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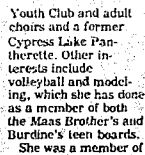
Community news and announcements about your friends and neighbors



Sanibel student receives ECC art scholarship

Kirsten La Croix, daughter of Sanibel residents Diane and David La Croix, has been awarded an art scholarship to Edison Community College.

Kirsten graduates with honors this week from Cypress Lake High School. She is a member of the National Art Honor Society, president of the Teen Club of the Islands, a dancer and teacher of classical ballet, a member of the Sanibel Community Church



Kirsten La Croix

Youth Club and adult choirs and a former Cypress Lake Panhorette. Other interests include volleyball and modeling, which she has done as a member of both the Maas Brother's and Burdine's teen boards.

She was a member of the Cypress Lake Homecoming Queen Court and was first runner-up for prom queen during her senior year.

After working this summer at the Interna-

tional Sports Camp La Moubra in Montana, Switzerland, she will return to Sanibel to continue her art studies at ECC.

Ozzie says: 'You otter save water'

As part of an effort to educate users about conservation of the Islands' valuable water resources, The Island Water Association has enlisted the help of a new spokesman.

He is Ozzie the Otter (his full name is Ozzie Moses) and he has already appeared in the IWA newsletter. There he pointed out the problems caused by the current drought, the planned fire hydrant program for the Islands



as a tourist attraction. Ozzie is the creation of Island artist Pete Smith, who has been responsible for several Island mascots including the Save our Friends raccoon and the Bark of the Islands pelican.

The energetic character complete with raincoat will help increase awareness of the importance of the Islands' water supply with his slogan: "You otter save water."

Vacation Bible school offered for Island youth

Island children from second through sixth grades are invited to Children's Vacation Bible School at St. Isabel Catholic Church the week of June 17-21 and the week of June 24-28. Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to noon in the parish hall at the church on Sanibel-Captiva Road.

No doctrine will be taught, and participants need not be Catholic. The lessons taught by Father Al Mascherano will concentrate on Bible stories and movies.

Register by calling the rectory, 472-2763, from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

20 Years Ago This Week
May 27, 1965
A schedule for the construction of a water plant on Sanibel to serve both Sanibel and Captiva has been

completed. Bids should go out in early October, and construction should begin by Nov. 15. The project should take about five months to complete, according to officials at the Island Water Association.

15 Years Ago This Week
May 29, 1970
Bailey's advertised a dozen eggs for 25 cents, a giant box of Ajax detergent for 39 cents, and t-bone steak for \$1.28 per pound.

Tween Waters Int. advertised a special Memorial Day buffet for \$4.50 featuring prime rib, roast turkey and a lobster, shrimp and crabmeat casserole.

10 Years Ago This Week
May 29, 1975
Claire Walter and Paul Howe have been

Celia Huggins: Incredible Older Islander

Laughter, deep breathing, chiropractic and the right genes. Celia Huggins swears the combination makes each day an exciting opportunity to either learn something new or share something she already knows with someone else.

In Huggins' case the combination adds up to a tireless, invincible, vivacious woman whose activities and energy belie her soon-to-be-63 years.



Celia Huggins at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, where she leads tours, answers questions and does outlandish bits of wisdom to visitors. Photo by Mark Johnson.

In observance of Older Americans Month, each week in May The Islander has featured an extra-active senior citizen. Huggins more than fits the bill.

Although she lives just off the island at Shell Point Village retirement center, Huggins' silver hair, petite frame and carved wood cane are a familiar and favorite sight on the island, particularly at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, where she has been a volunteer for five years.

"I feel it is a big privilege to work here at the conservation center," she says. "Even though I don't live right here on Sanibel, the people have welcomed me. I think it's because I'm so interested in the cause."

Huggins and her husband began visiting Sanibel in 1963, the year after the Causeway opened. Ever since then, Huggins says, she knew she wanted to retire here one day. So after her husband died in South Carolina she packed up and headed further south.

"Sanibel brought me to Shell Point," she says. "I didn't want any of that high-rise retirement stuff. And I wanted to be near younger people."

With her energy and interest in virtually everything around her, Huggins puts many

younger people to shame. Her travels of late have included a photographic safari to Africa with Islander George Campbell and a cruise that began in Athens, Greece, and ended in Miami. Last month she spent a week in the Everglades for a seminar with nature photographer Bill Thomas ("I'd never ridden a swamp buggy before — it was marvelous," she says). And in September she will travel to Maine for another workshop with Thomas.

Last year she went with a group to Crystal River in northern Florida, a favorite gathering spot for manatees, to see the gentle sea cows. "Several people in the group got in the water and swam with the manatees," she says. "I didn't, and now I'm sick over it. I was worried I'd have a heart attack and upset the whole trip for everybody."

"Isn't that something?" she laughs. "I'm no more likely to have a heart attack than most 25-year-olds." In fact, she says she feels better now than she did when she was 40.

Huggins' only equipment for a photographic expedition is her trusty Kodak disc camera. "I don't try to be a fancy photographer," she says. "I go along mainly for the adventure, although I have learned a lot about photography — enough so that now I want a better camera."

To most younger people Huggins' attitude and enthusiasm seem unusually ambitious for one soon to be 63. But Huggins says it's easy to carry on. "I've always been a happy person. It's in my genes."

But she says she did plan for her retirement to ensure her later years could be active and her needs would be met. That, she says, is her main advice to others facing retirement.

"Have a plan for what you are going to do," she says. "And realize that, although it might not seem like it at 65, your age will catch up with you. You need to settle in a place where there are things you enjoy and where those things will not become inaccessible as you grow older."

And as one grows older, she adds almost as an afterthought but in full seriousness, "Don't forget how to chuckle. It just does something good for you inside."

designated as Sanibel's representatives on the Southwest Florida League of Cities. Ten cities form the league that will meet every month.

5 Years Ago This Week
May 21, 1980
Del Pierce, manager at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, and Bill Black, assistant refuge manager, were among the first on the scene when the Sunshine Skyway Bridge in St. Petersburg collapsed earlier this month.

The two were visiting the refuge on Egmont Key at the time and were in the second boat that arrived on the scene.

1 Year Ago This Week
May 20, 1984
After three years as librarian at Sanibel Elementary School, which have capped a 40-year career in the teaching profession, Bertha Mae Shurtie is retiring at the end of this school year.

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Weather watch

Everybody talks about it



This week the weatherman calls for partly cloudy skies over Southwest Florida with highs near 90 and lows in the upper-60s. Isolated evening thunder-showers are predicted.

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

	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Monday, May 20	89	70	0
Tuesday, May 21	90	73	0
Wednesday, May 22	90	75	0
Thursday, May 23	90	75	0
Friday, May 24	89	72	.03
Saturday, May 25	86	73	.17
Sunday, May 26	85	70	0

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COMMENTARY

Committee for Beach Nourishment shares thoughts with Captivans

A copy of the following open letter to Captivans was given to The Islander for publication.

Dear Fellow Captivans:
The June 11 referendum on the beach nourishment project will determine the future of your island. We will either surrender our island and what beaches we have left to the ravages of the sea, or we can finally try to do something about it. It's as simple as that!

A vote for beach nourishment will give Captiva the protection it needs against the hurricanes that periodically strike our island.

A vote for beach nourishment will also give Captiva the recreational beach that has been so long missing from large areas of our island.

Without beach nourishment we will all watch Captiva inexorably disappear into the sea. There will be no secure tomorrow for Captiva. Maybe you don't care, but a lot of us think we can and should do something about our erosion problem — and do it now!

In the Island Reporter dated May 15, 1983, "Captiva gets thinner while Sanibel gets fatter..." Those who built their houses on Captiva are doomed to destruction unless some sort of beach nourishment or other project takes place. What are we waiting for?

If your house or condominium is more than 50 percent destroyed as a result of a hurricane you might not be able to rebuild because of the coastal construction control line. New lines being proposed for Captiva might affect every single structure on the island. What can we do about this? As a start we can lessen our chances of major damage to our homes by the placement of a new beach on the island.

The absence of a protective and recreational beach on the southern half of Captiva and along our common access road affects the value of every piece of property on the island and makes that property difficult to sell. Who wants to live on a tropical island without a beach?

It is the general consensus of realtors on Captiva that completing the beach nourishment

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Although it's been said many times, many ways...

"It won't happen here."
"I've heard it all before."
"I'll stay in my house and will have enough time to get ready before anything happens."

These and similar remarks are all too familiar refrains heard around the Islands this time every year.

June 1 marks the beginning of another six-month hurricane season. And, although it's been said many times, many ways, we reiterate this year: NGW is the time to prepare yourself, your family and your property — just in case.

Over the next few weeks you will be inundated with booklets, hand-outs, maps, television shows and special editions devoted to hurricane preparedness. And if you think the messages they carry are not important now, you could be sorry later.

It has been nearly 25 years since Southwest Florida hit with a full-scale hurricane, and every year that passes without a storm only increases the probability that the next year will bring one.

Much has changed on the Islands since Hurricane Donna in 1960; there are more condominiums, houses, businesses, cars — and people — that will face storm preparation, evacuation and recovery. Being prepared can make a significant difference in the aftermath.

Sanibel has a comprehensive hurricane plan that addresses virtually every aspect of storm preparation and recovery. But that plan is only as good as the understanding the citizens of Sanibel have of its guidelines. Find out what you are supposed to do in a hurricane situation. Get to know your Neighborhood Watch coordinator or zone captain. Plan the steps you will take if and when a hurricane threatens the Islands.

If you think you already know everything there is to know about hurricanes, check again. Then share what you know with a newcomer who might not be so familiar with the procedures.

Beginning next week The Islander will provide weekly tips on various aspects of hurricanes. And later in the summer, as the possibility of a storm strike heightens, we will publish our annual Hurricane Extra.

Don't disregard the messages, booklets, maps and lectures offered to help keep you informed. They contain important information that could save your property and perhaps your life. Read them and pass them along to someone else.

And remember: this could be the year.

Biker's commentary appalls 20-year Islander

The Islander

To The Editor
I was appalled when I read your writer's column on the "Pitfalls of cycling on Sanibel" (Commentary, May 14, 1983). She should have been here 20 years ago when my children had to ride their bikes on the road. Admittedly, the traffic was not as heavy as now, but the dangers were the same.

As to vehicles "barrelling blindly through an intersection" — what about the cyclists who pedal across an intersection without stopping even though there is a stop sign just for them?

And the pine needles — should we cut down all the pines just so she can have a clean path? The city does sweep and wash the bike path periodically. Then we'll stop the rains so there won't be any lakes. I would certainly object if the city used my tax money for drains for the bike path.

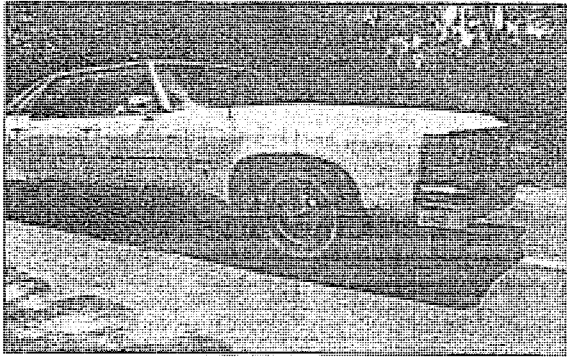
She should be grateful that there is a path at all. It was a struggle in the beginning to get the path started, which was done strictly by donations from the citizens. It wasn't until later that public funds became available.

The path is in the only place it can be unless she would prefer to ride in the swamp. I agree that the path is not the safest in the world, but bikers should drive defensively — same as motorists.

I would suggest your writer expend her composing energies and the power of the press on educating bikers on the laws of the road whenever they have to use them — on stopping at stop signs, not acting like they have the right of way when they have to cross a road, and using hand signals.

She should visit all bike rental shops and suggest that they give a booklet of rules to all who rent bikes and have the renters sign an affidavit saying they read the rules and will abide by them. Then, perhaps, she should go to the police station and suggest that they fine all cyclists who break the rules. Then there might be enough money to build a bike path to your writer's liking — if there's enough room left on the island, that is.

Sincerely,
G.E. Webb
Sanibel



This week's thoughtless driver of the week was more lost than he was thoughtless. He was caught driving down the bikepath after turning off Periwinkle Way onto Tarpon Bay Road. He turned directly onto the Tarpon Bay bike path, followed the bike path for about 100 yards and then turned into the exit drive for the Sanibel Post Office.

A possible solution to problems like this one would be clearer marking of the paths themselves, such as bigger signs indicating that these narrow strips of pavement are meant for bicycles only and are not intended to be used for passing lanes or convenient parking spots.

Moving?

At least two weeks before you move please notify The Islander, Box 54, Sanibel, FL 33957 (727-2110) of your new address. Send us an old address label with your new address. If you don't have a label from the paper, please supply both your old and new address either by phone or by mail.

Something to say?

All letters submitted to The Islander for publication must contain the sender's name, address and phone number for verification. However, you can request that your name not be published.

Need more Islanders?

Extra copies of specific issues of The Islander mailed at the reader's request cost \$1.25 each to cover postage and handling.

COMMENTARY

County commissioner responds to request from Island resident

Sanibel resident Anthony Jordan recently appealed to Lee County Commissioner Porter Goss to remove the reference to "Negro Head" from Lee County maps. The name referred to a point of land in the county. The following is Goss' reply to Jordan.

Dear Mr. Jordan: Per your request, and with unanimous board support, I asked the staff to delete reference to "Negro Head" from Lee County maps. Action was taken at the May 8 commission meeting. Staff was also directed to cor-

respond with other mapping agencies to advise them of this change. Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,
Porter Goss
County Commissioner

State legislative action proves

'aroused public can move mountains'

To the Editor

The Islander

My thanks to everyone who responded to my calls and wrote letters to the chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee urging that House Bill 711 be passed out of his committee. As of May 23 HB 711 has been passed by the full House of Representatives and moves to the Senate for approval.

You have proved again that an aroused public can move mountains.

If this bill moves on to become law it will be because the residents of Sanibel had the interest and

concern to make those concerns known to the legislators.

The members of the Southwest Florida Legislative Delegation, particularly Rep. Fred Dudley, who guided the bill through the legislative system of committee hearings, deserve a vote of appreciation.

I had been forewarned that the bill was in trouble and called Rep. Dudley's office in Tallahassee for advice. As a result I initiated the letter-writing campaign and called on Mayor Fred Vaitin for help.

One thing I have learned as an officer of the Florida League of Anglers — if there is any bill in

Poem expresses thanks for gifts from the sea

Sea Treasure

Do you see this little shell
Formed so perfect and complete?
It was washed ashore this minute
And lays there at my feet.
I buy it gently in my hand
To get a closer look
I'm not sure what kind it is
I shall have to get my book.
I found the sketch, page twenty nine
Would you like to know its name?
It is a lovely hermit crab
I thank the sea from which it came.

Marilyn Luebbert
Holiday, Fla.

CEPD commissioner is confused by 'Captivans Against Referendum'

To the Editor

The Islander

I am a little confused as to the position of the "Captivans Against Referendum" in regard to the beach nourishment proposal of the Captiva Erosion Prevention District. I could conclude from their literature that they are not against the beach nourishment project but merely against the economic apportionment plan set forth as a means of financing the plan. I could also just as easily conclude that the "Captivans Against Referendum" are attacking the economic apportionment plan to hide their real intention

of defeating the beach nourishment project.

I call upon the "Captivans Against Referendum" to spell out their position on beach nourishment for all to see! Beach nourishment is the real issue of the June 11 referendum, not the economic apportionment.

It saddens me that despite many years of study and effort put into Captiva's erosion problem that there is so much vocal opposition to the beach nourishment project. I am concerned about the total lack of care for the future of Captiva Island. With many it might be just a matter of wishful

thinking that the problem will just go away.

The CEPD might go out of business, as many wish, but the erosion problem will not disappear. It can only get worse. Each year we avoid facing the unpleasantness of our erosion problem the dangers we face multiply. No person who has dwelled any length of time on Captiva can deny that.

It is fair to point out that every commissioner who has sat on the board of the CEPD over the past half dozen years has, at least as a matter of record, supported beach nourishment as the only cost effective way of pro-

viding Captiva with immediate, substantial protection against a raging sea. What opposition that has existed on the board of the CEPD to the nourishment project has always, at least on the surface, centered on the financial aspect of the project.

If this is also the objection of the "Captivans Against Referendum" to the June 11 proposal, it is a shame that they have waited until this late date to decide the economic apportionment plan is "arbitrary, confiscatory and discriminatory." The economic apportionment plan is the only cost effective way of pro-

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Taking it to the streets

Despite a Memorial Day-off on Monday, May 27, the day on which Americans honor servicemen who gave their lives in war is officially this Thursday, May 30.

Last week we asked several people on the island what Memorial Day means to them and what they think about on the holiday.



Capt. Bob Evans

"I think of my father, who was at Pearl Harbor and fought the war in the Pacific and also served in Korea and Vietnam. And, as a Marine Corp reserve captain myself, I think of being in the position of having to lead 170 young men in a war. Memorial Day is a time for everyone to really think about those who have given their lives for what we have today."



Al Hele

"It means to me a day to be particularly patriotic about our country, to honor those who founded the country and to honor all those who fought in our wars."



Jim Smith

"It means very little to me — particularly at my age. I'm retired so it's not even a holiday for me."



Bob Vardal

"I think about how it's changed. When we celebrated the day when I was a kid I remember bands, people dressed up in uniforms, the VFW and American Legion. The day was really a memorial to all those who gave their lives in all wars. Now it seems to be treated as just another holiday, and the memorial part seems less important."



William Rivera

"For me it's a day for remembering all those who you've loved in your life — all those people who are most important to you."



Ioul Martorelli

"I think of it as a day to honor our war dead, a day to be dedicated to country and flag and heroes. It's a day for a general memorial."



MUNICIPAL RECORDS

By Barbara Brundage

Hearing continued on request for Gulf Ridge security gate

The public hearing and second reading of the Gulf Ridge Property Owners Association request for a specific amendment to permit an electronic security gate across the entrance road to the golf-front subdivision has been continued to Oct. 4.

The City Council voted 4-0 to comply with association president Nina Wilson's request for a continuance.

Neither she nor a representative of the owners could attend last Tuesday's meeting, the council learned.

At the first council hearing in April Assistant Sanibel Fire Chief Charles Frederick expressed concern about the impact a mechanical gate would have on the response time for emergency vehicles answering calls from the area.

Although the association has agreed to supply the card needed to open the gate to 39 Sanibel Fire Central District personnel, Frederick was worried about liability if a card were lost or stolen or what would happen if the gate malfunctioned.

Frederick said between October 1980 and April 1985 the SPCD responded to 20 alarms in Gulf Ridge. Automatic alarms accounted for 13, one was a fire investigation, one for electrical wires down, four were medically related and one was for a minor brush fire, he said.

In response to Frederick's questions, Sanibel Police Chief John Butler suggested the best solution would be to have a guard instead of a gate or to post a guard at a gate—similar to that at South Seas Plantation.

"An unmanned gate will certainly slow response times," Butler said, adding if other subdivisions follow suit a major problem in response time would result.

Single-family home okayed for lots in Sanibel Harbours

The City Council gave speedy approval last Tuesday to Ged Carrington's request for a specific amendment that will permit construction of a single-family home on Lot 21 and a portion of Lot 22 in Sanibel Harbours subdivision.

Another specific amendment, initiated by the city, to permit a single-family home on the remaining portion of Lot 22 combined with Lot 23 is still pending. Lot 23 is owned by Robert Mary Jo Kirkpatrick.

A condition of this amendment is that Lot R, which is designated in the original subdivision plat for future use for a canal, will have zero density.

Under the land use plan only one single-family home was permitted on Lots 21, 22 and 23, which were held in common ownership when CLUP was adopted in July 1976.

Coming up at City Hall

A listing of upcoming City Council and Planning Commission meetings

Tuesday, June 4, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. — Regular meeting of the City Council.

Thursday, June 6, MacKenzie Hall — Special meeting of the City Council with members of the Lee County Mosquito Control Board following an inspection of the Bowman's Beach heliport beginning at 11:15 a.m. 1:30 p.m. — Regular meeting of the Vegetation Committee.

Judge rules in favor of condo in lawsuit against the city

Lee Circuit Court Judge James Thompson has ruled in favor of the Sand Pointe Condominium Association in a lawsuit against the city. The suit challenged a Sanibel ordinance that restricts the right to rent condominiums for periods of less than 30 days to owners of "units of high impact."

Sand Pointe condominiums do not have the 7,500 square feet of open space for each unit to qualify for the unit of high impact designation.

The plaintiff argued that the ordinance was invalid because the city did not provide the proper public notice when the ordinance was adopted. Thompson agreed.

City Attorney David La Croix told the City Council last week the judge is clearly wrong.

Under state statutes if a land use ordinance affects 5 percent or less of the city's land area, notices of public hearings must be mailed to each property owner affected, La Croix said.

When more than 5 percent of the land area is affected newspaper advertising of the hearings is considered proper notice, he added.

Because the 1978 ordinance relating to resort housing, units of high impact and open space requirements affected not only resort housing units but multi- and single-family property as well, advertising the hearings in Island newspapers was sufficient notice, La Croix maintained.

Thompson's was a very narrow interpretation of the statute which in itself is ambiguous, and is literally wrong, La Croix added.

The council followed La Croix's recommendation and authorized him to appeal the decision.

Sand Pointe condominium owners were cited for violation of the ordinance because they rented their units for periods of less than 30 days.

A condition of approval of the development permit when the condominium was built was that the units could be rented for no less than 30 days.

This restriction was incorporated in the condominium documents. Later the owners voted to delete this restriction to permit weekly rentals.

In late 1983 the condominium association attempted to qualify as units of high impact by a bid to annex additional property down Gulf Drive from the complex to meet the open space requirements.

When it appeared the council would deny the specific amendment required, attorney William Haverfield asked that Sand Pointe's request be withdrawn.

But the council opted to take action and on Dec. 20, 1983, denied the amendment by unanimous vote.

A week later Haverfield filed the suit on behalf of Sand Pointe owners in Lee County Circuit Court.

Advertisement notices, he added.

Advertisements have been placed in Island and area newspapers, Rogers said. An applicant must have a high school diploma and three years experience in the application of land use and zoning developments or in an architect, engineer or land development office.

The council also approved hiring a part-time risk management advisor to oversee the city's insurance program.

Alynn McKinney, risk manager/safety officer for the city of Cape Coral, will be retained for a \$1,000/month fee on a when-needed basis, City Manager Gary Price informed the council last Tuesday.

Planning Department reorganization gains endorsement

The reorganization of the Planning Department and the creation of two new positions has won City Council approval.

Planning Director Bruce Rogers assured the council that the addition of a senior planner and a planning technician would not increase the personnel and in fact would decrease the department's personnel services cost.

The senior planner working under Rogers' general direction will be responsible for administering the practical application of the land use plan and other departmental and city rules.

The position is in grade 26 of the city's Personnel Management System and has an annual salary ranging from \$22,618 to \$32,796.

Rogers said this position will be filled by promotion and indicated veteran planner Jean Isley will fill the position.

The technician will work under Isley's supervision and perform technical work required for the administration of the city's land development and zoning codes.

The job is in pay grade 20 and has a salary range from \$16,897 to \$23,968.

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Unanimous vote sends proposed ordinance to county, regional, state agencies

Although City Council members expressed some reservations about its scope, they sent an ordinance generally amending the Outdoor Displays section of the land use plan on its way last week for review and comment by county, regional and state planning agencies.

If approved, the ordinance will require all merchandise and goods for sale or rent to be displayed only within structures enclosed with walls.

Gasoline, live plants, live bait, ice, boats and automobiles will be permitted outside as well as displays in connection with city-licensed special events and private garage sales.

Councilman Francis Daley called the ordinance that aims to outlaw T-shirts and other merchandise hanging outside retail shops "too intrusive and too restrictive."

Peter Burns, father of the owner of the Island Moped, called the ordinance "patently unfair and discriminatory."

"Why exempt autos and not bicycles?" he asked the council, adding, "It will be impossible for us to do business without outdoor storage."

City Attorney David La Croix said existing businesses could get a development permit to screen or landscape outdoor displays. La Croix pointed out that the council could make additional exemptions when the ordinance is considered on first and second readings.

Councilman Louise Johnson said she knew of rental shops on Martha's Vineyard and Cape Cod that stored their bikes inside.

Johnson said she would support forwarding the ordinance to the planning agencies, adding, "We do need some changes in the T-shirt displays." Her motion to transmit the document for review passed by a 4-0 vote.

The general amendment will change the outdoor displays section of the city's Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

"It will open up a lot of problems," he said. "We should be careful we don't throw the baby out with the bath water."

If the ordinance is adopted as currently drafted it will require the Island Moped to store all of its 500 bicycles and 75 mopeds indoors.

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"Why exempt autos and not bicycles?" he asked the council, adding, "It will be impossible for us to do business without outdoor storage."

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Councilman Louise Johnson said she knew of rental shops on Martha's Vineyard and Cape Cod that stored their bikes inside.

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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

City's all hazard plan receives approval just in time for 1985 hurricane season

Sanibel's Emergency Management All Hazard Plan has been completed and last Tuesday received the City Council's seal of approval.

Sgt. Jack Primm, emergency management plan coordinator, accepted kudos from council members for a "job well done."

The city's hurricane season and hazard mitigation plan, fine-tuned in time for the 1984 hurricane season, has been incorporated in the overall plan that addresses disasters other than hurricanes, Primm said.

In response to a question from Councilman Louise Johnson on whether Red Cross shelters would be established on Sanibel, Primm said those refuges are only on the mainland.

However, he said the city is looking into the feasibility of designating shelters that would be available during disasters that are not island-wide.

In preparation for the 1985 hurricane season that begins June 1 the council appointed five emergency notification captains. They are: James Pflieger for Zone 1; Gordon Tracey, Zone 2; Allan Bettens, Zone 3; James Herman, Zone 4; and Helen Thomas, Zone 5.

City Manager Gary Price said Fire Chief Fred Benz will be in charge of medical services and William Brott of Cablevision of the Islands will assist with public communications and installation of the storm panels at City Hall. Ward McKee and David Bowers

will work with Brott coordinating Cablevision participation. Abe Lerner, president of Friends in Service Here, will assist in the evacuation of the handicapped and disabled. Will Flatow of CASI will assist in communications with multi-family complexes, and Nancy Frost of WJCC-FM will assist in public radio communications.

The council also approved the renewal of an agreement with "Ty" Tysar, dockmaster at St. James City on Pine Island, to provide heavy equipment including a tugboat and barge for emergency transportation in the event the Causeway is damaged or destroyed in a storm.

Marvin Post gets time to pursue his dream of building on Sanibel

Emotional upheavals in his personal life and a bout with insecticide poisoning temporarily robbed Marvin Post of his zeal in pursuing his dream to have home on Sanibel. Post told the City Council last week.

Post, who is blind, appeared at City Hall accompanied by a seeing eye dog to explain why he failed to renew his development and building permits when they expired last November. He wanted to appeal the council's decision

to repeal a specific amendment that made his property in Sanibel Gardens subdivision "buildable."

Post's problems were compounded when a loan fell through and he lost the financial support from his wife, he said. "I didn't know where to turn," he said. "I was at my wit's end."

"But things are on the upturn now, and the desire to build on Sanibel has not left me," he assured the council. Mayor Fred Valtin said when Post

did not respond to Planning Department inquiries about his plans he feared the property would be sold.

"You know approval of the specific amendment making your land buildable was based on compassion," Valtin reminded Post.

Post was surprised to learn his ROGO allocation had also expired, but he was relieved when he learned proposed changes in the process will make it easier to obtain an allocation

Casablanca condominiums unanimously approved, can be rented only for 28 days or longer

Division of the nine-unit Casablanca apartments into nine condominiums was approved by a 4-0 vote of the City Council last week.

Architect Roland Stout, representing Damex Corporation, which is giving the long-time resort complex a facelift, emphasized that there would be no increase in density, only a change in the type of ownership of the resort.

Stout said the revised plans that delete the addition of a cabana answered all the staff concerns. The cabana has been deemed unnecessary.

Apartments that were grandfathered in as a resort housing use will no longer be rented on a short-term basis, he said.

Stout agreed to the council's condition that the condominium documents will reflect that the units can be rented only for periods of 28 days or longer.

Councilman Louise Johnson's motion to approve with this condition passed by a 4-0 vote. Councilman Mike Klein was absent.

He said he expected to be able to begin construction in five or six months.

It was council consensus that on June 18 the second reading of the ordinance to repeal Post's specific amendment would be continued for six months to Nov. 19.

"We're giving you time and a chance to follow through on your dream," Valtin told Post.

7,000 pounds of litter gathered Despite the holiday weekend, Island clean-up day deemed 'SOARing' success



Above: City Councilman Mike Klein used a pulsed stick to get to the litter deep in the bushes along Periwinkle Way. Below: Scott Martelli filled several bags along Casa Ybel Road.



Above: Lloya Kyilo did a lot of stooping during the morning clean-up. Right: City Councilman Louise Johnson pitched in, too.



Above: City employee Ed Koch passes filled bags to Thelma Hilton, left, and Eileen Joy, right. Hilton and Joy were standing in



by Scott Martelli
More than 50 Islanders pitched in Saturday for the Island's annual Project SOAR and gathered more than 7,000 pounds of litter from Sanibel's roadides.

Project SOAR — Save Our American Resources — is a nationwide litter pick-up program that began in 1970. The Sanibel-Captiva scouting organizations have promoted this Island-wide clean-up five times in the past seven years. This year the group gathered litter from 30 miles of the Island's major roads — and from those notoriously litter-prone such as Casa Ybel Road, Dixie Beach Boulevard, Bailey Road and Sanibel-Captiva Road.

"When there's a long stretch of road with nothing but trees, that's when it seems to be time to toss something out of cars," said project organizer Ron Sebald.

In fact, such dastardly deeds happened right in front of volunteers last week.

One woman driving a brown hatchback (Florida license plate SNB 869 or 879) drove by a volunteer and tossed a can at her. To make matters more pathetic, the driver had two children with her.

But while those who litter are pretty disgusting, there are also some great people who participate in a project such as SOAR.

Groups heavily represented in the clean-up Saturday included the city of Sanibel (council representatives and city employees), the American Business Women's Association and The Islander.

These groups and others found everything from engine blocks to full cans of beer to a full can of air freshener.

The most common litter was undoubtedly aluminum cans — which once again points to the need for a Florida bottle bill, which appears to have once again been put on hold.

After the clean-up, the volunteers congregated at the Sanibel Elementary School for a picnic supplied by Joe Scarrino of Mike's Hot Dogs.

When the sun set Saturday evening, the Island was relatively litter-free — the way it should be. But by Monday after the holiday weekend no doubt bottles and papers strewn along the roadside became visible again.

Litter is an ongoing problem. We must continue to tackle the roots of the problem by lobbying for a state-wide bottle bill, by changing the way people think about litter and by promoting and participating in future Project SOARs.

Left: After a couple of hours of non-stop, dirty, back-breaking work Joan Simonds both needed and deserved the refreshments that were served to all Project SOAR workers at the school. Photos by Mark Johnson.

MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Sharing of \$75,800 bill will promote better relations between city and IWA

In the interest of fostering better relationships in the future, the City Council has agreed to split with the Island Water Association the \$75,800 cost of relocating water distribution lines along Periwinkle Way.

The lines had to be moved before the bike path and drainage improvement project on Periwinkle Way could begin.

The city contracted and paid for the work when IWA refused. But a state statute requires utilities to move at their own expense any lines that interfere with improvement of public roads.

In a court action initiated by the city, a declaratory judgment made IWA subject to the

state statute and liable for such relocations. Councilman Frank Balsey called the city's sharing the cost with IWA an "A number one, super" idea.

"The IWA is you and me, and so is the city. It will be paid by the same people," Balsey said, adding, "This is a step toward better relations."

IWA has already sent the city a check for its half of the cost, City Manager Gary Price told the council.

The council agreed that cooperation was the best route to take and approved a resolution to share the cost. The document contained 17 "whereas" detailing

IWA's liability and identifying the council's position as pouring oil on troubled waters.

To avoid a recurrence of the problem the council passed a resolution authorizing the city manager to notify IWA that waterlines in the public right-of-way along Rabbit Road will interfere with the city's upcoming road and drainage improvement project.

Howard Needles, Tammen and Bergendoff, city engineers, reported on May 20 that the IWA lines located within 0.5 feet of the proposed drainage structures will prevent construction of the paved surface of Rabbit Road to the grade level proposed.

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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Specific amendment requests receive council blessings

Recognizing Cyril Rubin's need for a daily swim as therapy for her back problems, the City Council last week approved a specific amendment permitting installation of a 10x20 swimming pool at Rubin's boy front house. The pool will encroach 13 feet into the bay beach ecological zone.

Rubin originally requested a 15x20 foot pool but agreed to the council's compromise proposal to cut the width five feet to reduce the encroachment.

Rubin also agreed to remove a concrete walkway at the rear of the house to keep the impermeable coverage of the site in compliance with CLUT regulations.

Councilman Bill Hagerup, though philosophically opposed to permitting encroachments into the bay beach zone, said he would let his heart rule in this case and supported Rubin's request.

Councilman Louise Johnson, saying though she was sympathetic to Rubin's medical needs, could not go along with the encroachment. She was the dissenter in the 3-1 vote to approve the specific amendment. Councilman Mike Klein was absent.

Without discussion the council unanimously approved a specific amendment requested by James O. Evans to permit the roof overhang of a building at the new Timbers Court complex on Rabbit Road to encroach into the 20-foot setback from the rear property line.

City accepts right-of-ways as conditions of development permits

Quit claim deeds for dedications of public rights-of-way from Dennis Dahlmann, and Elsie M. Malone were accepted by the City Council last Tuesday.

Dahlmann donated land along Dixie Beach Boulevard as a condition of a development permit for the remodeling of the Heart of the Island shopping center.

Dahlmann objected to another condition of his permit that required him to provide the city with a

The staff pointed out at the first hearing that the roof eave is 13 feet above the adjacent bicycle path and would not create a problem.

The council also gave the go-ahead to another major encroachment into the road and canal setbacks by a single-family home in Caloosa Shores subdivision.

Contractor Bill Hennessey, who submitted the specific amendment request for Richard Adams, was not present at last Tuesday's hearing. But the council voted 4-0 to permit the house to be sited 45 feet from the centerline of the road and 17 feet from the canal.

Nor did the council have any problem approving roofing over a storage shed at the Island Water Association's Sambil-Captiva Road facility that will exceed the impermeable coverage permitted on the site.

The specific amendment submitted by Richard Derowitsch for IWA was approved by a 4-0 vote.

A specific amendment to permit a garage and kitchen addition to a Lighthouse Way home to encroach into the bay beach ecological zone was withdrawn by the applicant, Mrs. Rex Moon, three hours before scheduled first reading last Tuesday. On April 23 the Planning Commission had voted 5-0 to recommend council denial of Moon's request.

25-foot construction easement on Periwinkle Way in front of the center. Such a construction easement would encroach on the parking area at the center. The council agreed that was an unreasonable request and voted to delete the condition from the development permit.

The Malone's dedication of an additional 24-foot strip of land along Periwinkle Way was a condition of a development permit to subdivide the property that includes the Elsie Malone Plaza.

Johnson casts dissenting vote on exemption from rental rule

Robert Batey has rented his three-bedroom home on Seagrape Lane for periods of less than a month since he acquired the property in 1972.

Last week the City Council granted him exemption from the ordinance that bans short-term rentals in areas outside the resort housing zone after Oct. 1. The council action will permit Batey to continue short-term rentals.

Batey held an occupational license for the rental

The council has placed all homeowners on notice that appeals for exemption from the resort housing use ban will not be considered after Sept. 17.

property from 1976 through 1981. Code Enforcement Officer Dick Baker reported. But no license was issued from 1981 until last November, he added.

City Attorney David La Croix said failure to pay the tax for that period would not deprive Batey's property of the lawfully existing use status that makes it eligible for exemption.

Councilman Bill Hagerup's motion to approve included the provision that Batey pay the occupational tax for three years plus penalties.

Councilman Louise Johnson, who has consistently opposed allowing resort housing use in residential areas, was the dissenter in the 3-1 vote. Councilman Mike Klein was absent.

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Representative predicts 'smooth sailing' for bill that bans canal fishing

By Barbara Brandage

Last ditch action by Sanibel Mayor Fred Valtin and state Rep. Fred Dudley paved the way for Florida House of Representatives approval last Thursday of a bill that will ban commercial fishing in the island's saltwater canals.

From here on in it should be smooth sailing, Dudley informed Valtin after the House vote.

Senate approval should be a "routine matter," Dudley said. "And there is no reason to believe Gov. Graham will not sign it into law."

Alerted by Dudley 10 days ago that House Bill 711 might be stalled in the House Natural Resources Committee, Valtin flew to Tallahassee.

The committee meeting on the morning of May 20 was the last scheduled for this session of the Legislature, and Dudley said that Chairman James Ward, who comes from a strong commercial fishing

area, had determined that several bills closing access to commercial fishing would not be heard this year.

But after Valtin and Dudley lobbied the 17 members of the committee, Ward had a change of heart and opened discussion on Sanibel's bill just 10 minutes before the meeting was scheduled to adjourn.

The committee voted 13-4 in favor of bringing the bill to a vote of the full House, Valtin reported to the City Council last week.

The council asked Dudley to sponsor the legislation, considered critical for the preservation of the island's important natural resources and for its long term economic viability.

The same bill failed to pass the Legislature two years ago, but the council was encouraged to try again after laws were enacted banning canal fishing

in Cape Coral and Pine Island. Sanibel residents objected to commercial net fishing for mullet in inland canals because it depleted these waters of snook and redfish.

While in Tallahassee Valtin checked on the status of two other bills of special importance to Sanibel.

A bill authorizing a 2 percent tax on real estate sales applicable on barrier islands that have programs for land preservation is dead for this session, Valtin learned from its sponsor, Sen. Frank Mann.

"It was just too complicated and the real estate lobby too strong," Mann said.

The "bottle bill" that would have banned throwaways and required deposits on all bottle returns made some progress, Valtin said.

Sponsors of several bills got together and established a study group to bring legislation back in the 1986 legislative session, he added.

MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Developer earns exemption from paving requirement for Las Tiendas Lane

Developer Douglas Speirn-Smith was only following the advice of the City Council when he filed a specific amendment to exempt him from paving a portion of Las Tiendas Lane. The lane will serve a six-lot subdivision Speirn-Smith is developing off Periwinkle Way.

CLUT requires that publicly-owned streets in subdivisions must be paved to city standards. Last year the council turned down Speirn-Smith's request for the city to vacate the 250-foot public right-of-way (the east-west strip of Las Tiendas Lane) to allow him to improve the road with a shell

surface that would be compatible with other streets in the neighborhood.

At that time the council recommended that Speirn-Smith seek a specific amendment exempting him from the paving requirement.

In March the Planning Commission recommended council denial of that request because it would cost the city more to maintain a shell road than a paved road.

Last Tuesday the council, in view of the encouragement given Speirn-Smith to follow this route, voted 4-0 to allow a shell road.

At an earlier hearing Speirn-Smith indicated he would be willing to include in the deeds for the six lots a provision that the owners bear the cost of maintaining the shell road.

Councilman Bill Hagerup suggested that as a condition of approval the developer should be asked to make a donation to the city to cover the cost of the road maintenance for a designated period of time.

Speirn-Smith was not present last Tuesday, but Mayor Fred Valtin pointed out that such a constraint would not be legally enforceable.



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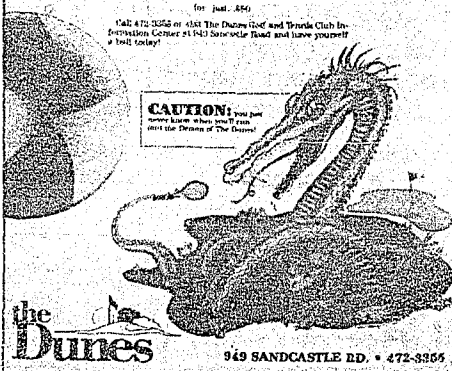
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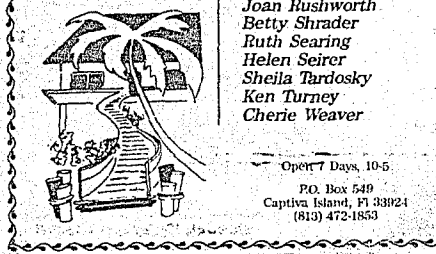
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OBITUARIES

Elizabeth McMurtry

Elizabeth McMurtry, 72, of Sanibel died Thursday, May 21, 1985. Originally from Pittsburgh, Penn., she lived in Camp Hill, Penn., for 11 years before coming to Sanibel in 1970.

She was a member of the Sanibel Community Church and was active in the Sanibel Public Library and Guild.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph, of Sanibel; two sons, Joseph of Clearwater, Fla., and Richard of Berkeley, Calif.; and grandchildren Brian, Jacob and Claire.

A memorial service was held at Sanibel Community Church on Sunday, May 26.

Alfred Wittman

Alfred Wittman, a writer resident of Sanibel, died Tuesday, May 21, 1985, at the Fort Myers Care Center. He had been coming to the island for seven years from Orleans, Mass., and was a member of First Baptist Church of Sanibel.

Survivors are his wife, Jean Wittman, and daughter, April, both of Sanibel; a son, Jeffrey of Haikue, Maui, Hawaii; two sisters, Lois Wittman of Orleans, Mass., and Vera Tuttle of Tacoma, Wash., and one aunt, Rose Wittman of Brooklyn, N.Y.

He was a retired foreman from the Commonwealth Electric Company in Hyannis, Mass.

Memorial services were held at the First Baptist Church of Sanibel on Wednesday, May 22. Pastor Jamie Stilson officiated. The family asks that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions be made to the Morris Missionary Fund, c/o the First Baptist Church of Sanibel.

WEDDING

Rowan-Harmond

Misty Rowan and Richard Harmond were married in a sunset ceremony at their home in Fort Myers on Friday, May 24, 1985.

The bride, who is office manager of the rental division at Sanibel Realty, is the daughter of Theresa Flynn and the late Bill Flynn.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cortland of New York. He is employed by West Coast Excavation of Englewood, Fla., and is a graduate of the Cornell School of Agriculture.

George Nicol gave the bride away. Judith Michie was matron of honor, and Christie Burk was the best man. The reception was hosted by Mrs. Vernon Twyford of Boca Raton and Mrs. Herbert Taylor of Fort Myers.

A fall honeymoon to the Shenandoah Valley is planned. The couple will make their home in Fort Myers and Virginia.

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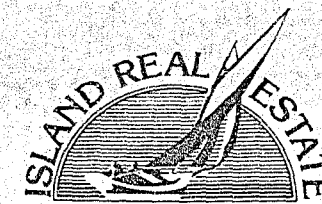
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BUSINESS NEWS

By Scott Martell

Gillies joins marketing firm as public relations director

Amy Gravina Marketing and Public Relations has added a third full-time employee to its staff. Carmie Gillies, former public relations director for Marquis Hotels and Resorts, is the new public relations manager for the Gravina firm.

Gillies will be responsible for handling a variety of the firm's accounts.

Gillies graduated Magna Cum Laude from Florida State University with a bachelor of arts degree



in communications. She is the secretary of the newly formed Southwest Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association.

Naumann announces warranty plan

Mike Tabeaux, director of sales for John Naumann and Associates, Inc., announced this week his firm has become a member of Homeowners Marketing Services, Inc.

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Marquis appoints central reservations manager

Kirstin Wilson has been named central reservations manager for Marquis Hotels and Resorts. The announcement was made last week by Loraine Matron, executive vice president of the hospitality management company.

Wilson will supervise a staff of three agents who book accommodations for the 13 resorts managed by Marquis.

For the past four years she has worked for Mariner Properties, Inc. in contract administration, sales, marketing and reservations positions. A Fort Myers resident for 11 years, she attended Edison Community College and holds her Florida real estate sales license.



Building permits for the following construction projects on Sanibel were issued during the week that ended Friday, May 24:

- To CapeTown Development, 485 Tarpon Bay Road, for construction trailer. Contractor: Owner. Fee: \$15.
- To Mariner Properties, 231 West Gulf Drive, for shuttleboard court. Contractor: Mariner. Valuation: \$1,200. Fee: \$11.25.
- To Mariner Properties, 231 West Gulf Drive, for storage room. Contractor: Owner. Valuation: \$2,500. Fee: \$19.125.
- To Mariner Properties, 1200 Periwinkle Way (not official), for shed roof. Contractor: Mariner Leasing. Valuation: \$2,000. Fee: \$15.
- To Ron Plesak, 9248 Kincaid Court, for storage. Contractor: Owner. Valuation: \$1,000. Fee: \$7.50.
- To M. Smith and C. Brooks, 1379 Sabal Street, for interior

'The Great Canadian Exchange' means value for our northern neighbors

Canadian dollars make U.S. sense. At least that's the way the Lee County Tourist Development Council sees it.

During the six weeks from Oct. 1 through Nov. 1 this year tourist interests on Florida's Lee Island Coast will focus on "The Great Canadian Exchange."

A number of hotels, motels, condominiums, RV parks, car rental companies, restaurants, attractions and even airlines will accept Canadian dollars at par or will offer similar discounts to Canadian visitors.

"We will carrying two primary messages to the Canadian traveler," explains Frank Nocera, executive director of the Lee County TDC.

"First and foremost, we want Canadians to know that we really want them on the Lee Island Coast. What better means of conveying this sentiment than by offering them American value for their Canadian money?"

"While we plan to run this promotion on an annual basis, you might look upon it as a special introductory offer this year.

"Since we have a very favorable climate and some of the best beaches on the continent," Nocera points out, "We are confident that once Canadians discover our area, they will come back again and again. Which brings us to the second purpose of the program — introducing, on a broad base, the Lee Island Coast tourism pro-

duct to the Canadian market. Once we're a widely known destination, we believe we can establish ourselves as a major year-round Canadian tourist destination."

Some 20 Lee Island Coast businesses have agreed to participate in the first year of the Great Canadian Exchange. To date, all participants have pledged to accept Canadian currency or travelers checks on an equal basis with U.S. dollars, but not to exceed a total discount of 20 percent during the promotional period.

Canadian visitors will be able to identify participating businesses by posters, Canadian flags, counter-top displays and a special flyer issued by the TDC.

The brochure will explain the details of the promotion and list participating properties and services. It will be widely distributed to Canadian travel agents and consumers throughout Canada, concentrating on the heavily populated Ontario region. An extensive advertising and public relations campaign, managed by the council's Canadian representative Neil MacPhail, is already underway.

While enough local businesses have committed to the promotion to illustrate the program, there is still time for additional community participation. For further information on The Great Canadian Exchange call Bill Barrier or Paul Foster at the TDC, 335-2521.

Flaherty named Sundial food and beverage director

Brian Flaherty, former food and beverage manager at Sanibel's Thistle Lodge restaurant, has been appointed food and beverage director at Sundial Beach and Tennis Resort. He will

oversee the resort's banquet services and its three food and beverage operations: Morgan's Market and Lounge, Noopie's Japanese Steakhouse and Morgan's Deli.

Before his 2½ years

at Thistle Lodge, Flaherty spent three years at South Seas Plantation on Captiva as manager of King's Crown restaurant.

He has a degree in business from the University of Toronto

and began his restaurant career in that Canadian city. He is now a member of the international gastronomic society, the Chaine des Rotisseurs.

Free small business counseling offered

One expert estimates that 50 percent of the 200,000 small businesses starting in Florida during 1985 will fail.

In an effort to stop this alarming amount of failures, free advice on small business problems will be available in Lee County at the Metropolitan Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce next Thursday, June 6.

Confidential one-hour sessions are conducted by professional counselors from the Small Business Development Center of the College of Business Administration, University of South Florida. Current or future small business owners can take advantage of this free service.

Appointments are necessary. Contact the Fort Myers chamber, 334-1133, to schedule a session. The counseling sessions run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Key problem areas on which advice will be offered are: business feasibility, including business, marketing and advertising plans; financial

assistance and loan packaging; obtaining government contracts; and personnel. Find out how to obtain a share of government or private industry contracts through the SBDC's statewide Info Bid program.

As the fifth fastest growing state in the nation, Florida offers many opportunities to aggressive small business owners. Competitive forces are also increasing at a rapid pace. Lee County alone experienced a 15 percent increase in the number of operating businesses with payrolls between 1980 and 1982.

One key determinant of a successful small business owner in the 1980s will be his or her willingness to capitalize on the many changes taking place and to direct the business to respond.

The expertise of the SBDC counselors can assist existing or future small business owners in developing successful and profitable operations.

- remodeling. Contractor: Barrier Island Contracting. Valuation: \$6,000. Fee: \$45.
- To Jerry Muench, 645 Anchor Drive, for pool and deck. Contractor: Gulf Coast Pools. Valuation: \$9,000. Fee: \$67.50.
- To Don Valastroye, 3324 Little Lake Lane, for pool, deck and screen enclosure. Contractor: All Star Pools. Valuation: \$14,600. Fee: \$116.
- To Arthur Kaufman, 513 Lighthouse Way, for pool only. Contractor: Periwinkle Pools. Valuation: \$8,000. Fee: \$64.
- To P & G Associates (Periwinkle Gardens), 1051 Periwinkle Way, for construction trailer. Contractor: Benchmark. Valuation: 0. Fee: 0.
- To Will's Landing, 1200 Periwinkle Way, for two temporary tents. Contractor: Owner. Valuation: 0. Fee: 0.

- To Fred Fox, 1772 Angel Drive, for driveway. Contractor: Corner and Moore. Valuation: \$750. Fee: \$7.125.
- To James Dixon, 280 Chert Court, for interior remodeling. Contractor: Corner and Moore. Valuation: \$4,200. Fee: \$37.25.
- To Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2000 Periwinkle Way, for construction trailer. Contractor: George Parry, Inc. Valuation: 0. Fee: \$12.
- To George Kohlbrener, 2407 Periwinkle Way, for interior remodeling. Contractor: Benchmark. Valuation: \$20,000. Fee: \$150.
- To Milan Long, 3350 Lake Road West, for pool only. Contractor: Bahama Pools. Valuation: \$10,000. Fee: \$75.
- To BECS Partnership (Pine Cove), 2501 West Gulf Drive, for foundation only. Contractor: CBI. Valuation: \$2,200. Fee: \$17.

World War II experiences make good copy for Sanibel winter resident's first book

By Scott Martell
Pay: The experiences of a junior supply officer during World War II. Sounds like dry stuff for book material — but it's not.

Sanibel winter resident John Hempstead has turned his war experiences into a "small book" full of funny anecdotes, compelling drama, insights into the day-to-day functioning of a ship and peeks at some famous personalities.

Among the amusing incidents is Hempstead walking out of a bank in Richmond, Va., with \$250,000 in payroll funds — and forgetting to leave a check from the government to cover the funds.

Another instance has the young lieutenant purchasing a slew of "Swiss" watches in Panama for a good price and selling them in the ship's store. Almost all the watches broke down within a week.

Hempstead tells these tales with self-deprecating humor. But his observations become more serious when writing about his ship's participation in the Second Battle of the

Philippines — "the greatest naval battle ever fought."

It was in this battle that Hempstead was injured by shrapnel — enough metal still remains in his legs to occasionally trip metal detection devices at airports.

And Hempstead's most traumatic experience was when his ship collided with a tanker in the middle of the Pacific — a bit of "absolute terror" caused by two officers' incompetence.

All in all, Hempstead's "navy experience spanned only 30 months. "But they were truly exciting and, to me, traumatic," Hempstead writes.

"They marked a transition from the relatively cloistered life I had lived, mostly in Methodist parsonages in Pennsylvania, to one that offered never-ending horizons and completely new experiences and responsibilities."

Hempstead wrote the book for his "as yet unborn grandchildren." But the book is already being used as a text book in the Navy Supply Corp. in Athens, Ga. And it was to be serialized in a federal newsletter in Washington,


D.C. — until Reagan began to focus on budget cuts.

Hempstead says he will write another book. He will not divulge the subject of his next effort, but he says it will be completely different from a war memoir.

"The whole publishing process from author to printing was very impressive," Hempstead says. "It's been an interesting experience for me."



Above: John Hempstead today. Seated at left is Hempstead in the days about which he wrote his book.



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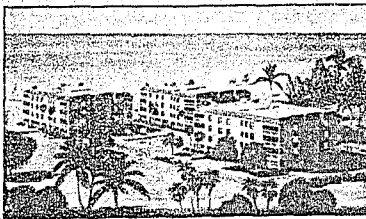
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All information in the following reports was taken directly from Sanibel Police Department records.

A Sanibel visitor from St. Charles, Fla., turned over to police a wallet containing \$148 in cash Sunday afternoon, May 19. James Shavel told police he found the wallet in the parking lot at the 7-11 store on Periwinkle Way.

Police advised a group of people at Tropic Beach Club condominiums that their party had disturbed several neighbors just before 5 a.m. Monday, May 20. The group agreed to disperse.

A Sanibel man reported his orange moped and a pair of Ray Ban sunglasses were missing from his carport on East Gulf Drive Wednesday

morning, May 22. The glasses valued at \$70 had been taken from the front seat of a car that was parked in the carport. No value was given for the moped, which the man described as in "poor condition."

A Naples Street resident reported a BMX bicycle valued at \$175 had been taken from the storage area underneath his house between 6 p.m. Monday, May 20, and 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 22. The 20-inch Pro Am bike was black with gold trim.

A Fort Myers man was charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana and with driving with a suspended license after he was stopped on Bunny Lane off Rabbit Road around 5:50 a.m. Thursday, May 23. John Averill, 21, of

6212-D Principia Drive, was taken to the Lee County Jail.

A Reading, Penn., man reported his car was vandalized while it was parked at Sanibel Beach Club condominiums sometime between 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, and 9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 23. The car had been let into one of one tire and several cuts had been made with a sharp object on the hood and driver's door of the car.

A Sanibel woman reported \$25 worth of postage stamps had been taken from her car while it was parked at Bailey's Thursday morning, May 23. The car was left unlocked.

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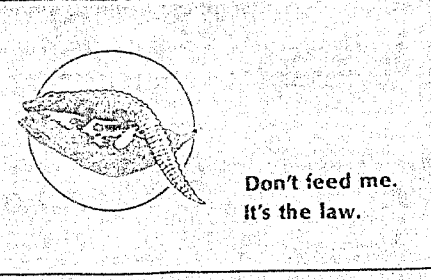
Police beat continued

The owner of Evergreen Lawn Service notified police that vandals had poured gasoline inside the ice machine used by his employees Thursday morning, May 23. Damage to the machine was not estimated.

A Memphis, Tenn., man reported several articles of clothing, camera equipment, an electric shaver and food from his refrigerator in his condominium at Sanibel Arms had been

taken Thursday afternoon, May 23. All of the clothes were in a suitcase in the bedroom. Police found no signs of forced entry. Value of the missing items was estimated at \$419.

During the week that ended Friday afternoon, May 25, Sanibel police issued ten tickets to a driver for improper passing, two for speeding and one for driving with an expired license.



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Questions, lawsuit surround Captiva's renourishment referendum

By Scott Martell
The big question surrounding the beach renourishment referendum set for Captiva's June 11 is whether or not there will even be a referendum.
A lawsuit filed last week challenges that the Captiva Erosion Prevention District did not follow the state's government-in-the-sunshine law in advertising the continuance of the April 17 meeting until April 24 (see related story). At the April 24 meeting the board decided to go ahead with the referendum.
And another important question concerns Captiva's 530 registered voters. Who are they? And what do they think about renourishment and the proposed \$4.6 assessment plan to pay for a new

beach?
An information session for the 236 registered voters who do not own a property was scheduled for last Monday's CEPD meeting. No one showed up.
"You'd have to say we were very surprised," CEPD Chairman Peg Hofschneider said about the turnout.
Those 236 non-property-owning registered voters include resort employees who live on the island — which concerns many Captiva property owners — but the group also includes long-time renters on the island and even sons and daughters of Captiva property owners who live on the island but who do not technically own property themselves.
Despite the seriousness the CEPD

places on the opinion poll of all Captiva property owners, the referendum is still the keystone to the renourishment plan.
Legally, nothing can be done unless the voters approve the referendum. However, the CEPD does have the option of ignoring a positive vote in the referendum if the board decides the opinion poll shows enough negative reaction from Captiva property owners.
And since the CEPD cannot seem to get a finger on the pulse of Captiva's registered voters, this vital question more than likely will not be answered until the referendum is held.

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Lawsuit says CEPD violated Sunshine Law

By Scott Martell
The battle between Captiva's for and against beach renourishment has evolved into a battle between lawyers representing each side.
Last week a lawsuit was filed in Lee County Circuit Court by Captiva resident Charles Coughlin challenging that the Captiva Erosion Prevention District violated Florida's Sunshine Law and that the wording on the referendum ballot was unfair, imprecise and "deceives and misleads the

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It appears that for the 1,096 parcels of land on Captiva there are only 234 registered voters (530 total registered voters minus the 296 who do not own property). These 234 voters can, and are being encouraged by the CEPD to vote in both the official referendum and in the opinion poll.
The CEPD commissioners discussed last Monday how they would use the opinion poll results from the voting property owners.
In the end, however, the board decided not to set firm guidelines on how to treat the opinion poll results.
Yet the board members did express their opinions on three hurdles the board faces: (1) what would be considered a good percentage of return of


the straw ballots? (2) what would be an acceptable percentage of votes to approve the project? and (3) should the votes be weighted according to how much money the voters would be assessed?
All four commissioners in attendance (John Burr, Peg Hofschneider, Chuck Bruning and Lloyd Wright) agreed that a 50 percent or more return of ballots would be a good "enthusiasm measure" and would give the opinion poll high credibility.
Burr, Hofschneider and Bruning felt a 60 percent positive vote for the assessment plan would be an enthusiastic endorsement of the plan.
Wright felt the majority vote should rule, both in the referendum and in the

opinion poll — 50 percent plus one.
And Burr, Bruning and Wright agreed that the board should consider how much the "yes" voters would pay in assessments. The figures considered were that the "yes" voters should be paying about 65 percent of the total \$4.6 million project.
Hofschneider strongly disagreed.
"It should be one parcel, one vote — period — any other way would be disastrous," she said. Hofschneider added that if votes were weighted it would be possible for one "yes" vote to knock out 17 "no" votes.
All this means that should the referendum pass with a majority in favor of the assessment plan for beach renourishment, then the board will

meet the day after the referendum to count the straw ballots and take into consideration the above points before deciding whether to pursue beach renourishment.
In other CEPD news last week:
• The chances a summa are slight to none at all because of existing and potential lawsuits and the need for bond validation hearings. CEPD attorney Jim Humphrey told the board these issues could not be settled before July or August. And project engineer Dick Stevens said he has been advised by coastal engineer George Watt that if the project cannot be done by August

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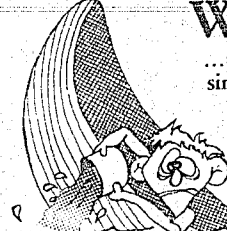
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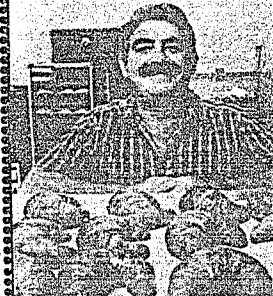
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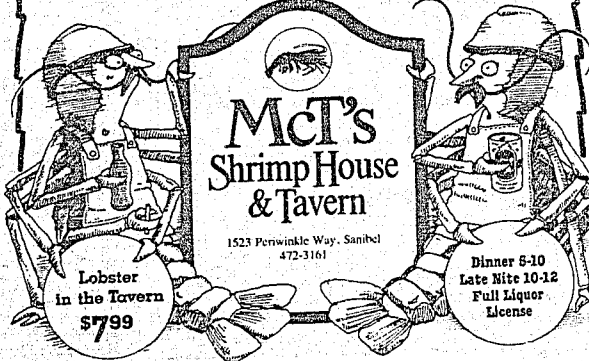
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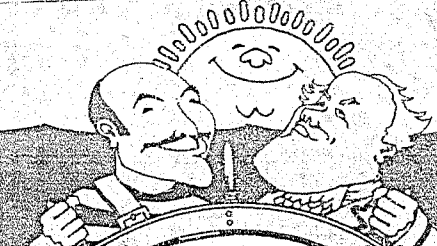
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it would be best to wait until next spring.

Should beach renourishment be delayed the cost of the project should not go up, Stevens also reported. "The dredgers just are not busy these days," he said, adding that competition for existing jobs would be keen and therefore the bids should be competitive.

The only two permits that would run out should the project be delayed would be the state Department of Natural Resources coastal construction permit and the borrow site case-management permit. Stevens seemed to believe both would be relatively easy to extend.

Humphrey said county funds (\$2 million or more) for the beach renourishment project are not restricted to the refinancing or sale of the Sanibel Causeway. The county can get money from many other sources, some within the Causeway finance structure, he said, explaining Lee County receives 40 percent of all Causeway tolls for "any lawful purpose within Lee County." That amounts to more than \$300,000 a year, he said.

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public." Judge Robert Shafer heard evidence against the CEPD on Friday. Evidence for the CEPD was heard yesterday. Due to the approaching June 11 referendum a quick decision will likely be forthcoming.

Also this week CEPD records will be studied by the Chicago law firm of Burke, Bosselman, Freivolgel, Weaver, Glaves and Ryan — the same group that worked on the city of Sanibel's incorporation and on Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

The law firm was reportedly hired by a newly formed group called "Captivans Against Referendum."

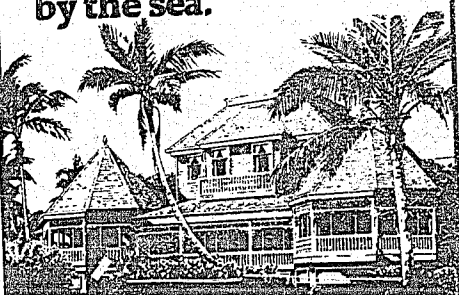
"They want to look at our records, then they'll likely formulate some legal action," said CEPD attorney James Humphrey. "It will be good to have someone of that quality getting in the act."

Then looking into possible future legal action, Humphrey reported that should the CEPD complete all the steps toward a beach renourishment project, then further legal action will likely occur when the CEPD seeks a bond to pay for the beach.

The bond would have to be validated through a hearing process. Should there be an appeal to the court's decision the case would have to go before the Florida Supreme Court — which could take from four to 15 months, Humphrey said.

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Lawsuit says CEPD violated Sunshine Law continued

But for now, the lawsuit focusing on the referendum is the primary legal action.

Last Friday Coughlin's attorney, Richard Roosa, laid down his evidence that the CEPD violated the Sunshine Law.

An issue is the continuation of the April 17 meeting until April 23. These were the two meetings at which the board heard from the public about the proposed finance plan and the scheduled referendum. The board "recessed" the April 17 meeting until April 23 and then voted 3-2 to confirm the resolution to have the referendum.

Roosa and Coughlin asserted that the board did not properly advertise the continuation of the meeting in the local newspapers — hence the public was not given proper notice and the Sunshine Law was violated.

The second issue argued by Roosa, and by attorney Steve Carta who is also representing Coughlin, was the wording of the referendum ballot. The two lawyers told Shafer that the referendum ballot was not objective.

The ballot states that, "Voters are requested to approve the levy of special assessments and financing for the construction of the Captiva Island beach renourishment project."

The ballot should be reworded to the effect that the voters will "approve or disapprove," Roosa and Carta maintained. As it stands the ballot is weighted in favor of approving the project and, therefore, hence is defective and unfair, they argued.

CEPD attorney Humphrey was unavailable Tuesday morning to give a preview of how he would present the CEPD's case that day.

CEPD Chairman P. F. Hofscheider said she was not being informed by Humphrey or by his office about plans for the defense — a situation which she said made her "unhappy."

"If we did violate the Sunshine Law, however, it certainly wasn't intentional," Hofscheider said. "It is unfortunate that we do take a rather casual attitude in trying to make sure the commissioners will be around for the meetings — and then make a date."

Hofscheider added that she agreed the wording of the referendum was poor.


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Needlework news

Make waves with your 'surf stitch' sweater

By Barbara Boulton

The surf stitch looks like waves and makes a very plain sweater look "like a million dollars." Take advantage of textures in this pattern because they blend beautifully.

The main color (MC) is worked in garter stitch (knitted every row) and looks best in heavy cotton or fuzzy mohair. The contrasting color (CC) works well in string-like yarns or ribbon. Ribbon yarns are expensive, but the good news about this pattern is that it requires only 150 yards of the contrasting color (CC). You will need 390 yards of the main color (MC).

The finished measurement across the bust is 36 inches. The length is 18 inches from the bottom to the shoulder. If you wish to adjust the size, change the width by 10 stitches (three inches) and the length by 15 rows (3½ inches). If you wish a less extreme change in size use a smaller or larger needle. This pattern requires a size nine needle.

Make a practice swatch by casting on 21 stitches and knitting 17 rows. It should measure six inches wide and 3½ inches high.

The surf stitch uses the yarn over (YO) technique

to create openwork. To YO when knitting, bring the yarn forward between the two needles, then when you make the next stitch the yarn will lay over the needle as an extra stitch. To YO when purling wrap the yarn over the right needle, then bring it forward between the needles to create a new stitch.

Rows one through eight: Knit (makes four ridges)

Row nine: The CC onto MC close to first stitch, don't cut MC off; with CC + knit 10 (knit one, YO) 10 times +, repeat between +s three times, knit one.

Row 10: + (purl one, drop YO from previous row, then make a new YO) 10 times, purl 10+, repeat between +s three times, purl one.

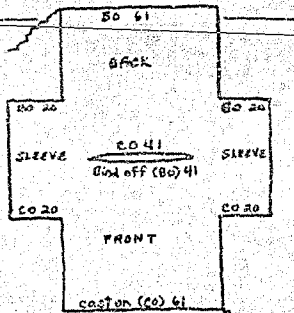
Row 11: With MC, knit, dropping YO's from previous row.

Rows 12-14: Knit (two ridges)

Row 15: With CC +, knit one, YO 10 times, knit 10 +, repeat between +s three times, knit one.

Row 16: + purl 10, (purl one, drop YO from previous row, then make a new YO) 10 times +, repeat between +s three times, purl one.

Dropping YO's when you work row one, repeat rows one through 16, three times with no changes.



On the fourth repeat, cast on 20 stitches for sleeves at the beginning of the fourth and fifth rows. Maintain the surf stitch pattern on these 101 stitches.

On the sixth repeat, row five, knit 30 bind off 41

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Needlework news continued

stitches for the neckline, knit 29. On row six knit 29, cast on 41 stitches, knit 29.

Complete the sixth and seventh rounds of the pattern.

On the eighth round at the beginning of row six and row seven, bind off 20 stitches.

On 61 stitches complete rounds eight, nine and 10.

Knit eight rows of MC.

Bind off loosely and sew side seams. If you have any questions stop by The Hours in Pelican Place, 2440 Palm Ridge Road.



Sheinwold on bridge

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North-South vulnerable

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♠ 9 7 3
♥ K Q
♦ 7 6 3
♣ A K Q J 5

WEST
♠ K Q 2
♥ 7 6 3
♦ J 4 2
♣ 9 8 7 2

EAST
♠ A 10 6 4
♥ 8 2
♦ A 10 9 8 5
♣ 10 3

SOUTH
♠ J 8 5
♥ A J 10 9 5 4
♦ K Q
♣ 4 6 4

Opening lead - ♠ 2

By Alfred Sheinwold

People try to steer you in other directions, but you must disregard them. Always do what you think is right. I refer to bridge, of course, and to this week's hand.

East took the ace of diamonds and realized, when the queen fell, that his side could win only one diamond trick. Unless West had a trump trick (unlikely in view of the bidding), the defense needed three spade tricks to defeat the contract.

East therefore shifted to the ace of spades but wavered when West played the deuce. Deuces are so discouraging.

East shifted back to diamonds, and South won, drew trumps and ran the clubs to win 11 tricks.

East should lead his lowest spade at the second trick, allowing

West to win and return a spade. This works not only if West started with K-Q-2 but also if West had K-2 or even Q-2 since West might ruff the third round of spades.

Having led the ace of spades, however, East must continue spades without veering to the right or to the left.

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Committee for Beach Nourishment shares thoughts from COMMENTARY, page 4A

project will not only increase the marketability of our properties but will also increase their value by more than 25 percent. This was the experience of realtors when the new beach was installed at South Seas Plantation. As it is now, with our dearth of beaches, you can save a lot of money by buying on Pine Island rather than Captiva — if no beaches is what you want.

Every state and federal expert who has been contacted by the Captiva Erosion Prevention District over the past 10 years has concluded that beach nourishment is the only cost effective way of coping with our erosion problem. During those 10 years anywhere from 50 to 100 feet of beach has eroded away. Why delay beach nourishment any longer? Every commissioner of the CEPD over the past 10 years has as a matter of record concluded that beach nourishment is the only cost effective way of coping with our erosion problem. These are the people who have studied the problem, listened to expert advice, and unanimously voted to proceed with beach nourishment.

Do you know that Lee County has drawn contingency plans to move our access road back from the beach several hundred feet in the event of a major washout as the result of a hurricane? This will place the Captiva highway near the front door of many of our residences. You can help prevent this

from happening to you by voting for beach nourishment.

The new beach at South Seas Plantation will have a much longer life if it is part of an island-wide beach nourishment project. The sand can readily flow from north to south and back again as the wind and waves dictate. Imagine! Five miles of walkable beaches on Captiva.

Beach nourishment works! The No-Name Storm in June 1982 caused practically no damage at South Seas Plantation, which was protected by its newly nourished beach, while the damage to the rest of the island was in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. We came very close to losing our access road. And this was a minor storm insofar as hurricanes go. None of this would have happened if the beach nourishment project had been completed.

A nourishment project at Miami Beach has held up for many years and prevented major damage during Hurricane Frederick in 1982. Ask anyone who lives there. They love their new beach.

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There are almost 1,000 jobs on Captiva dependent upon our beaches and access roads. The loss of

either in a major storm would have a devastating effect on resort and restaurant employees. Think of them for a change if you are indifferent to beach nourishment. Forget the "I've got mine" attitude that is prevalent in many opponents of beach nourishment. Show a little charity toward your neighbors.

Your assessment for the beach nourishment project, in the event you own property on Captiva, will probably be substantially reduced as the result of state funds (\$450,000) already promised to the CEPD and as a result of substantial additional monies the CEPD is seeking from the state and federal governments as well as from Lee County. With Island-wide support, your assessments can be cut in half. A show of unanimity on Captiva will unlock the purse strings of all bodies of government.

Don't be fooled by the relatively calm waters of the past two years. There will be hurricanes again, and they will strike Captiva. We must be ready. Help save Captiva by supporting the beach nourishment project.

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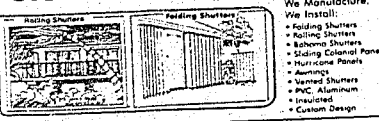
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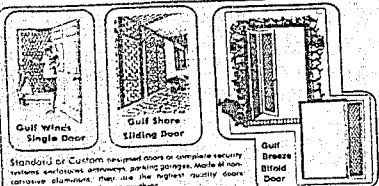
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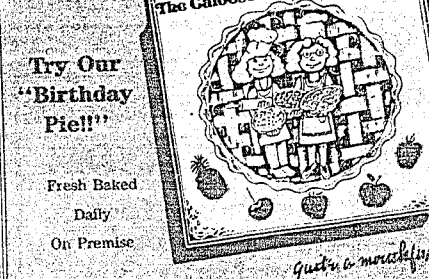
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CEPD commissioner is confused by 'Captivans Against Referendum' from COMMENTARY, page 5A

ment plan has been before the public for more than six months and has been the subject of a great deal of debate within the board of the CEPD. Not once during the long period of formulation of the economic apportionment plan did any of the signatories to the letter of the "Captivans Against Referendum" appear before the CEPD board to voice their concern about the plan or to offer any input. Things have not changed. All we have from the "Captivans Against Referendum" is an objection to the economic apportionment plan without any suggestions whatsoever as to how it can be improved.

I now call upon the "Captivans Against Referendum" to submit to the board of the CEPD their suggestions for an economic apportionment plan that would not, in their language, be "arbitrary, confiscatory and

discriminatory" — a plan that must necessarily receive judicial as well as public approval.

The economic apportionment plan is not set in concrete. The board of the CEPD may make significant adjustments in the plan if input convinces the commissioners that such changes are reasonable and will stand up under judicial scrutiny.

I am concerned with the total lack of compassion the "Captivans Against Referendum" and their allies have with respect to the serious erosion problem that faces many gulf-front property owners. Gulf-front owners know that beach nourishment is the only cost effective way of coping with this problem. They are not calling upon non-gulf-front owners to assist them financially. It has been made abundantly clear for some time that the gulf-front owners on Captiva stand

ready to finance 100 percent of the cost of nourishing the beaches in front of their property. The financial burden of the beach nourishment project on non-gulf front owners is very small and represents essentially their share of the cost of protecting our common access roads. Notwithstanding, a large number of non-gulf front owners, for reasons that are difficult to comprehend, are doing everything they possibly can to prevent gulf front owners from getting the immediate beach protection they so sorely need.

The board of the CEPD over the past several years, in response to requests from many Islanders, has refused to accept state or federal funding that would be contingent upon new beach access for the public, supported the adoption of a new parking ordinance for Captiva, made plans for the construction of a terminal grout at Blad

Pass to help contain the newly nourished beach and, in particular, has made every effort to see that the financial burden of the nourishment project would fall primarily on those who stand to benefit the most. There isn't much more we can do.

I now call upon the "Captivans Against Referendum" and their allies to drop their opposition to the June 11 referendum and join in an island-wide crusade to save Captiva before it is too late.

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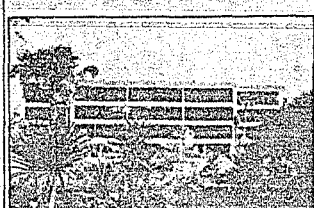
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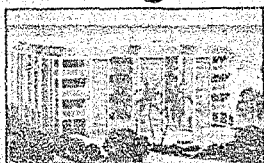


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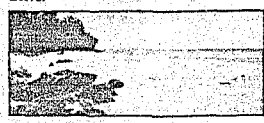


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MANGROVES

The sacred 'bo' tree of the ecologist

By George Clough

Illustrated by Ann Marie Bohan.

The children of the city's Vegetation Council have recently selected me to discuss mangrove ecology for some time. I'm sure you're all taking as abstract a view of mangrove ecology as I do. I'm sure you're all taking as abstract a view of mangrove ecology as I do. I'm sure you're all taking as abstract a view of mangrove ecology as I do.

The four kinds of mangrove recognized in Florida, in order of their descent from upland to sea level and into the shallow brackish water, are: the buttonwood mangrove, *Conocarpus erectus*; the white mangrove, *Laguncularia racemosa*; the black mangrove, *Sonneratia grandis*; and most important of all, the red mangrove, *Rhizophora mangle*.

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These mangrove forests, which were destroyed and undervalued in the days of the Cuban Exile, now have a new lease on life. They are now being redeveloped.

Let us consider our four mangrove species in order of their importance, which incidentally is the same as the order of their appearance if you are viewing them from the water to a landing on

land's surface.

The first and most important one is the red mangrove. It has beautiful shiny, fleshy, simple leaves that look somewhat like a rubber plant. The mangrove grows well out from shore as the low tides allow and causes the formation of mangrove islands.

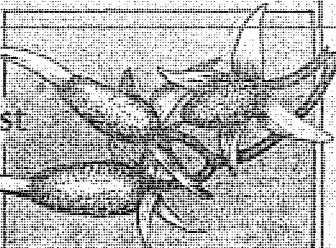
Land formation results from waves and tide action and the accumulation of drifting twigs and other materials that get caught in the red mangrove's intricate prop roots, which extend down into a complicated network of mud flats, sandbars, salt, vegetable detritus and other materials on the tide edge and floor. This is land creation.

Also on these prop roots grow ferns, cacti and some other shrubs that combine to create a dense thicket of vegetation and the making of mangrove islands.

As the land grows the red mangrove trees gradually are surrounded by the black mangrove, then the white and eventually the most upland of all, the buttonwood mangrove, and then the other forms of the upland vegetation that we see on the main land.

The red mangrove is unique in that it has the ability to grow in water. It has a large, woody, prop root system that extends into the water and supports the tree.

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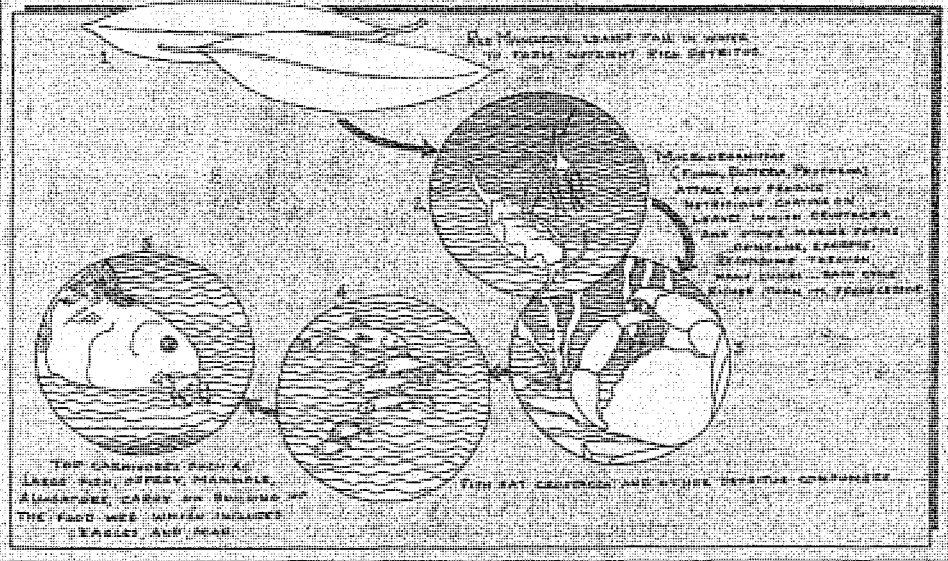
land mangrove seed (upper right) and two seeds in the process of germination. The new seedlings protrude from the seeds. The drawing is 1/2" across the top.

water it will float horizontally for days or months, sometimes during tempests or seas thousands of miles. Gradually it will assume a vertical position. For the first part of its life it may never get out of the water. Eventually some seedlings reach the shallow, lodging vertically in shallow water. When the seedlings reach one year, they begin to grow.

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The red mangrove is the most important mangrove species in the mangrove system. It has been introduced to the University of

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A happy ending 'Jughead' pelican can fish again

By Scott Martell
That story could be considered a fairy tale — about the bird people who injured and threatened the life of a beautiful pelican, and the good people who rescued the bird from possible slow starvation.

The pelican found itself in a bad predicament last week. It dove for a fish and instead hit a discarded plastic water jug. The bird's futile attempts to escape its predicament sent the jug further down his long neck.

The bird could swim and fly, but he could not fish or eat. Charlotte Homan noticed the bird by the pier at Punta Rassa and called the folks at Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife.

Volunteers from CBOW tried to catch the pelican for two days. Then last Thursday Nancy Palmer and Charlie McCullough gave it a try.

"The two of us followed the pelican from pier to pier. It would always fly away when we got within six feet," Palmer says. But then they lured the pelican just a foot closer with a fish. McCullough lunged — and the pelican

was caught.

"We had to cut the jug off with a knife. It was extremely tight around the neck," Palmer says. "As soon as we got it off we gave the pelican the fish and he took it."

"We both felt so good about it," she adds.

"It was a break accident in a way — but then it isn't all that unusual," says CBOW director Holly Davies. "While he is being nursed through people's blunders. For instance, we recently rescued a Great egret who was swinging upside down caught in a kite string that was dangling from a tree into the water."

And wildlife is threatened by other kinds of litter — everything from plastic six-pack holders to mesh bags that hold fruit or vegetables. And the most frequently mentioned culprit is nonpoint-source pollution from fishermen.

"All can be hazardous. People just have to learn to take care of how they throw things away," Davies emphasizes.



"Jughead" the pelican before he was caught and the plastic jug removed by careful CBOW volunteers Nancy Palmer and Charlie McCullough. Photo by Scott Martell.

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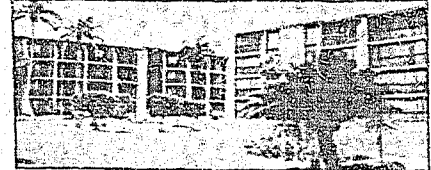
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CLUB NEWS



Karen Bell of the Sanibel-Captiva American Business Women's Association, left, presents a check for \$100 to Pat Robertson, librarian at the Sanibel Public Library. The local ABWA contributed the funds to help the library expand its selection of career guidance materials. Photo by Mark Johnson.

John Wilcox honored as Dee Amon Memorial Lion

The regular meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club took place May 15. Special guests from Naples and Bonita Springs attended. William Arthur of Naples, president of the Florida Eye Bank, discussed eye bank activities for the coming year and invited the Sanibel-Captiva club to send five couples to the June 1 installation at Eden Roc in Miami. Ken Shivel of Bonita Springs, past district governor, spoke on the USA-Canada Forum to be held in September at Hollywood, Fla., and invited clubs to send representatives. President Joe Feeney asked for volunteers to assist in the Island clean-up Project SOAR on Saturday, May 25. Lion John Cook, having recovered from his recent illness, reported that the Bloodmobile will be at Bailey's store for blood collection on Wednesday, July 3. The next regular meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, at the Sanibel Community Association hall. The installation dinner-dance was held May 17 at the Sundial. The incoming officers and directors were installed by District Governor Don Lavoie from the Sarasota club. Lavoie gave an inspiring

talk on the objectives of Lions and the duties of the officers. Those installed were Francis Bailey, president; Phil Moyers, first vice president; Lynn Rogers, second vice president; Marc Nugot, third vice president; Don Deys, treasurer; William Burnham, secretary; George Licht, tail twister; Steve Reynolds, Lion Tamer; and new directors Bob Lauwers, Doc Cooperfiedler and Jim Hernies. Continuing directors are Bert Jenks, Art Johnson, Bob Sagers and Joe Sizoda. The Dee Amon Memorial Lion of the Year award was given to Past President John Wilcox, local attorney and minister. Wilcox joined the club in 1975 and was sponsored by the late Dee Amon. Originally from Ohio, Wilcox arrived at Sanibel by way of Miami, where he had a successful law practice. He and his wife, Marian, have three children who live in other parts of the country. Wilcox has held several active chairmanships in the club and has also been vice president, tail twister, secretary and president. He currently is zone chairman for the district of Southwest Florida. Wilcox is also a member of the American Legion, Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron and The Retired Officers Association. He received a standing ovation after the presentation.

Rotarians send Island teens to Sarasota seminar on leaders

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club will send Island teenagers Gony TenBrock and Mike Gordon to a seminar on future leaders that will be held in Sarasota. The two will report to the club after the seminar. Guest speaker at the regular Rotary breakfast meeting last Friday was Bram Boonstra, who presented a series of slides and talked about his trip

to Indonesia last year. There was an active exchange of Rotary banners at the meeting. President Jack Slagle welcomed Monroe Kildow of Tiffany, Ohio, a regular visitor, who will be on the Island through June. Bulletin typist Charlie Thoma won the weekly raffle.

CLUB NEWS



Alice Anders of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club holds the plaque presented to the club by the Lee County School Board. Photo by Mark Johnson.

County school board honors shell club

When a group is doing something pretty special, a special award must be created to honor that group. Or so it went for the Sanibel Captiva Shell Club last week. For many years the group has been teaching fifth graders at Sanibel Elementary School all about shells. Each year the lessons have culminated in the students' presentation of the Live Shell Exhibit at the Shell Fair. Last week the club was honored for its volunteer efforts by the Lee County School Board. "This is a very unique award. It's one of a kind," said Sanibel Principal Barbara Ward. The school board usually gives individual awards and awards to schools, she said, adding group awards are rare. The Education Committee of the shell club is most responsible for the volunteer tutoring. This year that group included Alice Anders, Mill Backus, Helen Jans, Al Brädel and Georgette Laloret. "We're very proud," Anders said last week. "So many people have been involved in the program since it began years ago. And the lesson plans have grown. Now we teach things such as what is a barrier island, or what is an estuary. We look at the importance of mangroves. Basically we're trying to study the ecology of the Island — primarily as it relates to marine life. But of course our focus is shells."

Islands' newest service club will meet this Wednesday

The Sanibel-Captiva Jaycees, the newest service club on the Islands, will meet at 6 p.m. this Wednesday, May 29, at the Coconut Grove restaurant. Members and anyone else interested in learning more about the organization are invited. The Jaycees, formerly associated with the junior Chamber of Commerce, is now an independent service organization. Many members are young business professionals, but membership is open to all interested adults. Active members are between 18-35 years old. Associate memberships are available for those younger than 18 and older than 35. Yearly dues for the Island club are \$35. For more information call Nancy Thompson, 472-3166.

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- Best American Short Stories, 1984
- Briarpatch, Russ Thomas
- Bright River Trilogy, Annie Green
- The Burn, Vasilii Pavlovich Aksenov
- The Class, Erich Segal
- Deepwater, Alex Fier
- The Gift Horse, Mary McMullen
- A House Like a Lotus, Madeline L'Engle
- Husbands and Lovers, Ruth Harris
- The Old Forest and Other Stories, Peter Taylor
- Rider on the Wind, David Westheimer
- Raven's Shadow, Donald MacKenzie
- The Tie That Binds, Kent Haruf
- The Two of Us, Nora Johnson
- Victory Over Japan, Ellen Gilchrist

NON-FICTION

- Exodus and Revolution, Michael Walzer
- Too Secret Too Long, Chapman Pincher
- Cities and the Wealth of Nations, Jan Jacobs
- Transit Point Moscow, Gerald Amster
- Cry of the Panther: Quest of a Species, James McMullen
- The Gulf Coast: Where Land Meets Sea, C.C. Lockwood
- The Birth of Neurosis: Myth, Malady and the Victorians, George Frederick Drinka
- Low Cost Shore Protection: A Guide for Local Government Officials, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Weight Watchers Quick Start Program Cookbook, Jean Nidetch
- What They Don't Teach You at Harvard Business School, Mark McCormack
- Advertising, the Uneasy Persuasion: Its Dubious Impact on American Society, Michael Schudson
- A World History of Photography, Naomi Rosenblum
- Film Yearbook, 1984
- Ladies of the Court: A Century of Women at Wimbledon, Virginia Wade
- "The Good War": An Oral History of World War Two, Studs Terkel
- Bloods, an Oral History of the Vietnam War, edited by W. Terry
- No More Vietnams, Richard Nixon
- For the Common Defense: A Military History of the United States of America, Allan Reed Millet.

New books at the Sanibel Public Library

ON THE FLORIDA SHELF

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Angel City — Patrick Smith — An earlier novel by the author of *A Land Remembered*. This book details the real-life horrors of a migrant labor camp and was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize.

NON-FICTION

Librettos of the Metropolitan Opera — More than 40 librettos of operas presented by the Metropolitan Opera Association were recently donated to the library and are being made available for circulation. On facing pages the libretto is given in the original language and in English. These are on the shelf under 782.12 and can be checked out as any circulating material.

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The River Realm — Nigel Tranter — A firmly researched but essentially light-hearted Scottish historical. After the previous disaster of Flodden Field in 1513, James the Fifth, aged 17 months, succeeds to the throne. The power-hungry nobles wait like jackals to assail the kingdom and each other.

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Summer hours in effect at library

The Sanibel Public Library is now operating on its summer schedule. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, and also 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.



COMING ATTRACTIONS

Beach group sponsors free breast cancer program

All area women are invited to a free breast cancer education program at 7 p.m. next Thursday, June 6, at the Chapel by the Sea on Fort Myers Beach.

The program is sponsored by the Isle of Palms American Business Women's Association and by the American Cancer Society. No registration is needed. For more information call Dottie Fraley, 463-2588 or 463-8752.

'Life enrichment clinics' scheduled weekly in June

A series of "life enrichment clinics" will be presented by the Sanibel-Captiva Counseling Center during June.

Four sessions of positive growth experience for all ages will be held in the parish hall at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church from noon to 2 p.m. every Tuesday during June.

The group sessions will be directed by Valerie Hutches, director of the SCC. She will be assisted by Everett Bunek.

For information and registration call Hutches, 472-9696, or Bunek, 482-8863.

Jazz society will hold monthly meeting June 3

The Southwest Florida Jazz Society will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 3, in the music building at Edison Community College in Fort Myers. Live music will be provided. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Kay Winner, 945-0556.

Courses involve tools to improve quality of life

Two classes examining tools and techniques to enhance a person's quality of life will begin this and next week under the instruction of Island resident Susan Schanerman.

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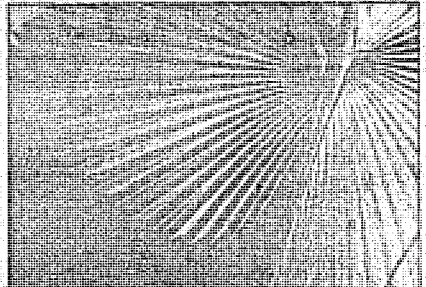
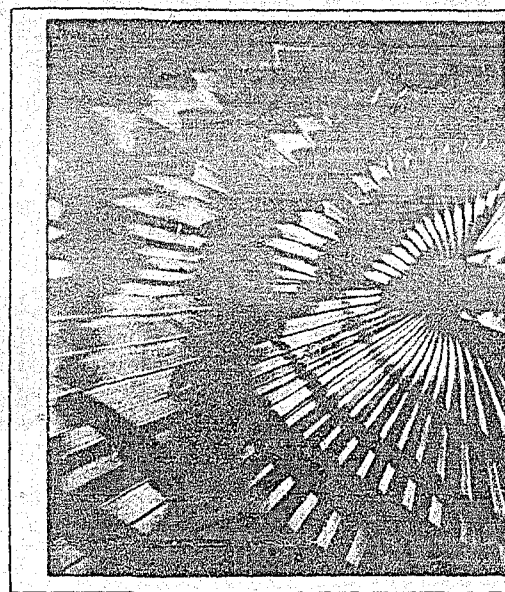
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ARTS ON THE ISLANDS

By Julie Niedenfuer

Signs of the times

Sign makers' art is abundant on the Islands

Sign making is one form of art that gets more exposure than any other and yet is perhaps one of the least known and appreciated. Signs, after all, are utilitarian things that show us where we are and where to go. Often a sign is most effective simply because it's so unobtrusive.

On Sanibel, for the most part, just the opposite is true, thanks to an ordinance enacted in 1977 that helps keep Island roadsides free from the rude interruptions of signs that beckon, STOP AND EAT HERE! or tease with Burma Shave-style Signs On The Way To Captiva.

Most of the signs that dot the Island are the handiwork of three talented sign makers licensed by the city — Charles LeBuff, Will Compton and Vince Brodeur.

LeBuff, who is also well-known for his sea turtle research as well as being a full-time employee with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, operates Sanibel Sign Services out of the airy shop behind his house.

He learned his trade early, growing up in his grandfather's sign shop. When he moved to Sanibel in 1958 and saw the need for a sign artist on the Island, LeBuff decided to put his skills to good use.

"He says that what began with a few signs soon became a full-fledged business. 'I was going full bore nights after work,'" LeBuff recalls.

In 1965 he formed his sign company and ran a full-time operation until 1974, when he was elected to serve on the Sanibel City Council. During his six-year term he dropped most of his business temporarily ("I just got too busy," he laments). But two years ago he reinstated his occupational license and is routing, painting and sandblasting full-time once again.

LeBuff says he does signs "for enjoyment."

"I'm not one to sit and watch television. And producing a lasting product is important, he says, pointing with pride to the sign at Dotti's dress shop he did more than 20 years ago.

LeBuff's signs range in format from the large, sculpted Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation sign to the smaller painted one denoting the location of the Periwinkle Trailer Park.

His favorite is the eye-catcher on Periwinkle Way for Wil's Landing. He likes it not only for the business it's brought him — he enjoys driving by it

as much as anyone else.

Vince Brodeur's training at the St. Paul (Minn.) Gallery and the Minneapolis Institute of Art, was followed by a patchwork career that included 15 years as an electric sign designer in San Francisco before coming to Sanibel 10 years ago.

Brodeur says he's "picky, picky, picky" when it comes to signs. "On a sign I'll go 100 percent more than I have to," he says.

His partner and collaborator, Beverly Stewart, makes up the other half of his "mom and pop business." She says going the extra distance to do a sign right is especially important on Sanibel because of LeBuff and Compton. "Good competition is good. It's like a tennis match — you can't challenge yourself unless your opponent is good."

Being a good sign maker requires many talents, Brodeur believes. "It involves wood skills to cabinetmaker skills. You have to be a good draftsman because the city has to have a drawing."

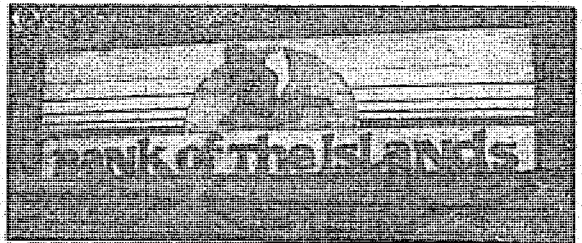
Unfortunately, Brodeur says, in many cases a lot of this effort goes unnoticed. In fact, "The more artistic you become, the more you price yourself right out of the market."

To supplement his sign business Brodeur works as a tile setter, and he hopes someday to be able to support his painting and sculpting interests with that business.

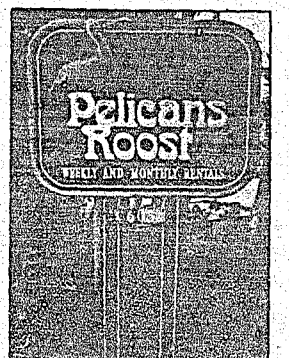
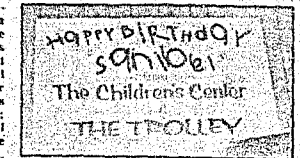
Like many artists, he bemoans the austerity of this lifestyle. "Studying my life it would almost seem like I have a moral thing against making money," he says with a wry laugh.

"Signs involve too much art and I get too picky — that is my downfall. I have this tremendous fear of having something sloppy up in public. If we do

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One of the least respected art forms, sign making, is well represented on Sanibel and Captiva due largely to the work of the Islands' three talented and licensed sign makers. The signs shown here were fabricated, though not necessarily designed, by Charles LeBuff, Will Compton and Vince Brodeur. The eye-catcher denoting the whereabouts of Wil's Landing was the work of LeBuff, as was the sign at the refuge; Brodeur crafted the Pelican's Roost and Finial Touch signs, and Compton made the sign for the Children's Center and the Bank of the Islands. Photos by Mark Johnson.



Sign makers' art is abundant continued

some bad ones, they're a constant gauge when you go by and see them."

It seems so far, he hasn't had to worry. Brodeur's signs include the Stone Walrus and Jade Butterfly, T. St. Osprey, Oldie Sanibel and the graceful Smith Radigan Ross advertising sign outside that office at Three-Star.

"One thing they have in common is they're all permanent," Brodeur says about his signs.

"On Sanibel the signs are identification signs as opposed to promotional signs. It's a monument idea," he adds, no pun intended.

Will Compton sees himself sandwiched between his fellow Island sign makers as far as talent goes. "Charles LeBuff is a good sign writer, Vince Brodeur is a good sign maker — he's one of the best. I'm in the middle somewhere."

Compton, an Islander since 1956, says his interest in crafts is what got him started in the sign business. A customer who liked his work asked him to do a small sign, for which he was paid \$8 or \$10.

His break came when Islander Bob Durmer asked him to make a sign for his real estate office on Periwinkle Way. "He needed a big sign. And he loved it. I got \$200 for that. You have to make a lot of pots, print a lot of t-shirts for that kind of money," says Compton, adding that he had never received any formal art training.

"As soon as his sign went up I started getting more business. You could say I was kind of forced into the sign business. I kept doing errands and prin-

ting, but the sign business kept growing." Compton has been doing signs ever since (under the name Turtan Crafts), except for a brief period following an injury he sustained while putting up a sign at Bailey's.

"Painted signs are more of a challenge. To learn lettering takes time. You can be a sign maker, but to be a sign writer is a skill all in itself."

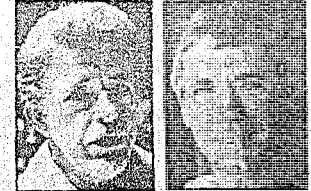
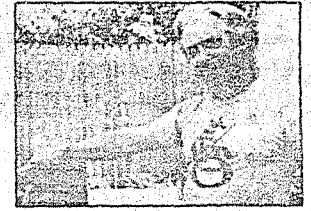
Compton calls his style "clean" and says it's more like advertising than his peers'.

His three favorites are the signs at Timmy's Nook ("I had fun doing that one"), the big, colorful placards for the Children's Center the Island trolley sported during the city's 10th birthday celebration last year, and the familiar "Save Our Friends" yellow and brown raccoon signs.

"People don't realize the equipment, knowledge and work it takes to build a sign. You have to know layout, you have to be an artist, a reasonably good writer, a good woodworker — and a good salesperson," he says.

Compton, Brodeur and LeBuff emphasize that many, and in some cases, most, of the signs they do are designed by others. Islander Pete Smith of Smith Radigan Ross advertising was the artist most frequently mentioned.

And, adds Compton, while building a sign within the guidelines imposed by the city is sometimes a strain for those in his profession, "I think the sign ordinance is good because we don't look like Fort Myers Beach. Isn't that great?"



The men behind most of the Islands' unique signs are, clockwise from top, Charles LeBuff, Will Compton and Vince Brodeur. Photos by Julie Niedenfuer.

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Both would like to play more golf!

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ON THE WATER

By Captain Mike Fuery

A proposed bill to stop all fish netting in Sanibel's manmade canals has hit a snag. Canal-front owners have only a short time to encourage members of the current state legislative session to enact the law.

Only last year the Legislature passed a law that limited the taking of fish by nets to the hours between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

The trouble was that commercial fishermen still came into the canals after dark, causing what many residents felt was an inconvenience at best and a disturbance in general.

Several people I know have said netters have shined huge search lights in all directions as they looked for snail, sheepshead, trout and redfish to net.

The Sanibel City Council, responding to the complaints of canal-front owners, passed a resolution removing the time element of the law and essentially stopping all netting in manmade canals.

These canals, incidentally, are generally thought to be the ones dug by developers in order to provide fill for the low-lying lands where the houses were planned. There were many such canals dug on the eastern end of Sanibel. The opening at

Mariner Pointe, leading to Sanibel Marina, is the start of a network of canals. There are others on the other end of the Island around Blind Pass.

Digging canals was a popular practice of developers for many years in Florida. Besides creating boating access to larger bodies of water, it also established a safe, calm retreat for many kinds of fish. This is particularly true during the frequent cold snaps when fish go up in the deeper canals for warmth. But that's when the schools and usually taking large hauls of fish.

The Southwest Florida Legislative Delegation sponsored a bill, pre-filed by Rep. Fred Dudley, that would take the time element out of the present law. House Bill 711 seemed destined for an easy approval. It did not appear to be controversial and was basically an amendment to an existing law — until the bill was sent to the state Natural Resources Committee for routine review.

At that point, as you might expect, a great deal of politicking started to slow the progress out of the committee. Rep. James Ward, chairman of the Natural Resources Committee stopped the bill. He based his decision to keep the bill off the approval

agenda on a general unspoken moratorium on saltwater fishing bills.

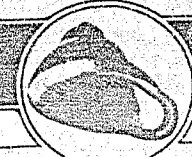
The result is a stalled bill — unless you are concerned enough to take the time to let the chairman know of your concerns. I am not a canal-front land owner, but I live across the street from a canal night netter, flashing lights and loud engines. I know the concerns of the property owners.

If you want to let your representatives in Tallahassee know your concern, then put the following address on an envelope and enclose a short note to that effect:

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Editor's note: After Fuery wrote this column the status of House Bill 711 changed. See news story on page 11A this week.



SHELLING TIPS

By Captain Mike Fuery



One of the most fun things about doing so many shelling charters each week is that I get to talk with a wide variety of collectors from all over the country. This week let's talk about shelling in various parts of the nation. ALL the shells aren't on Sanibel, you know.

I recently took out a family from Virginia. Even though there is a lot of coastline along this state, you don't hear much about the quality of the shelling there. But these folks had some great stories about finding shells.

One of the more interesting things we find around here this time of year is the black, four-inch long and rounded. They are about three inches long and rounded. I always thought they were something special — until my Virginia shellers said there were so many of them on their beaches that they were considered a nuisance!

One fellow told me commercial netters find that the cases jam up their nets and make it impossible to work certain sections of the beaches during the spring when the cases appear. They are sometimes called a "devil's purse" or an "old maid's purse."

And about the same thing was true with lettered olives. One lady said a bank of sand formed one day during a storm, but the waves allowed collectors to get to the mound without getting wet. In other words, the seas had formed a low ridge of

about three feet tall up on the beach. I've seen this happen at Blind Pass several times.

The shellers were able to dig into the wall of sand and come away with buckets of dark lettered olives! What on earth they did with that many, I can't imagine.

So when the time is right in Virginia, shellers there are up to their eyelids in egg cases and lettered olives. They also mentioned that the olives found up there are generally darker than the common ones found here.

Another Island visitor related a story about shelling in the Caribbean. One day this gentleman was returning to port after a day of fishing off an island near the Virgin Islands. He said as his group neared the shore and the brightly colored reef patches became visible, he asked the captain to slow down so he could see if there were any shells on the sand and coral bottom. Sure enough he spotted a big conch shell and dove in the water.

The guy made a frantic attempt to reach the shell but came gasping to the surface. The captain and the crew were beside themselves with laughter. "It's near 60 feet deep here, mon," the captain said.

As this man learned, many of us know the Caribbean waters are so clear you think it's only a short swim to the bottom.

The outer banks of the Carolinas seem to have

once been very good for shelling. One couple I had out recently said 20 years ago they would visit barrier islands by boat to shell. You might know that the state shell of North Carolina is the Scotch bonnet, and some of these were found with each trip the couple took. After a long absence, they again made the trip out to the island last year. Now there is a ferry and wonderful condos on the beach — and not enough shells to fill your shirt pocket.

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ISLANDER SPORTS

By Scott Martell

First annual Bob Potts tournament draws 112 golfers to the Dunes

Bob Wimmer, Randy Adams, Jack Davis and Larry Tarutis blasted their way through a field of 112 golfers last Saturday to win the First Annual Bob Potts Memorial Golf Tournament.

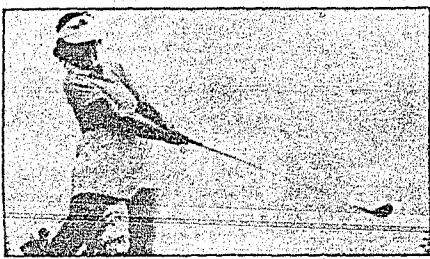
The first place team shot a 58 score in the equalizer scramble, three shots better than the three teams that tied for second place.

Using a match card tie breaker, the team of Kip Johnson, Bob Buntrock, Jim Kanavas and Kappy Cole captured the second place trophy.

Both men and women competed in the tournament at the Dunes. An equalizer scramble is arranged so that everyone hits off the tee. The team then chooses the best placed ball. The person who made that shot has to sit out the follow-up shot.

The memorial tournament was a Lion's Club event. Potts was a long time Lion member who operated several businesses on the Island.

Bill Potts and Dunes golf pro Pat Flynn organized the event, which included 18 holes of golf plus hot dogs, hamburgers, beer and music under the tent at the Dunes.



Clockwise from left: Jean Hartman, Donna Yaeche, Colin Denison and Jon Eaton watch their shots in the Bob Potts tournament. Photos by Mark Johnson.



SPORTS TALK

By Scott Martell

Keye Daus doesn't mind going against the odds. Earlier this month Daus flew to Boston to participate in the New England Patriots' free agent football camp.

Never mind that Daus, 21, never played college football, or that he's only 5'9" and 175 pounds, or that 800 other aspiring professional football players attended the camp.

Daus managed to wrestle an invitation to the camp and in the classic sense of the phrase decided to "go for it."

He had been doing some serious weight training with Roger Fleming at the Sanibel Recreation Complex. And he sought sage advice from Islander Bob Gibson, a former coach in the NFL.

"Bob (Gibson) showed me the drills they used. Most of what he said they'd do up there happened," Daus says. "And he said keep my 40-yard dash time under 4.7."

Daus succeeded in racing a 4.51 in the first 40-yard dash at Sullivan Stadium in Boston. It was among the top five times raced by his group of 250 defensive backs and tight ends. And he clocked his

second 40 at 4.63. Then he won the back pedaling 40-yard dash.

"I felt very confident at that point — but you should have seen some of the 250-pound linemen who were running 4.5-second forty-fives," Daus says. "And you wouldn't believe the sound of those big guys hitting the pads."

Then came the defensive backfield drills. The Patriots were using many of their starters who were in camp to help run the drills. Steve Grogan was one of the quarterbacks trying to trip up the unwary free agent defensive backs — including Daus.

Daus, without college playing experience, had to watch the drills closely to pick up on how they were run. The 250 players in his group divided into several groups. Still, when it came time for Daus to go one-on-one with a professional tight end about 75 people lined the field to watch Daus perform.

In one drill Daus and the other backs charged the quarterback, who would drill the ball right at the defensive back.

In another drill the defensive back would race downfield looking straight ahead. The quarterback would then loft the ball downfield. The defensive coach ("a madman," according to Daus) would pick a good time to yell "ball!" Then he would watch how the defensive back reacted to the ball.

Daus didn't do badly in the well-organized workouts — which lasted only about 1½ hours. He intercepted a ball. And he knocked down two passes thrown by a professional quarterback.

Daus honestly says he doesn't know if it was Grogan tossing the bullets or if it was another backup quarterback.

Still, despite how well Daus did, remember the odds.

As it turned out, only six players out of the 800 total were invited back to a "mini-camp." Four came from Daus' group of 250 defensive backs and tight ends. All six were professional football players. Four had previously played with the NFL; two with the USFL.

"And the next day I read in the Boston newspaper that no player for the Patriots had ever made it all the way from the free agent camp, through the mini-camp, to pre-season camp and on into the season," Daus remembers.

"Did I go up there with high expectations? No, not at all," he says with a laugh. "The coaching starts right away in the lockerroom when they check your height and weight. So right away they've begun to know who they will focus on in the try-outs."

"I wanted to find out what it was all like and answer some questions for myself — basically. I wanted to see if I could make it in professional ball," he adds. "Height and weight is an immediate factor. Still, I think I might have had an excellent opportunity — if they'd known me better."

And he hasn't shelved the idea of trying once again. He has sent letters to other professional teams. Try-outs are over for this year, but there is always next year. The odds will still be tough — but, then so is Daus.



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SPORTS

Naumann 'oldsters' take title in Old Sports for Youth Sports tourney

The Naumann team surprised the men's softball league last weekend and won the Old Sports for Youth Sports Tournament that traditionally kicks off the softball season each year.

"This is the first time we ever won anything, it seems," laughed coach Dick Muench.

Yet it was appropriate that Naumann won this "Old Sports" title — the team is surely the oldest in the league. Muench estimates the average age on the team is 40.

Not only are they full of creaking knees, but Naumann is also injury-riddled with four players already on injured reserve.

Naumann stayed in the winner's bracket throughout the tournament, beating Tracy's Car

Wash, South Seas and the Dunes 6ers.

The first "final" game put Naumann back against the Dunes. Despite a Tom Rizzo homerun, Naumann lost 7-2, setting up a second final game. It takes two defeats to be eliminated in a double-elimination tournament.

The Dunes appeared to be in charge again in the final contest, leading 8-7 in the top of the seventh inning. But a series of hits, an error and a two-run homerun by Jeff Smith gave Naumann four runs and an 11-6 lead.

Then Naumann held tough in the bottom half of the inning to capture the game and the tournament title.

"It was a good game with two good teams,"

Muench said. "The Dunes had it tough on Saturday — they had to play four games. We played three games. It was a long day. All our players deserve credit — they all made some key plays."

Muench refused to speculate on how Naumann would do when the season begins June 4.

"It was a fun tournament. We had a good time, and we hope to do the same during the season," he said.

The games were played as follows:

- Naumann over Tracy's, 11-4
- Dunes over West Wind, 17-9
- Mucky Duck over The Islander, 13-7

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SPORTS

Naumann 'oldsters' take title

continued

- Naumann over South Seas, 10-6
- West Wind by forfeit over Tracy's
- The Islander over South Seas, 1-2
- Dunes over Mucky Duck, 7-6
- Mucky Duck over West Wind (in 12 innings), 15-10
- Naumann over Dunes, 7-6
- Islander pick up "bye"
- Mucky Duck over The Islander, 17-2
- Dunes over Mucky Duck, 9-6
- Dunes over Naumann, 7-2
- Naumann over Dunes, 11-8



Dick Muench of the Naumann team, tournament champions, takes a backhand stab at a hot grounder up the third base line. Photo by Mark Johnson.



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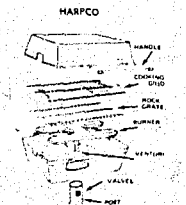
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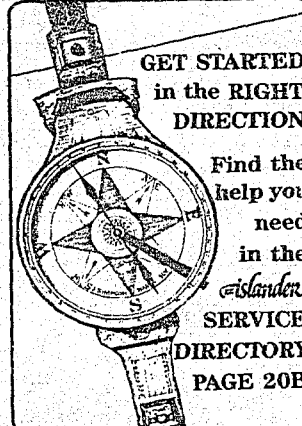
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SPORTS

Whale of shark takes fisherman for a ride

Andy Cinelli got taken for a ride recently — courtesy of a 4½-foot lemon shark. Cinelli and his friend Pat Patterson were out fishing for tarpon off Knapp's Point early the morning of May 14. Just after 6:30 a.m. Cinelli's 80-pound test line began to whirl out of his Penn reel at an alarming pace. "I picked up the ladyfish bait, ran with it and then broke water — and I knew what it was for sure," Cinelli said about the hit. "I

turned to Pat and said, 'You don't have to get back to California any time soon do you?' I knew we had a bit of a problem." The problem — a lemon shark weighing approximately 400 pounds — would end up taking almost 3½ hours to bring to the side of the boat. Three or four times the shark was almost at the side of the boat but decided to take off for Mexico again. And even more of a problem was the over-



Andy Cinelli and his lemon shark.

powering nature of the huge denizen of the sea. The shark often dragged the boat off to Mexico again. Cinelli hooked the fish.

When the monster was landed the boat sat between 12-15 miles out in the gulf. "You could just barely see Sanibel on the horizon line," Cinelli said.

Beachview men's golf

Jim Briscoe, Ted Hartshorne, Rudy Mikulic and Bob Neth locked up first place in a Saturday, May 18, tournament at the Beachview Golf Course. The men shot plus eight to grab the Beachview Men's Golf Association tournament title. Bob Dormer, Jim Esson, Lee Gibson and Elmo McClintock pick-pocketed second place with a plus two score. 37 players competed in the tournament. On Friday, May 17, the Beachview men journeyed to the Port Charlotte Country Club. Dick Hawthorne, Ray Howland, Joe Siefert and Baldauf corralled the four-man best-ball title by roping a 127. Tom Judson and Werner Papke won the two-man best-ball competition by shooting a 62. Tuesday, May 14, 35 men turned out to compete. John Foster, Ray Howland, and Rudy Mikulic finished first with plus six. Dick Carlin, Ken Preston, Joe Siefert, and Carl Wagner ended up "kissing sisters" with Jim Briscoe, Bruce Henderson, Elmo McClintock and Les Snell. The teams tied for second place.

SPORTS

Little Leaguers end season with night at Terry Park



P.J. Dietrich, above, led the way for his team when the Angels defeated the Astros.

The Sanibel-Captiva Little League has been busy this past week and has another good week coming up to wind up the 1985 season. The Little League players started out last week by visiting Terry Park to watch the Royals go up against the Astros. No, not the Sanibel-Captiva Astros — but these professional Astros handled the Royals just about as efficiently as the Sanibel-based Astros have handled most teams this year. The night at Terry Park was full of spirited fun, with much yelling and cheering by the estimated 75 Islanders in attendance. One highlight was when an anonymous person in the stands yelled at the umpire after he called a Royal out on strikes on a pitch that appeared high — "Stop calling them like Dick Muench," came the cry. The players also learned tips on how not to play ball. The professionals teamed up for seven errors in the game. The league raised about \$1,460 from the evening. The funds will be used for everything from uniforms to equipment. Another highlight of the week came when the Angels handed the Astros their second defeat of the year — this time 15-13. P.J. Dietrich led the way for the Angels with a three-run homerun over the fence. Ric Gralnick went four for four at the plate. Matt



Little Leaguers' players and coaches alike enjoyed the evening of big league ball at Terry Park. Photos by Mark Johnson.

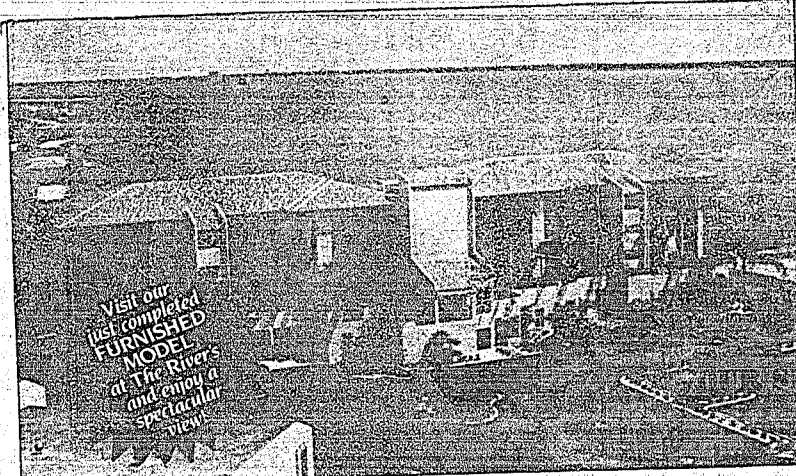
Duchrow had a "fantastic night" at second base, and the winning pitchers were Ryan Schultz and Dustin Horne, according to coach Tim Lowers, who took the entire team out for pizza after the game. Perhaps the most critical play of the game came in the final inning. The score had been tied 11-11 in the fifth, but the Angels gathered in four runs in the sixth to lead 15-11. Then the Astros began to roll in the final inning, scoring two runs. They might have continued to score except catcher Eric Jones tossed a perfect throw to shortstop P.J. Dietrich to catch an Astro runner trying to steal second base.

In other games last week the Rangers and Yankees played. Thursday pitting the Astros against the Yankees, the top two teams in the league. The game will be a "play-off" competition. Then on Saturday will be a fun round-robin tournament, presentation of awards and a picnic. The annual "Moms and Daughters" games will begin at 1 p.m.

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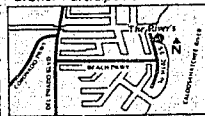
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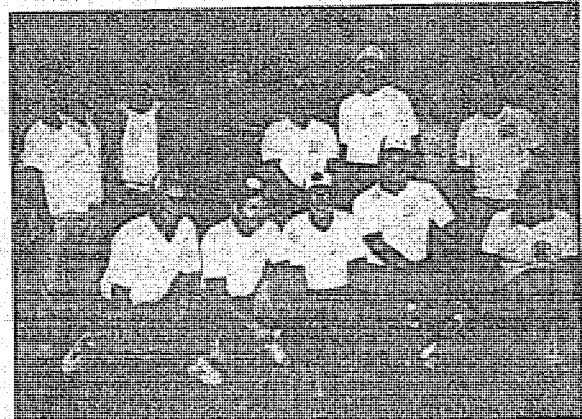
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Sportsmen of the Week: The Over-50 men

Luckily for this week's Sportsmen of the Week, they proved not as slow of foot as their photographer was slow to produce this team photo. Instead, the men — all over 50 years old — combined relatively quiet feet, good defense and often powerful bats to rip out a 20-19 record in the Fort Myer's over-50 softball league this season. The league ended last month. The Island men assured themselves of a winning record in the last game of the season, beating Glamour Pool 17-19 in

extra innings. The men played every Tuesday and Thursday evening for five winter months. The Sportsmen of the Week recognizes local athletes of all ages from fishermen to ballplayers and swimmers to golfers. The Islander welcomes nominations for Sportsman of the Week. Nominations should be in our office by noon Thursday and can be made by calling Scott Martell, 472-5185.



The Over-50 team includes, back row: Edith Traucht, Don Case, Francis Bailey, Marwan Keyes, Sam Bailey, George Branch and Charles Crabtree. Front row: Bob Hansen, Allen Mann, Black McEwen, Hank Kowalski and Tom Williams. Not pictured: Sonny Voigler.

Guess the quiz, win a gift

This week everyone knew current weight lifting trivia, but all were mistaken in ancient history facts. But you need to answer both correctly to win — so for this week we shelve our three prizes — a free subscription to The Islander, a bottle of wine from the B-Hive or a Sanibel Lighthouse Centennial poster by photographer David Meardon. Impossible as it might seem, a man has lifted more than 6,000 pounds. He was Paul Anderson of the United States, the 1956 Olympic heavyweight gold medalist, who raised 6,270 pounds in a back lift off of trestles June 12, 1957, at Toros, Ga. Anderson weighed 364 pounds at the time. Roger Taber, E.P. Bellune, Ann Bethune and "Jimmy the Greek" all knew this answer. But amateur weight lifting did not originate in ancient Greece. Weight lifting as a sport is of modern origin, with the first world championship at the Cafe Monies, Piccadilly, London, March 28, 1891. Prior to that, professional exhibitions were held with the advertised weights open to doubt. This week we stay with the slightly obscure — bowling. First: True or false — bowling can be traced back to the tomb of an Egyptian child of 5,200 B.C.? And second: What is a turkey in bowling? Think you know? Give us a call at 472-5185. This month we continue our policy of awarding one of three prizes to those who answer both parts of the quiz correctly. There is a limit of one prize per month for a single contestant. And remember, we must have your guesses in our office by 5 p.m. Friday.

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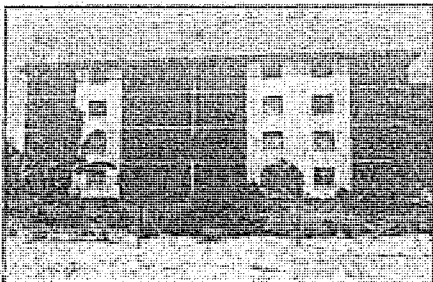
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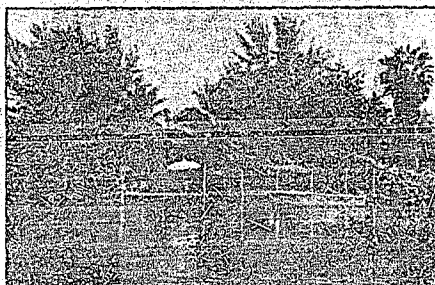
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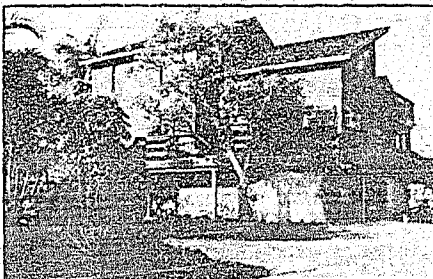
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