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Estuaries seeks reversal of development denial

By BETTY PRICE News-Press Environment Writer
TALLAHASSEE — Lawyers for the proposed Estuarine Development in Lee County asked the First District Court of Appeal Thursday to reverse the Florida Cabinet's denial of development permission for the project.

The court sends the proposal back and the Cabinet will do or grant approval, Estuarine lawyer Gary Sams said. The Cabinet should state all the changes that would be necessary for the approval.

The Cabinet heard the development proposal last December after the project had been turned down by Lee County and a state hearing examiner recommended denial.

The development, as proposed, would have covered about 8,600 acres of mostly mangrove shoreline around the edges of Estero Bay.

The Cabinet would not discuss any changes that could make the development acceptable, said Sams, who said that "refusal violates state law."

Cabinet move on Lee sheriff draws anger

By H. J. CUMMINS News-Press Staff Writer
Lee County commissioners, who lost a budget battle this week to Lee County Sheriff Frank Wankula, have scheduled a special meeting for 10 a.m. Monday to discuss possible resolution.



Beach walkers Late-afternoon sun highlights contours on a pristine beach near the Sanibel Lighthouse as a pair of beach walkers comb the shoreline.

Island acreage deeded to Conservancy

By SYLVA DIFORD News-Press Staff Writer
Nearly 200 acres of Buck Key, a small, uninhabited island lying offshore from Captiva Island, has been deeded to the National Nature Conservancy, it was announced Thursday.

The land will be managed for the conservancy, which is based in Arlington, Va., by the South Cape Conservation Foundation, according to Dick Workman, the foundation's director.

Workman said the land was donated to the conservancy recently by Elms Dale Benedict of White Plains, N.Y. Of the five private owners who own portions of the island, Mr. Benedict had the largest holdings.

Mr. Benedict's gift estimates two years of "active work" by the conservation foundation to preserve Buck Key, Workman said.

The island, once home to part of the century-old citrus farms and a boys' school in 1913, has been unoccupied for many years and has a nearly undisturbed natural environment, he added.

Search to begin for missing elderly man

By FRANCES D. WILLIAMS News-Press Staff Writer
Mrs. Stansland said she drove to Perry, Fla., Sunday to pick her father up. She said they returned Sunday night.

She said she had only sleep on I called my brother to come over and sit with daddy," she said. "He apparently fell asleep, and daddy just wandered off."

A Lee County sheriff's deputy stopped the elderly man at 5:30 a.m. that morning but left after Lee was able to give him names.

That was the last time Lee has been seen. Friends from the North Fort Myers Fire Department have been searching for Lee since early Tuesday.

The (Lee County) sheriff's department has been helping. "North Fort Myers Fire Chief Donald Brown said. "They've had their dogs out a couple of times and the helicopter was up Monday afternoon."

Murder

that unlike most murderers, this one is not a braggart and that he might be the type who has tracked the crime into his subconsciousness and forgotten it.

The profile provided by psychologists and psychiatrists, it says, Clement said. In a situation such as this, "where a particular person has not been prosecuted, a random set of facts are used in compiling the profile," he said.

Those who provided the profile said Clement is "like it with a grain of salt."

While investigators are using the profile in their search for the killer, they are not depending heavily upon it because of this vagueness, according to Clement.

He also said that "the facts of the case tend to lead you to believe there have to be some sexual overtones to it" even though the medical examiner could find no evidence of sexual abuse when the autopsy was conducted.

Burrall

"It's possible but unlikely that he knew her," Clement said. "The family was here for only a short time prior to the murder. It's hard to make that kind of memory in a little time."

The girl had no problems in school, Clement said, and the crime is probably in need of professional counseling, Clement said, and it will be made available when the person is apprehended.

Linda, a blond seventh-grade student from Fort Charlotte, was abducted Oct. 12 and buried to death four hours later in a field off Toledo Blade Boulevard.

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