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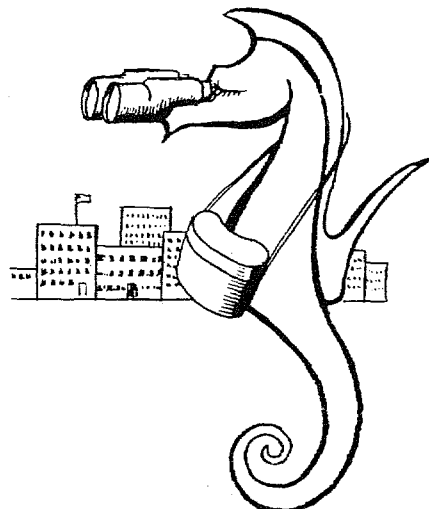
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**WHO'S WHO
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The BERNARD VANWAUS's
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week end. Every one had a won-
derful time and really excellent
shelling. Mr. VanWaus was for-
tunate enough to find a Junonia,
and a Scotch Bonnet, but to top
it off, Keith Van Waus found a
beautiful specimen of a Helmet
shell about three inches long.
The rest of the family had to
be content with finding just
beautiful shells. The family is
looking forward to their next
visit to the Island. More good
luck we hope.



That nice JOHN E. RA-
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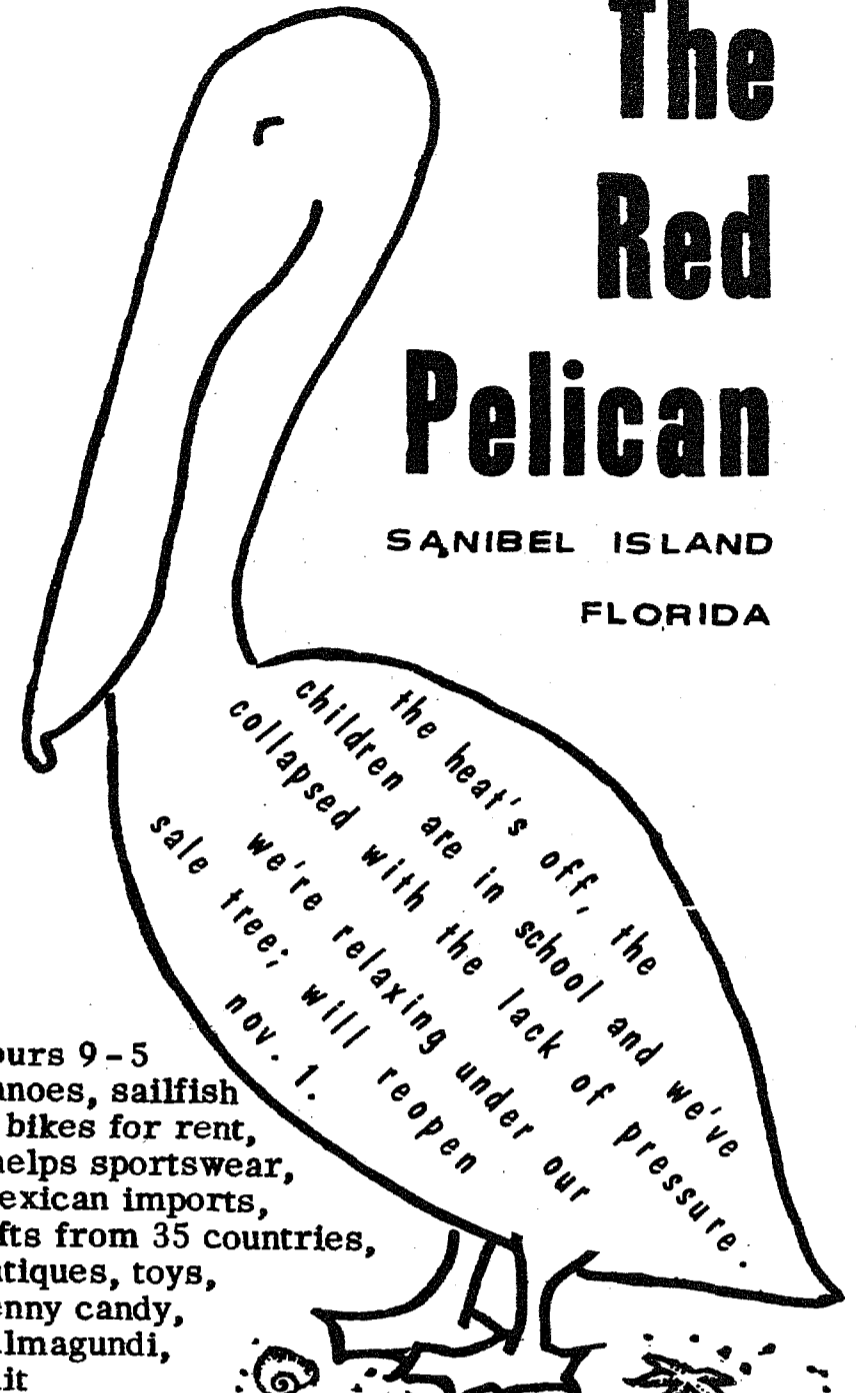


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"TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY"
 by russell kay

Our old friend P.T. Barnum said, "There is one born every minute" but that was before the mail-order health racketeers got on the job. Now you might say there is one born every second.

With millions of oldsters suffering from a variety of aches and pains, real or imaginary, a lucrative field is presented to the easy-money boys who have found they can set up a mail-order health

racket and take the suckers for millions.

They flood the mails with offers of relief and cures of every thing from cancer to falling arches. No matter what your problem they have the answer. Magazine ads urge you to write to Dr. Whasa Whos it, the famed healer, who for a modest fee will provide you with a secret remedy, known to the Incas or Aztecs centuries ago, recently brought to light by research in Mexico and Peru.

Or Reverend So-and-so, who was given the power, will pray for you regularly at \$2 per prayer. You need not fear cancer or any other ailment. Need not suffer from heart disease, arthritis or loss of hearing.

Mail-order medicine is big business today and includes every thing from psychic healers, faith healers, and spiritual aid to vibration bracelets, secret herbs, special vitamins and food supplements.

The U.S. Public Health Service and postal inspectors are constantly on the alert to protect the public and every year put some of them out of business.

One outfit raked in several million from the sale of vitamins and food supplements that in most cases were not needed or worthless and many additional millions from phony reports and advice.

Health aid, advice and service by mail has become a multimillion dollar racket and where one outfit is caught and put out of business a dozen new ones open up.

The oldsters are not the only ones on the sucker list. Many women in search of feminine charm spend millions for

worthless beauty aids. They fall for breast development programs that call for special exercise or massage.

Men go for anything that promises to restore lost manhood and spend millions for advice, help and special gadgets sent in plain packages. Only after they have spent hundreds of dollars do they wake up to find that they have been taken but good.

Fearing publicity most suckers are inclined to forget the whole thing and few are willing to testify or aid in prosecuting the swindlers, making the work of the Post Office Department and the health authorities that much more difficult.

If you want to learn more about the medical mail-order menace I suggest you secure a copy of this month Reader's Digest and read Ralph Lee Smith's expose of the racket.

**Auto on Fire?
 Get Away Fast**

What should a mother do if she is driving along a highway and her car catches fire?

Engineers of the engineering and safety department of the American Insurance Association say she should bring the car to a safe halt, get all of the children out of the car, and retreat with them to a safe distance, preferably at least 150 feet or more from the vehicle.

Then she should halt a passing vehicle and ask the driver to call the fire department or notify the first policeman he sees.

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The shelling on the Islands has recently been delightful. Those few days of high winds really churned up the Gulf and in turn deposited a nice selection of shells.

The shellers have been finding all the lovely ordinary shells plus Scotch Bonnets, Junonias, etc. Happy shelling everyone.

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The following is a letter written by Floyd Snook to Miss Willie from Hostal De Los Reyes Catolicos, Santiago De Compostella - Espana.

Dear Miss Willie:

Tonight we are stopping at the above hotel said to be the most luxurious hotel in Europe. The paintings, tapestry and figurines are all so beautiful and in such good condition.

We are up in the mountains overlooking the valleys below us with a little river running through the middle of the valley, the fertile fields full of grain before the harvest. I tell you we are living it up with the other millionaires. Breakfast in your room or at 8 a.m. in the dining room, lunch 2 p.m. and dinner 9-11 p.m. We have just come from the dining room and it is 11:30 p.m.

Dinner always consists of soup, a fish dish, omelet, vegetables, a meat and potato dish, fruit, desert and then coffee. No wonder these Spanish ladies are a yard wide by the time they are 30.

We have been most fortunate in having the very best of guides for our tours each day which are taken in our own bus, or as they say, motor coach.

The people in Portugal have been most cordial just like we were royalty. They just haven't had the tourist trade that the rest of Europe has enjoyed but it is coming. The bulk of the people are very poor and these tourist dollars mean a great deal to them.

I must say that William MacIntosh has planned this trip extremely well and is the perfect escort for a group of this type. He speaks Spanish very well and sees to our every want and need.

Yesterday was the end of our first week abroad and if the rest is like the first, then I don't know how I am going to take it. Too much excitement in a group after living on Sanibel for eight years. I guess I just don't belong to the jet set. Two or three high balls before each meal, then a quart of wine with each meal. I don't know how their stomachs can hold it all. Perhaps I am a little queer, or what have you.

I really don't know how this trip could have been any more successful than it has been this far. If we could just eat at a normal time and not be expected to float our inards with wine each meal.

This is the first place I have ever seen where they grow all the different kinds of fruits in one place - oranges, apples, grapes, peas, bannanas, etc. Collards seem to be the main vegetable together with string beans and a few tomatoes. You get them every day whether you want them or not. They will be under some other name, but you get them just the same.

I think that the highlight of yesterday's trip was in this old hotel in Vigo. The water fixtures ruptured in Betty Muench's bath room and she found herself wading around in water in the night trying to go to the john. Had to call the manager and get the water turned off. Talk about some Spanish and English languages mixing - Oh Boy!

We will have two days here in Santiago with bus tours every day and Mr. MacIntosh throws in an extra side trip about every other day. He's doing it up "Brown" I must say. Don't you ever miss a trip he is conducting from now on.

Hope to see you October 15 but don't expect me to look like myself. WOW I think we will all gain about 10% in weight.

/s/ Floyd

Elsie Malone

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SMART TIPS FOR FLORIDA GARDENERS

Plants are much like people in that they respond to a little TLC (Tender loving care). Although design is a very important factor in gardens, the attractiveness of your plantings depends not upon the big jobs such as designing and planting, but rather on the small chores which are necessary from time to time.

Rather than gardeners with "green thumbs", the successful gardener is one who loves his plants and plantings, and spends a little time daily taking care of "small things" which make for beauty and success in gardening, according to President Richard C. Johnson of the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association.

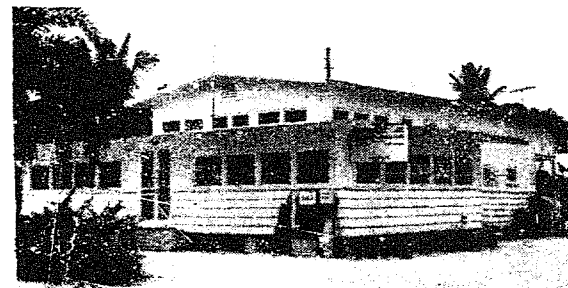
Pruning is an often neglected chore in gardening, but should not be considered so. Successful gardeners do not wait until pruning becomes a major job, but they keep long shoots pinched back as they come out, shaping the plant as it grows to encourage spreading and bushing. Thus heavy pruning is seldom needed.

Another "green thumb" gardener trick is that of removing old bloom stalks as the flowers fade. This encourages repeat blooming again and again during the season. This is particularly effective on Oleanders and Crepe Myrtle, for if you remove these faded flowers you will have continuous bloom.

As "green thumbers" check their plants closely, they usually are aware of insects and diseases at the onset, when spot spraying can control them and prevent the need for more general and extensive spraying. Crinkled foliage indicating aphids, black sooty mold indicative of white flies, or foliage chewed by worms or grasshoppers are immediately noticed if you check your plants often.

Feeding plants properly is as important as feeding your family. A well balanced plant food applied lightly and often is more practical than heavy applications which may burn. Watering as needed also is important --- plants that are wilted need immediate water.

The gardener whose love for and appreciation of plants develop a keen power of observation. They check to find out the specific requirements of that plant and strive to be sure they provide them --- Successful gardening to them is based on TLC --- not a "green thumb."



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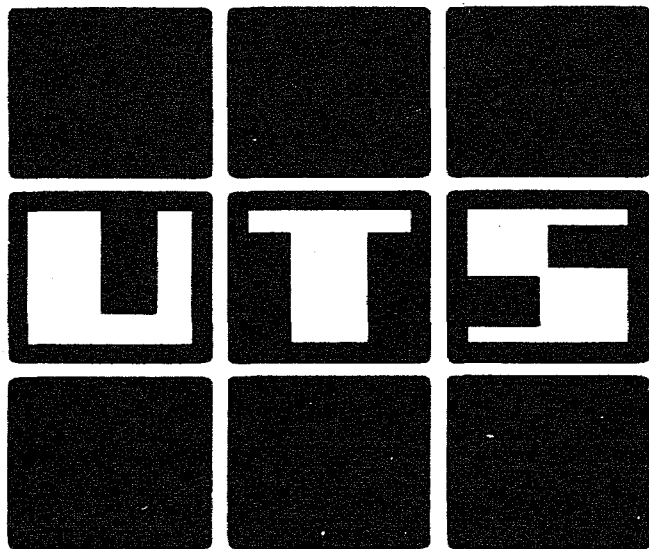
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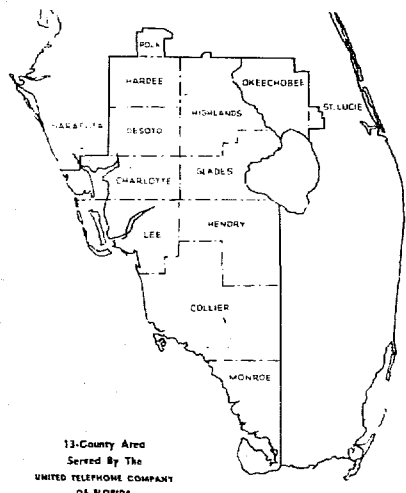
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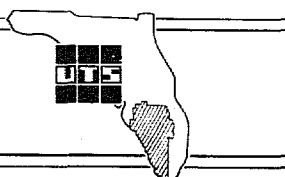
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SEA CHEST By RAY SOREL

If you look at a chart of the South Atlantic in small enough scale that you can see the east coast of South America and the west coast of Africa, you'll notice an interesting thing. It looks like one coast would fit into the other like the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle.

But when you look around for other places on the earth where this might have happened, you see only a hint here and there. And this is why scientists have nearly always objected to the theory that the Atlantic Ocean was formed when a couple of continental land masses drifted apart. How could they "drift" anyway? They don't float on the oceans. Many of them explained away the apparent fit as a coincidence. They pointed out that the fit was only apparent. When you looked at the two coasts in detail, there wasn't a very good fit at all.

But the picture is changing. Evidence is accumulating that at one time there actually was only one huge continent. There was also one huge ocean and the present Pacific Ocean was probably a part of it.

There is now a theory to explain how the continents could "drift" apart. It's called "ocean floor spreading" and

it was proposed by Dr. Harry H. Hess of Princeton University.

Most scientists agree that there is a molten part of the earth under the relatively thin crust that we are familiar with. The lava that comes out of volcanoes comes from this molten mass. Dr. Hess thinks that there are convection currents caused by unequal heating and cooling in this molten material and that a rising current under a continental land mass would split and travel horizontally in opposite directions. Where this current of molten rock split would be the beginning of a new ocean basin.

This was only a theory until supporting evidence began to turn up. After you get under the silt that has accumulated for a couple hundred million years, you find that the ocean floor (in the Atlantic anyway) is mostly basalt, the same stuff that the molten magma is made of. So it looks like the molten material solidified to heal the scar that was left when the continents moved apart.

Another thing that helps to support the theory is that the rocks and ground on the west coast of Africa match pretty good with the rocks and ground of the east coast of South America. Do you think we'd find diamonds in South America in the place where the tip of Africa would match up, the place where

they find all those diamonds in Africa?

Only recently, using some sensitive magnetic detecting instruments developed during World War II, scientists were able to tell that the orientation of the magnetic field in the two continents where they would have been joined coincide. Another thing, the rise and fall of the ocean levels from the ice ages has changed the shape of the coastlines. When the continental shelves (the relatively shallow water that borders most coastlines) is included in a map for matching purposes, the fit is very good indeed, even in detail.

It looks as though portions of the drifting continents collided and one of the results of this collision is the Himalayan Mountains in India. The same convection currents that explain the continental drift can also explain the formation of mountains. In this case, two currents of molten rock meeting and descending would draw the land together and tend to push up mountains.

When we talk of currents in molten rock, we are talking of movements that may amount to only one inch per year to account for their present position. There's no sign that the Pacific Ocean was formed this way.



"TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY"
by russell kay

A few weeks ago I wrote a column about our dog Schotzie, the dachshund who thinks he is "people." Well that silly column has gotten me in a peck of trouble.

It seems our cat Bubbles found out about it and he has been sulking around ever since. In his book, Schotzie is a "nothing" as far as dogs go. He contends he can lick the little under-slung so-and-so with one paw tied behind him and claims that if a no-account brat of a dog like that rates a column he ought to be worthy of a book.

You see, Bubbles is no ordinary cat. He is a long, lean orange-yellow alley cat, who came up the hard way. His early life began in an alley where he learned to hold his own with professional rat catchers. He was death and destruction to rats, mice, lizards, birds and hop-toads. He still gives such vermin a hard time in spite of a belly full of synthetic cat food that he had learned to eat after listening to the commercials on radio and television, but he still contends that the victuals you chase and catch yourself are far superior to anything the Quaker Oats or Purina people ever developed.

He has more dignity than a prime minister, and he can wither you with a glance if the occasion demands. While he tolerates us he is as independent as a hog on ice, and when you call him he comes galloping until he is about 10 feet from the door then he sits down and proceeds to bathe and preen until you slam the door in disgust. Then he starts to meow and scratch until you have to open it for him in self defense. He enters the house like a maharajah, his tail aloft and twitching as if to say, "Nobody pushed me around."

If Mr. Dog happens to be around he slaps him to sleep and proceeds to the kitchen where he demands the attention he deserves. If his dinner is not properly served he will stomp around, yowling until you provide the ultimate in service. He will sniff at the food you have prepared, twitch his tail and pretend he is not interested.

While he gleefully ignores you and rebuffs every advance, he can't stand your ignoring him. Act like you don't see him or know he is there and he will jump up on your lap, purr like mad, and start kneading bread like a country baker. Try to pet him and he will scratch or bite you just to show who is boss.

All right Bubbles you have had equal time. I hope you are satisfied, -but I know you won't be, -you're a cat.




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THE CUNNING SNOOK AND THE WEE TURTLE

Under the light above the piling of the dock, a wee turtle, about the size of a quarter, was swimming around with the minnows. In the shadows of the light, there were five or six snook; one big bruiser, 12 to 15 pounds, lay up against the piling, looking at times as if he were scratching his back lazily on the barnacles.

With his eye on the Wee One, he would glide up and make a pass at him, only to find turtle had withdrawn into his soft shell and Snook had merely a mouth full of minnows. Next trip up to get a crack at the turtle he shot up like a bullet - and missed, so again he had a mouthful of bait. The minnows to escape snook, had of course rushed away, the force of them carrying the Wee One out of harm's way.

My patience in watching this game gave out for it looked as if the turtle was every bit as smart as the snook. Besides, it was then 3 a.m.

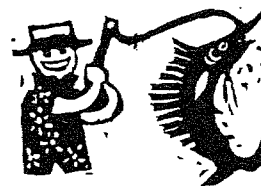
/s/ a subscriber

FRIDAY GAME NIGHT

All you bridge and canasta players note; popular Friday Game Night Play will resume at the Sanibel Community House tomorrow night at 8 p.m. with Mrs. William Newman in charge. Bring a full table; players or come alone and make up a table after you arrive.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

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