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Workman proposes blueprint for affordable housing

By Susie Holly

Whenever the subject of affordable housing comes up on Sanibel, someone in the crowd always is sure to say, "It can't work here. It just is not economially feasible."

Dick Workman is willing to prove that theory wrong. As director of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF), Workman has come up with a proposal and a set of plans for a moderate-cost home which he believes is financially workable.



ILLUSTRATION BY PETER SMITH

The Foundation is considering building the home on an SCCF-owned lot on Rabbit Road, and offering it for a moderate rent ($200 per month) to an SCCF employee.

"It will be a demonstration showing you can build an affordable unit that is attractive, energy-efficient, and can economically house people," Workman says.

He believes the 400 square foot piling structure could be built for well under $20,000 and paid off in five years.

Though the home would be about half the size of most living rooms on Sanibel, Workman says the space would be ample for a single person or working couple. The small size "in fact is preferred by most because the time required for housekeeping and utility costs are minimized," he points out. "These people do not want a lavish 2,000 square foot home with a swimming pool. They want a comfortable, attractive place."

Workman's unit, designed by McBryde-Parker-Mudgett AIA Architects Inc., also would be extremely energy-efficient, according to Workman. The house would have solar water heating and water conservation devices, including water saver toilets.

The building would be designed to deal with the natural elements through roof overhangs, landscaping, positioning on the lot, insulation, and natural ventilation. Paddle fans would provide cooling and a wood burning stove would take care of the heating, Workman explains.

Workman's hope, of course, is that SCCF's demonstration will inspire others to try the same. He has suggested that the city consider granting relief to owners of large lots or contiguous lots, unbuildable under the land use plan, if they come in with affordable housing plans. "The affordable units then could be located anywhere on the island where minimum standards and lot sizes could be met," Workman explains. "This feature enables integration of the units throughout the community."

Many people object to the idea of affordable housing being lumped together in one location. "What is definitely not wanted is a complex of concrete caves, like that which lines our gulf front, designated as the place where poor people live," Workman points out.

He acknowledges the objections of many Sanibel residents who fear a moderate-cost home in their neighborhood may decrease property values. But, he points to Captiva, where many small, affordable homes are scattered next to the $250,000 plus homes.

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THE REPORTER-EMIL FRAY

Big baby Buster

Happiness is a free ride on the shoulder of Nora Dietlein for 11-month old Buster, a black vulture who has shared the Dietleins' island home as part of a federally funded research program. Buster and his brother were released on Sanibel this week, but the pair apparently doesn't want to leave home. Story and photos on B-24.

That wasn't soap in San Carlos Bay

By Susie Holly

It may have looked like somebody got a little carried away dumping the Tide into their washing machine, but those soap suds sighted in San Carlos Bay last week actually were what the scientists call a "natural phenomenon."

The long trails of foam streaking the bay were a result of large amounts of fresh water mixing with the salty sea water, then being whipped up by heavy winds and formed into long lines by the currents, according to the experts. The foam, just like soap, consists of fatty acids, explained Frank Balog, chief environmental specialist for Lee County. "It is perfectly harmless," he said.

The foam often occurs at this time of year, Balog said, but it has been more pronounced this year because of the unusually wet winter. Foam lines have been reported in the bay for the past several weeks.

The foam was most noticeable last week after state officials opened the gates at Lake Okeechobee to lower the water level there. Heavy rains have raised the water in the lake to a higher than normal level. The excess lake water poured down the Caloosahatchee River to San Carlos Bay, creating great piles of foam in some places.

Some bayfront residents reported seeing foam stacked up to five feet high.

Balog said the foam has little effect on marine life. The sudden addition of fresh water may chase some fish species to saltier waters, but generally will not harm them.

A catfish kill last week in East Fort Myers was attributed to the influx of fresh water into what is normally a more saline river, but Balong said the bay should not experience the same problem.

IN BRIEF

Ethics investigator here

An investigator for the Florida Ethics Commission arrived in the area this week to look into charges brought by former city employee Steve Maxwell against Councilmen Porter Goss and Zee Butler. Charged with having undisclosed financial ties with Mariner Properties, Inc. and Surety Construction, Goss and Butler requested the investigation "to clear the air." Investigator Dan Harbolt has spoken with both Goss and Butler, as well as City Manager William Nungester, representatives of Mariner and Surety, former city building official John Goode, State Attorney Joseph D'Alessandro, and Maxwell during his week-long investigation. His report to the ethics commission will provide the basis for whether or not the commission has "probable cause" to hold a public hearing for Goss and Butler. A finding of no probable cause would end the issue.

Reef bill introduced

A bill that would authorize the federal government to help states finance construction of artificial reefs has been reintroduced to Congress by U.S. Senator Richard Stone of Florida. The bill would free $2.5 million in federal funds for reef construction. Federal money would cover 75 percent of the cost of the reef, according to Sen. Stone. Sen. Stone introduced similar legislation last year but Congress adjourned before taking action on it.

First aid course offered

A one day first aid course is being offered to Sanibel and Captiva residents next Saturday, February 24 by the Lee County Adult and Community School Program. The multi-media course will run from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Sanibel Elementary School. Patty Posch, a physical education instructor at the school, will teach the class. The cost is $6 per person which covers all materials. For more information phone 481-2233. Previous advertisements for the course incorrectly listed the date as February 28, according to a Community School Program spokesman.

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Outer Island sues for more density

By Susie Holly

A 2.6 acre tract of land behind Ocean's Reach condominium and the steamboat property is the subject of the city's most recent lawsuit attacking the land use plan. Outer Island Delvelopment Corporation filed suit last week claiming it has a right to develop five single-family homes on the property east of Camino del Mar Drive.

The developers argue that the property was zoned for 40 dwelling units when they purchased it prior to Sanibel's incorporation. They claim that they had applied for 32 of those units, but only had built one duplex when the city incorporated and imposed a building moratorium pending adoption of the land use plan.

Deputy sheriff Lewis Secary served the city with a lawsuit from Outer Island Development Corporation last week. City council secretary Carolyn Smith loaned the deputy her telephone to call Mayor Duane White.

The plan then allocated one dwelling unit "on land previously and recently zoned for 40 such units," the developers state in their lawsuit. The rezoning ignored existing development patterns and zoning on nearby land, and violated the developers' rights to due process, according to the lawsuit.

A fact finding committee later appointed by the city recommended that the developers be allowed to build two dwelling units, which have been constructed.

Outer Island representatives then applied for an amendment to the plan to allow them five additional units on the property. City council denied that request last summer.

In their lawsuit, the developers ask not only for permission to build the five units, but also for exemption from the city's rate of growth ordinance, $26,437 in monetary damages for plans and site preparation, as well as unspecified damages resulting from the rezoning which constitutes "an unlawful taking of property without just compensation," according to the lawsuit.

The case has been assigned to Lee County Circuit Court Judge Jack Schoonover.

Outer Island representatives also indicated this week that the development company soon may be filing another lawsuit against the city dealing with gulf front property at the end of Buttonwod Lane. Attorney Steven Studybaker said he has been asked to look into the matter and there "could very well be a lawsuit."

The planning commission last fall denied Outer Island a development permit to build an 8-unit condominium on the Buttonwood property on the basis of "neighborhood incompatibility." The project conformed to the land use plan in all other respects.



THE REPORTER-PETER LARSON

Island weather

This report is based on reports kept at the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce on Causeway Road.

	High	Low	Rain
Thursday, February 8	70	56	0
Friday, February 9	68	52	0
Saturday, February 10	70	54	0
Sunday, February 11	No record taken		
Monday, February 12	72	52	0
Tuesday, February 13	70	54	0
Wednesday, February 14	72	54	0

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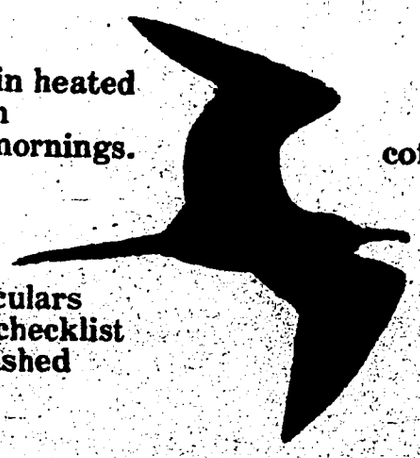

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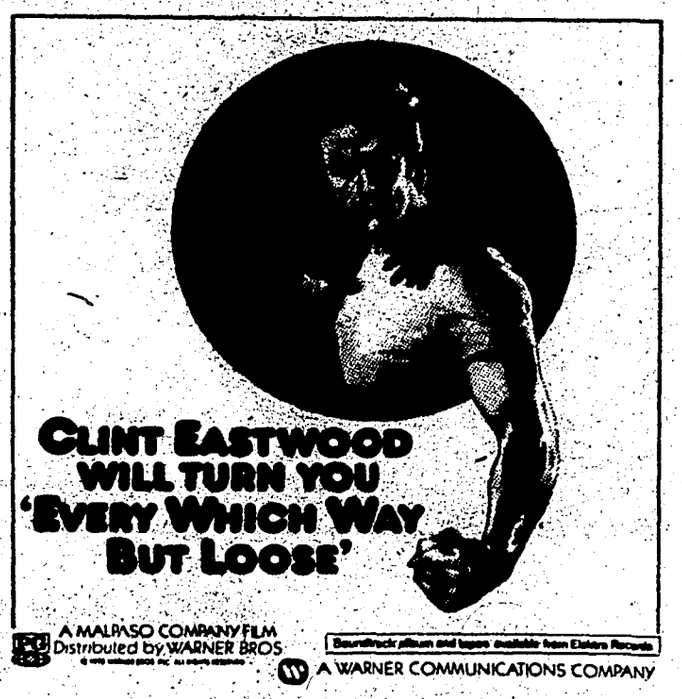

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Couple survives murder - suicide attempt

A Baltimore, Maryland man and his wife were taken to Lee Memorial Hospital Monday after the man allegedly attacked his wife with a butcher knife in a Sanibel motel, then stabbed himself with a pair of scissors.

Sanibel Police said Henry Leber, 63, was found at about 8:40 a.m. Monday lying on his back on the bedroom floor of a second story beachfront room at Song of the Sea Motel on Sanibel with a pair of scissors sticking in his ear. His wife, Dorothy Cromwell Leber, 60, was found lying on a bed in the same room suffering from multiple stab wounds.

Police listed no motive for the apparent murder-suicide attempt. Mrs. Leber was able to talk to authorities at the hospital but she refused to give a statement to police until she has contacted her lawyer.

Leber was confined to the psychiatric ward at Lee Memorial and was in no condition to talk, police said. He was transferred to a veteran's hospital later in the week. Mrs. Leber is listed in fair condition at Lee Memorial.

Sanibel Patrolmen Jamie Phillips and Jack Primm and Fireman Don Gerber followed Lee County Emergency Medical Technicians Bill Ferrell and John Christmas to the motel where they found the Lebers.

According to police records Mrs. Leber survived the attack and was able to open the door to their room, walk a few steps to the neighboring room and bang on the window. The guests in the room then called police to report the incident.

Police said the investigation is continuing.



THE REPORTER-EMIL FRAY

Soft shoulder claims moped

David Szymanski: comforts his wife, Paula as the couple waits for police and an ambulance to arrive. Paula had just fallen off her moped after losing control of the vehicle in soft sand along the south shoulder of Sanibel-Captiva Road. She was taken by helicopter to Lee Memorial Hospital where she was treated for lacerations on her face, hands and knees. The incident occurred at about 10:00 a.m. Wednesday morning. The Szymanskis are from Lake Forest, Illinois.



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New weigh station to open



The total cost of the new facility was approximately $20,000.

By Peter Larson

After nearly a year of operating from a roadside trailer at a congested intersection, Sanibel's vehicle weigh station is expected to move next week to a permanent facility on the center causeway island.

Built on a county easement, the new weigh station cost the city approximately $20,000. According to Sanibel Public Works Director Gary Price, the station could open for business as early as Monday if it passes electrical inspection and obtains an electrical hookup.

With the opening of the new facility, the city will remove the trailer from Periwinkle Way and Causeway Road that has been in use since the weigh station program started last April. The trailer was criticized by many Sanibel residents as an eyesore. The old location also contributed to traffic congestion at the busy intersection.

The cost of building the new station included more than $11,000 for paving of an asphalt drive; more than $1,000 for erection of a chain-link fence; $4,364 for construction and equipping of the station, and $2,800 for installation of the PVC conduit used to run phone cable to the station. The safety fence and an emergency phone were mandated by the county as part of the easement agreement.

The new facility will be staffed 75 hours a week by an alternating staff of six police employees. Sanibel Police Chief John Butler emphasized that the six police aides staffing the weigh station will be assigned to other duties as well, including traffic control and beach patrol.



Private contractors install phone cable for Sanibel's new weigh station on middle causeway island.

The current operating budget for the weigh station is approximately $68,000 and includes $49,152 for salaries, $8,445 for equipment, $8000 for administration and supervision, and expenditures for uniforms, utilities, printing, operating supplies and telephone.

According to the city, weigh station revenues during the first four months of the current fiscal year totalled $163,129. Since opening in April of 1978 the station has produced approximately $401,806 for the city.

Weigh station revenues have already been used to fund road repairs on the island. In August, the city allocated more than $125,000 in weigh station monies to pay for resurfacing and improvement of West Gulf Drive, the East Rocks subdivision, Tradewinds subdivision, Angel Drive, Jewel Box, Palm Lake, South Yachtsman, Captain's Walk, Main Street and Fitzhugh.

Under the existing ordinance, weigh station revenues can only be used to make road and traffic related repairs. The budget for building and maintaining the weigh station comes from the city's general fund.

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Island landmark loses battle with progress

By Susie Holly

Progress has hit the Bait Box and one of Sanibel's landmarks is scheduled for destruction as a result. Bait Box owner Ralph Woodring said this week he plans to remove the trailer which now houses his business and replace it with a 736 square foot building.

The trailer, which has graced Periwinkle Way since 1959, is known and loved by many longtime residents of Sanibel. It is a visual reminder of pre-Causway Sanibel, say many islanders who hate to see the trailer go.

Originally, the trailer was a residence, then a office housing Woodring's construction business. It turned into the Bait Box in 1971.

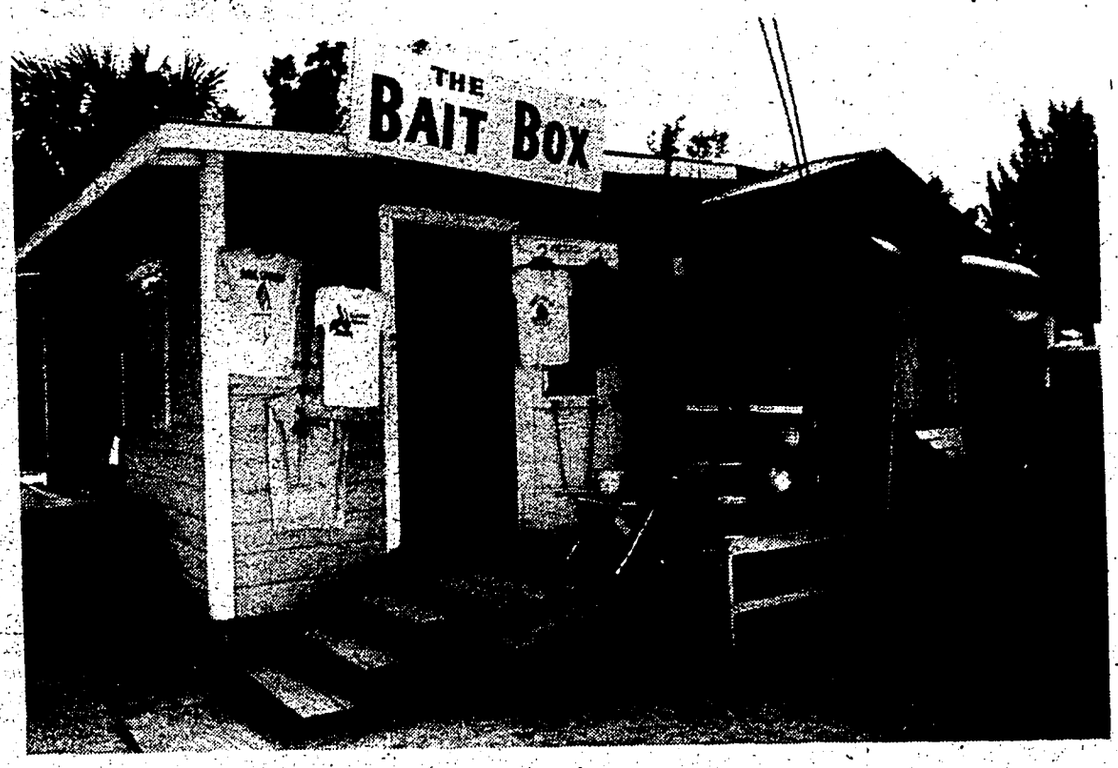
Woodring, a lifelong resident himself, said he realizes the trailer is considered "sort of a landmark." He said he hesitated to go ahead with his plans because of that, "but if we didn't expand, it is going to set us back. We have outgrown the trailer."

"In one respect it is a historic monument, but it is also sort of an eyesore," Woodring said. "I am trying to improve the appearance of my property." He added that he hoped his plans also would improve traffic and parking conditions in the heavily congested area where the Bait Box is located.

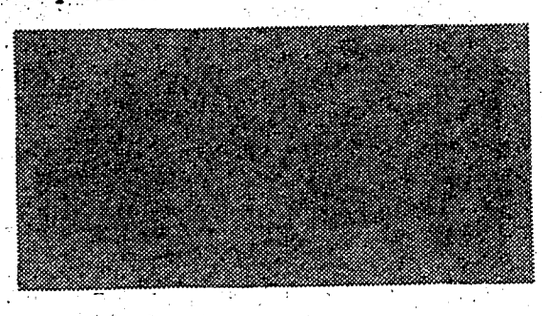
Woodring went before the planning commission Monday to request a specific amendment to the land use plan which would allow him to encroach on the setback line from Periwinkle Way. The new building is to be constructed as an addition to an existing cabana which now is attached to the trailer. Both of the existing structures, as well as many other buildings in that area, encroach on the setback.

Though commenting that they hate to see the trailer go, the commissioners voted unanimously to recommend to city council that Woodring be granted the amendment, provided he construct a vegetation buffer along Periwinkle Way.

Woodring said he does not expect to be well under way on the project until next fall if council approves his amendment.



The famous Bait Box trailer is scheduled to bite the dust to make room for expansion of the bait and tackle shop. Owner Ralph Woodring jokes that he may cut the trailer into pieces to sell as souvenirs.



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9:00 A.M. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance (LeBuff)
Approval of Minutes of Meetings held on January 2nd, 5th, 10th (2), 16th, and 23rd, 1979.
Planning Commission Report.
City Attorney's Report.
City Manager's Report
Mayor and Councilmen's Reports.
Public Hearing and First Reading of an Ordinance Appropriating Funds from 1978 Ad Valorem Tax Receipts to Pay May 1978 Series Tax Anticipation Notes and Interest Accumulated Thereon; Appointing First National Bank in Fort Myers as Fiscal Agent for The City of Sanibel to Accept Surrender of Said Notes by the Bearer Thereof and Make Payment Therefor; Providing for Notice to Bearers; and Providing an Effective Date.
Public Hearing and First Reading of an Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of Warrants Against and in Anticipation of the Taxes to be Levied by The City for the Year 1979, for General Corporate Purposes, to an Amount Not to Exceed $150,000.00; Providing for the Form, Denomination and Numbers of Such Warrants; Providing a Right of First Refusal to Purchase to Bearers of May 1978 Series Tax Anticipation Warrants; Authorizing the First National Bank in Fort Myers to Serve as Registrar on Behalf of The City for the Issuance of Said Warrants; Providing for an Effective Date.
Consider a Request for Approval of an Application by William J. Alquist for an Occupational License to conduct an Auction to dispose of Surplus Restaurant Equipment, etc., at 1234 Seagrape Lane (Res. of William H. Snyder), Sanibel, Fla. on Saturday, March 10, 1979.
Consider appeal by Willie Compton of City's interpretation of "Home Occupation" under the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (3.3.7) as related to request for an Occupational License to conduct a business now classified as "Manufacturing" at a Location in a Residential Area (999 Beach Rd.).
12:00 Noon Recess for Lunch.
1:30 P.M. Public Hearing and First Reading of AN ORDINANCE SPECIFICALLY AMENDING THE LAND USE PLAN, SECTION 3.9.6: DEVELOPMENT IN THE FILLED LAND ZONE, TO PERMIT CONSTRUCTION OF A DRIVEWAY WHICH WOULD EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF IMPERMEABLE COVERAGE ON LOT 3, WATER SHADOWS SUBDIVISION, AS SUBMITTED BY CLEM DONNELL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
1:40 P.M. Public Hearing and First Reading of AN ORDINACE SPECIFICALLY AMENDING THE LAND USE PLAN, SECTION 3.3.5: COMMERCIAL YARD REQUIREMENTS, TO PERMIT A SPLIT RAIL FENCE WITHIN THE FRONT YARD SETBACK ON A PARCEL OF LAND LYING NORTH OF SANIBEL RIVER ESTATES IN SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 46 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, SANIBEL, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS SUBMITTED BY JAMES O. EVANS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
1:50 P.M. Public Hearing and First Reading of AN ORDINANCE SPECIFICALLY AMENDING THE LAND USE PLAN, SECTION 3.3.5: COMMERCIAL YARD REQUIREMENTS TO PERMIT AN ENCROACHMENT IN THE SETBACK FROM PERIWINKLE WAY IN SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 46 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SANIBEL, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS SUBMITTED BY RALPH WOODRING; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
2:00 P.M. Public Hearing and First Ready of AN ORDINANCE SPECIFICALLY AMENDING THE LAND USE PLAN, SECTION 3.3.2: RESIDENTIAL YARD REQUIREMENTS, TO PERMIT AN ENCROACHMENT TO CONSTRUCT THREE DUPLEXES IN THE SETBACK FROM AN OPEN BODY OF WATER ON LOTS 1, 2 and 3, UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION IN GOVERNMENT LOT 1, SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 46 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, AS SUBMITTED BY RICHARD E. KENNEDY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
2:10 P.M. Public Hearing and First Reading of AN ORDINANCE SPECIFICALLY AMENDING THE LAND USE PLAN, SECTION 3.3.2: RESIDENTIAL YARD REQUIREMENTS; AND SECTION 3.4.2: PERMITTED USES, GULF BEACH, TO PERMIT THREE DUPLEXES TO ENCROACH UPON THE COASTAL CONSTRUCTION SETBACK LINE AND THE ROAD SETBACK ON LOT 9, BLOCK 7, SANIBEL ESTATES UNIT 2, SANIBEL, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS SUBMITTED BY JORDAN DAVIDSON; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE; PROVIDING FOR

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Planners ask Trost to revise duplex plans

By Susie Holly

Erich Trost of Tarpon Beach Club, Ltd., has been before the Sanibel Planning Commission many times attempting to develop a six-acre tract at Tarpon Bay Road and West Gulf Drive, but he has yet to build anything at that site. He went before the commission again this week only to have his hearing continued until he could make some changes in his newest plans for the property.

Originally, Trost had planned to build a 320-unit Holiday Inn on the gulf front tract along with 160-unit subdivision on 166 acres he owns across Gulf Drive. Then, faced with density reductions as a result of the land use plan, Trost tried for five single-family homes on the gulf tract and 42 homes across the road.

He scrapped those plans last year in favor of a 32-unit condominium project on the gulf. His plans for the condominium, however, were submitted just after the city imposed a moratorium on multi-family projects. So he revised those plans into a project of 15 duplexes, to be called Tarpon Bay Club. Duplexes were not included in the moratorium.

In reviewing his latest application Monday, the commission said that the 15 duplexes were squeezed too closely together on the property and would have to be rearranged before the project could be approved. "It looks like a lot of buildings awfully close together," Commissioner Don Manchester pointed out. "I wonder if that parcel of land can take that many buildings." He suggested that Trost go back to his previous condominium proposal.

Commissioner Ray Fenton said he could not vote for the application until enough space was provided between the buildings for emergency vehicles to get into and turn around. Commissioner Fenton suggested that Trost eliminate some of the duplexes and cluster the excess density on the other side of Gulf Drive.

Trost's engineer, Jim Delozier, explained that Trost had financial commitments to his investors in West Germany and does not have time to revise his plans again. He said Trost actually would prefer to return to the previous condominium plans which consisted of four buildings, but that such a change would place the development under the rate of growth ordinance, further delaying the project.

DeLozier said he would revise the plans to permit space for emergency vehicles between the buildings and return to the commission.

Tarpon Beach Club, Ltd. representatives have indicated that as a part of their project they will dontate two acres of land north of Gulf Drive for a public restroom and a 75-vehicle parking lot for users of the Tarpon Bay Road public beach access. Current parking at the end of Tarpon Bay Road would be eliminated. Trost has said he also would provide the land for a bicycle path down Tarpon Bay Road for the length of his property which extends nearly to the Island Shopping Center.

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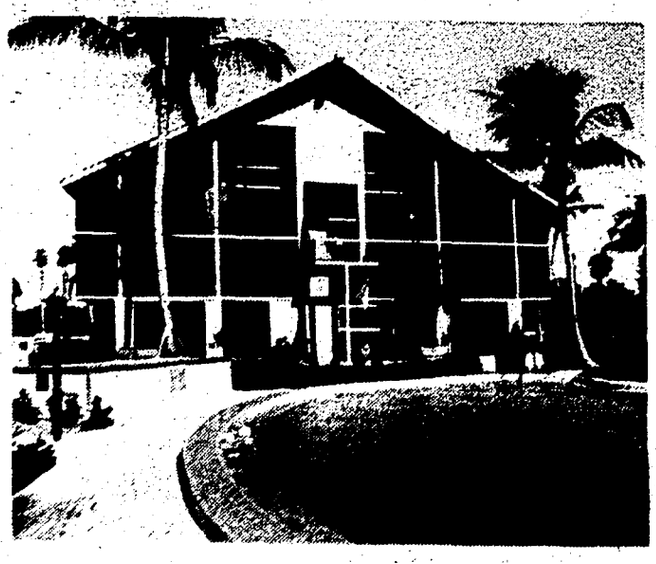

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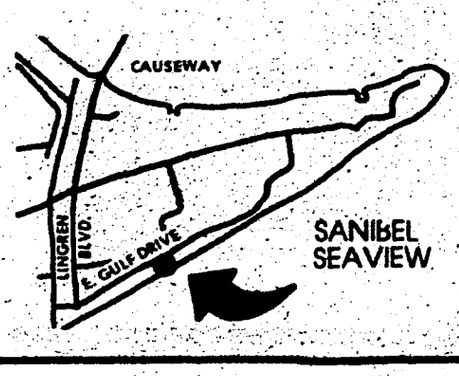

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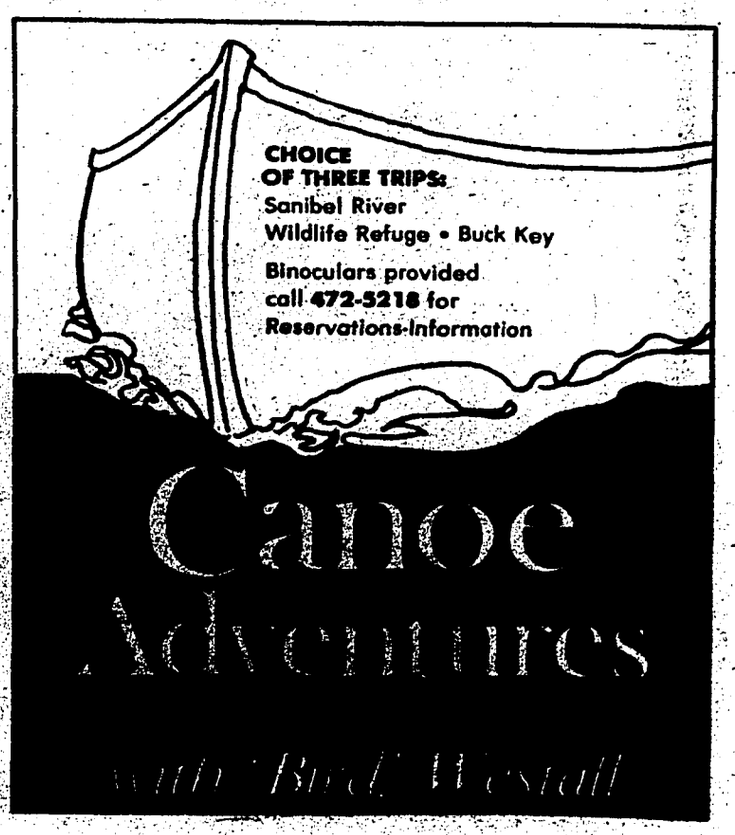


commission gave its approval to a request by E.G. Konrad and Roy Bazire for a restricted commercial development on a 1.5 acre parcel at Sanibel-Captiva Road and Sanibel Bayous Road. The property now contains a real estate office, but is zoned residential by the land use plan.

Konrad and Bazire hope to build a convenience grocery store on the property. Beyond that, they have no definite plans.

Attorney Michael Jackson told the commission that the commercial development at Sanibel Bayous would help keep traffic off San-Cap Road because neighborhood residents would not have to travel to Bailey's grocery whenever they had to go to the store. Sanibel Bayouse resident Eleanor Goldbloom spoke in favor of the development and said she thought most of her neighbors would agree with her.

Commissioner Judy Workman questioned the need for any more commercial development anywhere on the island. Commissioner Fenton also said he did not see the need for additional commercial area. He did ask the developers to consider building affordable apartments over any stores they may construct there.

The commission voted 4-3 to recommend to city council that the amendment changing the permitted use of the property be approved, provided that any future development on the parcel be approved by the commission. Commissioners Workman, Fenton and Manchester voted against the request.

'It looks like a lot of buildings awfully close together'

— Don Manchester

Commissioners also gave their approval to Rick Kennedy to encroach 20 feet on setback lines from an open body of water so that he may build three duplexes and a racquetball court on Middle Gulf Drive between Sandollar andSignal Inn. Kennedy must receive final approval from council.

A request to encroach on the road and coastal construction setback lines on East Gulf Drive was denied by the commission. The property is situated so that only 10 feet remain as a buildable area between the two setback lines.

The commission acknowledged that some encroachment would be necessary, but argued that the applicant's request for six units on the property was excessive. "I think you are asking for more than this land can handled," Commissioner Twink Underhill said. The land use plan allocates eight units to the property, "but some pieces of property cannot support as much as is allocated," she added.

In denying the requst, submitted by property owner Jordan Davidson, the commission suggested that the developers consider reducing the density before presenting their proposal to council. Davidson was represented by David Smith and Richard McCormack, architect.

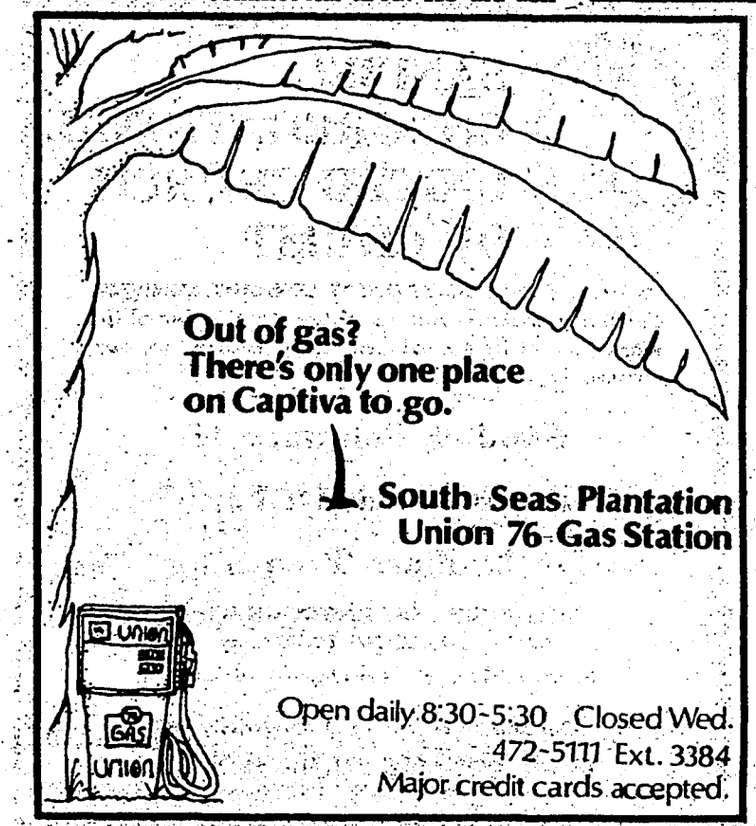
In other business on Monday, the commission voted to:

• recommend approval to council of an amendment which would allow Clem Donnell to construct a concrete driveway at his home on Dixie Beach Road. Donnell argued that his existing shell driveway is eroding;

• approve a request by J.O. Evans to permit an existing split rail fence at the Timbers Restaurant. Evans said he did not realize he needed city permits to put up the fence;

• recommend approval of a request by Richard Amon to construct a single-family home in Los Conchoas del Mar subdivision;

• continue a request by Edward Cooke for for a commercial complex on Palm Ridge Road.



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"The directors of the Audubon Society felt like it was their duty to help the Community Association," commented Audubon President Bud Ryckman. "The Community Association has helped the Audubon Society many times in the past."

The Audubon Society rents the Community Association building on Periwinkle Way every Thursday evening during the season to hold public meetings and presentations that routinely pack the building with 250 to 300 people, said Ryckman. The Community Association is constructing a large addition to the 55-year old building.

Dunes negotiations make headway

By Susie Holly

City fact finders and Dunes subdivision representatives agreed this week they were down to two "wrestling points" in their negotiations to settle a development dispute outside the courtroom. They set February 28 as the target date for reaching a settlement. The case is scheduled to go to court March 26 if negotiations are unsuccessful.

Dunes developer John Kontinos and his late partner, William Frizzell, filed suit against the city last March claiming they should be allowed to develop Dunes Phase II into 213 lots. The land use plan would allow 95 lots.

A city fact finding team was appointed last month to try to reach a compromise settlement with the developers. After several fact finding sessions, Kontinos has agreed to abandon plans for a marina in the subdivision, restore water flow in the area which has been disturbed by development, donate a 30-acre mangrove tract on the western edge of the subdivision for public use, and provide vegetation buffers where appropriate.

The city and Kontinos have not reached an agreement, however, on density or the effect of the city's recently passed rate of growth legislation on the Dunes.

Kontinos has agreed to lower his density request from 213 to 156 units if he is granted an exemption to the rate of growth ordinance. The city, however, is reluctant to make that exception.

Councilman Porter Goss, chairman of the fact finding committee, said city council probably would not feel comfortable making an exception to legislation passed by public referendum. "City council is getting a lot of flak on this."

Kontinos explained that the rate of growth legislation could slow him down considerably. He said financially he has to sell out Dunes Phase II "very, very quickly. I fell into a quagmire on the first phase and it looks like I will fall into a quagmire on the second phase. The other things can be worked out. But I am most concerned about rate of growth."

"To this point we are doing all the giving," Kontinos added.

Councilman Goss answered that he thought the city had yielded "pretty far on density," but Kontinos said the 156 units "is going to barely put my nose above water."

Kontinos' attorney Lloyd Hendry asked if the city might raise the density compromise another 20-25 units if it did not agree to the exemption from the rate of growth ordinance.

Councilman Goss called the request "reasonable," but added "I don't know what the soundings will be."

Both sides will review the options and meet again February 28 for a final negotiating session.

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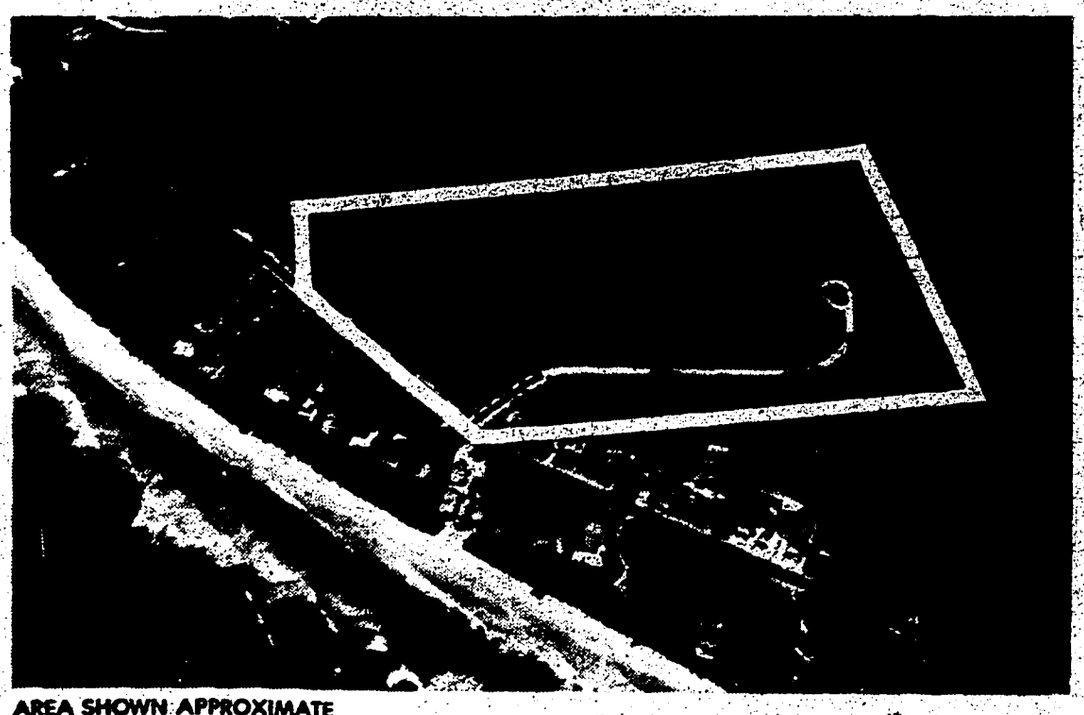

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Oster asks city for 22-unit density

After a six month delay, a city fact finding team met last week with John Oster, Jr. of the Deltrol Corporation to review his development plans for a 24-acre tract between Clam Bayou and Dinken's Bayou.

The team last met with Oster representatives in July to work out a compromise for development in the environmentally sensitive area. Oster originally had asked to develop the property into 44 lots, but the land use plan would allow him a density of only three units.

At their last meeting, the fact finding team indicated that a development of one unit per acre might be an acceptable solution. Since then, Oster has submitted plans for 22 single-family lots, all at least one acre in size, divided half and half on either side of Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Councilman Zee Butler, chairman of the fact finding team, said the density of 22 is compatible with the density on surrounding property.

Oster's plans show frontage roads on both sides of San-Cap Road for driveway access. Councilman Butler said her biggest concern is the location of the frontage roads and their ingress and egress points along San-Cap Road. "Our concern is to limit the number of friction points on San-Cap Road," she explained.

The development plans have accesses at either end of both frontage roads, creating four friction points, Councilman Butler said. She said the fact finders would prefer one access for each frontage road.

Oster's environmental consultant, Dex Bender, said he will examine the property and resubmit the plans showing the exact delineation of the frontage roads and accesses.

Oster also agreed to provide a vegetation buffer between the frontage roads and San-Cap Road and to remove all melaleuca trees from the property. He refused an earlier recommendation of the fact finding team to remove Australian pines. Removal of the pines could be left up to individual lot buyers, Councilman Butler said. Melaleuca and Australian pines are considered detrimental to native vegetation.

The fact finding team hopes to present its final recommendations to city council March 6. Oster has filed for an amendment to the plan which would allow the density changes.

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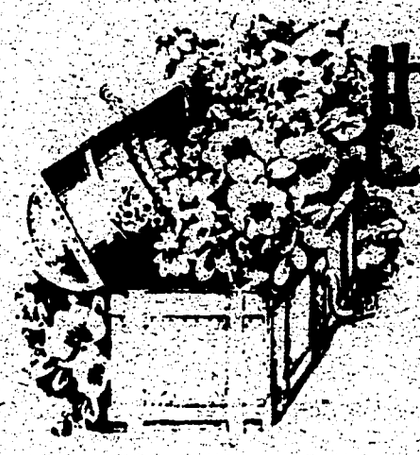

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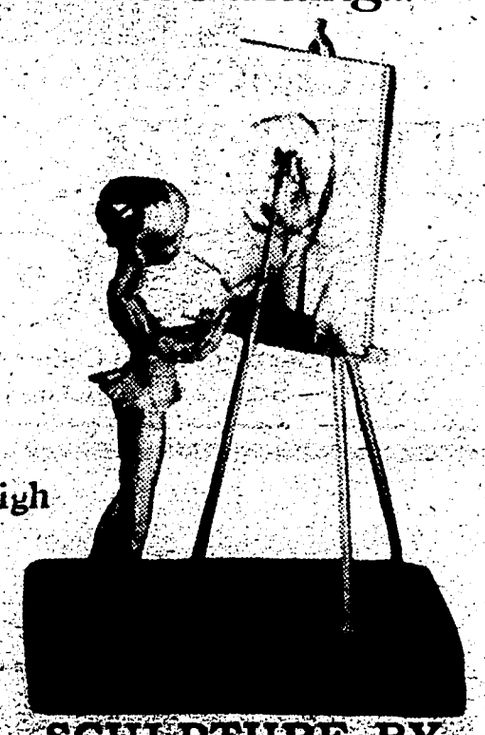

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Committee explores uses for city properties

By Susie Holly

While the city awaits court validation of a loan from the federal Farmer's Home Administration (FmHA) to purchase two large island tracts, a committee has begun investigating possible uses for the property.

Appointed by the Sanibel Planning Commission, the nine-member committee met Tuesday to begin discussing the future of the 28-acre Causeway Properties and the 30-acre gulf front estate of the late Helen Hooper Brown. Sanibel voters approved the city's purchase of both pieces of property in a referendum election November 21.

The city plans to buy the land with a $3.19 million loan from the FmHA. FmHA requires the city to have the loan validated by the courts. The city currently is waiting for that validation.

City ordinances authorizing the property acquisition mandate that both tracts will be used for "low intensity use natural recreation areas." Over the past several months, the Causeway Properties have been suggested for use as a city hall and police station site, a park area, parking facilities or public education facilities. The Brown property has been suggested most often for use as a public beach access with nature trails and a wildlife refuge. City officials have discussed the possibility of using the steamboat home and adjacent cottage on the property for city offices.

Members of the properties committee intend to investigate the feasibility of each of these proposed uses. Chairman Ann Winterbotham reminded members that most islanders believe use of the properties should be kept to a minimum -- especially on the Brown property. "There is a great deal of feeling that the Brown property should be restricted to Sanibel residents," she said. She asked committee members to investigate the legality of such a restriction when federal money is being used to buy the land.

Winterbotham assigned George Tenney, Louise Johnson, George Campbell and Don Manchester to investigate uses for the Causeway Properties. She asked Conrad Lickel, Mike Klein, Dick Workman and Arthur Hunter to work on the Brown property.

The group will meet again 10:00 a.m. February 27 on the Brown property.

League to discuss affordable housing

Moderate cost housing will be the topic of discussion at the regular meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Unit of the League of Women Voters after 10:00 a.m., February 19 at the West Wind In.. Dick Workman, director of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, and Allen Ten Broek, executive vice-president of Mariner Properties, Inc., will speak on the subject. A coffee period at 9:30 a.m. will precede the meeting which is free and open to the public.

Sanibel City Councilman Zee Butler will join a panel of Lavon Wisher, Lee County administrator, and Lillian Shreve, head librarian for Fort Myers, in a discussion of "Lee County Problems" at 9:30 a.m. February 20 at Seven Lakes Center in Fort Myers. The meeting is sponsored by the Lee County League of Women Voters.

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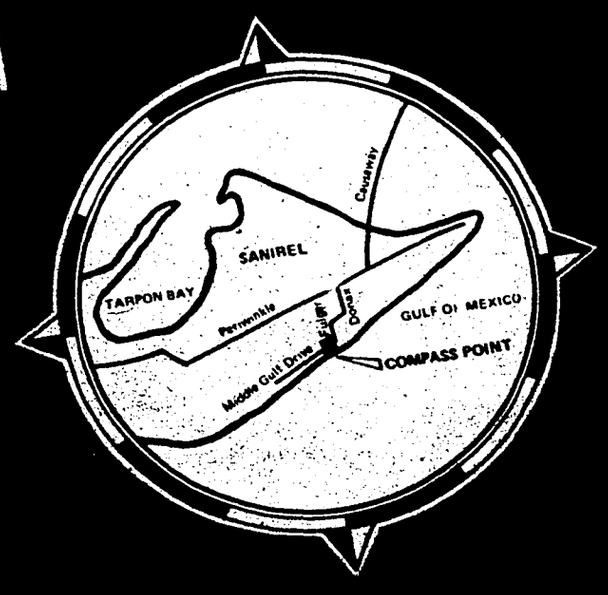

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Workman also counters the argument of those who ask what is to prevent affordable housing from falling into the tourist market. He proposes a licensing agency to set rental rates and screen applicants so that only those wanting long term leases could be eligible.

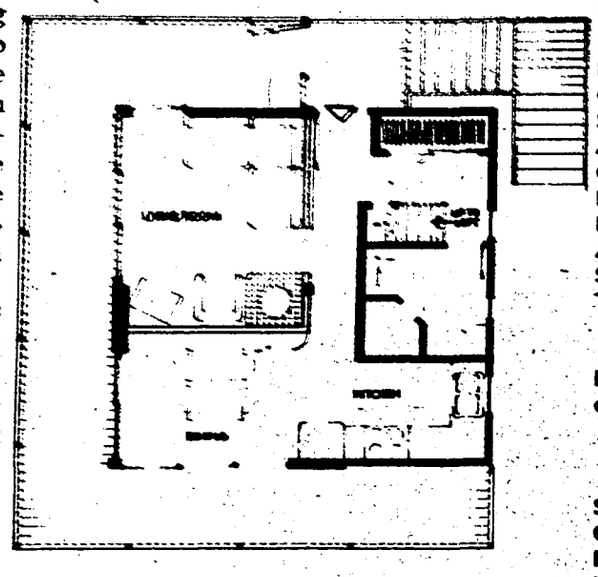
Workman argues that affordable housing is "absolutely necessary if Sanibel is to remain the type of community we have worked to maintain." He says the problem is particularly acute for the young professionals who run the community. Those working people need to be a part of the community, which means living here, Workman says. They have more pride in the island that way, he adds.

"If you want Sanibel run like Fort Myers is run, then bring the people over here from Fort Myers to run the community," Workman comments.

Workman presented his proposal to the Sanibel Planning Commission Monday and received a positive response from the commissioners. "I hope that through the powers that lie with you," Workman told them, "you will work with those of us willing to work on the problem and get something done."

Commission Chairman Ann Winterbotham said, "This is something we should all keep in mind. I certainly have no objections to it." City council members also have expressed individually their praise for Workman's proposal. Mayor Duane White has said that although it will not be enough in itself to solve Sanibel's housing dilemma, it does offer a workable approach.

Council, meanwhile, plans to appoint an "action committee" on Tuesday to deal with the affordable housing problem.



McBryde-Parker-Mudgett, architects, designed this floor plan for a 400-square foot moderate-cost unit.

AGENDA

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CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2:20 P.M. Public Hearing and First Reading of AN ORDINANCE SPECIFICALLY AMENDING THE LAND USE PLAN, SECTION 3.3.1: RESIDENTIAL DENSITIES; AND SECTION 3.2.2.: DEVELOPMENT INTENSITY MAP, TO CONSTRUCT A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE ON LOT 27 A AND THE SOUTH 39.43 FEET OF LOT 30 A, LOS CONCHAS DEL MAR, SANIBEL, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS SUBMITTED BY RICHARD AMON; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2:30 P.M. Public Hearing and First Reading of AN ORDINANCE SPECIFICALLY AMENDING THE LAND USE PLAN, SECTION 3.2.3: PERMITTED USE MAP; PART 2.5: LAND USE; AND SECTION 3.4.10: FILLED LAND. THE PETITIONERS REQUEST A RESTRICTED COMMERCIAL USE DESIGNATION AND PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT A 2000 SQUARE FOOT GROCERY STORE ON A SITE CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 1.5 ACRES, LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF SANIBEL-CAPTIVA AND SANIBEL BAYOUS ROADS (SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 46 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST), SANIBEL, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS SUBMITTED BY ADMIRAL E.G. KONRAD AND MR. ROY E. BAZIER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ad hoc Committee Report - G & J Investments, Inc.

Consider approving a Resolution Establishing a Moderate Cost Housing Committee; Establishing the Committee's Duties; Providing an Effective Date.

Public Inquiries and Comments.

Recess

3:01 P.M. Reconvene for Continuation of Public Hearing and Second Reading of AN ORDINANCE GENERALLY AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN, PART 3.7: FLOOD AND STORM PROOFING; ADOPTING THE REGULATORY FLOOD ELEVATION LEVELS AND STANDARDS OF THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION; GENERALLY AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN, SECTION 4.9.4: TO PROVIDE THE STANDARDS FOR ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO PART 3.7.

Adjournment.

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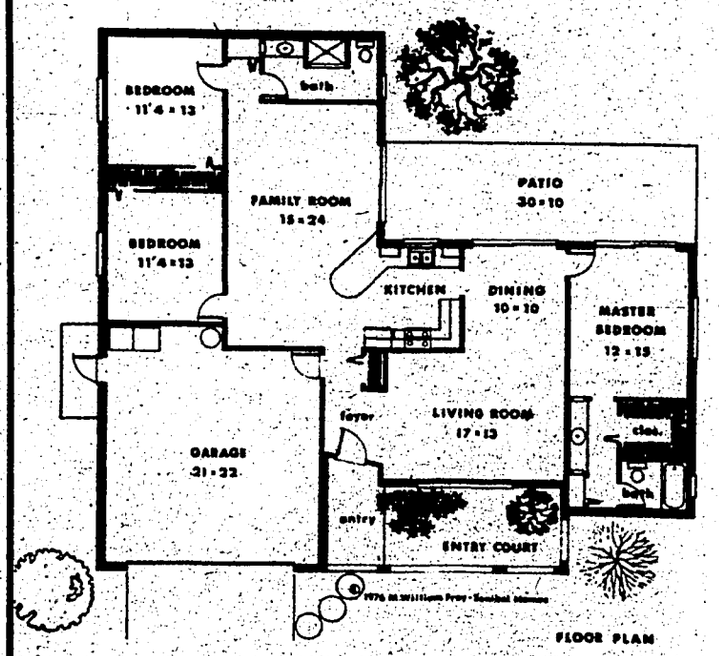

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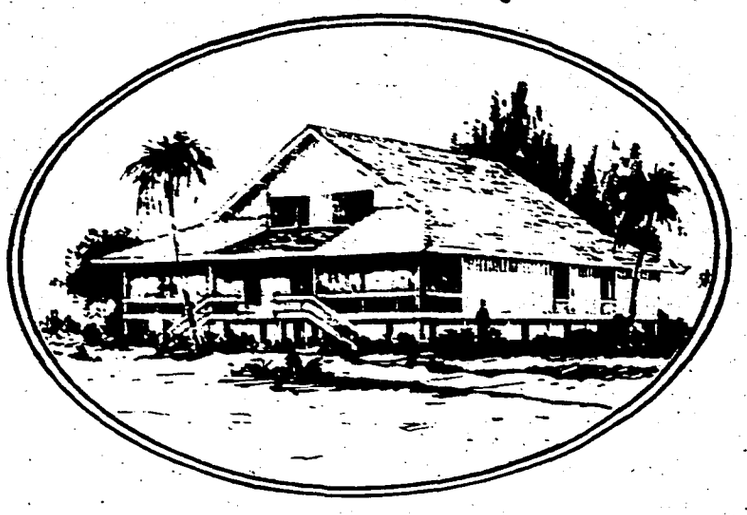

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The annual event consistently draws lots of people in search of good merchandise at bargain prices. All of the items at the sale have been donated or made by Captiva residents and merchants. Some Sanibel merchants also have contributed to this year's sale.

Sale items will be displayed inside the Civic Center, and the doors open at 9:30 a.m. But experienced ABC shoppers usually arrive early for coffee and doughnuts and to browse through the merchandise on display outside the building that will be auctioned off beginning at 11:30 a.m. At 11:00 a.m. the goods and services contributed by Captiva merchants will be raffled to ticket holders. Tickets will be sold during the sale.

Some of the more glamourous items that will be auctioned include a Sunfish sailboat, a stereo and a wicker chaise. The list of sale items also includes some interesting things worth checking on, such as a pew from an old New Hampshire church that seats eight, director's chair seat covers that have been needlepointed with a bird pattern, a Chinese silk wall hanging, an antiqued sideboard, and plates sporting wildlife designs.

Also featured at the sale will be baked goods and plants that have been carefully collected and nurtured by Captiva residents expressly for the sale.

In the past few years alone income from the ABC Sale has enabled the Civic Association to paint the inside and outside of the Civic Center, build a ramp for the handicapped, air condition the library and the meeting hall, spend $4000 on new books for the library, donate money to the Captiva Shore Patrol, and build a storage shed that is now crammed with items for next week's sale.

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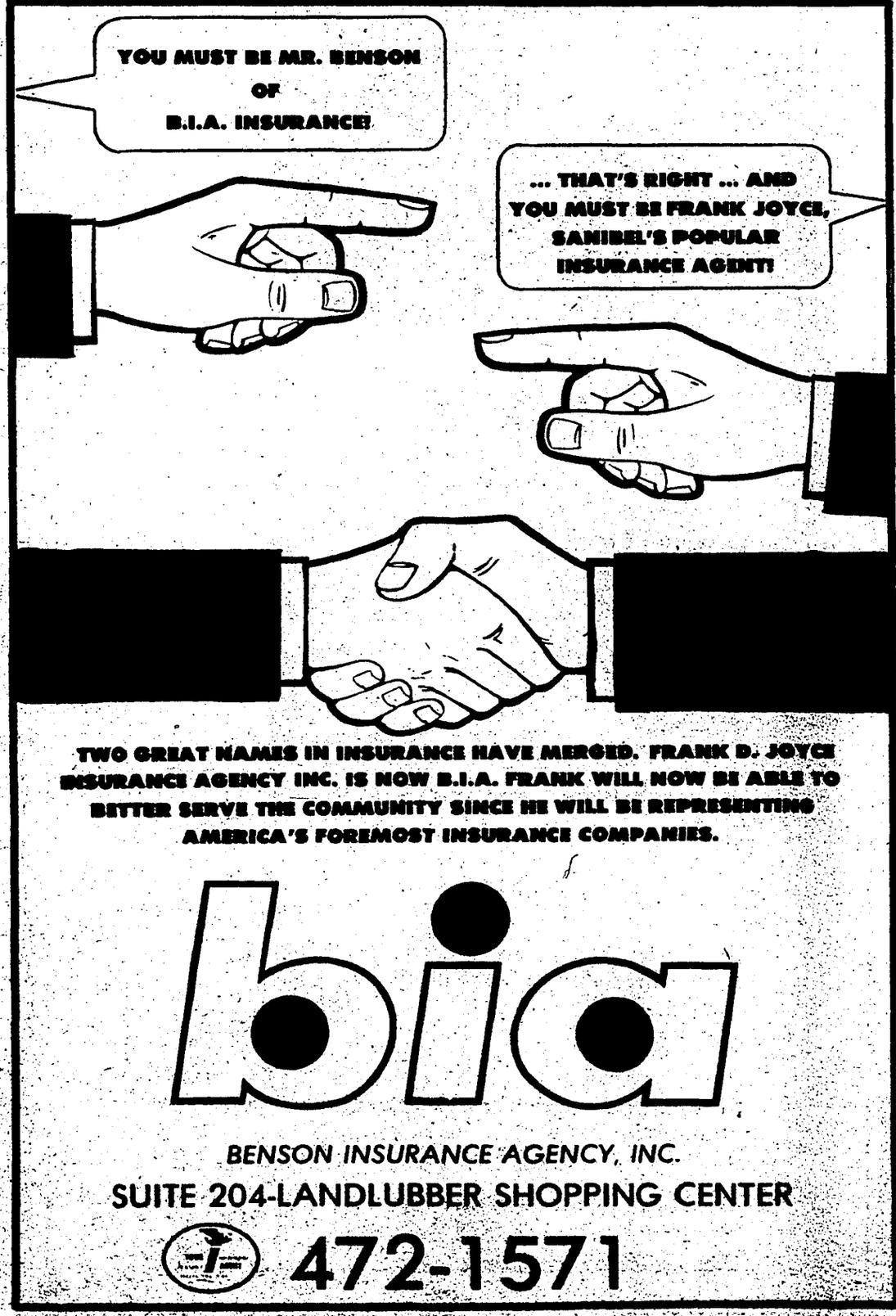

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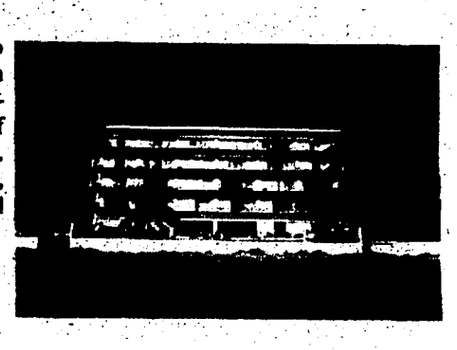

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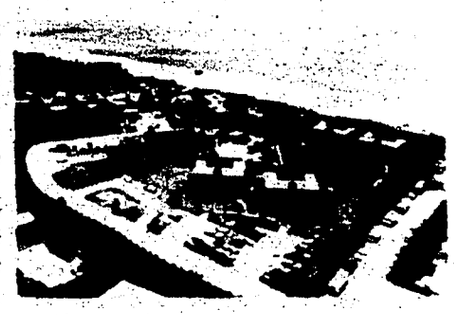

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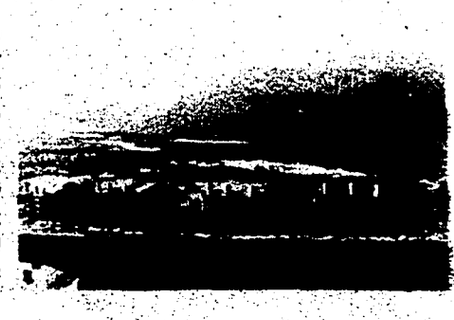

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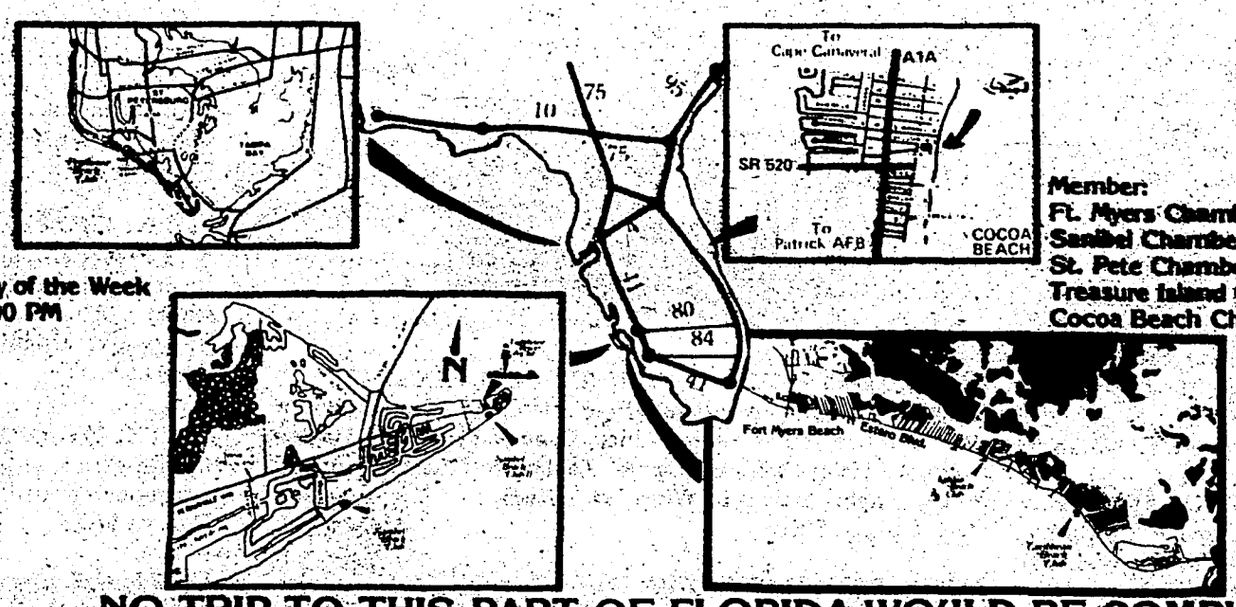

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sanibel sightings

By George Weymouth

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Roseate spoonbills should arrive in the refuge this weekend.

Usually around February 17 our population of sub-adult roseate spoonbills, which have lingered here for the winter and average only about a half dozen or so birds, has suddenly increased to 40-60 birds. The first of the adults, which have been nesting down in Everglades National Park, return north toward their summer feeding grounds.

Gradually their numbers increase, and by mid-March there may be 100 or so. By June, we may have upwards of 300 to 400 here.

The sub-adults we've had all winter are a pastel shade of pink, but the adults are a deep pink and have a rich cerise red on their shoulders. The head feathers have been shed, giving the bird a rather odd looking "puss;" sort of a wrinkled greenish skin with red eyes and naked ear openings, and then of course the weird flattened spatulate shaped bill.

At a distance, especially in flight, they are a sight long to be remembered. Being mostly nocturnal, they tend to roost most of the day in some isolated clump of mangrove trees, and then about an hour before dark depart from their roost to the nearest feeding area, usually a salt water mud flat, around Sanibel.

On or about the 17th some returning adults will depart from their roost at about 6:00 p.m. and head for the mud flat directly across from the observation tower in the refuge. Normally there will be a few cars parked by the tower, and their occupants will be standing around (often with a cocktail in hand) waiting for this "arrival" to occur. Between sips and chats, an occasional peer into the horizon usually is taken with their binoculars, hoping to be the first to see them return in numbers to Sanibel after the nesting season.

At Number 3 sign in the refuge, study the lesser scaup over closely for a ring-necked duck. There have been a few mixed in with the scaup recently, and they look very similar. The white shoulder mark up the side is about the best field mark.

For about the first time in quite a while we've had a few mallards in the refuge. A couple of drakes were recorded about five weeks ago, and lately we've had a hen on the left side about 300-400 feet beyond the tower as you drive through. I feel I got some good photos of her last Sunday and saw her there again on February 13.

She looks like a mottled duck, but her bill, rather than being a drab yellow with flecks of brown, has a distinct brown saddle over the middle of the upper mandible. She has more of a white eyebrow, and when I flushed her, a whitish tail. She's all by herself, which isn't normal for our mottled duck -- especially with their breeding season so near (about March through May.)

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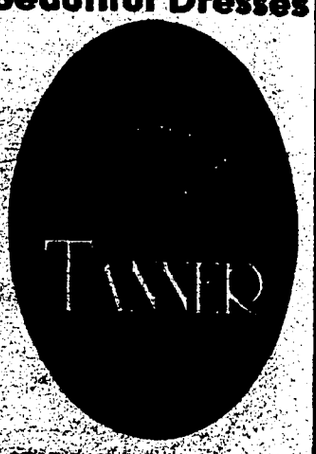

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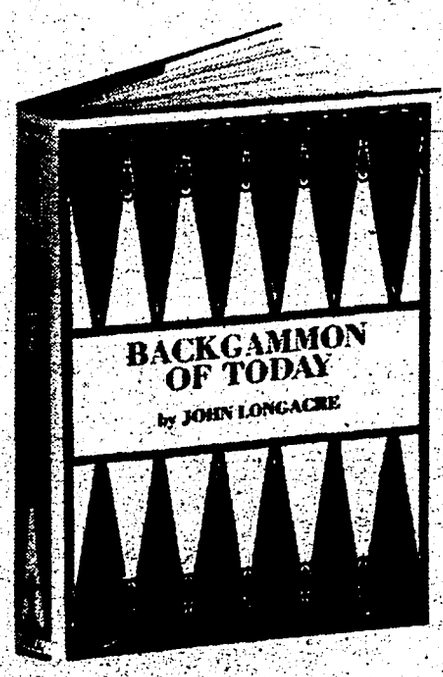

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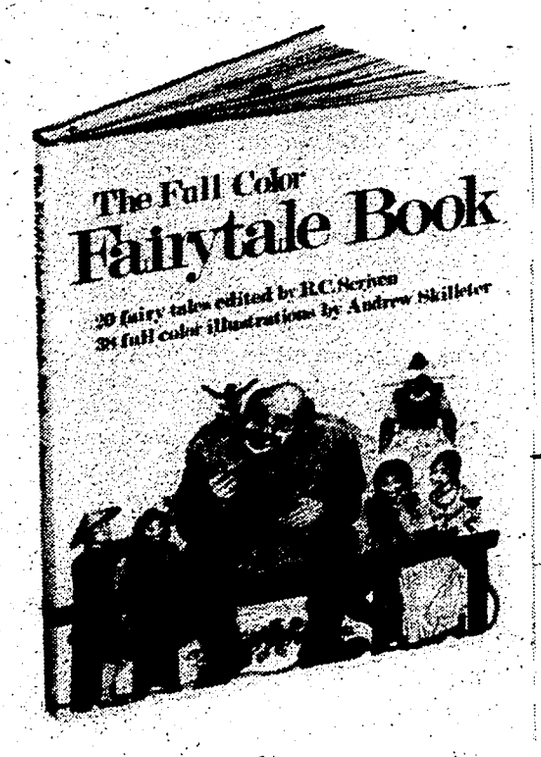

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Police club hosts barbecue

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The barbecue will begin at 1:00 p.m. and continue to 5:30 p.m. Tickets are $3.25 for adults and $2 for children for a plate of chicken, corn on the cob, baked beans and cole slaw. Beer and soft drinks will be available. Tickets can be purchased from Sanibel Police and at the door.

The club also is planning to sponsor the Fourth of July fireworks display and will solicit donations to purchase the fireworks, according to Patrolman Jack Primm, president of the club.

Police officers will be contacting businesses and residents for donations, and plastic jugs and signs will be placed in several island shops, said Primm.

The Police Recreation Club is taking over sponsorship of the fireworks display from the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club.

Lions meeting

Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club members Jim Hermes, Art Corace, Larry Van Til, Buhl Burgoyne and Dee and Hazel Amon met with Southwest Florida Lions Club leaders last weekend in Sarasota.

The Lions representatives reported on local efforts to support Leader Dogs for the Blind, Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind, Florida Lions Eye Bank and the Florida Lions Camp for the Handicapped. According to the Lions the statewide charity projects have received extensive support on Sanibel and Captiva.

Native plants available this weekend

Native plants will be given away free of charge this weekend to help clear the way for construction of a bicycle path which will run down the north side of the Sanibel-Captiva Road.

The give-away, which began last weekend, will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Members of the city's planning department and vegetation committee and volunteers from the Conservation Center will be stationed at spots along the road to assist in locating suitable plants and offering advice on transplanting.

Prospective plant owners should bring proper tools and be prepared to dig up the plants and transport them. Proper equipment includes a shovel, clippers, pots, twine and newspapers, and plastic or burlap to wrap the roots.

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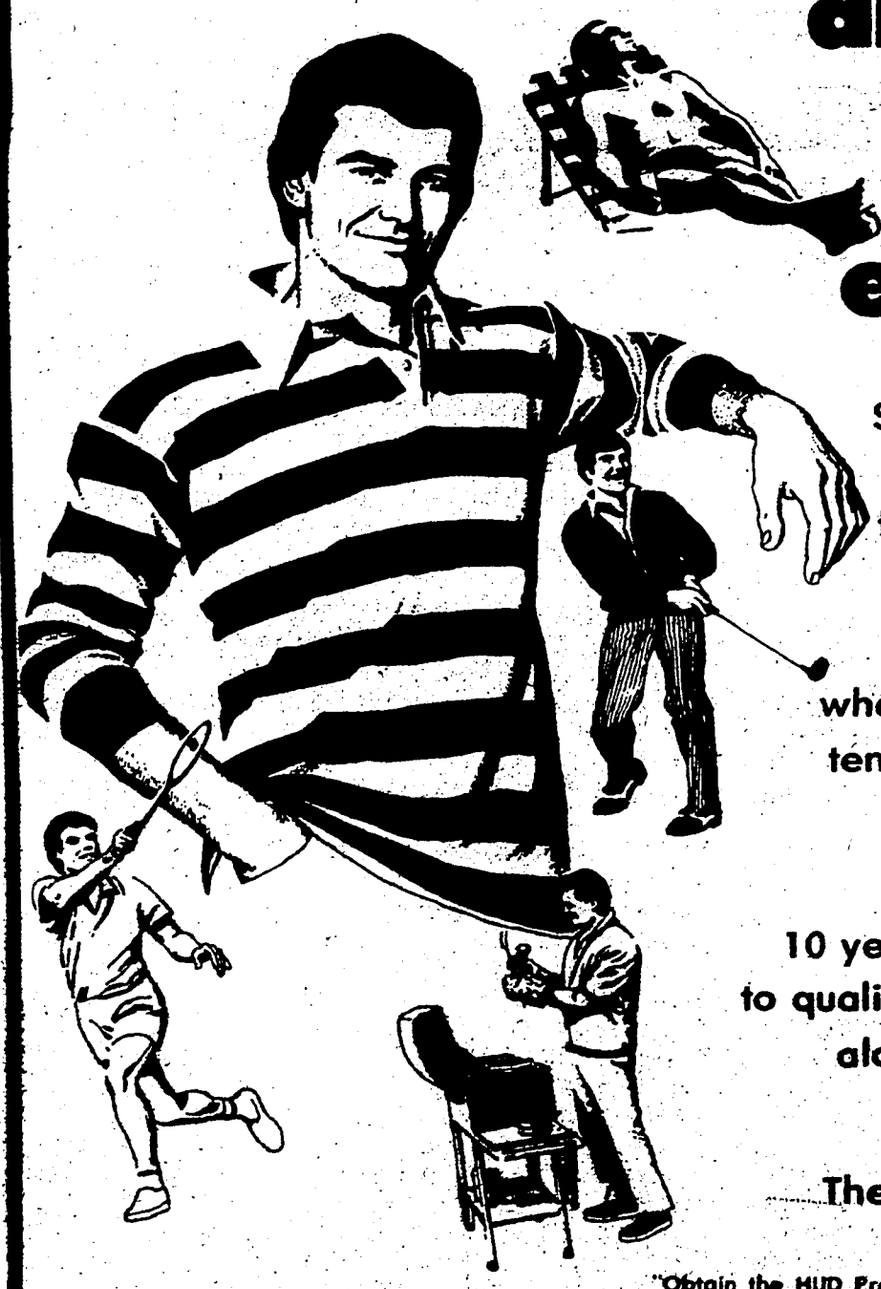

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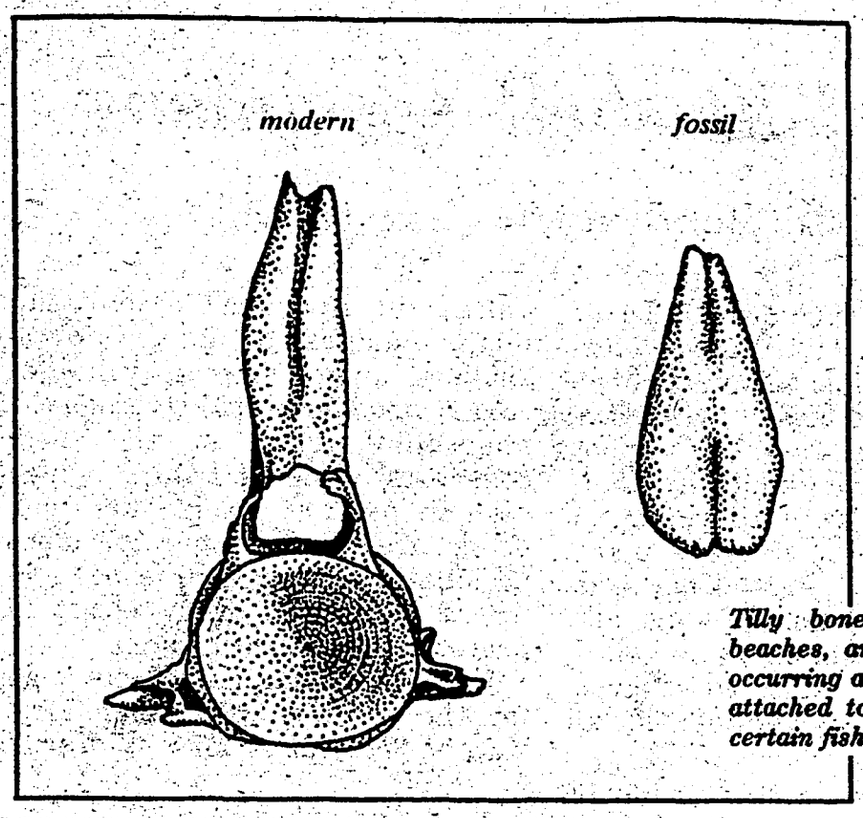

Tilly bones, often found along beaches, are overgrowths of bone occurring along the neural spine or attached to the dorsal fin rays of certain fish species.

This may tickle your tilly bone

Diligent beachcombers may recognize the object pictured at left.

These small pieces of bone have often been mistakenly identified as floatation devices in sharks, petrified swim bladders and fossilized rabbit brains. But according to researchers at the Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota, Florida the objects are "Tilly bones," overgrowths of bone that occur along the neural spine or attached to the dorsal fin rays of certain fish species.

Named after Dr. Tilly Edinger of Harvard University, Tilly bones, also known as "hyperstoses," are often the product of disease or parasite infestation. Scientific evidence indicates that aging plays the most important role in creation of Tilly bones, since older specimens of certain fish species always show these overgrowths.

Tilly bones are not rare but have been found in all major oceans, as well as the Red Sea, Indian Ocean and even Incan kitchen middens. They appear in many saltwater fish, including the haddock, spadefish, angelfish and jacks.

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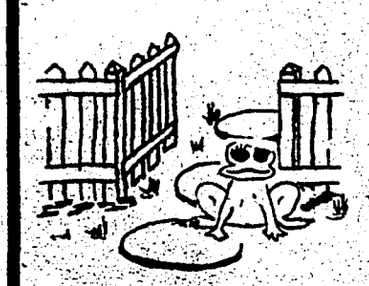

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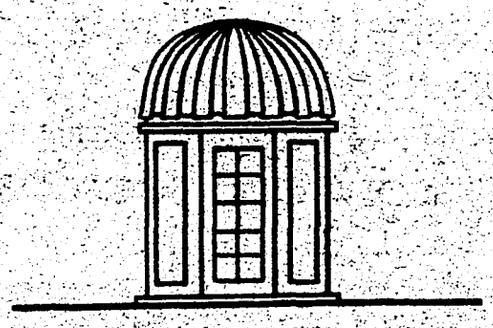

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Live Shell exhibit to feature nearly 100 shell specimens

'We have fifteen volunteer workers who will man the booth during the fair.'

One of the most popular features of Sanibel's Shell Fair, the live shell exhibit, is getting an early start this year and promises both entertainment and education for the annual event, set for March 1-4.

The live shell committee will begin setting up the exhibit, located in a booth outside the Sanibel Community Center, early next week. Sixteen tanks will be filled with salt water and stabilized before introducing 80 to 100 mullusk specimens that live in surrounding waters, according to committee chairman Pat Kair.

Esperanza Woodring and son Ralph Woodring are supplying the shells again this year, and have been gathering specimens, which are kept in their tank on Woodring Point. "It's important to get the water in exhibit tanks stabilized to give the shells a better chance of survival," Mrs. Kair said. Sanibel residents William and Mary Gibney and Steven and Helen Brylnsky are in charge of the tanks.

Committee co-chairman Diane Walter will introduce a new feature to the exhibit this year. Mrs. Walter, a biologist, will give several lectures about the various specimens throughout the four-day fair. "We have 15 volunteer workers who will man the booth during the fair," Mrs. Kair said. "We could use more people and we'll be giving seminars so volunteers will be able to answer visitors' questions and identify all the specimens."

In addition to its entertainment value, the live shell exhibit annually strives to make novice shellers aware of the value of conserving shells, and stresses the philosophy found in the shell collectors' Code of Ethics, which says in part: "I realize the mollusks are part of our precious national wildlife resources, therefore I will make every effort to protect and preserve them."

For information on volunteering for the exhibit, call either Mrs. Kair at 472-1152 or Mrs. Walter at 472-1455.

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SHELL TRIVIA:

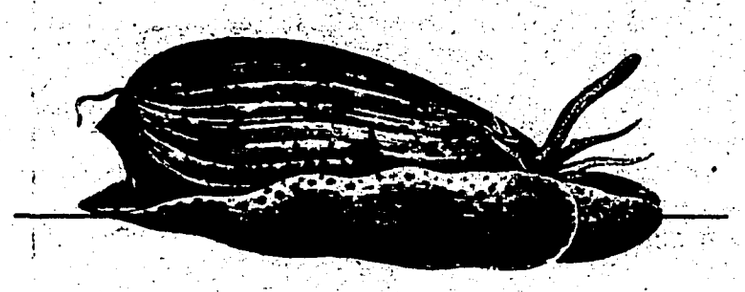
How good is your shelling I.Q.?

By Peter Larson

With a scant two weeks remaining before the start of Sanibel's 42nd Annual Shell Fair, shellers from Cape Cod to Capetown are boning up on shell trivia.

As any serious sheller knows, it is not the size or value of your collection that matters at the shell fair. What *does* matter is the manner and mien of the collector. Is he knowledgeable? Are his anecdotes credible? Can he pronounce Latin terms with the eloquence of Cicero, quote chapter and verse from Tucker Abbott, or claim a more than nodding acquaintance with Elsie Malone?

Moreover, does he know shell history? Is he steeped in the lore and legend of the conch,



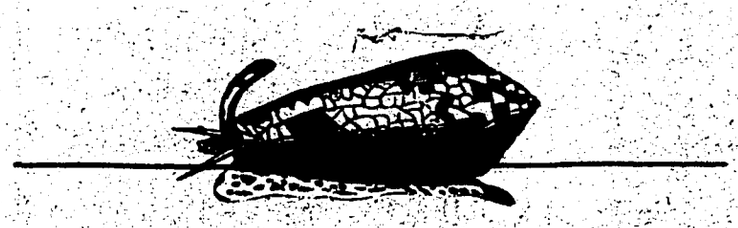
cone and triton? And if he were quizzed on the subject, would he receive a pregnant or even a passing grade?

The Island Reporter this week offers a true-false quiz on shelling history. Anyone scoring fewer than five correct answers shouldn't be allowed within 50 feet of a Sanibel beach. For collectors who score only 15 correct answers, last minute cramming is in order.

True competency begins a 20 correct answers. Anyone who claims a perfect score is doubtless related to Tucker Abbott, Elsie Malone or Cicero.

TRUE OR FALSE:

(T) (F) 1. The ancient Aztecs of Mexico paid tribute to Emperor Montezuma in shells.
(T) (F) 2. Scientists have found the fossil remains of a Paleozoic era shell measuring eight feet in diameter.
(T) (F) 3. The shell mentioned in question two was discovered on a Sanibel beach by a Des Moines woman who had it cast in gold plate and fashioned into an interesting pendant.
(T) (F) 4. Cylinders of shell, cut from clams, were used as currency by American Indians until the white man subverted this monetary system by introducing inflation. White traders created "counterfeit" wampum by using cheap materials and colored paints.



(T) (F) 5. Shells figure importantly in the heraldic crests of many highborn English families, including Sir Winston Churchill.
(T) (F) 6. Architect Frank Lloyd Wright claimed shells offered a working model of good home design. Said Wright: "In this collection of houses of hundreds of small beings, who themselves built these houses, we see a quality which we call invention . . . This multitudinous expression indicates what design can mean." Wright went on to build the first spiral art gallery, the Guggenheim.
(T) (F) 7. The ancient Persians, Phoenecians, Romans and Tyrians crushed and boiled murex shells to create a red dye for coloring fabric.
(T) (F) 8. Plato devoted an entire dialogue to the merits of shell collecting.
(T) (F) 9. One Japanese shell is so rare that whenever it is found, it is surrendered immediately to the Emperor. For this reason it is called the "Emperor's shell."
(T) (F) 10. Some primitive tribes in New Guinea actually use small shells as dentures.
(T) (F) 11. Some primitive dentists in New Guinea actually accept small shells as payment.
(T) (F) 12. During an annual hibiscus parade in Fiji, natives dress as giant clams and cones and parade down the streets.
(T) (F) 13. Centuries ago in Japan shell trumpets were used to warn of riots (one blast), fire (two blasts), robbery (three blasts), treachery (four blasts), and egg roll poisoning (five blasts).
(T) (F) 14. In 1539 the Indians of Florida met de Soto's troops blowing conch shells and beating drums.
(T) (F) 15. Victorian ladies used purses made of bivalve shells.



(T) (F) 16. Shells are mentioned in Ezekiel, 1:16 . . . "Who doth glean the shell must clean the shell, lest a stench permeate his abode and make foul his dwelling."
(T) (F) 17. Shells are mentioned in Ezekiel, 27:23 . . . "Thy wares went forth out of the seas."
(T) (F) 18. In early Christian iconography the scallop became a symbol of St. James, the fisherman. Pilgrims who visited the saint's tomb in Compostela, Spain carried away shells as good luck talismans.
(T) (F) 19. The design of a certain univalve mollusk is believed to have inspired Leonardo da Vinci when he invented the spiral staircase.
(T) (F) 20. The futuristic submarine in Jules Verne's "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" was named "Nautilus" and had chambered compartments characteristic of the nautilus shell.
(T) (F) 21. For many ancient cultures the aperture of the cowry shell was a symbol of woman, fertility and childbirth. In Japan, West Africa and India, some women hold cowry shells to insure an easy delivery.
(T) (F) 22. According to ancient Chinese writings, nine cowry shells were placed in the mouth of a deceased emperor. Dead noblemen rated only seven shells and high officials only five shells. An ordinary man was buried with rice in his mouth.
(T) (F) 23. The Omaha Indians used sacred shells, which they wrapped in leather pouches. Tribes consulted the shell as an oracle and used the shell-pouch to consecrate tobacco.
(T) (F) 24. In many Hindu temples, chank



shells are used for making libations to bathe the images of the gods. A chank shell trumpet is also sounded whenever the god Krishna is carried in procession.
(T) (F) 25. Shell Oil still uses the scallop shell as its symbol because the founder of the company, Marcus Samuel, collected shells. Samuel's heirs named the company's first tanker "Murex" in homage to his passion for collecting.
(T) (F) 26. Archaeologists who unearthed ancient Minoan ruins have found evidence that shell table raffles were once common on Crete.
(T) (F) 27. Like any other shell collector, even Rembrandt was given to exaggeration. In his etching, "The shell," Rembrandt neglected to reverse his drawing on the metal plate, so that when it was printed, the shell appears to be a left-handed Conus marmoreus -- a very rare shell, indeed.
(T) (F) 28. In western Scotland, bivalve shells were used to make a bargain or agreement. Using a cockle, mussel or oyster shell, both parties would take half the shell as a receipt. The shells were eventually joined when the transaction was completed.
(T (F) 29. Since the 16th century, a giant clam shell has been in use as a baptismal font in the church of St. Sulpice in Paris. Scallop shells have also been used to administer the rite of baptism.
(T) (F) 30. In Boticelli's famous painting, "Birth of Venus," some critics say Venus is standing on a scallop shell. Actually, she is standing on a stamped skate wing.

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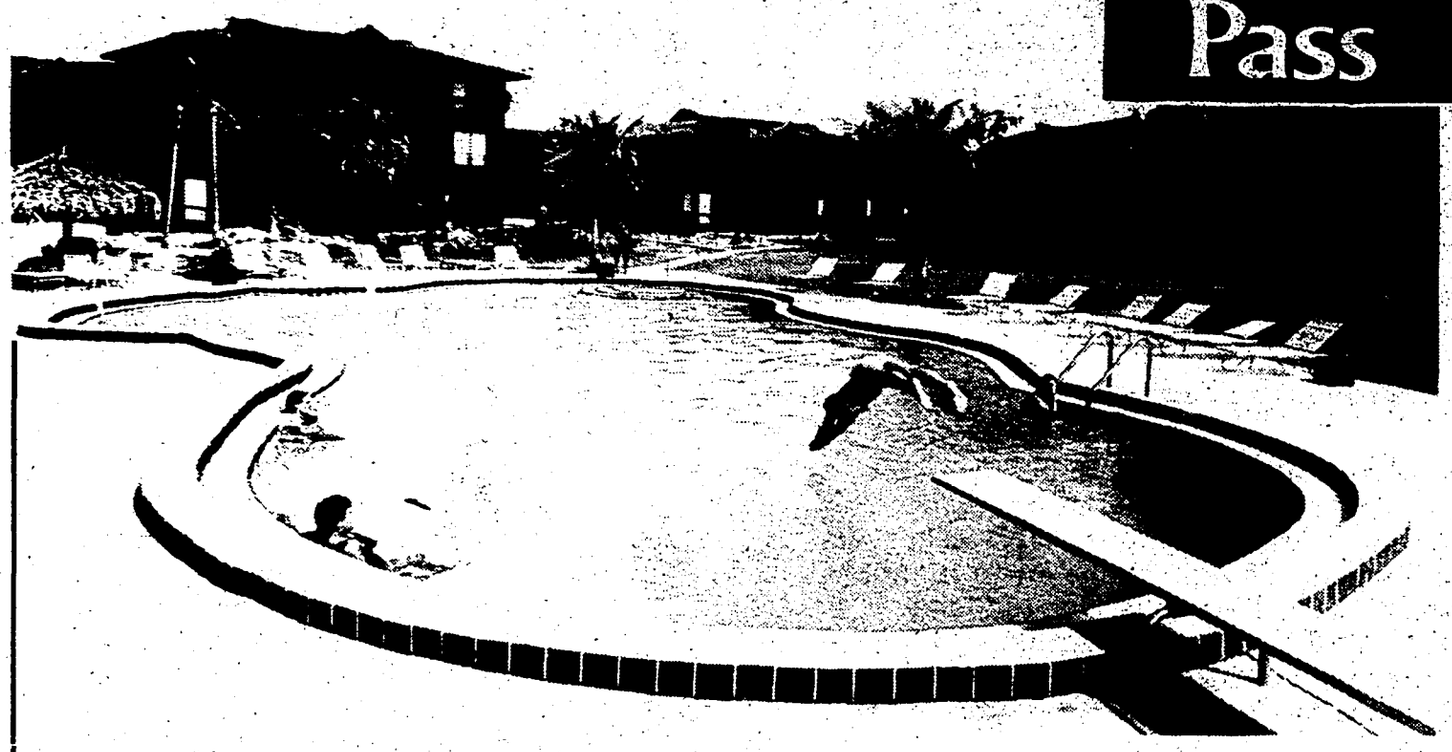

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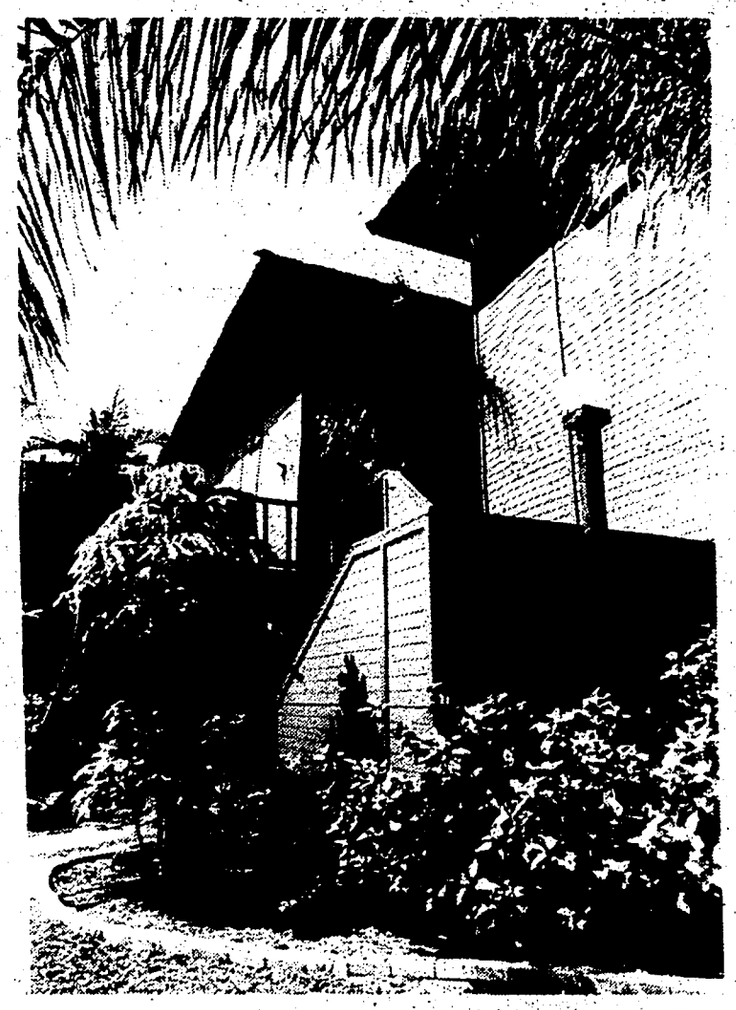

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Edward and Doris Tinsley for a house on King's Crown Drive in Shell Harbor subdivision by Michigan Homes, Inc. for $56,870;

John Vroman-Vrolyk to repair and remodel the second floor of the French Quarter building at 1473 Periwinkle Way by Mark McQuade for $1,000;

James Minor for a water well at 9426 Arum Court by the owner for $125;

C.J. Fox for a spa at 714 Durion Court by Glamour Pools, Inc. for $2,450;

Kenneth Riley to remodel a restaurant at 2007 Periwinkle Way by the owner for $1,459.37;

Sanibel Marina Inc. for a commercial building at 634 N. Yachtsman for $6,000;

Mrs. Joan Schmidt for a house on Coconut Drive in Del Sega subdivision by George Morrison for $40,000;

Clem Donnel for a pool heater at 1678 Dixie Beach Boulevard by the owner for $800.

Eighteen **deed closings** for sales valued at $1,711,800 were recorded in the Lee County Courthouse during the week ending Tuesday, February 13. They include:

Property on Gulf Drive to Geraldine Sim from Mildred Patty for $150,000;

Property in the Dunes subdivision to Robert McDonald from Hollingsworth Construction Corp. for $88,900;

Property in Tradewinds subdivision to Dwight Conklin from Loleta Eubanks for $67,500;

A Pointe Santo de Sanibel condominium to John Jensen from Ralph Beyerstedt for $195,000;

A Sayana of Sanibel condominium to C'est Belle from Russell Totman for $148,000;

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A Blue Gulf condominium to James Bone from Hugh Bone and James Bone for $50,000;

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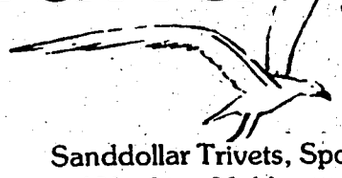

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THE REPORTER-PETER LARSON

Osprey hovers above Cabbage Key's one distinguishing landmark, an antique water tower. Owner Rob Wells, right, surveys his 122-acre domain.

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Cabbage Key: haunt of millionaires and mullet fishermen



THE REPORTER-PETER LARSON

By Peter Larson

Guestbook comments are always gratuitous. But at Cabbage Key, the guestbook comments are downright rabid.

"Fab!" writes one New Yorker. "Funky!" enthuses a Detroit couple. "The last place on earth!" concurs another guest, and from a Connecticut woman, "I think I'd like to live here till I die!"

Praise is nothing new for Cabbage Key. Ever since the restaurant-inn opened for business 35 years ago, Cabbage Key has been playing to rave reviews. Writers for "Motorboating," "Cruising," "Boating," and "Outside" have heaped praise on the island retreat, hailing Cabbage Key as the most charming port-of-call on Florida's west coast.

Located approximately five miles south of Boca Grande and five miles north of Captiva, Cabbage Key's biggest single attraction may be its inaccessibility. The island does not advertise. It can be reached only by boat. And except for its one distinguishing landmark, a water tower, Cabbage Key is camouflaged by mangrove, reducing the likelihood of casual discovery by boaters travelling the intra-coastal waterway.

A first landing on Cabbage Key is, therefore, an initiation. And forever afterward you cannot arrive on the 122-acre island without feeling you *have arrived*, period.

To this island out-of-the-stream come the rich and the raucous, *millionaires and mullet fishermen.* Rock singers Neil Young and Jimmy Buffet have played impromptu concerts in Cabbage Key's venerated bar and only last week, actor E.G. Marshall cruised in for lunch.

As a matter of policy, Cabbage Key owner Rob Wells doesn't namedrop. Even if he did, Wells

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THE REPORTER-EMIL FRAY

Bad weather, cold are partly to blame for an area scarcity of stone crabs, sought for their claws.

'Crop failure' for crabbers

By Bradley Fray

For the seafood connoisseur, hardly an entree can replace the tender, succulent taste of fresh stone crab claws, served up in a steaming heap with a side dish of drawn butter.

If your mouth waters at the mention, better hurry out to the local seafood market or restaurant, because crab claws are getting so scarce that some area crabbers already have called it quits on the seven month season that doesn't end until mid-May.

"If we had last year's crabs at this year's prices we'd be sitting pretty," says one local crabber.

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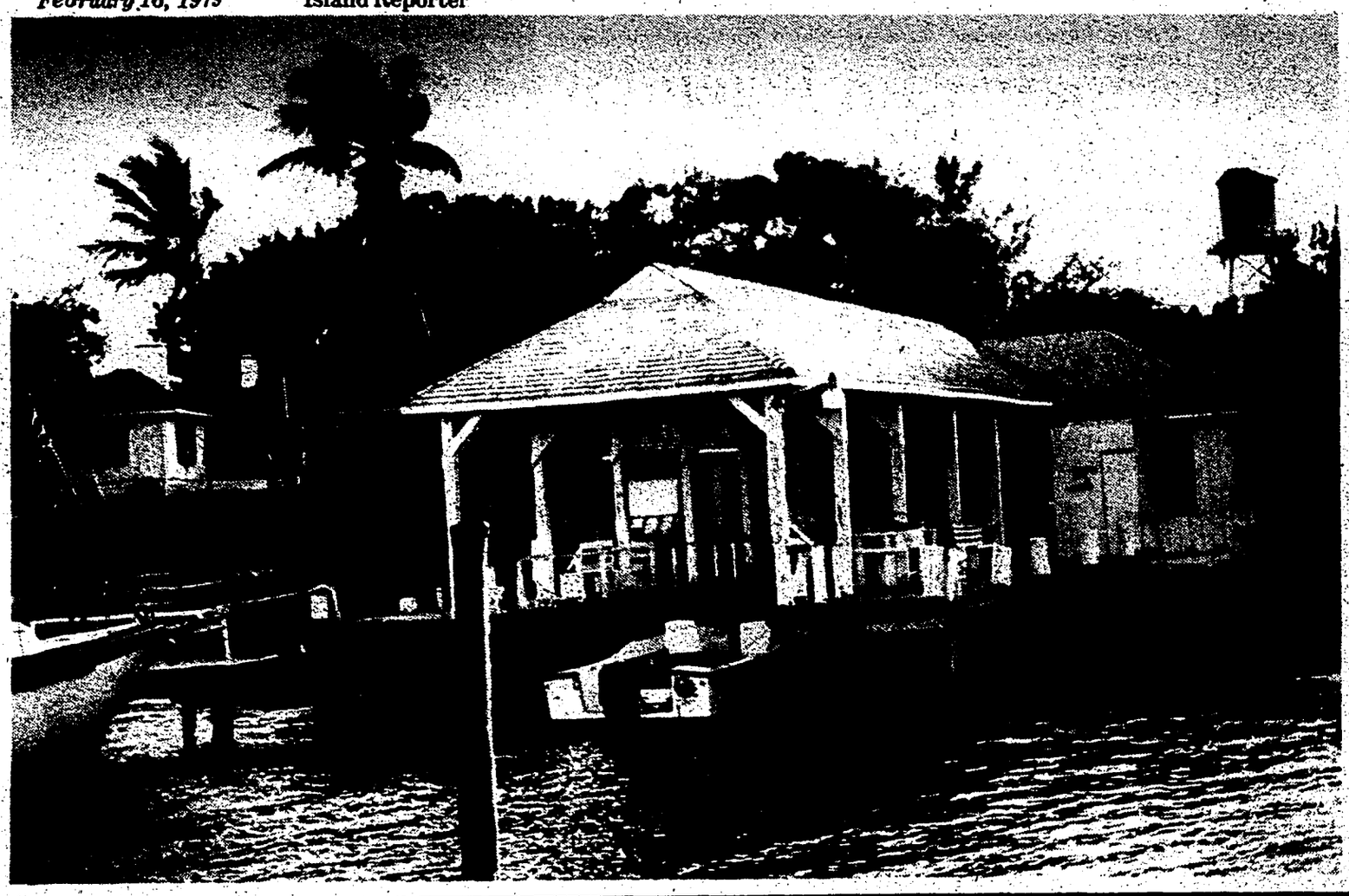

Cabbage Key: millionaires and mullet fishermen venerate the famed bar at this island out-of-the-stream.

Cabbage Key 'a state of mind'

● *from 27-A*

concedes the names -- including several U.S. Senators and even a past President -- would be too numerous to mention.

"Cabbage Key isn't an island, it's a state of mind," says Wells, a khaki-clad Southerner with the boyish good looks and head-ducking manner of country singer Glenn Campbell. Three years ago Wells was admissions director for

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Dollar bills provide wallpaper for legendary Cabbage Key bar

● *from 28-A*

a small college in North Carolina. Today he lives on Cabbage Key with his wife, Phyllis, their small son and a resident staff of nine employees who cook, wait tables, pump gas, and maintain the island.

"It's a strange thing the way the island touches people," says Wells from the Inn's cedar-paneled bar. The bar is festooned with autographed $1 bills, many dating back a decade or more. At last count, more than 1,300 bills papered the room.

"I don't know if it's the attitude or the style of the place," says Wells, pulling on a Heinken, "but whatever it is, people keep coming back. We served 35,000 meals this year without running a single ad."

Although Cabbage Key is not and has never been a club, the atmosphere remains clubbish. Parties held on the key are legendary. In recent years Wells hosted an Easter Egg hunt that attracted dozens of adult participants:

"We didn't hide eggs," explains Wells, "we hid miniature bottles of booze."

Wells recalls that during another particularly wild Cabbage Key bacchanal, his guests loaded an old piano on a jeep. "We drove around the island while somebody played piano," says Wells. "Everybody followed the jeep dancing and singing." The island's annual New Year's Eve Party draws more than 100 guests, Wells adds.

All this is not surprising for an island with a long history of eccentricity. Cabbage Key's first owner, Otto Stellrich, was a celebrated skinflint. Stellrich, who owned the island from 1899 to 1905, periodically allowed ownership to revert to Lee County rather than pay his annual $2 tax bill.

Cabbage Key later became the property of novelist-playright Mary Roberts Rinehart. The Rineharts built the large residence that has since become the main inn and dining room. Mrs. Rinehart's library now serves as the inn's bar.

In 1944 Cabbage Key was purchased by Larry Stultz, an artist and art teacher. Stultz opened a modest inn on the Key, catering to wealthy tarpon fishermen and occasional art students. Many of his paintings are still displayed at the inn.

Today Cabbage Key accommodates 34 guests. Rates are seasonal, with nightly winter accommodations ranging from $75 for a cottage that sleeps six to $20 for a double occupancy room at the old inn. Overnight dockage for boats (the Cabbage Key channel is 5-foot deep) is 20 cents per foot and an extra $3 for electricity.

Electricity is a rather recent innovation on Cabbage Key. Until recent years, lights on Cabbage Key were ritually extinguished at 11:00 p.m. Today, owing to twin diesel generators, the Key boasts 24-hour electricity. Water for the inn is solar heated, however, by a system originally installed by the Rineharts.

The restaurant at Cabbage Key has never been better. Three months ago Wells hired a resident chef, Augustus Ward. Ward, who specializes in seafood and claims a

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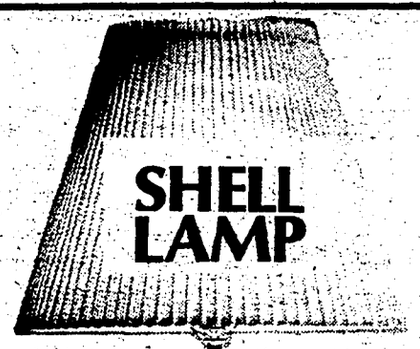
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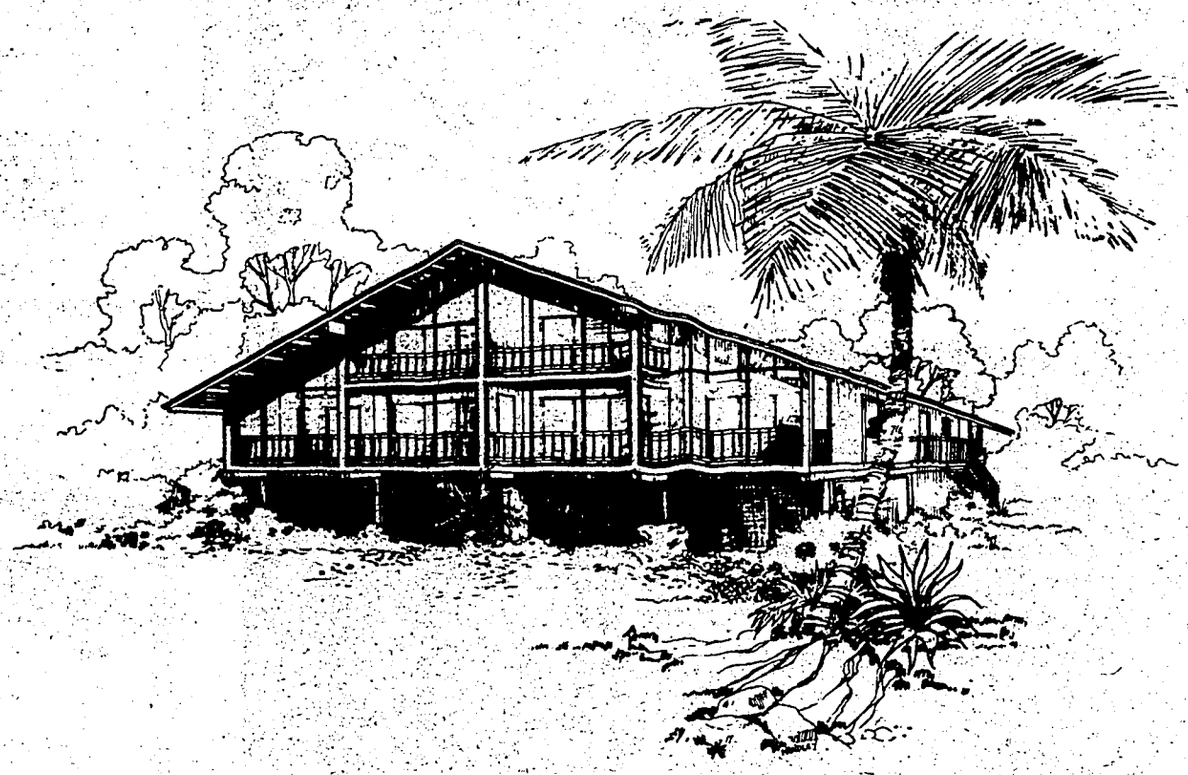
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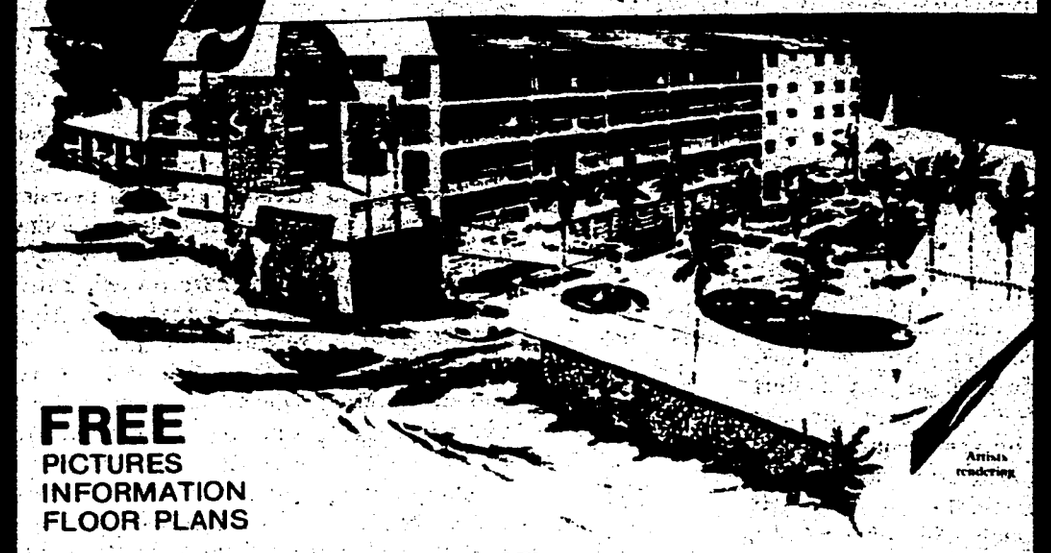

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● *from 29-A*

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The island's luncheon menu includes stone crab claws, cold shrimp salad, hamburgers and cheeseburgers. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on weekdays, and until 4:00 p.m. on weekends. Cabbage Key also serves breakfast from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. on weekdays and until 10:00 a.m. on weekends.

"With taxes going up there's a lot of pressure to develop an island like this," admits Wells, surveying his island from a makeshift observation platform atop the island's water tower. As Wells spoke, an osprey wheeled overhead, defending its mate. Ever since the tower was built, Ospreys have nested above the water tank -- the highest point in Pine Island Sound.

"But I don't plan to change a thing on Cabbage Key," says Wells. "I don't want to change whatever it is that attracts people here."

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Russ Mattson, vice president of Sanibel Marina, Inc. has received a building permit to construct a small commercial building at the marina at 634 N. Yachtsman Drive. Mattson will offer boat motor repair and sales from the 750 square foot frame structure.

Marina employee Rick White has leased the existing bait and tackle shop from marina owner Farley Winson. Winson, who purchased the marina last year, has since moved to Texas.

The Pancake and Omelet Restaurant opened yesterday in Tahitian Garden Shopping Center, at the former site of the Snack Bar. Owners Kenneth Riley and family from Hollywood, Florida bought the 75-seat restaurant from shopping owners Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Snyder, and will offer 20 varieties of pancakes and omelets for breakfast and sandwiches and salad platters for lunch. Hours are 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily. The Rileys operate a similar business in Ocean's City, Maryland.

The Sanibel Planning Commission's ad hoc committee on clarification of the city's land use plan likely will recommend that a study be initiated to determine the failure rate of businesses on the island. Commissioner Judy Workman, who heads the committee, said such a study could ultimately lead to either increasing or decreasing commercial zoning on the island. "We've discussed the matter of more and more commercial ventures on the island, both in our committee and in commission meetings," Workman said. "The feeling is that there are a lot of vacant shops and office spaces, and more being built and we're told several businesses are for sale. But only a study would determine if we really have too much."

The matter will be addressed on March 12 when the committee makes a final report of its work and recommendations to the planning commission.

Island visitors who make the Chamber of Commerce their first stop after the causeway now total 1100 to 1200 per day, reports a very busy Walter Klie, executive director. "I know there may be some condominiums available, but overnight stays are terribly hard to find." Klie thinks he can safely predict that the crunch will remain "right up to April 15. Then, unless people are waiting late to make reservations, it looks like it will drop off suddenly."

Dennis O'Flannery, a veteran hotel executive most recently with the Commonwealth of the Bahama's Ministry of Tourism, has been appointed Director of Sales and Marketing for South Seas Plantation, on Captiva.

O'Flannery will assume responsibilities for sales, advertising, marketing and promotion for the vacation and meeting resort.

His 14 years in the hospitality industry include Pines Plantation, Innisbrook and Shangi-la Resorts.

Future plans for South Seas include expansion of conference facilities and accommodations, and construction of a commercial plaza.

Seaboard Coastline Railroad may discontinue single piggy-back trailer service to Fort Myers, effective February 16, 1979, says Arnold Sarlo, Chairman of the Lee County Freight and Traffic Bureau.

"In my view, this unilateral action by the railroad is discriminatory against the business community of this area," said Sarlo, "and we are so advising the ICC people in Jacksonville." The current volume of single piggy-back trailers into Fort Myers is running at an approximate annual rate of 1,000. If the railroad goes through with the proposal, any business desiring single piggy-back trailer service in Fort Myers and Lee County will have to pay rates for two single trailers in order to get one. Any business in Lee County which believes it would be adversly affected by this proposed action should call or contact the Lee County Freight and Traffic Bureau at the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce at 334-1133.

The Internal Revenue Service urges Florida taxpayers to wait until they receive all of their Wage and Tax Statement forms to file their tax returns. Employees who did not receive their W-2 Forms by January 31, should contact their employers immediately. If you experience difficulty in getting a W-2 Form from an employer, the IRS recommends that a written request for the form be mailed to the employer. Taxpayers who still are unable to obtain the form from their employers should contact the IRS after February 15. Taxpayers who file before receiving all of their Wage and Tax Statements will have to file amended returns.



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money matters

By Bill Hungeling, C.P.A.

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This election is advised for people who are in very low tax brackets and expect to cash in their Series E bonds during years when their income will be greater.

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The second part of your question which deals with the inflation that has eaten away at the value of a dollar has no remedies for tax purposes. The tax laws do not allow for any reduction in income as a result of the loss of the purchasing power of a dollar.

How are captial gains and losses reflected on this year's Schedule D which will be filed with our Individual Income Tax Return?

The Schedule D, which is to be filed with the 1978 Income Tax Return, has been revised. An additional column has been added so the net gain or loss on each capital transaction after October 31, 1978 will be computed separately. This additional column is needed so the amount of the capital gain deduction can be determined. The tax law changed for 1978 and raised the excluded portion of long-term capital gains from 50 percent to 60 percent.

If you have questions regarding your business, or you are baffled by income tax laws, Money matters will attempt to find the answers you need. Address your questions to "Money matters," Island Reporter, P.O. Drawer R, Sanibel, Florida 33957.

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Captiva crabber Jack Sparks brings a load of claws to Tarpon Bay Marina.

From red tide to full moon -- a bad season

● *from 27-A*

Due to much heavier demand for the claws around Florida and the country, coupled with a somewhat mysterious scarcity this season, South Florida fish houses are paying $1.75 a pound for medium claws, 80 cents more than last year's price, and $2.75 per pound for large claws, a $1.10 jump over the 1978 rate.

Local retail prices for claws currently average a full dollar per pound more than last year; medium claws now range from $3.25 to $3.90 and the large to jumbo, when they can get them, are $4.90 to $4.99 per pound.

This has been the worst season in recent memory for stone crabbers, who began pulling traps last October amid a seige of red tide. Stone crabs aren't affected by red tide organisms, but the fish kills it often causes lend an ample food supply and leave baited traps untouched.

The tide outbreak was followed by another stormy, windy and cold winter, and this week was topped off by a full moon (crabs don't crawl when the moon is full.)

"Just like the farmers who tractored in protest to Washington, we're farmers of the sea," said another crabber, "and this year we're having a crop failure." He has turned his business over to his partner for the rest of the season, and is trying to make up for lost revenues by getting back into construction.

The crabber, who prefers anonymity, at least has another business to fall back on. Others who sunk their savings into harvesting the sea have taken a loss and become landlubbers:

• Recent northwest winds that riled the Gulf played havoc on boats and crab traps. Three weeks ago one crabber spent most of a day pulling his traps and came up with only 33 pounds and $400 damage to his boat.

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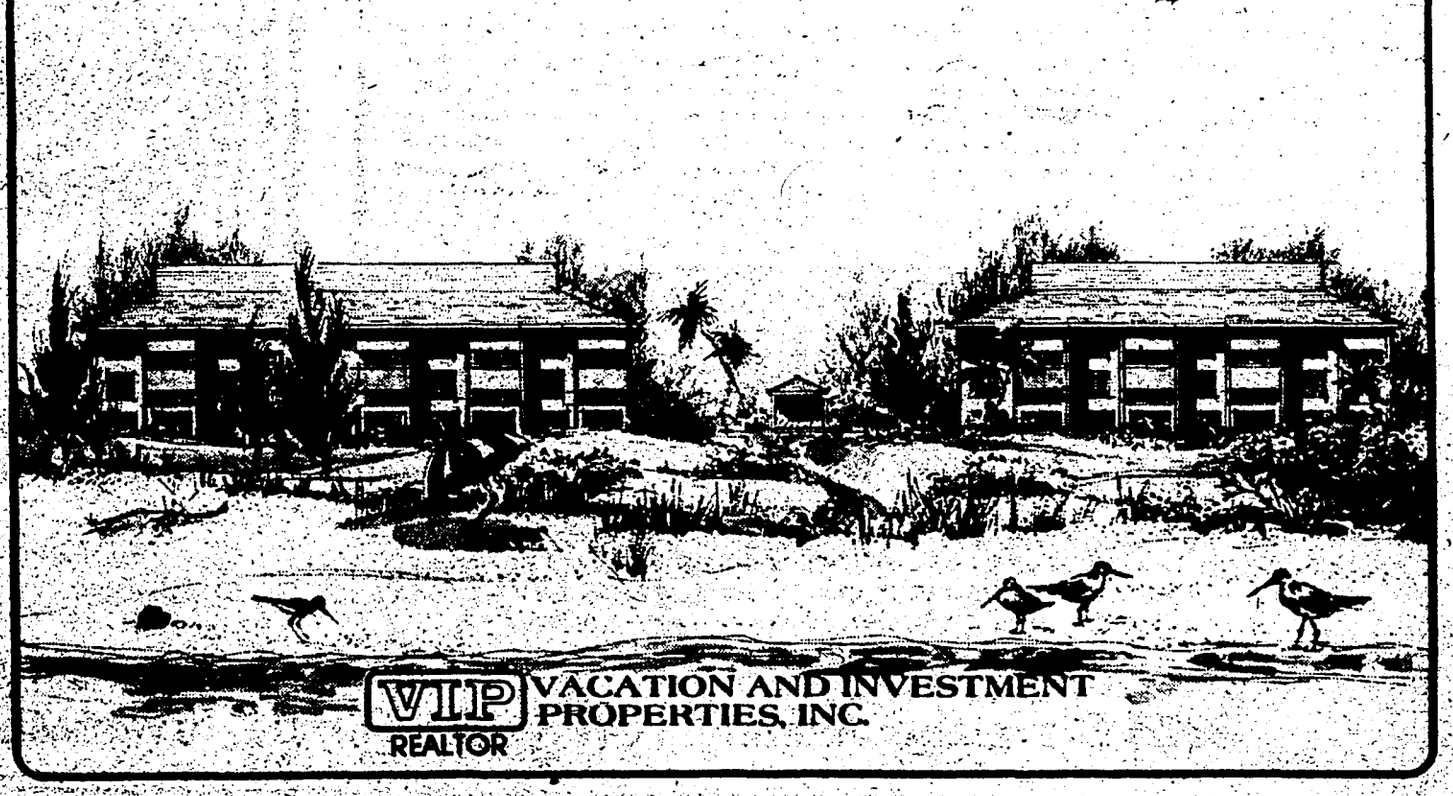

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Rough seas, thieves account for heavy crab trap losses

● from 33-A

traps in the blows. One man could account for only 75 traps out of his inventory of 900. He gave up, sold his boat, and moved out. Two others gave up in this, their first try at crabbing, sold their boats and vowed "never again."

• For those with the finances and fortitude to stick it out, thieves become another problem. Many a costly crab trap tossed ashore by rough seas now serves as a conversation piece in northern homes. Others, grabbed up by area residents, are being "fished" in backwaters and canals.

Captiva stone crabber Karl Wightman had the pleasure of embarrassing some rather well-known island residents who "borrowed" his traps to help fill their freezers. "The traps are all marked with numbers either on the trap itself or on the buoy. I got a call from the Marine Patrol one day saying my traps -- they know my number -- had been reported blocking the waterway. I spent an entire day looking for them, even went around Fort Myers Beach, and finally found them in the intercoastal waterway in the back part of Sanibel. I found them all right -- some influential Sanibel people had taken them from the beach after a storm and used them to fish the bay."

Identifying numbers, either painted or etched on the buoy or trap, are listed with the Florida Marine Patrol's local office, telephone 334-8963. Tell them the number, and they can put you in touch with the owner, Wightman said.

Local seafood markets and most restaurants report they're still being supplied with crab claws, just not as many and especially not as many big claws. Captiva crabber Jack Sparkes, who supplies Tarpon Bay Marina on Sanibel, brought in a claw haul on Tuesday, the first big load in a week, according to the marina. Peggy Bruno at Sanibel Seafood Market has a good supply of medium claws this week, but could not get large ones. Skip Purdy, Jr., who gets his own claws for his Reel Eel market on Sanibel, also has been hard pressed to meet the demand. "With the northwest winds we've been having the traps are blown away and sometimes travel two to three miles or more."

Crabbing has been somewhat better for Purdy in recent days, but still not up to expectations. He theorizes that the last three relatively cold winters have taken their toll on the stone crabs. "In the last year or two the waters have gotten so cold the stone and blue crabs get numb and roll in with the tide. The water this week is only 59 degrees. I think they're staying in deeper, warmer waters."

Usually, crabbers welcome short bouts of bad weather, as it's the best weather for the crabs. That's when they move out of the mud and crawl closer to shore. But this season the longer bouts of cold, wind and rough seas have been anything but welcome.

"Now, just when things begin to let up, we're under a full moon," says the veteran crabber. "Crabs aren't crawling now because they can be seen by their predators. We need a lot of dark nights to get us through May."

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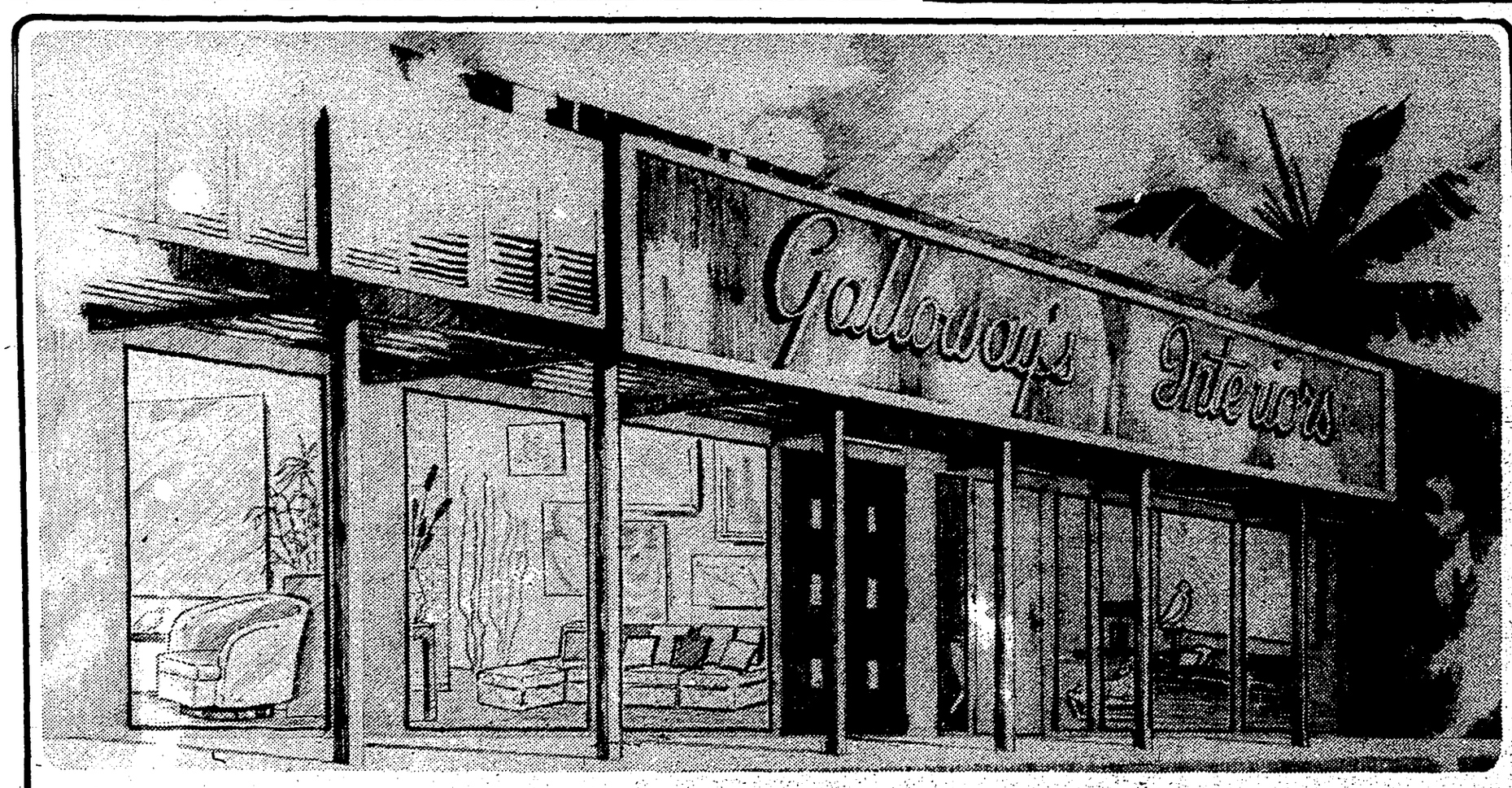

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Beach transit could answer parking snarls

"Water, water everywere, but not a place to park."

Such is the plight of visitors who come to enjoy Sanibel's sand and sea only to find they often have no place to park their cars to get to the beach. The island has several public beach accesses, but many are marked with no parking signs to keep congestion out of residential areas, and the others have limited parking facilities. Cars and Winnebagos overflow onto private property, block traffic flow, or end up flaunting the city's no parking signs.

City officials recognize the problem and are working on it. They have hired traffic consultant Bob Hubenette to come up with "parking strategies" for the island. His report should be forthcoming next month.

The answer to the problem could lie in creating more parking areas. The city currently is working on plans to expand the parking facilities at Bowman's Beach and is negotiating with developer Erich Trost for land near the Tarpon Bay beach access to contruct a parking lot there. The pending purchase of the Causeway Properties also will provide additional beach parking.

But there could be a better answer. The creation of additional parking areas likely will attract additional visitors who will quickly fill the new parking facilities to capacity. Perhaps what is needed is a transit system to transport beach visitors from one central parking area (probably on the Causeway Properties) to the island's beaches. The transit system could be accompanied by a permitting procedure which would allow permitted cars to park directly at the beach accesses for a fee, but still encourage use of the inexpensive transit system.

This idea, first suggested by Hubenette, is worth looking into.

Another idea worth pursuing is the adoption of a system which would let prospective island visitors know, before they cross the Causeway, that the island is full and no more parking is available for the moment. That might save a lot of frustration. After all, the island can hold only so many people at one time.

Of course the ultimate solution to the parking problem is to ban all motor vehicles from the island, but practiciality speaks against that. With the potential of an oil crunch in the not-too-distant future, however, a traffic moratorium may not be necessary.

You can't get there from here: unable to park legally, some Sanibel beachgoers are forced to park in violation of the law. A transit system could help alleviate the access crunch.





THE REPORTER-MARK TWOMBLY

as others view it

Consumers should boycott tuna

By William Woodworth

My wife and I have enjoyed very much the programs and bus trips offered by the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society and think they are doing a fine job. We wanted to join that group and the Florida Audubon Society, but were disappointed to learn that in order to do so we would have to join the national society, as well.

I have just terminated my 20-year membership in the National Audubon Society, because of their refusal to urge their members to boycott tuna, in protest to the unwarranted slaughter by the tuna men of innocent, defenseless dolphins (porpoises.)

For the past 20 years, American tuna men and their foreign imitators have been harassing, tormenting and killing dolphins by the hundreds of thousands each year, ever since they adopted the "setting on porpoise" method of fishing with purse seine nets. The dolphins, being air-breathing mammals, are sighted on the surface by the fishermen, who then herd them with speed boats (like cowboys herding cattle) and then surround them with their purse seine to catch the tuna swimming below the dolphins. When the dolphins panic, they dive, get caught in the net and suffocate or get crushed in the mass of squirming tuna and dolphin bodies.

Dolphins have highly developed traits of family and group loyalty, and their tendency is to linger to help their stricken comrades, thereby increasing the death toll.

It is unthinkable that American consumers would knowingly tolerate such ruthless slaughter of such highly intelligent, handsome, graceful, interesting and delightful creatures. It is also incomprehensible why two of the nation's leading wildlife conservation societies, the National Audubon Society, and the National Wildlife Federation withhold their support of the consumer boycott of tuna, which is the one most direct and effective ways that all of us consumers can let the tuna men know that we want them to stop killing dolphins.

The tuna men will answer that they need to continue their "setting on porpoise" method in order to make a profit, which is not true. It would still be disgusting, even if it were true. Others will answer that the annual slaughter has been reduced and that the government is now, belatedly, requiring the tuna men to adhere to quotas of permissable kills (as though that was sufficient to ease their consciences). But the killing goes on, and it ought to make the taste of tuna sickening to anyone with any heart of feeling at all.

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He found two junonias, but newspaper was closed

To Island Reporter: Our family has been a frequent visitor to Sanibel over the past ten years - always enjoying these visits immmensely, particularly the shelling and quiet natural beauty. During our December visit we subscribed to the Island Reporter and each week we anxiously await your reports of junonia finds. Not meaning to seriously complain to you, but how can one report a find when the Reporter is closed for the weekend, holiday, etc.? In April of 1977 my husband found two junonias (yes, two good specimens!) during our shelling expedition at the northern end of Bowman's Beach. As he reported, "it rolled in with the tide directly in front of me." The other was found on top of a large pile of shells. This was on a Saturday; we called your office; it was closed. By the way, we were leaving for home Monday morning early. We finally decided to take the two junonias to a favorite shop of ours on Captiva (McCauls) for official verification. The two ladies there promised us they would notify your office, but evidently the message was not given or perhaps your reporter wanted to see these rare finds first hand!!!

Just thought I'd let you know, as with each new junonia picture I see, my interest in informing you of our experience is renewed. Maybe you can give my husband some credit in next week's edition. Two junonias found by the same person in one morning should be some kind of record! /s/ Dana Brown, Normal, Illinois.



Captivan Jeannie Holloway braved the cold after a northwest blow recently and located one junonia, two albino whelks and four Scotch bonnets during a day's search.



After learning that a neighbor had found a junonia on a recent early morning Sunday beach walk, Mrs. Louise Baldwin donned her shelling gear and began a five-hour walk in search of another specimen of the elusive shell. She walked the Gulf beach from the Reef Motel to Casa Ybel and found nothing until, on her return trek, she spotted this prize just west of the Tarpon Bay Beach access. Mrs. Baldwin and her husband have been wintering at the Reef on Sanibel since 1963, but have been junonia-less until now.



Strong northwest winds provided superb shelling conditions this week on Sanibel-Captiva beaches. Mrs. Newell Eames, a winter resident of Sandalfoot condominiums, found this mint condition junonia in front ofSanibel Moorings during a dawn shelling expedition. "It was half an hour before high tide," notes Mrs. Eames. "I guess it proves you don't always have to wait for low tide to look for shells."

Babysitting article 'distorted, misleading'

To Island Reporter: Your recent article in the Island Reporter ("Island Primer," February 2 issue) was distorted and misleading. You failed to take into consideration that residents as well as vacationers pay inflated prices on other services. What about hairdressers whose prices have jumped from $5.00 to $7.50 for a shampoo and set? What about the babysitter who furnishes her own transportation? What about the vacationers who combine two and sometimes three families and the babysitter finds herself taking care of more than one "Johnny?"

Most vacationers who can afford to be on the island and reserve a table at a "posh eatery" do not object but are happy to pay for a reliable, mature babysitter at the least $3.00 an hour. Especially when there are babies to be fed, bathed and diapered. Also sometimes medicines to give.

I always thought the babysitting register in your paper was a fine service and deserves credit for this accommodation, so it seems ironical that you should condemn that which you sponsor.

It is unfortunate that favorable comments are not considered newsworthy. Why? I personally have formed many friendships with clients. Some who return the following year, write or phone in advance as to my availability. Some write thank you notes and send a gift. I might also mention that some have paid an additional gratuity. Why single out babysitting as a "lucrative business?" There oughta be a law! /s/ Karen R. Hughes

Keep pets inside

To Island Reporter: An unknown owner's beautiful orange long-haired cat died a painful death this morning after running under an unsuspecting car in our condominium driveway.

Several concerned neighbors tried to get help, but it was too late.

Really, it's no favor to a beloved pet to allow it to roam alone outdoors.

Please, please - keep your cat inside your home. Experts all agree that cats adjust happily to indoor life. /s/ Charlotte Heimann.

Editorial was a 'gem'

To Island Reporter: Your February 9th editorial on Sanibel's "affordable" housing was a gem of wisdom that was succinctly stated.

You have my wholehearted concurrence that the role of the city government should be kept to a minimum. I add that the level of such participation should be pegged at MORAL support and ENCOURAGEMENT to the proposed Cooperative of those sincerely seeking ownership of such self-help, "no frill" housing.

It has always been my conviction that there is no better incentive to pride-of-ownership and the good construction and maintenance of a home than the offer of sweat-equity to the owner.

To repeat: the sole responsibility for financing any needed affordable housing lies with private enterprise - not the city government and its taxpayers; and also the task of planning the construction is for those who want and need such housing.

My best wishes and admiration go to those who will step forward from our affected citizenry to start this ball rolling. Now is the time for Sanibel businessmen and developers to shoulder their moral responsibility to their workers. /s/ Paul A. Howe.

growing native By Richard Workman © 79

Prickly pear provides palatable pie

The cactus family is a large and interesting one. Such variety and diversity is seldom found in other groups of plants.

There are more than a thousand different species of cacti with nearly as many hybrids throughout the Americas; most are concentrated in the desert Southwest. Though cacti are strictly a product of the new world, early European adventurers and explorers were quick to notice them and to introduce them to the other continents.

The prickly pear cacti were the first to be naturalized in the Old World. They represent the largest genus, *Opuntia*, of the cactus family with 250 species of a very wide distribution. Opuntias are known from the arid regions of the country to the Florida subtropics and even the coastal plains of Massachusetts.

Though there are 11 species of prickly pear in Florida, the one most commonly known to our region is *Opuntia dilleni* or Dillen's prickly pear. Even though the catus is strickly a new world plant both names of this plant are of old world origin.

Opuntia is said to be derived from the name of a town in Greece, Opountos, where a cactus-like plant "herba Opuntia" grew. The Dillen, after whom the specie is named, is Johann J. Dillen, a German botanist who worked in England.

Prickly pear is native to Florida coastal sand dunes and hammocks with range extensions to Bermuda, West Indies, Mexico, and South America.

It is a short trunked, bushy plant with branches consisting of flat, fleshy joints connected end to end. Branches are six to twelve inches long and about half an inch thick. Like most cacti the prickly pear is well armed. Clusters of three to six yellow spines of lengths varying to an inch or more grow at intervals from the pads.

Though the branches may be harsh and forbidding, flowers of the prickly pear are quite showy and delicate.Colors vary from plant to plant with some red, others yellow, and some shades in between. The large flowers appear in late summer and fall of the year.

The most attractive feature of this plant, however, is its fruit known as "prickly pears" or tunas. These are red, about two or more inches long and shaped like a pear. The flesh of the fruit is edible and used whereever prickly pears grow. Numerous black seeds in the fruit are eaten by many different wildlife which utilize other parts of the plant for food as well.

Jelly and preserves are often made from the fruit but my favorite is prickly pear pie. Like the branches, the fruit are armed with spines but they are easily removed. Skinning with a potato peeler removes the tough skin and the sharp spines as well. After the fruit is skinned and cut in half the seeds are scraped out with a teaspoon. When a sufficient number of pears are cleaned find your favorite cherry pie recipe and substitute the cactus fruit. You will find the results most rewarding and quite delicious.

The prickly pear grows in full sun and though sometimes seen in wetland areas it prefers a well drained situation. It is quite useful for the energy conservation landscape because of its high drought resistense and salt tolerance. This cactus will grow in the harshest conditions without care or supplement and will look as good as the most pampered exotic.



A potato peeler will remove the tough skin and sharp spines of the prickly pear, exposing the succulent red fruit.

To propagate carefully break or cut off a branch avoiding the spines. Let the cutting dry for a couple of days, then plant in a pot with sandy soil. Roots soon form and the cactus can be set out in the landscape. Locating prickly pear in the landscape should be done with care and consideration of traffic around the plant. It grows very fast and can reach six feet high with an equivalent spread in a few years. It should be planted where it has room to grow and can be admired without care.



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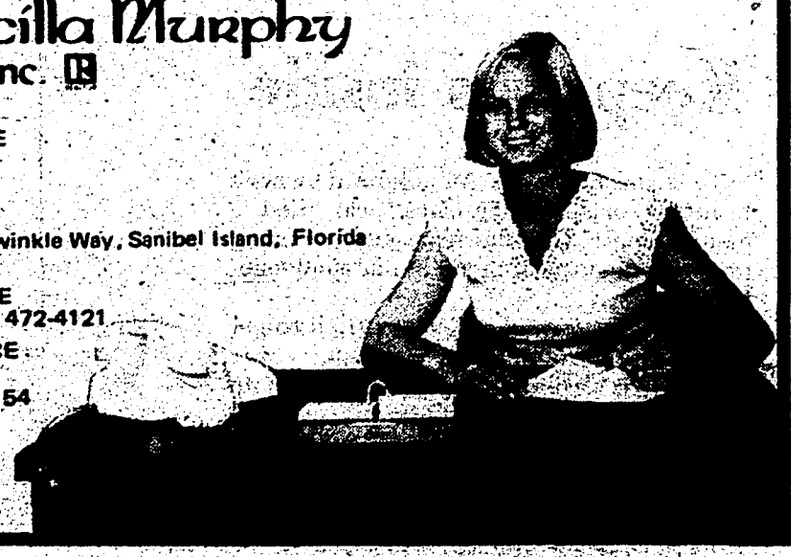



By Grace Whitehead

People are so wrapped up in other crises that we sometimes forget what is undoubtedly the world's most serious problem -- garbage.

You might not know it, but we are creating garbage a lot faster than we are getting rid of it. According to most authorities, we'll soon be up to our armpits in garbage. You might say we are being threatened by creeping garbage.

The problem is so bad that people in Washington are secretly working to produce bigger and better garbage disposals. This mission has been assigned to the GIA, the Garbage Incinerator Agency. They have already produced huge machines that can chew up ten percent of the garbage we are producing annually, which they say means the world is safe from a garbage fall-out for another 20 years.

Another government agency is now being created to come up with some way of disposing of the garbage disposal machines being produced by GIA.

It's all a very smelly business.

Actually there's a world-wide debate going on about the whole garbage issue. Should we spend taxpayer's money on educating the public to produce less garbage, or should we spend the money on bigger and better garbage disposals?

This debate is very serious. The President says he thinks both sides could be right, but that may be because he doesn't want to take a position. People don't like the government interfering with their garbage.

Personally, I sure don't want the government messing around with my garbage rights. That would be unconstitutional. Private garbage rights are sacred. My garbage is my castle.

The more I think about it, the madder I get. I think the Garbage Makers of the World should unite. We should let those people in Washington know we have just as much right to produce garbage as they do.



THE REPORTER-EMIL FRAY

The can Wilt built: one man's victory in the war with coons

By Peter Larson

Last week after the Island Reporter published an article on "coon-proofing," we received a phone call from Clair Wilt.

"I think you should come out to my house," said Wilt. "I've got something you oughta see."

A few days later we paid a visit to Wilt's Coconut Drive Home. To our astonishment, he produced the ultimate doomsday weapon in the war on coons: a bonafide coon-proof trash can.

Wilt, 77, says the components for his homemade can were not expensive. Using the aluminum tubing from two beat-up aluminum lawn chairs, Wilt fashioned a cart for his metal trash can. He bolted an additional length of tubing to the lid of the can. A harness ring, attached to the bottom of the cart by a strip of rubber inner-tube, fits over the aluminum bar to secure the lid in place.

Ever since he built the can two years ago, Wilt claims he hasn't had a lick of trouble with coons, although he once caught a band of coons trying to wheel the contraption into the woods. Wilt even built a duplicate can for neighbors who complained of coon trouble.

A retired carpenter, Wilt moved to Sanibel in 1948. "I lived in a trailer then and had a devil of a time with coons," he recalls. "I once sat on my porch and counted 27 coons on my front lawn. I couldn't leave a fish out for five minutes without the coons grabbing it."

The coon-proof can isn't Wilt's only invention. His garage workshop is littered with enough gadgets and gizmos to qualify Wilt as the Thomas Edison of east Sanibel. Wilt also builds bird houses, wire crab traps, fish hooks, and a trout lure that, the last time Wilt bothered to go fishing, scored ten trout in ten casts.

According to Wilt, "Anybody who buys shrimp to catch trout is plain crazy."



Clair Wilt with his coon-proof can.

Shell trivia

Answers
1. True
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30. False

Congregationalists sign church covenant at Sunday ceremony

Pastor James Lenhart of the Sanibel Congregational United Church ofChrist observes a member of the congregation signing the church charter Sunday at the Dunes Country Club. Eighteen members of the church signed the covenant. The charter will remain open until after Easter, and those who sign it will be counted as charter members of the church.



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ENGLE REIGNS AS CAPTIVA'S 'MR. NATURAL'

On Captiva, where the easygoing, laid back life is held in high esteem, Ron Engle could be called the reigning Mr. Natural.

A surfer who ten years ago turned to sailing, Engle has spent the last year working full time at building a sleek, 37-foot long trimaran on a vacant lot next to Timmy's Nook restaurant on Captiva. For Engle, 27, the boat is the culmination of everything he has learned.

Boat building is an exacting, time consuming task and Engle works hard at it. But he has not lost sight of the unattached, tax free lifestyle he will sail into when the boat is finished.

When Sister Whisper, named after a friend's trimaran, is dropped into the water at Timmy's and the mast is rigged, Engle will stock the boat for a 12 month journey and set sail for the Caribbean -- the Bahama out islands and the Virgin Islands. "Florida will be my base," he explains. Engle won't make the trip alone. His cat, Coquina, will go "if he can handle it," and Engle will take a first mate. "The boat will be set up so that it takes two people to sail it. I don't like sailing alone. I like others to enjoy it too."

The transition from surfing to sailing was a natural one, says Engle. "They go hand in hand. Both use natural forces. In surfing the wave gives you a free ride, and in sailing the

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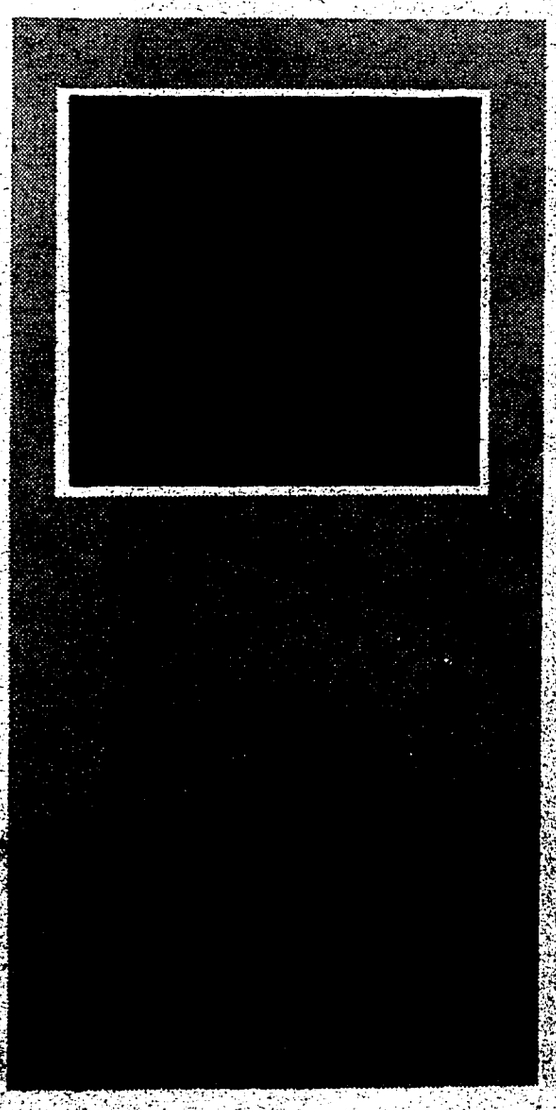



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"MR. NATURAL"

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wind gives you a free ride."

Although a part-time job is Engle's only visible means of support, he is able to buy materials for his boat and live off of money he made by rebuilding three other boats. When he finishes the trimaran in about three months it will be worth at least double his investment, but he doesn't plan on selling it.

"I built this thing from a stack of wood and a piece of paper full of numbers," he says. The mahogany and fiberglass coated hulls were formed in Tampa, then brought to Captiva where they were joined. The boat has a 22 foot beam and Engle will have auxiliary power in a four cylinder gas engine. The boat will be cutter rigged, with two jibs on a forestay and staysail.

The boat is Engle's own enlarged version of a Norman Cross design, and is a happy compromise between a racer and a cruising boat, says Engle. Trimarans have an obvious aesthetic appeal, but Engle admits to a deeper appreciation of triple hulls. "Trimarans are fast, safe, comfortable -- I could go on for an hour. They're almost impossible to sink. There's more room on a multi-hull, and you have three times the deck and storage area."

Speed is another well known advantage of multi-hull sailboats, although critics claim they're difficult to sail against the wind. Engle figures his boat is capable of 20 knots, while mono-hull sailboats are limited to a maximum hull speed. But the debate between single and multi-hull fans is bound to continue, although Engle feels trimarans often are unfairly criticized. "Most people who put down multi-hulls have never even sailed on one. I've been doing this 10 years and I've found that the criticism is just dock talk."

"If you're looking for a fast, roomy and comfortable boat I'd say the mono-hulls have the disadvantage. They're always fighting gravity. Gravity is pulling the boat toward the center of the earth because the boat has ballast to give it balance. On a trimaran the out hulls provide the balance."

The cabin area of Engle's boat is located in the main hull and inside the wings that stretch to the outhulls. The wings house comfortable double berths, and the living area is surprisingly cozy. "If you live on a boat you need a good galley area and a good bunk area," says Engle. If they ever feel claustrophobic in the cabin Engle and his mate can climb the cabin steps to the deck, a skid proof playground size platform large enough to jog around.

Except for his part-time job and occasional interruptions to help a friend with a chore, Engle spends practically all day every day working on the boat. "I work with the weather. When it's nice I work outside. When it's rainy or wet I work on the metal or inside. It's pretty much a steady flow."

He is helped by his companion, Jane Morgan, Willie Compton and other friends, but Engle says he owes his greatest debt of gratitude to the Wiles family for letting him build the boat on their land. "The boat couldn't be this far along without their cooperation."

Building a large boat is "not for the amateur builder or carpenter," says Engle, unless a person is willing to totally commit himself to the task, "Anybody can do anything if they are willing to sacrifice the time and money. You have to sacrifice something, persevere and be really into what you're doing."

It will take Engle several months to finish rigging Sister Whisper after it is launched, but even then he figures it will be a long time before he learns everything about the boat. "You don't know a boat until a year after you've launched it."

Once he gets to know it, Engle plans on having a lasting relationship with Sister Whisper. "This is my last and final boat. It's as big a boat as I'd ever want, and the lines of the boat will be alive for 30 years. The design is ahead of its time and its going to be hard to improve on it.

"I made the boat to last 50 years. The boat will be here even if I'm not. I know that."

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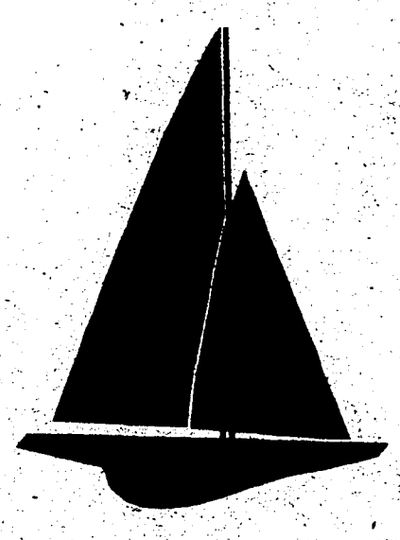

'SON OF SPRAY' TAKES SHAPE ON SANIBEL

It was April 24, 1895 when Captain Joshua Slocum eased his 36 ¾ foot gaff yawl, Spray, out of the harbor of Newport, Rhode Island and headed for open sea. Three years, two months and nine days later Captain Slocum returned after sailing 46,000 miles around the world -- by himself.

The ship that carried Captain Slocum on his historic voyage -- it was the first solo circumnavigation of the globe -- is being reborn under a tin roof in a back lot on Sanibel.

Doug McGoon began building his version of Spray 18 months ago from plans supplied by Bruce Roberts International, a California firm. It will be another two years before the finished product is lowered into the water. Though the boat will not be an exact copy of Spray (it is about four feet longer and made of fiberglass instead of wood), McGoon can claim a kinship to Slocum in at least one respect: both are loners. Slocum single-handedly guided Spray around the world; McGoon is building his boat virtually by himself.

He began by constructing a latticework frame that would serve as a male mold for the 41 foot long hull. Next he stapled Sea-Flex, foot wide rolls of flexible fiberglass rods and fabric, to the completed frame. Then began the tedious job of applying alternate layers of resin and fiberglass, interspersed with sanding, until the fiberglass skin reached the desired thickness. The hull is one-and-a-quarter-inches thick at the keel, and tapers to seven-sixteenths of an inch at the gunnels.

McGoon figures he has swabbed 250 gallons of resin on 1000 pounds of fiberglass on the hull, and there's still another 100 gallons of resin and 500 pounds of fiberglass to apply to the deck.

The overturned hull resembles the top half of a mammoth dolphin, from the dorsal fin keel to the bottlenose bow. The boat boasts a bulbous 14 foot 4 inch beam and when the inside is finished and the steel is placed in the keel it will ballast out at 18 tons.

The cavernous cabin area will include two private staterooms, two bathrooms, a main salon, galley, and an engine room that will house a 43 horsepower Mercedes-Benz diesel. The interior will be finished in black walnut that was especially cut for McGoon in Ohio, fashioned into planks and shipped to Sanibel where it is drying.

In April McGoon plans to crawl under the hull, dismantle the mold and hire a crane to pick the hull up and turn it over so he can begin building the deck and cabin. When the boat is finished and McGoon has selected a name, he will have it towed to Punta Rassa early one morning where it will be launched. Then comes part two of McGoon's Great Adventure:

"You know, the interesting thing about all this is that I don't know how to sail. I've never learned to sail, but I aim to."

Why will McGoon spend three years building a sailboat he dosn't know how to sail? "Basically it's just something to do. So many people have said they wish they could

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Doug McGoon takes things one step at a time. First build a boat, then learn to sail it. McGoon is counting on his experience as a Naval aviator to help him out.



'SON OF SPRAY'

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build a boat to do something with, and I just decided to do it."

McGoon's "son of Spray" project is not his first attempt at boatbuilding, but it certainly is his most ambitious. His previous best effort was a 17 foot wooden runabout.

A handyman by inclination, McGoon has found that building a large fiberglass boat demands strict attention to such variables as temperature and humidity, which have to be just right before the fiberglass cloth and resin will set. During the season McGoon is only able to plan his work schedule and arrange for materials for the boat because he is kept busy as a Realtor Associate at Executive Services and helping out at the Nimble Thimble which his wife, Betty, owns. But during the off season he spends about three days a week working on the boat.

He is able to buy materials at wholesale prices through a distributing company he owns in Fort Myers, but even with that savings he figures he will have invested $22,000 in the boat by the time it is launched. It will be worth three times that amount when it hits the water. "But I wouldn't sell it for that price until I get a chance to use it," says McGoon.

Learning how to use it shouldn't be difficult for McGoon. Although he spent 21 years in the Navy flying over the water rather than sailing on it, the principles he learned in Navy airplanes have helped him understand the concepts in sailing.

"Sails are nothing but airfoils, and I'm educated in airfoils," he says. "Now that I know a sail is just another airfoil I know how it's supposed to work."

"This boat may never get out of San Carlos Bay," says McGoon, "but it's capable of going around the world."

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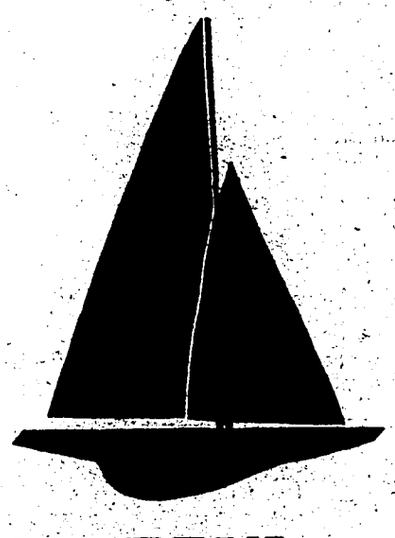

COMPTON: 'I'D RATHER DO IT MYSELF'

When Willie Compton decides he needs something new he usually builds it himself.

The signs of his enterprise are everywhere: a new wooden trailer bed on an old axle and a set of springs, handsome furniture for his apartment, and a 33-foot sailboat in his backyard.

The sailboat is Compton's latest and greatest do-it-yourself project. He has invested two of his thirty-three years in building it from the ground up, and he still has several months of steady work to go before it gets wet.

Compton's passion for turning an incongruous collection of unrelated materials into something useful, his free form design creativity, and his business sense all find an outlet in boatbuilding. Instead of paying retail prices for 3000 pounds of lead for the ballast, Compton spent two days over an open fire melting lead tire weights he collected from gas stations all over South Florida. The cabin is trimmed in strips of black mangrove taken from a tree on Captiva. And Compton hopes to make a living building similar custom made boats.

"I'm getting more into boatbuilding," says Compton, who is known for his attractive wooden tables and signs, including the "Save Our Friends" signs posted along island roads. "There's more than one media involved in boatbuilding," he says. "You work with wood, plastics, metals and fiberglass."

His boat is a 33 foot Tavana Champion designed by Dooley Glander, who lists America's Cup experience among his credentials. Glander operates Glander Boat Works in Tavernier, Florida, south of Key Largo. "Dooley is a beautiful person, a superb sailor," says Compton. "When he talks nobody else does."

Although Glander will supply his customers with a finished hull and deck and will install the rudder, engine and ballast, Compton elected to build his boat by himself -- from scratch. "The only way a person of average means can get a boat like this is to build it," he explains. "Besides, I wanted to do all the fiberglassing because I saw the way it was being done on other boats. The guys who do it are only getting paid three dollars an hour."

Before he started working Compton boned up on boatbuilding theory and techniques by researching technical manuals. Then he spent six weeks at the Glander factory constructing the hull and deck. Glander uses a female mold for his hulls, which are built from the outside in. Compton began by waxing the interior of the mold, the same way a baker greases the inside of a breadpan. "I still have a crick in my neck from that," he says.

Next he sprayed the inside of the mold with Gel Coat, then applied layers of fiberglass and resin.

When the hull reached the desired thickness Compton turned to building the deck while the hull cured in the mold. Compton kept a two week vigil over the process.

The final step of hull construction called for Compton to hose water in the space between the hull and the mold to force a complete separation. While he held the hose the hull broke free with a prolonged cracking sound. "It was like a kid being born when that hull separated from the mold," he says.

When the hull was lifted from the mold and joined to the deck, Compton installed wooden bulkheads to lend strength to the structure. "It's a solid boat, an inch thick at the keel. Glander has shot a .45 slug at the hull and it only grazed the Gel Coat."

Compton has installed a 12 hp. Yanmar diesel for auxiliary power, and Summer Wind will sale with solid state refrigeration using solar power and a cabin finished in cedar and Florida swamp maple.

"I'm setting the boat up as a demonstrator" he explains. "I'll build another if I get a customer."

Compton says he could have the boat in the water in three weeks if he could work at it steadily, but he claims he hasn't been able to touch Summer Wind in several months. "It'll be another couple of months before it's finished."

It is possible for competent craftsmen to build a similar boat, says Compton, but it takes a special dedication. "I think it's possible, if a person is conscientous and thorough. You need to do a lot of research and planning. I haven't had to tear out any bulkheads because I did the research first. You have to think it out, ask yourself, "Am I going to hit my shin on something when I come down the cabin stairs?

"There is so much you need to know in boatbuilding: aerodynamics, hydrodynamics, metallurgy, stresses and strengths, sail design. It goes on and on.

"I spent two weeks designing the main hatch so that water wouldn't leak into the cabin in rain or rough seas. I don't think I could count the hours of research that have gone into this boat."

Compton has worked alone most of the time, but he now gets help from his partner, Henry Gatti.

"It doesn't look like much just sitting there. But when you look at it awhile you forget about all the mosquito bites and resin in your hair and all the other junk that goes into it.

"My next big project is cutting 13 holes for ports. I've been procrastinating on that. I want my head to be right before I go and cut 13 holes in the side of my boat."



A master of scrounging materials for his creations, Compton is finishing the cabin of Summer Wind in cedar, Florida swamp maple and black mangrove from Captiva.

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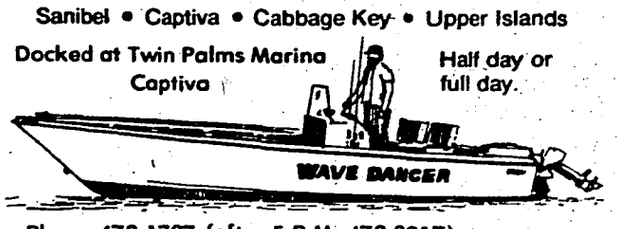

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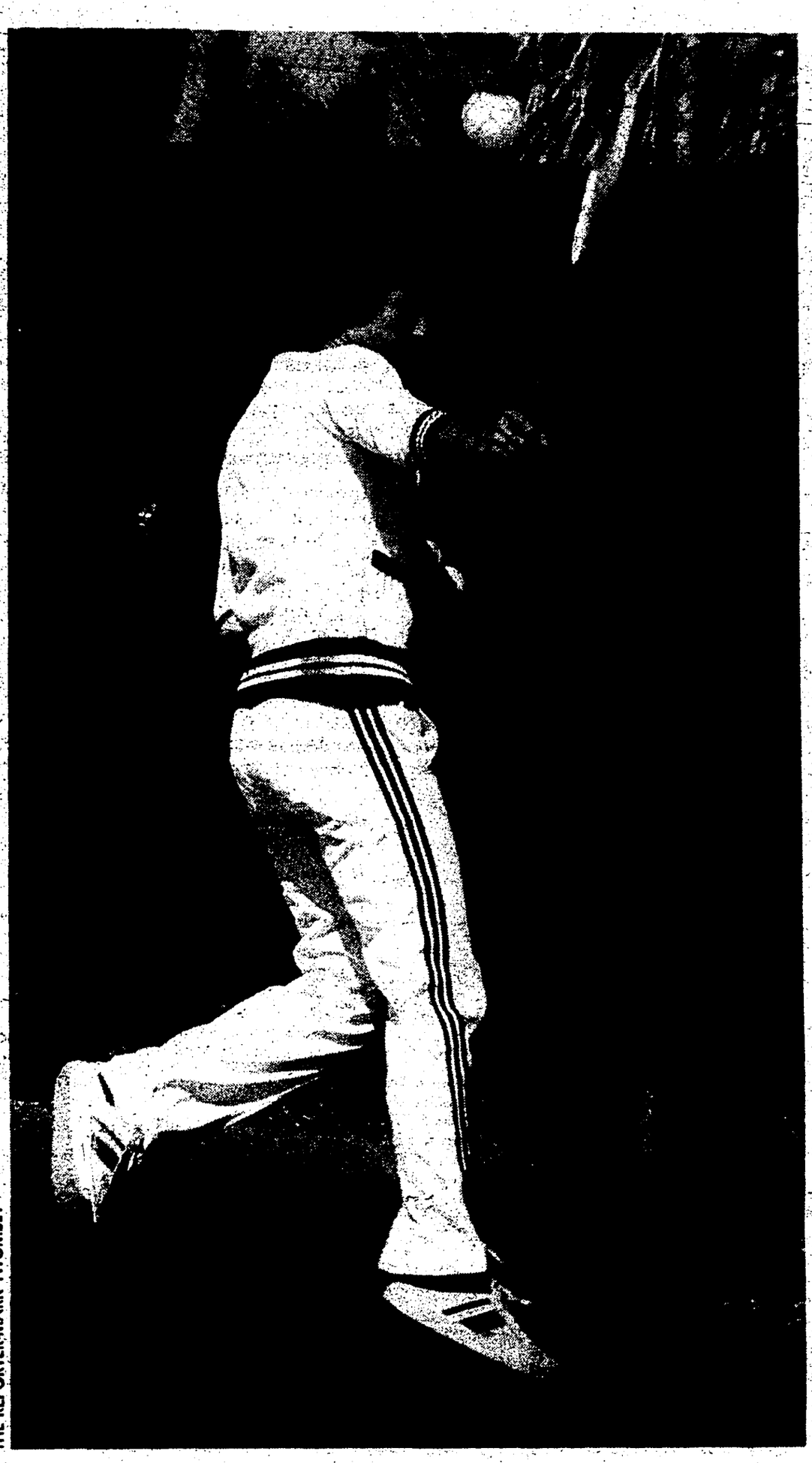

THE REPORTER-MARK TWOMBLY



Virginia Wade hit a few with some struggling amateurs at South Seas Plantation last week, but was glad to take time out to pose for photographs.

sports & outdoors

Tennis with Virginia Wade (a guide to self-abasement)

By Mark Twombly

The invitation woke me from a somnambulate Friday morning of shuffling mail: "You wanna hit a few with Virginia Wade?"

Greg Parker, head tennis pro at South Seas Plantation on Captiva, wanted to know if I would care to swap volleys with a Wimbledon winner and one of the few women in the world who could give Chris Evert some pointers.

"Uh, sure!" I tried hard not to sound too overwhelmed, although I felt like a student in a driver training class about to go bumper to bumper with Richard Petty, an underage teetotaller sitting down for a few beers with Billy Carter, or a weekly newspaper reporter matching confidential sources with Woodward and Bernstein.

Despite the self-doubt I wasn't about to pass up Parker's once in a lifetime offer, and on my way to the South Seas courts the next morning I bought a snappy new pair of green striped tennis socks, thinking it would give me a psychological boost.

The self doubt returned in spades when I arrived at the courts. There were dozens of South Seas guests milling about awaiting their turn with Ms. Wade, and every one of them was dressed to kill in gorgeous wine colored velour and shiny blue nylon warm up suits. I checked the clothes rack in the pro shop to see if I could buy a cheap pair of warm ups to replace my tacky jeans, but I found that even the bargain basement stuff cost more than the car I drove up in. Clearly, I was out of my league.

Parker soon rounded up all the lucky tennis buffs and told us that before we were thrown into the ring with Virginia, we would be prepped for the slaughter with mini-lessons from three tennis pros: Parker, his assistant Mark Brown, and Dunes Racquet Club pro Fred Robinson.

We were divided into groups of six and shepherded around a half-dozen courts for ten minutes of instruction each on How To Hit A Forehand, HowTo Hit A Backhand, and How To Serve. The lessons taught me one thing: playing tennis the wrong way is a lot more comfortable than playing The Right Way. In just 30 minutes I found that I can play a lot better if I do things my way, the wrong way, so that's the way I decided I would play against Virginia Wade. It seemed to me that most of the velour and nylon covered crowd had decided the same thing.

Virginia took on challengers in pairs, and while my partner and I waited for our turn we practiced improper forehands and backhands with a couple of machines that spit tennis balls with the speed and accuracy of an intermediate level doubles team. The machines were pleasant to play against. They neither talked back

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Impact of recreational fishing unknown

By Norma and Fritz Stoppelbein

This week we were invited to participate in a meeting of the sub-committee of the Lee County Economic Development Committee, charged with assessing the impact of fishing on the economy of Lee County.

Our commercial fishing counterparts on the committee immediately underlined the magnitude of the problem facing this committee by pointing out that, even though Lee County ranks second in the state in commercial fish landings, the county does not recognize commercial fishing as an industry of importance. In previous committee reports, commercial fishing has been "buried" under the heading of Agriculture.

So, if commercial fishing -- with its voluminous files of statistics on the worth of its industry -- feels frustrated, what about the recreational fishing industry which has no statistics recorded? Just try to find out from a fisherman where he caught his fish ..."In the mouth"...How much money it cost him to get there or what his equipment cost,.."I don 't want my wife to know..."

This attitude of secrecy and reluctance to discuss the facts of fishing is one reason government agencies have given most of their attention, and funding, to the commercial fishing industry -- developing highly sophisticated gear to more efficiently harvest the fish from the sea, thereby reducing the number left in the ecosystem for other predators and recreational fishermen.



State and federal agencies are at sea when it comes to knowing the number of dollars the recreational fishing industry generates.

Both state and federal agencies responsible for administering marine affairs are at sea when it comes to knowing the number of dollars the recreational fishing industry generates into the economy. No state agency apparently has any record of how many tourists per year are attracted to the state by the sport of fishing, or how many fish they catch or how much they spend

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casting around

By Fritz & Norma Stoppelbein

For some months, fishermen on the Sanibel fishing pier have been swinging and swaying the heavy seas and strong breezes as the cross supports of the pilings have, one by one, broken away.

We have brought this to the attention of the local office of the U.S. Department of the Interior, whose Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife has jurisdiction, under permit from the U.S. Coast Guard, over the land approach to the fishing pier.

Under the terms of an agreement between the Florida Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, dated May 9, 1973, the Bureau agreed to, upon completion of the construction of the pier, operate and maintain said recreation area for recreational purposes and covenants that it has the full legal authority and financial ability to so operate and maintain said recreation area."

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A few boaters have complained that the wooden fenders on the pilings at the Punta Rassa public launching ramp have been splintered off, baring the ends of the bolts which hold the walkways to the pilings. These can give the hull of a boat some nasty scratches and gouges at certain tides while bringing the boat in for docking.

We called this to the attention of the Parks and Recreation Department of the county. The official we talked with was unaware of the problem and indicated that steps would be taken as soon as possible to remedy the situation.

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Last February, Japan was criticized when their commercial fishermen slaughtered about 1,000 dolphins because they damaged fish breeding areas.

Now the Japanese government has constructed, at a cost of $16,000, a 13-foot long, black and white "prototype" whale with a tape "voice" to frighten off dolphins from the shoreline.

'Life in the center court'

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nor returned our volleys.

Then it came our turn to play tennis with a world champion. The format called for my partner and I to play against Virginia and no one else. No one else was needed. With deadly accuracy she returned shots that were not worth chasing, and she let us know it. We weren't on the court thirty seconds before she started scolding my partner: "Watch the ball. Look at it. KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL!"

Her first words to me, however, were encouraging. "Good. Nice shot," she said. I beamed. Then she started on me. "Get the racquet back. Get it back. When you see the shot's coming to you get the racquet back immediately." She stopped the game to show me what she meant. I knew what she meant, but I had learned earlier that my bad habits felt good, so when she hit it to me again I fudged and only drew my racquet back halfway. She noticed and grew impatient.

She was running behind schedule, of course, so our moment of glory was cut short. But before leaving the court she lobbed the ball over the net and told us to keep it going as long as possible. It was a game she had played with every other group, and the record so far that morning was 28 strokes.

After two aborted attempts in which we failed to return the initial volley, we managed to keep it within bounds for 14 shots before my partner blew a return and ended the session.

That was it. We had gone up against the finest in the world, and we had put in a predictably miserable showing. We did learn some of the things we have been doing wrong all along, but I suspect we'll continue to err. The experience probably made us slightly better tennis players, but even if we aren't it was worth the embarrassment just to get a taste of life in the center court. I'm even thinking about trading in my car for a pair of cherry red warm up pants.

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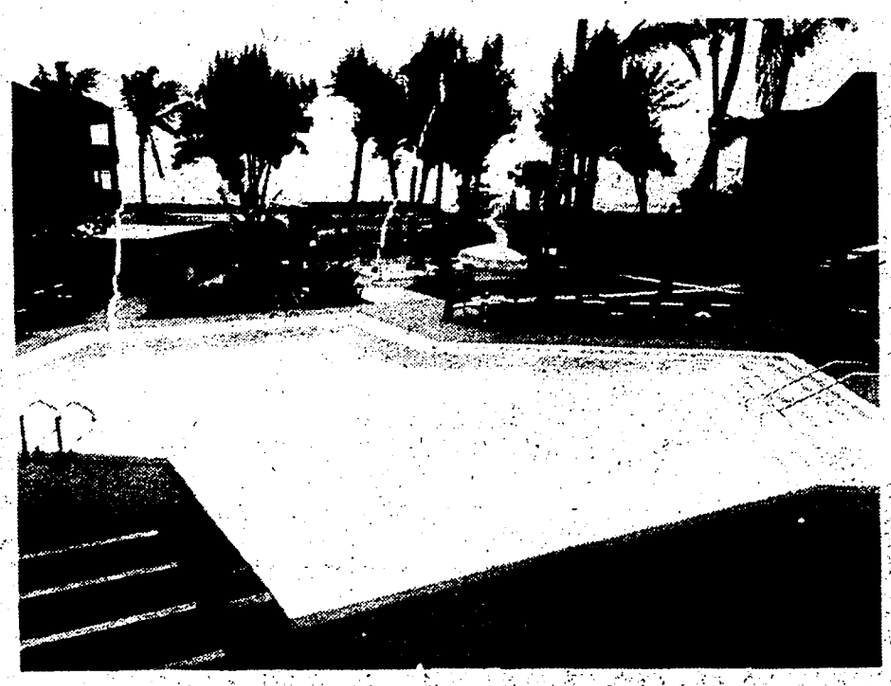
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fishing report

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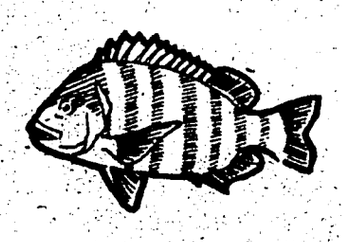
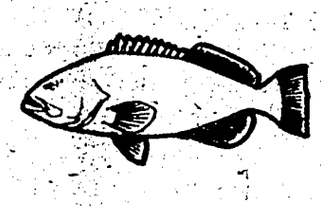


SHEEPSHEAD
Number one on the fishing hit parade this week in size and quantity. (What would we do without them in the winter season?). The beauty of sheepshead fishing is that it can be enjoyed in many sheltered spots around the area - in canals, around docks, in deep holes in bays and creeks. Bits of shrimp or cut bait on small hooks dropped almost to the bottom should bring action. Many have been caught in the past few weeks, some very large ones among them.



GROUPER
Offshore charter boats were finding good sized fish on days when weather allowed them to get out. Inshore areas for smaller boaters produced some two to four pounders - under the Sanibel Causeway bridges, off Bunche Beach and around the Shell Islands. Cut bait or shrimp or squid, carried down near the bottom - the stronger the current, the more weight you will need - then sit and wait. Minimum legal length for grouper is 12 inches.



LARGEMOUTH BASS
When the cold and the wind make it uncomfortable out on the open water, many anglers break out their freshwater fishing gear and head for the bass "hot spots" in the freshwater ponds, lakes and canals that are scattered around Lee County. Many four to seven pounders have been reported and the favorite bait seems to be the black or purple rubber worms. (Be sure you have a freshwater license, unless you are in one of the exempt categories.)



REDFISH
Elusive, but available, a round the mangroves and oyster bars on high tides. Live shrimp or small crabs, or properly placed artificial lures should get their attention. If you dont't get action in a short time, move. Minimum legal length for redfish is 12 inches.

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Recreation data

● *from 5-B*

while here for lodging, food, car and boat rentals, tackle, bait, gifts and other spin-off items.

The National Marine Fisheries Service of the U.S. Department of Commerce is just now getting around to conducting a survey, with a budget of $1.3 million taxpayers' dollars, to gather some of this information as required under Public Law 94-265, familiarly referred to as the "200-mile-limit law", which was enacted in 1976.

The U.S. Department of Interior has apparently been doing its homework, however, because it has just published some data on outdoor recreation participation, based on persons 12 years of age or older who took part in such activities five or more times per year. The survey indicated that, in the U.S., 61.9 million people fish. There are 34.30 million boats, 40.9 million play tennis, 24.5 million hunt, and 18.9 million play golf.

Faced with the enormity of trying to place a dollar value on the impact of fishing on the local economy, we are in accord with the sentiment expressed in a recent news item - "Last year in these United States, there were forty million fishing licenses sold; but there were only one million marriage licenses ....It just goes to show that Americans would rather fish than fight."

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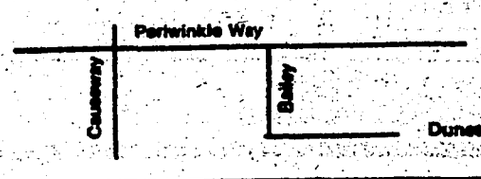

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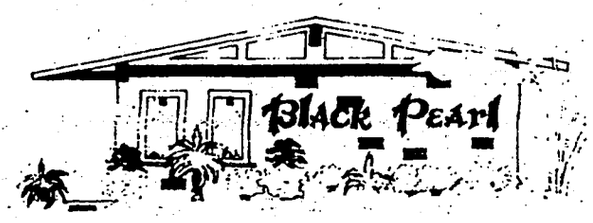

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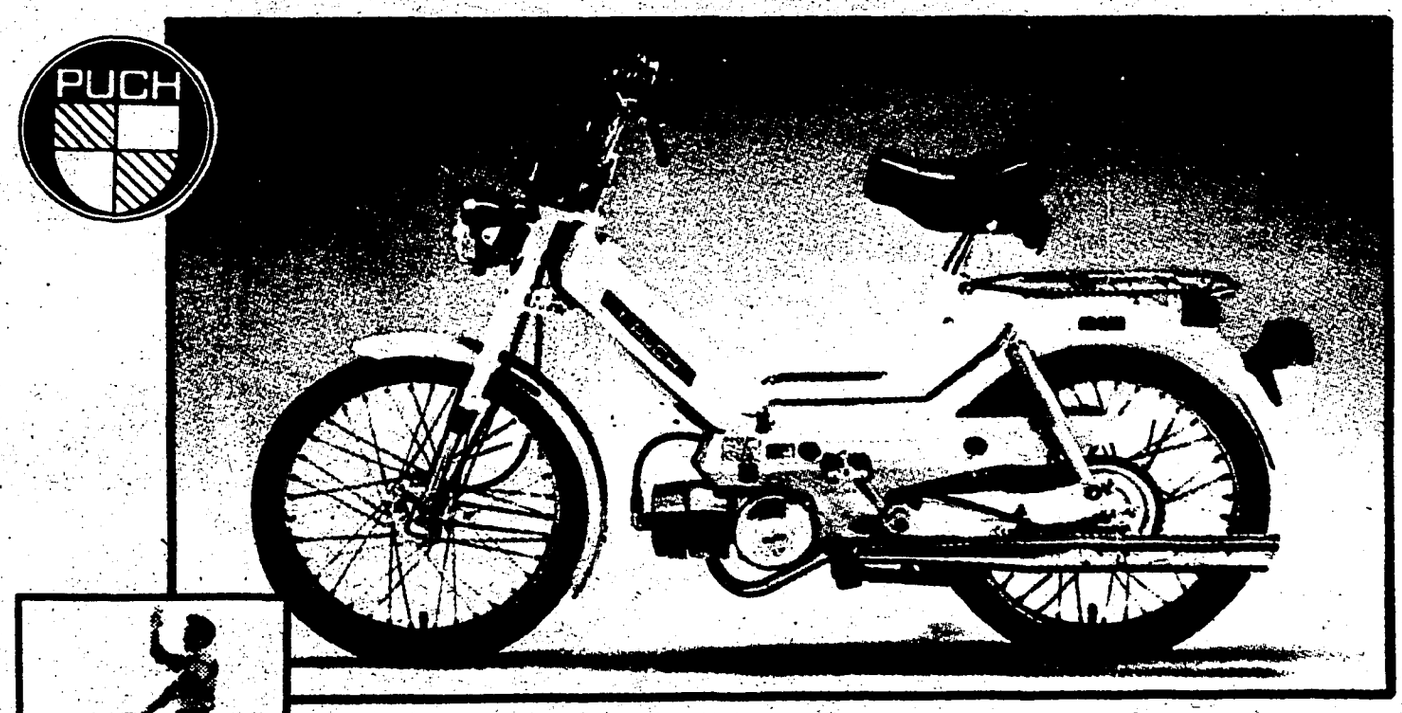



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Coastal Fishing

By Capt. Duke Sells
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In case you haven't looked out the window lately the weather has taken on a distinct look of spring. Maybe it's because Valentine's Day is this week and a young fish's fancy turns to amorous maneuvers as he edges closer to the passes.

I've always marvelled at how most outdoor scribes label the breeding activities of fish as a time of "spawning chores." If this stereotype continues we may all become an endangered species.

At any rate, some of the trout caught now have been of an unusually large size, that is to say in the two to five pound class, and some of the best fishing is around the grass bars adjacent to the passes.

It has also been my experience that if one is to fling jigs tipped with shrimp then you can expect to not only catch more fish, but they will be larger as well. The trouble with all of this is that you do have trouble finding folks who can throw a rod loaded with ten pound test more than fifteen feet.

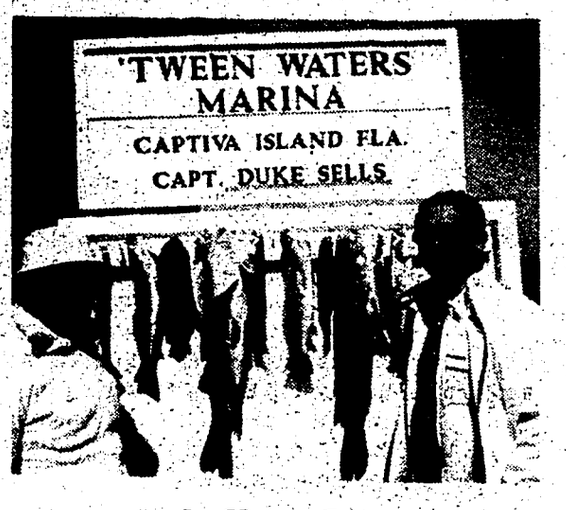
Ah well, such are the frustrations of the back country guide, along with hooks implanted in all parts of the anatomy.

A good many snook have been caught during this last cold spree in the island canals and the lead jig topped all comers. Some days the liners want live shrimp but lately the artificial has reigned supreme, especially the bucktail variety.

Since I hear that the weather is supposed to stay nice for the rest of the week, I would assume that most of the island fish will start to work out upon the grass flats in search of food. Since we also have unusually high tides, due to the full moon, this activity should be spurred along, and there might even be enough water for some redfishing in the woods.

The tides are extremely low now in the mornings so have a care where you run the boat and if you see a large heron wading don't run up to him.

If the tide is very low then fish the creeks and potholes, saving the bars and flats for the high tide. If all of this seems to call for a full days outing then it would behoove you to stay out there -- especially if you forgot the warden's Valentine Day card. Good Fishing, /s/ Capt. Sells



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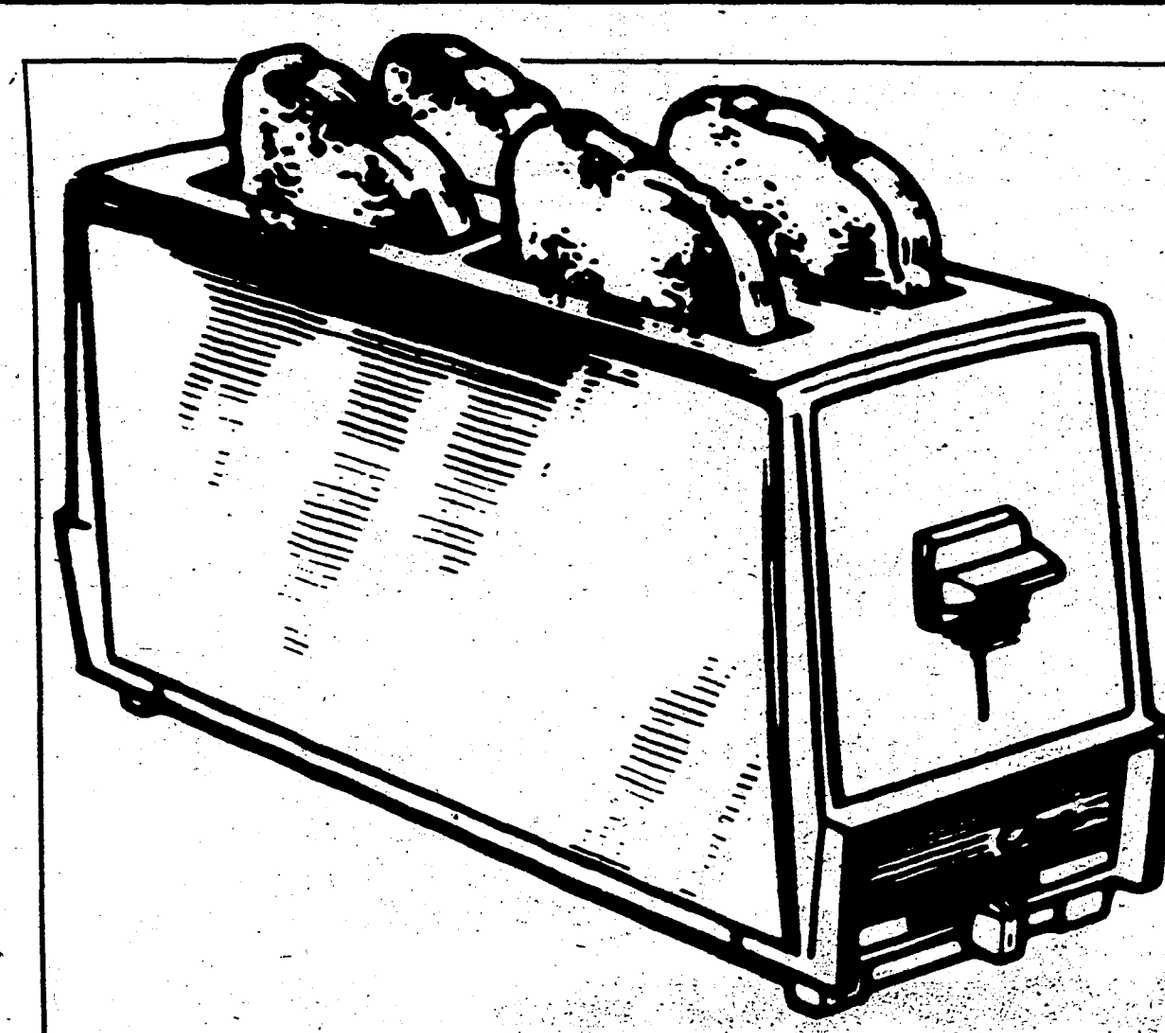

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Little League teams form

Sanibel and Captiva will sponsor four teams in the Fort Myers Beach Little League this spring, according to Dick Muench, a coach of one of the teams.

Two boys teams, a senior girls' team and a junior girls' teams will compete in the League, said Muench. Six island teams participated in the league last year, but fewer players signed up to compete this year, said Muench.

Some openings still exist on the two girls teams. The senior girls' fast pitch softball team is open to players 13 through 15 years old. The junior girls' slow pitch team is open to girls 9 through 12.

The 18-game Little League season opens in mid-March. Muench said he hopes to be able to arrange the schedule so that all four island teams will play home games on the same days.

A Fort Myers Beach man also is attempting to organize a Senior Little League, according to Muench. Senior Little League, which has replaced the Colt and Pony Leagues is open to players older than Little League age.

Muench has also suggested that island children who are too young to play Little League ball could form their own island softball league and schedule games. For more information on baseball and softball activities contact Muench at 472-1433.

Creative dance class offered

A class in creative dance for adults is being formed on Sanibel.

The three month class will meet one evening each week at the Sanibel Community House, and will cover exercises, ballet and modern dance. There is a $2 fee for each class plus a one time $5 insurance fee.

For more information contact Lisa Murphy at 472-4315.

bowling

WEDNESDAY MOURNERS

Current standings	W	L
1. Loggerheads	61	23
2. The Housekeeping Co.	55	29
3. Beach Floor Covering	47	37
4. Ron's Trailer Supply	47	37
5. Island Services	46½	37½
6. Mom's Crackerbox	44	40
7. Crown Plumbing	44	40
8. Casa del Mama	37	47
9. The Open Gate	37	47
10. Earth Care	31	53
11. Scotty's Pub	28	56
12. Century 21	26½	57½

Results from February 7
Mom's Crackerbox 3, Loggerheads 1
Crown Plumbing 3, Scotty's Pub 1
Beach Floor Covering 4, Earth Care 0
Century 21 1, The Open Gate 3
The Housekeeping Co. 3, Ron's Trailer Supply 1
Island Services 3, Casa del Mama 1

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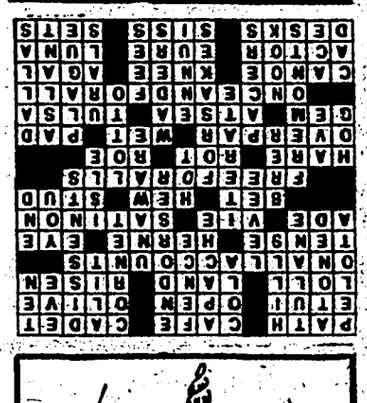

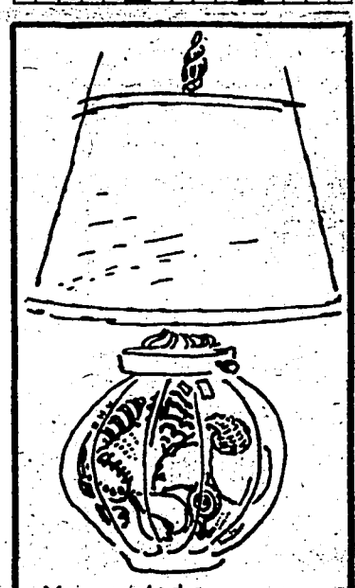

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TENNIS LADDER

A few more challenges were reported this week on the island ladder. Pam Thompson challenged Lou Anne Parker, who won 6-4, 6-4. Bill Riley challenged Bob Sabation twice this week and lost the first match, but beat Sabatino the second time around. Riley then challenged Bob Thompson and won 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Marge Peck challenged Pam Thompson and Pam won 6-0, 6-3. Pam Thompson then challenged Anne Costanzo and won by default.

Men's open
1. Tom Fisher 472-3064
2. Ben Bjerke 472-2057
3. Bill Riley 472-4536
4. Bob Thompson 472-1712
5. Mike Blue 472-2555
6. Bob Sabatino

Women's open
1. Lou Anne Parker 472-5111 ext. 4151
2. Pam Thompson 472-1712
3. Anne Costanzo 472-1206
4. Sandy Conway 472-2593
5. Marge Peck 472-4998

Men's 55 & over
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2. Earl Fisher 472-3064
3. Joe Searing 472-4594
4. Jim Peck 472-4998
5. Don Anderson 472-4866

Women's 45 & over
1. Marge Peck 472-4998
2. JoAnne Fisher 472-3064
3. Renee Wadkovsky 472-2580
4. Bert Anderson 472-4866

Junior's
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9. Mahlon Thompson 472-1712
10. Paul Lowers 472-5370
11. Tammy Powell 472-4371

Close to home

Some people may try to claim that Florence Bischoff had an unfair advantage when she scored a hole in one this week at the Beachview golf course. The advantage didn't come from her equipment -- she used a one wood on the 101 yard par three number seven hole -- but rather in her familiarity with the course. Mrs. Bischoff's home lies on the edge of hole seven in the Beachview Country Club Estates.

Three golf tourneys at Dunes

Three tournaments were played at the Dunes Golf and Country Club last week.

The regular weekly women's tournament was a low gross-low net contest with special awards for fewest putts and chip-ins. Low gross honors went to Grace Carr with a 37, followed by Dorothy Ohlman at 43.



Earla Carson won low net with 26 and Ginny McKee was second with 27. Peg Wilhoit captured the prize for fewest putts with 16, and Phyllis Harvey holed out a chip shot on number eight.

The men's weekly tournament was based on the point system with D. Richardson earning the winning score. Second place saw a tie between C. Uhr and F. Benny. A. Mainard, J. Minor and J. Dean tied for third.

The third event of the week was the monthly mixed scramble with nine teams competing. Prizes were awarded at a cocktail party which followed the tournament.

First place went to the team of Jim Corace, Tom Fregeau, Billie Tyler and Ginny McKee with a score of 29. The team of Al Lloyd, Roger Maynard and Ellie Newell was second with 30, and four teams posted a score of 31 to tie for third. By the draw of a card the prize went to the team of Floyd Benny, Flo Bishoff, Dick Wilhoit and Dot Knuppenburg.

The Beachview Women's Golf Association held its regular Monday morning tournament this week, and Mary Phillips and Mary Jane Preston emerged with low net scores of 40 and 42 respectively.

The Beachview women golfers are having a pot luck dinner after a golf outing on Sunday, February 25. The dinner will be held at the Loggerhead Cay recreation building at 666 Beach Road on Sanibel.

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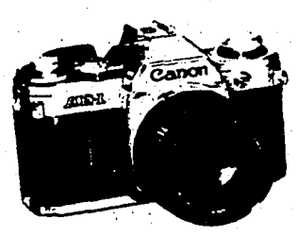

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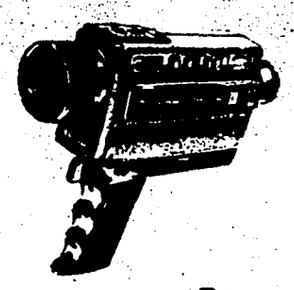

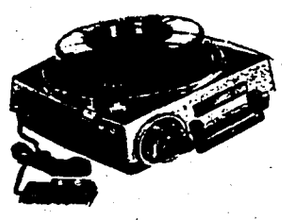

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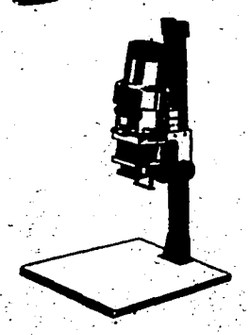

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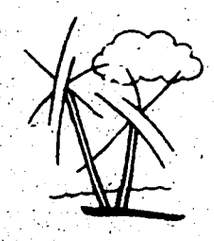

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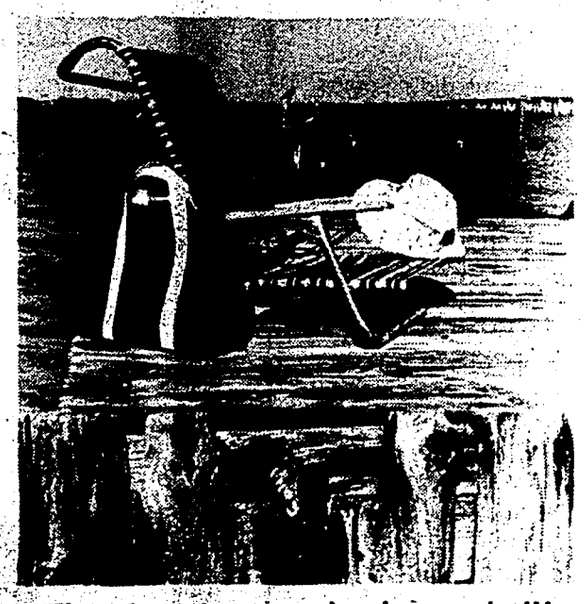

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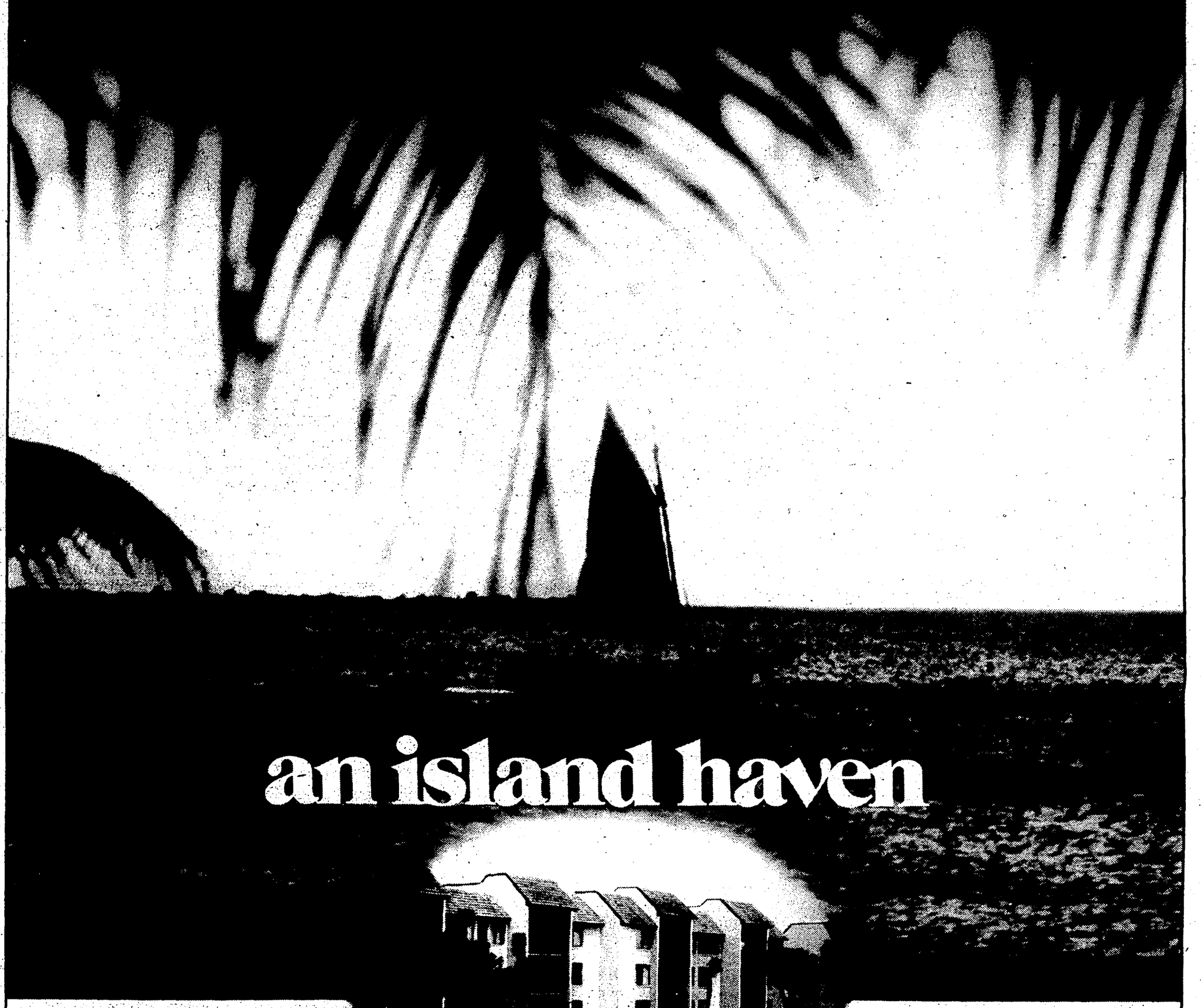

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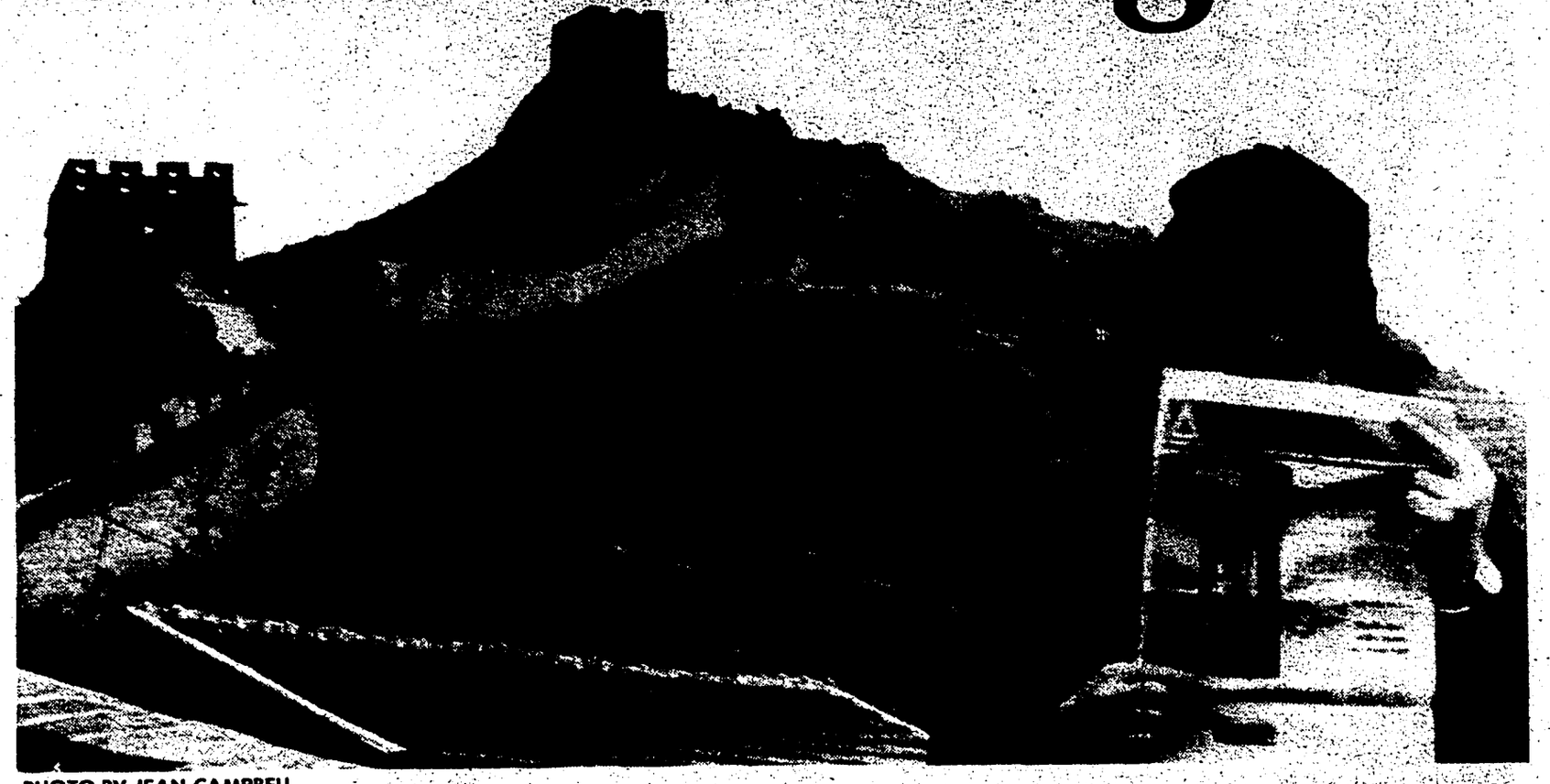

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[Editor's note: Two months ago when President Carter recognized mainland China, the Island Reporter had a correspondent on the scene to witness the Chinese reaction. The correspondent was Jean Campbell, Sanibel resident and wife of island naturalist George Campbell. In her capacity as travel editor emeritus, Jean has been a frequent contributor to the Island Reporter, logging journeys to Russia, Mongolia and East Africa. In this article, the first in a series of China articles, Jean describes her arrival in Peking, first stop in the Campbells' two week itinerary.

By Jean Campbell

Over a decade ago my husband, our son and I stood in No Man's Land, the strip of ground which belongs to no nation, between the Portuguese colony of Macao and mainland China. We watched four barefoot men carry a shrouded body on a rattan litter across this strip into the People's Republic of China. The deceased was being returned to his ancestral burial ground.

I was then and have always been intensely interested in this distant and unknown land, China, forbidden territory to any American at that time. Now the Chinese are beginning to open their doors to American trade and tourists as part of their "Great Leap Outward" into the 20th Century.

This past autumn, after years of trying to enter China, my husband and I received our visas. It was worth the long wait for we found ourselves in the People's Republic of China during a moving and historical moment: the resumption of political ties with China.

In early December we joined 20 or so companions in Tokyo. It was an interesting group comprised of seasoned travellers. One woman, 80 years plus, was a distinguished lawyer certified to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court. There was also a book publisher, an Australian psychiatrist, and an old China hand who had known Mao Tse-tung and Mme. Sun Yat-sen during the 1940's. A medical internist, several lawyers and their spouses, Hollywood producers and directors, and a brilliant young scholar who spoke Mandarin Chinese rounded out the expedition. It was a mixed bag of individuals with one common interest: China.

Our plane flew from Tokyo to Peking on December 8. Once airborne, I watched Mt. Fuji glistening under a pristine mantle of snow. One of our California companions rushed to my window seat to snap a photograph. "Thank God!" she exclaimed. "I finally got a photo of Iwo Jimo" (sic).

By mid-afternoon the clouds parted and we peered at flat fields and a long, winding canal that snaked below. This shining thread of water was the Grand Canal, an ancient man-made waterway winding from Shanghai to Peking.

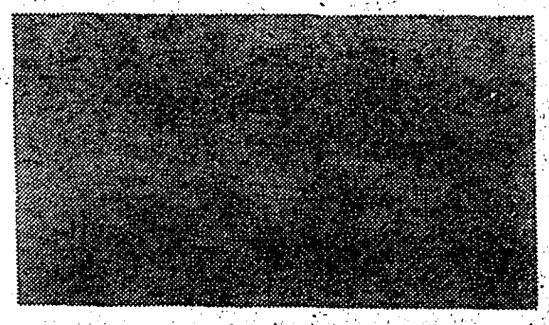
We landed on a dun colored plain outside Peking. Not knowing what to expect, or who was to meet us, we walked into the terminal past blue-uniformed figures with dark, unmoving eyes. But as I shuffled through the terminal nudging my baggage over rutted terazzo floors someone gently lifted my suitcase and said, "This is easy to carry. May I?" He was Mr. Chang, a young man with a smooth and sensitive face who was to be one of our three interpreters for the entire trip. Mr. Chang led us to a bus and we were driven down a tarmac road etched with denuded trees and past glazed ice ponds into the city of Peking. The afternoon sun was pale as it forced itself through a grey mist of dust.

"Loess (sand) from the Mongolian Desert," commented our young Chinese scholar. "Sulphurous coal smoke," countered an engineer in the party. Actually, it was a combination of both, as millions of Chinese burn coal dust pressed into hard bricks for both cooking and heating. The rising coal dust is bourne by the winter Northwest wind, which scatters dust from the Gobi Desert over Peking.

There was scarcely an automobile on our road, but there were thousands of bicyclists, all wearing blue Mao tunics and trousers. Fur capped men and women slogged beside us pulling two-wheeled carts loaded with every possible burden ranging from grandma, to heavy concrete pipes, to empty oil barrels. Horses and mules were also tugging heavily laden wagons and carts. It seemed as if China had spilled out unto the roads and was pouring in all directions. This was my first and most enduring impression of China: people, masses of people, crowds of people surging on foot or cycle and hauling the life blood of China over the cold hard lanes of the country.

Friendship House, a cluster of grey brick buildings, was to be our residence in Peking. In every Chinese hotel we stayed in during our journey, couples were assigned to twin bedded rooms. We had a private bath with large, rust stained tubs and floors which sometimes seemed never to have experienced a good scrubbing. There was always a thermos of hot water for tea and one of cold water for drinking, as one doesn't drink tap water in China.

Above, George Campbell takes a breather beside China's Great Wall to read the Island Reporter. "The cold was terrible," recalls Jean Campbell of her visit to the Wall; "I thanked my Sears Catalogue for my thermal long johns."



Excellent bottled Chinese beer, apples and tangerines were placed in our room daily. The hotel employees were, without exception, patient, friendly and curious about us.

Sometimes we had keys to our doors and sometimes not. I asked one of our interpreters why the small refrigerators often had locks on the doors. "Of course Chinese people pilfer from each other," he replied. "People are people. But no one will touch anything of yours."

It was cold in these northern cities and the hotel room radiators were turned on precisely at 7:00 p.m., along with the hot water heaters, and then turned off after midnight. We all developed a quick ritual of bathing and jumping under the heavy woolen bed blankets.

At meals we had only chopsticks with which to eat exotic foods of bean curd, lotus roots, fried pork, and steamed stuffed dumplings. The rice was gluey to facilitate easy handling with the chopsticks. It was starve or adapt and we all adapted in short order.

On our first morning in China we learned our itinerary, a huge question mark until then. The sounds of Peking, a city of 8.5 million people, were muffled as the streets spewed forth their profusion of toiling blue clad figures, purposefully walking or cycling to their occupations. No Chinese is allowed to personally own an automobile. He moves about on foot or cycle, buses and perhaps a Shanhai-manufactured taxi.

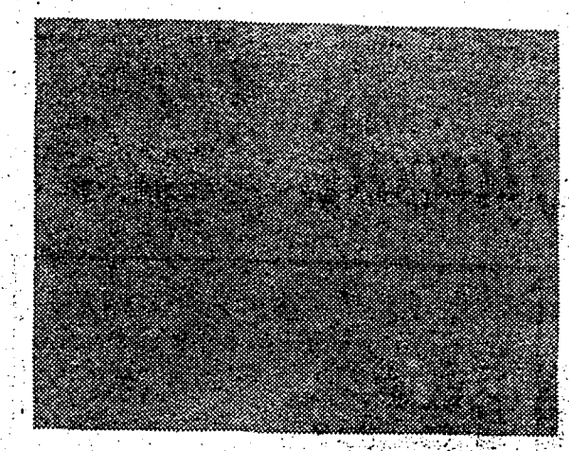
We boarded a comfortable but unheated train for the hour's ride to The Great Wall. It was bitter cold and the people on the roads were wrapped in heavy padded coats and trousers. Some wore white surgical masks.

"The masks prevent a fellow worker from becoming sick," it was explained to me.

Our train passed over fields of brown clay farm structures, some with straw roofs. Soon we could discern a long serpentine line weaving over mountains and valleys, our first glimpse of the wall.

The Great Wall of China was begun over 2,000 years ago as a protection against enemy invaders. On foot we puffed the last frigid mile, uphill, to a section of reconstructed wall. Indians, Japanese and Mongols trudged with us, all bundled to their ears. I thanked my Sears catalogue for my thermal long johns and resurrected fake fur coat.

We returned to Peking that afternoon to visit the Ming Tombs, hemmed beneath a semicircle of stark lavender mountains. There are 13 Ming tombs constructed between the mid 1300's and 1600's and we saw the largest, a marble palace of arched ceilings without any supporting beams or columns. Inside were several rooms, all 100 feet below the ground; two sar-



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cophagi of an emperor and empress lay in the largest rooms. Many treasures of gold, turquoise and ivory were discovered in these rooms and I wondered what beautiful objects will appear when the remaining unknown tombs, 11 in all, are excavated.

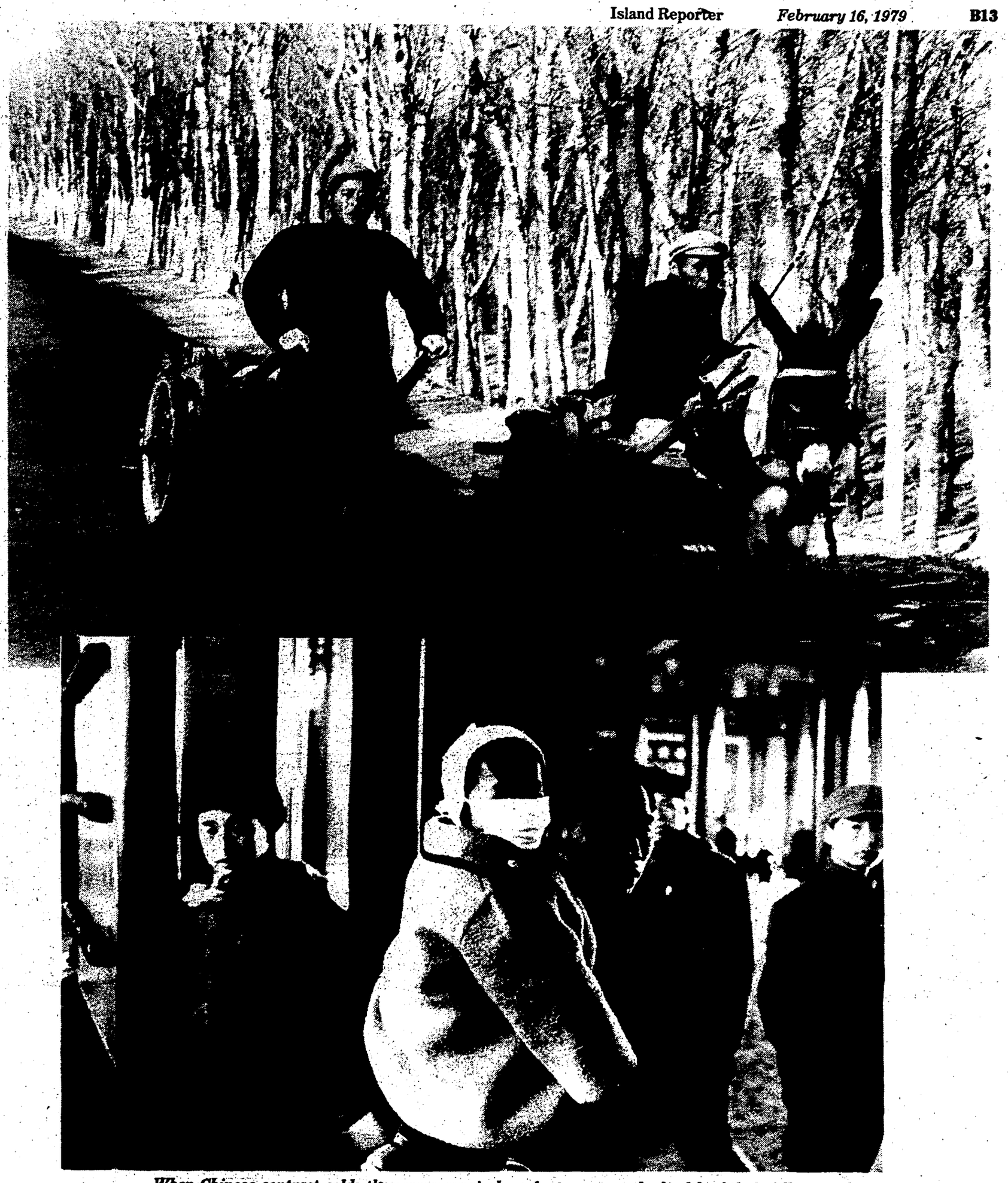
Lining the Sacred Road to the largest tomb are 24 immese marble animals, masterpieces of Chinese sculpture. By foot we hurried down this road to photograph the splendor of the statuary lions, camels, elephants, and horses. There was one stunning marble tortoise, taller than I, its surface still glossy and intact after centuries of age.

Chinese are always punctual and we had to board our bus before we could finish photographing. Most of us had prior knowledge of these animals and we complained. "We came thousands of miles to see these treasures but you won't allow us enough time to see them all." This was probably our noisiest gripe of the trip. Our hosts remained pleasant and polite, nodding placidly in agreement as we voiced our objections.

Another day we walked the Forbidden City and the Summer Palace along with hundreds of Chinese sightseers. For centuries these grounds had been the territory of the emperors, their aides and eunuchs. No ordinary mortal could enter these gates. We were impressed with the objects of art which revealed the extravagance of past ruling dynasties and showed the gifted artistry of the court craftsmen.

It took several days to attune our ears to our interpreters' English. Most had just graduated from a university with an English major. Each day as we drove through the dust of Peking we usually passed Democracy Wall where knots of Chinese were reading the famous pink and yellow posters which bore long rows of large black Chinese characters. Democracy Wall has displayed news for centuries, and these days the Chinese are reading about the "Gang of Four" who, we are told, instigated the Cultural Revolution in 1967, releasing thousands of Red Guards upon the masses. One of our young hosts explained that his English would be more proficient had it not been for the Gang of Four.

"The Gang of Four sent the professors and students into the countryside to work with the peasants and most of the universities closed down," he said. "And where are the Gand of Four now?" I asked. "They are where they



When Chinese contract colds they wear surgical masks to protect the health of their fellow workers.

are," he said. "That's not an answer I can understand," I persisted. He hesitated again and finally answered, "They are in a rest home."

"Why didn't Mao stop the Gang of Four?" someone asked. "Chairman Mao was an old man, sick and passive at the time," was the response.

One afternoon an interpreter and I hired a taxi in search of temple rubbings in the antique section of Peking. I commented on the tremendous number of new apartment buildings being constructed. "Yes, we were developing rapidly until the Gang of Four slowed us down," said the interpreter. "Now construction is continuing again."

We passed Tiem an Mien Square, the world's largest square, capable of holding half a million people. On either side of the main entrance were portraits of Mao, Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin. "Why Stalin?" I wondered to myself.

Sprawling, putty-colored Peking, a monochrome with its grey dust and grey brick buildings. Even the yards and foot paths are grey and grassless clay, trodden into concrete hardness by a million feet. The beehive apartment buildings were utilitarian and uninteresting, lacking the charm of the old family compounds hidden behind brick walls.

"Peking used to be a cozy little city with its courtyards and restaurants," commented our old China hand who had lived here in the 1940's. Still, the populace seemed well fed, warmly clothed and healthy. Many smiled at us and all seemed to have a purpose or niche in life. If all one billion Chinese were as comfortable as the residents of Peking, then the revolution has accomplished a great deal.

The only daubs of color on these always clogged streets were the babies in arms who wore colorful padded "snow suits." The proud father usually carried the baby and the bottom seam of these suits were open revealing bare bottoms, often raw with cold. When nature calls, the babies are put onto the ground to squat.

"Don't Chinese use diapers of some sort?" I wondered aloud. "Diapers?" our woman interpreter repeated. "How do you spell that word?" and she wrote it in her notebook.

On our last night in Peking we were taken to the city's finest restaurant, the Peking Duck, above a local eatery of steaming windows filled with Chinese. One of our interpreters sat next to me. "Before the revolution our people were oppressed by war lords; the country was dirty and the rich thought only of themselves. Many people couldn't find work and there was much starving," he told me as we plowed through our gourmet dinner of roasted Peking duck, jellied duck eggs, sea cucumbers and seaweed.

Other courses appeared: cooked webs of duck feet and duck heads, split through the center and cooked to perfection, eyes and brain intact. The diplomatic liquor of China, Maotai, was poured into small glasses and we drank it ceremoniously, bottoms up. Mr. Fong, our oldest host, toasted us and we reciprocated. "You have come to our country as strangers but now are friends," he announced. "Let us drink to our friendship."

Maotai, 110 percent proof, is made of sorghum. We were an obliging group and had become quite fond of our interpreters. We tasted every scrap of food and drank bottoms up.

WHAT COOKS

Team spinach with zucchini for delightful flavor

By Twink Underhill

Probably Popeye did more to popularize spinach than any one else. Who can forget how he would get himself out of danger by opening the famous can of spinach and swallowing it in a gulp while his muscles grew perceptibly.

Whether it's for strength or vitamins or just plain enjoyment, surely fresh spinach has to be an improvement over the canned variety. Team this leafy vegetable up with one that has a bit of crunch and you have an interesting contrast of tastes and textures.

Spinach and Zucchini

1 (10 oz. or so) package fresh spinach
1 pound zucchini
1 small onion
1 clove garlic
1 Tbsp. or more safflower oil
Fresh nutmeg
¼ cup sour cream or plain yogurt or creme fraiche
2 Tbsp. Parmesan cheese, freshly grated

Pick over the spinach and remove the hard stem ends. Wash the spinach in a sink of cold water. Lift out into a pot and cook the spinach with just the water clinging to the leaves, briefly, no more than 5 minutes, until spinach is just tender. Drain well and chop.

Butter a shallow flat casserole, roughly 8x10 inches, and spread the chopped spinach over the bottom of it. Set aside.

Scrub the zucchini well, but do not peel. Cut into fairly thin slices. If the squash is a large one, cut the pieces in half; the smaller zucchini are better for this dish. Chop the onion and mash the garlic. Saute the onion and garlic in the oil until limp, then add the zucchini and saute on each side briefly until lightly brown. Do not overcook, a couple of minutes on each side will do. Use additional oil if necessary.

Grate some fresh nutmeg over the spinach and spread thinly with the sour cream, yogurt or creme fraiche. Spoon the zucchini evenly over the top, grate a bit more of nutmeg over it and sprinkle with the grated Parmesan. Cook in a preheated 400 degree oven for 20 minutes and serve to four.



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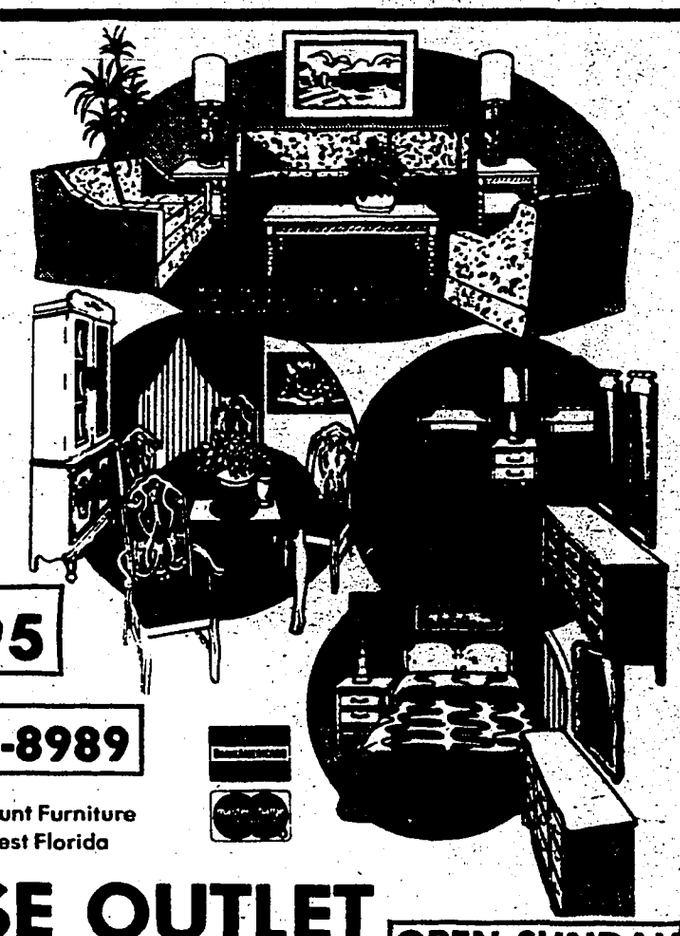

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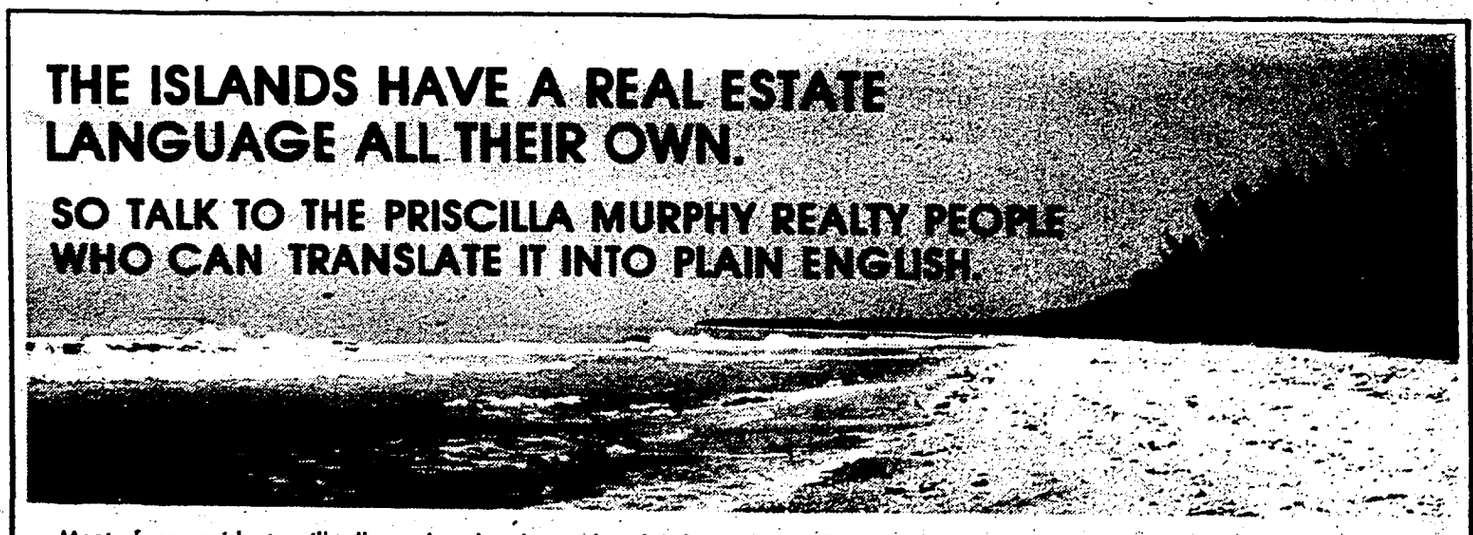

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MacInnes novel focuses on international terrorism

PRELUDE TO TERROR by Helen MacInnes, Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich, 368 pages, 1978

By George Tenney

Helen MacInnes established herself long ago as the *grand dame* of razzle-dazzle spy thrillers. "Prelude to Terror," her eighteenth novel, runs true to the pattern of her other exciting and exhilarating cloak-and-dagger stories. If the plot is a little less credible and if the action limps a little here and there, any MacInnes fan will overlook such slight blemishes because the story topically focuses on the current wave of international terrorism. It is MacInnes at her discerning and sophisticated writing peak.

Colin Grant, a respected art critic, bereaved because of the senseless terrorist assasination of his wife, is clandestinely recruited for a secret overseas art deal. He is to proceed to Vienna and there buy at an auction against all other bidders, an old Dutch masterpiece. His sponsor is an American millionaire art collector whose identity must be kept secret. The painting, owned by a refugee trapped behind the Iron Curtain, is being smuggled out and the owner will use the proceeds to speed his escape and to establish himself in the West, provided he lives.

On his arrival in Vienna Grant discovers that he is the key figure in a sinister plot which involves deception, fraud, kidnaping and murder. He is drawn into a scheme to isolate and break up an international ring that is financing terrorist attacks throughout the world. Art sales of "rescued" old masters are being funnelled into a secret Swiss bank account and the intelligence forces of three countries are seeking out the principal. Grant's involvement, at first innocent and later as a protagonist, sets him up as a "hit" victim of the gang. In the end he is a vital member of the small group in the lethal fight against the terrorists.

The plotting is ingenious and thrill is piled on thrill. Espionage and counter-espionage envelop the characters in countless dangers. There is a romantic element which the author develops without any incompatible sexual overtones. Several of the precisely limned characters point up the MacInnes passion for human freedom, notably Renwick, the CIA agent, and Frank, an Israeli secret service operator. Her build-up of Gene Marck from a simple art museum accountant into a masterminding super villain is a mark of her talent with characters.

"Prelude to Terror" is a fast-moving topical novel, not to be ranked by my standards with "The Salzberg Connection" or "Message from Malaga," but none-the-less an acute and exciting suspense story. It will help to swell the 20 million copies of her books to a new high.

I liked the last sentences. "Keep going," Grant says to himself. "That's all you can do . . . That's all any of us can do." At my stage of life, that's very meaningful.

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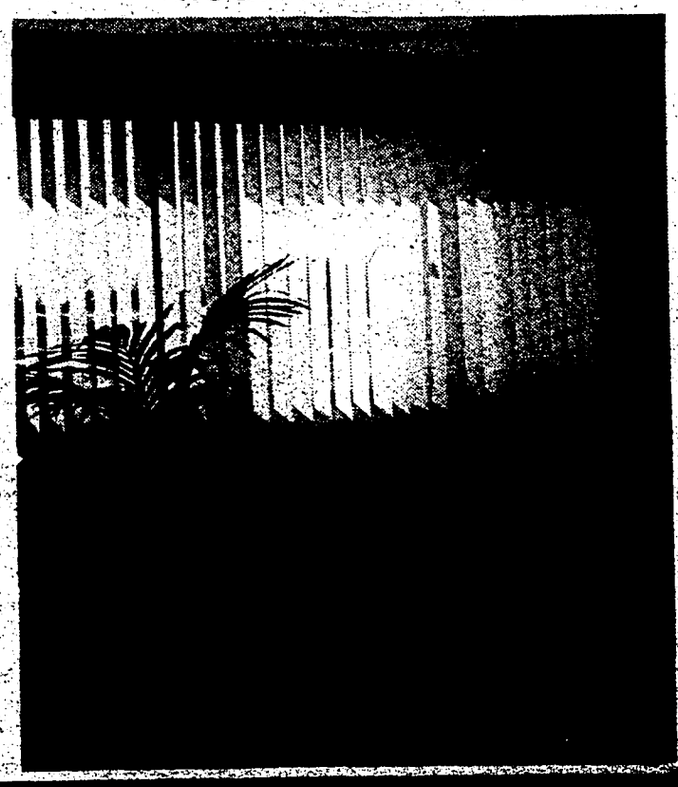

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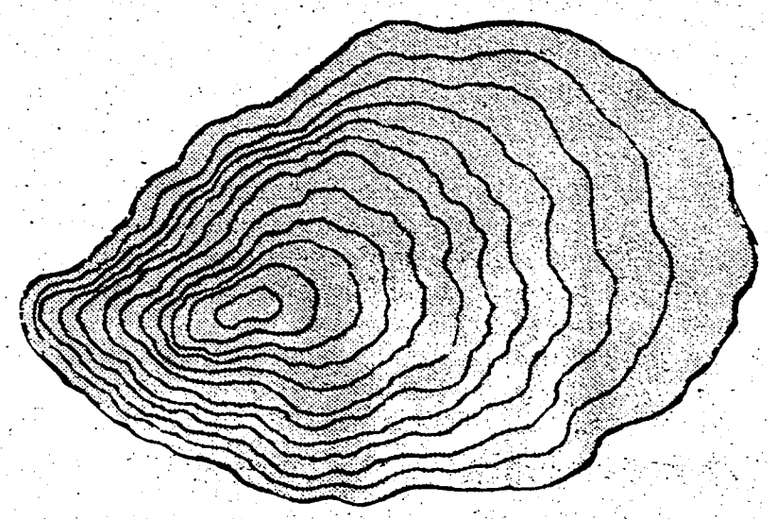

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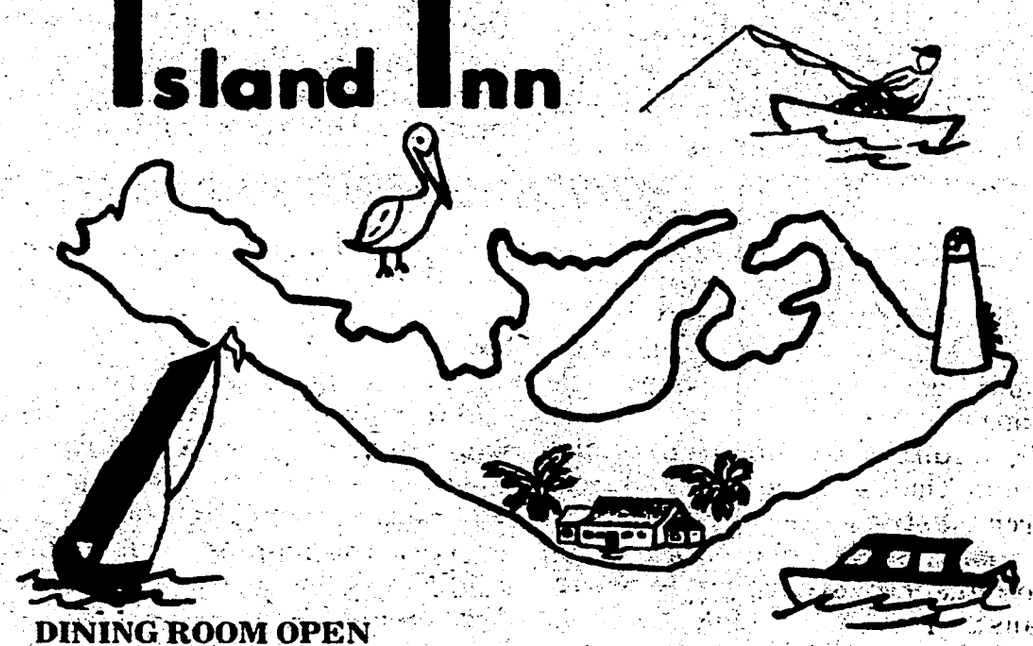

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Photographers' Gallery debuts on Sanibel

The first art gallery on Sanibel and Captiva and in all of Southwest Florida devoted exclusively to photography will open later this month on Sanibel.

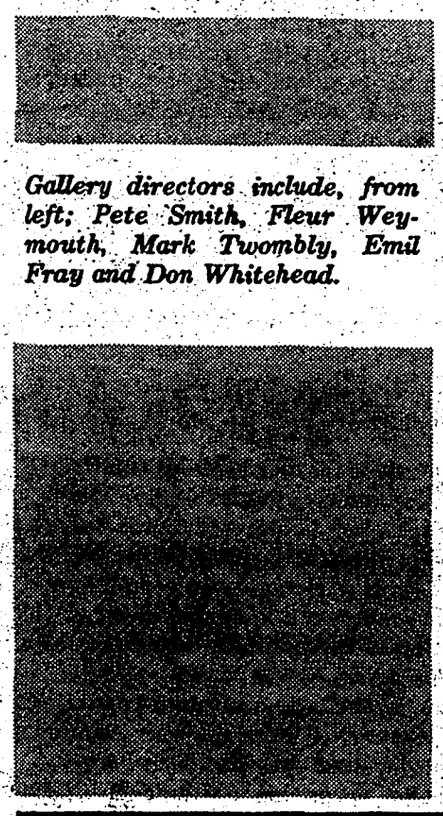
An open house for the community at The Photographers' Gallery has been set for Sunday, February 25 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. The gallery is located in a wood frame building at 1554 Periwinkle Way, just west of the Wheel.

The Photographers' Gallery is a membership gallery, according to Managing Director Emil Fray. "The gallery was founded by people highly interested in the art of photography -- amateur and professional photographers, and people who want to further the art.

"Our main purpose is to provide gallery space in the South Florida area," said Fray. "Right now there is no such place devoted strictly to photography. Our intention is to further the communication of photography between photographers and the general public.

"What we want to show is the best work that is being done, both locally and from all over the country."

In addition to mounted photographs that will be available for purchase, the gallery will house an extensive reference library on photography, according to Fray. Plans call for installation of a darkroom that will be used for teaching, and a photography book sales area.



Gallery directors include, from left; Pete Smith, Fleur Weymouth, Mark Twombly, Emil Fray and Don Whitehead.



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The gallery also will sponsor workshops and seminars that will bring in knowledgeable photographers, critics, collectors and photographic historians, said Fray.

The opening show at the gallery will feature work by the members, who are from Sanibel, Captiva and Fort Myers. "The photographs will be representative of the kind of work the members are doing," said Fray, "but mainly it will be a 'get acquainted show' for the members so everyone will know what everyone else is doing."

Fray said he expects 12 to 15 members to submit photographs for the opening. The gallery currently has about two dozen members. Policy is set by five directors: Peter Smith, Fleur Weymouth, Don Whitehead, Mark Twombly and Fray.

The photographs will hang in a large open room with a high ceiling facing a loft. The reference library will be located in the loft. A smaller room at the rear of the gallery will be converted to a fully equipped darkroom, said Fray.

Daily hours for the gallery following the opening have not been finalized, said Fray.

Fray is a freelance photographer who also works part-time as staff photographer for the Island Reporter. Prior to moving to Sanibel in September, 1976 he worked for 11 years in photo staff management positions on newspapers in California, Iowa and Florida, including the Miami Herald. He has received numerous awards for his photojournalism.

Since moving to the islands Fray has had his work featured in shows at the Wheel Gallery and the Conservation Center and in Fort Lauderdale.

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'Chance Awakening'

By Freda Iurka

For seven years Russian agent Michael Solly has lived in London and worked in a toy factory -- now suddenly he receives code messages from someone who claims to be his control agent. Michael can't be sure this agent isn't really British Intelligence so he flies to N.Y. seeking guidance from higher spy authorities and in the blundering process causes the death of a fellow agent. "Chance Awakening" by George Markstein.

"The Horse of Pride" An epic of peasant life in Brittany during the first half of this century." Often using his own family as springboard, Pierre Jakez Helias revives bigouden folklore in all of its material and spiritual incarnation.

A local Robinhood-wheeler dealer takes over the little North Georgia town of Appalachee and isn't about to let go. Raymond Andrews energy for storytelling is impressive in "Appalachee Red".

"Superflu" has hit the world, rapidly wiping out the whole of civilization excepting the one-half percent who are immune. Such is the theme for Stephen King's [The Shining] "The Stand."

Michael Field, who died in 1971, is survived by three excellent cookbooks and the Time-Life Foods of the World series for which he was consulting editor. "Cooking with Michael Field" has been culled from his various notes and recipes by editor Joan Scobey, whose chief additions are expanded menus [mostly, very good] and suggestions for wines. No admirer of this remarkable cook will want to be without it.

Will Henry writes the kind of gritty tongue-parching, painted sunset prose that makes a Western wordster like Louis L'Amour sound like a San Francisco dude: "Summer of the Gun."

Not a single false note mars this breathtaking, true-crime style reconstruction of a series of 1890's poisonings in London suburbs: "The Blackheath Poisonings" is a Julian Symons triumph of a different sort.

Campen book in second printing

Author-photographer Richard N. Campen, a winter resident of Sanibel, recently announced a second printing of his popular soft cover book, "Sanibel and Captiva . . . Enchanting Islands."

According to Campen two major changes have been made for the reprinting. The vast majority of the full-page black and white photographs have been re-shot and re-plated, says Campen, and the price of the book has been reduced from $8.95 to $7.95.

Campen says his book is unique because it offers a "humanistic approach" to the islands. "It allows the reader to re-live his own experience as a beachcomber, bird-watcher and sun-worshipper," notes Campen. The author adds that photographically, his book is "the most comprehensive available."

Library gets Beebe memorials

In memory of Richard Beebe, his family and the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society have contributed books and funds for the purchase of natural history books for the Sanibel Library. Beebe was a well-known island naturalist and was president of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society at the time of his death.

Because of the many subjects relating to natural history -- ecology, environment, conservation, and wildlife in general, -- those books, according to their classification, are scattered throughout the library. In order that the donors and the general public may view the many natural history books the library has been able to acquire, they will be grouped in a special display at the library during the week of February 19-24.

No shell meeting

The Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club will not meet this month because of construction activity at the Sanibel Community Association building, and the closeness of the Sanibel Shell Fair. All Shell Club members are being urged to work on exhibits for the fair.



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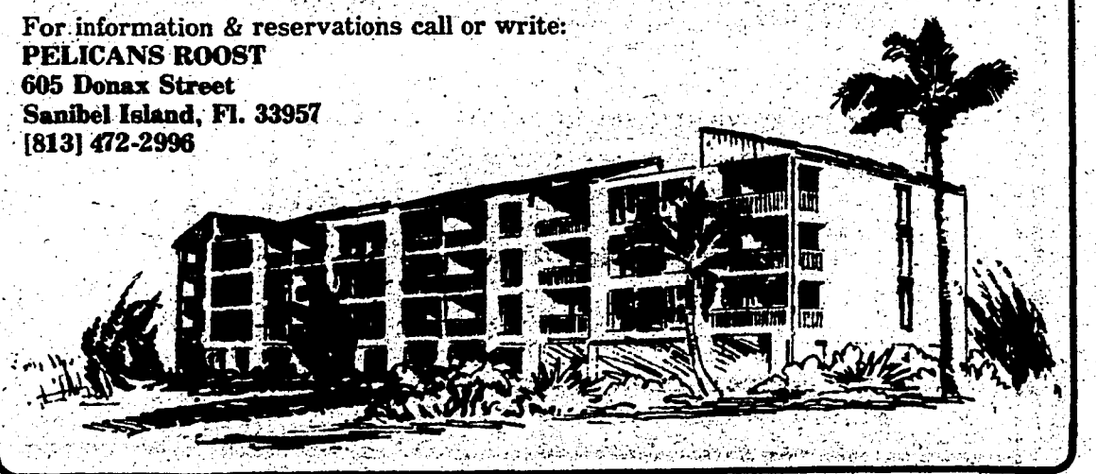

AT THE CAPTIVA LIBRARY

Indian saga in 'Hanta Yo'

On our new book shelf this week is a story with a different look at the American Indian, a gift to the Library from Mrs. Robert Adams.

Hanta Yo by Ruth Beebe Hill. In this story, 25 years in the writing, the author gives us the story of an original people, a multi-generational saga which reveals for the first time an American Indian culture from the inside. The result of the author's research is a hauntingly beautiful, powerfully dramatic narrative.

The Pendragon by Catherine Christian. Arthur, War Duke of Britain is the Pendragon. This novel is his story, yet at the same time it is a new story. We have never known this Camelot, this Lancelot, this Guinevere, yet we are persuaded of their existence because of the author's truth to archeological discovery and to her instincts as a novelist.

The Airmen Who Would Not Die by John G. Fuller. The author who wrote **The Ghost of Flight 401** now turns his talents to the historic crash of the great British dirigible R101, the luxury lighter-than-air behemoth that was to revolutionize travel in the 1930s. This is a riveting account of a human tragedy and the superhuman events surrounding it.

King Of The Jews by Leslie Epstein. A story of a man, I.C. Trumpelman, a member of the Judenrat who embraced his power and became a dictator himself. However it is more than the story of Trumpelman, it is the story of the ghetto itself told with horror yet charity and beauty. One of the most powerful books ever written about the Holocaust.

Piercing The Reich by Joseph E. Persico. Persico has written the dramatic and fascinating story of the OSS at the very peak of its achievement; the story moves swiftly with the force and suspense usually found in fiction. How the Office of Strategic Services achieved the near impossible, infiltrating the sealed Reich with more than two hundred agents, is one of the most heroic and ingenious chapters in the history of intelligence.

Hill conducts clay pot workshop

Barbara Hill of Sanibel will conduct a workshop in hand building clay pots at the Union Street Artists Company in Fort Myers beginning Saturday, February 17.

The workshop will run from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sawdust firing of students pots will be done on March 10 on Sanibel.

The Union Street Artist Company is located in the downtown area of Fort Myers between Central and Broadway.

In addition to Ms. Hill's workshop, Joan Martin of the Artist Company is offering jewelry techniques, and woodcarvers are being sought to share ideas and worktime at the Artist Company gallery. For more information phone 332-3449.

Orchid Society features speaker

The Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society will meet in a new location this month. The meeting, set for Wednesday, February 21, will be held at St. Isabel's Catholic Church on Sanibel at 1:30 p.m.

Edward Marshall, owner of Marshall's Orchids in Plymouth, Florida will be the speaker and his topic will be "Showing Your Orchids." Everyone is invited to attend the meeting.

Multi-media art film

Connecticut artists Gerald Hardy and his wife Marilyn Davis will present a multi-media film program February 16 at a South Seas meeting of the General Electric Executive wives.

The presentation will utilize two movie projectors and one slide projector simultaneously to capture the dormant images in nature and man-made objects. Hardy and Davis are accomplished artists and frequent exhibitors at Sanibel's Schoolhouse Gallery.

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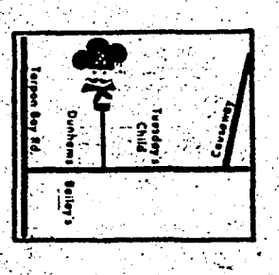

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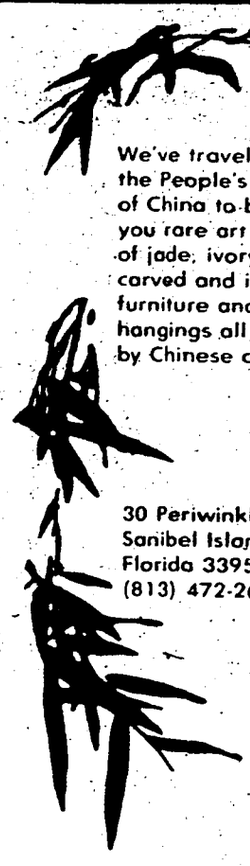

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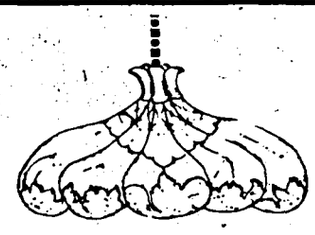

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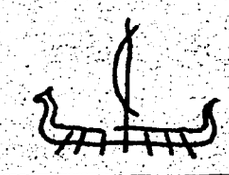

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"The True Story of the Giant Pandas" will be presented by Dr. T.H. Reed, director of the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., at 2:00 p.m. Sunday in the Community Association.

The program, part of Captran Inc.'s Gulfside Nature Series, will include a slide presentation by Dr. Reed, who brought pandas Ling Ling and Hsing Hsing from China to the United States. The slides follow the young pandas in China and document their current breeding status.

Sanibel is Dr. Reed's third stop in a panda presentation tour that recently took him to San Diego and Atlanta.



One of two giant pandas now in residence at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C.

'Tips on Birding'

"Tips on Sanibel Birding" presented by Sanibel ornithologist George Weymouth will be presented at Tuesdays at Conservation Center on February 20.

Weymouth, who operates birding tours locally, is a recognized wildlife artists and wood carver. He'll talk about where and when on Sanibel to look for birds, and what species are likely to be sighted.

Tuesday at the Center programs begin at 2:00 p.m. in Conservation Center at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Admission to the Center is free to members of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation; a nominal fee is charged other visitors.

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Audubon to hear Workman

Richard Workman, administrative director of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation will speak on "Appreciation of our Coastal Environment" at the Thursday, February 22 meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society. The meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Sanibel Community House.

Workman is well known for his work with the Conservation Foundation and for his support for protective measures on ecological issues. He studied at Miami University in Miami, Ohio, and had a tour of duty in the Air Force. He was director of the Warren Park District in Warren, Ohio prior to moving to Sanibel in 1973.

Workman is a newly appointed director of the Florida Audubon Society and a director of the "Ding" Darling Foundation. He currently authors a series of articles entitled "Growing Native" that appear in Island Reporter.

On the lighter side, he has developed an interest in playing music by blowing in a conch shell, and rumor has it he may serenade his Audubon audience. Workman admits he secretly harbors an ambition to direct such a band of conch shell musicians who would go by the name, "Lightning Whelk and his Banded Tulips."

Tickets will be available at the meeting from Carolyn Russell for the bus trip to the Archbold Biological Station on Sunday, March 18. The ticket price is six dollars.

Word has been received that the Everglades National Park is now charging an entrance fee of one dollar per person, plus an additional charge of one dollar for the tram ride at Shark River Valley. This information is important to those holding tickets for the Sunday, February 18 trip to Shark River Valley.



Richard Workman -- and perhaps his conch shell -- will appear at the February 22 Audubon meeting.

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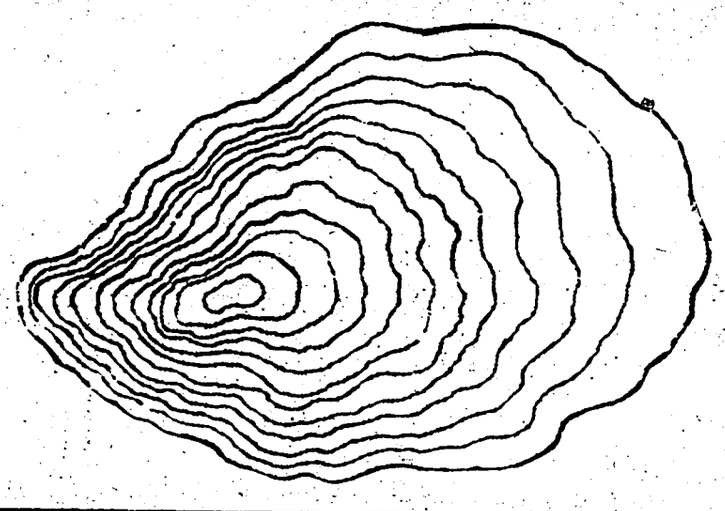

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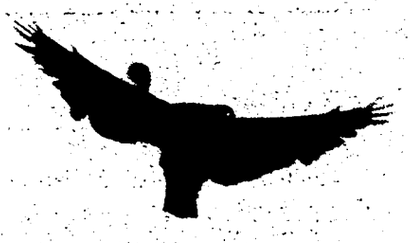

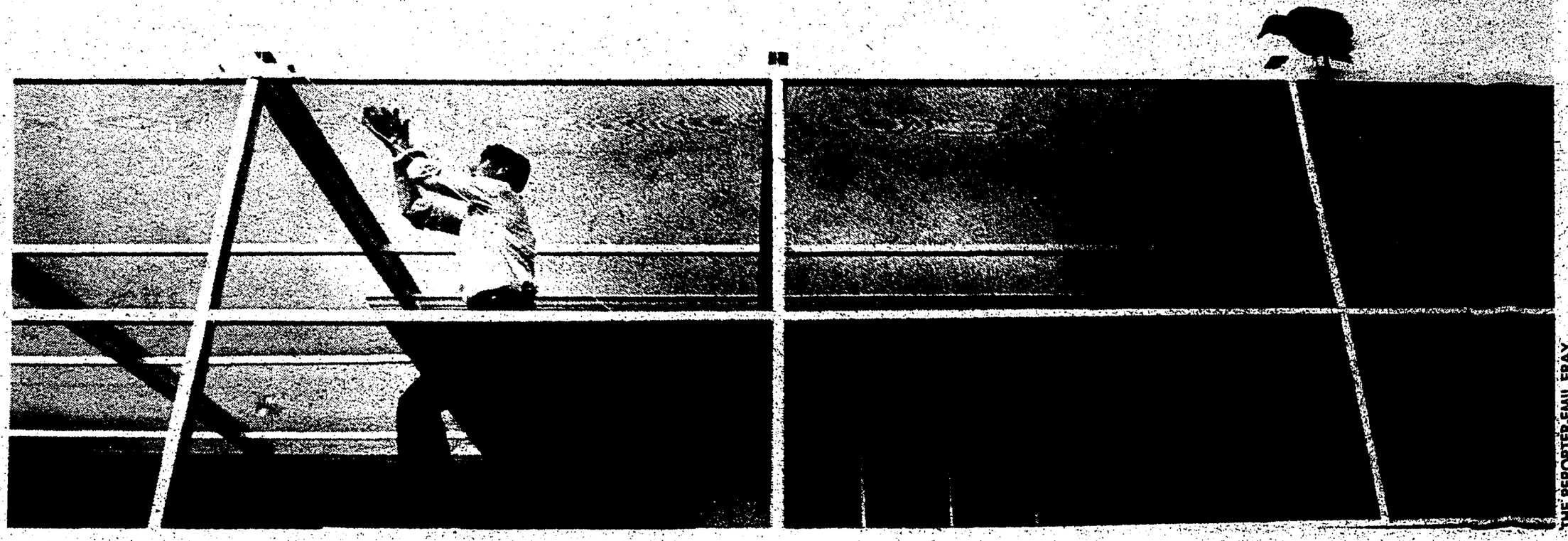

THE REPORTER-EMIL FRAY

Don Dietlein tries to shoo resident vultures from their favorite perch atop the Dietlein home.

Tamed vultures are given freedom, but opt for life under family's wing

By Bradley Fray

Two 11-month-old black vultures, raised in captivity as part of an experiment that could help save the endangered California condor, were given their freedom last Sunday on Sanibel.

The hope was that the pair would join a local vulture colony, and return to their West Gulf Drive home only for occasional visits with adoptive parents Don and Nora Dietlein, zoologist and biologist, respectively.

But "Buster" and "Crazy Dog" seem to prefer the Dietlein roof, and indeed the Dietlein family, over life on the wing. When the Dietleins and family dogs go for a walk on the beach, the vultures walk with them. If they get hungry and are ignored, they fly to the front door and knock with their beaks.

Last Sunday prior to their release, the birds were featured guests at a Gulfside Nature Series program by the Dietleins at the Community Center. After the talk and a slide program, Crazy Dog was released from his cage so the audience could have a closer look. He apparently liked the looks of a woman in the audience, flew to her and sat atop her head.

"We're hoping that with less and less contact with humans, and more contact with other vultures, they'll eventually decide that life is more rewarding in the air," Dr. Nora Dietlein said Tuesday as a dozen vultures glided on the air thermals overhead. Buster and Crazy Dog paid them no attention from the ground. "Other vultures occasionally light around here, but the pair hasn't flown with them."

The birds are part of about 40 black and turkey vulture specimens taken from their nests in central Florida a year ago by a research team whose goal was to raise them successfully in captivity, then release them into the wild. Conducted by the University of Wisconsin and in Florida through the Archbold Biological Station at Lake Placid, the experiment was aimed at developing techniques for raising the nearly extinct California condors, cousins of the common vultures. Currently only 20 to 50 condors remain in the wild in California. Their habitat, quickly being destroyed by development, is a small range about 30 miles outside of Los Angeles. Vulture research is being funded through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Audubon Society.

Buster and Crazy Dog were the only two of the experimental group to be tamed. The others were raised in twos and fours in pens, completely isolated from humans and fed through "blind boxes" at the Archbold compound. They later were released and joined vulture colonies. Crazy Dog was raised alone in a similar manner, except that once a day he was offered human contact. The Dietleins offered to raise Buster from a nestling, and were asked to give him continuous human contact. The object was to learn if the birds could "imprint" with the humans, and then could be successfully released.

When Crazy Dog's feathers grew in and he began flying, he began visiting other vultures in the compound. "He is a very dominant vulture and soon had all the others following him around," Dr. Dietlein said. "Mostly he hopped on the ground, and the others all hopped after him. He followed any human around, and would even try to chase cars, like a dog. That's how he got his name."

Crazy Dog was ruining the experiment, so the Dietleins agreed last June to take him under the family wing. Buster, who had been raised virtually as a house pet in the Dietlein home, accepted the new arrival with only slight hesitation. That month both birds, sporting orange vinyl identification wing tags, were released around the islands. For the next four months they flew together from rooftop to rooftop, and made pests of themselves by playing tug-of-war with fresh laundry on a Lake Murex clothesline.

In September, the birds were sent to a private compound where they remained caged until their return to the island two weeks ago. "We had thought they wouldn't remember us, but they did very quickly and soon were begging food," Dr. Dietlein said. "Buster is rather shy and usually only comes to me, but Crazy Dog generally will fly to anyone, although Don is his favorite person."

The vulture research is one of several experiments being tried to help save the condor, and federal authorities have not yet determined which method ultimately will be used, Dr. Dietlein said.

If the pair decide not to join their island cousins and should become backyard pests, the director of Busch Gardens in Tampa wants to give them a home there, where visitors can be educated about the birds.

The Dietleins hope the tame birds can remain on the island. "They're sort of part of the family now, and we'd like to see them . . . occasionally."



Buster finds Nora Dietlein's arm a comfortable perch.

Bad cards and good defense can make a thrilling game

This week's column is written by Alex Porter of Nashville, Tenn. Alex is a bridge teacher and author of The Porter System of Duplicate Bridge. The Porters are annual visitors to Sanibel as guests of the Duncan McDonalds.

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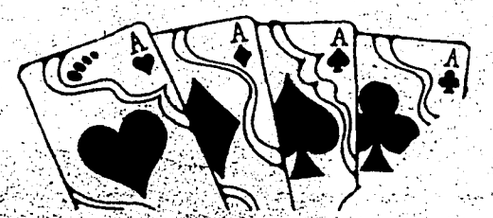

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H-10 7 5
D-Q 8 3 2
C-Q J 3

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S-A Q
H-6 4 3
D-7 5
C-10 9 8 7 6 2

East
S-9 8 3
H-A K Q 9 8
D-J 6
C-K 5 4

South
S-K J 10 7 6
H-J 2
D-A K 10 9 4
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The bidding: one Heart by East, one Spade by South, two Clubs by West, passed to South who bids two Diamonds, passed to East's two Heart bid, followed by South's three Diamond bid which ended the auction.

Study all four hands. If you were East on lead against three Diamonds, what would you lead? It looks like all the East-West pair will ever get will be two Heart tricks and two Spade tricks. How about this defense?

Trick 1: West leads the Ace of Spades, North plays the two, East plays the three and South follows with the six. South and East immediately come to the conclusion that the Ace of Spades is a singleton. No way do they figure that he has the Queen of Spades.

Trick 2: West leads the three of Hearts, North plays the five, East plays the King and South follows with the two.

Trick 3: East leads the eight of Spades, South plays the Jack, East wins with the Queen and North follows with the four.

Trick 4: West leads the four of Hearts, North plays the seven, East plays the Queen and South follows with the Jack.

Trick 5: East leads the nine of Spades, South plays the King and East trumps with the five of Diamonds, setting the contract one trick.

True, South can make his contract by going up with the King of Spades at trick three, but would you have done that? Any good player would assume that the Queen of Spades is in the East hand and that by playing the King at trick three, you could very well lose three Spade tricks.

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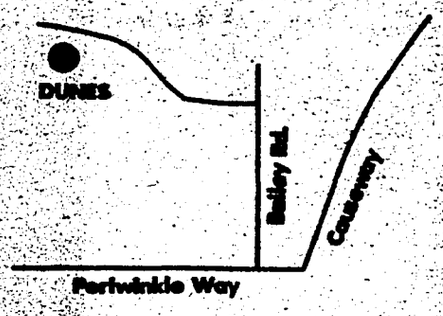

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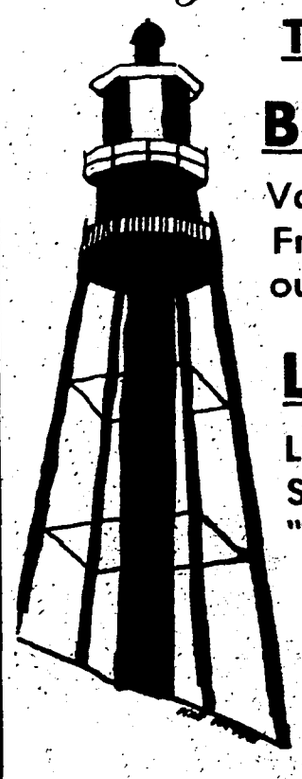

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Pierce attends law seminar

By Mark Musaus

[Mark Musaus is assistant manager of the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.]

This week the refuge is operating at less than full strength. Refuge Manager Del Pierce is in Brunswick, Georgia, attending refuge law enforcement training. This four week course is conducted at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. Outdoor Recreation Planner Donna Stanek is in Minneapolis, Minnesota, participating in an interpretive naturalist's workshop.

Informational signs at both ends of the wildlife drive have been erected to show the speed limit [20 mph] and the fact that the drive is *one way only*. This will, hopefully, eliminate any confusion and curtail the frequent reports of cars going the wrong way or speeding.

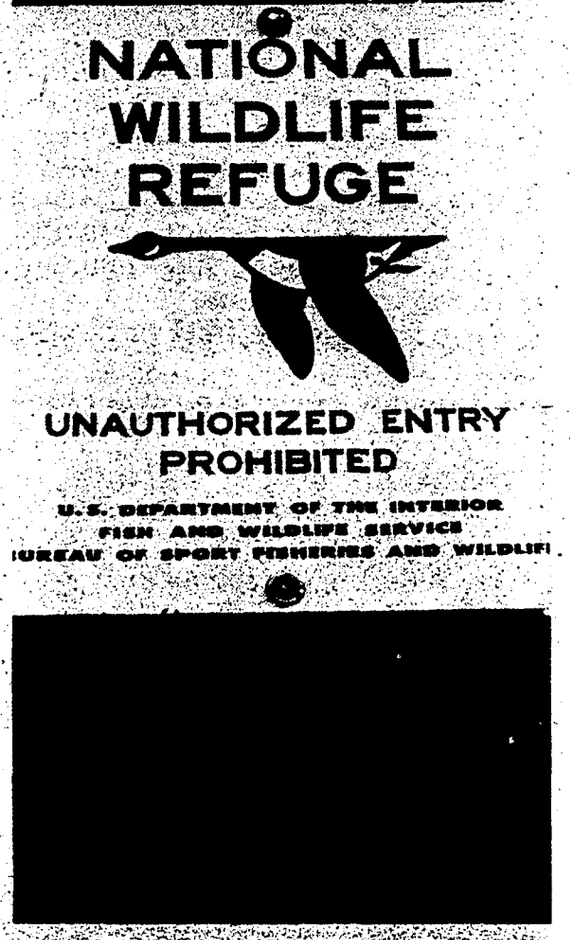
A recent letter to the editor concerned an incident along the wildlife drive involving an individual throwing an object at an alligator. This type of activity is not allowed on the refuge. I realize in most cases objects are thrown in an attempt to make the alligator or bird move -- creating better observation or pictures. Unfortunately, the animal in question is disturbed and usually will move somewhere else. Wildlife observation and enjoyment are an important aspect of the refuge but providing wildlife sanctuary remains the priority objective, which we will enforce.

Anyone observing a deliberate act of this type and willing to sign a complaint should note the incident, the person in question, and license number of the car. This information should be given to the refuge for investigation.

Still wondering what is going on near the observation tower on the wildlife drive? As mentioned in a previous refuge report Rob Snell is conducting shorebird research as part of a master's thesis. The sticks, poles, and blind are all necessary for the research involving feeding behavior and predator-prey relationships.

refuge report





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The undersigned does hereby certify that I am conducting a temporary employment service business at Fort Myers, Florida, under the fictitious name of Health Care Assistance and that said firm is composed of the following persons whose names and places of residences are as follows: Medical Systems, Inc. Ownership of Health Care Assistance is as follows: Medical Systems, Inc. - 100 percent.

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Witness my hand, this 8th day of January, 1979. Medical Systems, Inc. By Shirley Meade -- President

Sworn to and subscribed to by Shirley Meade as President of Medical Systems, Inc. before me this 8th day of January, A.D. 1979.

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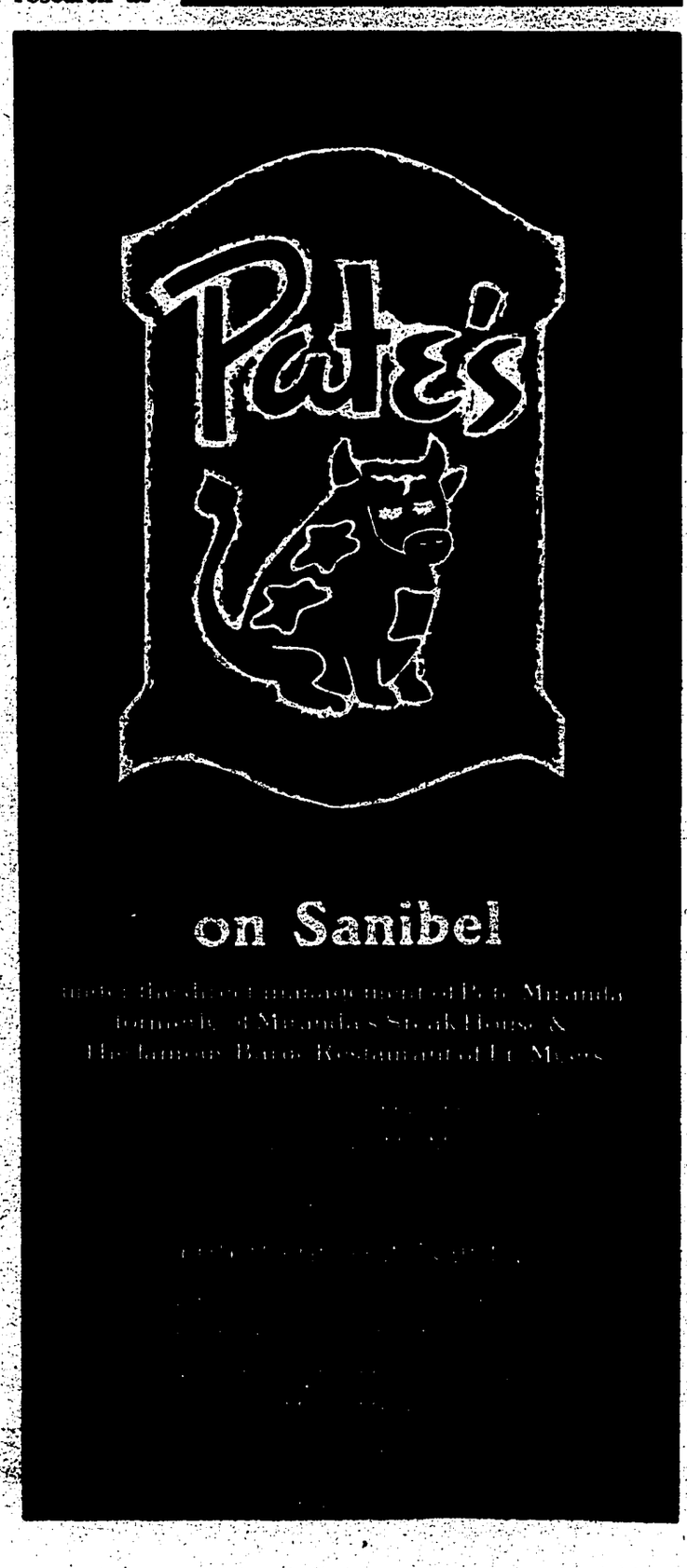


Adopting Great Light Way improves life, says Goure

By Bruce Millar

An Atlanta man put the "bubble of light" on his roof. Not long afterwards a tornado struck the Governor's mansion nearby, the man's lawn, the shrubbery around his house, but left his roof intact.

A lady living in New York City had her apartment broken into about every six months. She put eight locks on her front door and it took her fifteen minutes to get in and out of her apartment. Three years ago she put the "bubble of light" on her apartment and she hasn't been robbed since.

People who put the "bubble of light" on their automobile are getting more miles to the gallon.

These and other 'miracles' were recounted by Jim Goure before a gathering of 50 people at the Sanibel Community Center last Saturday. Goure was formerly with the Atomic Energy Commission and is the founder of United Research and the New Age Light Center in Black Mountain, North Carolina.

"We are functioning on only 10 per cent of our energies," Goure says. "Seven problems are consuming 90 percent of our energies. We can lead more effective lives if we discover the Great Light Way and release these problems to the light."

He listed negative thoughts and emotions as perhaps the most insidious of these seven problems. "Everything presented by the media is negative. Laboratory tests have shown that negative thoughts kill plants and minerals. Negative thoughts touch off a negative chemical reaction. Studies have proved you can start to get cancer 2½ months after you have had a negative emotion."

"If we release negative thoughts and emotions to the light we allow a higher form of love to flow," Goure says.

He cited fear as another detrimental negative emotion. "We all have fears of dying, heights, darkness and a thousand other phobias. When you are frightened, adrenalin is generated. Potassium then enters the bloodstream. Too much potassium and you can die."

Anxiety about the future ("We spend over $1 trillion safeguarding our future with insurance and retirement plans"), our low opinion of ourselves ("The planet tells you that you aren't as good as you are."), inordinate human desires, and preoccupation with the past are other problems plaguing civilization, according to Goure.

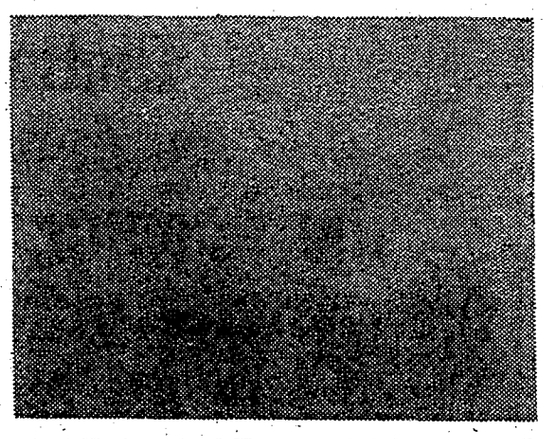
Once we have released our problems to the light, Goure urges us to make a positive statement about ourselves. In saying 'I'm a great person' you can lower your heartbeat, our number of breaths per minute, and your blood pressure."

In adopting the Great Light Way, Goure urged the audience to pray seven minutes each morning and night and repeat the chant: "I am in the center of a bubble of light which will protect me from negative thoughts. Only light can come to me and only light be here." He guaranteed that persons following these steps will experience a miracle within two weeks.



Jim Goure explained how to release one's problems 'to the light' to a weekend gathering at the Sanibel Community Center.

The collective prayers of the growing numbers of people discovering the Great Light Way have helped to prevent several natural disasters, says Goure. Recently an earthquake in Los Angeles registered 7.5 on the Richter scale. By all accounts it should have killed 100,000 people and leveled a large chunk of the metropolis. Miraculously, no one was injured and only the corner of one building was damaged. "Only Paul Harvey reported it," notes Goure.



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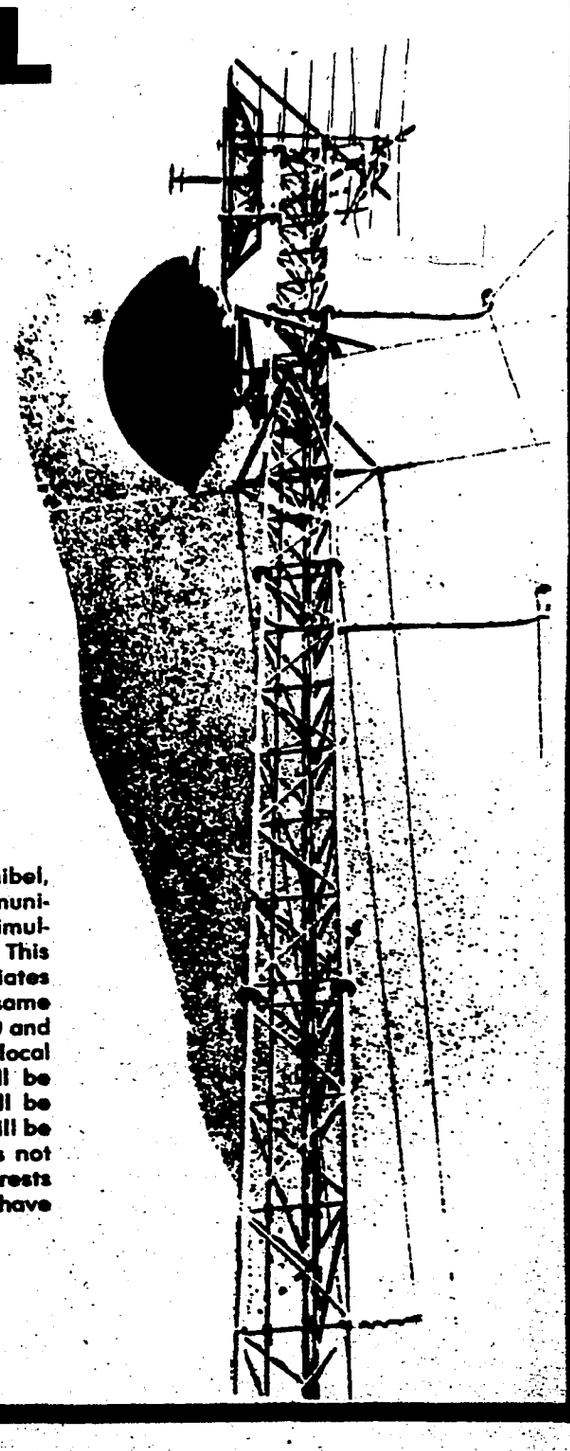

Due to the growth of Cablevision on Sanibel, we are now required by the Federal Communications Commission, to comply with the Simultaneous Network Non-duplication Rules. This means that when the distant network affiliates (Ch. 13, 8 and 40) are broadcasting the same programs as the local affiliates (Ch. 26, 20 and 11) we must give preference to the local stations. During those times, Ch. 26 will be shown on Cable Ch. 4 and 9; Ch. 20 will be shown on Cable Ch. 8 and 5; and Ch. 11 will be shown on Cable Ch. 13 and 10. This does not alter programming, but protects the interests of the local stations and their clients that have bought advertising time.

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Frost to leave Baptist pulpit

Gerald Frost, pastor for five years of Sanibel's First Baptist Church, announced his resignation this week.

"I feel I've led the church as best I can," said Frost, who will preach his final sermon Sunday, February 25. "I believe it's time for someone else to assume leadership."

When Frost assumed his Sanibel pastorate in January of 1974, the church had 17 members. The church now has some 37 members, said Frost.

A resident of Lehigh Acres, Frost said he plans to remain in the Fort Myers area. While he had no immediate plans, Frost said he would return to secular work. Before becoming pastor of Sanibel First Baptist Frost was employed in pricing, sales and office work.

The Pastor indicated that his recent illness may also have been partly responsible for his decision to resign. Frost required emergency hospitalization in December for treatment of diabetes, overactive thyroid and a depletion of potassium. "I hope to use this time to build myself back up," noted Frost.

Frost said an interim pastor will probably be appointed while the church seeks a new minister. Because Sanibel Baptist is a mission church of McGregor Baptist, the pulpit selection committee will be comprised of members from both churches, Frost added.

Frost preaches his farewell message Sunday morning, February 25. The church will also hold an evening hymn singing service which will include communion.



Gerald Frost has resigned as pastor of Sanibel's First Baptist Church.

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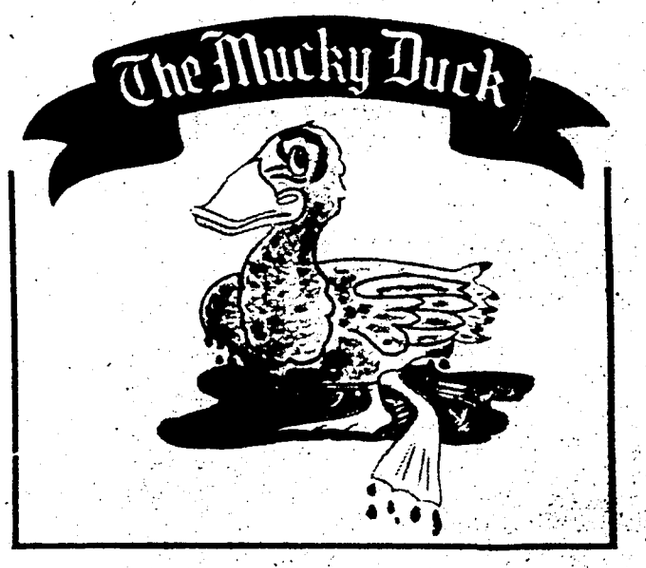

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OBITUARY

Kenneth Morrill

Kenneth Morrill, 42, of Sanibel, died earlier this week in the Tampa Veterans Hospital.

He lived on the island for many years and was employed at Timmy's Nook, The Sanibel Inn, and most recently at the Lighthouse Restaurant. He was a member of the local American Legion post.

He is survived by his father and three sons in Milford, Massachusetts.

church notes

St. Michael and All Angels Church will offer the first in a series of three community musical events Tuesday, February 20 with an organ recital by Gerald Frederick McGee. Pre-concert program notes, presented with dessert and coffee, will start at 7:45 p.m. The recital starts at 8:15 p.m.

McGree is a native of Pittsburg who was educated at Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, the Union Theological Seminary, and Washington University in St. Louis. He studied organ under Donald MacDonald and Anton Heiller in Austria. He has given recitals in many Eastern and Mid-Western cities. Formerly orgnanist and choirmaster at historic St. David's Church in Philadelphia, McGee now holds the same positions at St. John's Church in Tampa.

The second of the St. Michael concerts will feature harpsichordist Linda Bramlette. The date will be announced later.

"A wise father-in-law" will be the subject of the pulpit discourse this evening at the Sabbath Service of the Jewish Community Center of Lee County. The sermon is based on an episode in the Book of Exodus, concerning Moses' marriage to the daughter of Jethro.

The Jewish Community Center will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m. The Center is located at 915 SE 47th Terrace, Cape Coral.

Sanibel Community Church will hold an all-church covered dish dinner on Sunday, February 18. The after dinner program will feature a slide film presentation, "The Harlem Heights Story."

church / calendar

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ: Worship Sundays 10:30 a.m. in the Club Room of the Dunes Country Club. Dr. James Wills Lenhart, Minister.

Captiva Chapel by the Sea: Dr. David E. Weinland, minister in residence. Interdenominational services held Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Jewish Community Center of Lee County: 915 S.E. 47th Terrace, Cape Coral. Rabbi Dr. Samuel M. Silver. Services every Friday night, 8:00 p.m. Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.

St. Isabel Catholic Church: Father Gerard Beauregard, Pastor. Rev. John J. Tucker, SJ, Assistant Pastor. Sunday Mass: 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Saturday evening mass, 5:30 p.m. Daily Mass; 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass preceding Holy Day at 5:30 p.m. Holy Day Mass 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Confessions before each Mass and at 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Baha'i Group of Sanibel Island: Study sessions on the Baha'i Faith are held on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Everett Walter, 3812 Coquina Drive. The Walters have more information at 472-1455.

Temple Beth-el Synagogue: 2721 Del Prado Parkway, Cape Coral. Friday worship, 8:00 p.m. For information call 542-3733.

Greek Orthodox Church of S.W. Florida: Rev. Arthur Kontinos, Pastor. Sunday services held at 10:30 a.m. at Cypress Lake Drive trailer, adjacent to the new Presbyterian Church.

Sanibel Community Church: Rev. Bruce E. Milligan, Pastor. Sunday worship, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Church school for pre-school age children 9:15 a.m. Classes for grades 3-8 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Youth Club for grades 3-8 Wednesdays 3:15 p.m.

First Baptist Church: Rev. Gerald Frost, Pastor. Sunday morning worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening services, 7:00 p.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m., all ages. Youth: school grades 1-6 needing transportation to Sunday School call 472-4318 or 472-3266. Wednesday evening prayer meetings, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday morning bible classes, 9:15 a.m. Open for meditation and counseling, if desired, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Non-denominational Prayer Center always open.

Christian Science Service: Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanibel Community Center. Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanibel Library.

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church: Rev. James D.B. Hubbs, Rector, Mr. Larry Brunke, organist-choirmaster. Sundays: The Holy Eucharist at 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of each month. Morning Prayer: 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Wednesdays: Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Ft. Myers: Edison Avenue at Clifford Street. Sunday service, 10:30 a.m. Rev. Richard Benner, Minister, phone 334-4734 or 939-0828.

Seventh-Day Adventist: 2663 Second Street, Fort Myers Shores, 8 miles east on Route 80. Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m. (Saturday); Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m. (Saturday); Evening Vespers, one hour before sunset on Saturdays; Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church: 7010 Winkler Road, just off Gladiolas. Rev. T.J. Fangmeier, Pastor. Sunday worship: 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday school: 9:15 a.m.

gatherings

Prayer Meeting Saturday evenings, 7:00 p.m. in non-denominational Prayer Center at First Baptist Church. All welcome.

Bible Study and Prayer Meeting Tuesdays, 9:15 a.m. at First Baptist Church on Sanibel. Public invited.

Bible Study Group of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church meets Monday, 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

The Bible Reading Fellowship of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the parish hall.

Bible Study and Prayer Meeting Wednesdays, 9:15 a.m. at First Baptist Church on Sanibel. Public invited.

The Mrs. Willie Glass Bible Study Group of the Community Church meets every Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Island Beach Club on West Gulf Drive on Sanibel. All interested in attending are welcome to come.

Christ the Servant, Church of the Brethren: meets at First Federal Building, Cape Coral, corner of Del Prado and Cape Coral Pkwy. Services at 9:30 a.m. Sundays. Reverend Don Shank.

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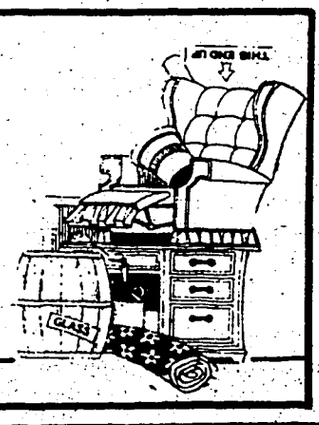

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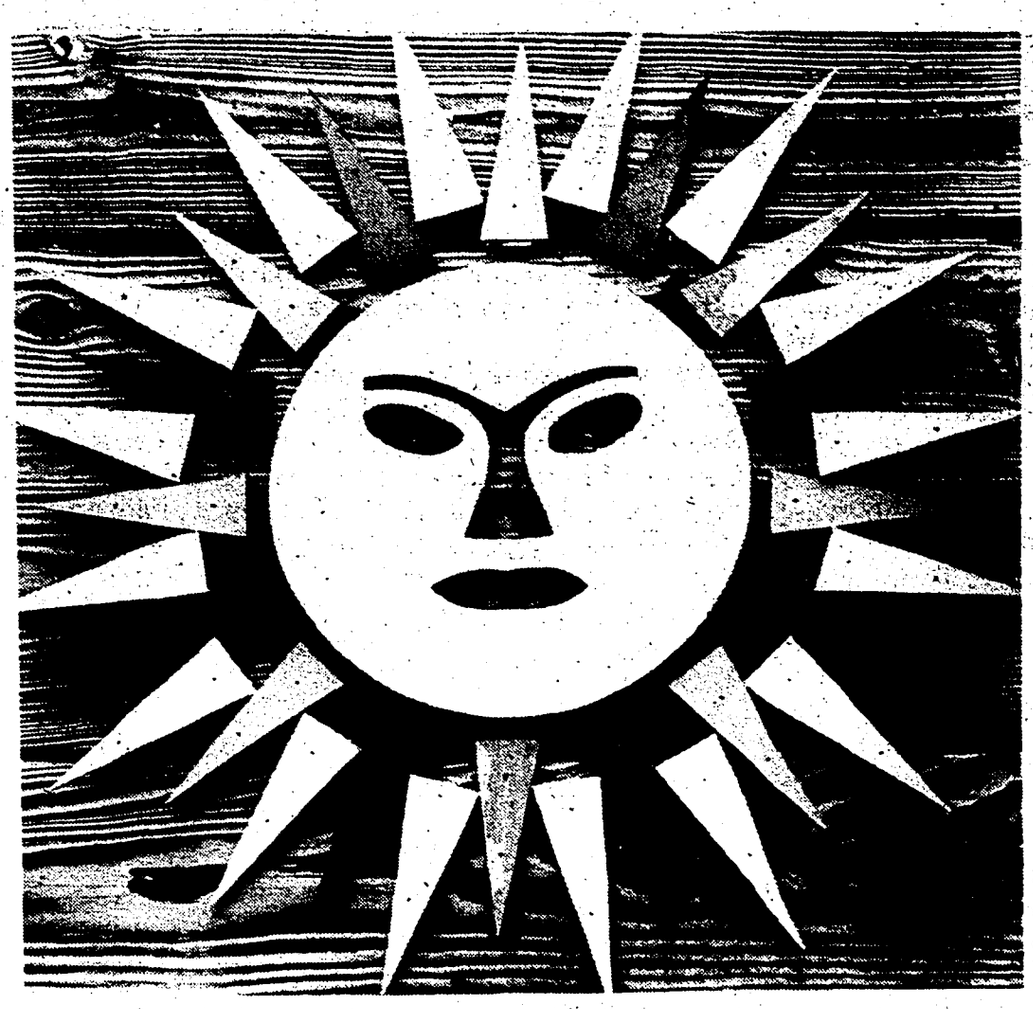

Puzzler

Her location does not adequately describe her figure. If you know where she is, call us at 472-1587.



Charlie Epranian was first to the phone last Friday, and correctly guessed this Punta Ybel Plaza sign.

things to do

island cinema

"EVERY WHICH WAY BUT LOOSE" - A change of pace movie for Clint Eastwood who plays the part of Philo Beddoe, an easy going trucker and barroom brawler with a pet orangutan, who chases after a county music singer played by Sondra Locke. Lighthearted comedy Rated PG. Plays Friday-Thursday, February 16-22, 7:00 & 9:00.

"THE LATE GREAT PLANET EARTH" starts Friday, February 23rd.

Organizations and groups wishing to have their meetings and events published in this section are requested to have the material in written form at the offices of Island Reporter by 12:00 noon on the Tuesday preceding the publication date.

regular activities

Oil painting classes with Tom Waterman, sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Art League. Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For details call Tom Waterman at 472-2919.

Sanibel-Captiva Art League sponsors a Monday art workshop 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Captiva Community Center.

Painting island scenes with instructor Helene Sparkes. Meet at the Captiva Community Center Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Canoe Adventures with naturalist Mark "Bird" Westall. Choice of three trips: Sanibel River, Wildlife Refuge, or Buck Key. Call 472-5218 for information and reservations. Keep trying.

Duplicate Bridge, Fridays, promptly at 7:30 p.m., Sanibel Community House. All bridge players welcome. If you need a partner, call 472-1829 prior to the game and the Winterrowds will try to arrange for one.

Classes at Idle Hours: $1.00. Macrame, Weaving, Crewel, Needlepoint, Knitting or Crocheting Lessons at Idle Hours. 31 Periwinkle Place. Mon., Tues., Thurs., or Sat. 10-11 a.m. By appointment only 472-1039.

Rug Hooking Classes - With the Joyce of Hooking. Every Monday *beginning January 8. Morning* 9:30-11:30, *afternoon* 2:00 to 4:00. Series of 5 for $15. 472-2432.

Conservation Center: Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, on Sanibel-Captiva Road. Center features education exhibits on the islands' natural systems, wildlife and vegetation, plus a gift shop. Guided tours through nature trails. Free to members of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation; nominal charge for visitors. The Center will be closed on Sundays.

Craft classes at Three Crafty Ladies. Weaving, Tuesdays 10:00 a.m.-noon, $2 per session plus materials, no registration necessary. Fabric painting, Thursdays 9:30-11:30 a.m., $8, pre-registration required, all materials furnished. Macrame classes and private lessons, $15 plus materials. Night weaving classes, Mondays 7:30-9:30 p.m., pre-registration required. Phone 472-2893.

Wildlife Refuge tours: Guided Wildlife Drive tours through the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge are conducted Thursdays and Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. beginning at the Wildlife Drive entrance on the San-Cap Road. Guided canoe tours through the Refuge are held Fridays at 11:30 a.m. beginning at Tarpon Bay Marina. Canoes are not provided. Limit of ten canoes. For more information phone 472-1100.

Karate Lessons: By the Dojo Karate Association every Sunday and Wednesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. Call Lew Phillips at 472-4948 for details.

One Session Art Classes: shell jewelry and crafts, No Sew Trapunto (pelicans and sandpipers) decorative tole, and three hour landscape painting and fabric painting at Miki's House on Sanibel, in the Tahitian Garden shopping center, 472-1800.

Natural History Field Trips to Sanibel's wildlife habitats by naturalist George Cambell. Thursdays and Saturdays by appointment. For reservations call 472-2180. Wednesday's Open Trip; meet at Sanibel Elementary School Parking lot, Sanibel-Captiva Rd. at 9:00 a.m. Fee is $4.

Bingo (Murex) every Thursday, 8:00 p.m. American Legion Hall, Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Bird Tours of the Islands with Griffing Bancroft. Leave Cinema Plaza at dawn. Reservations must be made at MacIntosh Book Store, 472-1447.

Birding Tours by George Weymouth: Morning and afternoon. Reservations made through Bailey's General Store, 472-1516.

Natural History Field Trips by water with naturalist George Campbell. Breakfast at Cabbage Key, walk across Cayo Costa, visit *to an embryonic barrier island. Minimum five people.* Call 472-2180 for information and reservations.

Captiva Memorial Library: Library hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; and Saturday 9:00 a.m.-noon. The Library will also be open on Wednesday evenings from 5:00-9:00 p.m.

Sanibel Public Library summer schedule: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon. Palm Ridge Road near the fire hall.
Beginning November 1 library hours will be 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

Bridge for fun: An afternoon of enjoyable bridge every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. at the Sanibel Community House. One dollar charge. Partners will be available. The public is invited.

A.C.R.E. Classes in Meditation: Hatha Yoga, Yoga philosophy, intuitive art, taught by Elma Fleming. Workshops, lectures and demonstrations by the new age thinkers. Call 482-1225 or 472-1413 for more information.

Tennis: The Dunes Racquet Club offers to the public a full-service tennis facility and various instructional programs. Call 472-3522.

Racquetball and Handball: 24 hours daily, reservations preferred. Signal Inn, Middle Gulf Drive, 472-4690. Open to the public.

Gymnastics: The Sanibel-Captiva gymnastics program offers gymnastics and ballet classes for children and teens. Beginning, intermediate and advanced gymnastics classes meet Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to noon; beginning ballet Fridays 3:00-4:00 p.m.; and adult ballet and exercise Wednesdays 8:30-9:30 a.m. For information call Polly at 472-1058 or Georgia at 472-2053.

regular meetings

Sanibel Fire Control District Commissioners meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at the fire house on Palm Ridge Road. The public is invited.

Sanibel Volunteer Fire Department meets second and fourth Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. at the fire house, Palm Ridge Road.

Lions Club of Sanibel and Captiva: meets the first and third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Sanibel-Captiva American Legion meeting of members the second Tuesday of each month.

Sanibel City Planning Commission meets alternate Mondays at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall. Special meetings will be announced.

Recovery, Inc. (Ft. Myers Chapter) - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2459 McGregor Blvd. Sponsored by Recovery, Inc. of Chicago, Ill. Weekly meetings of self-help for people with emotional difficulties, and nervous or former mental patients who demonstrate the Recovery method of improving and maintaining their mental health. For more information, call 481-3513 or 472-4316. There is no charge for attending meetings.

Sons of the American Revolution, Caloosa Chapter, meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Fort Myers Country Club.

Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society now meets at the Captiva Community Center on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Visitors are welcome to come and bring their orchids for questions and discussions.

Captiva Civic Association Board of Governors meeting, first and third Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. Captiva Community Center.

Sanibel-Captiva Unit of the League of Women Voters: meets the third Monday of each month at the West Wind Inn at 9:30 coffee hour, 10:00 meeting.

Captiva Fire Control District Commissioners meet second Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. Captiva Community Center, Gore Road.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Closed discussion meeting, Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. Open speakers meeting at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, Periwinkle Way, every Friday night, 8:00 p.m. **Alanon** meets in the church Friday nights at 8:00 p.m. For information call 472-3488; 472-4427; and 472-3256.

Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club meets the third Wednesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at the Sanibel Community House. Visitors welcome.

Captiva Volunteer Fire Department meets every first and third Tuesdays of each month at the fire house on Gore Road at 7:00 p.m.

Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce meeting of the Board of Directors, second Tuesday of each month at the Chamber building on Causeway Road, 8:00 p.m.

Kiwanis Club meets every Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m. at Top O' the Mast II. Visitors welcome.

Women In Business: The island chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet the second Thursday of each month, beginning November 9. Meetings will convene at 6:30 p.m. Members will be notified of meeting locations. For membership information call Bette O. Parke at 472-2946.

South West Anglers Club meets second Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at Moose Hall on Parkmeadow Drive, off U.S. 41 in Fort Myers. Admission is free and visitors are welcome. Call 472-2685 for further information.

Sanibel Community Association Board of Directors' meeting every third Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Community House.

Weight Watchers meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. every *Wednesday at the ESI Branch Office, 2427 Periwinkle Way (next to the B-Hive)* on Sanibel. Doors open one hour before class. For more information call 936-0306.

Captiva Erosion Prevention District - The regular monthly meeting will be held the first Monday of each month at 3:30 p.m. at the Captiva Community Center.

Shipmates of the Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron meet at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

Sanibel Community Association Dinner Meeting for member and guests, followed by program also open to the public, every first Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. Community House.

Sanibel City Council will have regular meetings the first, third and fifth Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. City Hall. Special meetings will be announced.

current activities

PIRATE PLAYHOUSE - Fine acting performances in Sanibel's only theater. Sat., Feb. 17, "Fishy Business," Sun., Feb. 18, "Fishy Business." Shows start at 8:15. Box office: 472-2121.

Chicken Barbecue. The Sanibel Police Recreation Club will host a chicken barbecue Saturday, February 17 from 1:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the Sanibel Community House. Chicken, corn on the cob, baked beans and cole slaw for $3.25 for adults, $2 for children. Tickets available at the Police Department or from Patrolman Dick Noon.

Plant giveaway: Native island plants are yours for the taking Saturday and Sunday, February 17-18 along the north side of Sanibel-Captiva Road from Tarpon Bay Road to the Sanibel Elementary School. Be prepared to dig up and transport your own plants. Experts will be there to offer advice.

ABC Sale: The Captiva Civic Association's popular Attic, Basement and Closet Sale will be held Friday, February 23. Good merchandise at bargain prices, an auction, baked goods, plants and raffles. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. at the Captive Civic Center.

Schoolhouse Gallery: Sir Alexander Beattie's original oil paintings will be featured at the Schoolhouse Gallery through February 24. Also, Mac Squires' original acrylic paintings will be displayed and sold beginning February 25, through March 10. The Schoolhouse Gallery is located on Tarpon Bay Road. Open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

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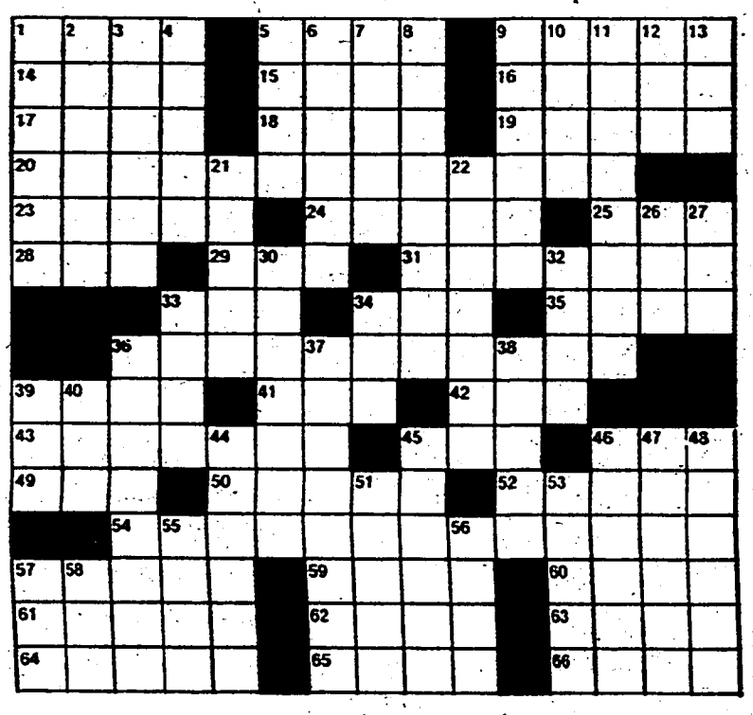

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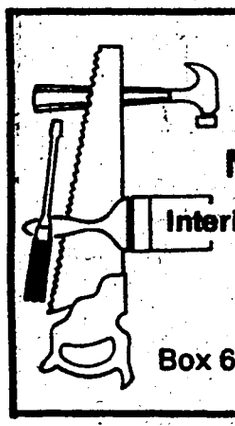

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