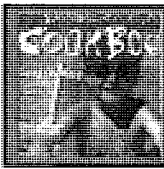


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Is someone trying to tell Steve Brown something? See story page 3. Photo/Jennifer Workman.



# Douglass' one constant CROW's long history

(Editor's note: Dr. Phyllis Douglass died this week. I wrote the following article about Phyllis several years ago, and it seems to best represent what this strong and caring individual was all about. She will be missed. —Scott Martell.)

There have been many changes at Care & Rehabilitation of Wildlife (now the Clinic for Rehabilitation of Wildlife) over the past 30-plus years. But there has also been one constant — Phyllis Douglass, DVM.

"Soon after we opened [mid-1960s], Shirley [Walter] and Jesse [Dugger] dropped in on us," Douglass remembered in an interview about ten years ago. "I believe there were only three veterinarians in Fort Myers at that time. We were the closest to Sanibel. We could hardly say no [to Walter's and Dugger's request for help]."

Phyllis and Paul Douglass both graduated as veterinarians from Michigan State University. They moved to Miami for one-year internships before setting up the Coral Veterinary Clinic in Fort Myers.



A era of CROW vets, LtoR — Chris Kreuder, Marc Elle, Phyllis Douglass, P.J. Deitschel.

Walter and Dugger went to the right door at the right time. The Douglasses already belonged to an association of wildlife veterinarians, so the interest was there. And with the Douglasses to perform the surgery and CROW to spend the time nursing the wildlife back to good health, a successful cooperation was formed.

For a veterinarian, it was a schizophrenic life-style, Douglass recalled, adding that handling domestic animals is very different

from handling wild ones.

"With things such as foxes or raccoons, you have to be concerned about rabies," she says. "And you have to remember that with most wild animals, their first defense is biting. They are often more skittish. And you must try not to allow the animal to become too people-oriented. The main purpose, after all, is to release them back to the wilds."

Feeding wild animals proved different, too. "You can't just open up a can," Douglass said.

And the veterinarians' work didn't stop after surgery. An eagle might have to relearn how to catch mice. Later, it would have to go to a flight cage and relearn how to fly. "So they [wildlife] require a lot of specialization," she said.

This was, and still is, a very young profession. The Douglasses say they used "common medical sense" and learned much by trial and error. They learned many new techniques and have published some of

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## Obituary Phyllis Douglass

Phyllis Douglass, DVM, passed away May 29. She was 59.

A memorial service is being planned for 3:30 p.m. June 12, at the Covenant Presbyterian Church on McGregor Blvd. near the Edison home.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Dr. Douglass' name to CROW, Box 150, Sanibel, Fl. 33957.

Douglass was born on Dec. 8, 1939 and, shortly after graduating from veterinary school at Michigan State University, she and her husband, Paul, moved to Fort Myers to establish the Coral Veterinary Clinic.

"She was one of the pioneer women veterinarians in the state of Florida," said Dr. David Nichols, who worked with her at the Clinic. "She was one of only two women in her vet school. So, she had to be tough from the get-go. She was my partner, mentor and big sister."

Douglass is survived by her husband, Paul, her mother, Florence Shores, her father-in-law, Eldon Douglass, a daughter Debbie Douglass Waddington of West Palm Beach, sons Rick and Joseph Douglass of Fort Myers, and two grandchildren, Jason and Christopher Waddington.

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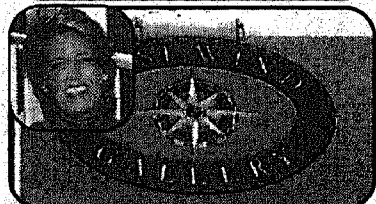
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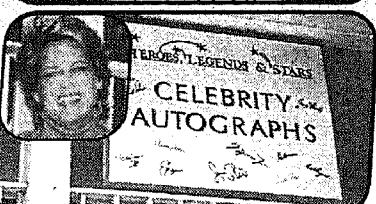
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## IN THE NEWS

### Sanibel School hours to change next year

The Lee County School Board voted May 25 to change the hours of the Sanibel School from 9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. The change, which affects all schools in Lee County, came as a result of the board's decision to rework the county busing system. The new system, which will save the county \$2.5 million, will mean that students from all the schools in a particular area will ride the same bus. In some cases, elementary students will ride the same bus as middle and high school students. The decision created quite a stir on the mainland because parents are opposed to having younger kids on the same busses with older kids. "I don't like the idea of the older kids riding with the younger kids, but I don't think that affects us here," said Sanibel parent Marty Harriety. And he's right. Sanibel students won't have to worry about that. "Our busses will run on the mainland before coming out here," said Sanibel PTA Vice-president Susie Holly explaining that the Sanibel School students won't have to share the busses with other schools.

And as far as the change in school hours Holly said it wasn't a major concern. "It's just getting used to a change," she said.

To help parents with the time change, The Sanibel School is starting a before-school program that will include breakfast and activities for students between 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Cost will be \$2 a day. —J.W.

## Council chooses top city manager candidate

Henry Dolive of Cincinnati, Ohio — who has a Ph.D. in political science, and has been the township administrator for Anderson Township in Ohio since 1989 — was tabbed as city council's first choice for city manager. Mayor Bob Janes will now negotiate with Dolive on salary and other issues as a background investigation begins. — See page 11

## Planning for the future

The Five-Year Budget Review Committee has submitted its report to Sanibel City Council. The report lists over 30 recommendations about everything from paying council to hiring another sergeant for the Sanibel Police Department. — See page 6-8

## Gator Time

Alligators are on the prowl as the weather warms up and the mating and nesting season unfolds. — See page 17

## Kids take charge

Students from The Sanibel School took over City Hall last week in this year's Student Government Day. — See page 9

## Birds with no feathers flock together

Steve and Lena Brown are quiet island residents who wake up each morning and look out their window toward the Gulf in hopes of finding a nest on their osprey platform. The platform, said Brown, was constructed by the local volunteer construction group the Hammerheads in exchange for a donation to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Trost acquisition project. But, up until last week, the platform remained bird-free.

That all changed when Brown woke up early May 27 and, as usual, checked on the platform. Expecting to find nothing, Brown said he was shocked to discover a bright yellow wood-carved North American wild turkey gazing back at him from the platform. The North American wild turkey happens to be the National bird of Brown's homeland of Samia, Ontario, Canada.

Brown reported that he hadn't seen or heard anything and stated the yellow bird was not there the night before. And while Brown doesn't know who is responsible for the turkey, he speculated who it might be. Brown named Trost Co-Chairman Bob Wigley, SCCF President and head

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## Graduates — Your last chance!

The *Islander* plans to publish a graduates' page the second week in June. To do that we need pictures as well as vital statistics on the graduates. Please mail the information to *The Islander*, P.O. Box 56, Sanibel 33957, or bring them by our offices at the Sanibel Promenade (across from the Post Office)-Unit 13.

### DOUGLASS, FROM PAGE 2

their findings. One publication dealt with the fact that a veterinarian has to sew both the inside and outside layers of a pelican's pouch that has been torn by a fish hook.

During the 1970s other wildlife veterinarians also were publishing and talking about new techniques. Slowly, they were becoming more and more capable in their field. During 30-plus years, Douglass came across many unusual and interesting cases. One time husband and wife performed surgery on a possum's broken jaw. Later, they discovered tiny babies peeking out of the possum's pouch.

Perhaps the biggest animal they tended was a western panther. They needed blood for a transfusion, so they asked if Octagon would be willing to loan its western panther. The panther came to the Douglass' clinic and calmly sat, without anesthesia, while it gave blood.

While her work has been critical to CROW over the years, Douglass is quick to give credit to others, such as Walter and Dugger.

"Until there were people like Jesse (Dugger) and Shirley (Walter), there often wasn't much of a choice except putting injured wildlife to sleep," she said.

"There had to be someone willing to do the three, four, five weeks for more of nursing care once the animal had surgery. We had to know that the care would be there, and that the care would be good."

## Photo Gallery



What? Celebrating history. See page 14.



Happy kids. See page 5.



Wedding announcement. See page 15.

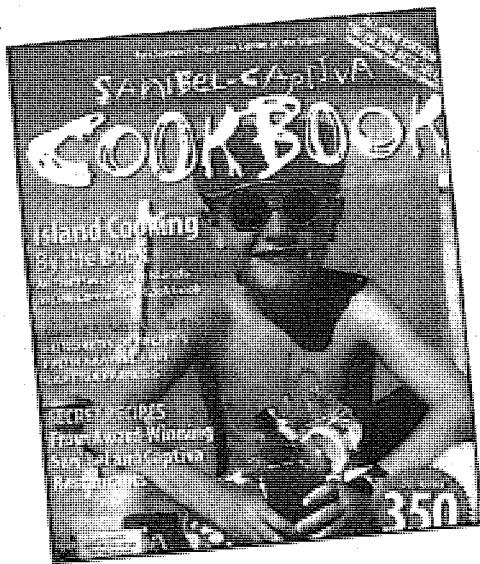


Scouts move up. See page 16.

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# Revised Sanibel-Captiva Cookbook — Wow!



Revamped, reorganized and reconstituted from front to back, the colorful new third edition of the *Sanibel-Captiva Cookbook* came off the back burner last week. The book features 366 recipes from the islands' best restaurants and busiest home kitchens.

Proceeds from cookbook sales benefit the Children's Education Center of the Islands, the non-profit preschool whose parent volunteers

published the first *Sanibel-Captiva Cookbook* in 1981. The cover changed for the second printing in 1989, but the content remained the same.

"It was time for a major overhaul," said Cindy Pierce, a preschool parent who co-chaired the yearlong revision effort with Tad Caldwell. "Cooking techniques, the availability of fresh and unusual ingredients, and people's palates have changed," Pierce said. "We wanted the cookbook to reflect the varied tastes and talents at work on the islands."

While many of the original recipes appear in the third edition, Pierce explained, "We sifted out dozens that called for frozen vegetables, canned soups or mounds of fat and things like oleo or Velveeta. Actually," she added, "There is one new recipe that uses Velveeta. It's for fudge, and it's to die for!"

A three-time veteran Children's Education Center mom also shared her own mother's guarded recipe for meatloaf that calls for a can of chicken-and-rice soup. "My children can't get enough of that one, especially when it's topped with a slice of melted American cheese and covered with ketchup," Pierce says. "I love it, too," she admits.

Velveeta Fudge and Madison's Grandmom's Sunday Night Meatloaf notwithstanding, the dominant flavor of the revised cookbook is new and innovative. Here's a taste of what's inside the book's 11 chapters:

- Drinks such as Mango Daiquiri, and Classic Cuban Mojito;
- Breads including Bruschetta, and Blueberry Poppyseed Brunch Cake;
- Soups like Spicy Black Bean Gazpacho, and Sanibel Bouillabaisse;
- Salads from Easy Caesar via Montreal to Ga Xe Phay (shredded chicken salad, Vietnamese-style);
- Microwave and crock pot meals such as Quick Chicken and Rice, and South-of-the-Border Beef Fajitas;
- Vegetable dishes such as Blanched Broccoli with Sesame Vinaigrette, and Horseradish Smashed Potatoes;
- Seafood specialties including Spicy Roasted Shrimp, and Scalloped Oysters;
- Entrees from Holiday Brisket to Honey-Pecan Chicken Breasts;
- And sweet treats from Hillary Clinton's Chewy Chocolate Chip Cookies to Commel-Crusted Summer Cobbler.

"We have a lot of good cooks in our families," Caldwell says. "We raided recipe files, magazine clippings, dog-eared cookbooks and grandmas' memories."

And several parents who don't even cook but who enjoy really good food suggested their favorite recipes for us to obtain from local restaurants. It was a lot of fun gathering up the new entries - except the cookbook committee got hun-

## Now we're cooking!

The new 3rd edition of the *Sanibel-Captiva Cookbook* is available for \$20 at: The Cheese Nook, Ile Crocodile, the Island Book Nook, MacIntosh Books, Sanibel Island Bookshop, Spices 'n' Spoons, Sporty Seahorse Shops and Tween Waters Inn. Mail orders (\$28, including postage and handling) are being accepted at the Children's Education Center of the Islands, 350 Casa Ybel Road, Sanibel 33957. For more information call Pierce at 472-6080 or Caldwell at 395-9348.

gry every time we met!"

Nineteen restaurants provided 32 recipes to the chapter titled "What'll It Be?" Included are Lemon Humus from The Bean, Spaghettini with Crab Meat from the Riviera, Stuffed Avocado Salad from Sanibel Café and Mucky Duck Brownies. Other restaurant entries are from Timbers, Portofino, Seafood Center and Crab House, Chadwick's, Cap'n Al's, the Lighthouse, the Jacaranda, King's Crown, Mangia e Bevi, Tween Waters Inn, the Mad Hatter, Jean Paul's French Corner, the Bubble Room, Beachview Inn and Barnacle Phil's on Upper Captiva.

"We saved an original recipe from Timmy's Nook, even though that restaurant is long gone," Pierce says. "Their Blueberry Sour Cream Pie was just too good to take out."

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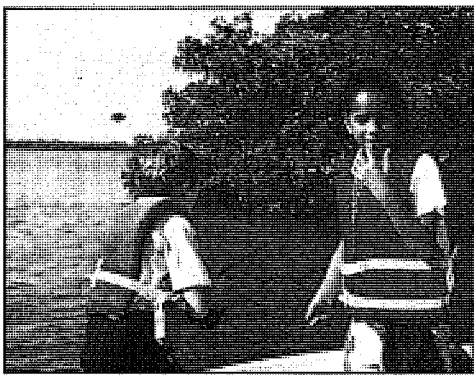
Wow, this is fun!



Capt. Matt Mitchell drives while Wesley Hoffman, Nick Alvarez, Sarah Hoffman get ready to F-I-S-H.



Getting ready to seine, above, and below.



Wesley Hoffman and Yaveth Colon



Gabriel Alvarez gets some pointers from Nikki, a friend of Capt. Matt's.

Capt. Skip Dunn of Tagger II Charters rounded up four of his friends — all members of the Lee County Professional Guides Association — and they took a bunch of kids fishing on Sunday.

"I am so impressed," said refuge staff member Jeff Combs, who was running the show. "This must be one of the busiest weekends of the year for them and they took the time, without hesitation, to do this for free for the kids. And they didn't even wait around for pizza or subs afterward!"

Sixteen island youngsters went out with Dunn, Allan Hall, Matt Mitchell, Jon Eaton and Bob Wasno. Joining them was Rob Loflin — an accomplished fisherman and biologist, as well as Sanibel's Natural Resources Director — and refuge staff members Steve Alvarez and Scott Gibson, in addition to Combs. Wasno, who is a Lee County biologist, also demonstrated seining, and the several naturalists helped the kids identify their finds.

Everybody fished from 9 to 11 in the morning and from 11 to noon, they seined, bringing up horsehoe crabs, shells, starfish, and a lot of shell egg cases, among other goodies. The fishing was catch-and-release and the kids hooked or brought in four snook, a sheephead, two blacktip sharks, a couple of catfish and a yellow-fin jack.

Food was provided by Mona Lisa's, Johnny's and Subway and water and sodas came from Bailey's.



Rob Loflin explains what some of the neat things in the seine are. Photos/Steve Alvarez.

## TURKEY, FROM PAGE 3

Hammerhead Dean Skaugstad and Chamber Executive Director Keith Trowbridge as possible perpetrators in what has become known as the Gobbler Fiasco. Lena was out of town last week and at this point is not a suspect.

While Trowbridge was unable to be reached for com-

ment Skaugstad said, "Let him speculate," in response to Brown's question of his involvement. "I put up the osprey nest... and it was quite a job. But I don't know anything at all about a turkey... I think the turkey fairy put it up there," insisted Skaugstad.

And Wigley affirmed he had "absolutely no involve-

ment" with the bird. "Of all the people he named, he didn't name the one person who's probably responsible and that's Steve Brown. It's a publicity ploy," said Wigley.

No official charges have been made and investigations in the Great Gobbler Fiasco are continuing.—J.W.

# Report of the Five-Year Budget Projection Review Committee

By Armand Ball (Chair), Alex Cook, Jan Hyatt, Erick Lindblad, Curt Stendahl, Ray Vazquez, Dick Walsh (Vice-Chair)

(The following is an edited version of the committee's report, generally boiled down to the committee's recommendations to City Council. A full copy is available at City Hall. The committee met 17 times from Dec. 10, 1998-April 26, 1999—over 58 hours.)

## Observations

#1. The City of Sanibel has an outstanding staff. The Committee found each and every member approached or interviewed to be open and anxious to help.

#2. The very nature of a Five-Year Budget Projection is fraught with the fact that the further you get from the starting year the less accurate projections will be. For instance, one of the assumptions approved by the Council indicated a 2% cost of living increase was to be used. Should we face a sudden inflationary spiral, that would significantly affect the upcoming year's budget and compound itself in the following years.

As long as these sorts of problems are recognized and the Five-Year Projection is not taken as a scientific study, we feel the Council should be able to take into account the annual projections as they consider new projections and adjustments to existing programs that will have financial impact. The Committee hopes that the Council will approve the recommendations and put to work the Five-Year Projection as a tool that can be useful to staff, Council and the public.

#3. The Committee would urge the Council to consider the appointment of a committee annually to review the projections and add the next fifth year to the plan. The earlier the Committee is appointed the less time-pressure results. Starting in December was quite helpful for the current Committee.

## Recommendations

All recommendations are made by unanimous vote except where specific votes are recorded otherwise.

### PERSONNEL

Recognizing that wages and benefits represent close to 46% of the total city expenditures, one of the areas of committee concentration was personnel costs. The committee felt that each percent of savings that might be realized would be significant.

**Recommendation #1:** That City Council give careful consideration to moving from a Defined Benefit Pension Plan to a Defined

Contribution Plan for all employees (other than those covered by the Police Pension Plan) by October 1, 1999, confirming the savings and making every effort to see that no employee is harmed in the transition, as well as the prohibitive costs of running Defined Benefit and Defined Contribution plans simultaneously.

**Recommendation #2:** That the City Council discuss with the outside consultant for the Sanibel Wage and Salary Plan the possibilities of the following adjustments in determining benchmark entities:

a. The elimination of counties and large cities such as Sarasota, Cape Coral, and Coral Gables for exempt positions; and

b. The inclusion of private companies as well as public entities in the benchmark examination for non-exempt positions.

**Recommendation #3:** That the City Council eliminate the policy of a 5-15% premium in favor of periodic adjustments in given salary ranges necessary to attract and retain superior employees.

When the Council employs the new City Manager, it will result in setting a new benchmark at the top of the salary scale since all salaries are calculated from the top salary in an organization. Therefore, this is the time for the Council to consider the ripple effect of the salary range and starting salary at which they employ the new City Manager.

**Recommendation #4:** That the City Council examine carefully the actual starting salary and salary range for the new City Manager in an effort to establish an overall benchmark for the compensation program.

**Recommendation #5:** That starting with FY2000 budget, the Council ask the consultant to report the exact percentage of salary increases in benchmark entities during the FY1999 to be used in consideration of the General Wage Adjustment (GWA) for that year, and a similar pattern be followed in future years.

**Recommendation #6:** That a slightly higher General Wage Adjustment be considered for non-exempt employees at the time the Council sets the General Wage Adjustment for FY2000 and beyond.

**Recommendation #7:** That the City Council ask the new City Manager to examine the possibilities of:

a. auditing the present various human resource duties handled by several positions to make sure all appropriate areas of personnel practices and risk management are covered;

b. consolidating all of the human resource duties currently handled by different positions into one position (existing or new);

c. examining the current job descriptions

and titles with the view toward decreasing the number of position descriptions as recommended by the Acting City Manager; and

d. Reviewing the present process for exit interviews to assure that the most helpful information is being obtained to better understand employee turnover and morale.

**Recommendation #8:** That the City Council eliminate the policy of city-paid deferred compensation for the City Manager and City Attorney.

(The Committee is aware that recommendation #8 may seem particularly unfair in light of the greatly increased duties and the outstanding performance of the City Attorney serving as Acting City Manager for a large portion of this calendar year without any change in pay. Those responsibilities and that performance should be rewarded by some additional form of compensation for this current year, without setting a precedent for future years.)

**Recommendation #9:** That the present City Attorney be compensated in an appropriate manner for his outstanding service as Acting City Manager.

**Recommendation #10:** That the Council extensively evaluate the costs and benefits of early retirement for each individual position prior to offering any such program, and recognize that the major source of savings in early retirement to come from position elimination.

**Recommendation #11:** That the Council encourage the use of seasonal employees in all departments where deemed appropriate and cost effective, and give consideration to increasing the pay scale for part-time seasonal employees.

### POLICE

The Police Department has been downsized by four positions as a result of early retirements: a Bureau Commander, a Sergeant, a Police Officer, and a Police Aide I. A Dispatcher position that was vacated by retirement has since been filled. It now appears that 70% of the road patrol supervision normally provided by the fifth Sergeant position (now vacant) is being covered by administrative staff. If another Sergeant is absent for any reason, it seems that overtime will become necessary.

Last year's public input to the Five-Year Budget Projection Committee demonstrated a primary concern for not cutting the present pattern of three patrols 24 hours a day. The previous Committee did not suggest cutting the number of patrols each twenty four hours, and neither does this Committee.

**Recommendation #12:** That the City Council consider filling the vacant Sergeant posi-

tion.

**Recommendation #13:** That the Council adopt a Community Dispute Settlement Plan if and when it is proposed, assuming the relative cost/benefit analysis proves positive.

### COUNCIL

Obviously, the decisions Council makes can significantly reduce or increase costs in future years. However, the most important decision in the immediate future will be the selection of the new City Manager. The Committee joins the Council and citizenry in hoping the new City Manager will bring to Sanibel the experience and desire to maintain or improve services while reducing costs.

**Recommendation #14:** That the interview process for Sanibel's new City Manager include questions to determine the candidates' interest and experience in the following four areas:

- Benchmarking
- Elimination of marginal services/activities
- Privatization
- How to employ computer technology to improve productivity and services to the public.

**Recommendation #15:** That all new program proposals prior to approval by the Council be analyzed against the five-year budget projections in terms of:

- expenditures/revenues
- special resources required
- key assumptions.

Since our city was formed 25 years ago, the responsibility of the Council has expanded exponentially. More important decisions requiring hours of research are causing council members to spend long hours getting the job done. It may be time Council members were paid a modest stipend not only to reward them for their efforts, but also to attract others to run for Council seats. In a 1990 survey of 37 Florida municipalities ranging in size from 5,000 to 10,000 population, 31 paid their council members. All four local municipalities pay their council members from \$7,200 to \$25,000 per year.

The Committee recognizes that a shift in this policy has been rejected by the voters once and could impact the long established volunteer character of the community. Yet it could also open the Council to younger working members of the community, who could not otherwise consider running.

**Recommendation #16:** That the Council consider a charter amendment to enable council members to be paid. (VOTE 5-2.)



## PARKS AND RECREATION

The current five-year City-County inter-local agreement, covering revenue and expenses for Bowman's Beach, Blind Pass, Turner Beach, and the ball fields by the elementary schools, expires in July, 2000. Eighteen months could be needed to negotiate this agreement, thus creating a significant time line problem.

Within the agreement is a provision for the parties to consider the transfer of ownership of Bowman's Beach property from Lee County to the City. Various scenarios covering ownership, revenues and maintenance expenses could have significant budgetary impact. Currently, the County pays for the maintenance of the ball fields (\$119,000).

**Recommendation #17:** That the City enter into negotiations with Lee County as soon as possible for a new interlocal agreement covering the ownership of Bowman's Beach and the expenses/revenue for Blind Pass, Turner Beach, Bowman's Beach and the ball fields.

## MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS (MIS)

**Recommendation #18:** That the City Council should encourage:

- a. Greater consolidation and uniformity across departments in the collection, analyses, and distribution of information when deemed appropriate
- b. Internet use including a Web-site with regular publication of agendas and dates of meetings, public documents, etc.
- c. A centrally networked Management Information System to assist in better analyses of cumulative cost and revenue data such as the purchasing function and review of vendor lists
- d. Allowing use of credit card payments
- e. Public access to apply for certain permits.
- f. Addition of graphic/GIS capabilities for use in the Planning Department.

After review of the Management Information Systems (MIS), the Five-Year Projected Budget includes \$500,000 in 2004FY for an upgrade of the computer system. This is a conservative approach since, there is a possibility that such an expenditure may not be needed quite that early nor to that full extent.

## ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Many of the recommendations and comments made elsewhere overlap with the Administration and Finance Departments. There appear to be two recommendations which bear specific review in these departments.

**Recommendation #19:** That the City consider examining the City's current purchasing organization and procedures for ways to affect significant savings through that function.

**Recommendation #20:** That monthly financial reports and quarterly comparisons to

budgeted projections be reinstated and reviewed in Council meetings.

## PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department reviewed a revised schedule of capital projects for the next five years and discussed potential savings with the Committee. One of the areas discussed was the percentage of contingency budgeted for each project, and the Public Works Director pointed out that bids always fell short of the budgeted percentage. Subsequently the Public Works Director submitted figures which took into consideration a smaller but adequate contingency for projects. He is to be commended for his detailed and professional approach to these projects.

**Recommendation # 21:** That the revised Public Works Improvements Schedule (Exhibit 1) be used to establish priorities for budgets in FY 2000-2004.

## BUILDING AND PLANNING

The Committee met with both the Planning and Building Departments, discussing functions and current permitting and related duties. In discussion of current functions and the proposed merger of these departments, it seemed to the Committee that merger should be one of the first items on the agenda of the new City Manager.

**Recommendation #22:** That the new City Manager should give early consideration to the value of merging the Planning and Building Departments.

**Recommendation # 23:** That Building and Planning Department fees be revised to reflect current costs, including efforts for enforcement.

**Recommendation #24:** That the City Council consider an ordinance, to eliminate the need for permits and inspections for the replacement of parts in HVAC units.

## BELOW MARKET RATE HOUSING (BMRH)

The City's Below Market Rate Housing (BMRH) program has evolved from the 1980's assumptions of private developer involvement to the current cooperative effort between the City and its not-for-profit Housing Foundation (CHR). This change in focus maintains local control and allows measured BMRH growth to continue.

The State approved Sanibel Plan calls for approximately 95 BMRH units by the year 2017. With the addition of the Casa Mariposa senior citizen units this year, 52 of the 95 will be in place.

**Recommendation #25:** That the opportunity to refinance the 1994 BMRH bond to lower the current 5.2% interest rate and include funding for future BMRH land acquisition be explored at the time of the Casa Mariposa financing. (6-0 with 1 abstention)

**Recommendation #26:** That the City Council request its housing foundation (CHR) to

increase its annual payments to the City from BMRH net rental proceeds to \$75,000 per year beginning in FY2000. (6-0 with 1 abstention)

**Recommendation #27:** That funding for future construction of BMRH units should continue to come from a combination of City and Housing Foundation loans, grants, and donations, with all new projects and City-provided construction financing approved by City Council on a case-by-case basis. (6-0 with 1 abstention)

## NATURAL RESOURCES

It is the Committee's understanding that, given the current rate of beach erosion in the Gulf Shores and Gulf Pines (GS/GP) area, permits, and funding for a renourishment project are likely to be requested by beach-front owners in the near future. There is presently an effort on the part of CEPD to secure a permit to clear the Blind Pass channel, resulting in excess sand to be dumped near Blind Pass or Bowman's Beach. Some hope that an arrangement can be developed to deposit that sand on the Gulf Shores/Gulf Pines beaches. That would likely cost less than a full-scale renourishment project such as was done on that beach previously. The City's share of that previous renourishment project was 18% of the total cost of the project or approximately \$350,000.

However, the decision to participate in that renourishment was a departure from previous Council policy, and now with a second potential request it seems appropriate for Council to develop a standard policy regarding renourishment requests establishing ground rules and procedures for application, as has been done in paving and drainage projects.

In any case, such a request will raise the possibility of funds that are not currently budgeted.

**Recommendation #28:** That the Council consider the possibility of a renourishment project and its impact on the budget in the FY 2000 and following years.

**Recommendation #29:** That the Council consider enacting a policy on beach renourishment projects which addresses funding mechanisms, including post-renourishment costs (engineering, contracting and monitoring).

The City's Environmental Land Acquisition program has been effective in preserving open space and wildlife habitat, and has limited the need for additional infrastructure as a result of limiting development. It appears that increased funding during the current year and FY 2000 would complete the acquisition of the Tarpon Bay and Sanibel Gardens subdivisions through condemnation.

The Committee requested a schedule of capital expenditures for the five-year period from Natural Resources in hopes that this schedule could be considered in a similar fashion to the Public Works Capital Improvements Schedule (Exhibit 2).

**Recommendation #30** That the Physical Environment Projects Schedule (Exhibit 2) be

used to set priorities for budgets in the FY 2000-2004 years.

There seems to be continuing interest in preserving zoned land zoned commercial or residential along Periwinkle Way. For the first time this year, Scenic Land Preservation funds of \$200,000 were budgeted from the causeway surplus revenue. So far this fiscal year, no funds have been expended. However, the Committee concurs with the previous Committee that the budgeting and use of such funds will work to relieve stress on the Island in the future.

**Recommendation #31** That the Council consider continuing the \$200,000 allocation for scenic land preservation and establish a policy to rollover previously budgeted unspent funds each year.

## ISLAND STRESS

*The Sanibel Plan and the Nicholas Report, Economic Possibilities, Realities and Assumptions*, both express concerns about "Island Stress" and included the following phases:

"... the environment is now being used beyond its capacity. This level of use is not sustainable"; "means must be sought to reduce the demand on the natural infrastructure"; "beaches and refuge areas are becoming stressed by overuse". These are strong words, and if other than mere rhetoric, they beg for action.

For purposes of discussion the Committee looked at stress on the human population, wildlife populations and native vegetation. The greatest stress on the human population seems to be from traffic during the season. This impact may grow as the region continues to develop and the season expands. Increased vehicular and boat traffic will cause overcrowding on beaches and other recreation areas, creating the need for increased conflict resolution expenditures. As the Committee discussed ways to solve the traffic problem it became apparent that traffic jams, limited parking and other inefficiencies actually limit the number of people coming to the Island and can discourage tourists and winter residents from future visits, thus affecting the economic health of the Island. On the other hand, any moves to correct these problems may only increase visitation.

**Recommendation #32:** That Council consider ways to alert possible visitors to the Island about traffic and parking problems e.g. reinstating signs before the toll booths explaining traffic and parking situations.

**Recommendation #33:** That the City expand its natural resource educational and ordinance enforcement programs, especially on the beach (e.g. leash law, beach furniture ordinance, police officer environmental code training program, etc.).

**Recommendation #34:** That the City consider promoting the use of effective alternatives to harmful chemicals for vegetation and insect pest control through an aggressive program of educa-

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tion and legislation.

However well Sanibel protects its natural resources through land acquisition and restoration, education and legislation, at this point in history the greater danger to our environment lies outside our direct control. For example, the use of these herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers upstream of us, along with other pollutants coming down the Caloosahatchee, impact a wide variety of species using our surrounding waters. Increasing development on the mainland plus increasing tourism multiplies the interest in coming to Sanibel to escape the urban sprawl and enjoy our natural settings.

**Recommendation #35:** That the City increase its participation in regional issues affecting development intensity and environmental intrusion off-island.

Recommendations 31-34 have certain limited budgetary implications in terms of staff time and materials, but exponential affect in reducing stress on our Island. If money can help solve the stress problem, there appears to be a favorable period in the near future where additional funds may be available for accelerating action. There are two options worth exploring:

1. During FY2000-2003, it appears likely there will be some excess funds in General Fund operations without increasing the rolled back rate: \$100,000 in FY 2000, \$700,000 in FY 2001, \$500,000 in FY 2002. Thus, a substantial invest-

ment could be made without increasing taxes or interest expenditures.

2. After FY2000, debt service begins a significant decrease from current levels: \$200,000 in FY 2001, \$650,000 in FY 2002, FY 2003, FY 2004. It may make sense to share the costs of reducing stress with those who will benefit in future years. This would also spread the costs to the annual operations over a longer period such as 15 years.

If additional financing for any of the previous recommendations or new ideas generated by the public or staff can have a significant impact on the increasing stress on the island, then the time may be now when the economy is good, interest rates are low and a rising tide of awareness and support for preserving the environment exists. The Committee could in all of "its wisdom" suggest specific uses of these funds, but such expenditures whether by loan or cash need much broader input and expertise.

However, to illustrate the concept, accelerating further the funds for land acquisition, environmental or otherwise, could remove land from potential development at the same time as potentially securing it at lower costs than may be possible in the future could relieve stress in several ways. Though this may be the easier idea for illustration purposes, the Committee is confident there are other types of projects given time for thought and public input which could help relieve stress.

On the other hand, it should be noted that there are other projects such as the potential of an

in-line skating facility or east end ball fields as mentioned in the Annual Review of the Capital Improvements Element of the Sanibel Plan referred to earlier which could add stress rather than relieve it.

**Recommendation #36:** That the City Council request that the new City Manager and appropriate staff brainstorm and research projects that will substantially reduce stress on the Island, seeking public input and suggestions along the way, and recommend the strongest proposals to the City Council, whereupon the Council:

- a. Could weigh and select the most viable proposals
- b. Determine the best method of financing the proposals
- c. Mount a campaign to educate voters to the importance of the projects.

**COMMENTS**

1. It should be noted that the Committee chose not to consider the following issues:

- a. Town Center - since concept has not been put into concrete format
- b. Causeway replacement - beyond five-year period. The Committee would note that there could possibly be new litigation, and outside studies in connection with the 1990 bridge referendum and/or negotiations with Lee County over the proposed bridge that are not in the five-year projections.
- c. Sewer - being reviewed by another citizen committee at this time
- d. Expansion of City Limits - too indefinite

It should be noted also that the items above may have decided effect on the General Budget and must be given consideration in long range planning.

2. It should be noted that while staff has been reduced in the General Fund area by the early retirement of 9 persons (of which two positions have already been filled) and the present hiring freeze, additional tasks have been added to the work load of many staff members. The positive attitude and teamwork exhibited during this period by the entire staff are noted and commended.

3. When the Council reviews the 1999-2004 Sources Uses Summary of the Five-Year Budget Projection, we ask you to look beyond the positive balances forecast for 1999-2003 fiscal years. Following the Debt Service line across under Total Uses will point out the effect of reducing debt service starting in FY 2001. Should additional debt be added during this five-year period, a resulting decrease in the positive bottom line can be expected.

4. A large portion of the change in the forecast balances during this five-year period from those forecast in 1998 primarily relate to two factors:

- a. the early retirements and hiring freeze
- b. an adjustment in overall public works capital improvements to a more feasible schedule

However beneficial the early retirements have been to the overall budget forecasts, the Committee would remind the Council that early

retirements have major benefits when positions are eliminated. Some of the positions vacated by early retirement will likely be filled once the new City Manager is on board.

5. The only negative balance shown is in FY 2004, and results from the budgeting of \$500,000 for upgrade of the computer. The Management Information System Director assures the Committee that this is only a projection, and it is possible that the equipment may last longer. However, there is no question that continued technological upgrade will be necessary in the years ahead, assuming that the City wishes to make a similar upgrade in user friendly services to its citizenry.

6. There is no funding in the five-year budget projection for increased staff or office space.


One of the questions raised with each Department Director was how the present staffing was working in light of the early retirements and hiring freeze. Responses indicated comfort with existing staffing except in the following departments:

- a. Administrative/Finance/Legislative: The need to fill the City Manager position was obvious, yet it was also noted that the need of an Assistant City Manager was seriously questioned.
- b. Planning Department: The Director requested two additional personnel, although there was recognition that an improved Management Information System program might alleviate and perhaps reduce some personnel needs.
- c. Management Information System: The possibility of needing part-time help in 3 years or so was noted.

7. There has been discussion about the possibilities of charging fees for certain non-police type services currently being provided by our Police Department, such as the removal of alligators, raccoons, etc. The practical problems in distinguishing police services from non-police services at the time of the call to the dispatcher, as well as the resulting perception of a reduction in the current 100% police responses, mitigate against the creation of such user fees. The Committee felt that user fees for such services would be counterproductive.

8. Currently the State of Florida is revising its Building Code, which may have some unknown ramifications in the Building Department.

9. It should be noted that expansion of the Sanibel School is underway, with sixth grade to be added for the coming year. Seventh and eighth grades will follow the next two years. The potential budgetary impact of the increased local school enrollment on the recreation center program, its staff and the facility will need to be monitored closely if the needs of all children are to be met.






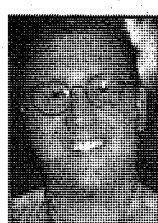


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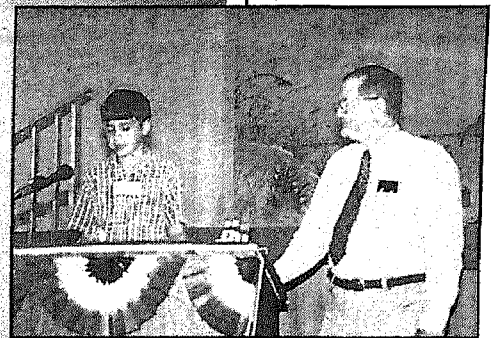
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Above: Deputy Police Chief Jack Primm had lunch with his student counterpart Greg Gleason. The fourth grade mothers organized the Student Government Day luncheon of pizza and tacos at the Sanibel Community Association.



Mayor Bob Janes looks on as Student Mayor Brett Shannon read his essay that won him the mayor position for Student Government Day.



Above: This year's picture perfect student council and members of city staff were: City Attorney Emily Compton, Council Member Michael Molinari, Vice Mayor Stephanie Albert, Mayor Brett Shannon, Council Member Katrina Zeigler, Council Member Kelsie Macray and City Manager Zach Faroane. Right: The students announced their government jobs to the crowd gathered in MacKenzie Hall for Student Government Day. *Islander* student reporter Pippa Greenberg described her job as a public service. "Reporters take notes on important issues then write about the issues in the newspaper to inform the public," Greenberg described.



## Student Snickers

It's my job to make sure the sewage doesn't leak.

*Spencer Moore describing his job as the city utilities director.*

It's my job to back up the police chief when he's not working.

*Greg Gleason describing his position as the deputy police chief.*

It's a full time job.

*Deputy Police Chief Jack Primm jokingly to Chief Lew Phillips in response to Gleason's description of his job.*

Let this be a lesson to us.

*Council member Bill Hillebrandt to Council member Steve Brown after the student council meeting was called into session and adjourned in a matter of minutes.*

I've only been a council member since November so it's too early to get fired.

*Brown to Student Michael Molinari who was questioning him about his job as a city council member.*

I heard the existing city council was voted out of office for a more dynamic group.

*Mayor Bob Janes acknowledging the good job done by this year's student council.*

# Youthful city council approves bike path

By JENNIFER WORKMAN  
*Islander Staff Writer*

With three bangs of the gavel Sanibel's student city council was called to order by Mayor Brett Shannon. The student council had a short agenda because this group of fifth-graders, the first that will graduate from Sanibel's new kindergarten through 8th grade school, will be back for another student government day in the eighth grade. "Then they will really take over city hall so watch out," said Principal Barbara VonHarten.

However, while the agenda was short, the student council successfully represented an abbreviated version of a regular council meeting. Student council members included Mayor Shannon, Vice Mayor Stephanie Albert, Council Members Michael Molinari, Katrina Zeigler and Kelsie Macray. Zach Faroane was the city manager, Emily Compton was the city attorney, Daniel Barnard

was the planning commission chairman and Sarah DeGeorge was the recording secretary. "I was nervous," said Student councilmember Macray. "I got butterflies."

The butterflies didn't show and Macray and the other student members handled the day with aplomb. The issue proposed, in a script written by the students, was putting a bike path on Bowman's Beach Road. MacKenzie Hall was packed with spectators gathered to watch and support the student council. Regular council members—including Bill Hillebrandt sitting at the press table for a different point of view—attended and had a chance to sit among the crowd and watch smaller versions of themselves.

The budget, said Student Finance Director Natalie Weatherby, for bike path improvements is \$1 million. Support for the improvement came from a student member of the public, Evan Bogden, wear-

ing a bike helmet. Bogden said he supported the bike path for safety reasons. And teacher Georgia Brown expressed her support for the proposed bike path as well. "Thank you for sharing your thoughts, Mrs. Brown," said Student Mayor Shannon.

But not everyone was in favor of the issue and as is Sanibel tradition the student council heard from both sides. Student Kristy Corbin, dressed up as a resident of Bowman's Beach Road, said she didn't want a bike path in her neighborhood. The bikes, she said, would be a hazard to her dog.

But, the student council thought the bike path idea was a good one and Student Vice Mayor Albert moved to approve the placement of a bike path on Bowman's Beach Road. The motion carried unanimously and after declaring that a discussion of crossings and mirrors would be tabled for another meeting due to time constraints, Mayor

Shannon declared the meeting adjourned. "I think it's really important that we all voted [for the bike paths]," said Vice Mayor Albert.

After the meeting, VonHarten said the students wanted the regular city council to consider the issue. And they just may. "That bike path thing was a good idea and could be a reasonable possibility," said Mayor Bob Janes. "That's not something someone who doesn't understand government would propose."

There was a luncheon, put on by the fourth grade mothers, at the community center after the meeting and the students were given the opportunity to sit with the city officials they represented at the meeting. After the luncheon the students were recognized by Mayor Janes for their participation in the day.

*(List of Student Government Day participants — see next page.)*

## 1999 Student Government Day Participants

Mayor Brett Sharmon  
Vice Mayor Stephanie Albert  
Council Member Kelsie Macray  
Council Member Michael Molinari  
Council Member Katrina Zeigler  
City Manager Zach Faroane  
City Attorney Emily Compton  
Planning Commission Chairman Daniel Barnard  
Chief of Police Jeffrey Richter  
Deputy Police Chief Greg Gleason  
Public Works Director Kenny Smith  
Planning Director Zach Gulnac  
Finance Director Natalie Weatherby  
Natural Resources Director Evan Bogdon  
Utilities Director Spencer Moore  
Recreation Director Steven Radakovic  
Building Official Holly Copeland  
Code Enforcement Officer Ray Mason  
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Ryan Geraci  
Fire Chief Andrew Moen  
Council Recording Secretary Sarah DeGeorge  
Conservation Officer Deena Banta  
Reporter for the Islander Pippa Greenberg  
Reporter for the Island Reporter Lauren Jeandron  
Reporter for the Island Sun Kristy Corbin  
D.A.R.E. Officer Joey Harrity  
Information Systems Manager David Campbell

## Telecommunications moratorium official, second opinion on the way

Following a 3-2 vote declaring a 180-day moratorium on processing or approval of applications for telecommunications devices and facilities, council gave the go ahead to negotiate a contract with a second-opinion firm for consultation on establishing the city's telecommunications master plan.

Narrowed down from a list of seven firms who sent proposals fitting city requirements, the firms 2 Help Consulting and Consult, First, Inc. were chosen as first and second choices in the negotiating process. The decision to hire another firm came from strong public suggestion that a second opinion would provide the city with better alternatives to traditional tall, and what many call unsightly, telecommunications towers. Some members of the public also questioned the city's first telecommunications consultant, Michael Kurtis, because of his affiliation with the telecommunications industry.

Councilwoman Nola Theiss and Mayor Bob Janes both voted against the moratorium but agreed with the other council members on the choices for second-opinion firms. Councilman Bill Hillebrandt said that with the moratorium in place and the hiring of the second consultant he expected to have a telecommunications ordinance and master plan in place by November.

## Sewer update

June 1 was the deadline for the special assessment repayment of the Phase I sewer project to begin, but because the final billings are not in the repayment deadline can't be implemented, reported Acting City Manager Bob Pritt. Also, while Phase I is almost complete, Pritt reminded council that the reuse water capacity problem has not yet been solved and that if all Phase I properties were to hook up to the sewer at once, the cost of hauling the reuse would be \$2,875 per day or \$86,250 per month.

Therefore council agreed to the following schedule:

- Notify all Phase I owners that they won't have to pay by June 1, 1999.
- Schedule a hearing to implement another form of repayment, the "uniform method", which will put the sewer assessment on the tax bill for each property. The first payment will then be due on the November 2000 tax bills.
- Notify all Phase I owners that the city will consider voluntary hook-up contingent on the city's reuse water disposal capacity. Hook-up priorities will go to properties with failing septic systems and new construction.

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City Snickers



Jennifer Workman

Maybe we could make that one of the responsibilities of the new city manager.

*Councilman Bill Hillebrandt regarding Councilman Andrew Reding's suggestion that the city start raising and lowering the flag each day.*

I have to warn you that my kids say I've been very negative the last few days.

*Councilwoman Nola Theiss before making her comments about choosing a firm for a second opinion regarding the city's telecommunications ordinance.*

Is this firm capable of changing the laws of physics? because that's what we're asking.

*Theiss referring to the selection of a firm to offer a second opinion in establishing the city's telecommunications master plan.*

That is called suicide.

*City Attorney and Acting City Manager Bob Pritt regarding council member comments that staff might be attempting to teach council a lesson.*

We're going to take a reuse break.

*Mayor Bob Janes in calling a five-minute recess after a discussion of the sewer expansion project concerning water hauling and temporary island wide reuse.*

# Council chooses top candidate for city manager position

By JENNIFER WORKMAN  
Islander Staff Writer

After interviewing four candidates last week, council picked their top choice for the city manager position Tuesday.

Henry Dolive—administrator of Anderson Township, a riverfront community near Cincinnati, Ohio—was picked by council consensus as the candidate with whom Mayor Bob Janes will begin negotiating regarding salary and other issues. A background check by the police department, a reference check and a human resources investigation will also be done on Dolive during the negotiating process.

However the choice was not an easy one. Council member Steve Brown noted that he was "less in favor of" Dolive and supported candidate Edward Sealover of Atlantic Beach, N.C. "I was really impressed with Sealover's enthusiasm," said Brown. Hillebrandt concurred that Sealover would be a good choice as well. "I could go with either one," he said, but added that Dolive had more experience. In spite of support for Sealover, Dolive won the majority vote.

"I thought he'd done the most research on Sanibel," said Councilwoman Nola Theiss who added that Dolive came to his interview with materials showing the similarities between his community and Sanibel. And Janes noted that Dolive was the only candidate to request council members' resumes. Councilman Andrew Reding was also impressed with Dolive and said he was "overwhelmed" with what Dolive had to offer.

Dolive, who has a Ph.D. in political science, has been the township administrator for Anderson Township in Ohio since 1989. He has been a professor of political science and earned his degrees in Florida. He has a Bachelors of Arts from Stetson University and his Master's and Doctorate degrees are both from the University

of Florida. The findings of Dolive's background check and other information gathering processes are expected to be reported to council at the next meeting.

## Church land swap

Council granted unanimous approval for city staff to meet with representatives of the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, located on Periwinkle Way, to discuss a possible land exchange.

It is a proposal that was voted down by council three years ago, but the church is giving what is essentially the same proposal another go. The church is proposing to trade approximately 17 acres of lowland wetlands, located behind the church property and between J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge and Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation parcels, with almost three acres of city-owned upland wetlands next to the church and abutting Periwinkle Way. The church wants the land for extra parking, not for expansion and church representatives said the additional parking would benefit the community as well as the church. Many Sanibel Music Festival events are held at the church as are other community activities and with additional parking church representatives suggested that the church could provide parking for the shell fair and other Sanibel Community Association events.

Natural Resources Director Rob Loflin said the proposal looked good for environmental purposes, but Councilwoman Nola Theiss and Councilman Andrew Reding were hesitant. Theiss said she was concerned about the scenic preservation along Periwinkle Way and Reding said that a decision to allow more parking for this church would lead to requests for more parking areas from other churches and community organizations.

Nonetheless, council gave Acting City Manager Bob Pritt the go ahead to begin discussions with church representatives and to pay for half of the appraisals of the property. A public hearing on the issue is required before any final determination on the land exchange can be made.

## Causeway reports

Two Sanibel Causeway reports were unanimously approved by Council Tuesday. The first was the *Fact Finding Report—Sanibel Causeway and Bridges* presented by the Planning Commission and the second was the city council's report on the causeway. The second of the two reports, and a resolution stating the city's position on the causeway improvement project, will be submitted to the Lee County Board of County Commissioners to be considered in the county Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) report.

In other causeway news, Acting City Manager Bob Pritt reported to council that the Lee Planning Agency voted 4-2 on May 24 to recommend to the county commission that the language of the *Lee Plan* pertaining to drawbridges be amended.

The proposed new language states that "new or replacement bridges on evacuation routes spanning major or marked navigable waterways shall be designed, constructed and operated to adequately accommodate the safe and timely evacuation needs of both motor vehicle and marine traffic." The plan currently states that new or replacement drawbridges can not be built except where a high span can't be physically constructed.

The county commission is expected to vote on the proposed change today.

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**San-Cap land sale**

Council approved staff recommendation to negotiate the sale of a city-owned property on San-Cap Road to residents Ralph and Carolyn Clark contingent on the state's acceptance of the sale. State approval for the sale is necessary because the 50-foot wide and 43 acre strip of land, located next to the Clark property on Clam Bayou Lane, was acquired by the city in the Silver Key purchase with funding from the Florida Communities Trust program. City Attorney Bob Pritt said the state would most likely receive the proceeds from the sale.

The Clarks, who have agreed to pay fair market value for the land and to sign documentation saying that they would not use the property to increase density, propose to clear the Brazilian pepper and Australian pines from the lot and to reroute their driveway to the upland portion of the lot.

**Portable purchase**

Council approved the city purchase of a portable from the Lee County School Board. The \$500 price tag for the portable will be donated to the city by the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club. The portable will be for shared use with the city recreation department and the Sanibel School.

**Easement release**

The city can expect to receive \$27,500

from Michigan Homes as the remainder of a donation they agreed to make for the Below Market Rate Housing Program. The money will come from the closing of the sale of Michigan Homes properties to Regal Capital Corporation. As part of the sale the city is agreeing to vacate any right to a six-foot wide public utility easement at the southwest corner of Periwinkle Way and Lindgren Blvd.

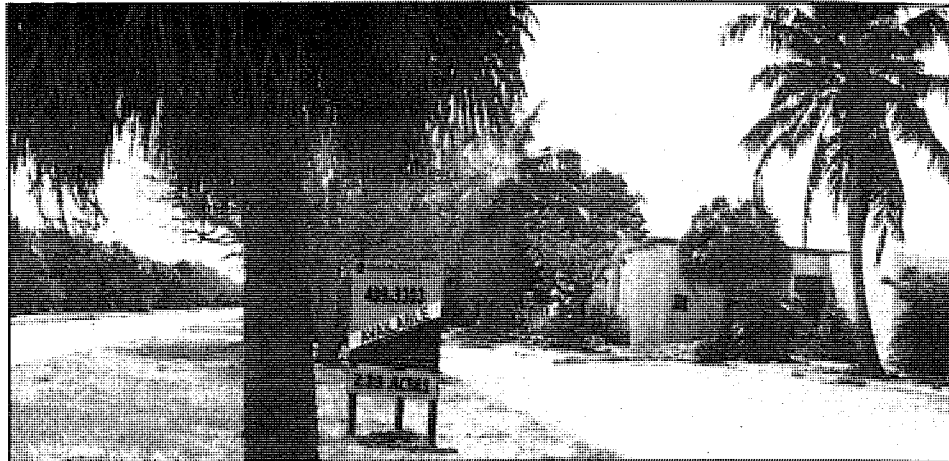
**CHR senior housing**

Funding for the city's Community Housing and Resources Casa Mariposa senior housing project was approved by Council Tuesday. Council passed a resolution accepting \$650,000 from Sun Trust Bank to finance the city's share of construction costs of the 12 Casa Mariposa units. Council also passed a resolution to accept a loan of \$1,348,997 from Sun Trust to refinance at a lower interest rate an outstanding debt to Riverside National Bank.

Council also waived over weight permit fees for the Casa Mariposa senior housing project.

**Will there be sales tax increase?**

Mayor Bob Janes brought a potential future county issue to the attention of council Tuesday that would mean an increase in sales tax. The one and a half percent increase to sales tax would be broken down so that one percent would pay for capital improvements projects and the half percent



would be given to the schools. The idea came from County Administrator Don Stillwell to solve the county's problem of a budget shortfall, said Janes who added that the item may not even make it to the county commission agenda, but that he wanted council members to be aware of it.

Councilman Andrew Reding said the idea gave him great misgivings because the problem was caused by development and that the appropriate way to solve it would be through impact fees.

**Ugly sign**

Reporting on what he called "the ugly" Councilman Bill Hillebrandt commented on the two For Sale signs in front of the former Island Water Association property on San-Cap Road. The current owner was recently turned down for his

application to turn the property into a self-storage facility. Hillebrandt said that in addition to being ugly the signs were in violation of the sign ordinance because of their size. And Mayor Bob Janes pointed out that having more than one sign is a violation as well. Hillebrandt told council that he'd contacted Code Enforcement Officer Ray Hendzel to report the signs and Hendzell contacted the real estate company who said the signs would be removed.

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## Police Beat

### Arrested

Jill Elizabeth Bennett of Fort Myers was arrested May 29 after she left the scene of an accident. Bennett struck a fence on Periwinkle Way with her vehicle and left the scene with out reporting the accident, but a witness was able to obtain Bennett's name and phone number before she could leave the scene. Bennett was later contacted at her home and was cited for leaving the scene of an accident and knowingly driving with a suspended license.

- Lenier Crawford of Fort Myers was arrested May 29 on an outstanding warrant of domestic violence and was turned over to the Lee County Sheriff.

### Attempted robbery

Frederick J. Surbito of Oxford, Mass. told police May 29 that he was accosted while leaving the restrooms at the lighthouse beach access. Reportedly, a Hispanic man, described as being 5'10", 30 years of age and having brown curly hair, approached Surbito and reached for his wallet. In response Surbito grabbed his wallet and hit the alleged attacker in the face. The man then ran off in the direction of

the beach. Police searched the area but were unable to find a man fitting the description.

### Bad checks

Jerry's Manager Brian Benham reported to police May 28 that a man had cashed two fraudulent checks with a false identification. The checks were written in the amount of \$250 and \$225.

### Traffic Tickets

- Harold Wilson Smith of Cape Coral for careless driving at Tarpon Bay Road and Periwinkle Way when he was involved in a traffic crash with Teddy Joe Seachord of Hollywood, Fla.
- Kelly Celestin of Fort Myers, May 28, received a warning for having tinted headlights while at the intersection of Periwinkle Way and Dixie Beach Boulevard.
- Corgelas Wilson of Fort Myers, May 28, for careless driving on Periwinkle Way when he was involved in a traffic crash with John Paul Redecha of Laurel, Md.
- Erin Kohlbrenner of Sanibel, May 28, for following to closely on Periwinkle Way when she was involved in a traffic

### Cigarette may have caused house fire

Sanibel Police and the Sanibel Fire Control District responded to a house fire May 27 on San-Cap Road. Fire Chief Charles P. Frederick said the entire fire occurred in a bathtub that contained towels and laundry. Frederick said the cause of the fire is unknown but speculated a cigarette may have ignited the towels in the tub.

Officer Ron Curry arrived at the home of Donald and Alice Weigold a few minutes before 4 p.m. and reported that he observed smoke coming out of the front door. Curry also reported that as he got closer to the house he heard people talking inside and then entered the home. Curry escorted the Weigolds and their dog from the residence and waited with them for SFGD to arrive.

Frederick said the Weigolds suffered from minor smoke inhalation and that most of the damage to the home was caused by smoke from the fire. Frederick said the home is unsafe due to the smoke damage and requested area checks by SPD until the scene is declared safe again. Curry took the Weigold's dog to Lee County Animal Control for safe keeping.

accident with Robert Lehmann of Mahwah, N.J.

- Charles Hampton Collucci of Fort Myers, May 28, for improper passing at Casa Ybel and Middle Gulf Drive.
- Richard Anthony Kebhart of Fort Myers, May 26, for traveling 52 mph in a 30 mph zone on West Gulf Drive.

### Traffic Tickets on San-Cap:

- Randy R. Rivait of Sanibel, May 31,

for traveling 52 mph in a 35 mph zone.

- Anthony J. Nocella of Nashua, N.H., May 31, for traveling 56 mph in a 35 mph zone. Nocella also received a warning for improper passing.

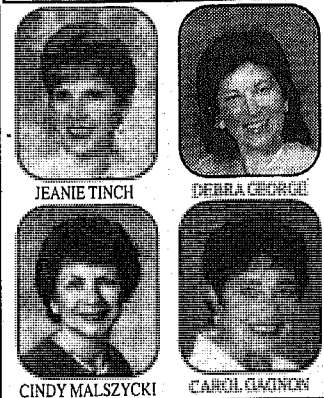
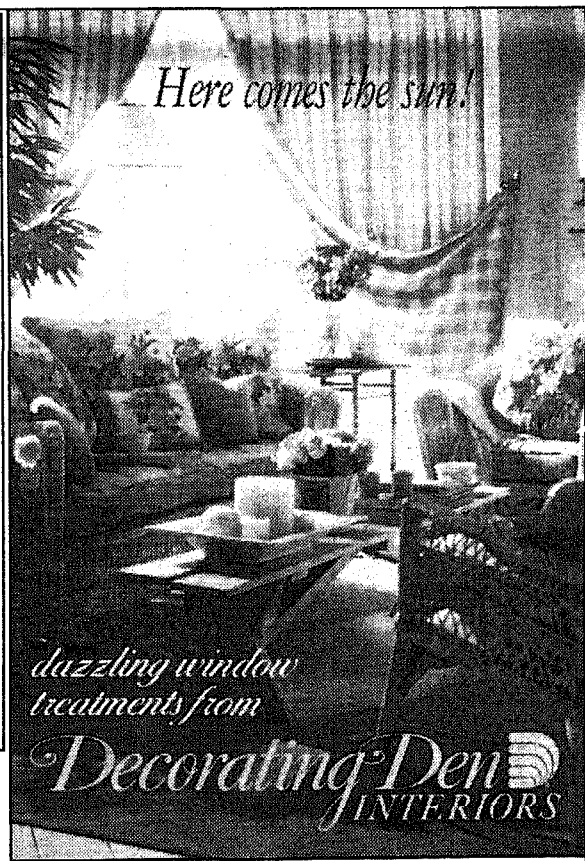
### Marine Tickets

- Brian Thomas Haas of Cape Coral, May 30, for careless operation in San Carlos Bay.

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## OUR TOWN



Six candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation were confirmed on Wednesday at St. Isabel Catholic Church. Bishop John J. Nevins (left) of the Diocese of Venice, Florida, performed the ceremony. Pictured, left to right, are Bishop Nevins, Jerry Lee Hodgkins, Christian Haverley, Sunny Iverson, Keely Shannon, John Turansky, and Kiersten England. Far right is Kate Suriani, the catechist who prepared the candidates for the reception of the Sacrament, and Father Tony Pastucci, Pastor of St. Isabel's, stands in the back.

## Notices

### Parking permits on sale

All city parking permits are now marked down to half price since they will expire on Oct. 31. Get yours now!

### Friendly Faces luncheon

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church will host the June Friendly Faces luncheon at noon, Tuesday, June 8. Friendly Faces is for people who are alone, or just wanting to get out and about for a bit of good talk and company. For reservations, call Mary Anne McCormick at 472-5916 today, Friday, June 4.

### CPR Heartsaver Course offered

On June 14 the Sanibel Fire Control District is offering its CPR course from 6-10 p.m. at the Palm Ridge Road fire station. The course includes background information on heart disease and risk factors. One-person CPR and the management of foreign-body airway obstruction will be taught. The course consists of lecture and hands-on practice on CPR manikins and includes skill testing and "homework" to read ahead of time. Comfortable clothing is recommended because the practice is done on the floor; a towel or pad for the knees is suggested.

Pre-registration and payment for the course prior to the class date is required. The cost is \$10. For information or to register, call 472-5525 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Graduating? Your turn to shine

The *Islander* plans to publish a graduates' page the second week in June. To do that we need pictures as well as vital statistics on the graduates. Please mail the information to *The Islander*, P.O. Box 56, Sanibel 33957, or bring it

by our offices at the Sanibel Promenade (across from the Post Office)-Unit 13.

### Noah's Ark open again

Tuesday, June 1, Noah's Ark re-opened after being closed for a month for Spring Cleaning. In June, July and August, the Ark is open on Tuesdays and Fridays only from 9:30-12:30. There's a little bit of everything for sale at the Ark.

### Toy search in progress

Betty Fisher and Barbara Jones, co-chairs of the Historical Village's Antique Toy Show, are asking winter residents to check their northern homes for vintage playthings they might bring back to Sanibel and lend the Village for the December show.

"Antique" is defined as 50 years of age or older and includes trains, Erector sets, models, dollhouses, Shirley Temple Dolls, even miniature utensils and housewares.

### 9th annual parade July 4

Organizers of Sanibel's 9th Annual Fourth of July Parade hope to make this the biggest and best parade of the 20th Century, and are looking for volunteers, participants and sponsors. Entries (which range from folks on trikes, rollerblades and skateboards to a fancy little plane and a roll-a-way house) are charged \$10 (non-commercial), and \$25 (commercial).

Volunteers are needed to help out with the event the week of the parade. Call Ginny Bissell (472-1080) or Trish Phillips (472-9131) to volunteer, sponsor a little league team or girl scout troop, or get an entry form.

### It's a birthday party!

The City of Sanibel is having a birthday! In November it will be 25 years old and a citizen's committee has begun preliminary plans for the celebration. Input is welcome from everyone. Call Helene Phillips at 472-6477.

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Above: Over 100 islanders turned out Monday to commemorate the Historic Walking and Biking Tour from the East End. Right: Planning Commissioners Dick Downes and John Veenschoten, Terry Brennen, Councilman Steve Brown, Sam Bailey and Jodi Brown.



Above, Sanibel Police Chief Lew Phillips, Helene Phillips with their daughter, Kacie, Jean Downes and Betty Anholt. Right: City Councilmember Nola Theiss and her husband, Hal.



### Islanders turn out to commemorate island history

At 10 a.m. on Memorial Day, more than 100 islanders, including representatives of the Sanibel Bike Club, the Planning Commission, City Council, the Historic Preservation Committee, Sanibel Police Department and, of course, Francis and Sam Bailey (whose family were early pioneers of the island), turned out for the commemoration of the Historical Walking and Bike tour, and the unveiling of the commemorative plaque for Old Town at the East End of Sanibel.

Sam Bailey, Chairman of Sanibel's

Historic Preservation Committee, gave the assembled group a colorful picture of the key sites on the tour, and Terry Brennen, new member of the committee, outlined plans for an expansion of the tour throughout the island over the course of the coming year.

The Historical Walking and Bike Tours, brainchild of Jody Brown and Jean Downes, are a unique attempt to identify and preserve island historic buildings and sites while educating both islanders and visitors to the islands' rich and colorful history. A brochure defining the 19 historic sites on the tour will be available at the Historical Museum, Chamber of Commerce and other local venues.



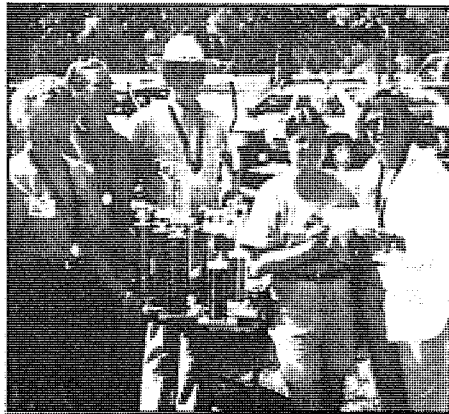
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Island Scouts are honored. See story page 16



Joe Sloboda and George McKinnell were selected Lions of the Year by the Sanibel Captiva Lions Club.



Brooke Brownyard presents a check to Cindy Becker, president of Special Equestrians, from Coldwell Banker McFadden and Sprowls. Also contributing to the Ride-A-Thon were (LtoR) Marilyn Schroer, Sandy Hann and Pat McGuffin. On May 22, Special Equestrians hosted a Ride-A-Thon to benefit the program, Horses & Handicapped. Special Equestrians is a therapeutic program designed for physical and mental therapy through basic horseback riding. Over \$11,000 was raised; the Coldwell Banker agents on Sanibel, Schroer and the Sanibel Congregational Church raised over \$3,000 of it.



Bonnee L. Johnson and Jeremy J. Nelson were married in a garden ceremony at their home in Lake Murex, 100-Acre Woods, on May 8, 1999. Pat Slater officiated. The bride was attended by maid-of-honor, Lisa Forsyth, and presented by her son, Zachary Thomas. The groom's brother, Brent Nelson, served as best man, and George Hadjiyanis his attendant. The bride, Business Manager for the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society, is the daughter of Donna Hodge of Greensboro; the groom is the son of Geneva and Peter Nelson of Westbrook, Maine. He is Desktop Support Manager at Systems & Computer Technology under contract to Lee County. Bonnee's dress was a Scott McClintock design. Rob Dilallo of Black Tie Entertainment provided "totally awesome" background and dance music; and the superb food was from Catering by J&M — Jack and Michael Elias.

Boyce added. "They represent the finest in Lionism." Both are Melvin Jones Fellows, one of Lions most prestigious awards.

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**People**  
**McKinnell and Sloboda honored**

Lions George McKinnell and Joe Sloboda have been honored by the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club as Lions of the year for the 1998-99 club year.

Announcing his selections at the club's annual dinner, Lion President Ken Boyce said, "This is the first time we have selected two Lions for the honor, but I just couldn't choose between these two outstanding men."

McKinnell served as co-chair of the Lions' Food Galley at the Lions Arts & crafts

Fair and the Sanibel Shell Fair for the last two years. A Lion since 1987, he has served as a member of the board and as Lion Tamer, the one responsible for storing and maintaining the club's equipment and setting up meetings.

Sloboda, a Lion since 1982, chairs the club's blood bank program, assists with the Christmas tree lot, works in the Food Falley, cooks for the annual Christmas party for handicapped young men and helps with the bar at meetings. In the past he has been Lion Tamer, a board member, chair of the Galley and chair of the Christmas tree lot.

"These men are dedicated Lions who are always willing to do more than their share,"

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**LIONS, FROM PAGE 15****Events****Immokolee storyteller at Library**

Cissie Griffin of Immokolee will be the storyteller at the First Friday Stories for Grownups today at 2 p.m. She is past president of the Florida Storytelling Association and is a popular teller at schools, clubs and festivals around the state. "I love to tell stories that allow me to use a little musical background," she says and she frequently intersperses her stories with guitar or harmonica music.

She tells folk tales and myths as well as personal stories of growing up in a small Mississippi town and has been featured at the Library before.

Steve and Maggie Mullins co-host First Friday Stories for Grownups. The program is free and open to the public.

**Kids****The Sanibel School**

• **Congratulation to Citizens of the Week** Khel Barnard, Emma Wheeler, Christian Ligon, Kaitlyn Herman, Sam Halverson, Julia Cacioppo, Aaron Walton, Kylie Schlegel, Chris Larsen, Elizabeth Weatherby, Chris Tipton and Jennifer Foulks.

• **Keep saving General Mills Box Tops** during the summer. This is an ongoing fundraiser for the school. Call Colleen Bauer at 395-9215 with questions.

• **Year-end schedule:** June 7—5th Grade trip to Tampa; June 8—Swim Party and DARE Graduation and Awards (**Rec Center pool will be closed to public from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**); June 9—Talent Show (8:15 a.m.) & early dismissal at noon; June 10—Kindergarten & 1st Grade Awards, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Grade Awards, early dismissal and **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!**

Summer School begins June 15, and the first day of the next school year of August 23.

• By law, every public school in Florida must have a School Advisory Committee

reflecting the ethnic population of the school as well as interests of students, parents, teachers, support personnel and the community. The Sanibel School SAC normally meets the last Monday of the month at 2:15 p.m. to discuss school issues and make recommendations to the principal. People interested in becoming a member of SAC for the next school year should call the school at 472-1617.

**Summer programs**

• During the summer, kids lose a lot of what they gained during the school year, and this summer Canterbury will offer an enrichment program for students in academics, sports and recreation. Courses include several in algebra, music, SAT prep, history, Spanish, science, soccer and basketball.

A special pre-school through grade four component is divided into weekly themes. Week I is *Lights, Camera, Action!*; Week II, called *Olympics*, features geography and includes a trip to a Mexican restaurant; Week III is *The Ocean*; and Week IV deals with *The Rainforest*.

Classes begin on Monday, June 14 in one- to four-week blocks. School begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. with day care offered from 7:30 until 5. Lunch is available daily.

• Studies have shown that students who spend at least 30 minutes each day reading will maintain or increase their reading skills over the summer.

Students who want to accelerate their reading during the summer may do so by participating in *Readers on the Prowl* at the Sanibel Public Library. The program begins this Monday, June 7, and continues through August 28. Children and parents keep track of the amount of time the child spends reading or being read to in time blocks of 20 or 30 minutes. Once a record sheet is filled, the reader turns it in at the Library youth desk and gets to choose something from the mystery prize box.

Students may also take Accelerated Reader tests on the book they read. There are prizes for AR points, but the points may not be carried over into the next school year.

Also on Monday, June 7, the 6:30 p.m. Pajama Story Hour will feature the stories of Eric Carle. Children will be able to design a

birthday card for mailing to Carle. For more information, call 472-2483.

**Pack 33 Cub Scouts graduate**

Sanibel Cub Scout Pack 33 graduated in ranks 34 boys at its first graduation ceremony on Sunday, May 23. Two Webelos moved into Boy Scouting — Ryan Geraci and Carl Dusenbery. Dusenbery also received his Arrow of Light, the highest honor awarded in Cub Scouts.

Matthew Cacioppo, Andrew Corke, Connor Dupont, Jed Krause, Jean-Michael Ligon, Mico Manarite, Alex McDaniel, Nathan Papanicolas, Jared and Justin Peeke, Guy Pepitone, Sam Ravenna and Aaron Walton moved from Bear Cub level (third grade) to Webelos.

Graduating from Wolf Cubs (second Graders) to Bear Cubs were Craig Bickett, Johnathon Cain, Alec Cohn, Christopher DiBiase, Sam Halverson, Daniel Luc, Palmer Rosen, Jelle Verwer.

Zachary Bermudez, Jamie Beth, David Bilske, Tad Caldwell, Zachary Cook, Kristopher

Kilgore, Christian Ligon, Sam McDowell, Conrad Petersen, James Shannon, and Carl VonHarten went from Tiger (first grade) to Bear Cubs.

And nine Cub Scouts received their World Conservation Award, a one-time award requiring a pack conservation project and weeks of preparation. They were Matthew Cacioppo, Andrew Corke, Jed Krause, Alex McDaniel, Guy Pepitone, Sam Ravenna, Aaron Walton, Karl Dusenbery and Will Harmon.

**Groups****Rotary moves meetings**

Sanibel-Captiva Rotary has announced that starting this morning, their regular Friday morning meeting will be held at The Island House at the corner of Rabbit and Sanibel-Captiva Road. The meeting time remains the same — 7:30 a.m. Visiting Rotarians are always welcome.

**Obituary****Thomas Whitaker Brooks**

Captiva resident Tom Brooks, 79, died May 24 in Fort Myers.

Born May 19, 1920 in Kinston, N.C., Brooks was a decorated veteran of World War II, having served with the 11th Airborne Division in the Pacific. After returning from the war he lived in Charlotte, then Pinehurst, N.C., and eventually made Captiva and Fort Myers his home. He was an entrepreneur, inventor and world traveler who often anonymously provided assistance for people in need that he heard about.

"He was constantly thinking up new ideas," his friend Elaine Stacy said. "One recent one was a recommendation to limit cigarette sales to cartons-only to make smoking too expensive for kids. I wrote about him once in the *Chronicle* — called it 'Captiva's Edison.' He pioneered the use of plastic film in agriculture, then invented a way to get it out of the fields, baled, cleaned and, eventually, shredded.

"And he was such a flirt! Seventy-nine or not, he'd flirt with anybody. In fact, last week at his memorial service, his son said he wanted to clarify one matter that seemed to be in dispute. 'Would Tom Brooks' Number One Lady please stand up?' Two-thirds of the women in the Wakefield Room promptly stood up, including me."

Brooks is survived by four sons—Thomas W. Brooks of Concord, N.C., Robert D. Brooks of Williamsburg, Va., W. Bradley Brooks of Fort Myers, and Forrest Brooks of Portland, Ore.; a daughter—Elizabeth Wollner of Monroe, N.C.; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers—Albert Spain of Oviedo and West Spain of Salisbury, N.C.; and two sisters—Edda Evans and Melba Hall, both of Rocky Mount, N.C. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Captiva Sea Turtle Project.

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## Circular rainbow brings good luck on fishing excursion

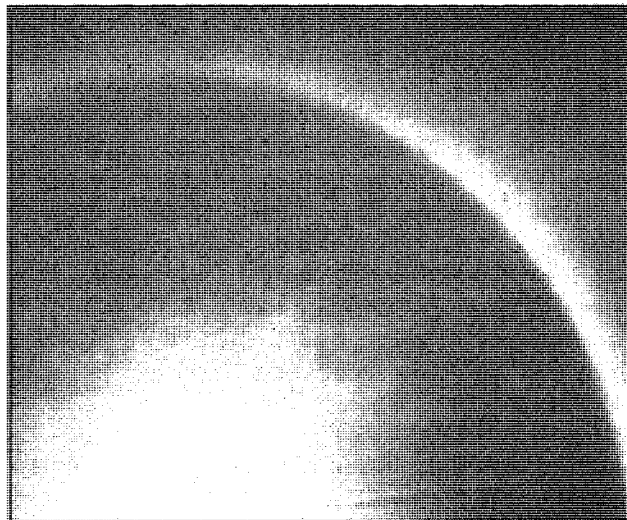
By Carlene BRENNEN

Memorial Day weekend is probably the most popular boating weekend of the year for area boaters. Because of this I had strong second thoughts about venturing out into our crowded local waters.

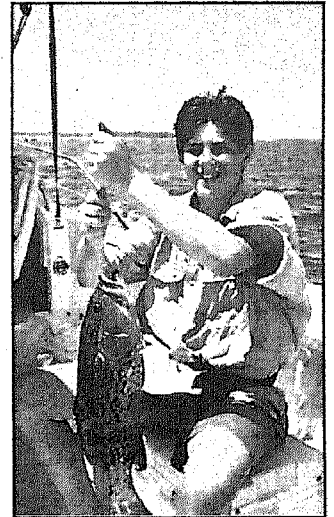
But my husband's son, Scotty — at age 13, a junior member of the Sanibel Island Tarpon Hunters Club — was visiting for a few days and wanted to catch a tarpon. With six live pin fish and two dozen live shrimp, we decided to make a run to Captiva Pass, an area Scotty had heard about but never fished, catching bait along the way.

We had trouble with our baitwell pump and, by the time we reached the pass, we were down to one lone surviving pin fish and most of the shrimp. Overhead we had an unusual occurrence: a large rainbow ring had formed around the sun — a magnificent sight. We took this to be a good sign and decided to drift the pass with our lone pin fish and the jumbo shrimp. Needless to say, with that circular rainbow above, the Force was with us.

Scotty caught and released a silver trout, two amberjacks, a 17-inch red grouper



With the circular rainbow, the Force was with us.



Scotty Brennen

and, reeled in after a good fight (baiting with our only pin fish), a 23-inch trophy-size black grouper. He also fought a small tarpon on 12-pound test line baited with a live shrimp. The silver king jumped four times before spitting the hook right next to the boat.

The moral to this story is that it doesn't take a lot of bait to have a good day... if

a giant circular rainbow is overhead. To celebrate the event, the fish filets were taken to Gilligan's Restaurant where the chef bronzed the delicate meat to true perfection.

And all agreed it had been a great day for the young angler visiting from Richmond, Virginia.

### Summer hours at local facilities

• Wildlife Drive through the refuge is open to cars from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. The entrance gate is locked at 8, but visitors may remain in the refuge until sunset. The Drive and the Visitor Center are closed on Fridays.

• SCCF is closed on Saturdays and open 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays. Guided trail walks are on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday mornings at 9 and beach walks are at 9 a.m. on Thursday. The Native Plant Nursery is still open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and on Saturdays by appointment only.

For the Butterfly House, call 472-1932 for hours. Dolphin Watch & Natural History Boat Cruises — 4 p.m. daily. Call 472-5300 for reservations.

• CROW's daily tours of the facility are Monday through Friday at 11 a.m. There are no Saturday or Sunday tours. Due to the delicate nature of the wildlife patients, the grounds are closed to the public except for these tours. Special arrangements for group tours may be made by calling 472-3644. T-shirts, mugs, magnets and other CROW merchandise items are available for sale immediately after the tour.

### Buffer Preserves group seeks volunteers

The friends group of the Southwest Florida Aquatic & State Buffer Preserves is looking for people who are interested in helping to preserve and enhance the buffer areas surrounding Estero Bay, Pine Island Sound, Matlacha Pass and several other preserves in the Southwest Florida area.

Members and volunteers participate in monitoring water quality, bird rookeries, manatees and archaeological sites; guiding nature walks and constructing nature trails; and habitat restoration. For more information, call 283-2424.

### Nature Calendar published

The 2000 *Sanibel-Captiva Nature Calendar* has come out — as always, filled with beautiful images of wildlife on and around the two islands.

This is the 12th year part-time island resident Jim Fowler has published his popular calendar, which came about from "an idea that took seed from my island experiences since first com-

## It's that time of year again...

The mercury rises, the days grow longer and alligators emerge from their long winter siesta in search of food and mates. Although alligators don't actually hibernate, they do go into a dormant period during the colder months. When they emerge from this period of relative inactivity, they are hungry and in search of food and feeding territories.

Bulls establish territories about two miles wide during April and May, generally let one female in, and the pair mates in late May/June/early July. The bulls can be heard bellowing at night to attract the females.

"Alligators sometimes need to move great distances to meet their survival needs and, when they do, they often end up in undesirable locations, such as garages, backyards, driveways or swimming pools," said the Lt. Mitch Brown of the Florida Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission's Lakeland office. "We even had an alligator get tangled in some lawn furniture once."

That's when the GFC and the Sanibel Police Department start getting calls from folks who have unwanted visitors in and

around their homes and property.

So what should one do if an alligator comes through one's property?

If there's no immediate danger, the best thing to do is leave it alone and, more than likely, it will leave the area on its own in search of a more suitable location. However, if people or pets are being threatened by the alligator's presence, a "nuisance alligator" complaint should be filed.

Alligators have a natural fear of people but, when they lose their fear, they can become a dangerous threat to humans and pets and are considered nuisance alligators. Once they're classified as a nuisance, they may be harvested by licensed alligator trappers for the meat and hides if they are four feet or longer in length. On Sanibel the policy is to first try relocation to areas as far from where they are picked up as possible — if an animal is not aggressive.

How does one know when an alligator has lost its fear, is being aggressive and should be considered a nuisance? Most alligators quickly retreat at the approach of a human. If they don't, they've likely lost

their natural fear and could become a problem.

In 1998, Sanibel Police received 107 alligator complaints. Of that number, nine were relocated and only one was destroyed — an 11-foot animal on Beach Road. (There has been one since — earlier this spring yet another animal had to be removed from the pond at Pointe Santo de Sanibel, this one an eight-footer. This makes the third or fourth alligator at this location that has become aggressive after being fed.)

During the same period, the Game & Fish Commission's Lakeland office, for example, which serves a 13-county area, received 5,320 complaints of nuisance alligators. Of that number, 1,506 (300 less than the year before) were harvested by permitted trappers. Statewide in 1998, 15,651 complaints were filed, resulting in the harvesting of 5,129 alligators (800 more than the previous year). Since the nuisance alligator program began 20 years ago, the Commission has received 193,880 complaints resulting in 72,099 alligators being

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ing to Sanibel in 1972." In addition to the spectacular pictures, the calendar features a narrative about each species written by local naturalists Charles LeBuff, Betty Anholt and Bev Postmus (and this year, for June, one by diver and photographer Lorraine Sommer); Sue Stephens shell sketches on each page; and warnings about beach lighting during sea turtle season. "It's been my goal for some time to include the marine environment and, after numerous phone calls, I found Lorraine who documents reefs for the state. She was using print film, and I asked her to try slides and submit some for the calendar. Voila!"

Fowler also lists area conservation organizations and, in October, gives a percentage of his profits to one of them — almost \$7,000 since the first calendar came out in 1989. (For the calendar's 10th anniversary edition, he presented each of the 10 groups with \$100.) In addition, the calendar always features a strong statement by the publisher on some issue facing the environment.

The publisher prides himself on several other features, as well. "We use thinner paper than any of the other classy nature calendars," he says, "and we print on chlorine-free paper." Manufactured in Austria, the paper is oxygen-bleached instead. "We also have never shrink-wrapped or used stiffeners or boxes for these calendars. In fact, compared to other similar sized wall calendars, this one is 66 percent lighter." One of the most intriguing things Fowler does is make shipping envelopes from the make-ready sheets left over from the press set-up.

Nor are the *Nature Calendar* photographs coated with extra varnish; the cover shots are coated only with a water-based film. "Plus, the ink we use is part soy," Fowler added.

The calendar retails for \$11.95 and is sold throughout Southwest Florida. To mail order, sent \$11.95 (plus \$2 S&H) to *Nature Calendar*, Post Office Box 356, Sanibel 33957. In addition to the standard edition, the calendar also comes in a Blind Pass edition which includes tide charts and retails for \$14.95.

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harvested statewide.

Some complaints are valid and some aren't, say GFC officials. People should only report alligators that are causing problems or posing a threat to public safety — not, for example, one that is simply sunning itself on a bank or is present in a body of water near a house. Those alligators are just doing what alligators do. All complaints to SPD or to GFC, whether emergency in nature or not, are evaluated and, if necessary, the animal will be trapped and either moved or destroyed.

By nature, alligators are not aggressive and will avoid humans whenever possible. However, as the human population in Florida continues to grow, development occurs around traditional alligator habitats, and the probability of contact between the two species increases.

Since 1948, there have been 248 alligator attacks documented by the GFC. Of those, nine have been fatal. Last year there were no fatalities. There were several reports on Sanibel of dogs disappearing in 1997, and an alligator attacked a small dog being walked on its leash near a small lake.

Although most people have a natural respect for and fear of alligators, some residents and visitors seem to forget that alligators are wild animals and can be dangerous. Some people think there is no harm in throwing them an occasional sandwich, but that practice is not only dangerous but illegal and can contribute to future attacks.

Alligators six feet long and larger present the greatest hazard to humans and pets. Smaller 'gators — four feet or less — pose little threat to people but can deliver a nasty bite that should be seen by a physician since it can become easily infected.



Alligators are an important part of Florida's heritage and play a vital role in the ecology of the state's wetlands. Humans and alligators can peacefully co-exist. All it takes is a little understanding of what alligators need and why they do the things they do.

- Don't feed or entice alligators. Instead inform others that feeding alligators is against state law and, by feeding them, people create problems for the next guy who comes along.

- Don't throw fish scraps into the water or leave them along the shoreline. Although you are not intentionally feeding alligators, the alligator doesn't understand that. Dispose of fish scraps or other potential alligator foodstuffs properly.

- Don't let pets swim or run along the shoreline of waters known to contain large alligators. Alligators are attracted to dogs probably because they are about the same size as an alligator's natural prey.

- Don't swim or allow pets to swim in areas of emergent vegetation — plants growing up out of the water. This is the type

of habitat favored by alligators. Swim in designated swim areas only.

- Don't swim, walk dogs or play with small children close to bodies of water known to contain large 'gators at night or dusk. This is the time of day when the animals feed most actively.

- Don't remove an alligator from its natural habitat or try to keep one as a pet. It is against the law to do so. Alligators do not become tame in captivity, only bigger and stronger. Handling even the smallest ones may result in bites. Instead, enjoy watching and photographing alligators from a distance.

It is against the law in Florida to feed, harass, molest, attempt to move or kill alligators. Violators should be reported by calling the GFC's 24-hour toll-free Wildlife Alert Hotline at (800) 282-8002. Callers may remain anonymous and could be eligible for a reward. On Sanibel, one should call 472-3111 if violations are observed.

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## BUSINESS & REAL ESTATE

### Permits issued by the Sanibel Building Department for the period ending May 20 included:

**\$20,000:** Ranieri, 3343 Saint Kilda—pool & deck by Aquapoolco.

**\$4,000:** Spring, 941 Lindgren—boat lift by Tropical Marine.

**\$1,300:** Martin, 1245 Isabel—after-the-fact seawall repairs by A-Salo & Salo, Inc.

**\$15,846:** Purkiss, 3957 Coquina—miscellaneous remodeling by Kennedy Construction.

**\$5,000:** Corsi, Cyprina Beach-Unit 7—condo remodel by Kennedy Construction.

**Value not given:** Forsyth, 3385 Twin Lakes—temporary tent for wedding 5/8/99 by owner.

**\$2,200:** Fetherston, 695 Anchor—boat dock by A-Salo & Salo.

**\$14,700:** Devore, 580 Birdsong—screen enclosure by Freedom Screening.

**\$100 each:** Ewing, 4155 West Gulf; and Chiaro, 4249 West Gulf—LP tanks by T&L Gas Service.

**\$35,000:** Plantation Village, 999 East Gulf—remove/replace sliding glass

door & knee wall (fire code requirement) by Benchmark.

**\$14,500:** Koyutis Insurance, 244 Daniel—addition/remodel by Benchmark.

**\$25,000:** McGrath, 2361 Wulfert; and **\$20,000:** Wildman, 1428 San Carlos Bay—interior remodel by Greg Weglarz.

**\$19,000 each:** Himmelstein, 537 Lake Murex; and Moffat, 4206 Old Banyan—elevator by Andrew Fleischman

**\$116,000:** Cyprina Beach, 695 East Gulf—vinyl siding by Kennedy Construction.

**\$36,965:** Sunset South, 1341 Middle Gulf—cover soffits, fascia, gable ends, etc. by Jerry's Aluminum.

**\$191,570:** Wixey, 5306 Umbrella Pool; and **\$185,000:** Neal, 3708 Coquina—single family residence by Woodland Custom Homes.

**\$8,000:** Fields, 1095 Sand Castle—bathroom remodel by Michael J. McGinn.

**\$2,100:** Howey, PMR Realty, Inc.—Unit 2—remove/replace wood siding, etc. by C.M. Mount Construction.

**\$47,900:** Gerhard, 1150 Seagrape—addition/remodel by Candlelight Construction.

**\$8,200:** Hallier, Tarpon Beach-Unit 304; **\$11,920:** Brodersen, 1396 Sand Castle; and **\$8,800:** Mallon, 1300 Par View—shutters by Hurricane Shutter.

**\$13,125:** Somerset at the Reef, 3215 West Gulf—concrete repairs by South Florida Painting & Waterproofing.

**\$2,450:** Bay Drive Property, Inc., 1190 Bay—screen enclosure by Ogden Aluminum.

**\$18,000:** Thompson, 4265 West Gulf—pool only by Barnes Pools.

**\$22,000:** O'Brien, 1577 Sand Castle—enclose lower level of single family residence by Ahrens Construction.

**Value not given:** Kask, 1242 Sand Castle—LP piping by Ferrellgas.

**\$12,000:** Gruhl, 330 East Gulf—pool and deck by Coastal Custom Pools & Spa.

**\$650,000:** Kujawa, 561 Kinzie Island—single family residence by Carlton-Naumann.

**\$6,000:** Gurney, Loggerhead Cay-Unit 412—bathroom remodel by Benchmark.

**\$15,000:** Ziccardi, 660 Anchor—pool & deck by Coastal Custom Pools & Spa.

**\$18,000:** Koelz, 4207 Gulf Pines—siding, trim, deck replacement by Cray Construction.

**\$355,000:** Leisure Concepts, Inc., 1329 Eagle Run—single family residence by The Wolter Group.

**\$750:** Knutzen, 2398-2400 Palm Ridge—consolidate 2 commercial units into 1 by Associated Construction.

**\$40,000:** Ast, 3757 West Gulf—pool, spa and deck by Baker Contracting.

**\$9,000:** Frankwich, 6014 White Heron—boat dock and lift by Sunray Marine, Inc.

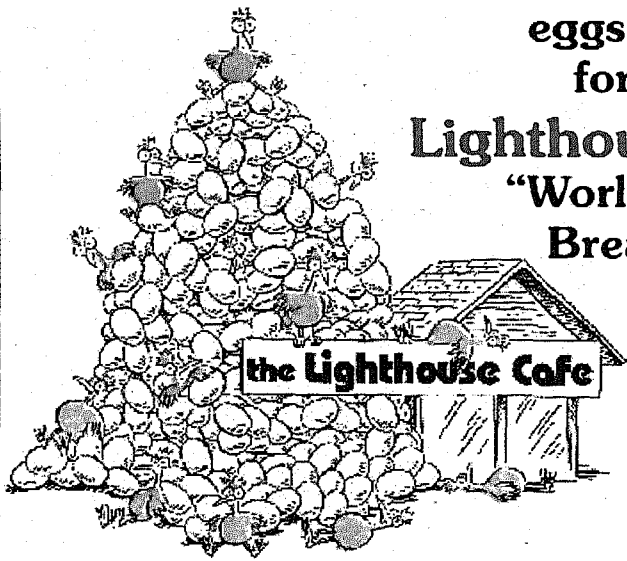
**\$2,395:** Kapish, 3711 Agate—screen enclosure by Fabri-Tech.

**\$5,430:** Dorsett, 547 Chert; **\$11,523:** Fountain, 548 Chert; and **\$22,622:** Maurer, 1717 Venus—shutters by Eurex Corporation.

**\$15,000:** Joseph, 556 Chert—replace existing kitchen cabinets by James Crane.

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### Sundial Open Tennis Tourney

Sundial Beach Resort Tennis Pro Toni Halski is accepting registrations for the 16th annual Sundial Open Tennis Tournament to be held June 26 through 28. The event is USTA sanctioned.

The tournament includes men and women's competition in the open, 25, 35 and 45 singles and doubles categories with a consolation tournament for all divisions. Entry fees are \$30 for singles and \$15 per person for doubles entry. Deadline for entry is June 23 at 6 p.m. All registrants must be current USTA members or purchase a membership at the Sundial tennis pro shop.

Finalists will receive a cash prize and all participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt. Complimentary beverages will be served court side throughout tournament play.

Featuring six clay and six laykold tennis courts, the Sundial Beach Resort is located at 1451 Middle Gulf Drive, Sanibel. For more information about the tournament, call Halski at (941) 395-6016.

### Golf tournament scheduled to aid deputy stricken with Leukemia

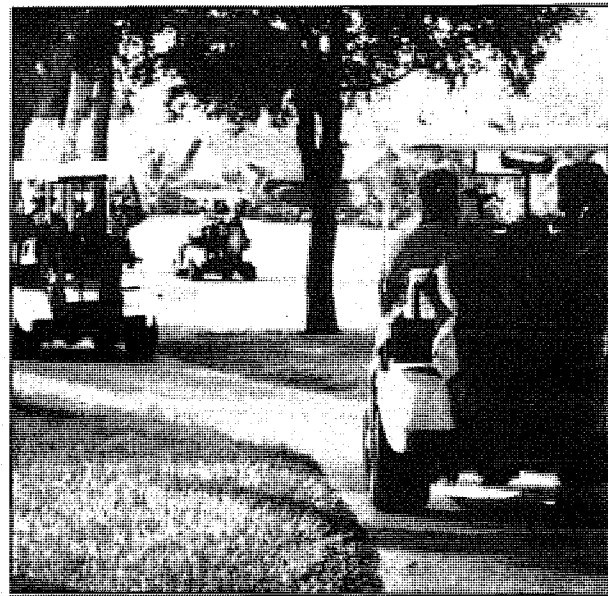
Sergeant Michael "Moon" Murray of the Sanibel Police Department and Ken Ruffner of Gilligan's are organizing a golf tournament fund raiser to benefit Helen Dunn. Dunn, the daughter of Barbara and Skip Dunn of Sanibel, has been diagnosed with leukemia and is scheduled to receive a bone-marrow transplant in July. The proceeds from the June 26 tournament will be put in a trust fund to help offset Dunn's medical expenses. Dunn is a sheriff's deputy in Collier County.

The tournament will begin at 8 a.m. at Beachview Country Club and the \$50 entry fee includes golf, beverages on the course and lunch. Prizes will be awarded for golfers with the longest drive and for hitting the ball closest to the pin. There will also be raffle prizes for golf equipment, meals, weekend getaways and more. Teams can turn in their names and handicaps to Ruffner at Gilligan's or should call Ruffner at 472-0606 or Rob Wilson at 472-2626 for more information.

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## COMMENTARY

Around Our  
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planning is  
essential

Kudos are due the seven volunteer members of the Five-Year Budget Review Committee. I've been part of organizations that have worked on Long Range Planning. It's a challenging task. It's a difficult task. And it is a vitally important task. From what

I've read of this year's report, I'd say we have a talented group looking ahead at what faces us.

Of course the recommendations are only suggestions to city council, our elected leaders. Every citizen can now focus on the recommendations and agree or disagree. At least, however, we have something concrete to work with. Please note, we couldn't begin to publish the full report, and the recommendations printed in our paper today are often without the supporting detail that makes the recommendation fully understandable — and, yes, thus they could possibly be taken out of context. So, it behooves interested citizens to research the recommendation that particularly interests or concerns them; know the rationale behind the recommendation and then add to the debate. Next year, I think it would be a good idea for the *Islander* to publish a multi-part series on the recommendations, leading up to the summer budget meetings. Please insist the editor at that time do so; then we islanders will become even more involved in our future.

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By the Sea and  
SeashoreCharles  
Sobczak

## Caught

The choices left were few and desperate. If I tried to run down sea, the boat could have pitch poled. That's when a boat, riding on steep waves, buries its bow into one wave as the stern is picked up by the next wave. The boat flips end over end. The people inside of the boat are thrown along with the hull. They are either thrown clear of the boat or end up underneath the hull in a roaring sea. People get hurt.

I knew that I couldn't run into the sea. The wind was too strong and the bow too low for the angry seven footers that kept coming on. The larger waves were sure to

break over the bow. Unless the scuppers could clear the water off the deck before the next wave broke, the boat would soon fill with water and swamp. Into the sea and down sea were both untenable.

That left me one option. I had to run the troughs. Since the wind was gusting to over thirty miles and hour and the waves were steep and short, I ran the obvious risk of rolling the boat between waves. The boat would catch a large wave, flipping the port side up and over the starboard edge of the boat. The boat would be lost.

I was caught. The weather channel had predicted ten to fifteen knots out of the north after the cold front went through. I was looking straight into twenty-five to thirty. My brother-in-law, my nephew and a good friend of mine were all on board when it happened. We were all in for the boat ride of a lifetime.

That morning, we had all decided to fish off the Doc Kline reef for snapper and grouper instead of heading further offshore. The Doc Kline is only five miles south of the Sundial. That way I felt that if the cold front did blow harder than anticipated, we would be safely on the lee side of Sanibel. We could just head straight into the wind and run along the beach to the lighthouse and from there to the boat ramp and the safety of home. How quickly our well-thought out plans can change.

Once I realized that the seas were too dangerous to head into, our only option

Trost purchase: a wonderful  
campaign with many  
remarkable stories

To the Editor:

Last December, we placed signs on the perimeter of the Trost Tract. They called on you to "Help Us Make the Most of Trost." They cautioned that "If We Don't Buy It Now, We Can't Buy It Later." Thankfully, the people of Sanibel and Captiva responded by doing what they do best — rallying together to achieve a common goal.

We were able to purchase this remarkable 167-acre tract from Mrs. Herta Trost on May 20, 1999. Raising \$3 million in such a short amount of time is a feat that defies description. It could not have been done without the partnership of the local print media, the homeowners and condo associations, the service organizations, and other groups and individuals helping us spread the word.

There is an ad in this issue naming and thanking everyone who contributed to this unprecedented land acquisition effort. Behind each of these names is a wonderful story of generosity. We'd like to share one in particular.

You may recall our campaign got an enormous shot in the arm when a gentleman offered to give us \$1 million in hope that the land could be named in memory of his wife. The gift was made and the Trost Tract was to be renamed Frannie Preserve. Upon learning that the land was purchased by SCCF on May 20, our anonymous donor said the timing was perfect. We had unwittingly taken title to Frannie's Preserve on the one-year anniversary of her passing away.

It's been a wonderful campaign with many remarkable stories like that one. Thank you all for being a part of it.

Dean Skaugstad, SCCF President  
Erick Lindblad, SCCF Executive Director  
Cheryl Giattini and Bob Wigley, Trost Team Co-Chairs.

was to try to make an inlet on Ft. Myers beach. We tried for Big Carlos Pass. We barely made New Pass in the end.

Within a few minutes of leaving the reef I knew things were not going to go well. The squall line that generally follows a cold front refused to let up. The down-drafts kept riding one on top of the other, sometimes coming down so hard that they would actually flatten out the seas for a brief respite. A half hour passed and the winds held steady. The ocean started to react to the steady wind, twisting, rolling and building with every gust.

I told everyone on board to put on their life jackets. They knew then that I was afraid. These are not your typical life jackets. These are Type III vests, huge and cumbersome. They have reflective patches on the shoulders and back and are designed to keep you afloat in the roughest of seas. As everyone put them on, very little was said.

The only heading left was about fifteen degrees into the sea. It meant that the left side of my face was going to be constantly sprayed with salt water. I had rain gear on below the life jacket, but to no avail. The water ran down along my neck and eventually drenched my t-shirt. I couldn't help but have a constant taste of salt in my mouth. It made me feel nauseous.

Standing there, in those wild seas I realized that this was a real life and death situation. If I faltered, or missed turning hard to starboard in a monstrous wave, we

could flip. I wanted nothing more than to yell over to someone and ask them to stop the ride. I wanted it to all just go away.

But it wouldn't go away. Until we made the wind shadow of Ft. Myers Beach, it would just keep howling. The only thing to do was to remind myself not to panic, hold the boat as steady as I could, and make those ten to twelve knots an hour toward the south end of the Beach. That is all you can do. That and pray.

This happened about three weekends ago when that last great cold front swept through south Florida like a memoir of March. We survived. We were cold, tired and scared but we were soon safe enough behind Lover's Key. I handed the helm to Steve as he took the inside passage up behind the Beach toward Matanzas Pass and back home. I put on some fresh clothes that I keep in the dry storage cooler and fell asleep in the bow.

All I can think of now is that anyone, at anytime can get caught like we were. That one or two miscalculations can quickly place you in harms way. That life itself is an act of faith.

The following morning the wind was still blowing hard. I watched the tops of the tall pines bow to it as I walked out of church with my wife and two boys. It was gusting at twenty knots. The boat sat silently on its trailer next to the house. The wind reminded me of how tenuous our existence really is.

Commentary

Reporter's Notebook



Jennifer Workman

Whoosh!

So Tuesday morning I was sitting in the council meeting trying hard to concentrate on the agenda when I heard Mayor Bob Janes call me up to the desk. Before I knew it, the entire city council, City Attorney and Acting City Manager Bob Pritt, Planning Commission Liaison Dick Downes, Recording Secretary Sandy Gunther and a host of people in the audience were standing and singing happy birthday to me. And, as if that weren't enough, they presented me with a candle-lit chocolate cake baked by the wonderful

Lena Brown. Despite the fact that I crave to be the center of attention, I was a little embarrassed. It was unnerving—like finally getting what you always wanted, but never thought you could have and then you have to wonder if that's what you really wanted in the first place.

In the days leading up to my 27th birthday last Saturday I've been wondering a lot about what I really wanted in the first place and what I really have. Anyone who talks to me on a regular basis knows the angst I was suffering through the criticism I was inflicting on myself. I tend to be a little over-analytical and uptight anyway, but faced with this birthday it was magnified. You have to understand that I'm not where I thought I'd be at this age and it's not so much about turning a year older but it's about getting farther and farther away from the person I always thought I'd be. And it's about not knowing who I'm going to turn out to be. My roommate and lifelong friend Kim Wrenn, my kindred spirit Gwenda Hiett-Clements and Islander Editor Scott Martell will confirm that I was more self-centered than usual in the days leading up to my birthday. Scott even suggested I might want to write a feature story for the paper that didn't involve me. "You mean that whooshing sound I hear isn't the world revolving around me?" I responded to him

incredulously. How could I possibly think about anything but me while I was questioning my existence, wondering what I was doing with my life and berating myself for not being who I should be? I analyzed and reanalyzed my position in the world and I got so caught up in it that I missed appointments and behaved absentmindedly. In fact, one Sunday not long ago I locked myself out of the house at 8:30 in the morning in my pajamas. Thank goodness for kind neighbors with telephones and Dan from Island Locksmith. But with all the missed appointments and careless behavior, I started to feel horribly guilty for being so self-involved. What right did I have to complain? I have a wonderful life. I live on the island of my dreams and am surrounded by my family and some of the best friends the world has ever made. But the truth is the angst wasn't caused because I think the world revolves around me, but because I know it doesn't. I'm aware that there are people who manage to make it through the day without talking to me and who somehow survive their whole lives without even knowing I exist. And there are probably even a few misguided people who know me and choose to live their lives without me.

But here, on the island of my dreams, there are more people choosing to make me a part of their lives than not. And isn't that

true for all of us? Isn't that why you live here? It is a community that embraces and celebrates its members and, quite frankly, if we choose, lets each one of us think that the whooshing sound we hear is the world revolving around us. When the locksmith laughs with understanding as he lets you in the house... or when your oldest and newest friends treat you to dinner on your birthday... or when you run into a fellow turtler on the beach in the early morning... or when your preschool pal becomes your adulthood fishing buddy... or when you can't make it through the day without seeing the welcoming smile of someone you know... when someone bakes you a cake so *the city council can sing to you on your birthday*—that's when you know that it doesn't matter where you thought you were supposed to be in your life. What matters is where you are.

And as I stood there listening to the song of the council all I could think was that I may not be where I thought I would be, but where I am is not such a bad place. And it is the people in MacKenzie Hall Tuesday, the dear friends who honored me Saturday and the family that continues to honor me every day that make me the luckiest girl in the world—my world. The one that I'm proud to say does revolve around me. Thank you for being a part of it.

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Commentary

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## It's time to pay council

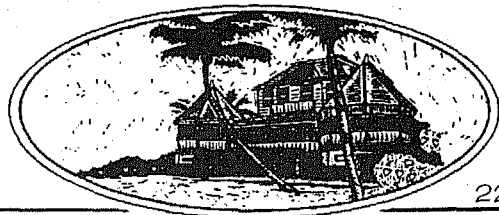
I've said this before, and many didn't agree. Now, I see the long range planning group recommends we pay councilmembers, although with much disagreement among members. The islands have changed. Some is good, some bad. Paying council is not a symbol of the bad. Volunteerism still thrives and, if we continue to have good community dialogues, it always will. But, service on council is a tough job that is now almost full-time if we get the job we as citizens must demand from those we elect. We've always had an island where our benevolent patrician leaders paid their dues, then went to council. Even though we are cynical SOB's, we have to admit it has worked. Yet, as we've evolved into a Fort Myers bedroom community, an Internet-connected business community, and a thriving tourist destination, we have to step back and consider. This is not a simple utopia any longer (if it ever was). Who are our benevolent patricians now? Are they really the idealists that support the Utopia that you and I believe in? Or, are they just one part of the disparate population that makes up Sanibel?

I suggest they are only a part; but the good ones are a wonderful part, a vital part.

However, I believe paying council opens up our elected offices to a broader base that would more represent the types of people on Sanibel. I think it is time.

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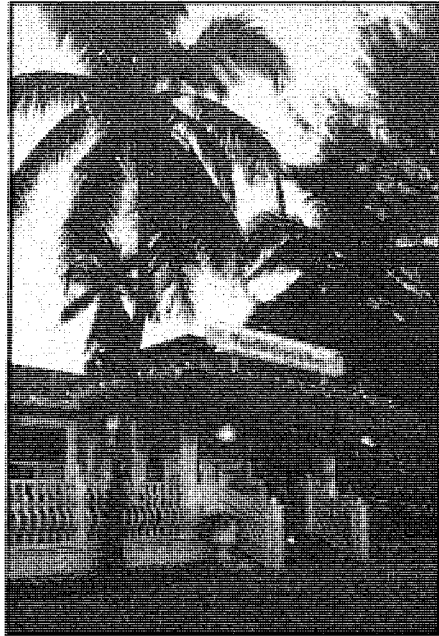
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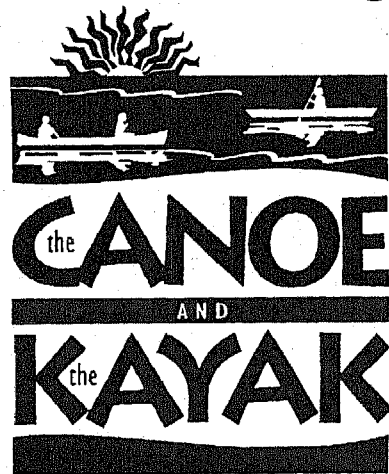
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**It's time for the Tonys...** This is the time of the year when Broadway always puts its best foot forward. The New York theater scene has been helter-skelter this week as anyone eligible to vote for Tony winners catches up on the shows that they haven't seen so far this year so that they can vote for their favorite.

It has been a fascinating year on the Great White Way with the drama suddenly outgrossing the new musicals that opened, and there have been pitifully few. For those of you who will be spending a few days in New York this summer and plan to attend some live theater, here are a few of my opinions and recommendations: The two hottest tickets in New York since they opened are Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman* with a staggering performance by Brian Dennehy as the salesman and a brilliant performance by Elizabeth Franz as his wife. The second hit that kept the box office so busy fulfilling seat requests that constantly sold-out performances are the result is Eugene O'Neill's *The Iceman Cometh*. It stars Kevin Spacey and the magnificent ensemble playing of a group of English and American actors. In this instance, it would certainly be most difficult to judge the winner of the "best actor" as they are neck and neck.

The list of English plays and players have commanded formidable critical acclaim on Broadway this season. *Amy's View*, David Hare's showpiece for Dame Judi Dench, has placed her high on the list for best actress in a straight play (this is a limited engagement that must close Thursday, July 18). David Hare's *Via Dolorosa*, written and performed by the playwright, has garnered much critical acclaim. Patrick Marber's *Closer* (which I reviewed last fall when I was in London) is blessed with a top-flight cast including Natasha Richardson, Rupert Graves, Anna Friel and Claran Hinds, and got interesting but mixed notices when it opened in New York. It is now up as a nominee for Best Play.

The musical field has been dominated by *Fosse*, a collection of Bob Fosse dances chosen as representative from his many hit productions, and one might say it feels like a shoo-in for Best Musical. Also nominated were *It Ain't Nothin' But the Blues*, *The Civil War* and *Footloose*. The best musical revival will be nip and tuck for Bernadette Peters' rousing version of Irving Berlin's *Annie Get Your*

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Really big puppets perform the story  
of Rip Van Winkle

By FRANK WAGNER  
Islander staff writer

As you watched students from the Sanibel Elementary School file into their place in Schein Hall two things were most evident: their faces were wreathed with anticipation about what they were about to see and a sea of the ever-trusty carry-alls, the backpacks.

Schein Performance Hall was packed to the rafters, the audience extremely well behaved (especially after a few rather loud and clear shushes, and several ominously-wag-gled fingers from several instructors), and we were off to Washington Irving's never-never land. Our storytellers were the Bits 'n' Pieces Puppet Theatre in a musical adaptation of this charming story depicted by five giant body puppets, eight-costumed charac-

ters and traditional puppets. The score was especially written, the stage settings and puppets were handcrafted and the humor was homespun.

The range of movement, especially from the giant puppets, was quite phenomenal, the singing was most acceptable and the dialogue was played at children's pitch (hit a nerve everytime). Did the children react to this type of delivery? You can bet your life they did. The audience reaction was as much a part of the show as the performers themselves.

There was little question in one's mind as to which was the favorite puppet. All Wolfe the Dog had to do was appear, and the audience went quite wild.

Bits 'n' Pieces Puppet Theatre productions present an ideal introduction to live theatre for novice theater-

goers. The audience seemed fascinated with the after-show explanation of how the performers used puppets of such huge proportions and made their hands, fingers and eyes work.

Wouldn't it be a wonderful thing if BIG Arts could sponsor a mini-summer session of live performances for children? There could be concerts, story-telling, a children's film festival — almost anything that would enlarge their cultural vocabulary.

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# The Dance Makers: Michael Kidd, Ballet Theatre to Broadway

**M**ichael Kidd (née Milton Greenwald) was born and raised a New Yorker. He attended City College where he studied, of all things, chemical engineering, but somehow he ended up as a dancer in the Eugene Loring Dance Players and then became a solo dancer with Ballet Theatre. It was here that *On Stage*, the first ballet he choreographed — loaded with theatrical fireworks — attracted Broadway's attention and led to his first choreographic job in *Finian's Rainbow*. This wonderful song and dance mish-mash of racial integration concerned a pot of gold stolen from the leprechauns in

Ireland, brought to the U.S. and hidden in a fabled state Misintucky. Og, the mad, lecherous leprechaun (this was the role that gave David Wayne his boost to stardom) is sent to retrieve it and bring it safely back to Ireland, but he is stalled at every turn by an overactive libido. The dancing, especially by the leading female dancer, Susan the Silent, was interpreted with outstanding vigor by Anita Alvarez. The other dances in the show bore Kidd's trademarks — fun, athletic moves, all done with a rakish sense of humor. The critics were enamoured.

Next Kidd devised dances for the musical *Love Life* in 1948. It had an interesting premise in that it followed a single marriage of Sam and Susan Cooper from 1791 until the present time in the form of vaudeville pieces.

Several of my students were in the show and they claim that Kidd had devised one of the longest running ballets ever to be presented on the Broadway stage. Kidd had

been trained in the usual counting system of 8s, then 2 — 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, then 3, etc. But the counts simply got out of hand. As I remember, one of my awestruck students who had not been a dancing Broadway gypsy for too long told me that the count had gotten to 160 — 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. Kidd's choreography was fast and furious and if you lost an 8-count, you were doomed. It was almost impossible to stay on top of the count, catch your breath and sweat profusely all at the same time.

The company devised its own "fool-proof" method of S.O.S. As a dancer or dancers would exit, a dancer in the wings who was about to go onstage would give the count, thusly — 97 — 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. As the story goes, one night a swing gypsy (a dancer who replaces someone who is out of the show for the evening) lost the count. Needless to say, the resulting chaos put the stage manager and a couple of dance captains into advanced unraveling classes for

an undetermined length of time.

In 1950 Kidd staged the dances and musical numbers for one of his most successful Broadway musicals, *Guys & Dolls*, a musical fable of Broadway. Practically everything he touched in that show was blessed with the Midas Touch — *A Bushel and a Peck*, *Take Back Your Mink*, *Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat*, and *Luck be A Lady Tonight* (featuring the floating crap-game ballet which soon became the talk of the Great White Way).

Kidd was now definitely able to pick and chose what scripts he wanted to be associated with, and soon he would make the next — into directing and choreographing for Broadway and films. More about this next week.



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### BACKSTAGE TATTLER, FROM PAGE 27

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It is always interesting to see how many shows that have been just barely making their week running minimum will be forced to close if

they don't win a Tony or two in one of the categories. (Live on WINK-TV—9 p.m. Sunday, June 6)

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sion of Marvin David Levy's *Mourning Becomes Electra* will be broadcast on local PBS stations. It is an opera in three acts in English based on *Mourning Becomes Electra*, the trilogy of plays by Eugene O'Neill. The role of Christine Mannon will be sung by Lauren Flanigan, Lavinia Mannon by Cynthia Lawrence, Jed by Raymond Aceto, Adam Brant by Jason Howard, Peter Niles by

Brett Polegato, Helen Niles by Alicia Berneche, Ezra Mannon by Kevin Langan and Orin Mannon by Randolph Locke. The conductor is Richard Buckley and the stage director and set designer is Liviu Ciulei. (Broadcast day and time may vary; check with your local PBS outlet).

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**Auditions set for 2nd summer show**

The Pirate Playhouse Company will be holding auditions for their second summer community theatre show, *Laughing Stock* by Romulus Linney, from noon until 3 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday, June 5 at the theatre, 2200 Perwinkle Way.

*Laughing Stock* is the billing title for two one-act comedies: *Sand Mountain Matchmaking* and the award-winning *Tennessee*, both of which are set in the Smoky Mountains of Western North Carolina

The plays will be directed by Ralph Elias and the available roles include:

One woman-20's-30's; one woman-30's-40's; one woman, middle-aged, capable of playing both younger and older; one woman-40's or older; two men-20's-30's; two men-30's-40's; a man-middle-aged to play 30's through 60's; one teenage boy, and one boy-11.

Auditions will consist of cold readings from the scripts. All are welcome. No experience is necessary. Please note: Performance dates are July 28-August 15. For further information please call 472-4109.

**Broadway Palm hosts benefit**

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre is hosting a performance to raise funds for local musician Gary Ogle from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 6. Ogle recently auditioned and was accepted into the prestigious Brevard Music Conservatory in Brevard, N.C. for an intensive seven weeks of training with a full orchestra as well as private lessons and master classes. Tuition is \$3,050. Gary received an \$800 scholarship from Brevard. The proceeds from the recital will be applied towards the balance of his tuition costs.

Ogle will be performing six solos and several duets. Also performing will be a number of renowned area musicians.

Ogle is 14 years old and will be attending the Cypress Lake Center for the Arts next fall. His aspiration is to become a bassist for a professional orchestra. He is currently a bassist in Palm Coast Youth Symphony Orchestra (which has played side by side with the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra) and for the Cypress Lake Middle School Advanced Orchestra. This talented young musician plays both upright and electric bass in the Cypress Lake Middle School's Jazz Band.

Tickets for the performance are \$10

per person and include the performance and dessert. The event will be held at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre on Sunday, June 6. Dessert will be served at 1 p.m. and the concert will begin at 1:30 p.m. Call 278-4422 for tickets, or visit the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers.

**Robb & Stucky events**

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• **Disproving the Myth of the Firm Mattress** — 11 a.m. Thursday, June 10. Design consultant Bob Schwartz introduces Tom Burke of Kingsdown Mattress, who "uncovers" fascinating sleep research findings and shares tips on maintaining better health through quality sleep. Stop by the bedding department for some breakfast goodies and to comfort-test the mattress selections. This will be an informative session for all and one that shouldn't be missed.

Check next week's *Potpourri* for further programming for the month of June — two seminars and two Artists in the Atrium.

**The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra's 1999-2000 Season**

Patrons of the fabulous Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, resident orchestra of the Philharmonic Center for the Arts, have been receiving a colorful and informative brochure announcing the staggering new season of musical events for the 1999-2000 season

Christopher Seaman continues as Music Director/Conductor, Erich Kunzel as Principal Pops Conductor. New for this year will be Brazilian born Clotilde Otrano as Resident Conductor. The Classical Series consists of six concerts entitled: *Symphonic*

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In addition, there will be Clotilde Otranto's debut as resident conductor in two programs featuring *Exotic Rhythms*. New for this year will be a *Tchaikovsky Fest* and *Family Fare*, a fascinating musical debut.

There is also a full schedule of six concerts in the Candlelight Music Series plus several additional series and single programs.

For further information or to request a brochure for the 1999-2000 season, call (800) 597-1900.

**Theatrical reminders:**

Just a reminder of some of the things that are happening in different showcases on and off the island.

**Old Schoolhouse Theatre** is twinkling and shining with Roy Cooney's fast paced, wild and crazy farce *Run for Your Wife*. It plays at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings through July 17. Reservations can be made now by calling 472-6862. All tickets are \$15.

**Arcade Theatre** continues with Thornton Wilder's *Skin of Our Teeth* directed by Niels Miller. It will play at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday until June 13. Single ticket for general admission is \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Call 332-4488 for reservations.

**Fort Myers Classic Repertory Theatre** produced by Florida Gulf Coast University, at The Foulds Theatre continues its three summer productions in repertory until June 13. Call the box office Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. — (941) 590-7150 for schedule of plays, curtain times and ticket prices.

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Performance schedule: 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday. General admission is \$13. MasterCard & Visa.

The schedule for the 1999-2000 season has been set and season's subscriptions are available at the box office.

### Old Schoolhouse Theater

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**In the cases:** Ernest Hemingway memorabilia—magazine covers featuring Hemingway from the collection of Fort Myers Beach resident Thurlow Cannon and family keepsakes.

**Art exhibit:** Sanibel-Captiva Art League All Members Show.

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#### Coming Attraction:

*The New Arts Festival '99* plays July 25 through Aug. 14. Watch for complete schedule of this 10th anniversary edition!

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*Skin of our Teeth* by Thornton Wilder is the first of three Florida Repertory Theatre summer productions. Directed by Niels Miller, the play runs through June 13. Performance schedule: 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday with 2 p.m. matinee Sunday. General admission is \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door.

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Boz Scaggs, Ann and Nancy Wilson of *Heart*, BW & Friends, *Sing, America, Sing!* and a two-week summer theater workshop, among other highlights.

Scaggs, a long-time purveyor of smooth rhythm and blues music will appear on Friday,

June 25, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$36.

*Sing, America, Sing*—A patriotic celebration with the combined choirs of 20 community organizations and the Philharmonic Center Chorale on Thursday, July 1, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$24 (adults), \$12 (students).

The Wilsons, known for their subtle arrangements, are touring as an acoustic act and will appear on Sunday, July 18, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$36.

The galleries are closed for the summer.



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**Friday, June 18**

- 9-1 p.m. Hemingway Art & Photography Contests. Sanibel Community Center
- 9-4 p.m. Hemingway Exhibit. Sanibel Community Center
- 2-4 p.m. 1998 Hemingway Play Winner Matinee. Sanibel Community Center
- 7-9 p.m. Hemingway Story Telling Competition. Tarwinkles Restaurant
- 9-11 p.m. Hemingway Poetry Slam. Tarwinkles.
- Saturday, June 19**
- 8-2 p.m. Hemingway Golf Tournament. Beach View Golf Club
- 8-4:30 p.m. Hemingway Literary Conf. Sanibel Community Center
- 9-4 p.m. Hemingway Kids Adventure Camp. Ostego Bay Science Center
- 9-4 p.m. Hemingway Exhibit. Sanibel Community Center
- 10-1 p.m. Hemingways of Sanibel, The Island Connection. Sanibel Historical Village/Museum
- 8-9 p.m. Hemingway Stage Play.

# International Hemingway Festival

## Literary Conference

June 19-20. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
 Keynote by Patrick Hemingway, Ernest's son and editor of *True At First Light*. This is the last known book by Ernest Hemingway and will be published this summer. John Updike is the 1999 Hemingway Literary Light Award Winner. Conference director, Jeffry Lindsay, joins *Islander* editor, Scott Martell; *News-Press* writer, Kevin Lollar; *Naples Daily News* publisher, Corbin Wyant; songwriter/producer Julius Szalay; novelist, Randy Wayne White; mystery writer, Trish MacGregor; FGCU Theater Department Director Dr. Hank Diers; thriller author, Rob MacGregor; Hemingway scholars, Dr. James Nagel and John Sanford; and NY literary agent, Peter Rubie, for a wonderful

two-day literary experience. The conference will be held at the historic Sanibel Community Center.

— \$100 for two days or \$60 for one. Price includes Continental breakfast and Papa's Friends discount for lunch at neighboring restaurants. —Conference sponsored by the *Islander* newspaper and the *Sanibel Captiva Shopper's Guide*; Continental breakfast sponsored by Lighthouse Cafe in Old Town Sanibel.

## Hemingway Kids Camp

June 19-20. 9-4 p.m.  
 Come on a marine science safari at Ostego Bay Marine Science Foundation. Directed by Mina Hemingway & Joanne James, President of the Ostego Bay Science Center on San Carlos Island. For children ages 5-12 years who enjoy art, music, fishing and marine science. Guest speakers from environmental groups. Price includes lunch & supplies. —\$39 per day or \$70 for both days. —Sponsored by Semmer Electric and Cool Fruits.

## Ernest Hemingway Private Papers Exhibit

June 18-20, 9-4 pm.  
 Held at the Sanibel Community Center, this exhibit is open to the public. From 9-year-old Ernest Hemingway's letter home to his international obituary in 1961, this is one of the greatest collections of Hemingway papers outside the Kennedy Library in Boston. Over 350 family letters, editorial correspondence, original Hemingway manuscript pages, telegrams,

articles and photographs from all over the world. Free.

## Grace Hall Hemingway Art Competition

Deadline for drop off is 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, June 18, at the Sanibel Community Center. Named after Ernest's mother, this contest is open to the public. Grand prize \$100 gift certificate. Limited to two works per artist. Pick up of all art work at 5 p.m. Sunday, June 20th, after Writing & Fine Arts Awards presentation. —Entry fee \$15. —Gift certificate provided by Sanibel Art & Frame.

## Dr. Clarence Hemingway Nature Photography Competition

Deadline for drop off is 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, June 18th, at Sanibel Community Center. Named after Ernest's father, this contest is open to the public. Grand prize \$100 gift certificate. Limited to two works per photographer. Pick up work at 5 pm. Sunday, June 20th, after Writing & Arts Awards presentation. —Entry fee \$15. —Gift certificate provided by MotoPhoto of Sanibel.

## 1998 Play Winner Matinee

Friday, June 18th, 2 p.m.  
 Held at the Sanibel Community Center. This is a matinee reading of *Jesting With Edged Tools* by John S. Walch, directed by Dr. Hank Diers. Price includes cookies and tea reception. —\$5 per person. Reception sponsored by Jerry's Foods of Sanibel.

## Story Telling Competition

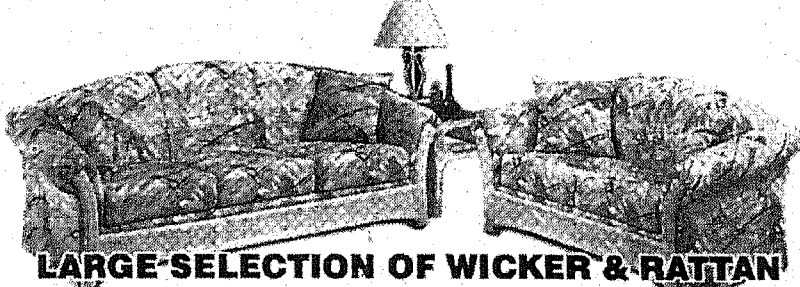
Friday, June 18th, 7 pm.  
 Held at Sanibel's magical Tarwinkles' Legends Bar. An evening of telling stories in honor of Ernest's brother, Leicester — a great story teller. Stories are limited to 3 minutes each per round. Judged by Hemingway family. Prizes awarded. —Entry fee \$5 per story.

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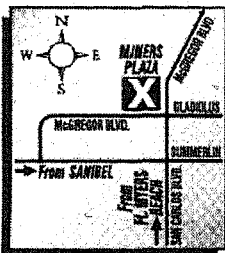
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### Poetry Slam

Friday, June 18th, 9 p.m.

Also held at Sanibel's Tarwinkles Legends Bar following the story telling competition. The evening of fun continues with an open mike for poets to read from their works. Led by celebrated poet, Jack Crocker. Open to the public. —Free.

### Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 19th, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Challenge the Hemingway family and literary guests as you play a championship 18 hole tournament at the Beachview Golf Course. Price includes cart, greens fee, continental breakfast and awards lunch at Beachview Inn Restaurant. —\$75 per person. Tournament sponsored by NationsBank. Drinks sponsored by Budweiser.

### Hemingways of Sanibel — The Island

#### Connection

Saturday, June 19th, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

A photo exhibit and copies of letters by Hemingway family members during their stays on Sanibel in the early 1900's. It will be hosted at Sanibel's Historical Village & Museum, 950 Dunlop Road. Open to the public. —Free.

### Hemingway Stage Play Reading

Saturday, June 19th 8 p.m.

The play reading will be held at the Old School House Theater, and hosted by the Old Schoolhouse Theater Foundation and J.T. Smith Encore Productions. This is a staged reading of *It Just Catches* by Dr. Carol Hemingway, Chairman emeritus of the Theatre Arts Department at City College of New York. Her play is based on three short stories by Ernest Hemingway: *Cat In The Rain*, *A Pursuit Race*, and *Three Day Blow*. Directed by Jeffrey P. Lindsay. — Cost \$8 per person. Playreading sponsored by Bank of the Islands and Bailey's

General Store. Wine & cheese reception sponsored by Matzaluna's and Timbers Restaurants.

### Writing & Fine Arts Awards Ceremony

Sunday, June 20th, 5 p.m.

Sanibel Community Center. Awards presented for all Hemingway Writing Competitions, Fine Art and Photography Contests. Directed by Anne Hemingway Feuer. Open to the public. The ceremony follows the closing of the Literary Conference. —Free.

### Papa's Father's Day Dinner

Sunday, June 20th, 7:00 p.m.

Held at Sanibel's fabulous Jacaranda Restaurant. This is the grand finale event of the Festival. Join the Hemingway family, children, literary guests, and Festival public for a special Father's Day dinner. Bid on wonderful gifts, art and collectibles during the silent auction. —Price \$30 per person; Cash bar.

### Hemingway Writing Competitions

Submission Deadline, May 1, 1999

Awards, June 20, 1999. Adult division: First Novel, Short Story, Play and Poetry. \$3,000 in prizes. Send SASE for entry form & entry fees: 2323 Del Prado Blvd.-Suite #7, Cape Coral, FL 33990.

Children's division: Essay & Short Story for ages 10-14. \$50 in prizes, no entry fees. Limited to one entry in each division. Children should send stories to: Hemingway's Young Authors Contest c/o Sanibel Public Library, 770 Dunlop Road, Sanibel Florida, 33957.

Please note: No manuscripts will be returned, so do not send only copy.

## Literary Conference Schedule

### Saturday, June 19

Location: Sanibel Community Center

Highlights: This two-day conference is for those who love writing, reading and the work of Ernest Hemingway. The conference will be held at the historic Sanibel Community Center. \$100 for two days or \$60 for one. Price includes morning refreshments and Papa's Friends discounts for lunch at neighboring restaurants.

8:30 a.m. — Registration

9:00-9:15 — Welcome by

Conference Director, Jeffrey P.

Lindsay

9:15- 10:15 — Rob MacGregor,

Thriller Novelist

10:15-11:15 — Julius Szalay,

Song Writer/Producer

11:15-11:30 — BREAK

11:30-12:30 — Dr. Hank Diers,

Chairman of FGCU Theatre

Department

12:30-2:30 — LUNCH

2:30-3:30 — Trish MacGregor,

Mystery Novelist

3:30-4:30 — Panel: *Writers &*

*the Florida Environment.*

Randy Wayne White, Kevin Lollar,

Scott Martell

### Sunday, June 20

Location: Sanibel Community Center

8:30-9:00 — Peter Rubie, a leading N.Y. literary agent, opens the Coffee Critique telling us what agents look for in manuscripts.

9:00-10:00 — Coffee Critiques.

Bring a few pages of your own work to share with fellow writers in a round-table discussion.

10:00-11:00 — Corbin Wyant,

Publisher, *Naples Daily News.*

11:00-11:15 — BREAK

11:15-12:15 — John Sanford,

Hemingway's nephew &

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12:15-2:30 — LUNCH

2:30-3:30 — Dr. James Nagel,

Hemingway Scholar

3:30-4:30 — Keynote Address;

Patrick Hemingway, editor of *True*

*At First Light.*

4:30-5:00 — Writers' Reception

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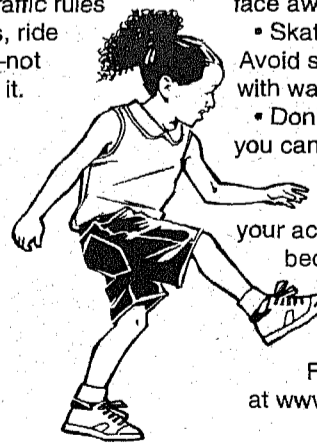
Summer is a great time for children to play outside. Whether your child is on the playground, a bicycle, or skates, put safety first to help prevent a visit to the emergency department. The American College of Emergency Physicians has some important summer safety tips to help you stay healthy while you're having fun:

### Playground Safety

Approximately 200,000 preschool and elementary age children each year end up in the emergency department because of playground injuries.

"Always supervise children when they play on equipment," said Dr. Larry Alexander of the American College of Emergency Physicians. "It's also important to make sure that children play on age-appropriate equipment that is safely anchored in the ground and properly maintained." Other tips to help avoid injury are:

- Have children play on cushioned surfaces. Sand, shredded mulch, or soft synthetic surfaces are better than concrete, asphalt, packed dirt, or rocks. Improper surfacing, accounts for more than 70 percent of incidents involving children who fall at playgrounds.
- Do not dress children in clothes that have strings that can cause strangulation.
- Teach safe play rules and intercede when necessary (take turns, share, don't push others).
- Watch for moving swings, the most likely



moving equipment that causes injury.

### Bicycle Safety

An estimated 57 million Americans ride bicycles. "Along with safety equipment, rider actions and reaction play a major role in preventing injuries," said Dr. Alexander. Thousands of children are injured each year while riding bicycles. To help make sure your child stays safe, here are some tips:

- Wear helmets with the chin strap firmly buckled, flat on top of the head—not tilted back. Head injuries cause about 75 percent of all bicycling fatalities.
- Wear knee and elbow pads and gloves.
- Restrict the cycling of young children to sidewalks, paths, and driveways.
- Teach older children safe bicycle road behaviors: Be alert, watch for traffic, watch for obstacles, obey traffic rules and signals, ride with traffic—not against it.

- Make sure the bicycle is properly adjusted for height. Check brakes, reflectors, gear shifts and tires before riding.
- Avoid riding at dusk or after dark.

### In-Line Skating Safety

"In-line skating injuries increased 184 percent from 1993 to 1995—from 37,000 to 105,000—most of which were wrist, arm, and leg injuries," said Dr. Alexander. To help avoid injury:

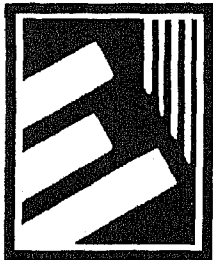
- Always wear full protective gear—helmet, wrist guards, knee pads, elbow pads, and gloves.
  - Get instruction before you take to the streets or trails. Learn to stop safely. Learn how to fall to help reduce the chances of serious injury.
  - Always skate under control. Practice basic skills, such as balance and braking on a smooth, flat surface away from traffic. Avoid hills until you're ready.
  - Skate on smooth, paved surfaces without traffic. Avoid skating on streets, driveways and surfaces with water, sand, gravel, or dirt.
  - Don't skate at night—others can't see you and you can't see them or obstacles in your path.
  - Don't skate into crowds or people.
- During the summer months, whatever your activity, remember to drink plenty of water, because it's easy to dehydrate. Wear sunglasses, and insect repellent. Remember that safety is never an accident.

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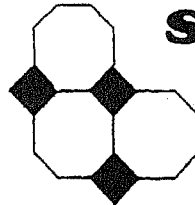
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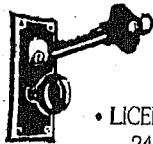
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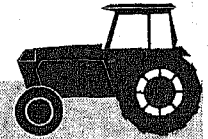


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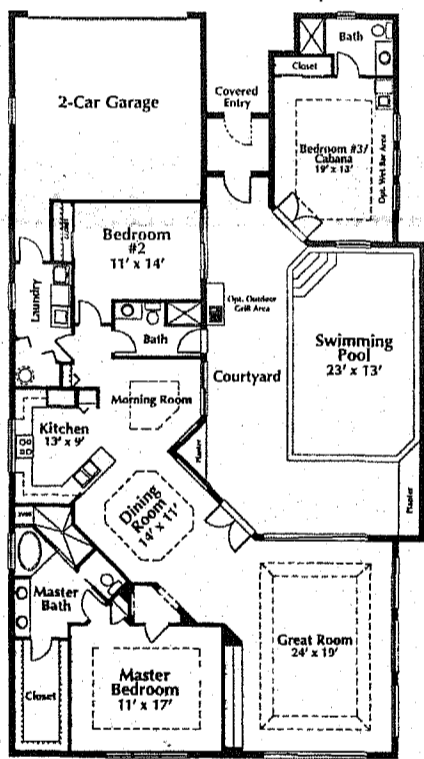
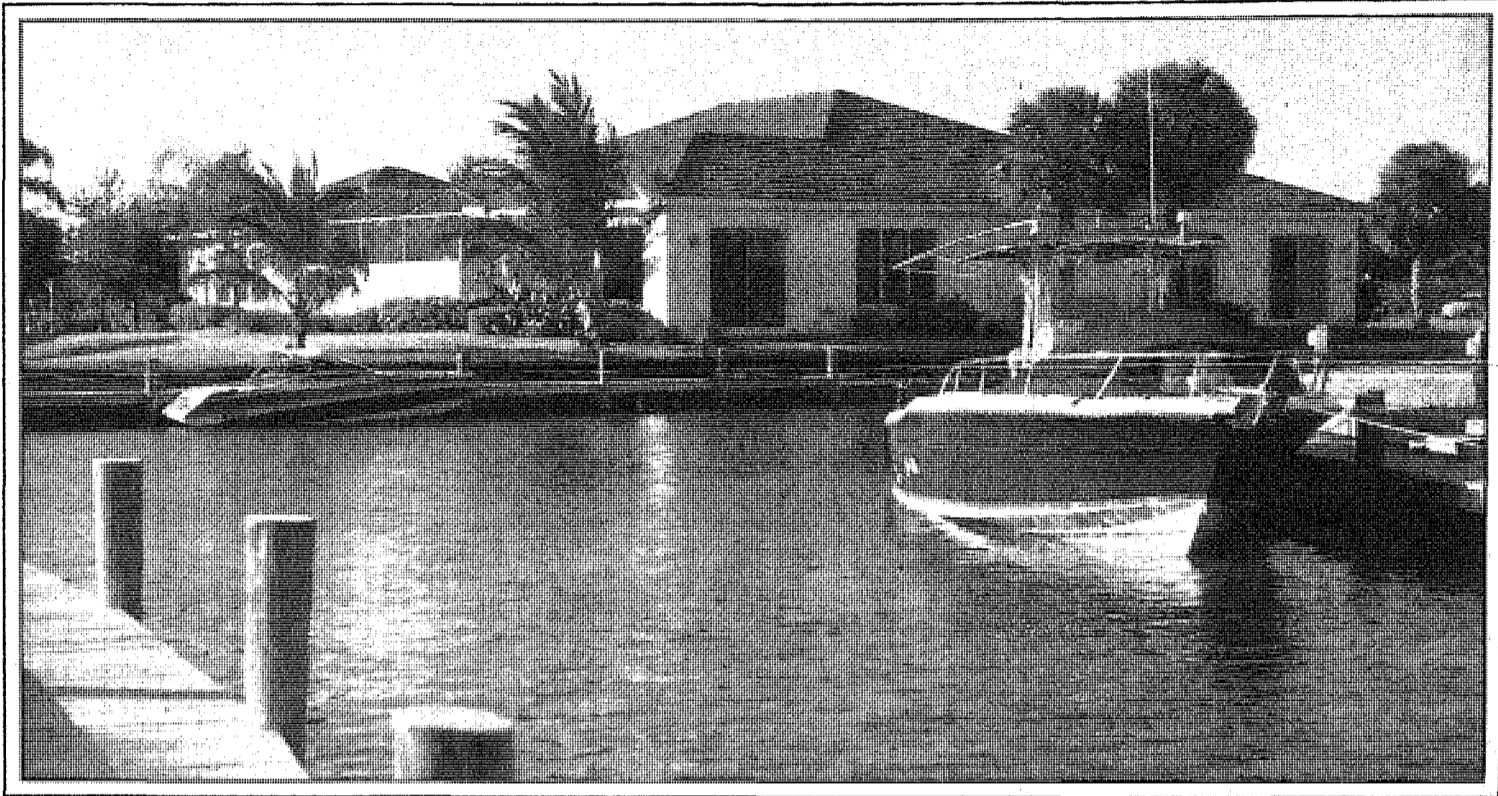
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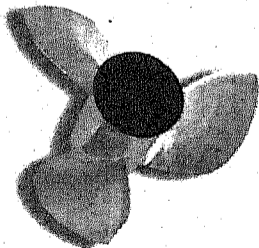
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