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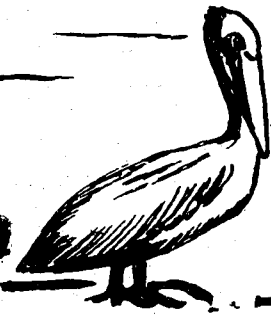
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More than 140 people --- some as far away as Toronto, Ontario, Canada -- have applied for the 11 jobs that will be available on the new Punta Rassa - Sanibel Causeway. Jobs include administrator, book-keeper, maintenance mechanic, three lift tenders and five toll collectors. Salaries range from \$3,000 to \$6,000.

The Lee County Commissioners, who are in charge of operations, have been interviewing the candidates. Appointments were scheduled to be made yesterday (too late for our deadline). Earlier this month, the Commissioners said that "preference would be given to Lee County Residents."

The bridge span itself will be opened officially on Sunday, May 26. Secretary of State Tom Adams will speak at the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremonies at 2 P.M. on that day.

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Author RICHARD POWELL addressed a meeting of the Sanibel Community Association at the Sanibel Community House on April 9, and charmed everyone. His subject was "Danger -- Author At Work."

He led off by saying that EVERYONE wants to write a book, without putting in an apprenticeship. (For instance: "Oh, I have the most wonderful story, the story of MY life, that would make such a best seller, if only I had the time to get it all down on paper.")

He mentioned that writing is hard -- and that authors are lonely -- and that very few of them ever hit the top, financially or critically.

He illustrated his points with anecdotes -- as when his young son was asked in school if he would follow in his father's footsteps. The reply was, "Of course, he just lies around home all day doing nothing."

After telling of a few other things -- like finding out from the Sheriff's Department in Fort Myers about how to run a still (for "Pioneer, Go Home") he told of HIS method of writing.

He just puts a blank sheet of paper in the typewriter and looks at it until he can't stand it any longer and has to put words on it.

And he finished with, "When you wonder why you ever became an author but wouldn't want to trade places with anyone else -- when unhappy at a typewriter but even more unhappy away from it -- then, ladies and gentlemen, you are a professional, and your awed and brow-beaten and long-suffering family has a right to put up a warning sign on your door -- "DANGER, AUTHOR AT WORK."

KERSPLOOSH !

RALPH MARTIN of Fort Myers had a rather nasty dunking in San Carlos Bay last week, taking with him his 1963 Buick and Captain HARRISON CAPUTO.

Martin, on his way to Sanibel, was first in line at the Punta Rassa Ferry Docks. When he boarded the "Islander," Captain Caputo directed him into position at the bow of the craft and indicated where he was to stop. Unfortunately, Martin hit the accelerator instead of the brake.

As you can imagine, this caused the Buick (well known for its power) to leap forward with great ferocity (not to speak of velocity, which was considerable, to say the least). Harrison saw the car coming at him and with a leap, jumped onto the front of the car as it went thru the guard chains -- and into 25 feet of water.

The car sunk but immediately came back to the surface and floated for a few seconds. The window on the drivers side was open and Martin had little difficulty in getting out of the car. Caputo floated free of the hood of the car and was assisted back onto the boat with the help of ferrymen DON BREST and JACK LOWE, who both jumped into the water to help the two men. Martin was taken into a passing boat and put ashore at the Punta Rassa Marina, and then taken to Lee Memorial Hospital for a check up. Captain Caputo suffered bruised legs when the guard chain hit him as the car went thru them -- but we understand that neither of the men were seriously injured.

It was a rather unique accident all the way around -- and that new Buick is still down there, somewhere in the Bay. Planes, skindivers, and grappling hooks hadn't located it yet by the time we went to press.

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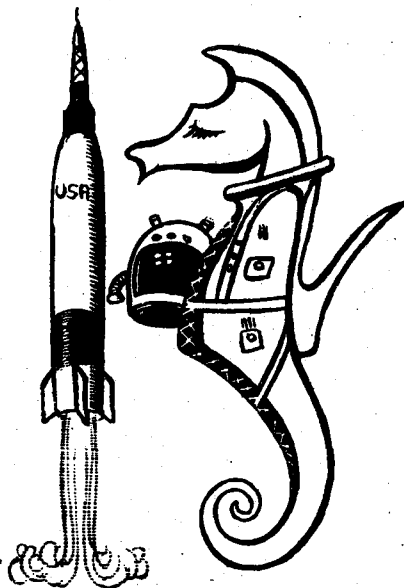
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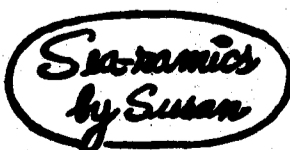
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PERSONAL

Mr. & Mrs. JOHN CLARK were married on April 5 in Fort Lauderdale and arrived on Sanibel exactly 41 hours later. Now, we don't have any SPECIFIC reason--but we've got a good idea why. We think that Mr. Clark feels cheated and planned to make up for the horrible things that happened to him on his last visit here about two years ago.

It seems that he was fishing and a sneaky old pelican came bumbling along and stole the first sheephead he ever caught. To top that one, a cormorant wandered along right afterwards and stole the shrimp right off his hook. It was a heck of a way to start a fishing career.

Fortunately, Mr. Clark is in the news business, not the fish business. He's a newscaster for WKAT (CBS) in Miami Beach. Mrs. Clark--as pretty a young bride as you ever did see--is a 5th grade teacher in Fort Lauderdale, originally from North Carolina.

The couple planned their wedding trip as a tour of Florida so that John could show Annette some of the beauties of her new home state.

After leaving the Islands, they went to Sarasota, Lake Wales, Highlands Hammock and Flamingo, winding it all up with a grand finale of a few days in Bimini. The delightful couple spent only a few days on Sanibel, but all of us who had the pleasure of meeting them wish them every happiness and look forward to the return visits they promised us.

JACK and GERTRUDE COLE want to thank everyone for the many flowers, and the kindness and thoughtfulness of all, for "Dad" Card who passed away recently.

WALTER RUTHERFORD and his sister (and their respective spouses) of Avon Park, visited Sanibel last week, looking for their old school chum, JOHN PEURIFOY. They looked, found and spent a couple of hours talking over old times before John took them on a "Complete guided tour of the exotic Islands," which they had never seen before.

Mr. & Mrs. SANTELY McCONNEL of Fredonia, N.Y., are spending their 8th season on the Islands at the Sea Horse Cottages. They're most happy to be here, and told of us the frightful winter they had been thru. He said that the floods have been unbelievable and that the ice flows had swept away many cottages in his district. The deer were marooned by the thousands on high points, and were fed by kindly people.

So we said, "No wonder you like it on the Islands."

To which Mr. McConnell answered, "It's not just the climate--it's mostly the people, who are nice and friendly and who don't act like stuffed shirts."

Of course, it's people like the McConnells who make us nice and friendly and un-stuffed shirtish.

Mrs. CLARENCE HORN, her mother and father, and Mrs. GEORGE TEASLEY have all left Sanibel for Carrolton, Ill., after spending six months in their home, "Zic Zac."

Mrs. Horn has been at the Sea Horse Shop at South Seas Plantation, where she had made many friends. They all hope she has a pleasant summer, and that she and her family all come back next year.

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MRS. MUIR VISITS

The WILLIAM MUIRS of Paris, Ontario, have been enjoying an extended vacation in Lee County. Mrs. Muir, whom many people will remember as GENEVIVE COOPER, has visited Sanibel six times during their stay in the area.

She was born in the Sanibel lighthouse and vividly remembers running up and down the circular staircase which was on the outside of the structure. (She wonders if she could make it now.)

She attended school here and was taught by Miss SOPHONIA WILLIAMS and Miss BESSIE HUTCHINSON.

The Cooper home was at the end of Periwinkle Drive (now the home of the JAMES TOWERS, who bought it from JOHN BREWER). Mrs. Muir remembers going to school with Mrs. LEON CRUMPLER, BELTON JOHNSON, Mrs. JOHNE MORRIS, FLORA WOODRING (the first white child born on Sanibel), ANNIEMEADMATTHEWS (the present Mrs. FRANK BAILEY), Mrs. ROGER CLAPP of Fort Myers, and CLARENCE RUTLAND (who confided that he used to carry her books home from school), to mention only a few.

Mrs. Muir, who is a librarian, has been helping ARTHUR SWANSON and his many fine assistants by helping to set up the Sanibel Public Library at the Community House. She particularly has been a great help with the cataloging (which is a tremendous job). Mr. Swanson is most grateful for her help, as we all are, and we hope that the Muirs come back soon to visit again.

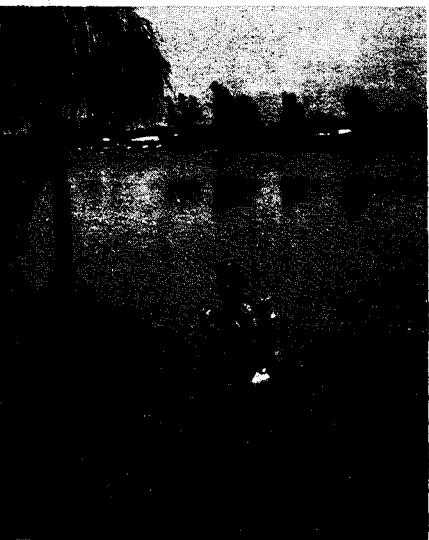


WHO AM I?

This gay little Miss first came to Florida when she was about 13, found herself a boyfriend soon after arriving, and hasn't wanted to leave since.

She finally maneuvered him into proposing. About three years after they were married, her husband found employment on Sanibel so they moved here "temporarily." This was between 12 and 14 years ago. As so often happens on these "temporary" visits, they made a down payment on a piece of land and built a house with (to quote her) only one door. They went into business practically by popular demand.

Their home, still on the same site, has grown, as their increasing family demanded more room. Their business has also flourished and they are among our most loved families.



BLUB, BLUB

If you've lost anything in the briny blue, JERRY WAY is your boy. This photo shows him just after recovering an \$18 outboard prop which spun off at Betty's Hawaiian Village.

Jerry is one of the many skin divers on our Islands.

NEW WOODRING

Mr & Mrs. RALPH WOODRING are the proud parents of a 7 lb., 8 oz. baby boy. Master Woodring was born on April 10 at Lee Memorial. Mama and son (and Papa, too) are all doing well. We asked Gertrude Cole how many times this made her and Jack Grandparents. Her answer was "and times, that's all!"

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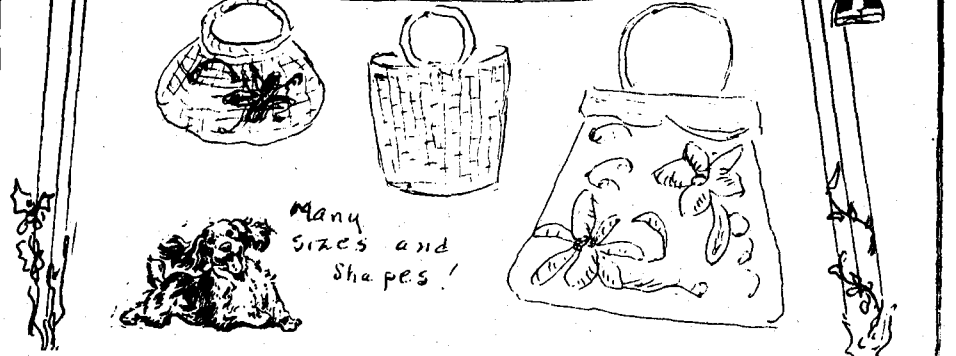
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FOUR TIMES HAPPY

The DONALD HIRES (in center) celebrated their 4th wedding anniversary last April 4. They were married two times, once by the Burgo-meister and later by a priest, in Wiesbaden, Germany.

Don and Helga have made their home on Sanibel for three and a half years and have a fine young son. Helga has become a real American with many friends here on our Islands. Don, of course, is one of our own Islanders and is the son of those early settlers, SADIE & MARTIN HIRES.

GIFT OFFERED

MARY K. CUNNINGHAM of Captiva made two lovely shell pictures and gave to Father THOMAS MADDEN for St. Michael's Episcopal Church last year. She just dropped us a note to find out if we knew whether or not they were destroyed in the fire. If so, she said, she'd be glad to donate two more. Which seems to us an awfully sweet -- and generous -- thought.

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Well, I got me a rod and a reel a long time ago, and a line and leaders and lures. Then a friend I lent it to found the reel didn't work so good since the friend I lent it to before him got some sand in it.

But I got it fixed so the second friend didn't have no more trouble with the reel -- 'course, I got some leaders and some lures that time, too, 'cause the first friend I lent it to lost the ones I had at first.

Then when I asked this second friend could I have my rod and reel to loan to another friend -- well, he just couldn't recollect what had become of the lures and the leaders so I went and got some more 'cause you just can't give a friend no rod and reel 'thout leaders and lures.

Well, when I asked this friend a couple of days ago if I could use my rod and reel for a bit of fishin,' he said, "Oh, sure, but you gonna haft to get yourself some new line 'cause yours is sure rotten. I lost your leaders and lures and I even lost a couple of my own -- that line just ain't no good."

So, as I said to start with, I went out and bought me some line and leaders and lures -- and I'm going fishing tomorrow. I hear it's right good fishin' now if you got a rod and a reel and lines and lures and leaders. Oh well, looks as if I'm repeating myself. What I started to say was:

I'm going fishing tomorrow, weather permitting.
(sgd.) OLD SANDY

TO THE ISLANDER:

May I add a few more facts about the shooting of Mr. ALEX READ.

I just want to mention a few of the people who have worked and cooperated diligently with the Island Sheriff and the U.S. Game Fish Commission. With their kind permission, I use their names. Mr.'s BARKER O'DONAHUE, GREEN, ROSSI, WAY, STONECYPHER, PITCHFORD, LILLIE and WOODRING.

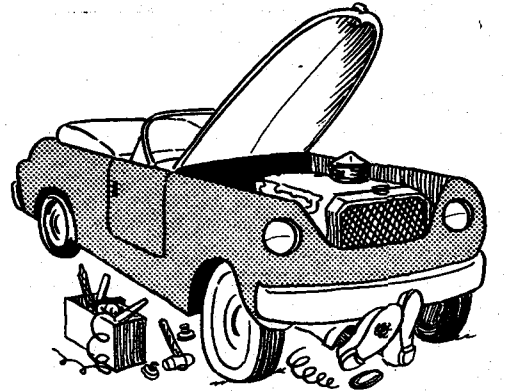
These people have worked, furnished boats for the Sheriff, spent their time, burned their gasoline and, as far as I know, have sent no bills to the County or anyone else for the expenses incurred in cooperating with the Sheriff.

These men, among others, have kept their boats on the water and skippered the Sheriff at any time -- and I have gotten the Sheriff out of bed on two occasions when he was off duty when this boat was reported seen.

I think the Sheriff does a pretty good job of patrolling the Islands and the waters. And with a little luck and the same type of cooperation, I think we will see results of all the effort that has been expended.
(sgd.) MICKY POWELL

PERSONAL

Mrs. MAUDE NICKERSON has several copies of Perry Schwengle's "Shells of the West Coast of Florida" at the usual price.



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TO THE ISLANDER:

In your issue of the 4th, I noticed an article about Mr. Wiswall of Needham, Mass.

Just to get the record straight, the Wiswall's were not vacationing on Captiva, but were guests at Shalimar on Sanibel, and found their very fine Olives at a very early low tide in front of their cottage at Shalimar.

(sgd.)

E.C. ELDRIDGE

(Ed. Note: Record straight, thanks.)

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Dr. & Mrs. GEORGE RIMBY and daughter, DENNY of Royersford, Pa., are back at the Motel. They have been frequent (sometimes twice a year) guests since 1956.

Another "old-time" group (1959) are Mr. & Mrs. JEAN W. BELL, their son MARK and their daughter HARRIETT, and Mrs. Bell's mother, Mrs. R.O. WITNEY. They're from Victor, N.Y.

Second year visitors are Mr. & Mrs. ARTHUR M. COOK of Greenville, Mich.

Spending a month are Mr. & Mrs. GILMAN LOW of Bristol, Rhode Island, who have been coming every year since 1957.

Third year visitors are Mr. & Mrs. J.H. EACHES of Oley, Pa.

Arriving on the 15th were Mr. & Mrs. M.R. FREESE and their son, BILLY, of Chatham, New Jersey.

SEA GRAPE COTTAGE GUESTS

Seems as tho the people who find shells these days are staying at Sea Grape Cottages . . . to wit: Mr. & Mrs. E. G. Sory of Winston Salem, North Carolina, who found three junonias last year, already have one more fine specimen to add to their collection . . . and their vacation has hardly begun! They'll be here 'til the end of the month. Mr. & Mrs. Glen Amos of Menominee, Michigan, here for their 5th season and spending the month, have found a junonia and a scotch bonnet. Mr. & Mrs. Howard Sexauer of North Wilberham, Mass., left a few days ago. The day before their departure, Mr. Sexauer found a junonia . . . his 4th in 5 years at Sea Grape Cottages. Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Cousins and their granddaughter of Caronsville, Md., just arrived last weekend. They haven't picked up their share of shells yet . . . but we're sure they will.

And then there are the Slunecos . . . Emil, Fran and daughter Jan. They've been coming to Sea Grape for years, and are, of course, expert shellers. But that's not their only talent.

Mrs. S. had won blue ribbons and prizes all over their home state of Illinois for her paintings, in oils and water colors (all self taught) as well as flower, shell and nature craft arrangements and plaques. Right now she's doing a picture of the ferry landing . . . before it's too late. All told, she has won over 50 blue ribbons . . . mostly for her flower arrangements, which often incorporate Sanibel shells.

Mr. S. is an optometrist in their home town of Hollywood, Illinois. (that, by the way, is a suburb of Chicago.) While he is an avid sheller, his favorite recreations are swimming, fishing and tennis.

Daughter Jan has quite a name as a swimmer. Last year she competed in butterfly and breast stroke competitive meets, and this year, at 15, she was the only junior to qualify for the city championship in the back stroke. She also had the highest rating in water ballet in school. When we asked her future plans, she said she thinks she favors the "social life." This strict training and early to bed and early to rise routine interferes too much with dates and boyfriends.

PERSONAL

VIVIAN KEARNS of Island Inn celebrated a birthday on April 6. She wouldn't tell us which one it was, but she did admit that she's about the same age that Jack Benny claims to be . . . and, like Jack, she plans to stay that way.

Friends asked her to drop over for cocktails . . . and when she arrived, everyone sang out "Happy Birthday." The cocktail party turned into a surprise birthday party (or vice versa) and everyone had a grand time.

When she got back to the Inn she had another surprise . . . her friends had whipped up a "Menu Tree." It incorporated all the cute fancies that Vivian uses to make her famous holiday trees. Speaking of trees, we got a glimpse of her Easter Tree, and it's just lovely. Fantastic Easter eggs hang from each branch, and close inspection proved that none were alike, and all showed the work and really artistic ability of their creator. Each was a thing of beauty . . . added all together, they were breathtaking.

Mr. & Mrs. CHARLES DUFFY III of Sunbury, Pa., and Mr. & Mrs. LEWIS GERHART of Selnis Grove, Pa., were guests at Casa Ybel last week. Mr. Duffy is President of the Pennsylvania Hotel Association and owner of the Hotel Edison in Sunbury.

PERSONAL

Island Inn Pastry chef ED-DIE ASHFORD stayed on the Islands after the Inn closed to get in some good fishing before reporting to his summer job at Sugar Hill, New Hampshire. He'll be back in the fall by the time the Inn opens, and, if we're any judge, in time to do plenty of fishing before it's time to go to work.

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PERSONAL

Mr. & Mrs. STANLEY HUNTER of New York, N.Y., and Nantucket, Mass., are Casa Ybel guests. Mr. Hunter is President of the Hunter Company which handles creative sales promotion. He started out as a newspaper artist with the Kansas City Star, studied at the Art Institute in Kansas City and the Art Student's League in New York and has had several shows in pen and ink.

Mrs. Hunter is public relations manager for Schrafft's Restaurants and edits two business publications for them.

This is the Hunter's first visit to our Islands but, they say, not their last. Mrs. Hunter is taking home many sketches, as well as a few paintings, and plans to hang them in their home in Nantucket. We hope the art work brings back fine Sanibel-Captiva type memories.

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We thought that it might be helpful to Islanders to know that the Authority will be in effect at least that long, particularly as it has been pointed out, that some people are confused about the status of the group.

Lee County Commissioners have indicated that if, or when, there is any change in zoning control, the Islanders will be notified well in advance.

SHOP HOPPING

Dropped in at HELEN'S JEWEL BOX last week . . . and we're glad we did. Helen has the most fabulous collection of sculptured driftwood we've seen in a long time.

There are all sorts . . . small pieces just right for a paperweight, or for adding to a flower arrangement . . . all the way up to pieces large enuf for a lamp or a TV conversation dohickey. They're all of native woods . . . cypress, sea grape and buttonwood . . . and are much more reasonable than one would expect to pay for works or art (or nature.)

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Fort Lauderdale has nothing on us this week! (Ed. Note: did it ever have?) A great number of teenagers have arrived on the Islands to swell the already large throng of spring vacationers. Among them are KAREN (13), ANNETTE (18), MARION (11) and JIM (17) JENSON. All four are from Stillwater, Minn., and are staying at Hiers with their parents, Dr. & Mrs. J.E. JENSON.

Other Hires guests are CRIS HOFSCHEIDER (16) of Rochester, N.Y., who is here with

his parents, Dr. & Mrs. LEO HOFSCHEIDER, and RICK LASKY of New City, N.Y.

LINDA BARNES (16) of Fort Lauderdale is spending her vacation at Villa Victoria.

LAURA FRISHMEN is staying at Sanibel Siesta with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. DANIEL FRISHMEN.

ANN (14) and CRIS (16) SCHNEIDER of Peoria, Ill., are staying at Beach View.

Casa Turquesa has the WALLOCHS -- STEPHENIE (16), ANN (17) and BOB (17).

HAP JONKERS (20) and NICK RIDGELY (20) are staying with the BEN HARTMANS of Sanibel. Hap is from Mclean, Va., and Nick is from Rising Sun, Delaware.

MARK STAPLES, WALLY KNOX, JIM HALE and BOB SPENCE -- all University of Michigan students -- are staying

at Reisinger's on Sanibel.

Another Island visitor is a Fort Myers girl, JENNIFER WIGINGTON. She's the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. LESTER WIGINGTON and the guest of the JOE GAULTS of Sanibel.

Fort Thomas, Ky., contributed six boys to the Islands. They're staying at the Shell Basket and their names are VIC (17) and CRIS SMITH (16), TIM SLATER (16), DAVID HOSCA (16), RICK WALDINMEYER (16) and JERRY ZINT (16). Tim's mother, Mrs. THORNTON SLATER, and his aunt, Mrs. LOU FULWEILLUR, are with them.

Last Saturday, MARY JO GAULT and your reporter gave a party for many of the native Islanders and the visiting teenagers. Dancing and eating and a chance for many strangers to meet each other.

HOW ABOUT US, MR. COMMISSIONERS?

According to information we have received, mainlanders who visit our Islands during the May 26 dedication ceremonies of the new bridge will be allowed FREE round trips to the Islands. They may come over free, and may also return free any time they want to. All very nice and very sweet. BUT HOW ABOUT US, MR. COMMISSIONERS, why can't WE go to Fort Myers that day FREE and come back to the Islands FREE?

Of course, we could always name the bridge approach after the County Commissioners. I can see it now, a large sign at the entrance, large block letters saying -- "ONE WAY." (sgd.) YE, ED.

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