your friends back home expect you to send. Let's wailop the postcard business too, shall we?

So with that note of love and good cheer this Valentine's season, let me say Happy Lupercalia to you ... Will you be my Valentine?



A mangrove water snake hides in the trees from which he got his name on Buck Key. Photo by Scott Martell.

Free boat inspections offered this weekend

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, with the cooperation of the Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron and Sanibel Marina, will hold its annual vessel examination from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, and from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17.

If it is impossible for you to bring your boat to the marina examiners will make dock calls on those days or by arrangement.

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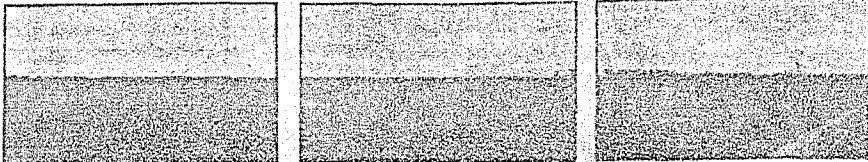
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Take a walk on the wild side

Conservation foundation tour guides make the trip educational as well as fun

By Scott Mariell

Close your eyes and listen. First an osprey screeches — it must be a warning to stay away from her freshly laid eggs. Then the noisy gallinules join in — or is it the sound track of a Tarzan movie? Hear next the heavy scraping of an animal dragging through the sand — an alligator moving in water, or a man-hole sized gopher tortoise trying to escape into his sandy den?

Open your eyes. See the trail winding ahead past charred sabal palms, saw palmetto and other vegetation on both sides of the trail. See a glimpse of the river through the primary. Raccoons, birds and alligators have left their tracks on the cracked mud of the river bank. A little blue heron floats downriver.

Then use your nose. A bit of pepper spices one leaf — the unwanted exotic Brazilian pepper. Another smell is less appealing — the stink plant is appropriately named. So is the wild coffee.

Next comes touch. Don't feel the poison ivy — it's abundant and often turning a striking red. Instead, try the leather fern — as soft as suede. Also soft is the wild cotton. But avoid the cat's claw with its sharp thorns.

Your senses don't lie. You are in a wilderness. And that wilderness is on Sanibel.

The area is the protected interior wetlands behind the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation center off Sanibel-Captiva Road, which, along with the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, makes up nearly half the land mass of Sanibel.

"And this is why most of us live here," Dorothy Leslie explained to a group of visitors last week. Leslie is one of several volunteers who guide visitors along the trails in the winter season. She has been guiding visitors on the trails since 1976.

From now through the end of season the SCCF will sponsor three guided tours of this wilderness area Monday through Saturday, leaving at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. Tours cover approximately one-half mile and last about one hour.

The area holds to different loop trails covering about 4.5 miles between Sanibel-Captiva Road and the Sanibel River. Visitors can walk by themselves or take advantage of the guided tour. Either way, cost is \$1 for admittance to the property, which includes the SCCF center full of both pictorial displays and live exhibits.

Leslie's guided tour last week provided both a bird's eye view of the wild area from the observation tower on the Sanibel River and an in-depth look and discussion of much of the specific plant and animal life found in the interior wetlands.

And because Leslie is so knowledgeable about the entire area, visitors took advantage and asked her about everything from manatees at the Florida Power and Light Plant to the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary.

From the observation tower the entire area could be seen. The wilderness is ringed to the south and west with the exotic Australian pine — there lies the limits of the wilderness and the beginning of subdivisions. To the east lies the vastness of the refuge.

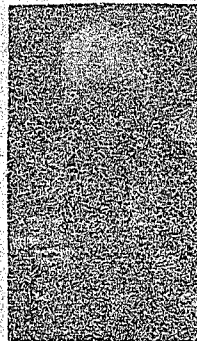
Below the tower the Sanibel River could be seen winding through banks lined with leather fern. All kinds of birds could be seen flying on and off the shallow-water river.

Poking above the greenery was an osprey site where an adult osprey sat on eggs. Another perched nearby on a dead snag.

"Pretty soon the one on the nest will start calling, 'Come and relieve me,'" laughed Leslie, explaining that the adults take turns protecting the eggs.

Back down on the trails, Leslie spent much time pointing out specific vegetation. She often emphasized both the beauty and benefits that come with native vegetation.

"They are best for several reasons, including they are less expensive to maintain," she said. "They



Dorothy Leslie, above and far left, has the knowledge and the patience to make visits to the SCCF interesting and educational for those apt to take a guided tour. Below, a typical trail scene.

The 360-degree panorama at the top of this and the facing page was taken from the SCCF bird tower next to the Sanibel River. Photos by Mark Johnson.



don't need much fertilizer and they need less water."

On the trails, which wind through shade and sunlight, Leslie pointed out vegetation and told stories. Among the vegetation were wild coffee, guaiaba limbo, milkweed vine, wild olive, wax myrtle, sea grape and the cherokee bean.

"The cherokee bean is poisonous — so you have to be very careful about what your grandchildren pick up and eat," she warned.

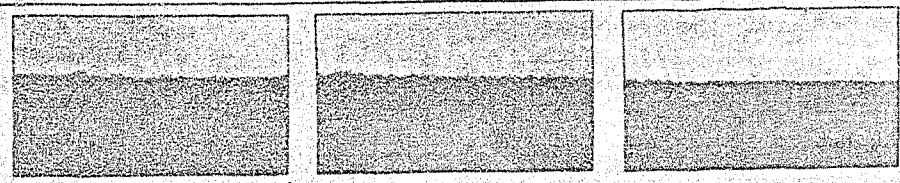
Leslie guided her half-dozen visitors down the Sabal Palm trail to the Alligator Hole — a hole

scouted out by alligators to ensure themselves a wet spot during the dry winter season. Sure enough, there was a good water source. But the alligator refused to make an appearance.

And dotting the entire area are the gopher tortoises' huge burrows in the sand. A peak in one hole might find a brown nose and glaring eyes emitting from the dark.

"They can dig their homes eight feet down under the ground and extend their burrows up to 40 feet

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Take a walk on the wild side continued

through the ground," Leslie said. And that's one of the advantages of a guided tour — picking up all the interesting tidbits from a knowledgeable guide. For instance — did you know that brown palm friends provide fantastic music? That the gallinule is now called the spoonbill and the least tern is called

the little tern? Or that the wax myrtle is just like the familiar bay leaf up north? Leslie has been a volunteer tour guide for almost nine years. She guides a tour once a week during the five winter months. Add up those numbers and she has given as many as 180 tours. Why does she do it?

"You just bring the same interests you had up north down here I think," she said. "We come from Wisconsin, and that's a pretty environmentally conscious state. Wisconsin doesn't quite have the same pressures on it as does Florida. Florida is becoming more environmentally conscious — and that's important."

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ARTS ON THE ISLANDS

By Julie Niedenfuier

Artist's prime enjoyment is in deviation from the rules

Joseph Puitano has gone out on a limb in creating the paintings for the upcoming show at Schoolhouse Gallery, but then being an innovator in art trends is nothing new to the artist. In fact he has taken a great deal of pride in doing just that for some time.

"My professors used to go bananas because my works didn't have a bottom or a top," Puitano recalls with amusement. Indeed, one benefit of owning a Puitano piece is, "If you get tired of the painting hanging one way, just turn it. People will think you've bought a new one," he says.

The painter's unconventional style also reaches beyond the limitations imposed by the flat canvas. Some of his latest works are three-sided affairs covered in plexiglass, with each facet presenting the viewer a different angle, a separate painting that can be turned in a multitude of directions on a tabletop or hung on a wall.

To the best of Puitano's knowledge, he is the pioneer in this field of painting, a position he most enjoys being in. "I'm painting a certain way and I realize someone else is painting like that, I drop it."



Joseph Puitano

Puitano says he paints for no other reason than to have fun — not a very lofty or esoteric reason, but the prime one, nonetheless. "I don't have a message for the viewer — that's up to him."

Striving for originality is not the only reason he paints abstract designs. "The more you live with them (abstract paintings) the more you see things. It's not like looking at representational painting — with abstract the intent is to have the viewer use his imagination a little more."

As he enthusiastically addresses his newest paintings from their brown paper wrappings, Puitano gives a brief summary of how his style evolved. "I used to be very much a realistic painter." He holds out the painting and gives it a satisfied once over before continuing.

"Then I went to college and learned about abstract art. At first I was real stiff with it, but then I began to open up and soon I found so much freedom in it." He smiles at the painting in front of him.

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Perhaps providing the viewer with a springboard for his imagination is one reason Puitano so delights in deviating from the beaten path in his artwork. He admits, "I cannot stick to the rules. I just will not stay with the old things."

Though making the transition to three-dimensional work seems a quantum leap, for Puitano it was merely a small step in his process of growing as an artist. "I got so tired of square paintings," he says.

And if somewhere along the line his penchant for the unusual were to alienate an art critic, Puitano wouldn't mind. "I paint only for myself — not the public. If my paintings sell, they sell," he shrugs.



Joseph Puitano's eight-sided paintings will be on exhibit Feb. 17 through March 2 at Schoolhouse Gallery. Photos by Julie Niedenfuier.

Apparently the formula works. Last year alone Puitano sold more than 34 paintings, an impressive figure considering art buffs in this area are reputed to have little or no interest in abstract work.

"I'm known because I dare to experiment. Too many artists lose their creativity when they consider saleability a part of their painting."

In addition to being a prolific painter, Puitano has held the position as managing director and part owner of the Schoolhouse Gallery for the past two years and has been associated with the Island landmark for more than 13.

In the past 30 years he's exhibited in numerous galleries and museums throughout the country, though the upcoming Schoolhouse show is his first formal exhibit in Florida.

In addition to Puitano's paintings, the works of Judith Shahn will also be on exhibit during the show that runs through March 2. Shahn's work appears regularly in many national publications, including The New Yorker, Harpers, and Glamour magazines.

Shahn comes from a family of artists that includes her father, Ben Shahn, considered one of the top 50 American artists of all time. Judith Shahn's works are in more than 1,000 private and several public collections.

The two artists will be in attendance for the show's opening reception from 5 to 8 p.m. this Sunday, Feb. 17.

Four Island artists exhibit at Sanibel library

The February art show at the Sanibel Public Library features works by Barbara Taylor, Marion Anderson, Ruth North and Marie Nelson. The artists, all members of the Sanibel-Captiva Art League, each are exhibiting five paintings.

The library at 719 Palm Ridge Road is open daily except Sunday.

Any artist in the area is invited to attend the Thursday workshops that are held at various locations from 9 a.m. to noon, after which a critique of the morning's work is held. Artists paint in all media and choose their own locations during the morning. At noon they gather in a central area to enjoy their group. Call 472-0310 for more information.

critique of their efforts.

This Thursday, Feb. 14, the workshop will be held at the C.W. Ringel home, 419 Lighthouse Way. On the next two Thursdays the artists will paint at the McCullough House at 3145 West Gulf Drive. The March 7 and 14 sessions will take place at the Chapel-by-the-Sea on Captiva. For more information call 472-3928 or 472-8926.

In addition to the Thursday morning workshops, sessions are held at the Captiva Community Association building from 1 to 4 p.m. every Monday. A \$2 charge covers the cost of the model. Any artist is invited to join the group. Call 472-0310 for more information.

Soprano will be in concert Sunday at Cape Coral church

The Christ Lutheran Church concert series presents soprano Helen Bjorkberg-Niedung in a concert of international art songs at 2 p.m. this Sunday, Feb. 17, at the church on Del Prado Boulevard in Cape Coral.

Weekend craft show set

The Southwest Florida Craft Guild, a group of the area's finest craftsmen whose work meets the exacting standards set by the organization, will hold its annual Sanibel show and sale at Periwinkle Place shopping center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. this Saturday, Feb. 16.

Included in the show will be pottery, enamels, stained glass, batik, weaving, woodcarving, metal sculpture,

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basketry and jewelry. Each design is an original, executed by the artist from basic materials such as wood, metal, clay, glass and fibers. Ongoing demonstrations will be held of bird carving, weaving, spinning, basketmaking and Scandinavian drawnwork. Here is an opportunity to watch talented craftsmen at work and to ask questions about their craft.

ARTS

Three documentaries travel the world with great sculptors

The first in a series of four narrated films offered by Barrier Island Group for the Arts will be shown at 8 p.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the Island Theater.

Titled "Masters of Modern Sculpture," the presentation is a series of three documentaries: "The Pioneers," "Beyond Cubism" and "The New World." The films take the viewer around the world visiting with great sculptors and examining their work. Each artist speaks for himself, with statements and explanations made on-camera or through questionnaires.

Island sculptors Larry Hoff and Linda Ritchie will give a detailed lecture/presentation on the lost-wax bronze technique, from the basic raw materials to the finished work.

These two former abstract artists,

originally from New York and Pennsylvania, settled on Captiva 10 years ago. Influenced by the surroundings of the Islands, their work is now integrally involved in plant and animal life.

Hoff will show his sculpture of a Florida panther attacking an Everglades deer. This large bronze piece will be on public display for the first time at the Schoolhouse Gallery. Ritchie's works include a family of African elephants, human portrait sculptures and sea grapes and fairies. Additionally, Hoff's followers will be able to view this year's new series on animals.

Tickets for the narrated film series are \$6 and can be purchased on Sanibel at the Unicorn Shop, Caloosa Canvas, the B-Hive and MacIntosh Book Shop and at the Tree House Gallery on Captiva.

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CLUB NEWS

Shell Club will hear scientist

Dr. Ernest Estave, senior staff scientist with the Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota, will address members of the Sanibel Captiva Shell Club at 7 p.m. next Monday, Feb. 18, at the Sanibel Community Association.

Estave will speak on "Bottom Dwelling Invertebrates of Charlotte Harbor and Adjacent Estuarine Waters." Preceding his talk, Barbara Ward, principal of Sanibel Elementary School, will show her videotape on the children's participation in environmental studies, especially the Sanibel Shell Fair.

A Dutch treat, meet-the-speaker dinner will be held at Gib's Restaurant at 6 p.m. before the club meeting. Visitors and guests are welcome.

Congressman will address Rotarians this week

90 members and guests attended the Sanibel Captiva Rotary Club breakfast meeting Friday, Feb. 8.

Pianist John Fredericks from New Jersey was back to accompany the club for the prayer song and Irish Rose.

The "Happy Bucks" segment of the meeting produced two statements from two guests who had had 35 and 40 years of perfect attendance respectively. Another visitor gave a happy buck because his mother-in-law had just moved to California after living near him for 12 years.

Installation of new officers will take place the third week in April. The club voted to send two deserving high school students to Tampa for the

week of June 16. Cost will be \$250 for each student. President Jack Stagle read aloud a letter from Past District Gov. G. R. Stone that expressed Stone's congratulations for the progress the club has made since it began.

William Constandse was the guest speaker. The retired IBM executive spoke about commercial development on Sanibel.

This week's guest speaker will be Congressman Connie Mack. Sanibel City Council members and their spouses have been invited to attend also. Remember the club pancake breakfast this Saturday, Feb. 16, and the craft fair Saturday and Sunday at the Sanibel Community Association hall.

CLUB NEWS

Lions report craft fair raised more than \$5,000

The regular meeting of the Sanibel Captiva Lions Club was held at the Sanibel Community Association hall Feb. 6. There were 10 guests including, Past District Gov. Wells Moon and Lion Joe Barber of the Fort Myers club.

The Fort Myers club is celebrating its 30th year on March 30 with a dinner at the Hall of Sirens. Guest speaker will be Past International President Jorge Bird of Puerto Rico.

President Joe Feeney reported that in the past 90 days the Island club has donated more than \$12,750 to various local and state charities. He also reported that the Leader Dog Program in Michigan has produced 6,500-plus teams (blind owner and trained dog) and that Florida Lions have supported the pro-

gram with \$72,000 in the past year. Lion John Cook reported on sick and recovering members and announced arrangements have been made for another Blindmobile visit April 3. Collection points will be confirmed at a later date.

Lions Art Johnson and Bob Derrner reported a successful arts and crafts fair with net profit of more than \$5,000.

Lion Myron Ireland announced a Ladies Nite will be held March 14 and will be a boat trip to Useppa Island. The boat will leave from South Seas in early evening and will return before midnight.

The next regular meeting will be at the Sanibel Community Association at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20.

SCA plans regular dinner meeting

The regular meeting of the Sanibel Community Association will be held at 6:30 p.m. this Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the association hall. Pot-luck dinner will be followed by musical entertainment by Thom Treacht, who will play the guitar and sing. Troubad first performed for the SCA at the grand opening of the new auditorium. Many who heard him play at that time will welcome his return engagement.

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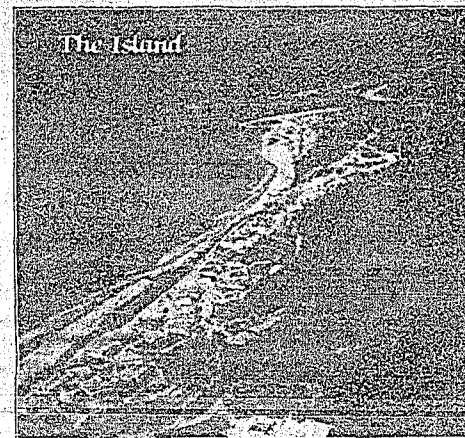
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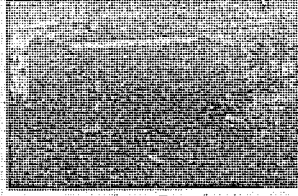
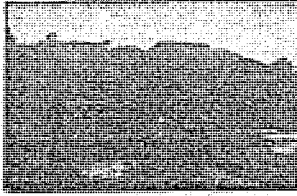
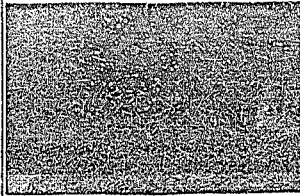


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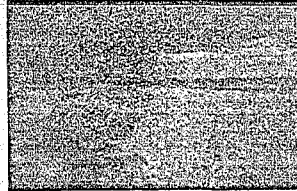
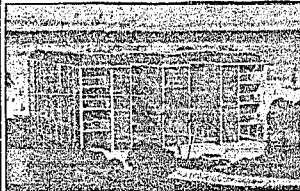
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CHURCH NEWS

Princeton professor will lead Bible study

"The Unfolding Drama of the Bible" is the theme of a series of Bible studies beginning at 9:20 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at the Chapel by the Sea, Captiva. The sessions will continue every Wednesday at the same time for five consecutive weeks. The theme is the title of the study book by Bernard Anderson, professor of Old Testament Theology in Princeton Theological Seminary. The

course will be taught by Dr. Bertram deH. Atwood, minister of Chapel by the Sea, who is a former teacher at Princeton Seminary.

Registrations must be made for the course. Books may be reserved for \$4 each. Please call chairman Mrs. Thomas Craft, 472-1484, or write to her at P.O. Box 7, Captiva, FL 33924. The course is open to all.

Director of youth program will speak at community church

Dr. Dale Milligan, executive director of Youth Club Program, Inc., will be the speaker for morning services at Sanibel Community Church this Sunday, Feb. 17.

Milligan heads a ministry that involves more than 3,000 churches in the United States and several foreign countries. Sanibel Community Church,

which has been a part of Youth Club for nine years, offers the program for youth in grades one through 12 each Wednesday during the school year.

All are welcome to attend. Services are at 9 and 11:35 a.m. at the church on Periwinkle Way next to Jerry's Shopping Center.

Community church needs rummage sale donations

Items are being accepted now for the Sanibel Community Church Annual Yard and Bake Sale to be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, March 2. Pick-up of items can be arranged at any time by calling Gladys Anderson, 472-2429, if articles cannot be held until the day before the sale. Baked goods can be brought to the church the morning of the sale.

Sale workers are accepting clothing, furniture, bric-a-brac and anything no longer of use to you but that might be appreciated by someone else. All will be appreciated.



Christian Scientist will discuss trusting, understanding God

To many people trusting God involves a kind of blind leap into the mists of faith. But not to Christian Science lecturer Robert Gates of Marblehead, Mass.

Gates says there needn't be anything mysterious about it. We trust God, he adds, in proportion to our understanding of Him, and our understanding is strengthened by tangible experience.

Gates, a former sports editor for the Christian Science Monitor, will visit Sanibel through the sponsorship of the Sanibel-Captiva First Church of Christ, Scientist, at 2 p.m. this Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Sanibel Community Association. His hour-



Robert Gates

long lecture, "To Know God Is To Trust Him," will examine what he considers to be the practicality of relying on God's care and guidance in daily affairs as well as in times of serious difficulty.

The free lecture is open to the public. Care for small children will be provided.

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♥ A K J 7			
♦ A Q			
♣ A 5 3 2			
WEST			
♠ 6 2			
♥ 8 5	♣ Q 10 9 6		
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♣ Q J 10 7	♠ K 9 8 4		
SOUTH			
♠ A K Q J 10 8 5			
♥ 4 3 2			
♦ 4 2			
♣ 6			
South	West	North	East
4♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Opening lead - ♠ Q

By Alfred Sheinwold
Here's a slam fact makes because of two useful sevens.
South takes the ace of clubs, ruffs a club high and leads the five of spades to dummy's seven to ruff another club high. Back to dummy with the nine of spades, and another club ruff.
South now leads a heart. If West plays low, South plays dummy's seven. East wins, of course, but then his heart or diamond return gives dummy a free finesse for the 12th trick.
West can postpone declarer's victory by putting in the eighth on the first round of hearts. Dummy wins with the king, and South returns to his hand with a trump to lead another heart. West must play low, and dummy's seven puts East in as before. If West has the 9-8 of hearts he can play the nine on the second round. But

now declarer finesse with dummy's jack. East wins with the queen, but then a heart return from the 10-9 gives dummy a free finesse with the A-7.
WEEKLY QUESTION
You hold: ♠ 9 7 2 ♠ A K J 7 ♠ A Q ♠ A 3 ♠ 2. You bid one club, and partner responds one diamond. The opponents pass. What do you say?
ANSWER
Bid two hearts, forcing in game. A rebid of one heart would not be forcing precisely because the jump to two hearts is available if your hand is good enough.
It would be risky to jump to two or three notrump because you have no spade stopper and because the hearts are worth mentioning. If partner has four low hearts you cannot expect him to bid the suit when you are unwilling to bid hearts with A-K-J-7.

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New programs established by FISH include delivery of large print books for the sight-impaired, a support group for bereaved persons, and meals by FISH, which provides hot meals to people who cannot cook for themselves and do not have anyone in the house who can.
Feel free to call FISH yourself either to volunteer or to ask for non-emergency assistance. The number is 472-0468.

Bridge classes for beginners begin this week at SCA

Duplicate Bridge for Novices, classes tailored for everyone who always wanted to play bridge but was hesitant to do so, begin from 9 a.m. to noon this Thursday, Feb. 14, at the association hall. Each player is expected to contribute \$2 for each session.
Classes will be under the direction of Jean Scott. Each player is expected to contribute \$2 for each session.

Duplicate bridge scores

Nine tables turned out for Bridge for Fun Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 6, at the Sanibel Community Association. The winners were:
1. Donna Sublett
2. Clone Siffay
3. Louise Braderhorn
Bridge for Fun meets at 1 p.m.

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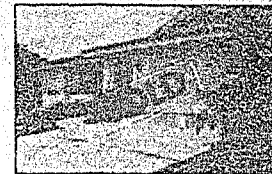
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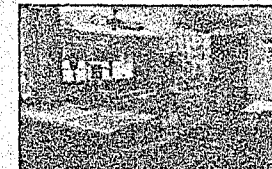
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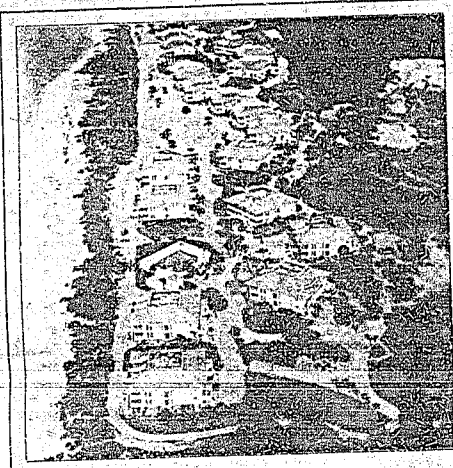
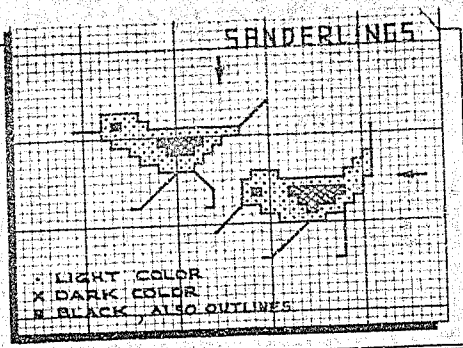
Needlework News

Use this chart in many ways

By Barbara Houston
 This chart of the sanderlings was designed by Island artist B.J. Pfaff. I have used the pattern on many projects, and it never ceases to make me smile as I stitch these whimsical shore birds. They race across pillows of counted cross stitch fabric, scurry over blankets crocheted in the afghan stitch and run on hooked rugs of latch hook canvas.
 Each block on the chart represents a stitch on fabric or canvas. Arrows point to the center square. To determine the center of your project, count four squares to the right

and with a light color, make three stitches in a horizontal row to correspond to the top of the standing bird's head.
 Drop down one row, start one square to the left and make 13 stitches in a horizontal row. When at the tail end, stitch the three, two, one block rows of the top of the tail. Then work below the wing, the chest and back to the head area. Stitch the wing in a dark color. With black, stitch the eye. Then using straight short stitches, outline the bird and wing and stitch the legs, tail and beak.

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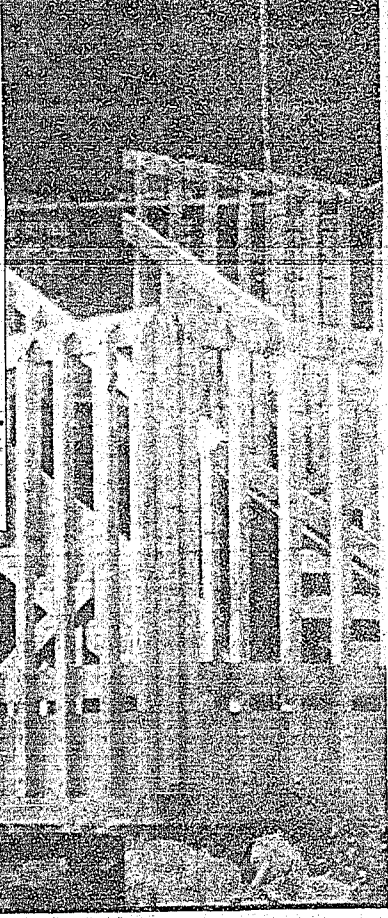
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Needlework news from page 148

The two birds are 32 squares wide and 18 squares high. If you use 14 count cross stitch fabric, the finished design will be approximately 7 1/4 inches by 1 1/4 inches. Plastic needlepoint canvas of seven squares to an inch would turn out an image of 4 1/2 by 2 1/2 inches.

Many customers have stitched these birds on knitted shirts by using waste canvas. This temporary canvas is basted onto the shirt to offer guide lines for neat, even stitches through the shirt fabric. When completed, the article is soaked in water and the canvas threads are easily removed.

We have a sport weaver yarn in the shop called Sandpiper Heather. Don't

you think we should use it to knit up a sweater, then "duplicate stitch" these sanders across the bottom.

Please note: The following corrections need to be made in the "high fashion" sweater pattern that appeared in The Islander Jan. 29 — Step 3, line 10: change "pearl" to "knit." And Step 4, line 5: color, 10 (14-14) rows of Color C, two more rows of the main color, and four (six-eight) rows of B.

If you have any questions stop in Idle Hours, 2440 Palm Ridge Road.

Cablevision drawing held; winner gets free year of service

Cablevision of the Islands held its drawing last week for subscribers who participated in the channel selection survey last spring.

Randomly chosen from more than 250 respondents was Matt Asen of Sanibel. He will receive one full year of complimentary service

for all of the channels Cablevision offers. Cablevision recently expanded its service on Sanibel and Captiva to include 21 available channels. Various channel packages are being offered.

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The Northern Correspondent — Juan Stubbs — The latest installment in the Howarth family saga, each part of which is a novel in its own right. This one focuses on the years of the Industrial Revolution. Ambrose Long pursues the cause of political and

social reform in his impoverished radical newspaper. The financial mismanagement of the paper improves greatly when Naout Gium joins him in the enterprise. Family politics, issues of the times, and the rise of the newspaper set against a background of Victorian England.

MYSTERY
A Graveyard of My Own — Ron Gault — Bert Kurrie, who has just moved from drawing comic books to the more staid world of commercial art, encounters real-life violence while on an early morning run through

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New fiction at the Captiva Memorial Library

Thinner — Richard Bachman — New American Library, 1984 — After an old gypsy woman steps out in front of his car and is killed, Billy Halleck is horrified to find that his body is wasting away. When various tests show that he has no medical problem, Halleck gradually recognizes a connection between the accident and his loss of flesh.

Atsuh Nine — Thomas Block — Putnam, 1984 — A futuristic commercial bimp flies a routine trip over Antarctica. The Soviet motor ship Primorye sets out from its Antarctic base at the same time, and neither ship has any idea of the catastrophe

(accidentally released nuclear missiles) that has just occurred. Will they be victims — or the sole survivors — of the global holocaust?

Macao — Daniel Carney — Donald I. Fine, 1984 — Set against the exotic background of Hong Kong and Macao, Carney's romantic adventure begins when the shrewd and ruthless Dr. Sun is the undisputed kingpin of the Macao drug dealing and smuggling syndicate. When the mantle is passed to his daughter, Crystal Lily, she runs into problems with rival mob factions and is helped out of her difficulties by a drug-smuggling admiral.

Stars In My Pocket Like Grains Of

Sand — Samuel Delany — Rantam, 1984 — Set in the distant future, this massive saga of political intrigue and personal struggle unfolds against a richly-textured backdrop. Wars are fought with information rather than conventional weapons, and every world known to man is involved. The outcome boils down to two men from vastly different backgrounds whose relationship shakes civilization to its very core.

The Rewrite Man — Bryan Forbes — Simon and Schuster, 1984 — A middle-aged screenwriter becomes obsessed with Laura, a beautiful and mysterious young actress, while filming a movie. He is gradually drawn in

to a relationship that is at once intense and hopeless.

The Romanov Connection — William Green — Dutton, 1984 — In April 1918, three months before Tsar Nicholas II of Russia and his family were executed by a Bolshevik firing squad, an enigmatic figure rode into the Siberian town where they were being held prisoner. He started with them on an eastbound journey by train that might have led to freedom. What might have happened is fiction; the events chronicled here, researched and verified, could conceivably cast a different light on the final days of the Romanovs.

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Too Sane a Murder — Lee Martin — Detective Debra Itabston of the Fort Worth Police Department is convinced that Oleg Baker, the prime suspect in a grisly multiple murder, is not guilty. It's a race against time to find the real killer. An intriguing and promising first work. The author herself is a former policeman.

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Soviet defector will speak at Cape Coral High School

Arkady Shevchenko, former Soviet Ambassador and Under Secretary General to the United Nations, will speak at Cape Coral High School at 7 p.m. this Sunday, Feb. 17, under the auspices of the USF-Fort Myers Student Government Association. He will discuss "A Kremlin View of the White House" and will take questions from the audience.

Shevchenko is the highest ranking Soviet official to defect to the west. As an intimate of Khrushchev, Brezhnev and Foreign Minister Gromyko, he was actively engaged in Soviet decision-making on such sensitive issues as Soviet-American relations, disarmament, Cuba, Vietnam, China, the Middle East and Africa.

From 1975-78 Shevchenko was Under Secretary of the United Nations in charge of the Security Council and Political Affairs. He was allegedly the highest paid Soviet abroad and possible the wealthiest man in Russia.

Shevchenko has been interviewed extensively on the McNeil/Lehrer Show, Face the Nation, the Today Show, Good Morning America and Nightline. He has shared platforms with such world leaders as Giscard d'Estaing, Henry Kissinger and Helmut Schmidt.

The lecture is open to the public. Tickets for \$6 can be purchased at the University of South Florida-Fort Myers campus office and at the Lee County Alliance of the Arts. For more information call 433-1873.

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Nationally recognized photographer, author and lecturer Bill Thomas, author of such noted books as The Swamp, The Island and American Rivers plus an upcoming book called Talking With the Animals, will give the seminar as part of his "Touch of Success" nationwide series.

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The following programs of interest are scheduled for the week of
Feb. 12:

TUESDAY, FEB. 12
8 p.m. — "Jazz Alive" — Paul Anthony hosts highlights from the
October 2 Water GARD Festival, including international
recognition of jazz through great PHIL Woods and recording from
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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13
10 a.m. — "Music From Washington" — Harriet Weiser
Zabala and different Martin Yepes performs Sier's Concerto
No. 3 in D Major: The world premiere of Joseph's Sonata Op. 11
"Spirit of the Trees" — Fackelnagel's Sonata No. 2 in E Major.
Brody's Tarentelle; Vivaldi's Sonata in A Major; The world
premiere of Mosthaf's Fantasy, and Ludwig's Fantasia
for organ/Flute.

8 p.m. — "Wednesday Night at the Opera" — Mark Tizack,
managing director of the Sarasota Opera, joins Mary Grace for a
preview of the opera company's 1985 season which includes
"Fidelio," "Laceta di Lammertown," "The Abduction from
Serpentis," and "The Rose's Progress."

FRIDAY, FEB. 15
10 a.m. — "Music from Europe" — Berlin Philharmonic
Festival (WSPF) — Alexander Rahnke conducts the world premiere
of "Symphony" by Janis Vlachopoulos. Timotheos' Piano Con-
certo with soloist Cyprus Katsaris, and Xenakis' "Pala Ta
Diana."

8 p.m. — Stanislaw Skrowaczewski conducts Beethoven's Grand
Fugue and Bruckner's Symphony No. 3 in D minor.

SUNDAY, FEB. 16
11:30 a.m. — "Jim Top Buy To Talk Now: Conversations with
American Artists Over 75" — Program will not be heard because of
the Metropolitan Opera broadcast starting at 12 p.m.

8 p.m. — "A Prairie Home Companion" with host Garrison

MONDAY, FEB. 17
10 a.m. — "Semi Paul Sunday Morning" — Celiaist Joni
Krause and pianist Gabriel Katan perform Beethoven's "Duo";
Debussy's "Duo"; "Loving's "Suite"; "Overlook's "Suite."

3 p.m. — The renowned German born conductor Klaus Tennstedt
leads the Chicago Symphony in a program featuring soloist
Vladimir Spivakov, who will perform Mendelssohn's Violin
Concerto in E minor, Opus 64. The following week will be the
"Obertura" by Carl Maria von Weber and Richard Strauss'
dramatic tone poem, "Also Sprach Zarathustra."

TUESDAY, FEB. 18
10 a.m. — Michael Lanster conducts Prokofiev's Concerto No. 1
in C Major, Opus 23, with soloist Byron Jenks; and Bruckner's
Symphony No. 7 in D minor.

8 p.m. — "Monday Night Features" — Alphonso Robert Dawn
will feature the Golden Jubilee Concert of Pianist Joseph Hoffman,
who recorded in the Metropolitan Opera House on Nov. 26, 1937, the
concert marking the 50th anniversary of Hofmann's American
debut. The recording comes from the International Piano Archives.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19
10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. — "Adventures in Good
Music" with host Karl Hase.

Tuesday, Feb. 12 — "Music in the Lincoln Era" — Lincoln's bio-
graphy is honored with a look at the American musical scene of his
time.

Wednesday, Feb. 13 — "Pizzicato" — An illustrative discussion
of picking the string of violin, viola and cello in various known as
pizzicato, with examples chosen from solo and orchestral
literature.

Thursday, Feb. 14 — "The Thing Called Love" — St. Valentine's
Day prompts a discussion of how songs taken from different
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Friday, Feb. 15 — "Slow Starters" — Host explores the
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Saturday, Feb. 16 — "Great National Products" — The observance
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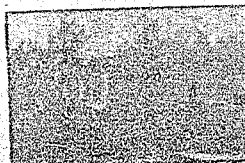
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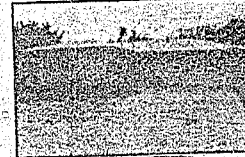
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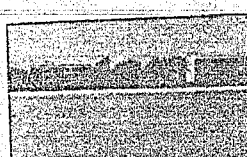
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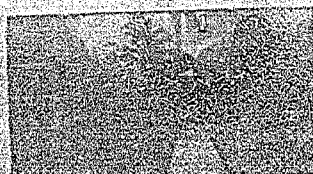
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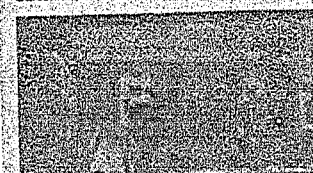
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Canoeing the Everglades

Sanibel women paddle 155 miles in 15 days

"It was primitive, it was tough in places, but we planned it and started and finished it. In that alone we measured ourselves, and were pleased. For 155 miles we were dependent only on ourselves, and although there was pain at times, we endured.

"Most peoples' reaction to the concept ranged from an outright 'You're out of your mind,' to 'Why?' to 'That sounds great but I would never do it.'

"I'm glad I did it."

So wrote Betty Anholt after she and Lucy Fryar completed a 155-mile, 15-day canoe trip through the Florida Everglades from Jan. 3-17.

The reasons the two women left their secure Sanibel homes for two weeks in the wilderness — to

paddle solo canoes an average of more than 10 miles a day from Everglades City to Flamingo, encountering bugs, alligators, alligators and the occasional speeding motorboat — were many.

Ask the two ladies straight out why they made such a trip alone into the vastness of the second largest park in the United States, and their eyes shine. But they have a hard time putting their answer into words.

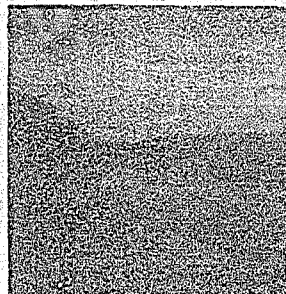
Yes, it was peaceful and quiet, with beautiful scenery and much adventure. But the stories they relate really put the finger on their experience. For instance:

One day in the middle of the trip, Anholt was paddling her 17-foot Grumman aluminum canoe through a narrow segment of the Broad River. Her movements stirred up something in the brush.

Fryar, following in her 15-foot fiberglass canoe, glanced toward the mangrove bank. There, just two canoe lengths away, rising to his feet, was a Florida panther.

"There it was, buff-colored, with the sun striking it and causing its skin to sparkle," Fryar says, the picture permanently sketched in her memory. "He got up and sprang away — leaping and hitting the ground and leaping again. I stood up and kept staring at him. I wanted to see him for as long as I could."

One evening the women were setting up camp on a



Broad, interconnecting river channels such as this one make up the Everglades system.

chickiee platform that squatted above the water. They'd fought a strong current most of the day, but Fryar had still caught three bass. They looked forward to a calm and relaxing dinner.

Then came a commotion by the dock, rocking Fryar's canoe. They dashed to the side of the platform and discovered a shark feasting on the bass string that hung from the canoe's stern. But dinner wasn't completely ruined. Fryar and Anholt salvaged the remaining fish and had it for dinner.

"The bay was covered with ducks. Before we got up this morning we could hear them whirling over. The bay held hundreds, which lifted off the water and landed and sounded like waterfalls. They swirled away in clouds and ribbons in beautiful fashion."

The wildlife — whether something as unusual as the panther, as common as the hundreds of alligators basking in the sun, or as amusing as the otters that popped up like periscopes, checking out the canoes as they slid by — was a major part of the trip.

But so was discovering the scenery. From the wide bays to the narrow rivers, from the grassy prairies to Indian mounds showing some prior habitation, to sand spits on the gulf dotted with palm trees — it was almost as if something different waited around every turn.

"It is a very special trip for anyone who loves the outdoors," Fryar says. "But you have to be secure with yourself. You have to say you're going out there to have a good time and not be afraid or timid."

Anholt and Fryar did not take off without a lot of preparation.

Anholt introduced Fryar to canoeing more than a year ago. They've both paddled extensively through local waters, including one daytrip into the Fakahatchee Strand.

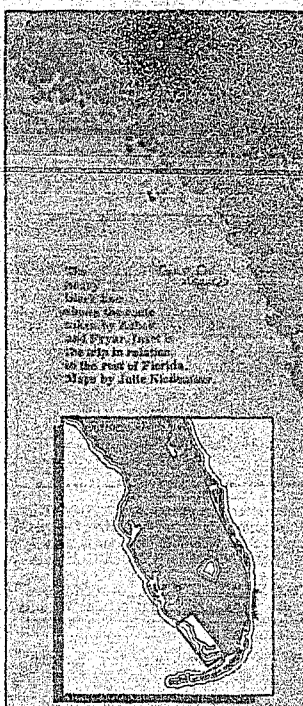
During the Labor Day holiday last year Fryar made a six-day solo canoe trip down the Suwannee River. And just before the Everglades trip the two women paddled through a three-day shake-out cruise in Cayo Costa.

The cruise gave them an idea of what gear they would need for a two-week trip. For the Everglades trip it was recommended that they take a gallon of water each per day. But 30 gallons would have weighed 240 pounds. Instead, they took 16 gallons and used 12½ in two weeks.

They also took a half bushel of oranges, which they finished off in nine days. Other food ranged from canned goods to mixes to sausages to dried and canned fruits.

"We planned our menu as if we were not going to catch any fish," Anholt says. As it turned out, they

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Story by Scott Martell
Photos by Lucy Fryar and Betty Anholt

ON THE WATER

By Captain Mike Fuery

One problem visiting anglers always seem to have to deal with is what to do with the fish they catch the day before returning home.

Of course some air travelers only have a three- or four-hour flight, and I've seen many fish frozen and packed in styrofoam coolers for the trip. This is just fine — as long as you and the cooler don't get separated. Otherwise, you might not want to claim your luggage, if you know what I mean.

On occasion people ask me where they can buy dry ice to preserve their catch. I believe the only area outlet for dry ice is in North Fort Myers, a trip by car that in a season can take longer than it takes to fly to Chicago. And besides, dry ice is efficient but difficult to work with from a safety standpoint.

Not long ago I came across a couple of ideas that seem worth trying if you are concerned with preserving the freshness of your catch for later use. Both suggestions came from a tiny Florida Keys publication called the *Keynote*.

The first type of preservation is called glazing. Here's what the *Keynote* said: "Try glazing your fish before you freeze it. Glazing will help lock flavor and freshness in and tad odors out and will keep the fish looking freshly

caught. Glazing slows the interaction of oxygen with fish fats, which is the major cause of bad odors and flavor.

"Here is all you do: Measure one quarter cup of Key lime juice into a pint container and fill the container with water. Dissolve one package of undavored gelatin into four fluid ounces (one half cup) of lime-water mixture. Heat the remaining liquid until it boils. Stir the dissolved gelatin into the boiling lime-water mixture. Cool to room temperature.

"Dip fish into this cooled mixture, applying the glaze liberally to all surfaces of the fish. Drain the fish, wrap and freeze immediately. Your fish will taste, smell and look as fresh as the day you caught it."

The next method will keep your fish fresh even if you're out on the boat for a couple days or more. Local anglers often make overnight trips into the Gulf of Mexico or down the coast to Marco Island and beyond.

Relying on the freezer aboard a big boat solves many problems — for those few with big boats. But the rest of us have a space problem when it comes to preserving fish. The *Keynote* offered this idea that might help next time you're gone for

a few days:

"If you can't freeze or cook your catch right away, but you want to keep it fresh for up to seven days, try superchilling. Keep fish well frosted and line the bottom of an insulated ice chest with about two inches of crushed ice. Leave the drain open. In a large container mix one pound of coarse ice cream salt with each 20 pounds of crushed ice. Arrange fish and ice in layers.

"Whole fish can be placed in salt-ice layers directly, but filets, steaks and dressed fish should be wrapped in plastic film before being layered. Always keep lid securely on cooler."

Pay very close attention to your fish once they are landed. Some anglers just assume that when the weather is cooler the fish are not in as much danger of spoiling as the summer months.

I put all our fish caught on ice as soon as they are off the hook. There are boats made with live bait wells that can hold a dozen sea trout or redfish with no problem. The fish stay alive and well-preserved right up to the time they are filleted.

Good angling this week. You might experiment with the two ways to preserving fish if you can't eat your catch the same day.



SHELLING TIPS

By Captain Mike Fuery

It's hard to believe certain shells in the world are greatly feared, not for what they can do to man but for what they can do to those things man has built for the water — boats.

We are firmly into the age of fiberglass boats, but in years past owners of wood boats lived with a constant fear of a type of shell that no one ever wanted to collect.

In the days of wood boats this rather attractive shell you might find on our beaches was responsible for thousands of dollars in damage yearly. It is the *martesia*. There are several varieties of *martesia*, but the wedge-shaped *martesia* is most often found around the Islands. A close cousin, the *striate martesia*, is occasionally found here, too.

I recently removed a *martesia* from a piece of driftwood. It was a typical specimen, about half an inch long, light tan or white with an interesting wedge design and small ribs on the outside.

There are all sorts of strange appetites among the shell family. Some eat other shells; some sift microscopic particles from the water. Others, like the shipworm, eat wood.

The *martesia* bores into pilings, boat bottoms or

whatever is made of wood and is available at the time. The one I removed from the trunk of a mangrove tree was one of perhaps 100 other borers that had made the wood look as if it had been shot full of holes.

Over the years boaters, especially commercial vessel owners, have gone to great trouble to find ways to keep the boring worms and *martesia* out of their hulls.

Frequent hauling and cleaning of the boat bottoms was an answer, but that was highly impractical for all but the smaller wood boats.

When a vessel had to sit in saltwater for long periods of time, it was nearly impossible to keep the shipworms or even *martesia* wood borers from causing damage. When enough of the support wood in the vessel was eaten away the boat had to be rebuilt — or even allowed to sink, if damage was extensive enough.

Of course, with the coming of glass building materials for boats, the worrisome burden of always checking for shipworms came to an end.

It's only been about 30 years since fiberglass boats began to replace wood ones. I can remember hauling a sailboat we had once and having one of

the boatyard men joke about a new strain of shipworm that eats plastic!

Those who own wood docks also have cause to worry about the *martesia* wood borers and shipworms. If you can find an old dock around the Islands, look for those tell-tale holes in the wood around the water line. Pressure-treated wood for pilings has helped ease the boring problem in recent years. It is said that shipworms can bore about four inches a month in soft wood!

It's not all bad news, however. After wood such as the mangrove has been attacked by the *martesia* or shipworms, an unusual design is left in the wood. It makes fine backgrounds for the display of other shells. I've seen large stumps cut to allow the placement of a glass table top.

Look over any driftwood you find on the beaches. If it looks as if someone has drilled hundreds of holes in it, you might have found an interesting piece of worm wood. Good shelling this week.

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Sa 16	**6:49 AML	9:34 PMH
Su 17	**8:31 AML	10:23 PMH
M 18	**9:06 AML	11:13 PMH
Tu 19	**7:35 AML	1:51 PMH 5:26 PMH
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ISLANDER SPORTS

By Scott Martell

Sports quiz

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The smell of pine tar on rawhide must be in the air. Baseball trivia experts are coming out of the woodwork.

Jory Dahmer, Dick Traucht, Toby Cudaby, Mark Zeiger, Ted Saterus, "Jimmy the Greek", Richard Canning, calling from Pennsylvania and George Michaels all knew both answers to last week's quiz about baseball.

By answering both questions correctly each received his choice of a free subscription to The Islander, a bottle of wine from the B Five or a Sanibel Lighthouse Centennial poster by Island photographer David Meardon.

All knew that Denny McLain was the Cy Young award twice in the late 1960s. He did so in 1969 and 1970. He was 31-6 with 1.96 ERA in 1969 and won the award with a unanimous vote. In 1969 he was 24-9 with a 2.80 ERA and led the league with nine shutouts and shared the award with the Orioles' Mike Cuellar.

And these same sports' fans also knew the Cincinnati Reds player who hit 52 home runs in 1977 was George Foster. He also knocked in 149 runs while hitting .320. All this added up to give Foster the Most Valuable Player award for 1977. He led the league in homers again in 1978 with 40.

This week we'll try a different sport — bicycling. First: True or false — A man once attained a speed greater than 180 mph on a bicycle. And second: Is bicycling an Olympic sport?

Think you know? Give us a call at 472-5185. This month we continue our policy of awarding prizes to three prizes to those who answer both parts of the quiz correctly. There is a limit of one of each prize per month for a single contest. And remember, we must have your guesses in our office by 5 p.m. Friday.

Sanibel Glass remains undefeated in basketball

Island Medical Clinic anesthetized Sanibel Glass last week, holding the high-scoring team to less than 100 points. Nevertheless, Sanibel Glass won and remains undefeated in the Sanibel Recreation basketball league. Also last week Arnolds and Corner Drug each won dramatic games by only one and two points, respectively.

In the first game of the evening Sanibel Glass won its ninth game in a row, this time over Island Medical Clinic, 89-62.

Then Arnolds and Island Store went head to head. Arnolds' Brian Russell closed the deal on the stars with a 25-foot jumper at the buzzer for a 47-45 victory. Jory Dahmer shot out the lights in the first half with 14 points to keep Arnolds in the game.

In the final game of the evening Corner Drug and South Seas Plantation went down to the wire. South Seas, at the bottom of the league ladder, kept the game with top contender Corner Drug a tight competitive one throughout.

Corner Drug cannot a basket with five seconds remaining in the game for a 62-61 lead. South Seas took this week's games should prove interesting. At 7 p.m. Tuesday Arnolds will try to turn Sanibel Glass back to sand. The biggest game of the night will feature second place Timbers against third place Corner Drug at 8 p.m. The 9 p.m. game will feature Island Medical Clinic against Island Store. South Seas picks up the "bye" victory this week. Timbers picked up the "bye" win last week.

Standings as of Feb. 5 are as follows: Sanibel Glass, 9-4; Arnolds, 8-5; Island Store, 1-6; Corner Drug, 6-3; South Seas, 2-7; Island Medical Clinic, 5-4.

When she can't play rugby...

Pam Schmidt peddles her way to fitness

Pam Schmidt, 27, is the consummate athlete — a bike rider, rugby player, canoe paddler, she rarely runs out of gas. Yet when she did one evening recently, she ended up in a sugarcane field.

Schmidt's main passion is rugby. But to keep in shape for the sport during the winter months, she does a lot of bicycling.

For Schmidt, "a lot of bicycling" meant a five-day adventure across the state to West Palm Beach, south through the Florida Keys to Key West and then a return to Cape Coral.

She made the trip in fine style, averaging 70-80 miles a day, usually spending the night at state parks.

But that first evening she "ran out of gas," and decided to spend the night in a sugarcane field.

"I'm fairly adventurous," she laughs. Other nights were spent at various state parks, including one right on the beach at Long Key State Park.

She made the journey both for the adventure and to keep in shape. She is now helping her folks, Pat and Roger Schmidt of Island Spirits on Captiva, for the winter. But when spring once again warms the frozen ground of her native Minnesota, she will head back north to play rugby with the playoff-bound University of Minnesota women's team.

The team plays in both the fall and the spring. Last fall the women won the Midwest playoffs. This tournament victory sends the team to the National finals in San Francisco later in the spring.

The University of Florida women's team is ranked number one in the country, with Chicago and Iowa ranked second and third. Schmidt's Minnesota team, ranked seventh in the country, had both Chicago and Iowa in the highest stages.

"So this is all very good inspiration for my biking," Schmidt says. She bikes all over the area, including day trips up to Punta Gorda. She also is an avid canoeist.

But the long distance bike trip is one of her biggest achievements to date. And the adventure went very smoothly, even with the sugarcane field episode.

"The weather was always very good on the trip — though it seemed the wind always blew at me instead of behind me," she jokes.

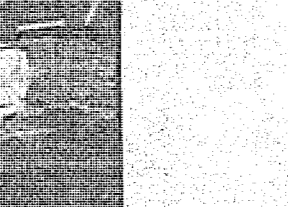
The best part of the adventure was the people she met, Schmidt feels, adding most were pleasant and curious when they saw her with her Raleigh. Record loaded down with camping gear.

"People were very open to me — it was obvious what I was doing," she says. "And maybe they were curious because I was doing something they dream about but might not have the chance to do."

Schmidt did it in the time of more than 400 miles. Her other adventures are in the planning stages.

"The next thing I'd like to do is to paddle my canoe into my 10 1/2-foot canoe and paddle up to Cayo Costa," she says.

Pam Schmidt loads everything she needs on her Raleigh bicycle.



Sanibel Harbour Snowbirds win season's first match

Cold weather up north means no snowbirds down south. And that includes the Sanibel Harbour Snowbirds, formerly the Sanibel Snowbirds, who are now based at the new Jimmy Connors United States Tennis Center.

At present the Sanibel Harbour Snowbirds are composed of members of the Jimmy Connors United States Tennis Center and winter visitors to Sanibel. The team consists of 10 players that form five doubles teams.

Last week the Snowbirds defeated the Landings tennis club, 4-1, in their first outing of the season. Jack Clark and Barry Scallan won their match, 7-5, 6-2. Art Kertz and Hardy Moore won, 7-6, 6-0. Bill Baker and Hank Ridell won, 6-1, 6-2. MIT Levin Island Medical Clinic, 5-4.

SPORTS

Over-50 softball men lose two in a row

Sanibel's over-50 softball men dug themselves into a hole last week, losing two games in the same week for the first time this season.

The team scattered out 16 hits, including five extra base hits, against DoveTail Cabinets on Tuesday but still lost a tough game, 12-9.

Jim Cook led the hitters with a single, double and a home run. Marshall Keyes added a double and a triple. Senny Vaigrier blasted a triple and a tangle. And Allen Nave and Charlie Trauer added two hits each.

The team lost even more steam Thursday. The men scored one single run in each of the seven innings, but that wasn't enough to overcome Glamour Hoops, who won 12-7.

Sanibel's problems lay in extra base hits. But George Brauca contributed with three singles, and Francis Bailey and Senny Vaigrier added two hits each to try to spur the team.

The Sanibel men now sit with a 12-15 record for the season.

Nominate a Sportsman of the Week

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SPORTS

Slammers lead by five games in volleyball

The Sanibel Slammers have gained momentum in the Sanibel Volleyball League and now lead second place Michigan by five full games.

Last week the Slammers blasted the Spikers in three straight games. The Spikers kept close in the first and last games, losing 15-10, 15-11. But in the middle game the Slammers could do no wrong, winning 15-2.

In the other match of the evening the Island Condo Commandos pulled a raid on Michigan, taking two of three games. The Commandos quickly rattled off 15-12, 15-8 wins. And then the Michigan team pulled a counterattack to win the final game, 15-10.

Monday night the Spikers tried to rebound against the Michigan team at 7 p.m. And then the up and coming Island Condo Commandos tried to deflate the Sanibel Slammers in an 8 p.m. game. Results were not available at press time Monday.

The standings in the Sanibel Volleyball League as of Feb. 4 are as follows:
Sanibel Slammers, 17-4
Michigan, 12-5
Island Condo Commandos, 7-14
Capiva Spikers, 6-15

Dunes men's golf

Good weather and a free lunch drew 31 Dunes Men's Golf Association members to compete at a contest for low gross and low net on an individual basis last week. After the competition the men enjoyed a free lunch of hamburgers that matched the sizzling golf action.

In the nine-hole race Hank Trine won low gross honors and Bob Hales took the low net prize. George Lang grabbed the low net and Harry Glaeser nabbed second in that contest.

The winner in the championship flight of the Joan Corcoran Memorial Tournament was Millie Ford, who took the title on the 19th hole. Audrey Terlich forced the playoff with a run during the final round.

Nancy Coen grabbed first place in the first flight, edging out Donna Yaeche by one stroke. Marilyn Lorenson won 5-3 over Martha Kidlow in another close match, this time in the second flight.

Three women followed in a tie for second place: Ruth Manore, Jean Reed and Kay Schneider. Dorothy Ristow won 12 balls donated by golf pro Robby Wilson for closest to the pin on hole number seven. Maggie Hoderick blasted out the longest drive on hole number nine.

Beachview women's golf

The Beachview women played a "Throw Out A Hole" tournament last week. Hole number five went Polly Graves won the A Flight competition, with Herta Howard a close second.

B Flight proved a most competitive group. Louise McFarland shot well through the course — but everytime she looked back there was Bird Rosen. The tie for first place in the flight.

Louise Ristow grabbed the first place handle in C Flight. Three women followed in a tie for second place: Ruth Manore, Jean Reed and Kay Schneider. Dorothy Ristow won 12 balls donated by golf pro Robby Wilson for closest to the pin on hole number seven. Maggie Hoderick blasted out the longest drive on hole number nine.

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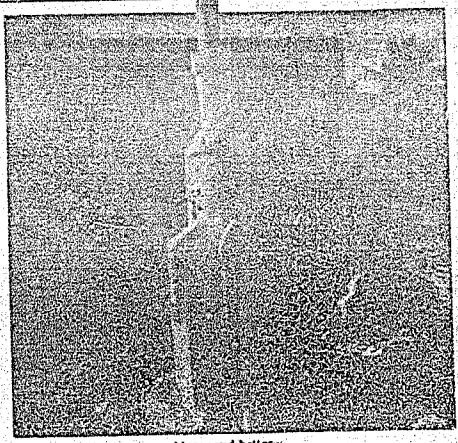
Ohio doctor returns to Island to practice sand castle construction

By Scott Martell
The mark of Zorro was a "Z." The mark of Dr. Masid Shaheen of Canton, Ohio, and Loggerhead Cay condominiums on Sanibel is a bit more complicated.

The architect is back in action on Sanibel this season and is creating a new series of Renaissance-inspired sandcastles. He did the same last year, but this year, Shaheen constructed a sandcastle village.

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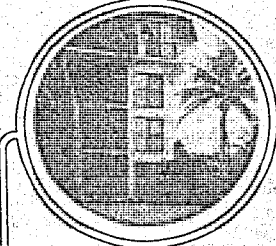
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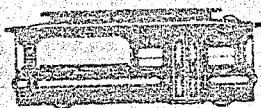
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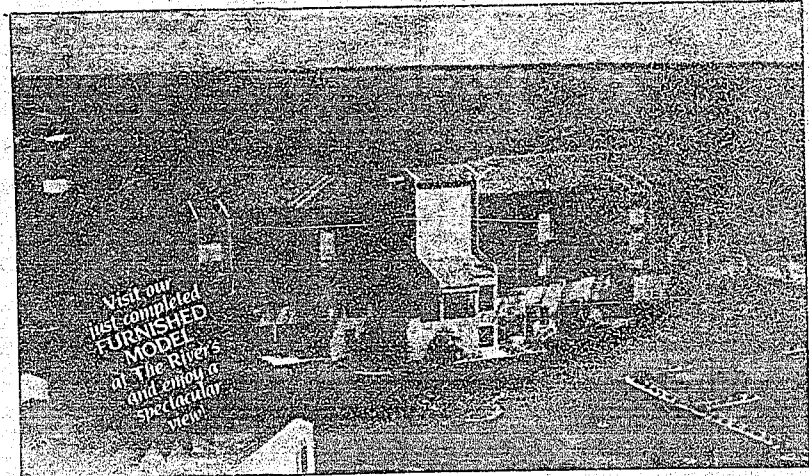
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