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Who says seasons don't change on the islands?

Editorial Assistant Chris Brownstein says that the many seasons here don't "Who are the tourists? Who are the tourists? Tell the way is 'Thank God There is 11th Ave.' (H) Brownstein."

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Business community registers displeasure with new regulations

City Hall was packed last Wednesday night for the workshop about a proposed new commercial development code on Sanibel. Business people maintain the plan will eventually spell death for the commercial business here.

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40 years later high school classmates gather on Sanibel

Twenty members of the Class of '45 at Holliston High School in Holliston, Penn., recently held their reunion on the island.

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Latin Americans spend three days at Ding Darling refuge

The director of wildlife from Brazil, Santa Domingo and Pura's son are in a delegation of Latin Americans who visited the island refuge as part of a month-long workshop sponsored by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

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Your guess is as good as anyone else's

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Fall festivities

There's lots of activity around the island these days. The annual Oktoberfest at Captiva's Ocean Waters Inn began last week, and continues this Wednesday through Sunday under a tented beer garden.

Cheerful with music, crafts, food and drink from the Russian Alps. The children in the photo at left were preparing for a book-bump contest in the library's Reading Center second birthday celebration last weekend. Photos by David Bugakko.



ISLAND SHORTS

Community news
and announcements about
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Shirley's on Captiva plans 'Foolish Festival' and benefit for county children's home

After seven years Shirley Borregard finally took a vacation. And now that she's back at Shirley's Spirit of Foolishness on Captiva a frenzy of fun is about to explode.

The Second Annual Foolish Festival is scheduled for Nov. 12. The following weekend Borregard and her family of friends will close the restaurant and host a private party for a group of special youngsters from the Lee County Children's Home.

The Foolish Festival will be a time for people to let their hair down and laugh a lot. Borregard says. The festival will begin Friday evening and continue until midnight Saturday when the King and Queen of Foolishness will be crowned. Halloween outfits and lots of fun will be the order of the day. Live music will also be offered.

The following weekend Shirley's will host about 40 children of all ages from the Lee County Children's Home. Joining the Spirit of Foolishness group will

be a variety of organizations from the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation to the Captiva Memorial Library. The Sanibel and Captiva fire departments, the Sanibel Police Department and Bank of the Islands.

It will be like an old-fashioned picnic. Borregard says. Activities will include games, music, dancing, storytelling, talks on native plants and growing plants, face painting, clowns, and a nature walk and more.

The community is encouraged to donate gifts for the youngsters. Gifts can be dropped off at either the Sanibel or Captiva fire department. Cash donations to help the children's home are being accepted at Bank of the Islands in care of the Spirit of Foolishness Children's Home Benefit. If we can just do a super job. Borregard feels. "We can give the kids a spark of compassion. And maybe we can give them a moment that will let them live."

Sanibel participates in National Energy Awareness Week

Sanibel Mayor Fred Valtin has proclaimed Oct. 20-27 Energy Awareness Week for the city of Sanibel. He urges all citizens to be aware of energy issues and to take advantage of energy-saving services offered by the Lee County Cooperative Extension Service and the Lee County Electric Cooperative, which provides power to Sanibel and Captiva.

The city proclamation is part of Sanibel's participation in National Energy Awareness Week. This year's theme is "Energy Security for Peace and Prosperity." In Lee County, lunch and learn sessions are set up this week outside the county courthouse in downtown Fort Myers and at the Edison Mall on U.S. 41 where representatives from the cooperative extension service are offering low-cost/no-cost energy saving tips.

CROW arranges transportation to Gainesville for injured eagle

A badly injured bald eagle was flown to Gainesville early Friday morning for treatment of an eye injury.

Peter Van Arsdale, president of Professional Birders Association, agreed to provide the trip free of charge after he was contacted by Larry and Deborah, liaison of Wildlife volunteers Jackie Bassel. She told him about the eagle that had been a patient at the CROW hospital on Sanibel since Sunday Oct. 13. The bird was discovered on Pine Island that afternoon by Elaine Jordan, editor of the Pine Island Eagle. She and her husband arranged for another Pine Island resident to deliver the eagle via boat to Sanibel and then to CROW headquarters.

The CROW intensive care unit, however, could not provide the care needed to ensure the eagle's recovery. His transfer to the Gainesville Medical Center was mandatory. A student at the medical center picked the bird up at the airport yesterday.

Jordan said she was a little sad when she saw the eagle sitting quietly in a vacant lot across from her home on Pine Island. Her husband donated his work gloves and approached the bird. After talking to it for a few minutes, Jordan said, her husband was at a loss to pick up the docile bird.

She speculated that the eagle ran in to power lines as he dived for rabbits in the open field. His left eye was blind and he had bruises on his left thigh, she said.

If specialists in Gainesville can restore the sight in the eagle's left eye



Lonnie Jordan holds the injured eagle before it was transported to CROW. Photo by Elaine Jordan.

the bird will be released. Jordan said. Otherwise it will remain in captivity.

Now every morning around sunrise Jordan added the eagle's mate comes to a large dead tree behind the Jordan house. The pair of eagles have a nest on Little Pine Island, the aquatic preserve on Pine Island Sound.

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Weather watch Everybody talks about it

This week the weatherman calls for partly cloudy skies over South West Florida with highs in the upper 80s, lows in the low 70s. There is a 30 percent chance of rain through Friday.

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

	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Monday, October 14	87	72	0
Tuesday, October 15	86	73	0
Wednesday, October 16	86	73	0
Thursday, October 17	86	74	0
Friday, October 18	84	73	0
Saturday, October 19	85	72	13
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DO YOU REMEMBER?

20 Years Ago This Week
Oct. 21, 1963
A 20-foot addition to the American Legion hall on Sanibel-Captiva Road will be under construction in the coming weeks. It will house an office and a new kitchen.

Paul Stahlin of South Seas Plantation and Mary Cunningham put their heads together and designed a beautiful display showing the wonders of Sanibel and Captiva. The display will be in place for several weeks at Rocketeer Plaza in New York City. Several other Lee County groups are also advertising their attractions in a total of seven windows at the center.

Emmy Lu Lewis writes from London that she and herbert enjoyed two weeks of driving through the mountains and green valleys of Austria. They look forward to returning to the Islands in December.

15 Years Ago This Week
Oct. 22, 1968
Arthur Mills, owner of the Island Store on Captiva has reopened for business after a month's vacation. The store has been the only grocery store on Captiva for 21 years.

A building permit was issued last week to Donald Bissell to construct a Dairy Queen restaurant on Sanibel. Construction by Don Hiers was valued at \$20,000.

Bestsellers advertised by MacIntosh Bookshop included: The Seven Minutes Wallcut, The Game Game Jaffs, Fire Island, Hirschfeld, The Godfather, Puzo, and Good Time Living, Schidder.

10 Years Ago This Week
Oct. 21, 1973
Total cost to the city for the land use plan drawn up by WMRT will be \$106,000. The plan is of prime importance. If this is what they need then we have to give it to them. Mayor Porter Goss said when the council heard the figure last week.

The Florida Audubon Society will hold its annual membership meeting and 1975 workshop at South Seas Plantation later this week.

Cub Scout Pack 88 had its first meeting on Sanibel last week. Members of the Bear Pack include: Tim Jordan, Dave Krepp, Greg Hermes, Robert Peck, and Sean Combs. The Wolf Cubs are: Shawn Coe, Anthony Michale, Laurence Trembley, Peter Evans, Roosevelt Preston, Cameron Anhold, and Charles Longula. Webelos members are: Sade Cole, Eric Post, Danny Burns, Eric Whitman, James Stice, Ronald Rossi, and Eric Gavin.

3 Years Ago This Week
Oct. 1, 1980
Dick Van Patton, star of television's Eight Is Enough, was on Sanibel last weekend providing Capitan's interval ownership vacations by the sea. Keith Towler, vice president of Capitan, said Van Patton was selected to represent the resorts because he is a highly believable family figure.

Porter Goss, Arthur Johnson, Malcolm Beattie, Rose Rogers, and Jane Siegman have been named to serve on the board of directors for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

The Children's Center of the Islands and the Sanibel Ridge Path Company have joined forces to publish a cookbook.

1 Year Ago This Week
Oct. 21, 1982
George Campbell, Bird Westall and Steve Phillips — the only three people on Sanibel licensed to handle alligators — suggested last week that public education about the reptiles would reduce considerably the calls they receive about nuisance alligators.

So far 150 units have signed up to participate in the parade honoring Sanibel's 10th anniversary as an incorporated city. Parade chairman Chuck Skinner is still accepting entries from Island groups.

Islander Duane La Croix has been accepted as a regional finalist in the 1984 Miss Florida America Pageant.

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Taking it to the street

During a break in the action at last Wednesday evening's public meeting about proposed new commercial regulations, we asked several Islanders why they were at City Hall and what concerned them most about the proposed changes.

Margaret Garner — "I'm upset because this proposal is planning to rezone our commercial property to residential property. I don't want to see this happen."



Jane Epranlian — "I'm here to get a better understanding of the entire proposal. I'm concerned about my future."



Dick Gibson, RB LL quips — "It's very good to see the business community get out like this. I'm here to get a better understanding of the proposal. Down the road it might affect me."



Bert Jenks, realtor — "I'm here simply because I disagree with the city saying anyone in business should not worry about this proposal. That's crazy."



Nola Shehorn, owner of the Sandpiper Gift Shop — "I'm concerned. I feel threatened by one section of the proposal which says certain stores are not permitted in certain areas. I'm here because I really want a better understanding of the entire proposal."



Editorial

Nothing is cast in concrete - yet

It seems some of the retailers and commercial developers who attended last Wednesday evening's workshop at City Hall were frustrated in their attempts to communicate their concerns about the city's proposed new commercial regulations.

Post-meeting comments have ranged from mild confusion to complete irritation and a feeling of helplessness. But others indicate many business people on Sanibel have both a clear understanding of the proposal and strong intentions to fight its passage. Every business person on Sanibel should make it his business to study and understand the impact of the proposed regulations. No commercial interest on the Island will be immune from the effects of the plan if it is adopted as it now exists. But it is not likely that the plan will be adopted as it exists.

Last week's workshop was held for the sole purpose of soliciting input from the public, specifically the business community. At the onset of the meeting Mayor Fred Valin stressed that the session would not turn into a debate between city officials and the audience; the former were there to listen to the latter, not to become en-

broiled in discussion.

For that reason, attendance at this Wednesday evening's first hearing of the commercial plan is vital. For the past week councilmen have considered the criticisms of the plan put forth at the workshop. This Wednesday they will offer their ideas for revisions to the plan. We hope.

The plan itself developed as a reaction to sentiments of one segment of the Island's population that too much commercial development was destroying the ambience of Sanibel. Now the sentiments of the business community are that the plan represents overkill and eventually will spell death for the Island's commercial interests.

The City Council's job is to strike a balance between the two segments. And informed input and constructive criticism from both sides should make that task easier.

So read this week's news stories beginning on page 6A about the plan and its ramifications. Study the proposed commercial zones and what will be allowed in each one. Then participate in the first public hearing at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Nothing is cast in concrete — yet.

Captivan states his case against beach renourishment

To the Editor

The time has come to elect people who understand what our Captiva Erosion Prevention District should do to economically protect our shoreline from the ravages of Mother Nature.

I would like to introduce two men, Dr. Robert Martin and Paul Garvey. Both are year-round residents and have an interest in the welfare of our Island. They are not in favor of pumping costly sand on our beach only to have it washed away in two to four years.

The most recent project that was turned down by the court again planned sand pumping of the beach with no thought of including some barrier installation to hold this costly sand for a few years. This matter must be studied using the guide of cost with length of time the nourishment will remain on the beach. All property owners should be assessed fairly based on their proximity to the beach. The Island assessment cannot be governed cost-wise on where certain (CEPD) commissioners live.

Four examples can be traced to what I think are unfair assessment plans:
1. The coming referendum will state that a reduced cost of assessment should be given to those who

are south of the S turn on our only evacuation road, Captiva Road. The CEPD's plan is based on the claim that the fragile Captiva Road along the gulf will be the first to prevent evacuation in an extreme storm.

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If you're in a hurry, you don't belong on Sanibel

To the Editor

The Islander

The prize of the week goes to the carelessly reckless speeder who killed the white egret on West Gulf Drive in front of the Christian Science Church at about 4:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14.

The CROW Transport team could not help. The beautiful bird expired on the spot.

Dear speeder: You never even stopped to help. We hope you reached your destination safe and sound.

Very Truly Yours,

C.F. Barnes

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COMMENTARY



By Chelle Koster-Walton

"Oh, it really is beautiful here. But don't you miss the changing of the seasons?"

How many times have you heard that one? I have a friend in Minnesota who is under the impression that just because I have not suffered through a full year's worth of cabin fever and endless niche tournaments and brandy bottles, I cannot possibly enjoy spring.

Well, suffering is relative, and freezing temperatures in an unheated, uninsulated Island-style home with terrace floors is plenty of winter for me. After all, it means having to shut the sliding glass doors out to the porch for a week or two. Talk about cabin fever!

So spring might come in February. And so what if it leaves us sans puddles and the black crusty remains of snow that northerners don't see how we can do without. We Islanders have our own seasons, and at last count they outnumbered the four standards experienced in most places up north. (In Minnesota there are only two: Winter and Fourth of July.)

Right about this time of year we get into our Disguise Season. This is not limited to Halloween. It comprises those months when shop owners and restaurant managers disguise themselves as customers and join in other shop owners' shops and other restaurant managers' restaurants to see if the latter's business is any better than their own.

Disguise Season carries its right into the Holiday Season. For Islanders this usually does not start until Christmas Eve. That's when that long-awaited, gift-bearing, jolly visitor arrives. No, not Santa. The tourist.

Up until his arrival Islanders hold their breath wondering how they will pay off all the credit cards they have used to finance this year's Christmas. Then lo and behold! A miracle happens! Right when it looks like no one is coming, the Island is hit by a blizzard of the snowy-complexioned. Signs of the season are Islanders on their knees along Periwinkle Way and in the backrooms of their businesses, faces uplifted. This is when Islanders love tourists. They have saved us, and they will only be here for a week. Then we will enjoy a reprieve and a chance to regroup before the real "Season" arrives.

Other signs of the Holiday Season are those worshipped people bearing Christmas-tinted skin discussing how it just isn't Christmas without goose bumps, visible breath vapors, etc. If it should happen to dip below daytime 50s on the Islands, however, you will hear them complain that they might as well have stayed home. Sure sign of the Holiday Season: Two people stand in line at the B-Hive. One wears a flannel shirt, down vest and jeans; the other sports a bikini top and shorts. Guess which one is the Islander.

January and February are known as When-Are-The-Tourists-Ever-Coming Season. This is when Islanders receive their VISA bills. Every year they go through the same ritualistic dialogue. "I don't think Season is coming this year."

Last year Season was here by now. "We're it's because Easter is later."

"Maybe it's because the temperature is above 20 degrees up north."

"Maybe it's because of Reaganomics." "Maybe it's because of the Red Tide." Then it hits! Invariably, one day you wake up and it is Season! "Season" is short for "When-Are-The-Tourists-Ever-Leaving Season." Who knew the signs. Islanders wear faded McT's T-shirts and Island Pizza baseball caps so as not to be mistaken for tourists. Alligators come out that they're on preppy sweaters. Bars are full. Beaches are littered. VISA accounts are smiling.

Then on Easter we celebrate the resurrection of the Islands. Because that is how it used to be. Season used to end after Easter and Season lodging rates went down. But the true meaning of Easter has been lost. It no longer symbolizes the end to the sacrifices we make during Season. Now it is merely a sign that the people who could not afford to come here in Season are on their way. This is how What-Ever-Happened-To-Off-Season Season got started. It extends into September. Post-Labor Day begins Island Reclamation Month, to which I have already devoted an entire column. Kissing the ground, as you will recall, is a sure sign of this more-blessed-than-spring time of year, also commonly known as the Thank-God-There-Is-Still-An-Off-Season Season.

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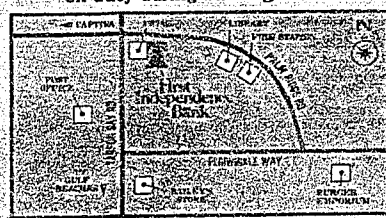
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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

By Barbara Brundage

What will be permitted where

The four proposed commercial districts and their general descriptions in the plan are as follows:

NC

Neighborhood Commercial
Areas designated are Seaboard Shops Punta Yb, the ESI complex on the east end of the Island, Sanibel Bay area mid Island, Santa Mini mart on the west end and Wulfer Woods area developed.

This zone permits low intensity commercial uses in limited decentralized locations so as to provide a limited amount of convenient commercial uses geared toward the needs of permanent residents. These could include grocery and food stores without carry-out or deli, drugstores, barber and beauty shops, tailors, dressmaker, repair shops, offices up to 1,000 square feet, and family clothing stores.

LC

Limited Commercial Retail and Service District
Designated areas include most commercial developments on Periwinkle Way. This district is designed to permit low intensity retail service and office use geared primarily toward the needs of permanent and seasonal residents of the city.

TC

Town Center
Limited Commercial Retail and Service District
Designated area includes all commercial development in the Dunlop Road, Palm Ridge Road, Tarpon Bay Road and Periwinkle Way triangle. This district is designed to provide opportunities in a centralized location where generally larger vacant parcels are available for a variety of medium and low intensity commercial uses geared primarily toward the needs of permanent and seasonal residents.

GC

General Commercial Retail and Service District
Designated area includes Periwinkle Place and Tantania Gardens shopping centers and the vacant commercially zoned strip between the two. This district is designed to provide opportunities for the widest variety of commercial uses in medium and low intensity developments to serve virtually all of the foreseeable needs of the city's permanent and seasonal residents and its visitors.

'A dastardly attempt to destroy Island businesses'

Business community distressed over proposed regulations

Members of Sanibel's business community showed up in strength at last Wednesday's special workshop at City Hall to register their thoughts about proposed changes in the city's commercial regulations.

There was standing room only in Mackenzie Hall when the session got under way at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Fred Vallin set the ground rules up front, emphasizing that it was not to be an evening of council debate.

The sole purpose is to explain what the changes are all about. At the end of the meeting there will be full understanding though no agreement, he said adding, "Nothing is yet cast in concrete."

Six hours later his statement was still valid. The basic question asked by both owners of retail businesses and shopping center developers at the meeting was why the proposed changes were necessary. They were not satisfied with Planning Director Bruce Rogers' explanation that the community goal is to stop Sanibel from becoming a destination shopping area. Rogers said controlling commercial development by limiting the type, number and location of tourist-oriented businesses is the only way to achieve this goal.

The audience was more in line with Island Apothecary owner Leonard Kessler's view that the proposed plan was a dastardly attempt to destroy present viable businesses on Sanibel.

The biggest bone of contention was the proposal to expand the current two commercial districts to four with so-called tourist-oriented businesses (shell shops, T-shirt shops, gift and souvenir shops, clothing stores, candy and ice cream shops) permitted only in the General Commercial Retail and Service District. Included in this district are Periwinkle Place and Tantania Gardens shopping centers and a strip of vacant commercial property in between the two centers owned by Jimmie Cipriani.

This plan will risk "existing retail businesses in the three other proposed commercial districts non-conforming."

Kessler maintained the plan will pose a major hardship on every business and will have a gravely detrimental effect on future ownership and use.

Vallin pointed out that apart from a major disaster there are only two ways a non-conforming business would lose its right to continue under the new plan. They are abandonment of the use for more than 12 months or in the event of going out of business the successor business is different and not a permitted use in the district.

Rogers added that non-conforming businesses can be sold and as long as they continue operation in the same manner they will not have to conform to the new plan.

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Assistant Planning Director Ken Pfaltz explains the new commercial districts as outlined in the proposed new plan. Photo by David Dugalkin.

MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Business community distressed continued

new regulations. They will not, however, be able to expand or change their use in any way.

But Councilman Francis Bailey speaking as a businessman, said there is no such thing as status quo in business.

You either go up or go down, Bailey said. You need to be able to grow to meet the demand.

Vallin reminded Bailey that expansion of non-conforming uses is not a right under current rules. Realist Bert Jones argued that the label of non-conforming downgrades property values. Those properties are hard to sell, he said.

David Arnold, owner of the Seaboard Shops, said he was at a loss as to why the commercial area at the Lighthouse end of the Island was changed to a Neighborhood Commercial District. It is only restricted permitted uses geared to residential needs.

Assistant Planning Director Ken Pfaltz explained that the area fitted the Neighborhood Commercial use because it is a residential neighborhood in a decentralized location.

But, Arnold countered. The Lighthouse is a tourist attraction and the owners of 400 several rental units are not residents.

John Smith, a real estate broker and part owner of Periwinkle Gardens shopping center, which is now under construction, said values of all commercial properties not in the General Commercial district will drop. It appears to be the city's goal for many of the commercial uses in the three other districts to be replaced by residential units, he said.

There are not enough permanent residents plus tourists on Sanibel to support the type of businesses permitted in the Neighborhood Commercial, Town Center and Limited Commercial districts, Smith said. In addition, he said, the high cost of land plus the high cost of meeting city requirements for development results in rents beyond the reach of

Morning-after comments from the City Council

Mayor Fred Vallin — I feel very good about it. There was a good discussion and good input and I am sure we will seriously consider the non-conforming expressed. I believe fear of the impact of long range non-conformances are exaggerated.

Councilman Lamar Johnson — I kept still listened and learned a lot. It's not a perfect

plan. Some adjustments can be made but I don't want to extend the commercial moratorium. I still believe in the idea of trying to limit tourist oriented businesses.

Councilman Mike Klein — It was painful. I hope we can make some modifications based on what we heard. This is all new ground for Sanibel.

Councilman Bill Hagerup — It became obvious that we will have to work hard to come up with a fair and equitable solution. When we come to first reading I would hope for more constructive criticism. No one wants to hurt business, we're just trying to control.

these non-tourist type businesses.

Businesses such as Bailey's General Store and Jerry's cannot exist solely on resident support. They must be subsidized by tourists to be economically viable, Smith maintained.

Met Aron of the Timbers Restaurant asked for clarification of the prohibition of strings of lights to outline and attract attention to commercial buildings. Such lights can only be used from Nov. 15 to Jan. 15.

Aron said he started the trend four years ago when he played the lights on the restaurant for Christmas decoration. I had such a favorable response I've left them up ever since, he said, adding, "I'm being punished because it has proliferated."

New regulations will permit 40-watt bulbs (white or yellow light) eight feet apart on the outside of commercial buildings.

Peter Burns, owner of Island Moped, said he would be unable to comply with new regulations requiring complete enclosure of merchandise storage and display areas. A 3,000-square-foot warehouse

to hold 600 bicycles would be an economic disaster, he told the council. Purvis added that the requirement for 116 parking spaces at his business was absolutely ridiculous.

Rogers acknowledged the parking requirements would be revised before the first public hearing on the new code Wednesday night.

City Attorney David La Croix outlined 25 proposed changes in regulations that would affect all commercial development on Sanibel.

Owners of two of the parcels on Periwinkle Way at the eastern end of the Island were on hand to protest any change in zoning.

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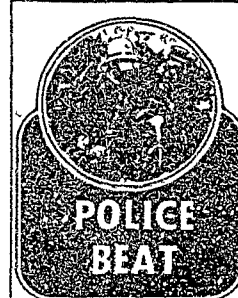
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All information in the following reports was taken directly from Sanibel Police Department records.

Police were notified that a diamond ring valued at \$810 was missing from the master bedroom of a home on Sandcastle Road early Friday morning, Oct. 17. The ring contained 10.12 diamonds in an S configuration. Police were questioning a housekeeper who had been in the home.

Police advised a her to Street resident about the city's law prohibiting fireworks shortly before 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11. Another Island resident had filed the complaint.

A Port Myers man was charged with driving under the influence after

police stopped him on Sanibel-Captiva Road shortly before 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12. Gerard Kaiser, 32, of 15818 Davis Road, was taken to the Lee County Jail.

Police investigated a possible attempted break-in at a condominium on Donax Street around 2:15 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12. A woman in the unit reported hearing a noise and a woman's voice outside her door. Police found nothing suspicious in the neighborhood.

Police investigated a possible prowler around a house on Limpia Drive around 1:15 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, but found nothing suspicious in the area.

Police retrieved some patrol fu

niture from a van that in the Gulf of Mexico early Sunday morning, Oct. 13. The woman who notified police about the chairs said they had been in the water for 24 hours. Police put the chairs in storage for salekeeping.

A Fort Myers man was charged with driving under the influence after police stopped him on the Causeway near the wreck station just before 2 a.m. Monday, Oct. 14. Bradie Horton, 30, of 1644 Merritt Court, was also charged with speeding and driving in the centerline. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.

A Fort Myers woman complained that she was nearly run off the road by

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Police begin training for handling water-related emergencies



By David Dugalka
The problem of swimmer's disregard for warning signs about strong currents at Blind Pass has been an ongoing one. Some really are not aware of the danger and others are simply seeking a thrill when they venture into the surf.

But whatever the reason might be for people taking chances at Blind Pass, the Sanibel

Police Department is taking steps to deal with the problem. During the next several weeks every member of SPD will complete a training course to prepare them for water-related emergencies. Joey Dahmer, lifeguard at the Sanibel Recreation Complex, says the officers are being trained at the recreation center and at Blind Pass. Training consists of

learning proper procedures for entering the water and using a special emergency flotation device. The most recent drowning at Blind Pass was in August when a Cape Coral man became caught in the underflow between Sanibel and Captiva. It was the second drowning off Blind Pass in the past three years.

Officer Ray Christensen (far left) learns the technique of using a special flotation device from lifeguard Joey Dahmer. Photo by David Dugalka.

40 years later, Hellertown High School graduates gather on Sanibel

By David Dugalka

The Class of 45 of Pennsylvania's Hellertown High School recently held their 40th reunion on Sanibel. And although only 27 of the original 72 class members attended, their fun was not diminished.

"We're here to raise a little hell. All we want to do is eat, drink and be merry," said class member Blake Hefner during an afternoon of sun and games on the beach at the West Wind Inn, where the group stayed.

Part of the attraction of Sanibel for the reunion was the fact that class member Bill Potts, who organized the get-together, lives near the Island. Since they graduated 40 years ago, members of the class have become everything from bankers to a pet store owner, a tire store owner, a farmer, a school teacher and a pharmacist. One member of the class, JoAnn Morton, was a captain in the Navy for 24 years.

When asked who was the most troublesome and who was the smartest in high school, the group agreed unanimously. The most troublesome decision went to reunion coordinator Potts. He had a natural talent for getting into trouble. Potts' classmate Blake Hefner said the group also agreed that Marjorie Hefner was the smartest in the class. Potts did not contest that selection, but he did add, "Of course she was. Her father was the principal."



Members of the Hellertown High School Class of 45 gather on the beach at the West Wind Inn. Photo by David Dugalka.

Police beat continued

Two men in a royal blue older model Plymouth Duster as she crossed the Causeway early Monday morning, Oct. 14. She said the car turned west on Periwinkle Way. Police did not find the vehicle.

Two wallets, \$100 cash and several items of jewelry were stolen from a car that was parked at the Turpon Bay Road public beach access between 11 and 11:40 a.m. Monday, Oct. 14. The door of the rental car had been locked and the items placed inside a locked

storage compartment in the rear of the station wagon. There were no signs of forced entry, and police determined a slim jim type instrument had been used to gain entry.

During the week that ended Friday

morning, Oct. 18, police issued one citation to a driver for driving with a suspended license and one citation for speeding.

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Latin American wildlife officials visit Sanibel refuge

By Scott Martell

A two-winged teal dove into the vast impoundment area at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge and rested for a few days.

And then it likely headed south to winter in Latin America.

Since so many migrating birds rely on livable habitat in both North and Latin America, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has initiated several programs to help train Latin American in refuge and wildlife management.

"If the Latin Americans don't manage their wildlife and its habitat, the migratory birds will never survive and make it back here," warned Herb Raffaele of the Office of International Affairs for the Fish and Wildlife Service.

With that idea in mind, a dozen wildlife officials from 11 Latin American countries participated in a three-day, hands-on workshop at the refuge on Sanibel last weekend.

The session on the island was a continuation of a month-long Fish and Wildlife Service-coordinated training workshop on the function and management of wildlife refuges.

During the month, the group has visited Washington D.C., Jackson, Wyo., and Yellowstone National Park. And in Florida the group will also visit Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge and Everglades National Park.

"We've learned a lot on our trip," said Jordan Wallauer, director of wildlife in Brazil. "I think

I've begun to understand better the politics of conservation. The United States offers a good model for us to study. However, an important difference is that the United States is rich, and Brazil is not."

Eight of the Latin American officials came from areas with environments similar to the mangrove system on Sanibel. "It seems they know many of our birds and plants already," Chris Olsen, outdoor recreation planner at the Sanibel refuge, said.

"Many are similar," Wallauer agreed. "We, too, have an idea, but it is bright red. And it is endangered for many of the same reasons birds are endangered in the United States: changes in the environment, human occupation, pollution, loss of wetlands."

Brazil has about 1,000 different species of birds.

Wallauer said. The country also has a great many species of mammals, but the number of individuals in each species is not very high. Wallauer added.

"It will be my job to help create this type of land (refuge) in my country," Wallauer said. "I think it is possible and can work. I just have to convince my president that it's good for the country—as good as better than other groups' interests such as those who want to cut down forests and clear the land. We'll have a long fight."

With the background knowledge gained at such workshops as the one that went through Sanibel's refuge last week, Wallauer and the other visiting wildlife officials have a bit more ammunition with which to fight.



The 11 Latin Americans pose at the refuge Visitor Center before last Friday afternoon's session with refuge staff members. Photo by David Dugalkin.

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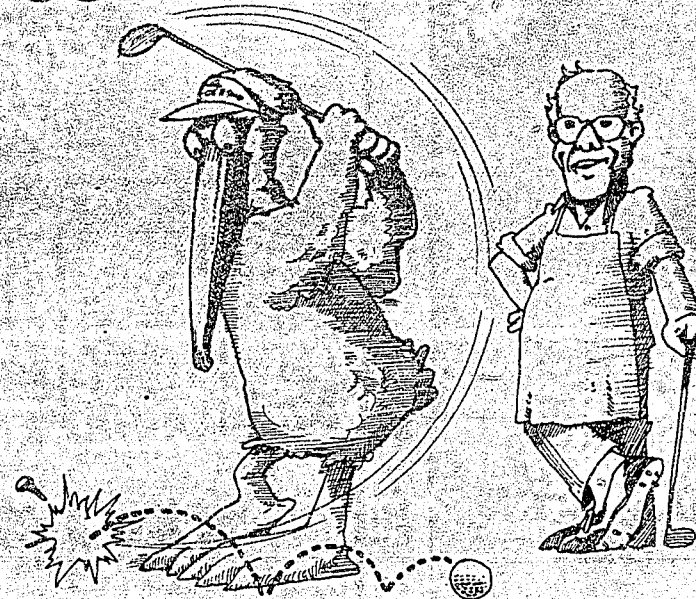
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Captiva sets the scene for Dino De Laurentiis production

By Julie Medendorp

Some of the actors and crew per se were not used in Florida's heat and bugs, but otherwise last week's filming of the movie "Red Dragon" on Captiva went smoothly according to David Meardon, one local resident who was hired to help out with the multi-million dollar project.

Shooting began last Tuesday at 8 a.m. Robert Fauschenberg, a beach burglar and later to the week moved to Timmy's Nook restaurant. Over the weekend film crews returned to the beach house to finish up closing shots.

Meardon and another Sanibel resident, Tim Irving, were hired as production coordinators and public liaisons. Everything, they needed David and I got for them, Irving said.

That meant tracking down everything from a diesel engine to some tropical vegetation. When the script called for three rubber trees, Irving went to work and found Captiva resident Uncle Joe Wightman with a tree to spare.

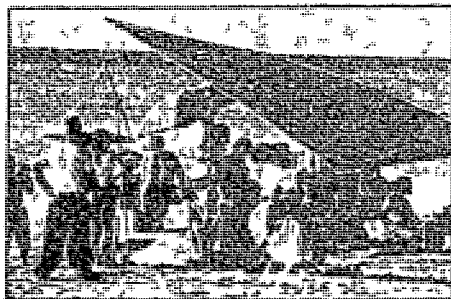
Filming the movie required a crew of 80-100 technicians, many of whom were Italian and British. In addition to the Island residents who were hired.

A lot of Captiva people were put to work, Irving said. His wife Mary was put in charge of hiring local extras who might be needed for the movie. Charlie Rocco was one such actor, and Island resident Ron Engle was hired as a stand-in for the star Bill Paterman. Kenny Carper of Timmy's Nook will appear in the movie as a workman on a barge.

Irving said that overall the movie was good for Captiva. "I thought for the most part people warmed to the idea of the project as it went on," he said.

Irving enjoyed working with the top notch people who were involved in the production, especially Mel Bourne and Fred Wiler.

Captiva provided the location for some of the opening and closing scenes in the Dino De Laurentiis production of the Thomas Harris novel by the same name. "Red Dragon" is the story of a gifted FBI forensic specialist who is called out of retirement to help track down a serial killer.



Left: The movie crew made for an unusual scene on the Captiva shore. Below: director Michael Mann, hand raised, issues instructions to a group of technicians on the beach. Photos by David Dugan.



Meardon said some of the night time scenes required for the movie were actually filmed in the afternoon using a process known as day-for-night. The illusion is created when special mylar gels are placed over the windows and a bug

spotlight is shone through creating a special effect that could not be attained during actual darkness, he explained.

Captiva was just one in a succession of locations used to shoot the film. Before filming is complete

production will take place in Atlanta, Washington, D.C., St. Louis, Chicago and Wilmington, N.C. Miami Vice producer Michael Mann is writer-director of the film that stars Peter On the Moon, Kim Greist, Tom Noonan and Joan Allen.

Power of the press doesn't mean much at filming site

The sign by the road said "Red Dragon" production. I don't know why we hadn't seen it in the first place. Photographer David Dugan and I had been driving around the north part of Captiva looking for the location of the filming of the movie "Red Dragon." We were looking forward to doing this story — it's not often a bit of Hollywood comes so close to home.

We had set out that morning unsure of where we were going. Conflicting rumors

about the movie location had been drifting into the newspaper office for weeks. After unsuccessfully investigating a couple of Captiva addresses, we resigned ourselves to asking somebody for directions. The first person we came upon was a workman pushing a lawn mower across a huge expanse of grass.

Do you know where they're filming a movie around here? David asked as I slid lower in my seat, fully expecting the man to wave us off as pesky tourists. Instead he

shut off his machine and ambled over. Sure, he said, generally before explaining where we needed to go. A few minutes later David turned in at the Red Dragon sign and headed down the shady dirt road that led to the filming site. We smiled at each other sheepishly. How could we have missed it?

We walked almost unthinkingly all the way to the set. We were finally stopped by a

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Power of the press doesn't mean much

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man with a valise who promised to find us "the man we needed to see — the producer." While David made his way to the beach, I waited in the shade.

I was introduced to a number of people among them a woman named Maria Chavez. We later learned the Chavez was the location manager for the production as well as a member of the team that produces Miami Vice. Public relations, we quickly discovered, was not in her job description.

Her smile evaporated. Here she was, a woman who realized who we were. "Press?" she practically spat the word. I have to ask you to leave, she said abruptly and turned to leave. Just the time I'd been talking to her. He had obviously betrayed secrets to me and now the entire production — and probably her job — was in jeopardy.

I protested. After all, I said, our paper would be out of the following week long after the movie company had left town. And besides, a lot of people already knew where the movie was being shot — it's being there, proved that. Most people knew too that the house belonged to artist Robert Fauschenberg.

But all that didn't matter. She stood fast and with a vehement shake of her head told me for the 10th time we would have to leave.

I got the hint, but first I had to find David. As I headed toward the beach, Chavez decided to let

me know she meant business. She was going to call the cops.

My photographer's down. Leave. I sighed, and for the moment I was secured a deputy reprised her trade. But before we knew it a sheriff's deputy stood before us.

As a last ditch try, I asked the officer if we could stay, providing we put away our notebooks and cameras and watched merely as spectators.

They have to leave — now! Chavez insisted and to make sure we did, she fell in line behind us as we were escorted away.

When we were finally safely out of range of the set, she apologized profusely. I'm just doing my job, she shrugged.

By the time she appears in print, the cameras will have stopped rolling and the production will probably be well on its way to the next filming location in Wilmington, N.C.

The veil of secrecy that surrounded the filming of "Red Dragon" certainly spared a lot of speculation — and probably perpetrated a good deal of misinformation. Did it serve its purpose? Who can say? Still, I can't help but remember the weary workman who gave us directions to the set that very first day of filming. I wonder how he found out about it.

Come to think of it, he probably saw the sign.

— Julie Medendorp



Who could have missed the sign? Photo by David Dugan.

1950s, 1960s dance will help drug rehabilitation program

The Fort Myers Board of Realtors and WMYC-FM 101 is sponsoring a 50s and 60s party from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. this Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Bell Tower Mall courtyard.

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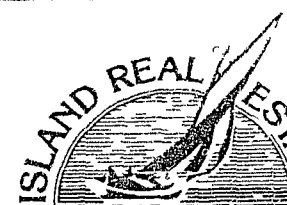
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Garage sale will benefit county arthritis foundation

The Lee County Arthritis Interest Group will host the third annual Fort Myers Most Fantastic Garage Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Fort Myers Exhibition Hall.

This gigantic garage sale will feature 70 booths with a variety of treasures and crafts brought in by local and statewide residents. There will be bargains and fun galore. No plan to attend WMYC will broadcast

the event live. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children under 12. Admission fees will be donated to benefit the Florida chapter of the Arthritis Foundation's programs of research, patient education and services. For further information, call Cindy Higbee (evening) 489-2277 or the Arthritis Foundation 355-9445.



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BUSINESS NEWS

By Scott Martell

Book review

'Funny Money' tells incredible banking story

This week The Islander presents the first in a series of monthly book reviews by Donald Scott.

Scott has lived on Sanibel for the past two years. Prior to moving to the island he worked for 30 years in the banking industry. He spent 25 years with Chase Manhattan Bank in New York City, dividing his time between commercial banking and corporate finance.

Scott's educational background includes a bachelor's degree in economics from Princeton and a master's in business administration from New York University.

He resides on Sanibel with his wife, Florence.

Funny Money

By Mark Singer

22 pp., New York, Alfred A. Knopf

This story about the rise and fall of the Penn Square Bank is written in easy conversational style and is a tale well told.

"What happened is perfectly logical if you take it step by step. There was no sinister design. Two billion dollars of Oklahoma 'oil patch' loans was fed into the U.S. banking system in about 2½ years by Penn Square Bank—a shopping center bank in Oklahoma City with a loan limit of \$3 million. How did the bank do it?"

To begin with, the time must be right. And for Penn Square, the energy crisis perceived in the wake of OPEC price fixing made the time just right. Oil cost \$3 in 1972 and \$13 in 1973 and was headed for \$40, Jimmy Carter, then president of the United States, declared that the sacrifices demanded would be the "moral equivalent of war."

On a wave of national pride, a determination to be energy self-sufficient swept the land. Some cynical oil producers, disgusted by price controls, said, "Let the Yankees freeze in the dark." Others figured the marketplace would reward the patriot who found more oil or gas.

Bill P. Jennings, Beep's chairman and principal owner of Penn Square Bank, dressed this patriotic challenge. Beep was the son of a small town Texas banker. He knew his customers back three generations, which gave him a keen sense of which ones could be trusted. But he was inclined to trust all humanity.

The basic business at Penn Square was limited to three-year auto loans and conventional neighborhood home mortgages. Beep had the vision of financing Oklahoma oil and gas development by originating loans and parceling them out, as much as 100 percent, to the big Yankee money center banks.

For this patriotic service he would collect an origination fee and tie up the least amount of Penn Square money on any one deal.

The timing was right. Money center banks were full of OPEC dollars they had been channeling into South America and Mexico. The big banks were beginning to think perhaps they had overdone those loans and were looking for fresh outlets.

"And in this way, Oklahoma became the newest 'underdeveloped country'."

Penn Square had no petroleum financing experience and no "oil department." But

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Public hearing set for input on how resort tax dollars should be spent

A public hearing planned for the Lee County Commission meeting this Wednesday, Oct. 23, will be one of the first steps in possibly altering the use of the 2 percent "resort tax" collected in the county.

The resort tax is over and above the regular sales tax and is tacked on to the price of hotel rooms. Voters approved the tax in a referendum three years ago. Much of the money is collected from resorts here on Sanibel and Captiva.

The tax has raised about \$2.5 million a year and has been used exclusively for promoting off-season tourism in Lee County.

But an ordinance currently under consideration by the County Commission could change how

the tax money is spent. If adopted the ordinance will earmark 40 percent of the resort tax collected for promoting tourism; 20 percent of the revenue will be used to "improve, maintain, operate or promote publicly-owned convention centers, sports stadiums, sports arenas, colleges or auditoriums."

The commission already has put aside about \$500,000 from this tax to help pay for improvements to the parking lot at the Lee County Civic Center and for renovations at Terry Park.

But in order to change the way the tax is spent, the commission must pass the ordinance by a four-fifths majority. In the county budget process, only Commissioner Mary Anne

Wallace appeared to oppose changing the way the tax revenue is spent.

Both the Lee County Tourist Development Council and the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce have gone on record as opposing the change in how the money is used.

"The feeling here is that if they open the door this much on how the \$2.5 million is used, then the future money will be up for grabs," said Walter Kile, executive director of the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce.

"The funds generated from this resort tax have been proven to be very successful in promoting this area," Kile added.

College-community partnership enables computer installation

An innovative academic and industry partnership to provide computer-assisted drafting capability is being introduced in Southwest Florida by Edison Community College.

With the Oct. 10 installation of the \$250,000 Prime computer system, college and community will jointly benefit. Through the partnership agreement the ECC

Electronics Engineering Technology program, designated as an exemplary program by the state Board of Community Colleges, will acquire state-of-the-art technology for its students. Six area industries that need computer-assisted drafting and design capabilities will lease "ports" in the Prime system. The ECC Endowment Corpora-

tion owns the system. Each industry participant will make a \$20,000 gift to the foundation. In return, it will be entitled to plug in its own computer terminal, plotter and printer in the Prime system via telephone lines. In addition, each participant will be able to have five staff members trained on the system via an ECC course.

Making big money is subject of seminar at Sundial resort

The Southwest Florida chapter of RESSI will present Chester Allen's "Developing, Syndicating and Big Money Brokerage" seminar at Sundial resort Nov. 14.

The goal of the seminar is to give participants the practical skills and formulas to make big money in the most lucrative aspects of real estate.

The three-day seminar will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Registration is \$325. For more information call Robert Barber, 433-3535.

The next luncheon meeting of RESSI is scheduled for noon this Thursday, Oct. 24, at the Forest Country Club.

Morgan's waiters, waitresses learn to serve alcohol with care

Morgan's restaurant and lounge at Sundial resort is instructing all of its employees who handle alcohol to serve it with care. "Serving Alcohol With Care" is a course produced by the American Hotel and Motel Association to educate restaurant and lounge service personnel on the effects of alcohol.

Morgan's has made the seminar mandatory for its employees, who must pass a written exam graded by the Educational Institute of the AHMA.

"According to Scott Bunce, the manager of Morgan's who will conduct the ongoing seminars, topics to be covered include alcohol's effect on the bloodstream, various tolerance levels, effects on motor skills and signs of over-indulgence. In addi-

tion, a local law enforcement officer will be on hand during the presentations to demonstrate a breathalyzer test.

If someone is drinking excessively at Morgan's, the server is told to notify the manager. Morgan's will then provide the patron with free non-alcoholic beverages and suggest ordering fatty foods to slow down the effects of the alcohol.

"Since it all begins with good judgment on the server's part, we feel it is important for our employees to fully understand and recognize the effects of the alcohol they are serving," Bunce said. The program will be conducted every two months to initiate new employees, Bunce said.

'Funny Money'

tells incredible story... continued

shortly before deciding to put Penn Square on the "oil patch" map, Jennings hired a recent graduate of the University of Oklahoma, William Patterson, Jennings hired him as a favor to Patterson's father-in-law, a man of substance and an old friend. Put in charge of oil loans, Patterson got little supervision, and 1,000 percent support from Jennings.

Patterson was completely unaffected by any petting, leniency, experience, nor was he restrained by normal prudent banking practice. What began to happen then is the fun part of the story: 10-year maturities, no principal payments, 22 percent interest, unrecorded items, blank signed notes and big city bankers lined up in the lobby.

Now the independent oil and gas producers in Oklahoma City knew they would all get rich—not just Oklahoma rich, maybe even world class rich.

Among these was Robert Heifer III. A university geology graduate, Heifer was totally committed to the quest for natural gas that he believed was 25,000 feet below the surface in the Anadarko Basin 150 miles west. It was his vision, and Jennings shared it.

"But it was uneconomical when drilling the well cost \$3 million and gas was 22 cents per 1,000 cubic feet."

Heifer had been scrambling for years, but with Patterson at the till of Penn Square, and with the prospect of \$40 oil and \$8 gas, the arithmetic all changed.

Heifer ended up owing \$40 million.

Beep, Patterson and Heifer were the major players, then in the story. But other stalwarts of the "awl business" were in close support, such as Cliff Culpepper, a veteran and rich independent operator drawn into the Anadarko mystique.

Culpepper drilled the Tomcat number one that blew out just before Christmas 1980. At the expected \$9 per 1,000 cubic feet, the well was calculated to hold \$900 million. A 1 percent interest sold the next week for \$1 million cash.

Meanwhile, billions of dollars of drilling partnership money was pouring in from tax shelters. January 1982 was the all-time high with 882 drilling rigs in service in Oklahoma alone.

But gas never got in \$9, and by early 1983 pipelines were refusing to take any at \$3.50. The new math was gone, the party over—and so was any hope of paying.

Penn Square closed July 5, 1985. "You can't put this book down until you see how it comes out. Along the way are many incidents and observations of broader application; the author's comment disapproving the practice of rolling over past-due loans without receiving any payment and advancing new money to pay accrued interest, and the bankrupt lease broker's response to "What happened to the money?" "It got spent."

Also in this drama is a cast of thousands: oil people, bank people, trades people, people in \$3 million ranch homes and people in trailers—all more or less demolished as though there had been a great natural disaster. And there had been.

Then life returns to more normal. The book begins with an account of the auction of the Penn Square Bank auto fleet after the bank's collapse. The auction was as much as anything a small social event.

The entire book is about what can be fairly described as one of the great financial moveable feasts of our time: a very big social event. Maybe you will wish you had been there. Read it for fun and profit.

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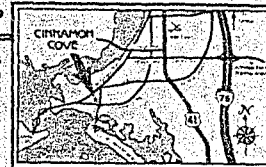
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YOUTH NEWS



Canterbury correspondent will keep Islanders informed

Cindy Blauvelt, an eighth grader at Canterbury school, will serve as our school's correspondent for The Islander this year.

Cindy who is also a cheerleader at Canterbury is in her second year at the private preparatory school in Fort Myers. She and her parents John and Louise Blauvelt, moved to Sanibel from Orlando.

She will report on activities, awards and other programs that involve her 30 school mates who live on Sanibel and Captiva.

Island student earns Academic All Star honor at Cypress Lake High School

By Kathleen Karpus
Cypress Lake High School correspondent

Islander Brian Smith recently was named Academic All Star of the week at Cypress Lake High School. Smith, a junior, maintains a 3.9 grade point average and is very involved in his school.

He was recommended for the award by his ROTC teacher, Major Kitchura. This is Smith's third year in ROTC, and this year he has been promoted to captain, company commander, one of two commanders of the ROTC squad in the school. Last year he received the only superior cadet award out of the sophomore class.

Smith also enjoys running on the cross country team at Cypress Lake. He recently won the 6.11 mile run, and will soon receive his airplane pilot's license. He is interested in joining the Air Force and becoming a pilot and engineer.

Originally from Atlantic, Ind., Brian has lived on Sanibel for nine years. When asked why he felt he received this honor, Brian replied, "Because I manage a good grade point average while being active in school." Congratulations Brian Smith.



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YOUTH NEWS

Elementary students win Dolphin Club awards

This year at Sanibel Elementary School students in each grade have a chance at winning various prizes every week. Tickets are drawn from a paper bag every Friday after noon and prizes range from certificates for 25 cents worth of school supplies to lunch with Principal Barbara Ward. Last week's winning tickets were drawn Thursday because school was not in session last Friday. The same schedule will be observed this week.

Last week's winners from the second and third grades were Amber Williams and Lakasha Gallacher.



Second grade winner Amber Williams



Principal Barbara Ward congratulates third grade winner Lakasha Gallacher. Photos by David Dugan

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Each day the crab fishermen return to shore and immediately cook their catch, boiling them and then immersing them in ice cold water. This process causes the meat to contract and pull away from the shell, making the meat easier to eat. If the crabs are not cooked that day the meat will stick to the shell making the claw very difficult to eat.

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'Amnesty Day' on Sanibel and Captiva allows residents to dispose of toxic wastes

By Scott Martell

Say you get rid of some old weed killer by pouring it onto the ground behind your house.

And then your neighbor dumps his old oil under a bush, and his neighbor buries old paint. Another neighbor down the road puts a bunch of bleach in his trash and sends it to the local landfill.

If this continued on down the neighborhood, pretty soon all these folks could be drinking dangerous, toxic water.

According to the state Department of Environmental Regulations, Florida has a "sensitive environment" which is highly susceptible to groundwater contamination. Large amounts of rainfall in a temperate to subtropical climate, flat terrain, porous, sandy soils and a high groundwater table easily allow wastes to sink into underground water supplies.

In order to alleviate this threat, the state is sponsoring state-wide "Amnesty Days" so individuals and owners of small businesses can get rid of all

sorts of toxic wastes free of charge.

And now, in a special arrangement with Sanibel and Captiva, the DER has agreed to send a truck to Sanibel City Hall to pick up both islands' hazardous wastes.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, Islanders can bring as much as a 5-gallon drum full of these wastes (or 450 pounds) and get rid of it all for free.

In Lee County "Amnesty Days" will run from Tuesday, Oct. 29, through Saturday, Nov. 2, at Page Field in Fort Myers.

A list of the most commonly used household materials which the DER is encouraging people to bring includes:

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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

ROGO extensions granted to 15 future homeowners

Fifteen future Sanibel homeowners last week obtained extensions of their Rate of Growth allocations that would have expired Oct. 31.

All 15 received single-family allocations in the July ROGO, but those allocations would have been terminated at the end of this month because for a variety of reasons the applicants had not obtained building permits.

The City Council approved eight-month extensions for Gedd Carrington and Richard Curtis. The remaining 13 applicants received four-month extensions.

Carrington's wife told the council her husband had undergone emergency surgery on Oct. 6 and was recovering in the hospital. But he faced a second operation in December and a long, slow convalescence. Because of his unexpected illness he was unable to complete the process to obtain a building permit by Oct. 31.

The council acknowledged the unusual circumstances and extended Carrington's allocation for two ROGO periods to June 30, 1986.

The Curtis received an allocation in July, "15 months less than expected," contractors Bob Horak explained to the council. They planned to begin construction of their retirement home on Sanibel in November 1986, and in anticipation of having to wait in line for an allocation filed their application a year early.

But when the council acted to clean up the backlog of applications by upping the number of allocations available in the July period to 75, the Curtis received an allocation sooner than they wanted.

"They acted in good faith in planning for a delay," Horak said. "The circumstances that created the earlier issuance of the ROGO allocation were no fault of the Curtis and beyond their control."

The council agreed that the city was a party to the problem and granted the Curtis an extension through June 30, 1986.

Eight of the 13 applicants who received four-month extensions were still waiting for approval from the state Department of Environmental Regulation to place fill on their lots. DER approval is required before a building permit can be issued.

Six of the lots are in the Sea Gats subdivision just off West Gulf Drive west of Rabbit Road.

If the extensions had not been approved the 15 allocations would have gone back into the single-family pool and could have been reallocated by the Planning Commission on Nov. 12.

Planning Commission Chairman Lennart Lorenson said the 75 single-family allocations that will be available in November should be sufficient to meet the demand. There are about 40 new applications for single-family allocations and 35-plus holdovers from the July period, he said.

Proposed development code receives commission stamp of approval

After a page-by-page review during a three-day workshop with the City Council, planning commissioners found it easy last week to certify the proposed new Land Development Code will be in compliance with the city's Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

At a special Monday morning meeting the commission gave its stamp of approval to the 315-page document that will take the place of the Development Regulations section in the land use plan.

Business community distressed from page 7A

E.L. McClintock Jr., who owns a lot on Las Tienas Lane behind the ESI office, questioned why zoning on that lot should be changed. "The lot was zoned commercial when I bought it in 1976, and the duplex on it has always been used for business purposes," he said, adding he would gladly provide copies of rental leases to support his claim.

Margaret Carner, who with her daughter owns Tide Cottages on Parvilinear Way at East Gulf Drive, pleaded with the council to retain the commercial zoning on her two lots, which she said have

Intensity of use ordinance endorsed 'in concept'

A general amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan designed to control the intensity of use in new development in the resort housing area was approved in concept by a 6-1 vote of the City Council last Tuesday.

Mayor Fred Vallin, the only dissenter, said he saw in the intensity of use ordinance "a proclivity toward over-regulation and a potential for overkill."

The general amendment ordinance that provides a formula for computing density based on the number of bedrooms rather than the number of dwelling units in a development is already included verbatim in the proposed new Land Development Code. With the council's blessing it will be adopted as a part of that document Nov. 6.

The intensity of use ordinance is an amendment to the plan that was initiated by the Committee of the Islands two years ago. It was designed to control the inten-

sity of use in units in the resort housing area that can be rented for periods of less than a month. The ordinance also defines "average occupancy rates" for different types of dwelling units based on the number of bedrooms.

Implementation of the ordinance will result in a decrease in the number of units in projects of high intensity of use and will bring down average occupancy per acre.

In July 1984 the council turned down the ordinance by a 5-2 vote with only councilmen Mike Klein and Louise Johnson supporting it. From the outset, Vallin and Councilman Francis Bailey had serious reservations about the proposal.

Councilman Bill Hagerup at first favored adopting the measure. But, persuaded by arguments advanced by Ray Pavajka, vice president for development for Mariner Proper-

ties, Inc., Hagerup changed his mind and cast the third dissenting vote in July 1984.

Last winter at COIT's request the council agreed to reconsider the issue.

Last week at the final hearing on the ordinance Pavajka charged again that the ordinance will create a disincentive for redevelopment and will not reduce intensity of use but only decrease permitted density.

Johnson conceded that in a resort housing area density will be cut from five units per acre to 3.1 units if the owner chooses to build units of high impact rather than residential condominiums. "But he still has a choice," she added.

This time around Hagerup said the long-term benefits for the island at a whole outweighed possible negative effects. Bailey, too, had a change of heart and supported the concept.

20 condos approved for Beachcomber motel site

A majority of the City Council has agreed that a new 20-unit condominium project replacing the 19-unit Beachcomber motel will reduce drainage and traffic problems in that East Gulf Drive neighborhood.

By a vote of 5-1, with Councilman Louise Johnson dissenting, the council last week deleted the condition requiring the developer to contribute \$20,000 toward a future East Gulf Drive road and drainage improvement project. The Planning Commission had recommended that a contribution be required as a condition of the development permit.

Beauller John Naumann appeared before the commission earlier in a race to begin construction before new flood elevations went into effect Oct. 15. After that date buildings in the area of the Beachcomber site must be elevated from 15 to 18 feet above mean sea level rather than the 12 feet previously required.

Beachcomber's early '60s vintage cottages have been demolished, Naumann said, and will be replaced by three six-unit buildings and a duplex. The property owned by the Carl Almas family straddles East Gulf Drive, but only the portion on the south side of the road bordering the golf will be developed, Naumann said. He wanted to retain on the north side of East Gulf Drive an existing dock and sea wall and a small cottage for the use of an on-site resident manager.

But the planning staff stipulated and the commis-

sion agreed that only 20 dwelling units were permitted on the entire parcel. All existing structures must be removed before a certificate of occupancy is issued for the new construction.

Members of the Almas family present at the commission hearing said the two parcels on either side of the road had always been under separate ownership and taxes paid on two separate parcels.

However, they did admit that the cottage, though originally intended for family use only, was rented as a part of the motel operation through the years.

But Naumann's major concern was paying a fee for improvements to the road and drainage that are not even contemplated. He did agree to dedicate to the city a 15-foot drainage easement for future improvements.

With time running out Naumann requested a hearing before the council "as soon as possible" on the contribution issue. At a special meeting at 4 p.m. Sept. 27 he had a chance to plead his case before the council.

As "fully-owned condominiums, with rentals limited to more than 28 days," the new units will have far less impact on traffic than the resort housing motel units that can be rented overnight, Naumann pointed out.

The drainage will be improved considerably with the plan submitted for on-site retention for ex-

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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

20 condos approved for Beachcomber motel site continued

ceeding city standards, he added.

"\$20,000 is not appropriate," he argued. "It's too much." In other instances where the council has required developers to contribute to the cost of improvements to serve the new growth, there has been a definite increase in the intensity of use on the site, he said.

Councilman Mike Klein conceded that this was not true in the Beachcomber case.

Klein also had problems with assessing property owners for future improvements. "Wait until the project is being implemented and assess all the benefiting property owners on an equal basis," he recommended.

Johnson did not agree that the planned condominium project will not increase the impact on

the roads and other infrastructure.

Under a formula outlined in the city's assessment program in which the property owner pays two-thirds and the city one-third of the cost of the improvements, a contribution of \$14,955 would be appropriate, City Manager Gary Price suggested. "In this case it was estimated it would cost \$22,000 for drainage and road improvements along the Beachcomber's 30-foot frontage on East Gulf Drive," he said.

Johnson's motion to ask for a \$15,000 contribution died for lack of a second.

Councilman Francis Bailey's subsequent motion to dispense with any fee passed by a 3-1 vote, with Johnson dissenting.

Homeowner wins appeal

for satellite dish on Parview Drive

The City Council last Tuesday reversed a Planning Commission decision and approved a development permit in lot E.L. McClintock Jr. install a satellite dish television antenna at his Parview Drive home.

The previous week the commission denied McClintock's request because he failed to comply with a provision of the city's ordinance regulating installation of earth stations on the island.

McClintock said it was impossible to provide a registered professional engineer's certification that the satellite dish design and installation would

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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Homeowner wins appeal

from page 21A

withstand winds up to 130 mph.

But McClintock said Tuesday he had learned from his son, an employee of the pioneer California company that manufactures the satellite dish he wants to install, that the results of wind speed tests are available.

The tests back up the manufacturer's three-year warranty that the dish will withstand all winds regardless of intensity. McClintock said this will provide substantial compliance with the ordinance, he added.

Councilman Louise Johnson's motion to reverse the commission's denial and approve the development permit passed by a 5-0 vote. A condition of the approval requires McClintock to provide certification that the dish is designed to withstand winds up to 130 mph as required by the city's hurricane resiliant construction code for all structures.

Coming up
at City HallA listing of
upcoming City Council
and Planning Commission
meetings

Tuesday Oct. 22, MacKenzie Hall 9 a.m. — Regular meeting of the City Council. See today's complete agenda on page 26A.

Wednesday Oct. 23, MacKenzie Hall, 5:01 p.m. — Special meeting of the City Council for public hearing and first reading of the

proposed zoning ordinance and amendment to CLUP.

Thursday Oct. 24, MacKenzie Hall 9 a.m. — Continuation of the public hearing and first reading of the proposed Land Development Code.

Friday Oct. 25, MacKenzie Hall 9 a.m. — Continuation of public hearing of Land Development Code. If necessary to complete revisions in the 31-page document.

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

Wednesday Nov. 6, MacKenzie Hall, 5:01 p.m. — Special meeting of the City Council. Public hearing and second reading of the proposed Land Development Code.

OBITUARIES

Anne 'Tot' Bell

Anne 'Tot' Bell, widow of 1-veeder and entrepreneur Floyd Bell, died Oct. 17, 1985, at 4:00 p.m. held this Mch. after a brief illness.

Mrs. Bell, 77, a resident of Coconut Cove was a long time volunteer and supporter of the Sanibel Island. Funeral services were held at Christ Church in Bloomfield Hills. She is survived by a daughter.

Phyllis Dorothy Reuter

Phyllis Dorothy Reuter of Scarsdale, N.Y. (Candlewood Lake, Conn.) and Sanibel died Monday, Oct. 7, 1985, after a short illness. She was 83 years old.

She was born in St. Louis, Mo., to Leslie and Eileen Reuter. Her husband, who attended the University of Chicago and Washington University in St. Louis, and married Ernest Reuter in 1940. They resided in Dallas, Texas, and Hinsdale, Ill., before moving to Scarsdale in 1951.

Mrs. Reuter was a parishioner of St. James the

Mary, Susan, and John Triford. Three step children, Jamie and Lisa Bell and Beverly Hennessey, and Amy Van Marne, a brother, Robert, and 19 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Christ Church in Bloomfield Hills.

St. James Church in Scarsdale, and was active in the Scarsdale Women's Club, the Scarsdale Auxiliary of the White Plains Hospital, the Candlewood Lake Club in Danbury, Conn., and the Scarsdale Golf Club, where she was bowling champion for many years.

She is survived by her husband, her mother, Ellen Richards, her son, John, of Scarsdale, daughters, Leslie Hausen Sturm of Scarsdale and Martha Winant of Middlebury, Vt., and nine grandchildren.

WEDDING

Seely-Cusins

Phyllis Seely and Daniel and Howard Lewis Cusins of Naperville, Ill., were united in marriage Sunday, Oct. 6, 1985, at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ. The Rev. Richard B. Smith officiated with the assistance of the Rev. Paul Parker, pastor of the Church of Christ, the King, Sanibel Ridge, N.Y. Parker is a cousin of the bride. Attendants were Edith Lewis of Tucson, Ariz., daughter-in-law of the bride and Peter Cusins of Chicago, Ill., son of the groom.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Diners Country Club.

The bride is a broker saleswoman with VIP Realty Group Inc. The groom is a retired executive of Sears. Following a wedding trip to New England, the couple will reside on Sanibel.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF SANIBEL

On October 23, 1985, and on November 6, 1985, at 5:01 PM, the Sanibel City Council will hold public hearings at Mackenzie Hall, 800 Dunlop Road, to consider ordinances amending the Sanibel Comprehensive Land Use Plan and adopting a Land Development Code. Unless such hearings are continued, no other public hearings will be held concerning these ordinances.

The effect of these two ordinances, if adopted, will be to remove all land development regulations from the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and to adopt, in their place, a Subdivision Ordinance and a Zoning Ordinance, both of which will be incorporated in the Land Development Code along with administrative and enforcement provisions, a Rate of Growth Ordinance, and a Below Market Rate Housing Ordinance. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan amendment also contains extensive revision and updating of many elements of the Plan as a follow-up to the first five-year Plan review.

The Rate of Growth Ordinance and the Below Market Rate Housing Ordinance contained in the proposed Land Development Code are virtually unchanged from present City ordinances. However, the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance contained in the proposed Land Development Code include many substantive changes to the development regulations now included in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Some of these changes are described generally as follows:

1. Four commercial districts are proposed, rather than two, with distinctions made by district as to permitted uses.
2. A few parcels are proposed for rezoning from commercial to residential.
3. Institutional uses will become conditional uses in most districts rather than be zoned to an institutional district.
4. Landscaping requirements for commercial uses are increased.
5. A minimum size is established for a commercial unit.
6. Residential densities are increased for lands in commercial districts.
7. Building identification (street numbers) is required.
8. Location of news racks and mailboxes is regulated, and most mailboxes along Periwinkle Way are required to be removed from public right-of-way.
9. New and stricter standards are proposed for wastewater disposal systems, along with a system of wastewater disposal permits.
10. Regulations pertaining to the development of contiguous lots in modern planned subdivisions are revised.
11. Regulations pertaining to the design and construction of multi-family dwellings are included.
12. Outdoor commercial activities, storage, and displays of merchandise are prohibited, with specific exceptions.
13. A number of uses are made conditional uses in most districts, must meet specified conditions, and must be approved by the Planning Commission.
14. The Planning Commission is given authority to approve variances and temporary use permits.
15. Provisions relating to nonconforming lots, uses, and structures are amplified and made more restrictive particularly with respect to deleting any exemption for permitted uses and the delayed effectiveness of prohibitions on commercial uses after destruction or abandonment.
16. The City Council is given authority to grant build-back exemptions after destruction of nonconforming uses and structures, on a case-by-case basis.
17. All divisions of land and structures, including creation of condominium or cooperative units, are made subject to the subdivision ordinance.
18. Application requirements for development permits are amplified and expanded.
19. Subdivision design standards and requirements for public improvements and maintenance bonds are provided.
20. Completion certificates are required for all approved development.
21. Certain changes of commercial uses are required to obtain development permits and comply with existing standards.
22. Vehicle street graphics are redefined, light graphics are defined, and both are prohibited, with specified exceptions.
23. The location and design of fences are regulated.
24. Residential densities are proposed to be adjusted on a relatively small number of parcels.
25. Modifications and adjustments are proposed to regulations relating to required setbacks, environmental performance standards, resort housing accessory commercial uses, height limitations, flood and storm proofing, off-street parking and loading area requirements, coverage and clearance limitations (and a newly-defined limit on "developed area"), density calculations based on average occupancy rates, accessory gasoline pumps, and other conditions, requirements, and limitations.

This list is not intended to be all-inclusive. There are copies of the complete Land Development Code available at City Hall for public review. Only by such review, or attendance at one of the public hearings, will it be possible to determine the full effect of such changes as to any particular land, development, or use in the City.

Public participation in the hearings on October 23 and November 6 is invited and will be welcomed.

CITY OF SANIBEL

By: 
Gary A. Price, City Manager

COMMENTARY

Captivan states his case against renourishment from page 4A

It is known that the first place our Captiva Road will become impassable due to extreme flooding is south of Blind Pass Bridge. Even local storms cause this flooding and make the Blind Pass area impassable. The past 20 years proves that the gulf road north of the S turn is passable. Very recently, Hurricane Elena proved this point.

Natives state that the Australian pipes all over our island would be the first to make all roads impassable.

2. Why should the value of land be used to help govern the size of property assessment? Land cannot be damaged if an extreme storm tide covers the land. Only the value of the structure will be lost if such a storm develops. Dauphin Island, Ala., bears out this fact with the history of its land value before and after a severe storm a few years ago. We are told that the gulf-front land values on that island were doubled from what they were before this disastrous storm. With all structures lost, developers are now building new, more deluxe structures of much higher value.

3. In spite of our CEPD's reluctance in the past to give permits for placing rip-rap along the shoreline, the coming referendum assesses those gulf-front owners who installed rip-rap on their beaches (the sum of \$2,700 (\$382 x 15). Those that did not install rip-rap are assessed \$11,460 (\$382 x 15 x 2). At the time that the CEPD was asked to give permits for this work by the property owners, the CEPD reluctantly gave these permits. They argued against this attempt to contain certain properties.

As Florida Gov. Bob Graham states, "Seawalls and other structures inevitably create worse erosion to neighboring beaches (Fort Myers News-Press, March 6, 1985). But our CEPD tells us that the State Enabling Act for beach repair states that privately installed reinforcements should be paid out of the assessment to all property owners."

Rip-rap piled up along the shoreline is not a revetment, according to my dictionary. A revetment is: "A facing, as of masonry, used to support an embankment." (American Heritage Dictionary)

4. If the beach renourishment referendum passes,

the CEPD can use the \$500,000 previously collected for a massive jetty extending 170 feet out from the shoreline just north of the Blind Pass Bridge. Sanibel has been told by Dr. Michael Steven, Sanibel's engineering consultant, that the city should demand that the CEPD guarantee up to \$200,000 for removal of this jetty and repair to the Castaways land area when the jetty on the Castaways land is sucked out to sea. This cost, plus the bonding cost is a large sum hanging over the heads of Captiva taxpayers.

Our CEPD says that this jetty is needed to hold the sand on our island. Yet the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Bulletin, "Low Cost Shore Protection," states that sand can be collected and saved only 25 to three times the length of the jetty north of Blind Pass (175 feet of jetty protects 437 to 525 feet of beach to the north, not even the total of the Captiva Landing project).

Very Truly Yours,
John Mount
Captiva

Weekly
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From Carl Kessler

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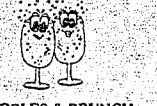
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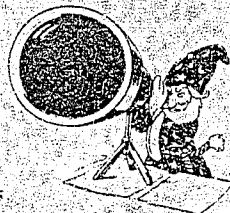
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10. a. Approval of the minutes of the Association Meeting in D.C. of 1993;
b. Report of the Department of Planning and Reports from Planning Commission members;
c. Request from Planning Commission chairman, 9:18 a.m.;
d. Presentation of a request for a development permit for new four, paces and maps on eleven cottages at the Shalimar Motel 2081 West Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze, Florida, owned by the immediately west of Nottulne Village in Section 34, Township 16 North, Range 72 East, 8.D.P.M. by Rufus M. Doornik, Jr. 9:25 a.m. 9:30 p.m. 1:25 p.m.
e. Consideration of a request for a development permit to construct a single-family residence on a 1/4 acre of land, Block 5, Lots 3, 4, 27 and 28, Swifthighway Subdivision (between Piney Island and Brownson Roads) in Section 34, Township 16 North, Range 72 East, 8.D.P.M. by Rufus M. Doornik, Jr. 9:25 a.m. 9:30 p.m. 1:25 p.m.

7. Continuation of a Request for a Development Permit to provide for construction of a seven lot condominium project on a 1.41 plus acre subdivision parcel of land situated immediately east of 8th Street and Southminster on West Gulf Drive that is Unrecorded Section 26, Township 22 North, Range 27 East, as submitted by John Armes, P. Eng., 85-1384 O.P.

8 a.m.
A. Continuation of a request for a recording permit to provide for construction of a four-unit condominium project on a .464 plus acres general parcel of land located directly west of the West House Inn in Section 22 Township 45 South Range 72 East 135th West (Old Driveway), as depicted by Bruce Williams, Trustee, ES 3405 U.P.
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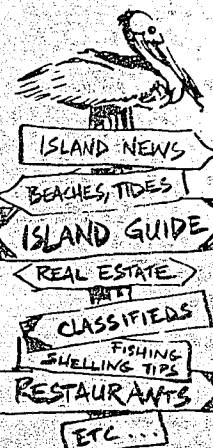
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The LIZARDS of Sanibel

One-third of the Island's species are not even native

By George Camphell

Illustrated by Ann Winterbotham

I am currently reviewing the status of certain vertebrate groups on Sanibel that were studied and written about during the preparation of The Sanibel Report about 10 years ago. Last week I wrote about turtles; this week I will consider the lizards.

Of the nine different kinds of lizards on Sanibel, three are exotics. One third of them are not even native!

The most common lizard on Sanibel today does not belong here at all. It is the Key West anole. This lizard would more properly be called the Bahamian brown anole because that is where it came from and the color it usually is. It picked up the Key West name because 100 years ago boats carrying cargos of coconut and sisal from New Providence and Andros Islands carried the species to Key West.

From Key West it gradually spread northward to Monroe, Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties, where it has become very common. Then it moved west to Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties and even to some regions around Tampa Bay.

Today this most common reptile on Sanibel lives in all habitats, including bare asphalt parking lots almost devoid of vegetation with metal light posts acting as surrogate trees.

The Key West anole is not always brown. Sometimes it is light grey and often has chevrons on its back. Adult males have a large dewlap. When they display it by doing push-ups much as though they were escapees from a Jane Fonda gym, this dewlap is a prominent, impressive orange (sometimes red or yellow) flap that extends downward from the throat.

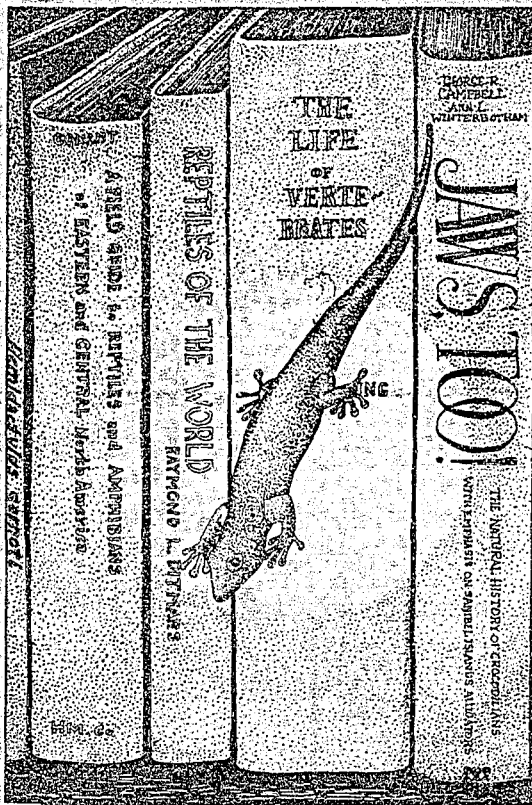
Even though they are exotic, these little animals are considered desirable even though they have stressed our native anole, the green one, to the verge of extinction.

It is better to have this alien animal than no anole at all because it is an excellent insect eater that consumes lots of flies, mosquitos, cockroaches and anything else that moves and is small enough.

So given the situation we have today, with the almost complete demise of the green anole, we must be satisfied to have this little exotic and recognize its value in today's unnatural world.

The Key West anole is so prominent that it is not necessary to describe it further. But I would like to mention a fun game you can play with it. Acquire a yard-long length of bamboo or twig and a piece of string the same length. Then bend and blunt a common pin into a hook. It must be blunted so as not to hurt your prey. Tie the hook to the end of the string attached to your little "fishing pole."

Now sit in your favorite garden chair and drop the baited hook anywhere about you. Bait can be a meal worm (which works best and can be acquired in any pet shop for a few cents) or almost any small insect. The lizard will soon learn that your chair is a good place to get good meals.



The Indian house gecko, now firmly established on Sanibel, was caught by the artist in a flashlight beam leaving his hiding place among some books.

They will rush in competition to grab the bait. But at that moment you flip the fishing rod with the animal holding on. The lizard will finish his meal while resting on your knee, or if you dare, your chest. It's a lot of fun, and you get well acquainted with the lizards around your house. And of course the blunted hook cannot hurt your "victim."

The Indian house gecko, another of the three exotic species of lizards on Sanibel, is that bug-eyed, four-inch little creature that hangs around

houses. Its eyes do not close; it has no eyelids. At night this brownish-grey lizard skitters on your walls at high speeds. A multitude of microscopic hooks between its layered or laminated toe pads enable it to run on smooth glass.

In its native Asia the Indian house gecko is domesticated and lives near or inside human habitations. It has brought its domesticated habit here. It probably came to the Miami area

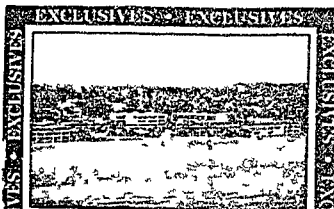
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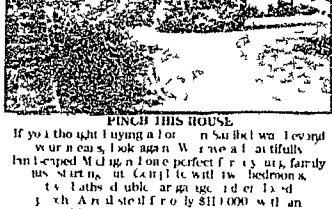


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with cargo from the Orient and has spread throughout much of Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties as well as some west coast counties.

This reptile came to Sanibel early on with house trailers. Its center of distribution not surprisingly was the Pinesville Trailer Park where it can be found to this day in great numbers. It is also found elsewhere on Sanibel and as far away as the mid part of Captiva.

This species reproduces parthenogenetically without the aid of a male. The females produce diploid eggs without contribution of haploid male germ plasma. Insofar as I can determine, the introduction of this animal has not been harmful in any way and it might even be considered beneficial because of its insect eating activities.

The third exotic species on the island is the common iguana. This beautiful large dorsally finned green lizard which can grow to six feet, has been taken numerous times on Sanibel. I don't believe it is breeding here today although there is evidence that it did in the late 1970s. We have had several very cold winters since then, and while some iguanas have survived the cold by submerging in freshwater real estate lakes or canals for cold protection, I don't believe any breeding has taken place recently. I have not been able to find any babies, nor have I heard of any juveniles in recent years.

The green anole, although at its sunset here on Sanibel because of the predation mentioned earlier, is known to have occurred here as long ago as 1914 when specimens were at the American Museum of Natural History in New York were taken.

Today we are lucky to see one or two green

anoles a month; 3 years ago we could see that many every day. But the areas where the species seems to have been most prolific is in the marsh and mangrove forest. Apparently it is rivaling the Key West anole in its comfort in sandy areas that is the green anole. So if it survives on Sanibel it is likely to do so there.

The Florida scrub lizard has not been seen here since 1974. Probably only a few were brought to the island and I seem not to have survived.

The two skink species the southern five-lined skink and the ground skink both occur here

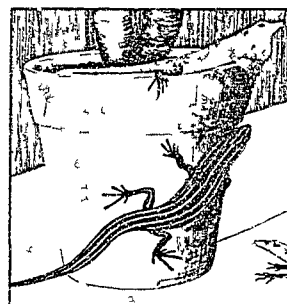
usually and still are found in considerable abundance. We can find one or two every week, even on Captiva.

A point worth mentioning here is that cats eat these lizards, often get sick losing their balance and vomiting. The condition is called feline vesicular disease. You should discourage cats from eating or chasing any lizards or Sanibel lizards even if your cat is a genuine Gai. I don't expect it to distinguish between an anole and a skink. I know one cat that used to be an intelligent alert creature but now is around looking, rather cross-eyed and dull as though it suffers from feline Alzheimer's.

The six-lined race runner, another Sanibel native, is one whose future I misread 10 years ago. I suggested that with more and more development it would survive better. In the days when the Lums was being filled on the island, a tin that 'fortunely' was left in a stopped high sandy land was created. The habitat was desirable for the race runner. They could often be seen darting about on artificial ivy driven through themselves or seeking hiding places on the sand dunes.

But with today's controlled filling, there are not so many sandy areas. Also, the use of insecticides and other garden chemicals has increased.

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It's five-lined skink and the green anole (male above, female below). Both species are native to Sanibel.

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ed. The consequence of all this is that I haven't seen a race runner in the last three months. But Steve Phillips, manager of the Sanibel-Captiva Association's Florida state, confirms the regular presence on sport grounds of a CS property

The lizard of Sanibel Island

- Hemidactylus parietalis (also H. garnoti) the most common lizard
- Anolis sagrei the Key West anole
- Sceloporus woodi the Florida scrub lizard
- Uta stansburiana the common spiny-tailed lizard
- Leiolepis lateralis the northern spiny-tailed lizard
- Cnemidophorus sexlineatus the striped-neck lizard
- Oplisaurus ventralis the eastern glass lizard
- Anolis c. carolinensis the green anole

This speedy creature darts with great agility and is almost impossible to catch except on very cold mornings when it might be found resting under rocks.

I haven't seen the eastern glass lizard since Tim Crabtree and I found two in a J. N. Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge property Feb. 22, 1974. In the early 1960s Charles LeBlond saw one near the Causeway. This lizard is an alligator-burrowing lizard is certainly not common but it is possible it is still successful on Sanibel. After all, there are hundreds of acres of undisturbed Casuarina duff. This animal feeds on insects and on the eggs of reptiles and of ground nesting birds.

Another lizard not included in the foregoing discussion but perhaps it should be mentioned considering the fact that more and more are imported into this country every year. I refer to one or another of the monitor lizards. In July a large monitor lizard was found in Charlotte County and I was widely shown on television and in the press.

One of the monitor lizards that did not make it to the evening news was a 50- or 60 pound lizard

with a long, tail four foot body long neck and slender head equipped with powerful tooth-studded jaws. Mrs. Paul Mann saw this animal in the mid 1970s. Two years later her husband saw it again. I myself know of the existence of a monitor lizard that escaped on Sanibel.

It is possible that a small population of large monitors could be developing here. Although a tropical animal of India, Burma and Malaysia, the large water monitor the second largest lizard in the world could keep warm enough here by basking in our freshwater lakes in the afternoon. I believe this is how the common iguana survives so it stays. The temperature of the water does not change as rapidly as much as does the temperature of the air during a cold spell. Mr. Mann saw the lizard slip into the water which is a common habit of this large species.

So keep your eyes open. If you see something the size of an alligator but with fine scaled skin such as you see on quality reptile leather products then raise the alarm. Push the button. Watch for the long, pointed head and the long neck. Let's keep an eye out for this interesting form.

CLUB NEWS

Lions welcome international visitors

The Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club set for its regular meeting last Wednesday, Oct. 16, at the Sanibel Community Association. There was reduced attendance because of the special meeting at City Hall for a public discussion of controls for development of the island.

Club vice president Phil Moyers presided over the meeting and welcomed two international visitors. The first was Lion Mel Trevillat of Northumberland, England. He presented a banner from his club and received a Sanibel-Captiva banner in exchange. The second was Lion Mary Gude of Zurich, Switzerland who also exchanged banners with the Island club.

Lion Joe Seating reported Lion John Cook is doing well in Alabama. Lion Don Spohl reported that in invitations to participate in the Annual Arts and Crafts Show have been mailed to previous participants and plans are progressing.

Six applicants for membership have been approved and two more are in the process of approval.

These new members will be inducted during the next regular meeting which is a larger membership party than usual.

The next regular meeting with induction of new members will begin at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6 at the community association.

Sons of Norway

plan Viking bazaar

The Sons of Norway Chapter Lodge 529 will hold their annual Viking bazaar at the Cape Coral Yacht Club pavilion from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2. Norwegian handicrafts, Nordic foods, folk dancing and various demonstrations will be part of the day's activities. Come and eat a Viking lunch. Enjoy a bit of old Scandinavia. For more information call 542-5349 or 542-5431.



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ARTS ON THE ISLANDS

By Julie Niedenfuer



"Sunny Sanibel,"
watercolor by
Ken Turney

"Mostly it's just fun"

Art league exhibitor paints for simple pleasure

Ken Turney writes poetry with his paintbrush. On his paper, seascapes and sunrises are described in lyrics rich in color.

It didn't take long for such works by the 74-year-old artist, who is featured in an exhibit at the Sanibel Public Library this month, to captivate the local art community. He has been a "serious painter" for just four years, since he joined the Sanibel-Captiva Art League.

In that time Turney's readily identifiable style has become a familiar sight in local exhibitions. His show at the library last year was one of the most popular ever held there.

The 29 paintings that comprise the current exhibit are a testament to Turney's prolificacy: he started the first one in June.

His ability to complete a work so quickly stems in part from the spontaneous technique he developed sketching during his career as a retail display designer. When he sets out to capture a scene on paper, he does so without belaboring the point.

Seascapes and skies seem to be his favorite subjects. For one thing, painting the outdoors gives him a good reason to be there.

"I got very ecstatic looking at the skies of Southwest Florida," says the raspy-voiced Turney, who lives with his wife, Dorothy, in South Fort Myers. "The only dull day here is when there are no clouds."

"Sometimes I look up and thank God for the sky and the birds," he says.

As he talks, he walks among his paintings, pausing in front of each, explaining its story in detail, telling anecdotes and revealing secrets.

"Like that?" he asks suddenly, pointing to a painting of a seagull landing on a piece of driftwood. "I do, too, and I'll tell you why. That piece of wood is about this long (he shows a space between his thumb and forefinger) and the gull is plastic." He chuckles with glee. "My wife has it sitting on top of our TV."

While his seagull portrait might be deceptive, most of his paintings are from life. Turney's van is equipped with an art studio that lets him pull off the road anytime and set up his easel.

If that is impossible, he takes the scene home

and paints it later. "You shut your eyes and imprint the scene on your mind," he says. "Say it out loud a number of times. If you're driving a car, just say it out loud. Nobody will pay attention."

"It's not an attempt to depict things geographically," he explains about this technique he calls "programming."

"It's a painting. It's my view of, say, San Carlos Bay."

When a work is complete, Turney says, sometimes he steps back and says to himself, "Oh my God, did I do that?"

"I'm always pretty much amazed. But I don't want to get big-headed about it," he says.

Painting is not his first vocation. Turney took up that became a near obsession. As he puts it, "I have a history of my hobbies getting out of hand."

When he was 50 years old he fell in love with sailing. As a graduation present for his oldest daughter he built a 16-foot, flat-bottomed, scow-type sailboat, an English design that he says was "easy to do."

"The next thing I knew her sister wanted one." In Youngstown, Oh., where he lived at the time, Turney was hard put to find boat building materials, but he eventually found several sources. Before he knew it townspeople sought him for their boat supplies and suddenly he was in the boat business.

This new vocation preempted his lifelong career. His formal training was in business administration and architecture, but his first job was setting up displays in retail stores. Toward the end of that career, he was designing store decorations for a large retail chain in western Pennsylvania.

His natural artistic skills were often called upon in his work, he says, but he really didn't have the time or the inclination to take painting more seriously. As a child he had been praised for his drawings and paintings; it was inevitable that he would eventually get back into it.

And now he can indulge himself full time.

Through his paintings he is able to exercise a right he has as a 74-year-old. "One of the nice

things about being old — and I'm pretty old — is that you don't have to be shy how you feel about things."

One of his paintings depicts a tree at Bunch Beach on San Carlos Bay. The mangrove, he explains, is one of hundreds that was bulldozed or cut down in that area by a developer. With its amputated limbs the tree stands forlornly, having lost its dignity.

"I worked on that because I had empathy with the tree," says Turney. "I thought it had courage."

"That painting didn't get much acclaim from my contemporary artists," he adds.

But he's not doing it as a form of self-expression. In fact, the best reason to paint, Turney says as he breaks into a smile, is really very simple.

"Mostly it's just fun. I'm having so damn much fun now I wish I'd retired 20 years sooner."



Ken Turney

ARTS

Spellbinding drama will be performed on ECC stage

The Fine and Performing Arts Department of Edison Community College will present Peter Shaffer's "Equus," a spellbinding drama that examines the depths of human behavior.

This play contains adult language and theme; parental discretion is advised.

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The fee for the eight-week session is \$48 per child. For more information call Burghardt, 472-5222.

County arts center announces winter classes

The winter session at the Lee County Arts Center will run from Monday, Oct. 24, through Friday, Dec. 24. New offerings this semester include: Color and Design in Yarn Basketry, Patchwork and Quilting, Stained Glass and Antiques and Collectibles. Many past favorite classes will also be offered during the session and will encompass all areas of the visual arts, dance and music. Of special interest to children will be classes in art and dance.

The William R. Frazzelli Cultural Center is at the corner of Colonial and McGregor boulevards in Fort Myers and is the home of the Lee County Alliance of the Arts. Other classes for adults and children will be organized if there is sufficient student interest. Call the center, 939-2787 or 939-2893, to obtain a complete schedule; for more information, or to sign up for a class that is currently seeking adequate enrollment.

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ON THE WATER

By Captain Mike Fuery

We haven't had our first really strong cold front yet, but the Spanish mackerel are starting to show up along the islands. Let's talk about catching some this week.

Seven different mackerels are found around Florida waters. We normally catch only the Spanish variety here, but over around Miami it's not unusual to catch the cero mackerel which looks much like the Spanish variety. The cero is smaller, but like the Spanish it is splashed with color and has that same double connecting dorsal fin on top.

Way offshore in the Gulf of Mexico there are scattered catches of king mackerel. These fish are becoming the object of a great amount of new federal and state laws. But power roller netters continue to wipe out millions of pounds of these fish.

My record still holds steady at having caught a total of one king in the past 10 years. Twenty years ago the king mackerel, also called the kingfish, was the staple fishing resource for many hook and line commercial fishermen and for thousands of sport anglers.

I wish I could be more encouraging about local anglers catching a few kings because like most mackerel they are great fighters and wonderful

for the taste, but it appears that even with new and proposed laws limiting the take to a couple of fish per angler, it will be several years before the kings recover to at least what you might remember from 20 years ago.

The wahoo is one of the fastest running fish in the world hence the name. It is the largest of the mackerel family, although many anglers don't even realize it is a relative. One of the large wahoos caught on hook and line came from the Bahamas and weighed 180 pounds. It was six feet, nine inches long.

One of the largest king mackerel ever caught was about 100 pounds, as compared to the average Spanish at about two pounds. Incidentally, there are wahoos out in the deepest waters of the Gulf but very few local anglers have the vessel, time or money to catch them in waters halfway to Mexico.

The first run of Spanish mackerel occurred the second week of October, just after a light cool front had passed. These mackerel were all larger than average and were mixed in with bonito. There are three ways you can use your boat to catch mackerel. First is to troll, which is by far the easiest on the angler. The boat basically does the work setting. If your boat's stern were wide enough, you could troll three or four rods at a

time. These fish like a brick trolling speed.

Method two, which I always enjoy, involves finding a tight school of feeding mackerel and throwing spoons or jugs into the school. Without that outboard engine you can get closer to schools.

Besides, I've always felt it's a lot more fun casting to the fish. Also, you can get away with lighter rods. The trick is to stay within casting range, which is reasonable enough and is if you don't have a boat near the school.

Method three is to be lucky enough to cast net several dozen pounds of wahoos and have them on board when you find a school. This is a mackerel along with blue bonito and ladyfish, love spinners and are in grating south following schools of these small silvery baitfish. Free-lining live shiners into a school of mackerel will almost certainly bring strikes.

Most anglers will end up trolling for their fish so here's a brief outline of what you need. Trawl size 1/0, 2/0 and 3/0 silver spoons on the rods, with about five feet of about 40-pound test, coil-colored leader wire. Use small black spoons. Trawl one rod about 50 feet behind the boat with no lead weight, and the other rod with

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SHELLING TIPS

By Captain Mike Fuery

Certainly the dozens of different clams found around the world make for an important food source for millions of seafood lovers. But a few of these clams also are highly regarded as the best items in any shell collection.

If you along the sandy shores of Sanibel and Captiva even a casual collector quickly sees that the majority of the shells or our beaches are bivalves or members of the clam family.

Some of the more common clams are the coquinas, those highly colorful shells many call butterflies.

The surf clam family is well represented here with hard and soft shell varieties.

Then there are the more valued clams such as the much searched for angel wing, the sunrise tellin and the sunray venus.

I have a few clams that are my favorites — out side of the kind that come in chowder or deep fried in a basket of French fries that is.

One of the most interesting has to be the Atlantic grooved macoma. The macomas not only have a lovely scumming name, but they have graceful shell lines too.

Most clams are rounded heavy and not very interesting to look at. The macomas are thin-walled and light in coloration. The Atlantic grooved macoma has a definite right and left side. The

right side incidentally is not a valued item for collectors because it has a much more gracefully curved side.

There are other shells in the world that have the same type of value. The zigzag shell is a prime example. The rounded top of the zigzag is a typical wallow — a cresting, but not much value. But the bottom half of the zigzag is perfectly flat. This shell is in many of the backbeaches women like to wear.

The macoma you might find on our beaches will be perhaps two inches tall and will have that white or sandy color to both sides. I have never found a set or both sides of the macoma shell. Looks as the hinge line holds the two sides together is very weak.

In the underwater world the macoma lives buried in from one to two feet of mud much as the other clam family members like.

It is said that several kinds of macomas found on the western side of the United States are taken for eating. But some say the problem with eating them is that the living shell retains much of that mud the shells live in.

Collectors who want to eat them cut west gather the live ones from mud flats, then put them in baskets suspended from docks and allow the water to clean the clams before they are eaten.

I've met many a young person here who has found a clam shell and thinks it's a treasure. These are not easily found. I've found most of them. The best half of the bivalve at a time is shelling tips after strong winter storms.

Good luck shelling this week. Building a good collection takes years, but you can have a shiny excuse to come back for a visit more often.

Capt. Mike Fuery offers daily shelling trips to North Captiva and Cape Costa Islands. Call 472-3459 for information.

On the water continued

half-ounce sinker just before the swell. Try the different sized lures to see which will bring the strikes.

Spoons made by Reflecto, Capt. Act on and Squid Spoon seem to be best at this time, but every year one lure seems to be the favorite of the fish and the local tackle dealers quickly sell out of them. We'll talk more about this type of fishing later in the season. The fish have just started to run and should be around until about Christmas. Good fishing.

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ISLANDER SPORTS

By Scott Martell

Sportsman of the week

Will Compton

To most people a Sunday barbecue means a peaceful drive to a friend's house for a relaxing day. Earlier this month Will Compton swam 2 1/2 miles to Pine Island for a Sunday barbecue.

Compton entered the warm waters of Pine Island Sound just off Dixie Beach Boulevard on Oct. 6. One hour and 46 minutes later he was on Pine Island with a well-deserved appetite that he satisfied on barbecued chicken.

Compton is constantly preparing for swims even longer than the one to Pine Island. He usually can be found working out in the rec center pool. "I really couldn't have done it without the help of the people at the recreation center who helped me with my stroke," Compton says about the swim to Pine Island. "I have to admit I was ready to get out of the water when I reached Pine Island," he added.

Compton said his biggest problem along the 2 1/2-mile swim was a 75-foot barge towing a sail boat, which he had to swim around. Besides a few jellyfish, the only other obstacle was a small piece of wood that hit him in the head. "I felt it, but it didn't do any damage," he says.

Compton, who swims at least one mile a day, says he would like to swim to Fort Myers Beach. Two weeks ago he placed fifth in the Seaworld Bud Light sprint championships. He has participated in six triathlons and has taken second place in "a couple of them." A triathlon involves competition in running, swimming and bicycling. "Triathlon preparation is just about full-time work for me," Compton says.

The Sportsman 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. They should be in our office by noon Thursday and can be made by calling Scott Martell, 472-5185.



Will Compton at the rec center pool. Photo by David Dugatkin.



SPORTS TALK

By Scott Martell



Get ready! Get set! Go! Photo by David Dugatkin.

Hundreds of runners set the pace through the Dunes

Runners in the Third Annual Sanibel Sunrise 10-K Run, sprinted to a dramatic finale Saturday.

Keith Brantley sprinted the last 1/4 mile to set an overall record in the Sanibel race. His time of 23:18 is a new course record, breaking Adrian Lee's time last year of 23:24.

Lee won the first two 6.2-mile races held on the Island. But after a grueling marathon in which he suffered from dehydration the weekend prior to the 1985 Sunrise Run, Lee decided to sit this year's Island race out. He was on hand to lend encouragement and support, however, and to hold a



First-place finisher Keith Brantley. Photo by David Dugatkin.

Some people have the wrong impression about deep water fishing hundreds of miles out in the Gulf of Mexico. They laugh at the idea that it is a sport, and they think the only exercise involved is lifting cans of beer.

After last weekend's Sanibel Island Fishing Club-sponsored offshore trip with Capt. Bob Pitts and his crew aboard the Great Getaway, I have to say deep sea fishing is a sport — no doubt about it.

It's an endurance sport, somewhat like a marathon run. We were out on the water a long time on the trip to the Dry Tortugas and back. And we fished a lot — so patience is a must.

And simply walking on the tilting deck requires a great sense of balance — similar to a gymnast on a balance beam, or a good horseback rider in an English-style saddle.

The sea swells alternated from about seven feet to two feet, and even on a boat the size of the 30-foot Great Getaway, we all did a bit of dancing on deck.

I'll bet several people on the trip realized some work in the weight room at the Sanibel Fitness Center would have helped. It can take a lot of strength to haul in an uncooperative grouper that is opening his mouth wide like a giant suction cup. And you have to hang on for the ride when a good-sized yellow tail, or better yet a feisty shark, grabs your ball and starts to run.

Speed and coordination also come into play when you have a fish on your line. We often found that where the best fishing was, so were the barracuda. So it was a race to quickly reel in the line and fish before the barracuda could feast on our catch. Many times we weren't fast enough, and we all'd find on the hook when it cleared the water was the head of a fish.

Of course you lose some of this delightful exercise when you finally bring a big grouper or a cobia to the surface. The crew usually would grab the fish and bring it up so our lines would not

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SPORTS

South Seas co-ed softball winds up regular season

The Chadwick's players picked up their first win of the season, and Sales and Marketing continued on an undefeated path in South Seas Plantation co-ed softball last week.

This week's games are the last in regular season action. A tournament schedule will be announced when make-up games are completed.

Chadwick's picked up its victory Tuesday evening by beating Grounds, 5-4. In other games Tuesday, Sales and Marketing defeated Sundial, 12-9, and Human Resources edged out the Front Desk team, 7-6.

On Thursday evening Sales and Marketing did it again. This time they defeated Chadwick's, 20-7. In other games Thursday, Marquis defeated Cap'n Al's, 15-6, and Sundial defeated Human Resources, 10-4.

This week's schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, Oct. 22 — 6:15 p.m., Grounds vs. Front Desk; 7:30 p.m., Chadwick's vs. Cap'n Al's; 8:45 p.m., Sundial vs. Marquis.

Thursday, Oct. 24 — 6:15 p.m., Grounds vs. Human Resources. Two rain-out games also will be played: Thursday, Marquis vs. Sales and Marketing, then Sundial vs. Chadwick's.

League standings as of Monday, Oct. 21, are as follows:

Sales and Marketing, 6-0
Marquis, 4-1
Front Desk, 4-2
Human Resources, 2-3
Grounds, 2-3
Sundial, 2-3
Chadwick's, 1-4
Cap'n Al's, 0-4

Basketball teams will meet at rec center this Wednesday

The season's first meeting of the Sanibel Basketball League will begin at 5 p.m. this Wednesday, Oct. 23, at the municipal recreation complex. All teams that wish to play in the league must send a sponsor or a coach to this meeting. For more information call Jory Dahmer at the rec center, 472-4345.

Beachview men's golf

Last Tuesday 32 members of the Beachview Men's Golf Association traveled to Port Charlotte for tournament competition. Jeff Dean, Hank Groh, Bill Alquist and Carl Wagner made up the winning team by shooting 126. Les Seel and Lee Gibson won the two-man competition with a 62 score. Bill Alquist was the only winner of the Skin's Game with a birdie on the third hole.

In a Saturday, Oct. 12, tournament 38 players took off. Jeff Dean, Bob McFarlane and Bob Neth grabbed the victory with plus five. And corraling second place with plus four was the team of Bob Schneider, Ralph Arisa, Bruce Henderson and Mike Long.

In the Thursday, Oct. 10, match Ray Howland, Roy Hall, Werner Papke and Bob Schneider were victorious with a plus three.

Sports talk continued

break.

And that's a good idea, because if we tried to bring up the fish and were unsuccessful, our exercise would likely have included diving off the boat, swimming to and then possibly wrestling a big grouper.

If you are interested in such a workout, you'd better look into it soon. Capt. Pitts is planning his last trip for the season to the Dry Tortugas. It will happen the first weekend of November.

And if I've stressed the exercise end of the trip this week, stay tuned for next week's article on the rest of the trip, because it was tremendous fun, too.

In fact, I just might work on my biceps this evening with a couple "weights" (translated as 12-ounce cans of beer) to salute the Sanibel Island Fishing Club and Capt. Pitts and his crew aboard the Great Getaway.

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SPORTS

PIGSKIN PICKS

Times and tough games last week caused most Pigskin Picks players to guess only five or six games correctly.

Here are two people who guessed 9-10 games correctly. Paul Panik and Bernard Smith. The game of the week with Miami and Tampa Bay turned out to be an incredibly offensive affair with 74 points scored. Smith guessed 53 points, and even though he was 27 points off, he still won a winner. He receives a free dinner for two at Morgan's and will have two cards bearing his name put in the hat for the chance at two tickets to the Orange Bowl.

Panik, by virtue of guessing 9-10 correctly will have one card put into the Orange Bowl hat. He also correctly guessed 8-10 games correctly last week.

We remind everyone to make sure your picks are in our office by 5 p.m. Friday. The past two weeks we've received several guesses on Monday morning, and these have had to be disqualified.

Who will be the next winner? All you have to do is fill out the accompanying form by circling the teams you think will win. The person who guesses

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Make sure you e-mail or deliver your guesses so they are at The Islander by 5 p.m. Friday or Sunday by noon Saturday.

The most winning games correctly was dinner for two at Morgan's at Sunday resort.

The game of the week will decide the winner in the event of a tie. For this game fill in your guess

for the total points that will be scored. The person closest to the final score wins.

The grand prize at the end of football season will be a trip for two to the Orange Bowl in Miami. The winner's name will be on one card chosen from the hat at the end of the season.

Good luck this week!

Sports quiz

We stumped some sports trivia fans last week but not all.

The unflappable duo of Ted Starnes and Jimmy the Greek once again managed to pull off a coup by guessing both questions correctly. Yes it is true that someone has lost a ball for 79 consecutive minutes. Istvan Halasz of Hungary headed a soccer ball 12 1/4 times in a span of 79 minutes, 24 seconds at the Jewish Community Center in Milwaukee Wis. on April 29 1979. And a hat trick in soccer is the same as a hat trick in hockey — when a player scores three goals in one game.

This week we turn to field hockey. First. Did field hockey originate in Egypt? And second. Is it an Olympic sport?

Think you know? Give us a call at 472-5565. We'll award one of three prizes to every one who answers both parts of the quiz correctly.

Aqua-aerobic classes begin at rec center

A class in aqua aerobics will begin at the Sanibel Recreation Complex Nov. 5. The sessions will run from noon to 1 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday.

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