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Sanibel Council hears requests for building permits

Faced with another lengthy agenda the Sanibel city council worked through an eight hour day on Monday, dealing with everything from "hardship" pleas to the need for added police protection in the face of what was termed a "rash of robberies."

On December 16th council had voted a cut-off on the issuance of new building permits for a period of 90 days, but had provided for appeal to the council in cases in which "hardship" was claimed.

Monday three individuals appeared before the council with pleas of hardship.

Mrs. Stanley Wegryn, wife of Dr. Stanley Wegryn of the Dr. Louis P. Wegryn Memorial Clinic on the Sanibel-Captiva road, came to the meeting armed with plans for a 40-unit condominium complex that would be built in phases on the approximately five acres of Wegryn property.

She contended that there were many aged people who would like to come to the island who might not be able to do so unless they had easy access to medical facilities. Mrs. Wegryn argued that there would be a hardship in delay of the permit since the Wegryn's would "possibly, in fact, probably" lose their builder if there were a delay, and might risk losing the availability of mortgage money from a lending institution.

Members of council questioned how many acres of the estimated five acres would be left for the condominium after deducting space used for the clinic itself, for parking, and landscaping.

Councilman Vernon MacKenzie expressed the view that in this case, as in others, such pleas for "hardship" exceptions to the ordinance should be submitted in writing, and scheduled for advertised public hearing. He said that this should include a statement of what is being claimed in the way of hardship: a clear statement of density, specifically for the land to be used for the proposed construction; provisions for disposal of sewage, expressed in specific, not general, terms.

Later in the council session Robert Taylor expressed the hope that council would develop "a simple, one or two page checklist of all the items required to make a decision in such cases." The response of council appeared to be favorable to this proposal.

After hearing the presentation by Mrs. Wegryn it was agreed that she would submit her proposal in writing to City Manager David Bretzke as soon as possible and that a re-hearing of the plea then would be heard.

Also appearing at the meeting was Bill Frey, of Sanibel Homes, requesting an extension of a county permit to authorize him to proceed with construction of a single family home in the Dunes subdivision.

Frey had already received a valid permit dated November 13 from Lee County, but he had not been able, he said, to begin construction on the house within the 30-day time period required by an ordinance passed by Sanibel city council on December 16.

Frey said that the delay had been occasioned by design problems that had in turn grown out of the desire to comply fully with federal flood level requirements. Additionally, some delays resulted from the difficulty of arranging financing.

Although the council members appeared to be sympathetic to a request for a permit on a single-family dwelling in an existing approved subdivision, there was a feeling that the council should be consistent in requiring a presentation of the appeals in writing.

At Frey's request the case was placed on the agenda for next Monday's meeting.

James Murphy made a request for a

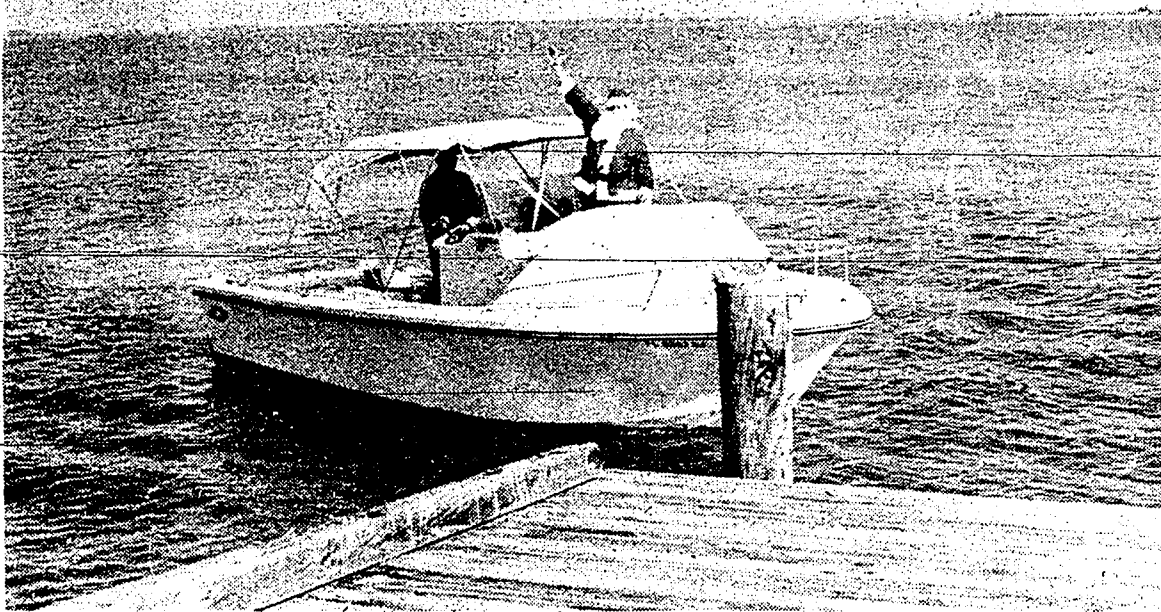
permit to move a house from a lot on Captiva to a lot in the Sanibel Gardens subdivision. Councilman MacKenzie said that he would have "less of a problem" with this request were it not for the fact that the lot to which the house was to be moved was a sub-

standard lot with questionable suitability for a sewage disposal system. It was also stated that no public water supply existed in the area. This request was deferred and placed on the agenda for Monday's meeting.

At one point in the wide-ranging

discussions on granting exceptions for building permits in alleged hardship cases, Councilman MacKenzie stated that the council needed to arrive soon at some basic

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Santa arrives at Children's Center by boat...



and gets better reception than Ponce de Leon.

Sheriff gives Mayor promise on police

Sanibel's Mayor Porter Goss has received assurances from Sheriff Frank Wanicka that increased police protection has been provided for the islands for the holiday season as part of a similar countywide effort.

The sheriff also confirmed to Mayor Goss that he would be prepared—"right after the beginning of the New Year"—to discuss means of cooperating with the new city to ensure a continuation of adequate law enforcement on the island.

The conversation by Mayor Goss

with Sheriff Wanicka late Monday afternoon came immediately after considerable dissatisfaction had been expressed at the city council meeting over what was described as "a rash of breaking and entering" on Sanibel.

Mayor Goss explained to the council that "as a result of a conflict of schedules or for whatever reason" he had been unable to get Sheriff Wanicka's ear to discuss police problems. Telephone contact with the Sheriff was then made later in the day.

There was informal and inconclusive

discussion by council of various ways that Sanibel might be provided added police protection pending the establishment of its own police force. There was a consensus that since Sanibel taxpayers had contributed toward support of the sheriff's department, along with all other Lee County citizens, adequate patrolling should be expected from this department.

Sheriff Wanicka told Mayor Goss that 16 additional patrol cars had been added in the county for the holiday season and expressed his willingness to extend full cooperation to the new city.

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Shell Club holds meeting

The annual Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club Christmas meeting was held December 18, at the Community House. Door prizes were awarded and each guest received an early Christmas present of two specimen shells from the Club.

Highlight of the evening was a shell swap. The Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club will hold its January meeting on the fourth Wednesday, January 29, at 8:00 p.m. at the Community House.

President Ford names Refuge

On December 4 the President of the United States sent to Congress a proposal to make 2,735 acres of the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge a wilderness area under provisions of the Wilderness Act of 1964. Under the Act such lands would be "kept indefinitely in a wild, unspoiled condition." With the 37 new additions proposed by President Ford, this would bring the total "wilderness area" in the country to about 120,000,000 acres.

Young couples have party



The Young Couples of the Community Church on Sanibel featured a party for the children and the traditional arrival of the Kiwanian Santa Claus.

Area temperature is tops

A Christmas present of welcome sunshine came to the islands on December 24-25, quickly warming up the many snowbirds appearing for the holidays. The area recorded the highest temperature in the nation, 85 degrees, on Christmas day.

Embroiderers' Guild Chapter formed

By Mary Grosvenor Ellsworth

The Seagrape Chapter of Southwest Florida is now a full-fledged member chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America and several island women are members.

Actually, the new chapter came into being much as did the original Embroiderers' Guild—a group of women, drawn together by a shared interest in needlework, met for luncheon at the South Seas Plantation, discussed their ideas and needs and decided a chapter was the solution.

The women who originally founded the Embroiderers' Guild of America in New York were all then members of the Embroiderers' Guild in London, at the time the best available source of technical and historical information on all aspects of embroidery. It had available the resources of the Royal School, and the group was working with Erica Wilson who had trained in London.

They became the American Branch and as their membership grew eventually left the English Guild to become an independent non-profit organization in 1970. The Embroiderers' Guild of America now has some 44 chapters in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Canada and Mexico, an administrative and teaching headquarters in New York and more than 7,000 members. The Seagrape Chapter is thus among the most recent additions to a large and growing organization.

Seagrape's officers are: President, Mrs. Edward Buckenham; Vice-president, Mrs. Byrne Badenoch; Secretary, Mrs. William Kirkpatrick; Treasurer, Mrs. Kenneth R. Mull.

The first meeting was an informal "Show & Tell," which in Guild language means that everyone brings something of interest, possibly something the member has made or an embroidered item from other cultures. About 12 members attended.

The star of the meeting was Roxanne Badenoch's handbag, a slightly modernistic treatment of an all-over flower design executed in needlepoint.

Discussion at this meeting, as well as results from a questionnaire sent to all members, indicated that workshops, opportunities for learning new skills, were the type of program most desired. The second meeting, held in the Sunday School Room at St. Michael & All Angel's proved to be just that—an all-

day session of two workshops. Twenty-eight members attended.

The morning session, Painting on Canvas, had Ann Winterbotham as speaker. Paints, canvas and assistance were provided. Mrs. Winterbotham designs for a leading supplier of needlepoint kits, and brought two of her stunning series on Endangered Species to show the group. As she explained color theory and the technique of applying acrylic paints to canvas, the group experimented with individual designs under her guidance.

The afternoon session focused on crewel, led by Helen Winterrowd. She gave the group examples of elementary crewel stitches and their uses, and provided the group with the necessary materials for learning to do the stitches—hoops, threaded needles and imprinted material. They then worked a practice sampler under her direction.

Judging by the enthusiastic response from the members in attendance, the program was an unqualified success and the Chapter members expressed their appreciation to the teachers for their patience and skill.

The next meeting is planned for sometime in January. Plans for future sessions include teaching and speaking engagements with nationally-known authorities in the various aspects of needlecraft.



New Guild Meeting Coming in January

New bank gets warm reception

Just a few days after its doors opened the new Bank of the Islands is enjoying what a bank official described as "an overwhelming reception by the people on the islands."

The bank deposits have already topped the \$500,000 mark, reflecting the confidence of about 350 new depositors.

"We are pleased that the depositors range from the small—such as the one by the charming young Welcome



McNamara—to those more substantial," said Jim Hermes, the bank's executive vice-president. As reported previously in ISLAND REPORTER, Welcome was one of the earliest and youngest depositors at the bank.

The formal dedication of the bank did not take place until December 17.

In addition to welcoming accounts—"of any size," said Hermes—the bank still has some safe deposit boxes available.

Bicycle paths get big boost

A filmed demonstration of the economic and recreational value of bicycle paths met with an enthusiastic response last Monday night at the Sanibel Community House.

The film, accompanied by a brief but persuasive talk, was presented by H.M. Huffman, retired chairman of the board of Huffman Manufacturing Company, a large bicycle manufacturer. The program was sponsored by the island's bike path committee, chaired by Mariel Goss.

The film dramatically demonstrated how bicycle paths—have proved to be an economic, social and health boon to many cities and small communities throughout the country.

Huffman, emphasizing the importance of going "first class" with well-constructed

and safe bicycle paths, said that the construction of the paths had to be a community-wide effort.

He said that from a practical and safety point of view, priority should be given to Periwinkle way on Sanibel. He recommended paths on both sides of Periwinkle, particularly for the area from Causeway Road to the Island Shopping Center, and at a minimum of six feet in width. He estimated the cost, given the island's terrain, at about \$10,000 a mile for a quality, hard-surfaced path.

Huffman held out little hope for federal or state funds, rather emphasizing the need for community action. He pointed to the economic value of bicycle paths to those engaged locally in tourist-oriented business.

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Where the sun warms the sand—and,
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Making tropical scenery;
Catching us in your spell,
You're our own Sanibel.

We felt that this photograph of the White-fronted Tern by William Damroth caught the spirit of the season. The original of this photograph will be given to the first person donating \$100 to C.R.O.W. It can be seen as 'Photo of the Week' at Fur, Feathers and Scales.



WHITE-FRONTED TERNS, - FIRTH OF THAMES, NEW ZEALAND

William G. Damroth '75

STATESIDE:

By Representative Paul Nuckolls

Dear Rep. Nuckolls,
What is the word on whether there is going to be another gasoline shortage this season. The news media has carried conflicting stories on this.

K.W.
N. Ft. Myers

Dear K.W.,

Good news for now! We talked with Bill Goode, Jr. of the State Fuel Allocation Office and learned that at this time, there should be no shortage of gasoline, kerosene, jet fuel, distillates, or residuals during the forthcoming tourist season. Propane is the only product which may not be as plentiful as we would like. This possible shortage should not seriously effect home heating as long as home users exercise rational conservation measures.

Bill says, "Forty-two prime sup-

pliers to the State of Florida have indicated they have adequate supplies of these other fuels to meet demand. This of course is predicated on:

1. no embargo
2. no prolonged coal or refiners' strike
3. no serious United States refinery breakdown.

An additional influence on petroleum supplies is the curtailment of natural gas. During the next four months a considerable amount of petroleum will be needed to supplement the curtailed supply of natural gas. This curtailment is expected to extend through 1975, and therefore, will require a greater supply of middle distillates and residual fuels to meet the energy needs of the state. Action by the U.S. Government to restrict consumption may be in the offing, but this will be a measured

restriction and should not impose serious inequities on anyone or any sector of the country."

Bill goes on to say, "In the matter of gasoline, the petroleum suppliers forecast a demand considerably higher in 1975 than will be consumed in 1974. Further, they expect to have the ability to meet this demand. Although we do not expect the demand to be as high as forecast, we believe that gasoline will be available in adequate quantities."

Representative Nuckolls will be happy to personally answer your inquiries pertaining to state matters. If your question is of general interest, it may appear in this column. Address your inquiry to:

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PUZZLER

Our readers struck out on identification of Cliff and Emma Guthrie, although several gave it a try. This week we present a lady who is surrounded daily by beautiful things—and they are nearly all for sale.



Speak out

Life saver

(Editor's note: This letter was sent to ISLAND REPORTER for publication.)

Chamber of Commerce
Sanibel Island, Fla.

Dear Sirs, My husband and I returned, Friday, Nov. 22nd., from Sanibel where we had joined friends from Pennsylvania for a pleasant two day vacation at The Colony.

On Thursday afternoon, Nov. 21., my friends had the rewarding experience of being instrumental in saving a life. It happened in the area near the bridge connecting Sanibel and Captiva. One of four young men who had been swimming was floundering in the water, defenseless against the strong current. Someone who saw his plight called, "Does anyone have a rope?" Our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Amsler, R.D. 7, Mercer, Pa. 16137, heard the call and Bob rushed to his car for the coil of rope that is always in the trunk. Luckily the young man caught the rope as it was tossed to him and he was safely pulled to the shore. No names were exchanged but one of the young man's companions pointed to Bob and

said, "This is the man who is responsible for saving your life."

I don't know that any word of this experience has reached your office but just in case, I decided to send in the facts as I know them. -s-Edith L. Kildoo, Deltona, Fla.

Clip editorial

To ISLAND REPORTER:

You are to be highly commended for your editorial-sanction of the proposed purchase of lands on Cayo Costa, Punta Blanca, and North Captiva Islands. It is exemplary of the wisdom—and foresight—ISLAND REPORTER readers have come to expect in your publication.

I urge those who share your views on these islands to clip your open letter to Governor Askew and send it to him with a note explaining the action. It is extremely important that public opinion on this matter be heard in Tallahassee.

ISLAND REPORTER readers should take this opportunity to help shape the future of Southwest Florida barrier islands and a quality life for all who choose to enjoy it. -s-Richard Workman

scene on the beaches

by Grace Whitehead

I am beginning my annual count-down, which I take just as seriously as does any astronaut (remember the astronauts?)

My count-down actually has nothing to do with astronauts, but I do call it my "all-for-naught."

As you might have guessed, the count-down is for my New Year's resolutions and as of this moment I figure I have less than 100 hours in which to indulge all of the vices that I'm planning to give up for the New Year.

In case you didn't know it, all-for-naught is a pretty good description of the whole bit. In fact, it appears that "naught" and "naughty" have the same origin—which could prove something, although I'm not sure just what.

As an amateur psychiatrist, I think that New Year's resolutions are a dangerous thing. I'll tell you why, now that you asked.

All year long we live in sin—putting on pounds, failing to eat our Wheaties, not getting enough exercise, wasting time and money.

Then, whambo, comes the end of the year and we say "never again." We make a whole list of resolutions, vow that this time we'll keep them, and then forget all about them by January 2.

This causes all sorts of guilt feelings, which we must then drown—so it's back to the bottle, beefsteak, and bed.

Last year I swore I'd do it for sure this year. On January 1, I fasted. Big deal! Who could eat anyway after that party the night before?

I stuffed myself with Wheaties, confident this would make me a great athlete.

I did 40 pushups and swam the length of my pool 30 laps.

With all of that activity I had no time to waste money, so for one full day I had kept all of my resolutions. That night I felt great, like a big hero.

By January 2 I felt terrible. When I got up in the morning I was so stiff I could hardly move. I was too stiff to cook breakfast, so I had three Danish pastries. By then I hated Wheaties anyway.

Breaking most of my resolutions completely ruined my morale. I felt a guilt complex. I simply had to do something for myself. So I went out and spent a lot of money on clothes and things.

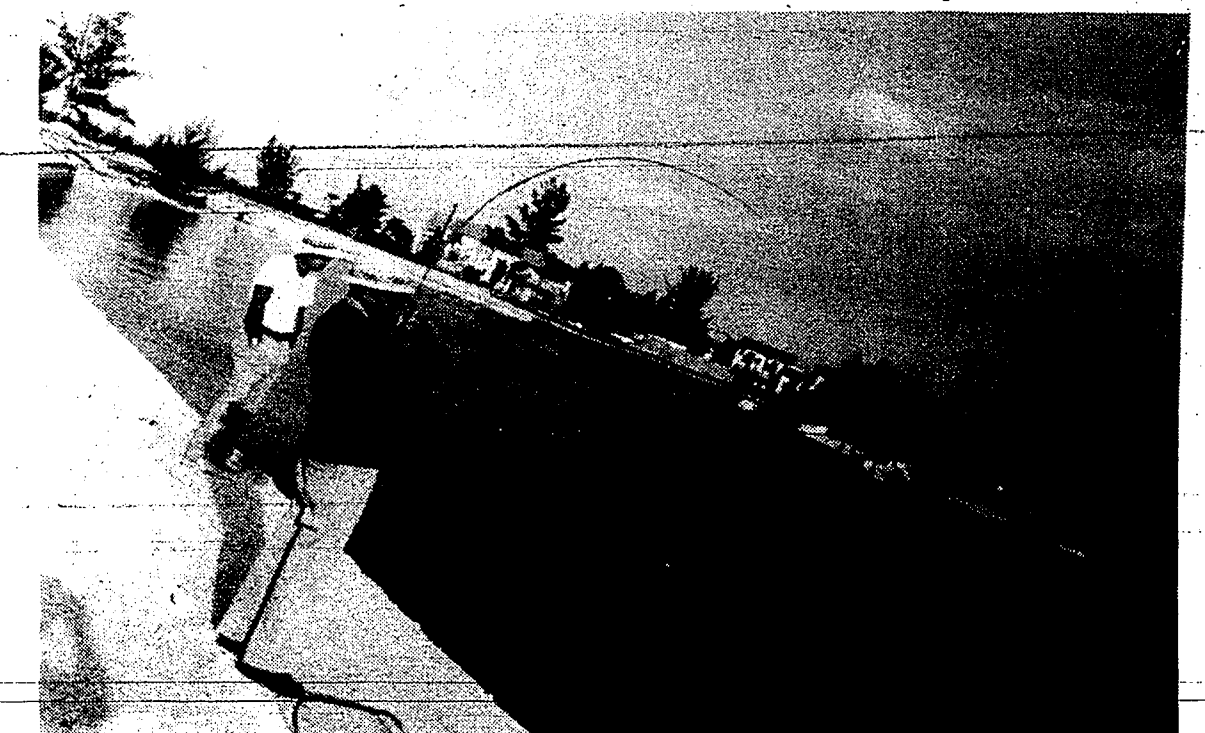
Immediately I felt better. All resolutions having been broken my conscience could relax for another year.

Which proves that 'tis better to be naughty all year long than to make resolutions that are all-for-naught.

Persons and places



It is a season of Bake Sales...



fishing for snook in the canals...



and saying good-bye to Santa for another year.

SANIBEL LIBRARY

No need for year to end on an orgy of joy

By Hal H. Harrison

There is no law, written or unwritten, that demands that the old year go out in an orgy of joy. So, I have chosen for our featured book this week one that has an appropriate title for 1974, *Ending*, a first novel by Hilma Wolitzer, a Long Island housewife and mother of two.

There is much about this book that will remind you of *Love Story*. But the setting is different. The college campus becomes the high-rise home of a middle-income couple. The characters are a young mother and her 32-year old husband who is dying from cancer of the marrow.

This book has the setting for a nawkishly sentimental piece of maudlin writing, but it escapes that because of the skill of the author in

presenting it in believably familiar episodes. How Sandy Kaufman copes with the awful truth of her young husband's impending death and how she faces the task of becoming a ministering angel while also ministering to herself is a deeply moving story.

Since I seem determined to end the year on a serious (or morbid) note, I might as well do it right. So, read *My Petition for More Space* by John Hersey, a novel that will chill you with its glimpses of a future world grown so crowded that dissent is a crime and acquiescence is the law of survival. Sam Poynter, to whom the government has allocated a living space of seven feet by eleven, has been waiting in a jammed line for hours trying to present

a petition...an unheard-of, unbelievable request...more space. It is a short novel (182 pages) and the action takes place in a matter of hours but Hersey has packed it with almost believable incidents. Sure, it is a fable, but who knows...it may be a scenario of things to come.

Thirty-four East by Alfred Coppel may be another scenario with predictions of future events. The Sinai Peninsula, possibly the most politically charged and militarily dangerous area in the world, is a barren stretch of longitude designated thirty-four east. Egypt is to the west. Israel is to the east. This is the geographic center of this intriguing plot that will hold many readers spellbound. The cast includes

Americans, Israelis, Russians and Arabs.

Richard Bach, who wrote *Jonathan Livingston Seagull* (who could forget!), shares the highlights of 15 years in his life in *Gift of Wings*. Bach learned to fly and then learned to write. "Flying is my religion. It is my way of finding what is true," Bach declares. Perhaps his reminiscences here, in some overall way, point to the theme of *Jonathan*. Rosemary K. Collett, an officer in the Florida Audubon Society, who lives in Venice, has established a nonprofit foundation which is dependant upon contributions to carry on its work...the rescue and home care of native wildlife. Mrs. Collett's book, *My Orphans of the Wild* tells of the ex-

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RESEARCH

The informal contest for designs for the seal of the City of Sanibel Island is most interesting. I do have a preliminary question, though. Often, two seals are used by city governments: one for "show," and one for everyday business. If this is to be true of our city, are we asked to design both?

H.O.S., Periwinkle Way.

& REPORT

By Charlotte Heimann

Thank you for giving us an opportunity to clarify the situation. You are right. One seal is ceremonial and appears on the flag, on official stationery and other places where accurate reproduction is possible and desirable—not necessarily in color.

The second seal is virtually without design detail, and is used to authenticate documents, etc. The ceremonial seal might be adapted for use in business, if the lines are simple enough for an affordable plate.

Artists are asked only to design the

ceremonial seal—in color. If it could be generally used in the future, so much the better. Suggestions are welcome for dual purpose, but not required. The Council will determine whether the chosen design can or should be universal.

You refer to our new status as the "City of Sanibel Island." We emphatically prefer that to "City of Sanibel." Might this be a matter for a resolution by the Council? Postal authorities require only "Sanibel," but our unique boundaries should be defined in our name, we believe. After all, we are world famous as Sanibel Island.

About those junked cars: we've been in constant touch with Lee County Building Supervisor Henry Gladden on the promised removal of the unsightly trash illegally dumped on County property on Periwinkle Way.

Work is going forward after delays caused by illness and related problems in the family of salvager Irving Williams.

We're now engaged in helping Michigan-Homes get rid of that 1965 Pontiac pushed onto their property at the corner of Periwinkle and Beach Road.

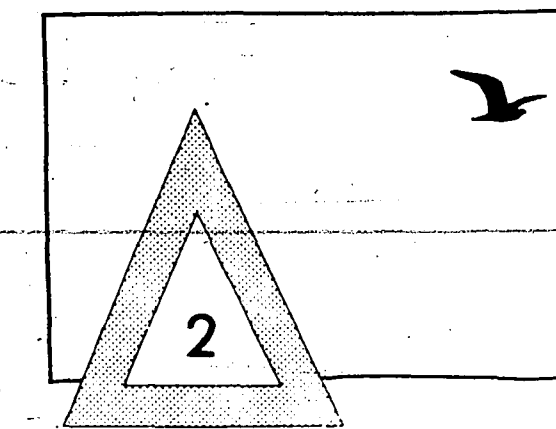
Serious fare at library

from 6-A

periences of her husband, her daughter and herself over nearly a decade in caring for sick, injured or orphaned wild creatures in their six-room home on a one-acre lot. Her experiences with her animal babies will remind you of our Sanibel-oriented foundation, C.R.O.W. (Care & Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) where similar experiences are everyday events.

If you would like to have a vivid picture of what the Everglades looked like 82 years ago, you will want to read *Journey Through the Old Everglades*, a diary written in 1891-92 and rescued from obscurity by Pat Dodson, a native Floridian. The diary was kept by Harry Bullock and tells of the adventures of four young men who sailed from East

Lake Tohopekaliga in central Florida to Marco Island, a distance for them of 1,000 miles, which they covered in 73 days. Enroute the party passed St. Cloud, Kissimmee, LaBelle, Alva, Fort Myers, Sanibel and Naples. It is an American odyssey written with rare wit and considerable innocence.



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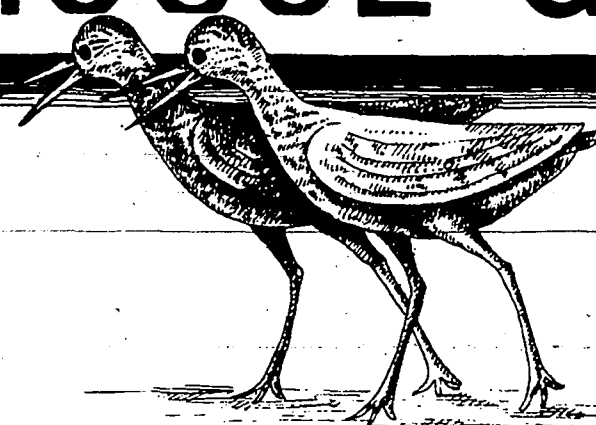
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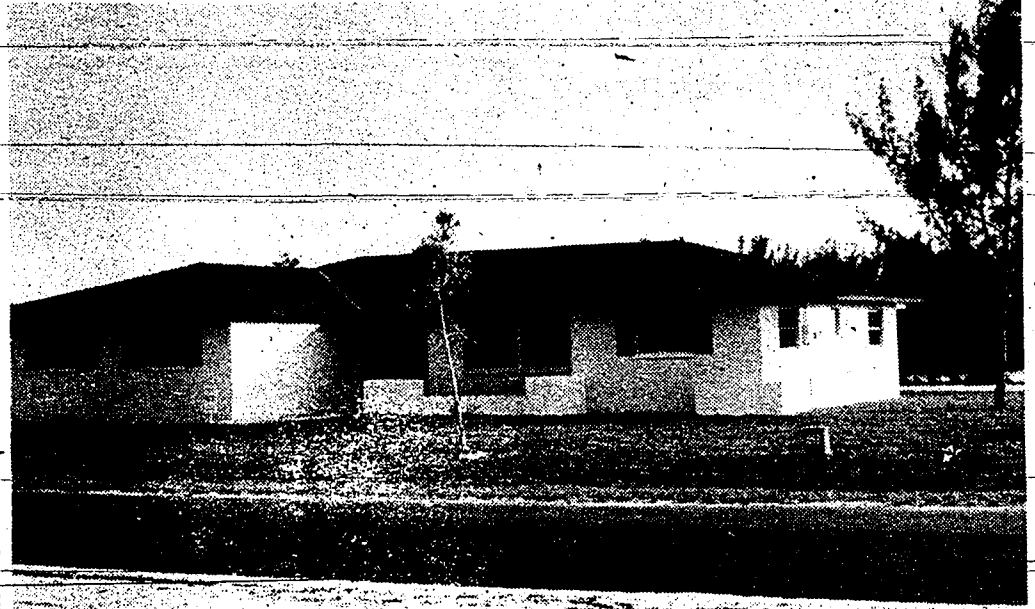


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Council hears building requests

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policy guide-lines in order to avoid making decisions on exceptions for each individual case.
In some of the other business at the Monday meeting, council:

- agreed on a deadline for agenda items of 12 noon on Thursdays;
- agreed that requests for building permits and similar actions would be submitted in writing, accompanied by appropriate exhibits;
- heard a status report from Robert Taylor, chairman of a county-appointed causeway refinancing committee, on refinancing of the Sanibel causeway;
- heard comments from C. Duane White, one of a group of citizens that had initiated legal action on the causeway refinancing, in which he pointed out that there were doubts regarding the continuing "legality" of the county-appointed causeway refinancing committee under the newly constituted Lee County board of county commissioners, and in which he suggested that the city of Sanibel should examine more closely the feasibility of securing a larger share of causeway funds and possibly entering into the suit;
- heard a suggestion by Councilman MacKenzie that consideration should be given to city purchase of the Sanibel causeway; and a request by him that the temporary city attorney investigate the feasibility, at this date, of the city entering into the causeway suit;

● heard a report by Frank Joyce,

Sanibel Agency, concerning federally-subsidized flood insurance in view of Sanibel's incorporation;

● heard Bill Frey suggest council consider the possibility of including areas "adjacent to the city" for purposes of planning; that council make copies of all ordinances and resolutions available to the public for purchase at a "modest cost."

● set the next meeting dates for 9:00 a.m. on December 30 and January 6.

ISLAND REPORTER plans to publish more detailed reports on the Causeway refinancing and on flood insurance in a forthcoming issue.

**Flag
Nazarah's give gift
of flag to new city**

The city of Sanibel has been presented with another gift of a flag, it was announced at the council's Monday meeting by Councilman Charles LeBuff.

The flag, which was flown over the nation's Capitol on December 11, was given by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Nazarah.

Councilman LeBuff turned the flag over to Dave Bretzke, the city's temporary city manager, for use in the new city offices.

AGENDA: Eight items on agenda for Monday meeting

The following is the tentative agenda, not necessarily in order to be considered, for the next Sanibel city council meeting on Monday, December 30, at 9:00 a.m.:

1. Discussion of the problem of building permit issuance and that of associated permits such as electrical and plumbing.
2. Request for a building permit for construction of a 40-unit condominium on the property now partially occupied by the Louis S.

Wegryn Memorial Clinic;

3. Request for a building permit for a single-family dwelling in the Dunes sub-division, presented at a previous meeting by Bill Frey.

4. Request for permit to move a house from Captiva to Sanibel Gardens sub-division on Sanibel;

(Editor's note: It is reemphasized that the above represents tentative agenda items in draft form. Because of the intervening

holiday it was not possible to have a final draft of the agenda.)

5. Appearance at 1:30 p.m. before the council of Bill Harris, director of the Lee County Planning Department, to discuss 701 Planning Assistance Program and related matters.

6. Consideration of a draft resolution presented by Bill Frey on building permits for construction of single family homes in

subdivision approved by Lee County after June 13, 1973, et cetera.

7. Report by Councilman Zee Butler on procedures and dates for special election to fill the vacancy in city council seat number one created by the resignation of Francis Bailey, subsequently temporarily reappointed to the seat by council;

8. Report by the temporary city manager.

City endorses seal contest

The city council on Monday passed a resolution introduced by Councilman Zee Butler endorsing ISLAND REPORTER's "effort to interest Sanibel artists in designing a City Seal and City Flag."

The idea was kicked off in the December 20 Research and Report column of the newspaper. The column is written by Charlotte Heimann.

The proposal was for a competition among Sanibel artists to produce a design for the ceremonial seal, which traditionally is also used on the flag, for the new city.

The council discussed the idea at its December 23 meeting, and at the conclusion endorsed the concept by resolution number 74-13.

The resolution stated that the council "heartily endorses the efforts of the ISLAND REPORTER to interest Sanibel artists in designing an appropriate City Seal and City Flag." The resolution went on to say that the council was "grateful to the ISLAND REPORTER for taking the initiative in this matter."

Only one design is required, since it would be used on both seal and flag. This design

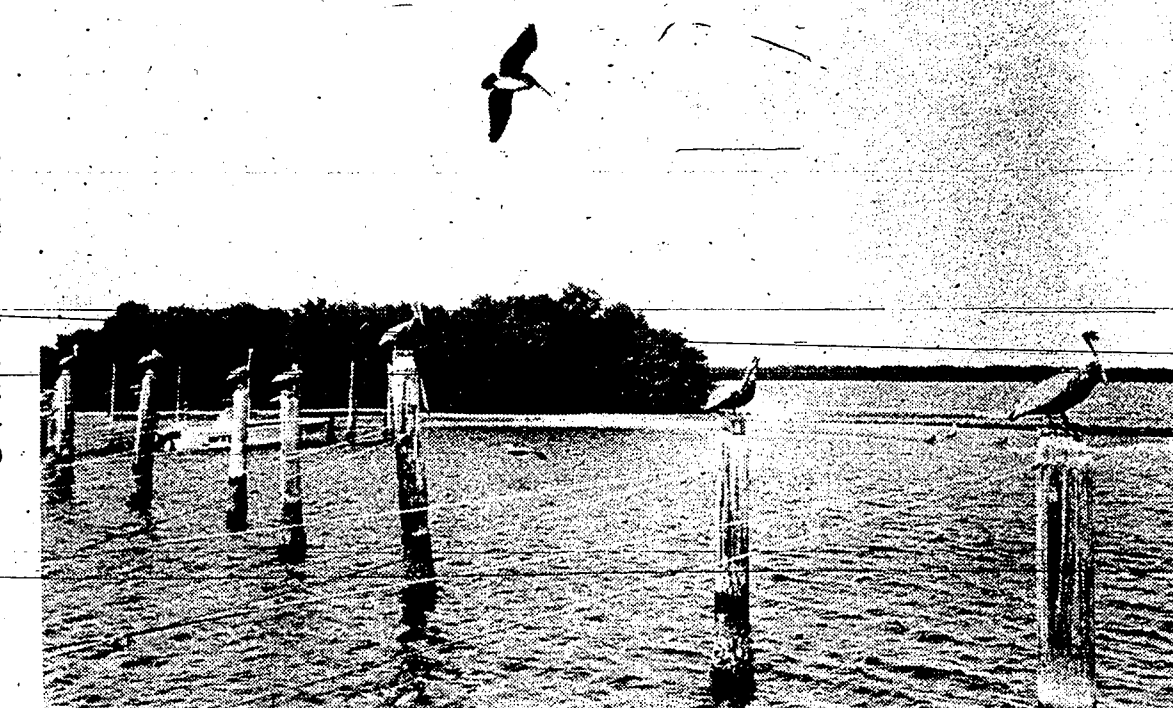
would be used for the ceremonial seal, with a plainer design employed on an official seal.

There was considerable discussion regarding the best way to select the winner from the entrants in the competition, and it was concluded by council that this should be done by a jury selected by the city council itself.

The original deadline date suggested by the newspaper was January 20, 1975, but there was some feeling that this might not give adequate time for the artists. Consequently the deadline has been set at 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 7, 1975.

The competition is limited to residents of Sanibel. All entries will be received by ISLAND REPORTER, Periwinkle Place, Sanibel. The prize will be the honor of having designed the city seal rather than cash.

In the next issue of the newspaper some suggestions regarding the preparation of the design will be republished. In the meantime, questions can be addressed to Charlotte Heimann, 472-



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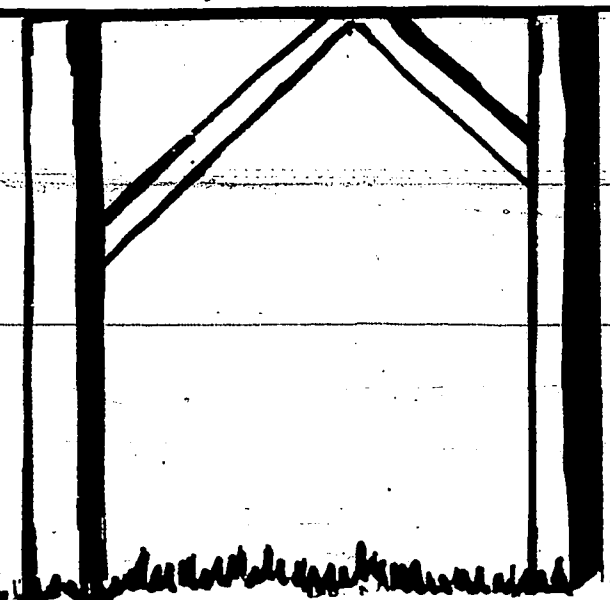
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BUSINESS NOTES — ISLAND REPORTER

Optimism is island mood

"General optimism is the mood in the tourism business on the island," is the comment of Dave Holtzman, owner of the Shell Harbor Inn, who is presently chairing a group of Sanibel motel owners endeavoring to form an owners association.

"Business is certain to be better than last year with the gas shortage no longer a crucial factor. Personally we've had no cancellations this year, and we foresee we will be as busy this year as we have in former years, hopefully, busier."

"The motel business deals primarily with short term vacationers, and despite the fact that more motel units are available this year, occupancy rates are high."

"We have again experienced what has been traditionally the worst week of tourism of the year—Thanksgiving brought a new occupancy high for motel rentals. Business has slowed down for the past week, but reservations indicate Sanibel snowbirds appear in abundance on December 22 or 23, after school vacations begin."

Shop changes ownership

The Sea and Sky Gift Shop in the Periwinkle Place Shopping Center has changed ownership. Formerly owned by Carol and George Watterson, it has been purchased by the Lees—Carol Lee, and Harley Lee, Woods. The Woods are also proprietors of Lees' House of Treasures, and the soon-to-be-opened, Lees' Fountain of Youth.

Residential closings

Closings.
Recent closings at the office of Laughrey & Holtz Island Real Estate, Inc. included the following: a residential parcel of one-half acre in the Woodlands subdivision from Robert Stevens to Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel M. Brāhamsha of Hong Kong. Another residential parcel in Woodlands was sold by Robert Stevens to Mr. and Mrs. John McCullough. Mr. McCullough's parents reside in Sanibel.

A King's Crown condominium apartment was sold by the Latham Corporation to Mr. and Mrs. John R. Muhlig, formerly of Nashville, and more recently of Cape Coral.

plans seminar on press use

A seminar on "press, publicity and public relations" for island civic, religious, cultural and community organizations is planned by ISLAND REPORTER for February 1975.

The purpose of the seminar is to present to the leadership of the organizations some techniques and suggestions on dealing with press and publicity problems. This would include preparation of press releases; a review of what is newsworthy; advance arrangements for photographic coverage; and the "human interest" angles of news events.

"We have a selfish interest in this," said a spokesman for the newspaper, "since we are anxious to provide the best possible coverage of community activities."

A tentative date for the one-day seminar has been set for Saturday, February 22, but this could be changed as a result of consultation with the various groups concerned.

In the meantime, ISLAND REPORTER suggest that all interested organizations on Captiva and Sanibel consider the designation of at least one, but not more than two, representatives to attend the seminar.

It is recommended that the candidates nominated for participation be the persons who would normally be responsible for publicity in the organization.

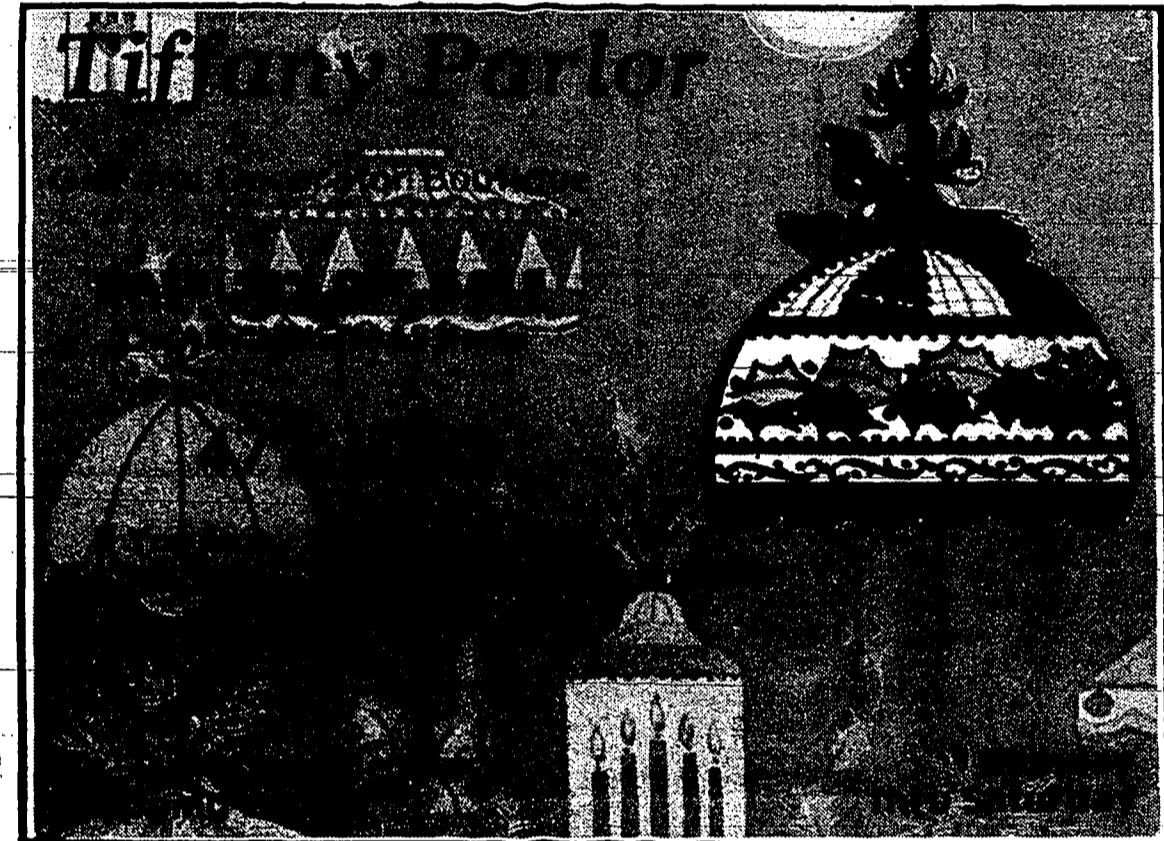
The newspaper urges all island organizations to be represented in the seminar.

Some of the subjects to be included are "image-making for the civic group," "preparation of a press release," "duties of a press secretary," "scheduling events for maximum news coverage," and "getting the most out of photographic coverage of your event."

In the near future, ISLAND REPORTER will publish a registration form for the seminar.



Lolly Vardal (right) and Kristy Makarwich. Lolly drew the ticket for the Doll House, which was won by Mrs. Rhoda Webster of Sunset South in a benefit for the Community Association building project. Mrs. Webster in turn donated the Doll House to the Children's Center of the Islands.



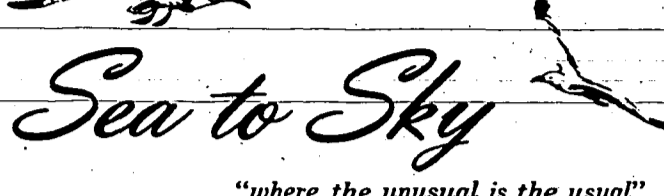
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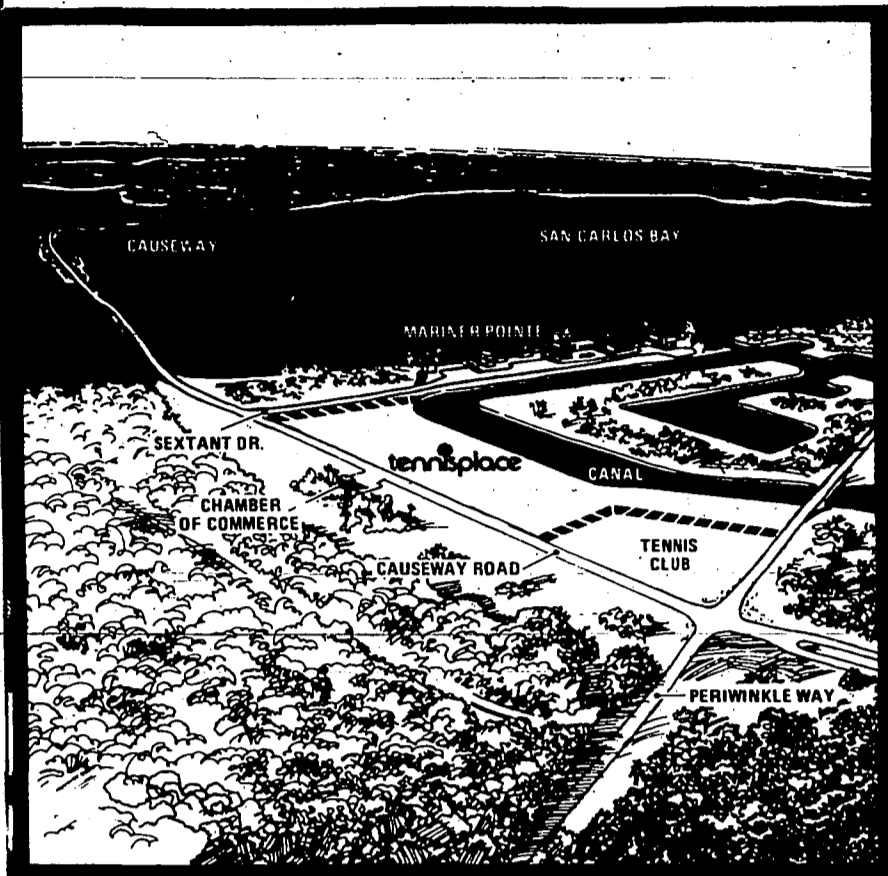
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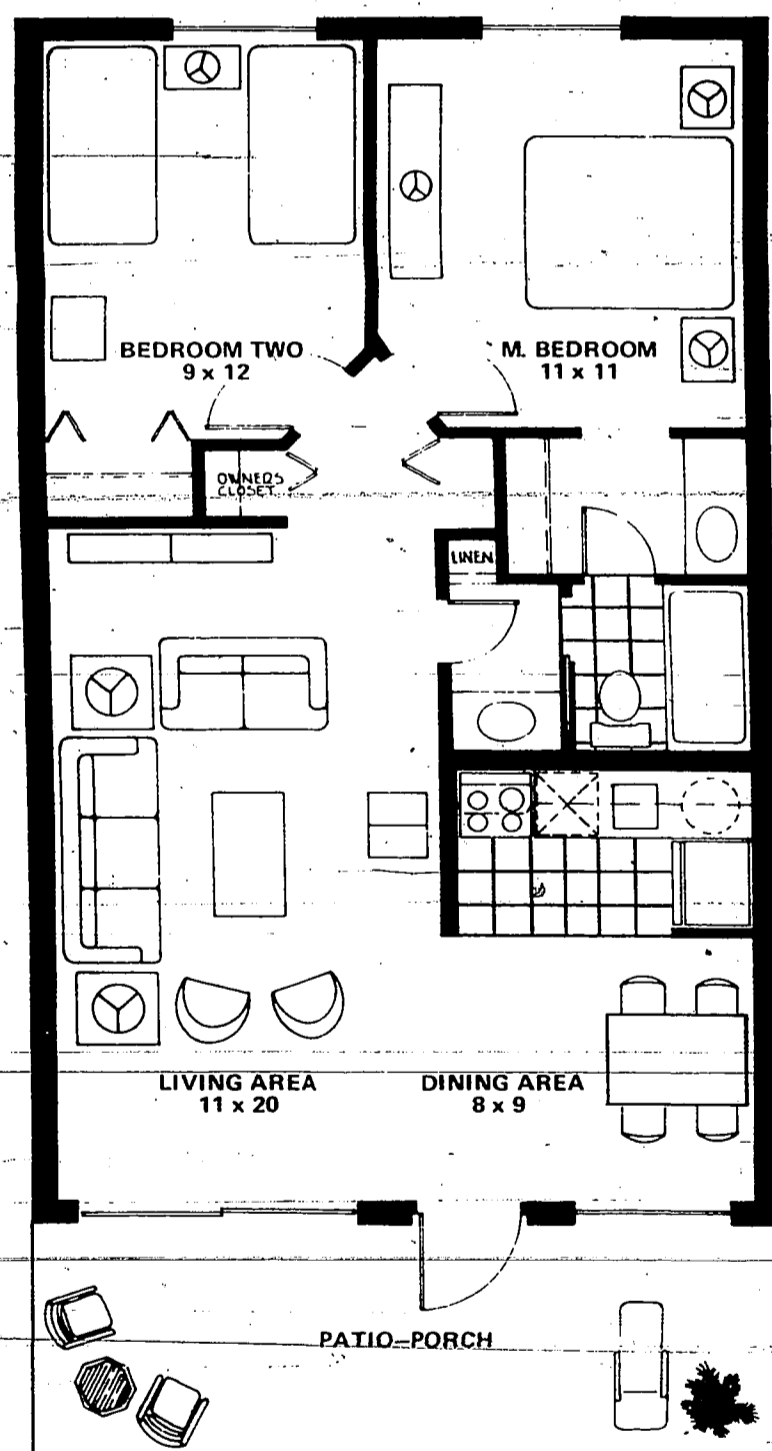


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Shark, porpoise from Audubon

Although some people might not like to see them mentioned together in the same breath, sharks and porpoises will co-star in the next program of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society on January 2.

The program will be presented by Dr. Oliver Hewitt—a man with a broad knowledge of many aspects of the estuarine areas of southwest Florida.

Dr. Hewitt is a senior research associate at the Mote Marine Laboratory of Sarasota. The program will be presented Thursday, January 2, at 8:00 p.m., at the Sanibel Community House.

A color film on "Sharks, Porpoises and Marine Research" will be featured.

The film, taken at the Laboratory, describes experiments on the habits, behavior and mental abilities of these marine species.

For over 25 years, Dr. Hewitt taught on wildlife at Cornell University. He recently spent over two years in East and South Africa, directing research on the local fauna. He was also a visiting professor at the University of Pretoria in South Africa.

Dr. Hewitt is now engaged in an intensive study of the bird populations in the estuarine area of Charlotte Harbor.

The Audubon program on Thursday

night is open to the public, and according to the Society's president, Mario Hutton, "all are cordially invited to attend."

Wine, cheese in big event

A Wine and Cheese Festival will be held at the Island Beach Club, January 11, sponsored by the ladies of St. Michael and All Angels' Church. This event will replace the fashion show, and the committee hopes to interest gentlemen, as well as ladies, in this fund raiser.

The hours will be 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and there will be music for dancing and an art exhibition staged by Island galleries, with art works available for purchase. The price of admittance is \$5 per person.

Tickets will be available at tables outside the following businesses: Bailey's General Store, the Sea Horse Shop, the Chamber of Commerce Building and Periwinkle Place Shopping Center: January 2 and 3: from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and January 8 and 10: from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets will also be sold outside the Captiva Post Office on January 8 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mrs. Roderick K. Eskew is chairman, and Mrs. H. Stanley Johnson, honorary chairman. Mrs. Roderick M. Jones is vice-chairman, and Mrs. J. Cecil Rhodes, treasurer. Additional committee members will be announced shortly, according to Mrs. Victor Hackler, publicity chairman.

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Annual bird count complete

By Charles Feirich

The annual Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Christmas bird count was held Friday, December 20 with a total of 120 species and 16,545 birds reported. Water and shore birds accounted for a majority of the total with most land birds in low count. The only land bird increases were in house sparrows and starlings which always increase with increases in population.

This was the 75th annual Audubon Society bird count.

A total of 35 observers in 15 parties spent 81 party hours on the dawn to dusk count by car, foot and boat. The 15-mile circle was centered at Bowman's Beach and covered Sanibel, Captiva, and the smaller Keys.

The most dramatic drop in the count was tree swallows which totaled only 51 this year as compared with 15,000 in 1972. American robins totaled 1,800 in 1972 but were down to 270 this year. The high count this year was the American coot with 2,830 sighted.

The 1971 bird count had 120 species and 24,380 birds. In 1972 there were 115 species and 31,000 birds including 15,000 tree swallows. The 1973 count showed 119 species and 11,000 birds. The tree swallow count was 10,000 in 1971, 15,000 in 1972, 55 in 1973 and 51 in 1974. The 1972 and 1973 counts were made in the rain.

Charles Newell was the compiler of the Christmas bird count. Observers included Griffing and Jane Bancroft, Richard Beebe, Glen Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cattman, Arthur and Ruth Clark, Opal and Willis Combs, Marjorie Elting, Hal and Mada Harrison, Oliver Hewitt, Dewitt Jones, Alberta and Erwin Kretz, Louise LeDuc, Thomas LeDuc, Edith Levy, Earl Lillie, Bill and Rachael Martin, Betty and Earl Mathiessen, Ella and Charles Newell, Emma Pitcher, Billie and Francis Saxinger, Skip Shand, Sarita Van Vleck, George Weymouth, Jessie and Joe Wood.

The Audubon Christmas bird count was: common loon 14; horned grebe 19; pied-billed grebe 92; white pelican 23; brown pelican 411; double-crested cormorant 176; anhinga 358; magnificent frigatebird 54; great blue heron 84; green heron 32; little blue heron 89; cattle egret 38; reddish egret 1; great egret 59; snowy egret 119; Louisiana heron 38; black-crowned night heron 8; yellow-crowned night heron 25; least bittern 2; wood stork 17;

White ibis 145; mallard 3; mottled duck 35; pintail 400; green-winged teal 20; blue-winged teal 348; American widgeon 775; northern shoveler 37; ring-necked duck 8; lesser scaup 10; bufflehead 1; hooded merganser 4; red-breasted merganser 85; turkey vulture 109; black vulture 15; sharp-shinned hawk 3; red-tailed hawk 1; red-shouldered hawk 35; broad-winged hawk 2; bald eagle 2; marsh hawk 1; osprey 19; peregrine falcon 1; merlin 1; American

Kestrel 49; king rail 1; clapper rail 6; Virginia rail 1; sora 1; common gallinule 122; American coot 2,830; American oystercatcher 7; semipalmated plover 444; piping plover 5; snowy plover 6; Wilson's plover 19; killdeer 7; black-bellied plover 363; ruddy turnstone 299; common snipe 4; spotted sandpiper 11; willet 407; greater yellowlegs 8; lesser yellowlegs 10; red knot 167; least sandpiper 177; dunlin 272; short-billed dowitcher 295; semipalmated sandpiper 175; western sandpiper 63; sanderling 711; herring gull 27; ring-billed gull 321; laughing gull 899;

Forster's tern 23; royal tern 698; sandwich tern 85; black skimmer 480; white-winged dove 3; mourning dove 191; ground dove 194; smooth billed ani 20; screech owl 1; belted kingfisher 43; common flicker (yellow-shafted) 52; pileated woodpecker 18; red-bellied woodpecker 64; yellow-billed sapsucker 3; eastern phoebe 9; tree swallow 51; blue jay 8; fish crow 518; house wren 3;

Carolina wren 8; long-billed marsh wren 1; mockingbird 74; gray carbird 41; brown thrasher 7; American robin 270; blue gray gnatcatcher 62; loggerhead shrike 20; sterling 113; white-eyed vireo 4; black and white warbler 1; yellow-rumped (myrtle) warbler 716; yellow-throated warbler 4; prairie warbler 6; palm warbler 22; ovenbird 3; common yellowthroat 27; house sparrow 97; red-winged blackbird 291; boat-tailed grackle 46; common grackle 86; cardinal 99; indigo bunting 2; painted bunting 7; American goldfinch 104; rufous-sided towhee 59; swamp sparrow 6.

Birds which have been seen in recent bird counts and were not seen this year include the great black heron (white form); American bittern; roseate spoonbill (cooper's hawk); still sandpiper; black-necked stilt; barred owl; great-crested flycatcher; short-billed marsh wren; eastern bluebird; cedar waxwing; orange-crowned warbler; black-throated green warbler; eastern meadowlark; Savannah sparrow and song sparrow.

Mass scheduled

The Knights of Columbus, San Carlos Council No. 2596, is holding a Corporate Communion Mass Saturday evening December 28, at 5:00 p.m. at St. Cecilia's Church, 5632 Sunrise Drive, Fort Myers.

The Mass will be followed by a spaghetti dinner, "without speeches," a spokesman noted. Admission for adults is \$2.25; children under 12, \$1.25. For reservations call Frank Flood, 481-2104.

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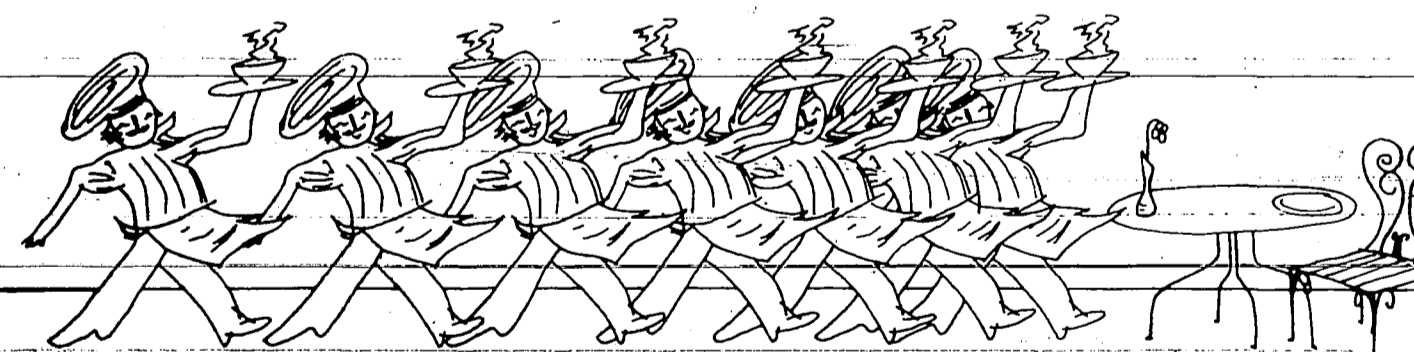
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Speaking of Shells

By Jean and Crawford Cate

Trachycardium egmontianum (Shuttleworth, 1856) belongs to the large family *Cardiidae*, which are the true cockle shells or heart clams. They normally live in sand or sandy mud, just below the surface, and usually in fairly shallow water. There are several other rather similar species, but each one differs from its congeners by some small but constant morphological character.

The Prickly Cockle is about 2 inches in height, with about 30 strong radiating scaly or prickly ribs. It is a whitish or buff-gray color, often with

patches of yellow, brown or even purple. The interior of the shell is shiny, and may be brilliantly colored with purple or orange. It is an extremely handsome species.

Due to the termination of the strong ribs on each valve, the outer margins of the two valves are strongly serrated and are interlocking.

Trachycardium egmontianum rather resembles *Dinocardium robustum*

vanhyningi which was discussed here a few months ago, but the latter species has a much larger shell and its ribs are smooth.

This species ranges from North Carolina southward to both sides of Florida—the Bahamas, and Cuba. Albino specimens are sometimes found along the west coast of Florida, but the pure white shells seem to be confined to this area.

A comprehensive review of the *Cardiidae* of the Western Atlantic was published in *JOHNSONIA* in 1944, and additional information on this group of shells may be found there. Care should be taken, however, to make certain the nomenclature is not out of date in that publication.

The generic name of this shell is derived from the Greek *trachys*, meaning rough; *kardia*, meaning heart. The specific name *egmontianum* stems from the fact that the species was described from a specimen found at Egmont Key, near the mouth of Tampa Bay. Interestingly enough, this Florida shell was first described in the *FRENCH JOURNAL DE CONCHYLOGIE*.

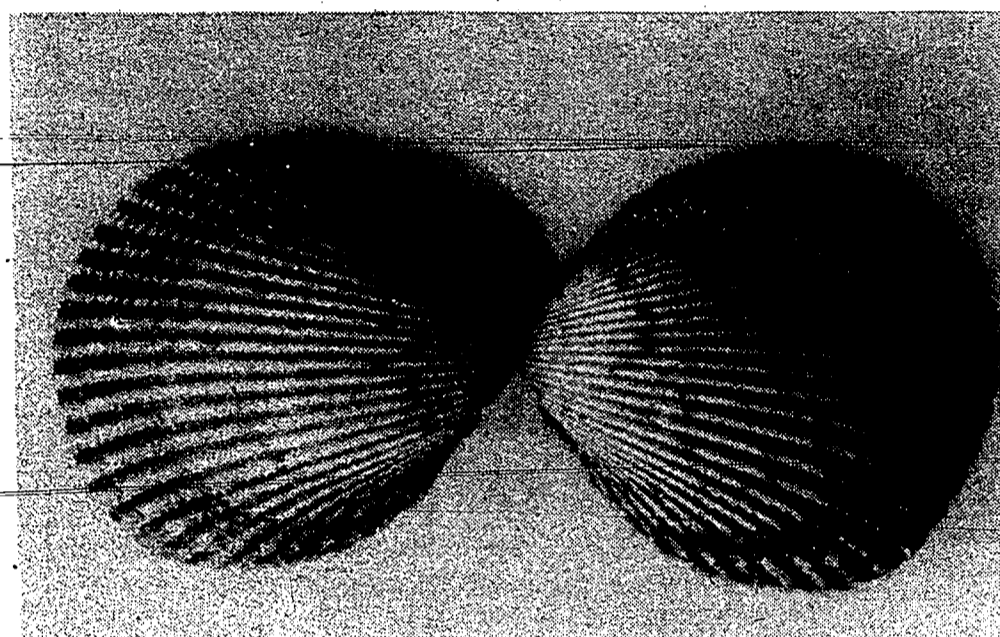
A synonym for this species is *Cardium floridanum* Heilprin, 1887. *C. floridanum* was described as a Pliocene fossil species from the Caloosahatchee Formation of Florida, but has been determined as identical with *T. egmontianum*, which was described 31 years earlier by Shuttleworth, and thus has priority over the newer name.

Realty office

Stanley Johnson, president, Priscilla Murphy Realty, Inc. has issued an invitation "for friends to stop by and see our new Island-design office" on Causeway Road, opening January 2.

Priscilla Murphy Realty now has three offices on the Island: its main office at 1021 Periwinkle way; one in the Island Shopping Center, and the new Causeway installation. Staffing the office will be Vivian Tongyai and Bert Jenks. Mr. Johnson has announced. A feature will be a four-seater golf cart to be used to show property at The Dunes, Mariner Pointe, and Tennisplace. A sign by the roadside "Welcome to the Islands" will greet visitors to the building, which is of Tahitian architecture, and landscaped with plants indigenous to the Island.

The new building also houses Island Accommodations, managed by John Asp. The firm will remain open seven days a week to assist in providing accommodations for visitors.



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Developments

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(Editor's note: This is the first in what is planned as a series of articles on "Island developments," including condominiums, single family subdivisions, motels, and shopping centers.)

A new product is coming on the market from Mariner Properties, Inc. and visitors to the island won't be able to miss it.

It is called Tennisplace and it will be located on Causeway Road, to the left as one leaves the bridge coming to the island. The site is planned eventually to accommodate about 212 condominium units when completed but the first phase will be limited to 32 units. A model is already open for inspection.

The concept will obviously appeal to the rapidly growing number of tennis buffs in the country, but Mariner officials say they are excited about the project for another reason—the opportunity "to get back to the concept of a second-home that people can afford."

"We are going to produce a place," says Al Ten Broek, Mariner vice-president, "that is priced in the range of a true second home, not a second first home."

Ten Broek went on to say that they were seeking two things—making available tennis facility open to visitors and residents alike, and providing "a simple get-away place that will not strap people financially." The Tennisplace condominiums are to be priced in the low 30's, featuring an 11 x 20

living area; 8 x 9 dining area; one bedroom at 9 x 12; another 11 x 11 kitchen; and, one and one-half baths.

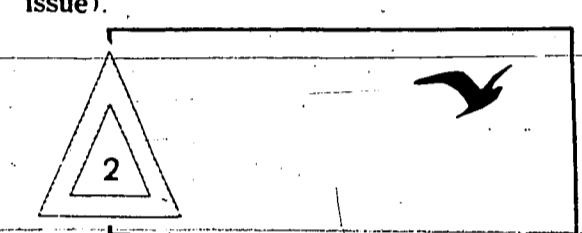
Adjoining Tennisplace, but separate from it, will be a Tennis Club. The Club will be located on a pie-shaped area bordered by Periwinkle way and the Causeway Road. A specific timetable has not yet been set for construction of the Tennis Club.

Mariner does plan that the total complex will provide a major tennis center for the area, with tennis clinics, tournaments, tours, professional lessons, exhibition matches, and facilities for public use.

The Tennisplace condominium units will feature, in addition to the tennis facilities, heated swimming pools, private Gulf Beach access and, private boating docks in the adjoining canal.

In addition to conventional purchase and financing, the Tennisplace condominiums can be purchased under a new concept which allows purchase of an apartment for the specific portion of the year that the owner wants to use it.

Shelby Creagh has been hired as the tennis pro for the "Tennisplace courts" and condominiums. (see separate story, this issue).



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ISLAND YEAR IN REVIEW

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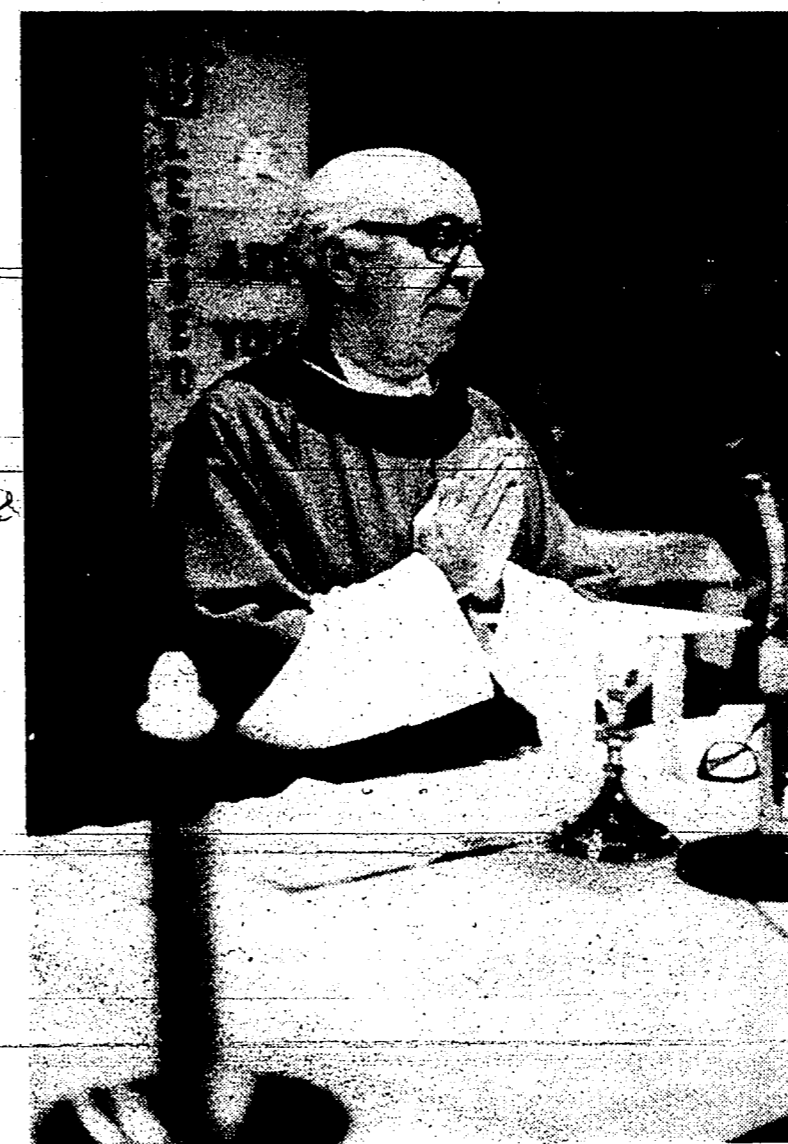
On Sanibel, politics and the opening of the island's first commercial bank captured the headlines.

But there was also a consciousness of the growing role of young people on a growing island—

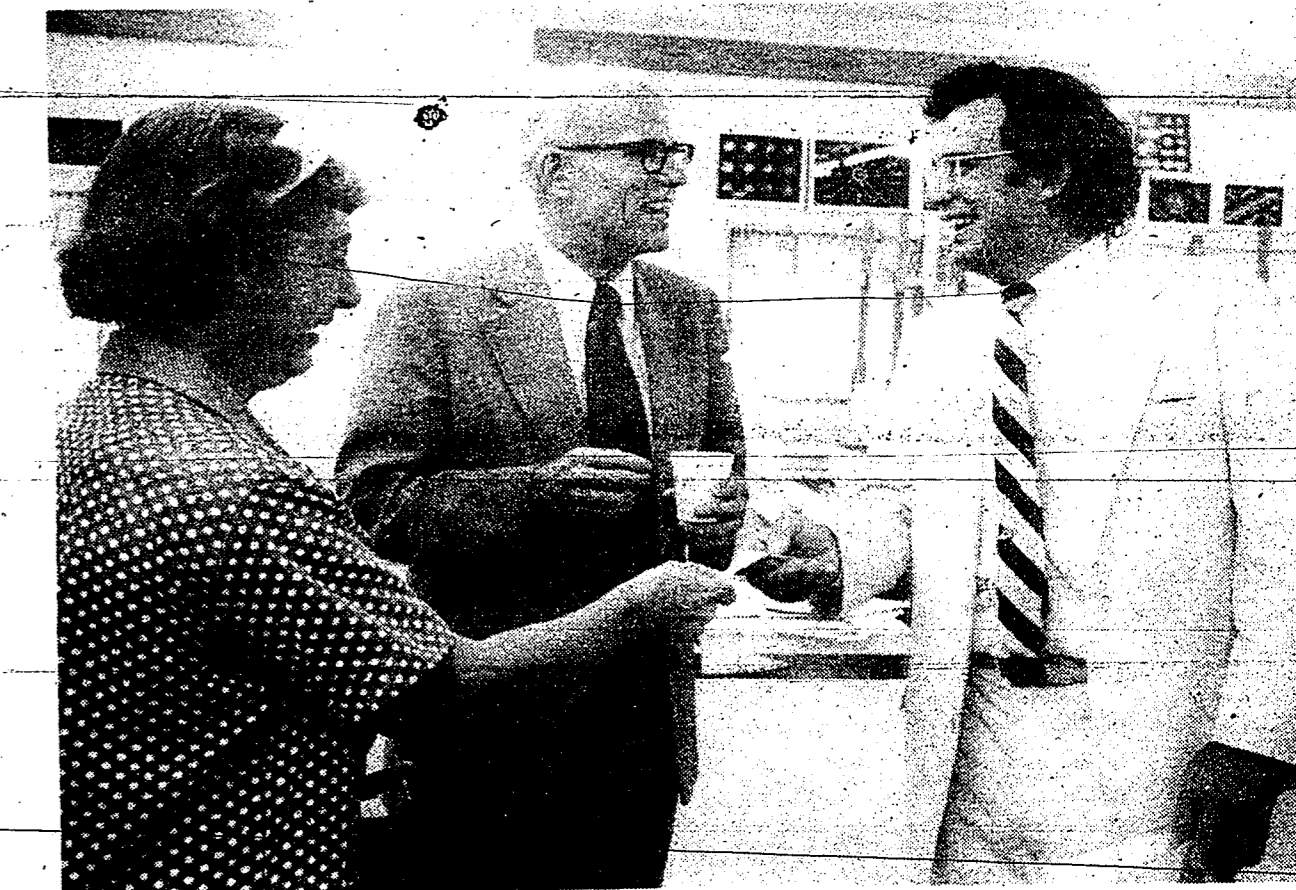


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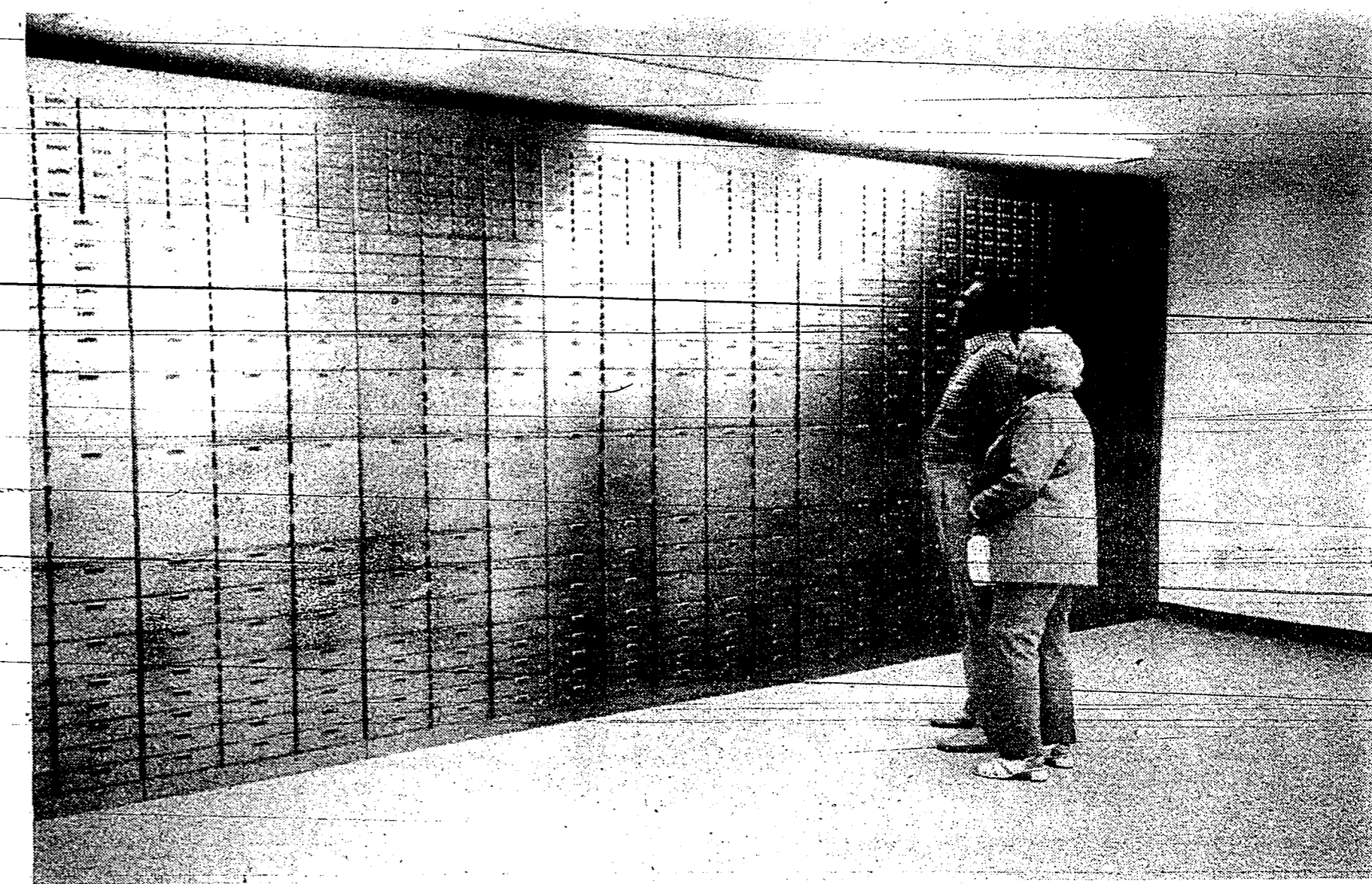
Father Beauregard



Edna Russell gives Mayor Goss city's first bill—for refreshments on first day's m...



Michael Reid Workman



Ed and Fran Swanson look over safety boxes at bank

and, at year's end, a renewed awareness of the spirit.

ISLAND REPORTER presents in the following pages some highlights from the year's events.

December 1973:

Glen Bond, with his wife Jeannie, arrives on Sanibel to take over from Bob Barber as the new "Ding Darling Wildlife Refuge Manager."

Confronted with the growing threat of a national fuel crisis, the S-C Chamber of Commerce begins planning for an inter-island courtesy bus service.

ISLAND REPORTER first reveals plans for a new medical clinic on the island.

The fuel shortage produces long lines at island service stations but "the beautiful weather helped to ease concerns."

Mary Ann Aleck, daughter of Sanibel's Mary Aleck, wins first place in the annual Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program sponsored by VFW.

January 1974:

Home-Rule Study Group, established in November 1973 to pursue the study of home rule for Sanibel and other options, decides to hire Aileen Lotz as a professional consultant.

County agrees to provide Sanibel Fire District with two Emergency Medical Technicians.

New Chamber of Commerce inter-island bus service gets underway.

February 1974:

First Sanibel Church Survey begins with cooperation of all island churches.

ISLAND REPORTER announces that construction will begin soon on new Sanibel-Captiva Bank of the Islands.



Mary Ann Aleck wins award

February 1974:

Arts and Crafts Fair attracts an estimated 3000 visitors to the Sanibel Community House.

A "ride for bike paths" takes place along Periwinkle Way, a dramatic demonstration intended to underline the need for bicycle paths on the island.

Two world-famous ornithologists—Whitney and Karen Eastman—are on Sanibel, and Karen Eastman gives program at Audubon Society meet.

Annual island home tour.

ISLAND REPORTER details plans for forthcoming expansion of Island Water Association

Judy Workman and Starr Thomas outline plans for a facility for island pre-schoolers (Ultimately known as the Children's Center of the Islands.)

March 1974:

Captiva Erosion Prevention District holds meeting to grapple with continuing problems of the trouble-plagued "beach nourishment" project.

"Under blue skies and brilliant sunshine," the 37th annual Sanibel Shell Fair opens.

ISLAND REPORTER holds open house to mark move to new quarters in Periwinkle Place.

HRSB endorses Lotz report recommending that the group "pursue the incorporation of Sanibel." Sanibel-Captiva Planning Board elects new board of directors.

Howard W. Pardue, Jr., senior planner of Bureau of Land Planning of the Division of State Planning arrives on islands to "take a look" in connection with the nomination of the islands as "an area of critical State concern."

Bonita Glenn, considered one of America's finest young soprano's, performs at Sanibel Community House under sponsorship of music series of Song of the Sea motel and Mariner Properties, Inc.

"Town meeting" at Sanibel Community House votes in favor of pursuing incorporation route to a referendum in November.

Local chapter of Zonta International is organized for Fort Myers area and Sanibel's Zelda "Zee" Butler is elected vice-president.

April 1974:

More than 100 members attend annual membership meeting of Sanibel Community Association and Dr. John Willard is elected president of the board of directors by the board.

One of the art works of Captiva's most respected artists, Maria Veling, goes on display at Fur,

Feathers and Scales gallery on Sanibel.

HRSB moves into background and tentative moves made toward formation of a new political grouping on island, later known as Sanibel Tomorrow, Inc.

Annual meeting of Island Water Association at which go-ahead is given for a \$1.4 million expansion program.

Continued drought leads to closing of road in "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge; the soft dry sand made the road virtually impassable.

Sanibel Tomorrow, Inc., is headed up by Zelda "Zee" Butler.

"Cookie" Dugger named by directors of Sanibel Community Association to organize the 1975 Shell Fair.

Outdoor Environmental Learning Center of the Sanibel Elementary School is formally dedicated.

Sanibel incorporation bill introduced in state legislature as HB 4001.

May 1974:

Southwest Florida Alligator Council is formed with Sanibel's George Campbell as chairman and with state sanction ultimately granted.

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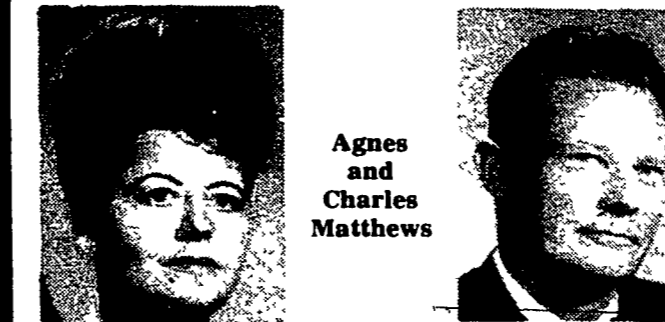
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May 1974:
ISLAND REPORTER begins a series of in-depth reports on island problems, entitled "The islands—today and tomorrow."

Controversy erupts over location of an Island Water Association water storage tank in a residentially-zoned area off Dixie Beach Boulevard.

S-C Chamber of Commerce votes to form an Action Committee. Also elected two new members to the board of directors: Harley Lee Woods and Robert Parcels.

Sanibel incorporation bill clears through state house of representatives.

A Sanibel-Captiva Division of the San Carlos Bay Power Squadron is authorized on the islands, and Harley Brown is named commander of the group.

A sand sculpture contest sponsored by Song of the Sea motel draws large crowd; produces many temporary castles—and other things.

Sanibel home rule bill clears state senate.

June 1974:

Island Water Association is denied waiver by county to permit construction of water storage tank in residentially-zoned area off Dixie Beach Boulevard.

Priscilla Murphy announces appointment of Stanley E. Johnson, Jr., as president of the well-known realty firm of Priscilla Murphy Realty, Inc.

S-C Chamber of Commerce's Action Group gears up for action under chairmanship of Dave Holtzman, owner of Shell Harbor Inn, and announces intent to meet every Tuesday. Also announces plan to contract



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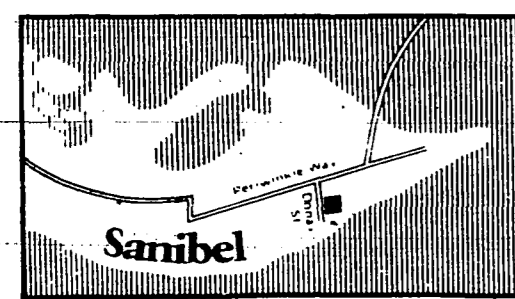
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June 1974:

for "impartial study on costs and impact of incorporation."

Water Association decides on temporary moratorium on water hook-ups.

Sanibel Library's Summer program for children is big success.

Robert Taylor, chairman of the committee on refinancing the Sanibel Causeway, calls for abandonment automatic vehicle sticker plan on the grounds that it would place an added burden on many islanders who don't make many trips across the bridge. Proposes instead a coupon book of 20 tickets for \$10 and maintaining the \$3 regular toll.

Sanibel Post-Office goes First Class as a result of increase in the volume of mail.

Heavy rains, high tides, gusting winds hit islands—leaving behind substantial property damage, erosion, and lots of empty rooms vacated by visitors. On the two days, 13.2 inches of rainfall were recorded.

Bonding resolution for refinancing Sanibel Causeway to the tune of \$18 million is approved by county commissioners.

July 1974:

Children's Center of the Islands organizes popular parade and other festivities.

Rains, flooding waters, bring what some called a "record-breaking" hatch of salt marsh mosquitoes.

As controversy mounts over "where the \$18 million in causeway refinancing funds should go," ISLAND REPORTER devotes a full section to the hotly-debated issue.

Island Water Association, advised by the county that its moratorium on new hook-ups is illegal meets to consider the situation. The board also instructed its attorney to negotiate with the county on new sites for the water storage tank originally planned for Dixie Beach Boulevard.

Sanibel Youth Organization launched by Sanibel Community Association.

Action Committee decides to recommend to board of Chamber employment of Adley Associates to make a study on impact and costs of incorporation of Sanibel.

Lee county commissioners approve new density restrictions for Sanibel-Captiva—20 units per acre for motels, 15 units per acre for condominiums.

August 1974:

As rains come, Periwinkle Way suffers usual flooding. Kona Kai motel puts out sign: "No Skinny

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August 1974:

Dipping, Kona Kai Lake."

State Pollution Control orders halt to construction work on a new sewage treatment tank at plant of Jamestown-Beachview on east end of Sanibel, claiming work was undertaken without a proper permit.

Chamber of Commerce members informed of Chamber's decision to hire Adley Associates, Inc., for incorporation study.

Lee County Zoning Board hears and approves proposal for new trailer park on Sanibel to be located on 21.8 acre site at end of Dunlop Road.

Lee County commissioners pass resolution to place Sanibel incorporation issue on ballot for November 5 election.

September 1974:

Sanibel Elementary School opens with 87 students and new principal, Mrs. Shirley D. Watson, who replaced Richard Ivill.

Children's Center of the Islands opens.

By a 3-2 vote, board of county commissioners decides that funds from refinancing of Causeway will be available to Sanibel only if it does not incorporate.

Commissioners vote to lower causeway toll to \$10

for 20 tickets for commuters while keeping regular toll rate at \$3.

A pro-incorporation Save Our Sanibel (SOS) committee is formed under co-chairmanship of Mario Hutton. Other island chairmen are Hal Harrison and Griffing Bancroft.

Through switch-in vote by Commissioner James Sweeney, county commission reverses stand of September 4, denying causeway funds to Sanibel if it should incorporate.

County commissioners deny zoning request for new trailer park on Sanibel but waived requirement that land owner wait six months before appearing again

September 1974:

with the request.

Opening of Louis S. Wegryn Memorial clinic.

Island Water Association lifts controversial three-month old ban on new water hook-ups.

Department of Pollution Control files suit against Jamestown-Beachview on Sanibel sewage treatment plant.

October 1974:

Transfer of sand from Blind Pass to erosion-threatened areas on Captiva begins.

Phil Edwards, Department of Pollution Control, announces that a permit has been granted for renewal of work on the expanded sewer-treatment facility of Jamestown-Beachview on Sanibel.

At a "town meeting," Sanibel Tomorrow presents its suggested budget and report on incorporation of Sanibel

County commissioners endorse idea of building the Island Water Association's water storage tank on county-owned property off Periwinkle Way.

County commissioners approve proposal for new travel trailer park on Sanibel.

Chamber of Commerce presents report and suggested budget relating to Sanibel incorporation.

County work crews begin placement of new



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By the Hitching Post

October 1974:

directional signs on islands, with promise that the illegal directional signs will soon disappear.

County commission gives approval for a Sundial reception and reservation center on Route 867 just outside the causeway toll booths.

Peter Baljet, executive director of the Department of Pollution Control, visits island for first-hand look at Sanibel's sewage treatment facilities.

Sewage treatment plant owner Hugo Lindgren asks Mariner Properties, Inc., to assist in management of sewage facility, posts \$50,000 bond with Pollution Control, and thus opens up way to resolving problem and getting on with construction of new treatment tank.

The Lions sponsored a big bash at South Seas Plantation, called it Ladies' Night, invited the Kiwanians, and it all ended up a memorable success.

November 1974:

Based on poll of registered voters, ISLAND REPORTER reports that the vote could "go in favor of incorporation by a whopping margin of about 62 percent." (The final result was 63.6 percent in favor).

Sanibel votes choose to incorporate.

Candidates begin to declare for forthcoming council elections. Al Muench, Charles LeBuff and Jack Thomas are the first to announce formally.

Pat Hagan arrives to replace Glenn Bond as assistant manager of "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge.

ISLAND REPORTER publishes detailed chronology called "The route that led to a city..." (Because of that chronology, most of the details on incorporation is left out of this retrospective.)

Plans move forward on a major island conference on "tourism and the environment" with the visit to the island of Dr. Arthur Feldman, chairman of the Travel Industry for the Environment (TIE). It is planned that the conference would take place in 1975, include conservation and business organizations, and emphasize the role of the environment in encouraging the business of tourism.

ISLAND REPORTER begins its second year of publication.



The swearing in of the Sanibel city councilmen brought State Representative Frank Mann to island, shown here with Councilman Zelda Butler and Mayor Goss.



Also out for the occasion was State Representative H. Paul Nuckolls, election supervisor Enid Earle, and new county commissioners Betty Bowen and Bob Whan.

St. Michael and All Angel's Episcopal Church is elevated from a mission to a parish.

Lee county commissioners voted to rescind an earlier resolution on refinancing of the Sanibel causeway and county attorney Jim Humphrey was instructed to dismiss validation proceedings—in effect killing the proposed refinancing.

County commissioners again reverse themselves, rescind the action taken on November 20, and vote to seek a "continuance" from the court on the bonding resolution.

ISLAND REPORTER publishes full responses of 15

out of 16 council candidates to a set of questions asked by the newspaper.

Environmental Conference of South West Florida (ECOSWF) holds conference in Ft. Myers.

Candidates' night, with candidates for city council appearing at Community House to make brief statements and answer questions.

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation holds annual business and general meeting, with latter featuring television critic and columnist Cleveland Amory.

December 1974:

Sanibel voters elect first city council: Porter Goss; Vernon MacKenzie; "Zee" Butler; Charles LeBuff; and, Francis Bailey.

At Island Water Association general meeting water connection fees and water rates are hiked.

State's Inter-agency Planning Committee votes that islands of Cayo Costa, Punta Blanca and Upper Captiva qualify for state purchase under the endangered lands program.

Vernon MacKenzie, new city councilman, resigns as president of S-C Planning Board and is replaced by C. Duane White.

Sanibel city council holds a preliminary, procedural meeting to establish agenda for the first regular council meeting of December 16.

Issue arises of the "legality" of Francis Bailey election to the city council in view of fact he did not resign from an elected position on the Mosquito Control Board before qualifying to run for city council.

Sanibel city council holds first regular meeting, elects Porter Goss as Mayor; Vernon MacKenzie as Vice-Mayor and proceeds to approve 18 emergency transition resolutions and ordinances.

Sanibel-Captiva Bank of the Islands opens doors and an estimated 1000 people flood through for the grand opening.

Sanibel council meets, accepts resignation of Francis Bailey and immediately reappoints him to his council seat. A new election for the seat must be held no less than 60 and not more than 90 days later. Council votes to hire David "Dave" John Bretzke as

temporary city manager of Sanibel.

Island-motel association formed.

Traditional Christmas Party at Sanibel Community House features dancing by Bob and "Cookie" Dugger and some talented youngsters.

Lighting of the Community Christmas tree (now a permanent live tree) draws large crowd, record number of youngsters.




Christmas party at Sanibel Community House brought the house down.



Big step forward politically as Mayor Porter Goss congratulates Dave Bretzke on appointment as temporary city manager.

The decoration of community Christmas tree prompted close attention



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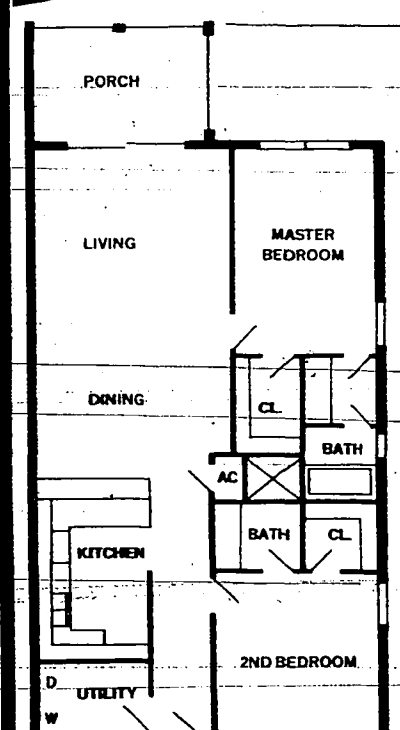
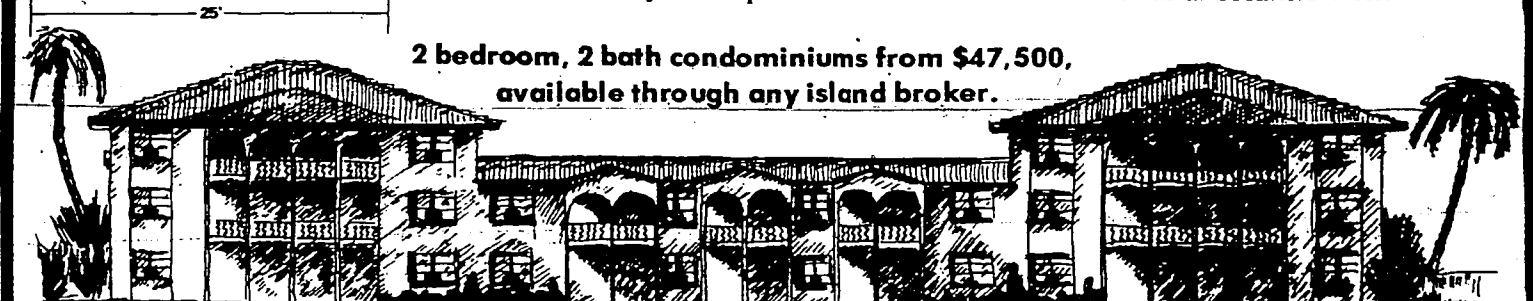
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ABOUT BIRDS

Man-o'-War is common island visitor in summer

By Richard Beebe

Sometimes when writing about one thing, it is possible to sneak in a story about something else; and this is what I am about to do here—tell about a bird and a birding trip.

This bird is a common visitor to Sanibel during the summer months and seen only occasionally in the winter. In fact, it resides in the belt of tropical seas throughout the world—a wanderer over vast expanses of water and coastline where it gathers its food.

Man-o'-war is an appropriate name, so is Magnificent Frigate-bird; for once he gets his seven-foot expanse of wings extended he can sail upon the currents of air for hours without a wingbeat, only occasionally changing their set as great sailing vessels of yesterday would do to change direction or assure maximum efficiency.

The scientific name of the Man-o'-war is Fregata Magnificens. The first word alludes to the great sailing vessels of the past that under full sail could easily outdistance their pursuers. The last word of course is self-



Shirley Walter with injured Man-o-War

explanatory "Magnificent" or "Grand."

In early June of this year I took a birding trip to the Dry Tortugas, and it was here that I was able to observe Magnificens on his own ground.

It was a fourteen hour, rough and salty boat trip to our destination. Of the approximately 40 people aboard a few had an opportunity to try to get some sleep on a hard bunk. I was both lucky and unlucky. Lucky to get a bunk, unlucky because it was under a hatch cover through which a cascade of saltwater drenched me everytime we hit a good wave.

My night consisted of alternating cat naps and showers. At mid-morning we debarked on Garden Key, one of the Dry Tortuga group. Coming ashore was like the landing of the Pilgrims—everything we might need for the next two days had to be brought with us—water, food, cooking utensils, air mattresses, optical equipment. You name it and someone probably had it.

We dumped our gear in various places on what was designated as a campground and went about what we

had come for. Number one was to observe birds and, to me at least, secondly to explore the ruins of huge pre-Civil War Fort Jefferson.

The massive brick and mortar fortification begun in 1848 with construction continuing over a period of 30 years was never completed. With walls 50 feet high and eight foot thick this "Gibraltar of the Gulf" became obsolete with the invention of rifled cannon. Today it is a tourist attraction and a shelter for migratory and local birds.

Across a narrow channel from Garden Key is Bush Key, often called "Bird Key" a more descriptive name, as it is the nesting area for thousands of several species of oceanic birds. Each Spring at the appropriate time they congregate here filling the air with a myriad of wings and night and day with their raucous calls.

The miracle that each year causes these widely ranging oceanic birds to be attracted to this tiny dot of land has as yet not been completely explained. Their navigational ability is a challenge to human navigators with the most sophisticated of modern equipment.

On one section of the key the open ground is black with thousands of Sooty Terns. On another of stunted bushes are nests of Noddy Terns. A small area of open beaches hosts a tiny nesting

colony of Roseate Terns. Higher shrubs and trees are used by Brown Pelicans and Man-o-war Birds. A handful of Brown and Red-footed Boobies sat on channel markers—and scraggly mangroves.

The real spectacle came after the water surface became heated by the morning sun, for now the Man-o-war Birds took to their wings to perform their graceful maneuvers. Their favorite spot for this was over the old fort, this original W.P.A. project now falling in ruins.

As warmed air currents were carried by a breeze, they struck the face of the fort and were carried upward in rising currents. Here the Man-o-war hung almost motionless except for a slight dip from side to side. Using a little imagination one could picture a cord attached to each bird with the end held on the ground by an imaginary youngster busily engaged flying a graceful kite.

Colonies of Man-o'-war birds breed at different times during the year. Thus at any month of the year a colony may be breeding somewhere. During the courting period the all-black male displays by inflating a scarlet throat pouch. This air-filled sack looks much like a balloon attached to the throat. The white-breasted female lays a single egg in a nest constructed of twigs, grasses and other types of

vegetation placed usually in a low tree. In due time the egg hatches and for more than five months the young must be cared for before it is finally able to take to the air on its own.

Food consists of animal matter, fish, crabs, etc. snatched from the surface of the water while the bird is in flight. Hatching sea turtles suffer extensive losses while they are making their way from their nesting site to water and partial safety. Nesting colonies of gulls and terns lose numbers of their unprotected young in the same fashion.

One of their favorite tricks is to pirate the food already foraged by gulls and terns as they pursue these luckless birds until they are forced to disgorge. Disgorged food is then neatly plucked out of the air before it can strike the water. I have watched this numerous times while fishing out in the Gulf, and each time am amazed by the nimbleness of this great bird.

Although a master of the air waves, Magnificens is practically helpless when grounded on a flat surface. If accidentally forced into the water, he soon drowns as he cannot take off from water nor can he swim for his feathers lack oil. Although a bird of the sea he sometimes turns up hundreds of miles from his normal habitat blown there by hurricanes. Here too he is doomed

unless he can somehow make his way back.

This apparently gigantic bird weighs at most a mere three and one-half pounds. His bones tip the scales at five ounces, much of the rest is muscle and tendon. You could say that this great hook-billed bird is a lot of nothing, but he certainly makes the best use of all of it. Watch for this feathered plunderer and remember that Man first longed to take to the air from watching birds of this type displaying their superb grace and splendor.

Insurance deduct goes up in January

The Medicare hospital insurance deductible will be \$92 starting January 1, 1975, according to Tom Camps, social security district manager in Fort Myers. "A Medicare patient who goes into a hospital and starts a benefit period after December 31 will be responsible for the first \$92 of the hospital bill," Camps said.

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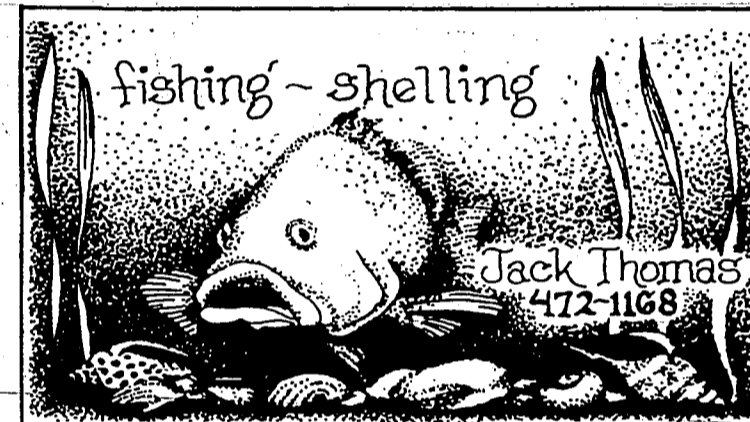
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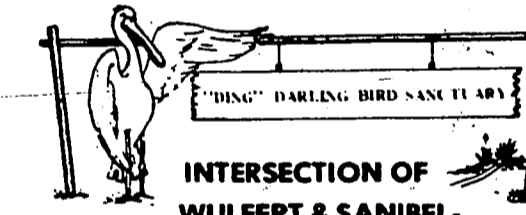
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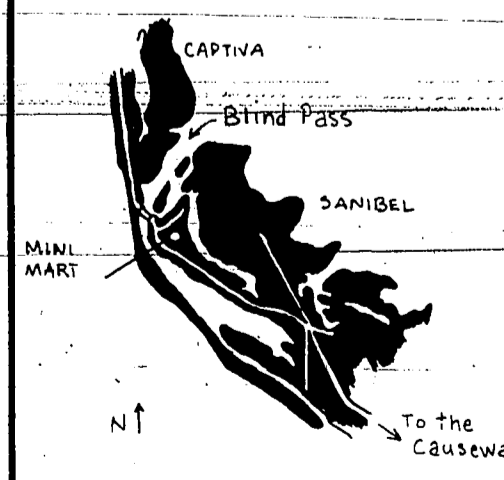
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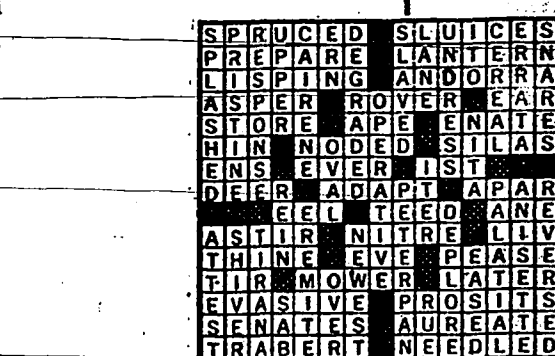
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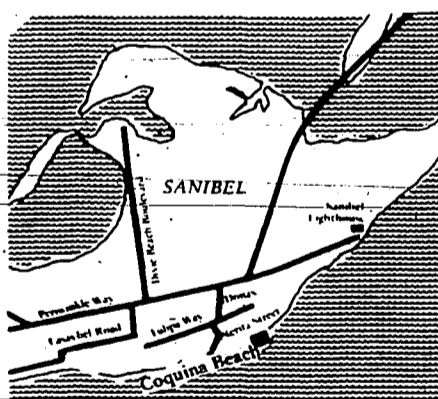
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WILDLIFE

Opossum: islands' only marsupial is late-comer

By George R. Campbell
International Coordinator for
the Fund for Animals

The opossum, *Didelphis marsupialis pigra* is the only marsupial found on Sanibel Island. It is now quite well established here but only made its appearance after the bridge from the mainland was completed.

This mammal is first mentioned in the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge reports of 1963. "Several reports of opossum sightings have been reported to



It is not known whether the young marsupial can nurse (Drawing by Molly Eckler Brown).

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personnel over the past months. Until completion of the causeway, the refuge lacked this mammal. Now the possibility of one or several reaching the island by the new link and establishing the species here is to be expected."

That prophecy was certainly accurate, for this animal can be seen almost daily, smashed on the highway by motorists on our sanctuary island. (On December 5 there was one dead on the road near the "Ding" Darling entrance on the "San-Cap highway" and on December 6 there was another one dead on the road nearby.)

It's a good thing they are rather prolific and able to produce many young or they couldn't long withstand the onslaught.

Bobbie Watterson, a highly accomplished young naturalist of Sanibel, has taken two dozen in live traps over the last two years. Most of these have been released so some of them may be repeats. But he has seen youngsters near his home near the eastern end of the island and thus it is confirmed that breeding is taking place there.

The opossum belongs to the great and primitive order called Marsupialia. This order has reached its greatest development in Australia and in North and South America, where the only living marsupials exist today.

There are many known families of "pouched" mammals, which is another name for the marsupials, in the Australian region, but only one here in the Americas, the Didelphidae. Those in Australia range from the seven foot high red kangaroo down to tiny mouse like creatures. They range from tropical rainforests to desert conditions.

Some of them actually fly through the air rather like our flying squirrels. Some have fully developed pouches where the young are nourished. Others simply have a couple of vestigial skin folds. Some are carnivorous as is the almost extinct Tasmanian wolf. Still others are purely herbivorous, as is the cute little "teddy bear" koala that was saved from extinction by our President Herbert Hoover.

I have some of the little Australian flying marsupials called sugar gliders in my collection on Sanibel. They are breeding quite successfully but are the most ill-natured little creatures that you can imagine. They use the most horrible language when anyone enters

into their room but they are quite beautiful furry creatures with the flight membrane stretching on either side from the front leg to the back one.

The American family Didelphidae is very extensive. The many kinds range from Canada to Argentina and throughout Eastern and Southern United States. Although they are not indigenous to our West Coast regions, the animal has been introduced and is successful in California, Oregon, Washington and parts of Arizona and New Mexico.

Some three dozen marsupial taxa exist in the Americas, far fewer than are found in Australia. Nonetheless ours represent the second greatest development of this group that remain in the world today.

The only one that lives here with us is the above mentioned *Didelphis marsupialis pigra*, and it is indeed a fascinating creature. It has up to eighteen young at one time, but since there are only thirteen "feeding stations," many don't make it. Commonly no more than six survive to reach an age where they are independent of the parents.

The gestation period of this animal is one of the shortest of all the mammals, something less than two weeks and the tiny young are born in an extremely immature condition. At birth the marsupial is expelled through the urogenital sinus onto the base of the tail and it travels to the pouch entrance by wriggling and scrambling along a path of fur dampened by the mother's tongue. When the little animal reaches

the pouch, it firmly attaches itself to a nipple which swells up in its mouth so that it is more or less permanently attached, at least for quite a number of weeks.

As to whether the young marsupial can actually nurse or whether the mother forces the milk into its mouth is not known. The latter seems more reasonable to me considering the extremely undeveloped state of the young animal.

Can you imagine thirteen baby opossums in a pouch performing all of the bodily functions of baby opossums in an almost completely enclosed space? Can you imagine what the atmosphere is like? Well I can tell you this is about it. There is from fifteen to twenty times the normal atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide in there. One wonders how these animals are able to sustain life in such a vastly altered atmosphere. Also I can well imagine what the small would be like, but that doesn't seem to matter to baby opossums.

Our opossum is interesting in that it has hands and feet with opposable digits. Its big toe looks like an overgrown thumb. Another interesting appendage is its naked scaly ratty looking tail that is prehensile so this animal can actually hang from a branch by its tail much as many of the South American monkeys do.

The fur of the opossum is used extensively as a cheap trim in American fashion, but in spite of this hunting

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Coastal fishing

By Capt. Duke Sells,
Charter Skiff Whee Three,
Tween Waters Marina, Captiva

Chilly winds continued to plague us on the islands, although things have now improved greatly. Most of the outside gulf waters have been pretty musky for mackerel but they will soon clear up and the bait and mackerel will likely move back.

Recently, there was some pretty hot mackerel fishing on the outside of Bonita Beach and a fellow called to me of catching 40 of the slim gamesters in about two hours. Most of our local mackerel will appear first off of Marco and Bonita then work their way Northward. So if you get no results off our islands then gradually troll to the south for better results.

Local sheepshead fishing will be going hard and strong now that we have had some good cold weather, as his usually triggers a fine feeding spree and also causes them to gang together along the rocky shores and deep holes in the passes.

Boca Grande is a good bet these days for bottom fishing for snapper and

grouper if you are able to keep baits on the bottom.

There, of course, you aren't able to anchor in the Pass over rocks because of the great depth and the best bet is to drift through with the tide and hope for the best.

SeatROUT seem to be the best bet now for folks who want to dirty a knife as there are plenty around and they are relatively easy to catch. Most important thing is to fish those grassy beds on the flats with a popping cork and live shrimp and keep moving all the while till you find a good concentration. **GOOD FISHING—Capt. Sells**

In addition to my usual weekly ramblings, I wish to stop in mid-stream and wish all of the good island folk a happy holiday season.

Also in these trying times it is only proper that we pause and count our blessings, namely that we live in a

beautiful environment surrounded by friends and loved ones who really care for these islands. So let us all ponder our good fate and have a little more compassion and understanding for our brothers at this special time of year. Happy Holidays, -s-Capt. Sells



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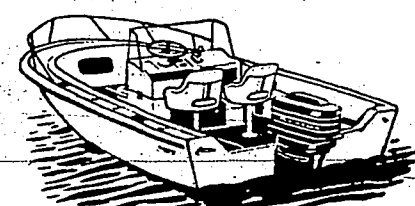
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TENNIS TIPS

By David Harrington

What to do with the 'short ball?'



David Harrington

Knowing where to hit each particular shot in tennis is just as important as knowing how to hit it.

Most intermediate players and many less informed advanced players do not have a clear idea of the percentages involved in choosing the right shot. If a player could win 1 percent to 2 percent more points than usual that player will win 25 percent more sets!

The single most well kept secret in tennis is what to do with a short ball or one that just plops over the net. In singles play a ball that bounces short in the court is actually the opportunity the skillful player has been awaiting. A hard fast rule of percentage tennis is to

hit that short ball down-the-line.

For example, if the ball bounces between the net and the service line it is a short ball. If the short ball lands on the right side of the court it would come to a right hander's forehand. That ball must be hit directly back down the right hand side of the net. If the ball lands on the left side of the court the player must use the backhand stroke to drive the ball back down the left side of the court.

It does not matter whether or not your opponent is right-handed. The ball must still go down-the-line even if it means hitting it to their forehand which in intermediate and some levels of

advanced play is the stronger shot.

The placement of the shot will be near the singles side line of the opponent's court. The shot is called an approach shot because after hitting the down-the-line shot the player must advance to the net. The advancement to the net is made in order to smash the opponent's expected weak return.

Placing the ball down-the-line on the approach shot should be attempted 99 percent of the time in that situation. Hitting the short ball to the other side of the court, called crosscourt, looks very easy but is a low percentage shot that most often results in the loss of a point.

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Play begins; Creagh is new pro

Tennis buffs got a Christmas present on Sanibel this week with the beginning of court play on the new courts at Tennisplace on the Causeway Road.

Tomorrow promises to be the highlight of the week's activities with a free open tennis clinic offered in the morning, and a professional exhibition match.

Shelby Creagh has been hired as the tennis pro for the new Mariner Properties development on Sanibel, as well as for South Seas Plantation on Captiva.

Creagh and his family come to the islands from Hanover, Pennsylvania where he was the owner and builder of his own Hanover Tennis Club.

Before that Creagh was for five years the head tennis pro at the Baltimore (Maryland) Country Club, where they had 39 grass and Har-tru courts.

It was no minor move for Creagh to come to the islands. He and his wife, Glessie Jane, have five children—Shelby, Jane, Charles, Laura, and Mollie.

In addition to being an outstanding pro with the racket, Creagh has a lot of other talents and interests.

An accomplished musician, Creagh was

formerly first clarinetist with the Florida State Symphony. He played with the Tampa Philharmonic and the Florida West Coast Symphony.

A lover of horses as well, Creagh was Honorary Whipper in the Rose Tree Fox Hunting Club from 1968 to 1971.

To top off his sporting activities, he was club champion in golf of the Worthington Valley Country Club in Baltimore in 1969-70.

Creagh is no stranger to Florida or the islands. He graduated from Florida State University in 1956, and has been vacationing on the islands for a few years.

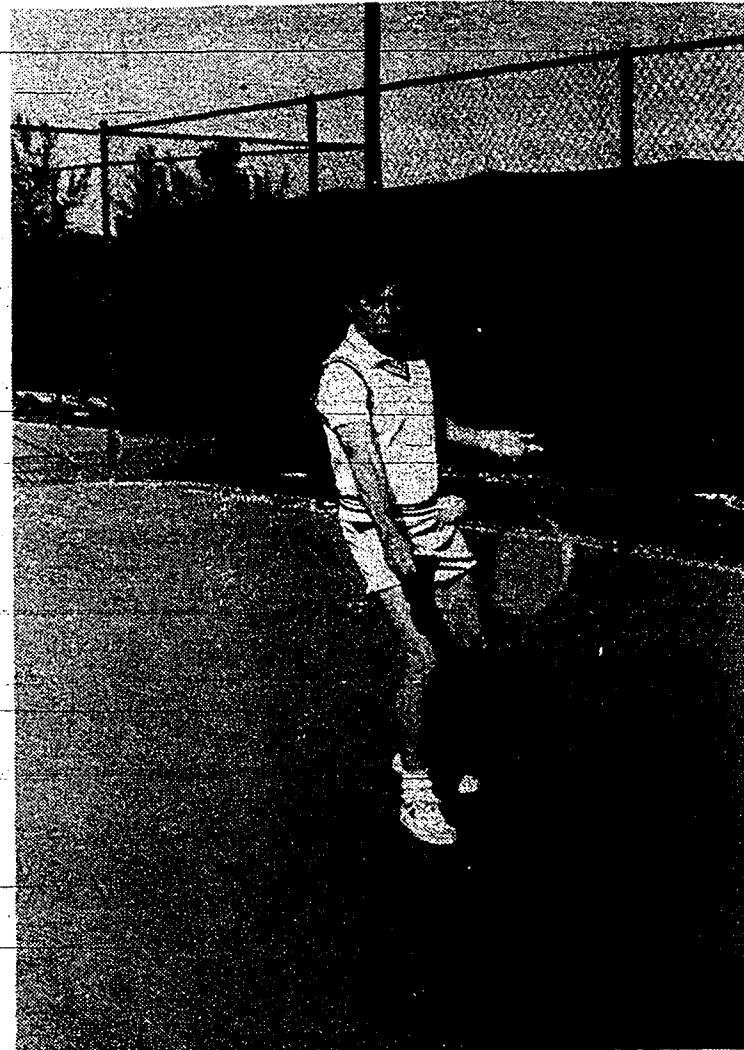
Tomorrow, at the Tennisplace courts on Causeway Road on Sanibel, Creagh will offer a free open tennis clinic and give a professional exhibition match.

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Lions Club makes report

The 1974 Annual Report of the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club has been made by president Robert C. Parcels. This year the presidency was a dual one, with Robert Former serving the first half of the year and Mr. Parcels assuming the office for the latter part of the year.

The Lions sponsored two Island clean-ups, a ladies' night at the South Seas Plantation, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, as well as two fund raisers: a plant sale, and turkey shoot.

Proceeds of fund raising activities support the organizations Lead Dog Program, the Lions Eye Bank, and an employment program for the blind.

The Club was recently visited by District Governor Clayton Lyons who was presented with a check for the Florida Lions Eye Bank.

Mr. Parcels said "he wished to thank all the members of the Lions Club for their wonderful support of the various activities, and all the people who have contributed so generously to our varied programs."

Scouts have new project

Sanibel Cub Scout Pack 88, the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, and the state nursery in Punta Gorda have joined forces for a unique tree management effort.

On a suggestion from Richard Workman, administrative director of the Conservation Foundation, the scouts have agreed to begin collecting seeds from the popular but scarce geiger tree. Geiger trees are attractive landscape trees, said Workman, but are expensive and hard to find at commercial nurseries.

The seeds will be given to Regional Forester Mike Long at the state's Herren

Nursery in Punta Gorda. Long will plant the seeds, raise the young trees, and offer them for sale to individuals and nurseries at wholesale prices.

"This is the first time any such cooperative venture has been undertaken," said Workman. The scouts will begin collecting the seeds from the few geiger trees growing on the islands in early January.

Workman asked that anyone who has a geiger tree in the yard and who is willing to permit the scouts to collect the seeds to call him at the Conservation Foundation office.

New members of church announced

Sixteen new members were received last Sunday at the Sanibel Community Church. They were presented to the congregation by Dr. Cartledge and welcomed by the whole congregation at the front of the church. The following were welcomed: Mr. and Mrs. Joel

Morrison; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hessel; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Pickell; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Kyle; Miss Dorothy K. Putnam; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Garrabrant; Mr. and Mrs. Grover B. Wiles; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Quayle; and Miss Lauri Kraemer.

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TAMTAC (Tamiami Transactional Analysis-Center) has just moved to 1820 Jackson Street in Fort Myers where three

associates in the practice of transactional analysis hope to be present TA to the community. Captiva residents Grace and Dan Young are two associates who began presenting TA in the area a little over a year ago. Ray who is a clinical member, moved to Fort Myers about six months ago from Youngstown, Ohio, and has been in private practice as a marriage and family counselor.

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Season debut of Chore Boy at Theater

"Silas the Chore Boy," which Philip Hunter has produced in the style of the early 1900's, complete with villain, hero and heroine, comes to the Pirate Playhouse on Periwinkle Way, December 29, at 8:15 p.m.

The play, by Frank Bernard, has an all-Island cast: Ted Fonda as Hiram Ridley "who believes in the golden rule," Paul Adams as Arthur Ridley, his son; Philip Hunter as Gerald Blake, "a wolf in sheep's clothing," Charles Muller as Cinch, a renegade; Frank Herndon as Jed Perkins, the town constable; Katrina Umland as Cecil Dare "who loved not wisely, but too well," Barbara Purdy as Pert Ridley, "who knows a thing or two," and, Ruth Hunter as Hiram's maiden sister.

"Silas the Chore Boy" will debut on December 29, and a repeat performance will be given on January 5. Additional dates for Pirate's Playhouse productions are as follows:

Pirate Playhouse schedule

Phillip and Ruth Hunter have announced the 1974-75 schedule of Pirate's Playhouse performances. The curtain always rises at 8:15 p.m., and the box office number is 472-2121.

Sunday, December 22—"Brush With a Body"
Thursday, December 26—"Brush With a Body"
Sunday, December 29—"Silas the Chore Boy"

Sunday, January 5—"Silas the Chore Boy"
Saturday, January 11—"Brush with a Body"
Sunday, January 19—"The Girls in 509"
Saturday, January 25—"Silas the Chore Boy"

Sunday, February 2—"Brush with a Body"
Saturday, February 8—"The Girls in 509"

Sunday, February 9—"The Girls in 509"
Friday, February 14—"Silas the Chore Boy"

Sunday, February 16—"Silas the Chore Boy"
Saturday, February 22—"Brush with a Body"

Sunday, February 23—"Brush with a Body"
Saturday, March 1—"The Girls in 509"
Sunday, March 2—"The Girls in 509"

Saturday, March 8—"Silas the Chore Boy"
Sunday, March 9—"Silas the Chore Boy"
Friday, March 14—"Brush with a Body"

Sunday, March 16—"Brush with a Body"
Saturday, March 22—"The Girls in 509"
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Monday, March 31—"Silas the Chore Boy"
Saturday, April 6—"The Girls in 509"

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Luxury of Roman baths at island shop

By Anne Marsh

If you think splendourificous baths went out with the Romans, you haven't seen the tempting offerings of The Looking Glass, the bath shop located on the lighthouse side of Periwinkle Way. As soon as you enter you receive a feeling of luxury and good taste, seemingly surrounded by a cool blue-green shag carpeting which envelops the shop and even covers the sales counter.

Young, pert, and attractive Becky Cowan, originally of Pittsburgh, is the proprietor, in partnership with her mother, Fran Kneram. No stranger to Sanibel, Becky is a veteran of 19

vacations on the Island before she settled here permanently.

Although customers are urged to select bath items on their own, a bath decorating service is available at no charge. The Looking Glass has received numerous assignments for condominium bath decorating. Their designs are currently on view in the models at Kings Crown, Sanibel Siesta, Sanibel Pines and Mariner Pointe.

Yellows, blues, greens, and brilliant sunburst oranges are the most popular colors appearing in a wide variety of items appropriate for the bath. The bright colors pleasingly contrast with

the dark natural timbers of the shop.

To view the many items contained in this diminutive shop is to realize how charming an ordinary bathroom can become—towel holders, in every shape and form—some sporting molded flowers, painted wicker bath benches, hampers, scrap baskets, towel and tissue holders, tumblers, toothbrush holders, soap dishes shelves, head cushions for fatigued bathers, and, of course, antique gold, and wall looking glasses.

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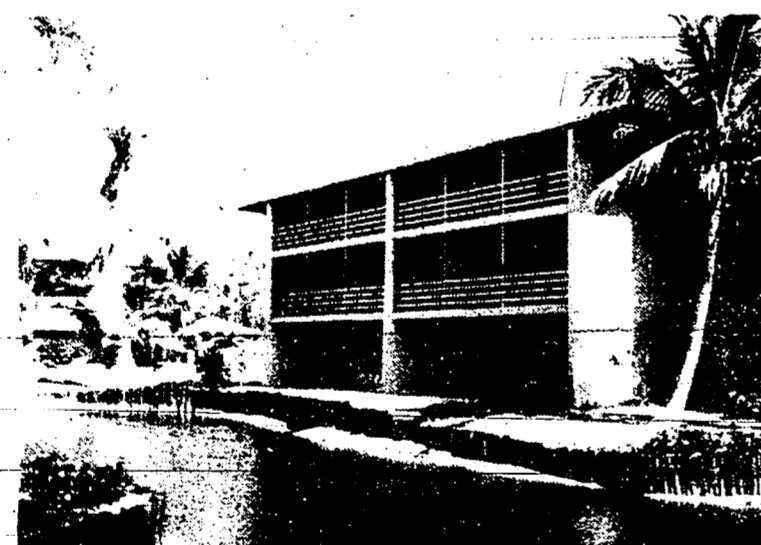
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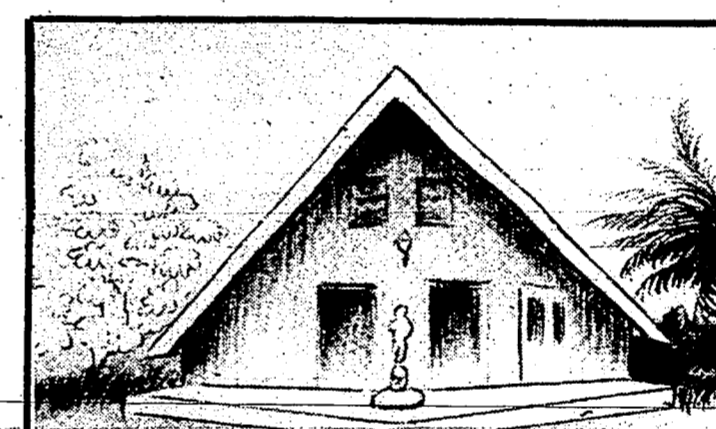
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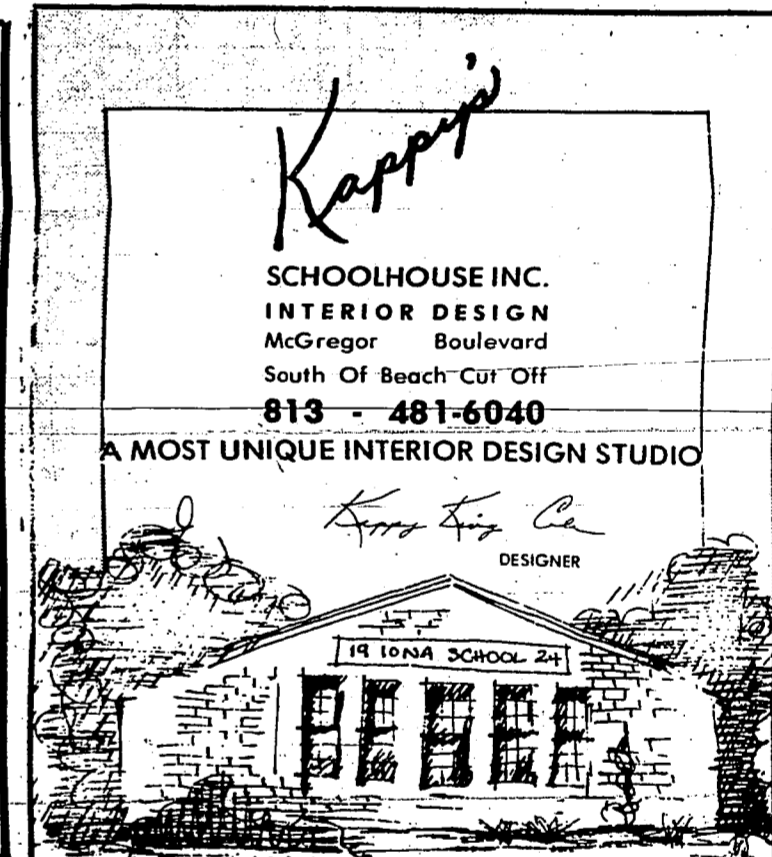
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Pickin' and grinnin' booms

By Mark Twombly

It's just beginning to travel the same road from small bands of fanatical devotees to a mass following, that folk, rock, and country music have traversed. Festivals are springing up not only in the south but in New York and Pennsylvania as well. Its believers include a melting pot of mountaineers, long hairs, and good ole boys.

What we're talking about is bluegrass music—"folk music in overdrive" as one fan calls it. For years the private passion of down home country road musicians, bluegrass music is now finding its way into the radios of big cities and the ears of suburbanites.

A couple of weeks ago a bluegrass festival in Indiantown, Florida drew several thousand bluegrass aficionados of every persuasion. The fans camped for three days in the Indiantown Rodeo Bowl and listened to some of the greats, including pioneer bluegrass musician Charlie Monroe and the better known Lester Flatt and the Nashville Grass.

Group after group picked and stamped their way across the crude

wooden stage, each banging out their interpretation of the sprightly bluegrass sound. But the real fun took place back in the camps, where informal groups of amateur musicians would wander into each other, sit down and jam away. At any one time a visitor could choose between listening to the professionals on stage or enjoying one of the scattered impromptu sessions back in the campgrounds.

Although there are weekend festivals in the area about once a month, the nearest bluegrass nightclub is in West Palm Beach. To satisfy that nagging itch to haul out the banjo and began pickin' away, a group of Fort Myers bluegrass fans get together periodically and just play.

"About once a month someone will call up and say 'let's have some pickin' and grinnin', and they'll just come over,'" says Capt. Duke Sells, a for fun bluegrass banjo player. Capt. Sells is a professional fishing guide operating out of Tween Waters Inn on Captiva. He lives in Punta Rassa.

Sells' once-a-month minstrels number around 13 or 14, and include a couple of 16 year old boys. There are



six basic bluegrass instruments, he explains, including the mandolin, banjo, guitar, bass viol, and the fiddle. An autoharp is also used often he says. "Electric instruments are frowned on," said Sells. "So in order to get the projection bluegrass musicians end up using the very best equipment."

Sells claim bluegrass is "starting to move in southwest Florida. A lot of people from Ft. Myers go to the festivals," he says. The Indiantown festival was "real good," he added.

The next festival will probably be in February at Indiantown again.

Workshop seeks some helpers and donations

The Community Association will sponsor Monday morning workshops beginning January 6 to create articles for sale in the Driftwood Shop of the Shell Fair, according to Martha McCullough.

Men or women who have had at least one year's experience in shellcrafting are

welcome. Participants are asked to bring their own scissors and wire cutters, Mrs. McCullough stated. Because of a limited number of openings, those interested are urged to report at the Community House at 9:30 a.m. January 6 to register and indicate whether or not they can become regular workers.

Working on projects at home is encouraged, and crafts can be "your own things" or projects suggested by the committee, Mrs. McCullough stated.

Assisting on the committee chairman are Dorothy Putnam and Margaret Krueger. Donations of clean shells, particularly augurs, moon shells, worms, cats paws, white jingles, bright Venus clams, and yellow cockles are welcomed.

The Driftwood Shop also welcomes food donations, jams, jellies, candy and cookies. The Shell Fair this year will be held March 6, 7, and 8. For information phone Mrs. McCullough at 472-1144.

Students coming in January

Eight students from Windham College in Putney, Vermont, will be taking a course in animal behavior on Sanibel Island during the month of January. The group is led by Kenneth R. Ellis, an ethologist (or animal-behaviorist) who specializes in studies of social behavior in birds and marine animals.

Dr. Ellis and Dr. Roy Butler, a chemist, spent their fall semester on Captiva Island last year with thirty Windham undergraduates. The students completed a water analysis of several wells on the island, and also did a study of the water conditions in the Sanibel River (see ISLAND REPORTER, March 22, 1974). These studies were presented to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Society.

Throughout the semester, the group collected firsthand data on animals in the Ding Darling Sanctuary and observed the behavior of invertebrates that inhabit the shoreline of Captiva and Upper Captiva Islands.

According to Professor Ellis, the fall expedition was a rewarding and exciting educational experience both for the professors and the students. To a great extent, he says, this was due to the cooperation of Dick Workman and the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, as well as Charles LeBuff, Bill Hammond (of the Lee County Environmental Education Center), B.K. Tremaine, and many other residents of the area. The program provided students an opportunity to learn from and contribute to the island environment.

The January course is intended to give students an in-depth view of the social systems developed by the wide variety of animal species that inhabit the islands. They will spend their days photographing and studying in the wildlife sanctuary and will also attend seminars on various issues in the study of behavior.

Although this program will only last for the month of January, Ellis expects that it will generate the same kind of excitement and enthusiasm in the students that was so apparent in his last trip.

Special benefit play soon

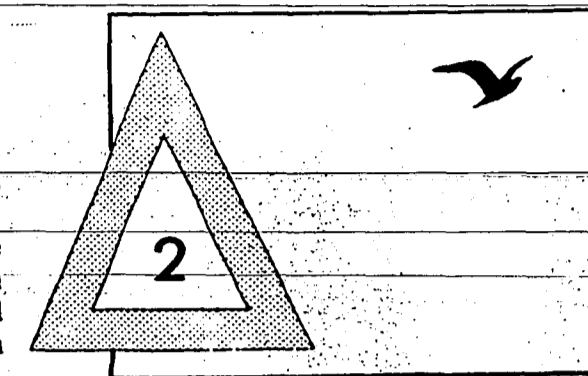
The cast of "Brush with a Body," one of the plays featured at Sanibel's Pirate Playhouse, will give a special benefit performance at 8:15 p.m., Monday, January 27. The entire proceeds from the performance will go to the building fund for the new Sanibel Community Association building.

Tickets for the benefit are \$5.00 and are now available at HER Sport Closet, a shop in the Periwinkle Place shopping center. The owners of the shop, Fred and Pat Lange, will be happy to help with tickets, the sponsors announced.

The cast donating their talents for the benefit are: Ruth and Phillip Hunter, John Asp, Ginny and Don Bissell, Margaret and Bill Kreuger, Beth Rizzo, Christine and John Choate, and Kathy McClintock.

The play is a mixture of comedy and suspense dealing with a chimney sweep who finds a body in an English country house.

Regular performances of "Brush with a Body" will take place next at Pirate Playhouse on January 11 at 8:15 p.m.



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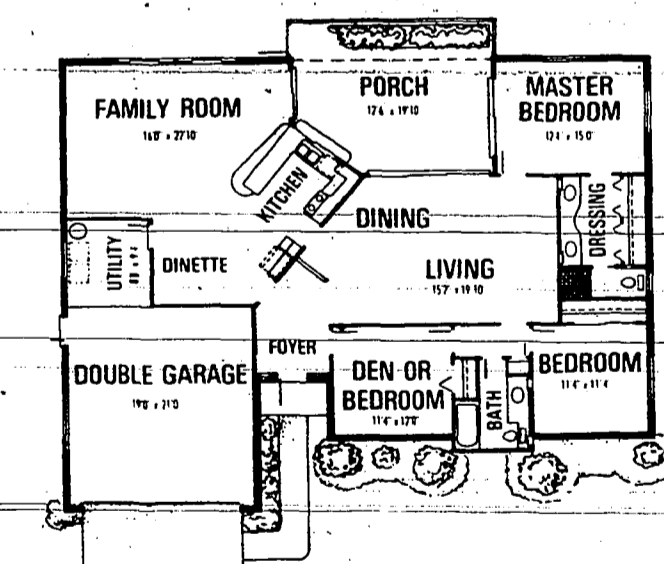
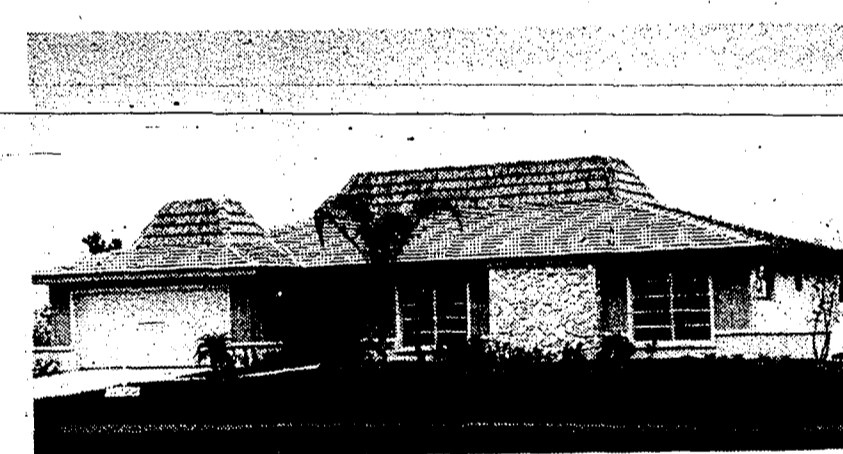
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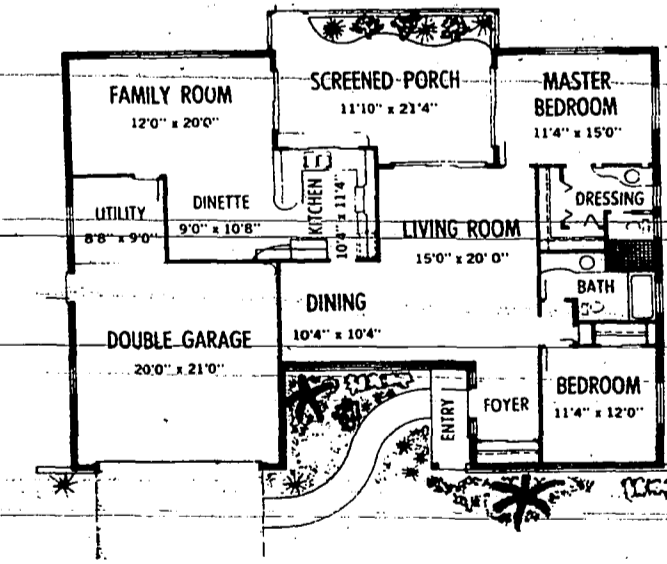
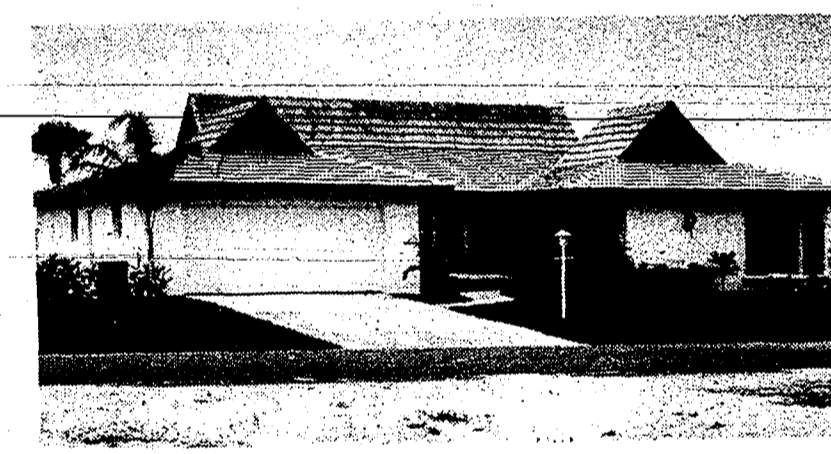
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Loons — almost helpless on land, great divers

By George R. Campbell

A "sportsman" shot and wounded a loon the other day in West Palm Beach and the C.R.O.W. rescue vehicle went after it.

Imagine the "sport" of shooting a loon in the neck. It was not a fatal wound fortunately; the pellet went in one side and out the other. When the animal arrived here, it was found also to have a pellet in the pectoral region, which did not enter the body cavity, so all in all this animal is likely to survive.

Another loon was found exhausted above the high tide mark on Sanibel beach the other day. It is uninjured, but in a state of malnutrition. It is being carefully tended and will no doubt be returned to the wild soon.

This second patient may have been deposited on the beach by a high tide. This points up an interesting facet of the loon's nature. Loons are just about helpless on land, their feet are set far back on the body and they really can't walk at all. They crawl about pushing themselves with their feet and sliding on their abdomens and chest regions.

Loons cannot launch themselves in flight from level land—usually only from the water but sometimes from a rock cliff. Thus a weakened animal could find itself stranded above the high tide line and be virtually helpless on a flat beach. Such was the situation of the second patient.

Loons are remarkable swimmers and divers. They spend almost all of

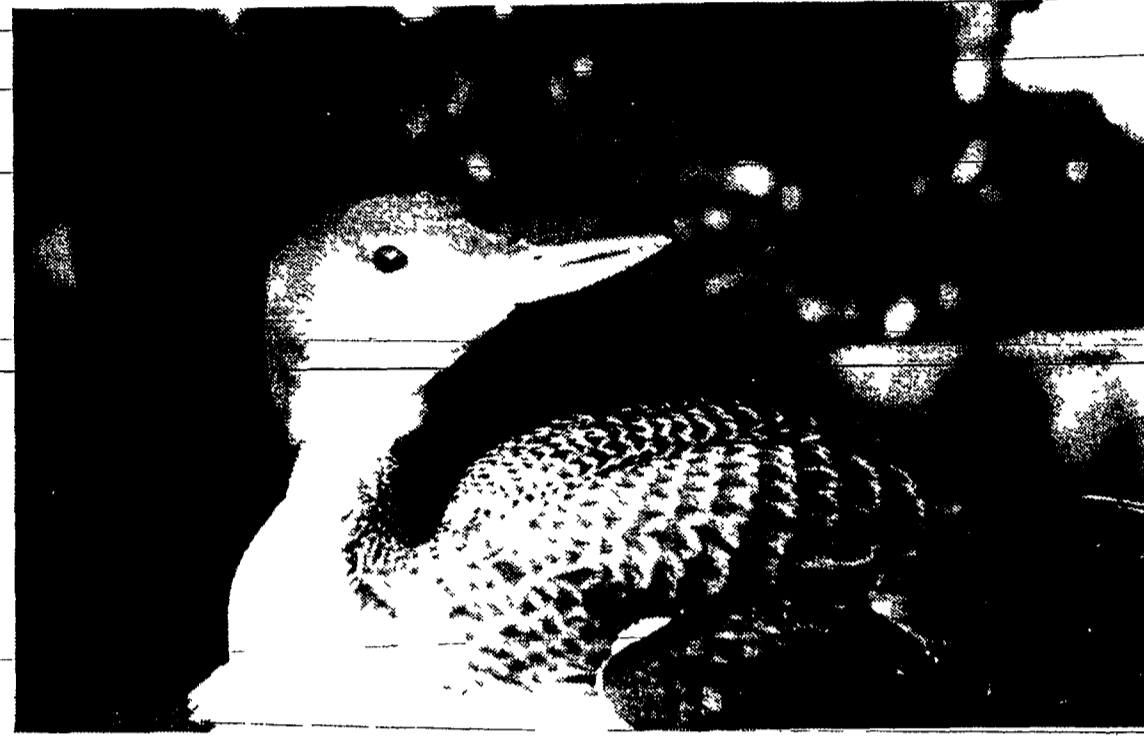
their lives in the water. The species represented by these two patients is the Common Loon or Great Northern Diver, *Bavia immer*. They reach almost 36 inches in length, breed mostly near the fresh waters in the north, in Canada and also the lakes of Michigan, Minnesota and parts of New York state as well as California. Although poor flyers they spend their winters in the salt water regions of the Gulf of Mexico and California. The animal also occurs in Europe and Asia where it winters in the Mediterranean region.

Loons can dive to almost 200 feet under water. They go on fish hunts that may last as long as ten or fifteen minutes. They swim completely submerged and travel several miles in this way. They scull themselves very rapidly, sometimes at a very high speed using their webbed posteriorly placed feet. They often rest with only the head above water. They are quite at home in high ocean seas and can outswim and readily capture many very fast swimming kinds of fish.

The call of the loon has been described as "demoniacal laughter and screams." Many a small child in the north woods has been terrified by this night sound for loons are quite active at night and much of their vocal activity is nocturnal.

I have never seen the building of a loon nest, but it must be rather a cumbersome process because of their virtual helplessness on land. The loon

Call of the loon likened to 'demoniacal laughter and screams.'



sliding around on its belly gathering nesting material and creating a nest, must be a sight to see. The young hatch in about thirty days and are usually two in number. The incubation is undertaken by both the mother and the father. When the young hatch they are almost immediately mobile and can swim very soon. They are covered with a soft down and can often be seen riding

on the backs of the parents. There are three other species of the Gaviidae or the loon family, but this common loon is the best known. It is hoped and anticipated that the two patients at C.R.O.W. will be soon returned to the wild, thus providing two more favorable statistics to the remarkable efforts of the C.R.O.W. rehabilitation activity.

TREES LOST

Valuable plants and trees destroyed

In recent weeks there has been additional great destruction of valuable native trees and shrubs—permanently destroyed and removed from our "sanctuary" island. Some large gumbo limbo (*Bursera simaruba*), some giant seagrape trees (*Coccoloba uvifera*), one of the finest and largest mastics ever to live on this island (*Mastichodendron foetidissima*), all of these and many more have been bulldozed, ripped up, torn up and destroyed.

Other valuable plants that have been destroyed these last few days are *Erythrina herbacea*, the coral or cherokee bean, and the coco plum, *Chrysobalanus icaco*.

Still other valuable plants such as the marlberry, *Ardisia escallonioides*, the cabbage palm, *Sabal palmetto* are being destroyed by the dozer.

Our two wild figs, *Ficus aurea* and *Ficus brevifolia* are being knocked down. Our famous stoppers, red and white, both of which belong to the genus *Eugenia* and many many other including that fine native shrub, the wild coffee, *Psychotria undata*, are being sacrificed.

It can be argued roads must be built where the surveyors put the stakes and that the trees must go. After all, few trees interrupted the progressive development of another island, Manhattan. But in some, perhaps more civilized places, it is not completely unknown for roads to be laid out to curve around valuable and magnificent

botanical specimens, thus even adding to the value of the property. If the road must go through, however, and if the trees must be removed, why could we not inaugurate a plan, an ordinance if necessary, that requires that advance notice be given a certain number of weeks prior to the actual bulldozing? This notice would enable interested and environmentally concerned citizens to enter the territory, carefully remove valuable trees and transplant them, thus saving these specimens for our total Sanibel environment.

This certainly would be preferable to the same concerned citizens entering after the bulldozer had passed, as is being done now, and trying to pick up viable but pitifully torn remnants from the devastated terrain.

Could this not be an important clause in a tree ordinance? In my opinion, one of the first acts that should be undertaken by our new city government is the enactment of a tree ordinance for Sanibel. This ordinance would govern the cutting of all native trees on the island. Many such ordinances are in existence in other environmentally conscious areas today. An effort is being made at this time to screen some of the better ones and present drafts to the new city government for action.

I would hope that all the conservation minded people on the island would urge their city government to pass such an ordinance, which could have great influence in preserving the natural beauty of the island.

Some conservationists on this island suffer from what I call the Gina Lolabridgida Syndrome. This concept stems from an incident that took place a few years ago when that well endowed Italian actress was challenged because she wore on her back a fur coat made of ten of the remaining tigers of a certain subspecies that is almost extinct. It was calculated that her coat represented at least five percent of the total remaining population. On being challenged Gina fought back. Her excuse was that, "I didn't kill the tigers. They were already dead when I bought the furs."

This same kind of thinking is evident here sometimes. Maybe a lot of us are guilty in some measure. Many of us live in filled, artificial places that were wild spots only a few short years ago. But guilty though we may be, we can reform and we can learn. Those of us who are interested in the future of the

natural features of Sanibel should support a comprehensive tree ordinance along with other environmentally orientated measures. Therefore let's try to get some concern in this area and get the right law on our books

By Christopher Coffin

'Playing possum' apt phrase

from I-C

pressure—plus the fact that rural people all over America eat its flesh—it is spreading successfully.

It is successful where other animals are failing and can even be found today in most of the big cities of the North I recall seeing them in downtown Detroit on more than one occasion. One must

only admire an animal that is thus successful in a hostile world.

The old phrase "playing possum" comes from this animal's habit of feigning death when disturbed or knocked about by a child or a dog. They lie without movement for the moment when escape may be possible after the predator is convinced that death has taken place

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He put his right hand on his stomach and not on his heart. I noticed this of one of the councilmen of the new City of Sanibel at the swearing-in ceremony

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when the pledge to the American flag was given. All the others had their hands on their hearts.

I know it was unintentional on his part and I do not take it even as a subconscious slip. He didn't raise his hand high enough. However, it gave me the start of a chuckle which I had to suppress.

Later the thought came to me that in this slip was a message for all of us for this New Year. We may outwardly be pledging from our hearts to our living together in this nation, but inwardly be interested only in our stomachs. Which do we really put first?

There is always a struggle within us between the desires of the individual and the good of the whole, between the ideal and the immediate, the charitable and the selfish. Or if you will, the heart and the stomach.

Perhaps we have to make a com-

promise. We cannot all of us be as the hungry Chinese who, with but one coin in his pocket, decided to buy the narcissus rather than the loaf of bread.

But it is hoped that the City of Sanibel will keep the hand on the heart and not give in to the pressures of our economic stomachs and let the beauty of our island be spoiled. Too many want two loaves of bread and no narcissus. Greed can destroy.

And so this coming New Year it might be well for us to remember that a nation is more than a stomach. It might be well for individuals to remember that living life is not all earning money and owning things. It might be well for the family to know that the heart of love in the home gives happiness and not the status of the bank account.

Thanks, Councilman, for your slip of the hand. It gave me a thought and a good lesson.

Forgiveness is theme

The last Sunday of the year will be observed by the Sanibel Community Church with the theme of worship being forgiveness that is in the very nature of God. Dr. Ray Cartledge, pastor, will preach on the subject, "Accepting God's Mercy."

The seed text as found in Isaiah, Chapter Forty-Three verse twenty-five: "I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins."

Those who carry the weight of the past can find release in the great truth of a new beginning being possible because of God's forgiveness.

Soper: island wood carver

By Charles C. Feirich

Ken Soper retired in the spring of 1970 and toured the United States. While sightseeing in Maine he watched the gulls in Penobscot Bay and decided that he could carve them even though he had never done woodcarving before. He says he is a "cut and try" wood-carver. He has never taken any courses in the art so all of his carvings are truly originals.

He came to Sanibel to live in the fall of 1970 and his home and shop are just across the street from the "bird sanctuary" in Periwinkle Way Trailer Park. He has live models for many of the birds he carves. He signs his work "Kenard" which is his middle name. His first gull carvings were from soft pine. Later he did carvings in black walnut, basswood or linden, dogwood, cherry, mahogany and buttonwood.

He carves his cardinals from red cedar, but fish and birds are his

favorite subjects. His stylized porpoise is quite popular.

While we were discussing his carvings, a customer came into the shop to report that he had sent a porpoise to his grandson and had received enthusiastic thanks from the young man.

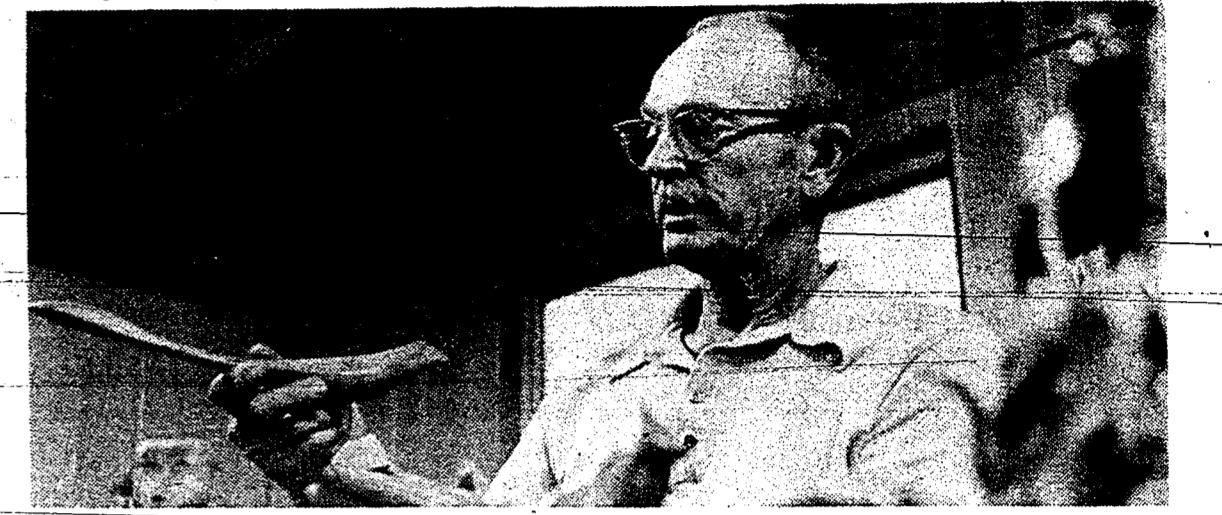
Ken received a commission to carve a 16-inch snook similar to the one in Harbor House. The entire fish, including the fins, were carved from one solid piece of wood. Another commission was an order for an Apache Indian head to fit the stick grip of an Apache airplane. The owner of the new plane felt he should have an Indian with him helping him to control his aerial trips.

He uses a bandsaw to rough out the basic outline of the subject to be carved. An Exacto knife plus a variety of wood carving tools get the wood ready for sanding. The finish is wax. The carved gulls are painted but all others are natural wood finish.

Ken does a variety of owls including

the Richardson owl, the hoot or screech owl and a stylized owl. It takes him from 4 to 5 hours to carve a dolphin but owls and pelicans are faster.

Ken works five days a week at Bailey's and on Saturdays at the



Craftsmen Shop in Periwinkle Park. He is a native New Yorker and Long Islander. He started his career in the Navy on the Battleship Mississippi and retired from Convair in San Diego where he was in procurement and materials in aerospace.

Between 1937 and 1970 he served on

tankers and freighters and operated heavy equipment on the airfield from which the first P-36 was flown to France. He also worked for Alcoa Steamships and served Asiatic Petroleum of Royal Dutch Shell in New York, California and South America. In

addition he was employed by Grumman Aircraft in New York. His wife, Jeanne, operates The Craftsmen Shop five days a week and does beautiful shell jewelry and animals. Her true love is painting but she is so busy with other things that she does not get much time to paint.

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SEATED SOUTHWEST



By Charles Wilson

Bridge players apparently aren't superstitious. On a recent Friday the thirteenth the largest group of the season to date turned out for the evening duplicate game at the Sanibel Community House.

East-West winners were Helen Winterrowd and Jim Maldeis, first; Carol and Walter Schreiber, second; Tom Ellis and Joe Winterrowd, third. North-South winners were Don Brown and Charlie Wilson, first; Betty Wakefield and Judy Carberry, second; Shirley and Ken Franklin, third.

The eventual winners of the East-West and North-South sections met toward the end of the evening, and the results of Board 14 made South very unhappy. This was the hand:

North		East	
(S) A9		(S) J5	
(H) A8532		(H) K9	
(D) 653		(D) J84	
(C) K108		(C) J65432	
West		South	
(S) 10643		(S) KQ872	
(H) QJ76		(H) 104	
(D) AQ72		(D) K109	
(C) 9		(C) AQ7	

Most South players bid and made 3 no trump which no defense can defeat. (You may wish to work out what happens with a small heart lead to East's king and a diamond return.) But our protagonist managed to get an absolute bottom by going down two in the following manner:

The diamond 7 was led to East's jack, and South was forced to win with his king. Things looked bad. Spades were unlikely to split evenly; and, if South had to lose a spade, he was also likely to lose four diamond tricks if West had started with five cards in that suit.

These seemed to be his alternatives:

1. To assume that West hand only four diamonds (ace, queen, eight, seven), in which case only three tricks in the suit could be lost. Possible, but time would tell.

2. To assume a 3-3 break in the spades. Only slightly better than a 40 per cent chance.

3. To assume that East had only the singleton jack of diamonds, in which case he could not return the suit after winning a spade. Possible but remote.

4. To assume that West had the long spades, in which case an end play might develop.

He led a spade to the ace and the nine to his king, noting the fall of East's jack. Ah ha. The picture was getting clearer: The ace and then the queen of clubs on which West discarded the diamond two. At least five diamonds in the West hand, he concluded. A club to the king on which West threw a heart. South called for the heart ace. Don't unblock your doubleton king, South said to West under his breath. West played the seven.

The picture was now complete. West at this point had the ten and six of

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spades, the ace, queen, eight of diamonds, and a sixth card which was red. If it was another diamond or the king of hearts (the latter a 50-50 chance), the end play was a certainty. He led a diamond from the board; West won with the queen cashed her ace, led to her partner's king of hearts who then tabled three good clubs, Down two. North scowled.

South said to East, "Why didn't you lead your fourth best diamond, the deuce? Then I would have known I had only three diamond losers and could afford to establish the spades."

"That's why I didn't," she replied. Otherwise it was a nice evening.

Results of last Friday's game were as follows:

1. William Fletcher and Duncan McDonald
2. Don Brown and Charlie Wilson
3. Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Chatfield, Jr.
4. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Oliver.

WILD FLOWERS

Gentian, real beauty, loves the islands

By Mary Grosvenor Ellsworth

Sanibel is lucky in having a Gentian that likes it here. Rare in other locations, on the island it springs up on the Post Office lawn, in yards where there is a trace of dampness, even in desolate fields.

And it's a real beauty. True rose-pink, a 5-petaled star, and marked at

the base of each petal with a light-green arrow bordered in dark red. Together the arrows form a second star, and give the flower "face" its unique expression. . . gay. The bright yellow pollen on the 5 little anthers completes the picture.

This is *Sabbatia grandiflora*, the Marsh Pink. A really "grand" flower

might be an inch and a half across. The stem is slender, three to seven inches tall, with many branches, and wispy alternate leaves.

The Marsh Pink seems to prefer areas that are at least occasionally mowed, probably because it is unable to compete with large plants and coarse grasses. But where it grows, it forms cheerful little colonies.

Whether it's a true annual or a biennial is difficult to tell since in this climate it may bloom any time of the year. But it is most plentiful from January right through till June.

We naturally think of Gentians as blue, but they do come in other colors—there is an amazing green one in the Rockies—and in the Sabbatia family there are two white ones. Sabbatia also has a first cousin, another Sanibel Gentian that is a lavender blue with dark blue markings at the base of the petals. But certainly the most appealing is the lovely little Marsh Pink.


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A loving heart, a bended knee,
A song played sweetly on a flute,
The sky, alit with blazing stars,
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With God, the Father, promise kept,
The Angels sang of Peace on Earth.

By Josephine Howard Stafford (Tampa)

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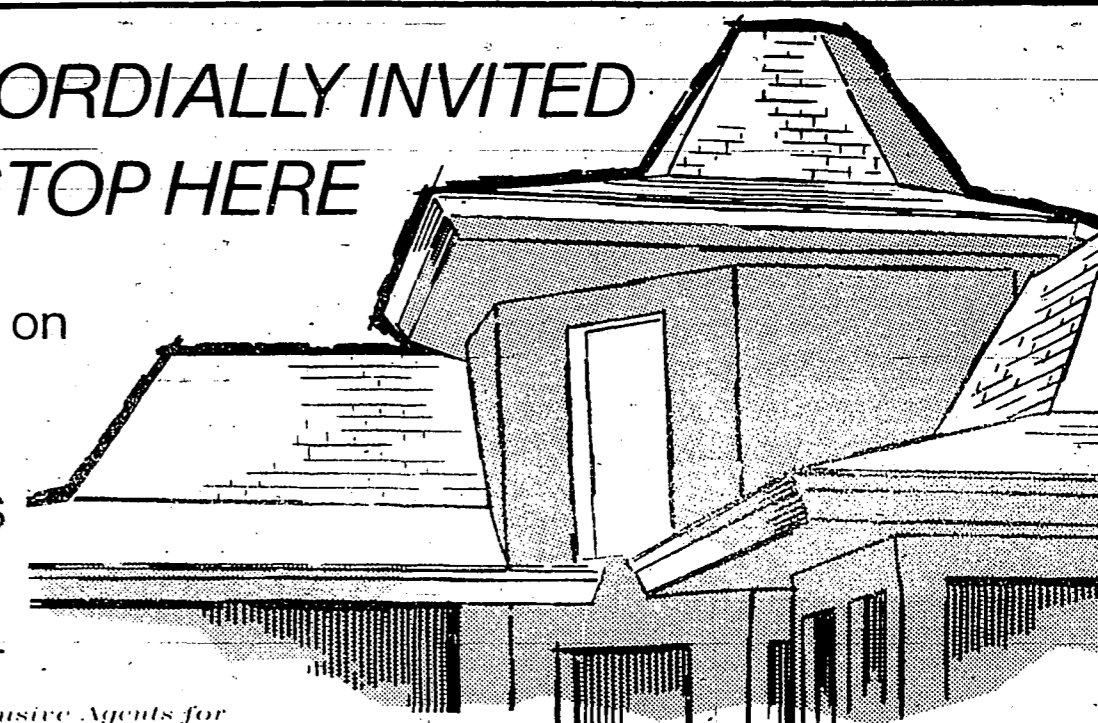
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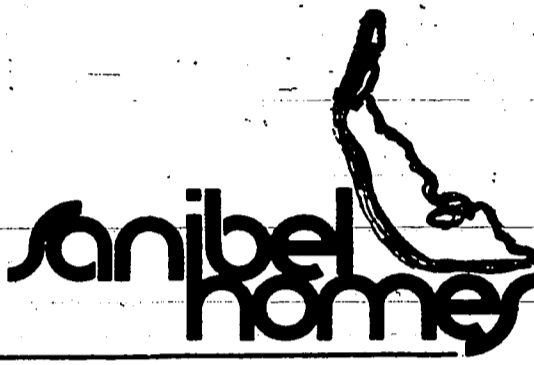
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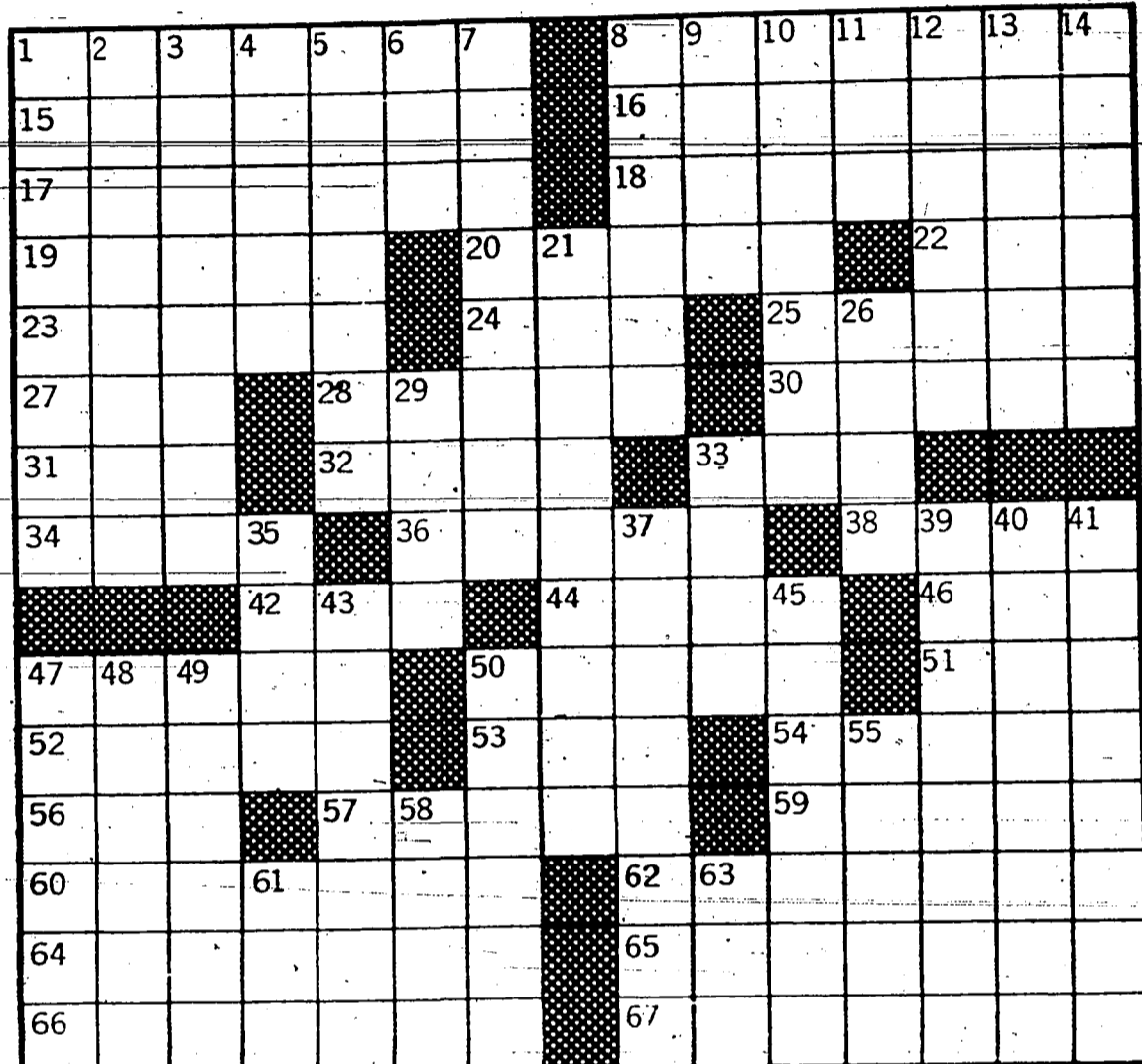
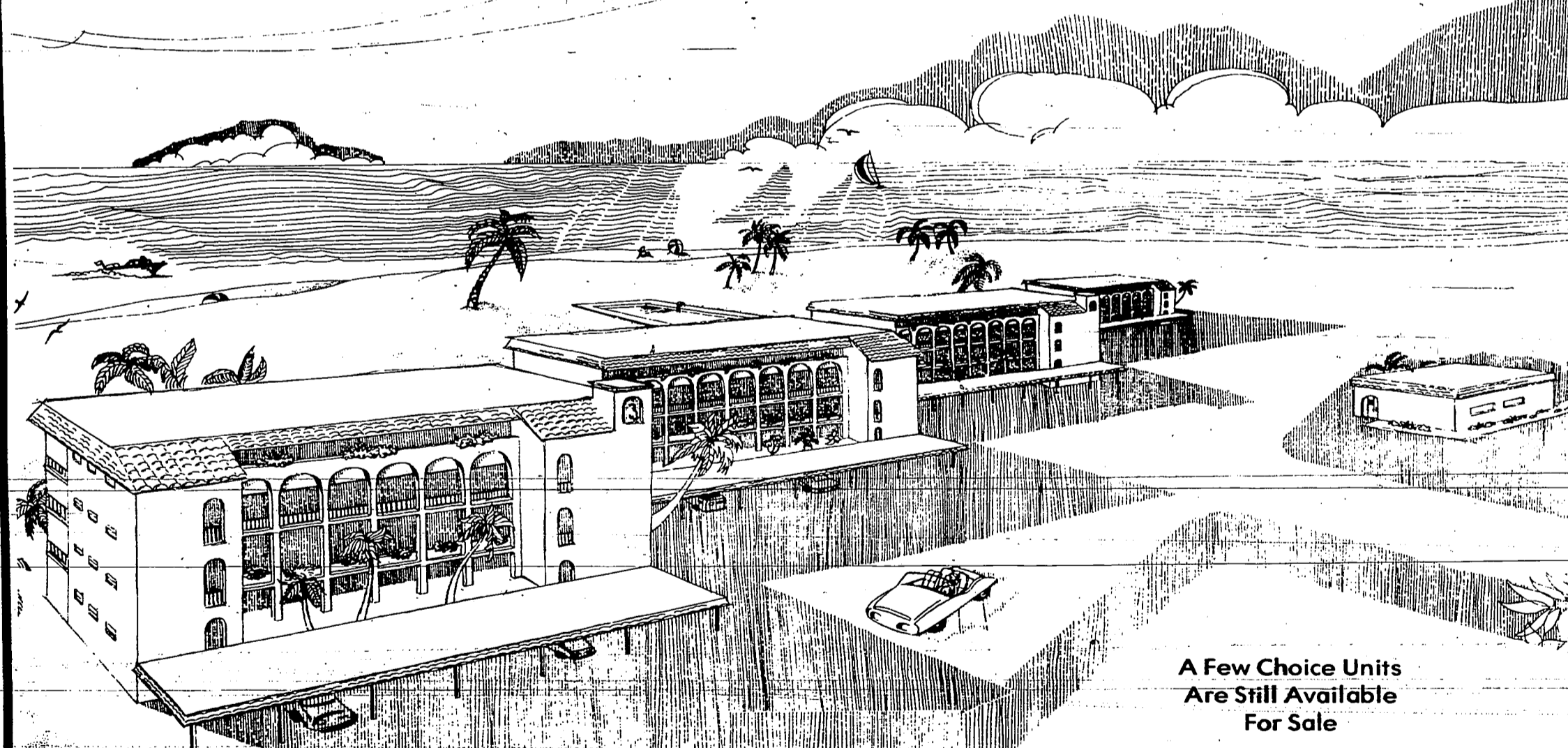
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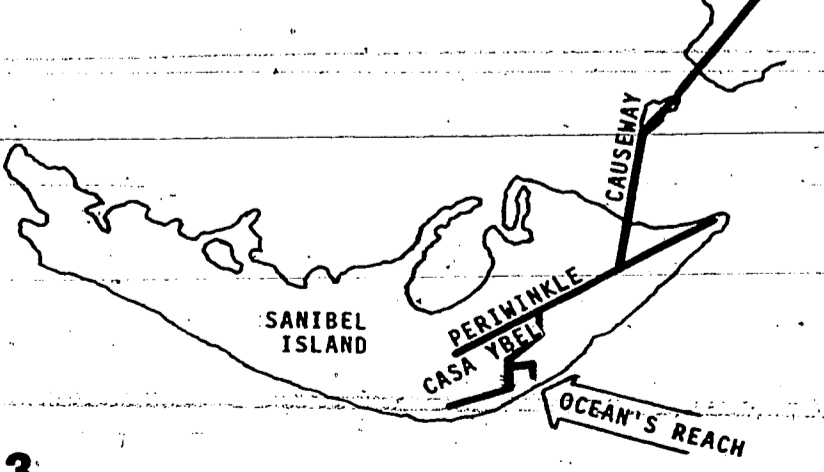
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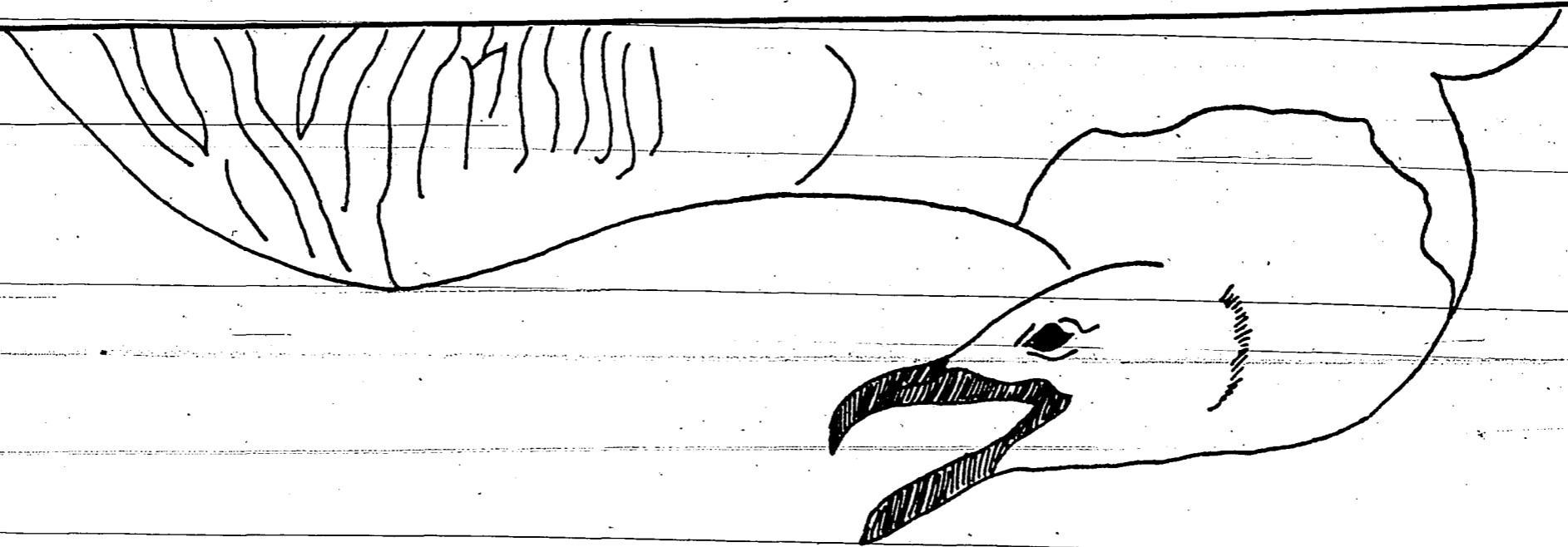
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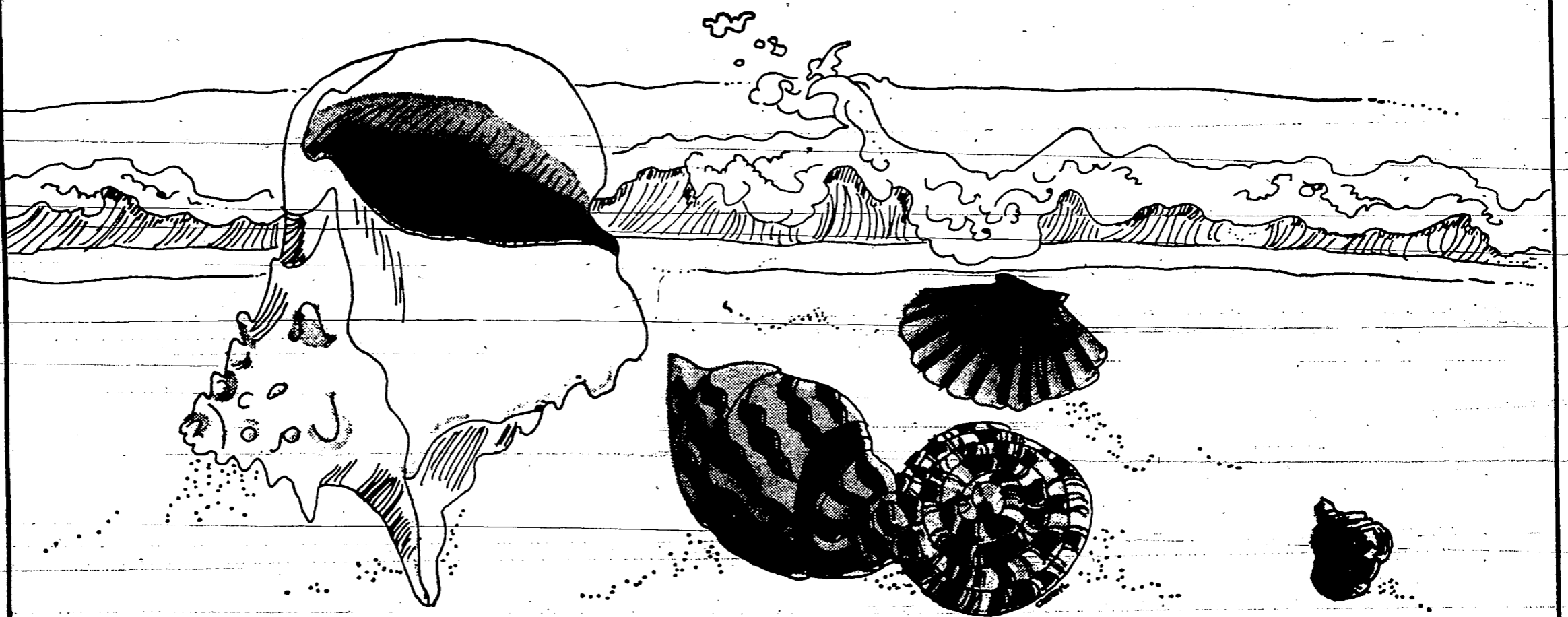
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