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DRAMATIC RESCUE

Rescued from a sailboat excursion that ended when a sudden squall overturned their craft were Jeanne Kontinos and Jack Hassen. Jeanne, who has been visiting her sister Mary Aleck, is from Washington, D.C., and went out on the Sailfish catamaran sailboat rented from the Jolly Roger Motel on Sunday afternoon with Jack Hassen at the helm. The craft is known as one of the safer models, but in a sudden squall before a rain, gale winds overturned the boat about 3 miles south of Sanibel and about 6 p.m. Larry Bruno, owner of the Jolly Roger saw the mishap. He and Gene Saucier took out another craft in a rescue attempt but their boat also flipped in the rough seas. Herb Purdy of the Segunda Motel paddled out and in turn rescued Larry Bruno and Gene Saucier from the rough seas and high waves. By now, it had gotten dark, and the 12 foot sailboat with Jeanne and Jack over the side could not be located.

Coast Guard at Fort Myers Beach had been notified and they asked for help from Miami and St. Petersburg, each sent a helicopter to help in the search. The dramatic search ended about 1:30 when Jeanne Kontinos and Jack Hassen were taken aboard the 40 foot Coast Guard boat and brought into the Fort Myers Beach station after about six hours in the water. "It was mighty scary," reports Jeanne.

Others reporting the sudden squall severity in the area were Betzi and John Abram of Fort Myers Beach, who put in at the Punta Rassa Marina to escape the high winds and waves about 6 p.m. Sunday.

DENSITY RULE AFFIRMED

The County Commission reaffirmed Sanibel's density guideline of 16 dwellings per acre, which was temporarily set last week. The guidelines were affirmed after a public hearing in the Commission room on Wednesday, when several residents asked that the zoning standard be reset at the figure placed on Feb. 17 at 25 units per acre.

LEBUFF RECEIVED AWARD

Charles LeBuff, biological technician at the J.N. "Ding" DaFlung National Wildlife Refuge here, was the recipient of a special achievement award from the U.S. Department of the Interior. The award was presented to LeBuff for his outstanding performance of duties as interim manager of the Refuge by manager Robert L. Barbar.

LeBuff, who has been with the department's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife for 13 years on Sanibel, previously received recognition as the highest rated biological technician in the southwest Florida region when he was given a Superior Performance award. Past President of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society, LeBuff is presently a Director of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and Director of the Caretta Research project on sea turtle conservation.

WATER STUDIES JEOPARDIZED

Water resource studies throughout the County, including Sanibel Island, were jeopardized by action of the County Commissioners, July 14. The Fort Myers office of the U.S. Geological Survey may be closed if adequate funding is not available.

During the past six years, the water resources available in the Caloosahatchee River, Sanibel Island and other areas of the County have been examined. Cut off of \$6,000 in state funds this year and refusal of the Board of County Commissioners to provide more than \$9,000 may end these studies. To provide adequate funding, estimated at approximately \$50,000 for the current fiscal year, Commissioner Walter Shirey proposed the County double its contribution. With \$2,550 from the City of Fort Myers and \$2,000 offered by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, this would mean a local funding of \$22,500. Dollar for dollar federal matching funds would provide a total budget of \$45,000 for the local Geological Survey office. It would permit extension of the Sanibel study, that has been sought by local conservation interests and is regarded as desirable by officials of the Geological survey. Sanibel-Captiva Planning Board President Vernon MacKenzie urged the Commissioners to provide the full amount requested.

Final budget hearings by the County Commissioners have been set for July 28.

THE LOVABLE BROWN PELICAN

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NOTICE TO ALL..... The Brown Pelican is now on the endangered list. Lee County, Florida, probably has more pelican rookeries than any other place in the United States and deserves some special attention. When you are out boating and come across an island or shore where birds are flocking in large groups, please stay away. Do not go up to the island---give them a chance to survive. These bird rookeries are protected by law. This is the only place they reproduce.

The rookeries are easily recognized when the birds are swarming around in the air. They will be coming and going, landing on the nests, feeding the young or settling on the nests to protect the eggs.

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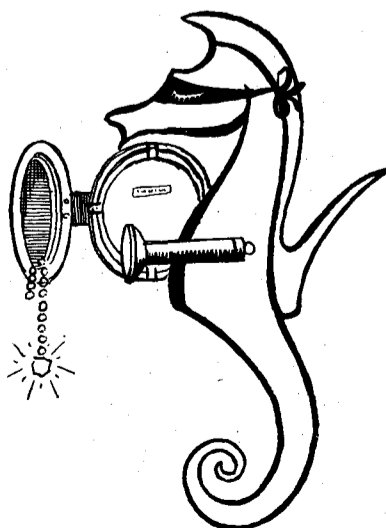
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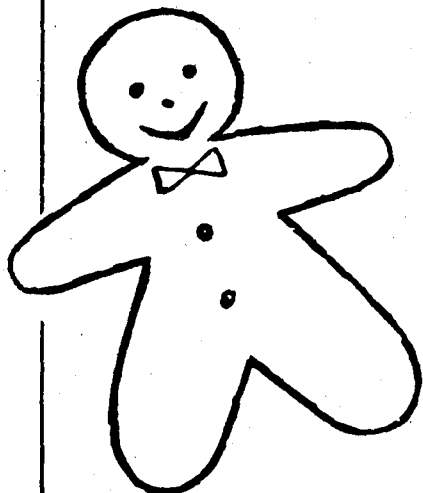
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Sanibel Community Association, Inc.,
Sanibel Community House, 1st Tuesday,
6:30 p.m.

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every month, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the
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Lions Club of Sanibel-Captiva meets
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taurant, Periwinkle Drive, Sanibel.

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Captiva Memorial Library is open 9 a.m.
till 12:30 on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Shell Club, beginning in December, 3rd
Wednesday of each month, 8 p.m. Alter-
nating between Sanibel and Captiva Com-
munity Houses.

CHRISTINA McQUADE

Christina Marie McQuade, 81, died
at Beacon Manor Nursing Home on
Monday, July 12, after a short illness.
She is survived by her husband,
Frank J. McQuade, two sons, one
daughter, two sisters and five grand-
children.

The funeral service was held Thurs-
day in Baltimore at the Leonard Ruck
Funeral Home. Mike and Dotti McQuade
attended the funeral.

CHARLES P. CLIFFORD

Charles P. Clifford, 62, Deephaven,
Minn., retired senior vice-president
of Farmers & Mechanics Savings Bank
of Minneapolis, died June 26 in that city.
He and Mrs. Clifford had been long-
time winter vacationers on Sanibel and
built a home on Gulf Drive two years
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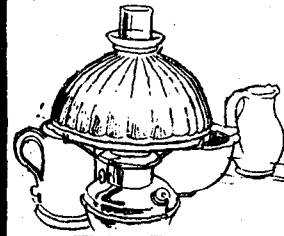
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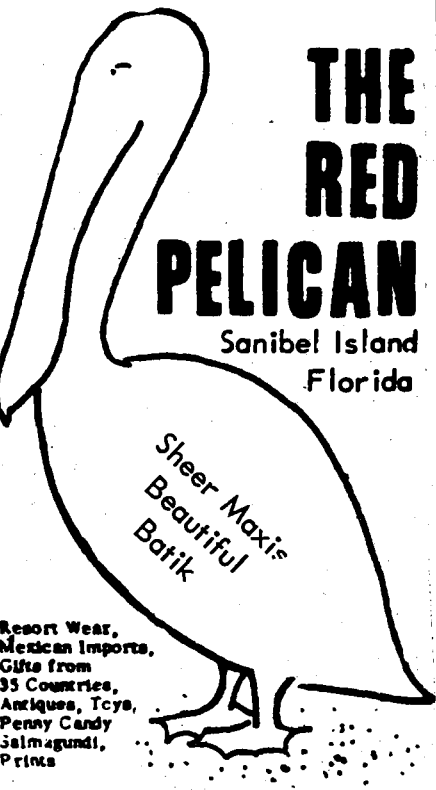
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SERENITY HOUSE DRIVE ON

Serenity House has started its drive for funds for the refurbishing and expansion of the home for alcoholics. The house offers a refuge to homeless alcoholics and Mr. Ernie Gurtner, Director, has asked that any persons interested in helping in this very necessary and worthy cause: the rehabilitation of the alcoholic, can deliver the check or money to the Island Bake Shop on Sanibel, and the money will go to the home in Fort Myers. Unless funds can continue to come in on a regular basis, the home will of necessity have to be closed, as there is no organized funding for the home. Help Serenity House by sending a check.

SCHOOL HAS HOBBY DAY

Hobby Day was on Friday, July 9, and several of the pupils in the summer school program brought their collections. Mr. Paul Cochrane, teacher of the group, made awards. Janet Bissell won acclaim for the prettiest with her glass figures collected from far and near by her and family and friends. Barbara Bissell had the natural in her shell grouping of local species. Patty Bissell displayed the most unusual by her collection of old bones, and Wendy Bissell showed the most interesting in her collection of fossils and rocks. The most time consuming hobby was owned by Gary Hunter, who had a good stamp collection. Joey Lacy's shell collection was proclaimed most beautiful, and Sandra Wightman's coin and shell collection was the most valuable. David Squires' model cars were adjudged the sportiest.

Wednesday was the afternoon a swim party at the beach was planned. The Allen Naves invited the group to initiate their new swimming pool, and Mrs. Naves served ice cream to over a dozen swimmers.

SEGUNDA APARTMENTS SOLD

Herbert and Jackie Purdy, owners of the Segunda Apartments, Gulf Drive, Sanibel, have announced the sale of the Segunda. The nine-unit Gulf front motel, built by the Purdys in 1966, was sold on July 19.

The new owners are Rob and Jeannie Alberts. They are from Washington, D.C., where Rob has directed U.S. foreign aid and overseas research and development programs for a number of years. The Alberts have recently returned from a two-year assignment in Iran.

No major changes are planned at the Segunda in the immediate future. "For the time being," said the Alberts, "We look forward to becoming acquainted with the Sanibel community and the returning guests of the Segunda, and will do well to emulate the high standards of comfort, cleanliness and hospitality which the Purdys have so well established." Eventually, however, they plan to add several more units, similar in type to the one-bedroom beachfront apartments which the Segunda now features.

The Purdys will remain on the islands, where Herb has a number of other business interests. They will be renting the Harold Bixby house on Captiva temporarily, until their new Richmond-built house in Sanibel Lake Estates is completed later this year.

BROWSING AROUND

We are very sorry we did not know that B Hive has extended its helping hand to our fishermen by also making available fishing licenses for the avid angler. And while we're speaking of the B Hive, they have an almost unbelievable array of imported coffees for you inveterate coffee drinkers. Their fresh coffees come from such far away places as Mexico, India, Nicaragua, Colombia, Costa Rica, Kona (Hawaii), Sumatra, Ethiopia and Vienna! These are perfect served hot, but iced, they are fit for the gods. And then they have imported and exotic teas for the tea drinkers, either iced or hot. They bear the names of their exotic origins: Oolong, Assam, Darjeeling, Jasmine, Lapsang, Souchong, Keeman and English. And for the lover of more potent fare, they have an array of imported wines fit for a king!

The Chamber of Commerce is sporting its new look, and many are the travelers who pass through their portals. The furniture in the lobby has recently been redone in a blue and gold motif, which is very pretty with black rattan.

Priscilla Murphy found not one but two golden olives, her first in 25 years of looking! She says, "The beach may be a little smelly, but it is perfect for shelling right now."

We have seen the Island Helpers busily cleaning up all over the islands.

The Black Pearl has a wonderful bargain table for a person who likes to make her own jewelry from the shells she finds on the beach. They will help you in your artistic bent, too.

Thetan had a wonderful write-up in the Tampa Tribune last Saturday about their production of locally made handcrafts. You have to see them to believe them. We are happy to report the alligator in residence has returned to the pool on the corner of Jamaica Road and the Captiva Road. He is shy with visitors though.

The Island Store on Captiva has a half price table with some real necessities on it, like mosquito repellent. The new owners have been making some changes and bringing in some new merchandise that is a real treat for Captiva, but it remains the same picturesque old time country store.

One of our favorite haunts on Captiva is McCauls Gift Shop. They have some rather rare bamboo buttons and even more rare, hand painted eggs from Taiwan, and there is a darling little shell picture of an owl, made from Kitten's Paws. Ruth Melichar has done some interestingly textured pictures on coconut fiber that are conversation pieces. Dorothy Robinson of Captiva has some noteworthy paintings in acrylics of local shells. Speaking of local shells, McCauls offers some magnificent Lion's Paws. But the thing that really captivates one's imagination are the beautiful crystal pendulums by Maybell Stamper of Captiva. Maybell, a resident for thirty years, is a woman lithographer and artist too. Lady Lithos are as rare as hen's teeth, and that alone makes her a celebrity. But the pretty jewelled pendulums work sort of like a ouija board. If you believe in E.S.P. and psychometric analysis and parasychology, you must have one of these pendulums, which answered two questions right off the bat, and we hope they were wrong, but that remains to be seen.

FINAL MEETING OF SWIM CLASS

The Sanibel Captiva Lions Club Swimming Class held its final meeting on Tuesday, July 20 at the Jolly Roger Swimming Pool.

Twenty seven children from the island received instructions from Red Cross instructors Mrs. A.F. Hughes; and Miss Kathy Smith. They were helped by Mrs. Wightman, Bailey and Constanza.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE ISLANDER:

Thank you for my copies of the ISLANDER which were sent to me while in the midwest. It was very encouraging to us to read how many people took the trouble to write about the proposed extension of Gulf Drive.

Some of the forest growth in Woodmere Preserve has been undisturbed for well over a century and only a few persons would swap the preserve for a strip of black top.

We hope our botany trail will be here for many more years for the enjoyment of friends and neighbors.

/s/ Willis and Opal Combs

TO THE ISLANDER:

As a resident of Sanibel Island and Anchors Aweigh Subdivision, I am strongly opposed to the request for zoning change (from RU-1 & RU-2 to RU-3A) to be heard on July 26, 1971. The parcel of land concerned is part of a long established buffer against such zoning for motels and condominiums.

You must surely know that condominiums, hotels and motels have already appropriated Sanibel's beaches. Developers are now moving inland and are eating away at prime residential property (now zoned RU-1 & RU-2), especially along the Sanibel River. Their plan is simple: have the zoning changed to RU-3A and put up a condominium. They are springing up like toadstools.

This resident objects to turning Sanibel Island into a sea of two-story sardine cans and urges the zoning board to deny this zoning change.

/s/ Donald F. Modrall

BIRDS IN OKEECHOBEE DEAD OF FOOD POISONING

Hundreds of birds in the Lake Okeechobee area have been dying from a rare food poison which paralyzes the respiratory system. The fatal organism has killed more than 400 mallards, ibis, coots and spoonbills, much as the "red tide" has killed many fish along the western Gulf Coast.

The State and Fresh Water Fish Commission theorized that the dying waterfowl in the Lake Okeechobee area are more related to the drought induced low level of the lake than to another cause.

The bacteria discovered in Lake Okeechobee produce a form of internal poisoning which quickly paralyzes the bird's respiratory system and causes their death by smothering, officials say. The Game Commission has no other record of the disease ever having occurred in wild birds in South Florida before. One cannot help but muse upon the resemblance to "red tide" and its similar effects on fish.

WHAT COULD HAPPEN TO SANIBEL-CAPTIVA

(Ed. Note: State representative Ted Randell showed us the following letter he claimed to have received from a northern friend - dated 1979)

Dear Ted:

I just wanted to let you and the family know why I won't be seeing you this winter. I can't tell you how glad I was for your people down in Southwest Florida when I read in the Times about the new improvements taking place down there, especially on Sanibel and Captiva Islands where we used to do a lot of fishing and vacationing. I guess that scenic eight-lane interstate-freeway they built along the beach and gulf islands connecting Naples to Tampa on the water was really quite an improvement and I know it did a lot for employment in the area because I read where they have more than 100 gas stations on Sanibel now, with the ones on the beach freeway staying open all night and hiring double crews.

The article was telling how difficult it is to find room for a new gas station because the high-rises were using most of the beachfront land. That success story on Joe Smith, when he bought that old lighthouse and turned it into a ferris wheel and parachute drop with a boardwalk and pinball machine stand attached, was really something. He is quite a businessman, I heard he was starting a plastic shell factory down there this year because the real ones are kinda running short in supply, now that they've bulkheaded 97% of the island. I saw a picture of some and they looked almost like the real ones down there.

But I guess the biggest improvement down there was when they built the super shopping and fun center on that vacant land that used to be called the Ding, or Darling something or other. You know what one I mean - that shopping center called the Hickel Plaza, the biggest store in the state. Course you'd need something big like that to supply that population of 28,000 people just living in the Sanibel high-rises.

Remember that time back in the 1960s when we spent our vacation down there? Boy that was fun. The kids and Mary talked about it all spring, and then summer. Doing my income tax, I ran across the figures on that long weekend. I remember figuring out how much tax money I paid to the State of Florida back then, and how I thought it was considerable. After bridge tolls, almost \$100 for three nights in the motel with the kids, the fare for four people eating three meals a day, the golf course rates including the cart fare for an out-of-shape weekender like me and the other stuff, like fishing trips and boat rentals, shelling trips and even some nice and relaxing nightlife. I figured I paid the State some \$50 in taxes. That was just for three days.

Well, I guess you guys are really rolling in the tax money down there now. I suppose those gas stations really pay the taxes. But then again, I guess it keeps your state representatives pretty busy, setting up that \$5 billion pollution control program I read about. I heard some of the people down there wanted a law limiting those hotel signs to less than 100 feet of neon per sign, with a limit of only three neon signs per motel.

Then again, I guess the state spent some of the high-rise tax money on paying for the highway running through there, and also they had to make up for the loss of tax money when the shrimping, fishing and shelling businesses collapsed down there. I know those training schools for unemployed fishermen cost the state a pretty penny. Hope some of those fellows can find work in Smith's plastic shell factory. But I know that is they can't be trained for that they can get jobs as lifeguards at the high-rise's swimming pools. I know the local law requires them at all times just in case somebody falls over a bulkhead into the deep ocean.

Well, we won't be seeing you this winter, as we used to. Mary and I decided to change our plans and we're going to get a little apartment out near Coney Island this year. We figured for about the same price as going to Florida this year we could rent this apartment near the beach and live in it weekends. This way it would be all summer long, and we'd be near the ferris wheel and the parachute machine, the shopping plaza and lots of tall buildings just like they have down there.

I guess the only difference would be that Coney Island still hasn't been seawalled in but I guess that would be nit-picking. They really are trying to make progress up here too. And during the winter, with the money we'd save by vacationing on nearby Coney Island, we figured we'd go to Cuba for a warm rest. Ever since Castro died in that smashup when the hijacked TWA plane hit his welcoming delegation on the runway, the island has really opened up. They say the Isle of Pines has beaches all around it, with little cabins for visitors tucked away along the surf just like they used to have down on Captiva. Well, I suppose you can't expect them to progress as fast in Cuba. Being an island country, they don't even have any interstates. Have a good year, and I'll send you a Christmas card from the beaches.

CARETTA REPORTS ON '71 PROGRAM

The summer's activity for Caretta workers and cooperators began May 14 when the first nesting loggerhead turtle was tagged for the season and the first clutch of loggerhead eggs were collected and transplanted. To June 21, 13 more turtles were tagged and 1,702 eggs have been placed in the hatchery (now up to about 3,000). It is interesting that returns of tagged loggerheads to island beaches have increased this year. Several turtles originally tagged in 1969 have been encountered again this year and most have shown remarkable nest site tenacity.

In early July several groups will visit various islands to the north and south of Sanibel-Captiva to begin a program of studies relative to nest destruction by various predators. Several new techniques that have been developed to prevent predator destruction will be evaluated and possibly approved through our field trails for use in the 1972 loggerhead nesting season. A number of years ago it was determined that raccoons and sand crabs were the greatest threat to developing turtle eggs on the islands and that up to nearly 38% of eggs were destroyed by these predators. In 1970, we discovered that on Morgan Beach, below Marco Island, raccoons dug and destroyed approximately 95% of all nests.

Several manuscripts dealing with the ecology of the loggerhead turtle are in preparation by Caretta workers. Basic data for each was made available through earmarked contributions to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.



THE ISLAND GARDENER

Palms are typical of Florida's semi-tropical climate according to the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Assn. (FNGA). Most nurserymen carry at least one to ten varieties of palms. This is the month that you should consider planting palm trees. Palm trees, unlike many of our shade trees, have a fibrous root system and are easily moved during the rainy season of the summer. Once you cut a palm tree root it does not grow further from that point. A new root must be initiated from the base of the palm. This is the reason why you see rather small balls on cabbage palms, queen palms, and others. Don't fret at your nurseryman if the ball seems a little small. Palms, like other plants, thrive better if they are cared for properly. At this time of year you should be giving your palms an application of a good mixed fertilizer such as a 6-6-6 at the rate of one pound for each inch of trunk diameter. It is not necessary to punch holes in the ground to feed palm trees. In addition to the fertilizer, manganese sulfate is required by most of our palms. On a large tree 20 feet tall you would apply approximately 6 lbs. On a small tree 3 to 5 feet you would apply approximately 2 lbs. Manganese sulfate applications should be made once a year to all palm trees, according to the FNGA.



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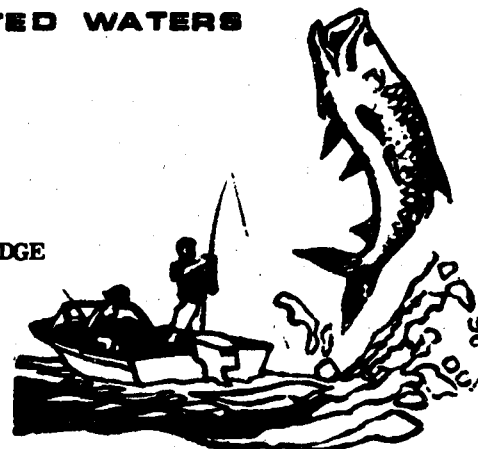
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REAL ESTATE SALES

Priscilla Murphy, Realtor reports the following sales:

From Estero Enterprises to Mr. Dana Brantley, Jr. of Alexandria, Va., a condominium apartment at Sanibel Arms.

From James Spive, Trustee, to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Johnson of Bel Air, Md., a lot in Pejuan Shores.

From Charles Clifford to Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Fuller of Glendale, Ohio, a home in the New Rocks.

From Jamestown - Beachview to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lockwood of Arlington Heights, Ill., two lots on Tahiti Shores.

Sanibel - Captiva Real Estate Transfers John and Marjorie Anderson of Lexington, Ky., lot in "The Rocks" from William and Barbara Bancroft.

C.J. Almas, Trustee, 200' of Gulf frontage in Sanibel Estates from Leonard J. Dudziak.

John and Mary Johnson of Nashville, Ind., house in Sanibel Estates from Mary K. Peabody.

Robert and Cynthia Herman of Vero Beach, Fla., lot in Sanibel Lake Estates from Herbert Purdy.

Steinman Real Estate Investment Co., Milwaukee, Wisc., 20 acres on Wulfert Rd. from Ross Mayer Estate.

J.P. Carter Co., parcel in Gov't lot 1, Sec. 28, Twp. 46, Rge 22 from Archway Sanibel Corp.

Mrs. Hubert Crider of Muskegon, Mich., a parcel in Sec. 27, Twp. 46, Rge. 22 from Jerry Way

Fred T. Lang, Downers Grove, Ill., Condo. aptment in Sanibel Arms from Estero Enterprises, Inc.

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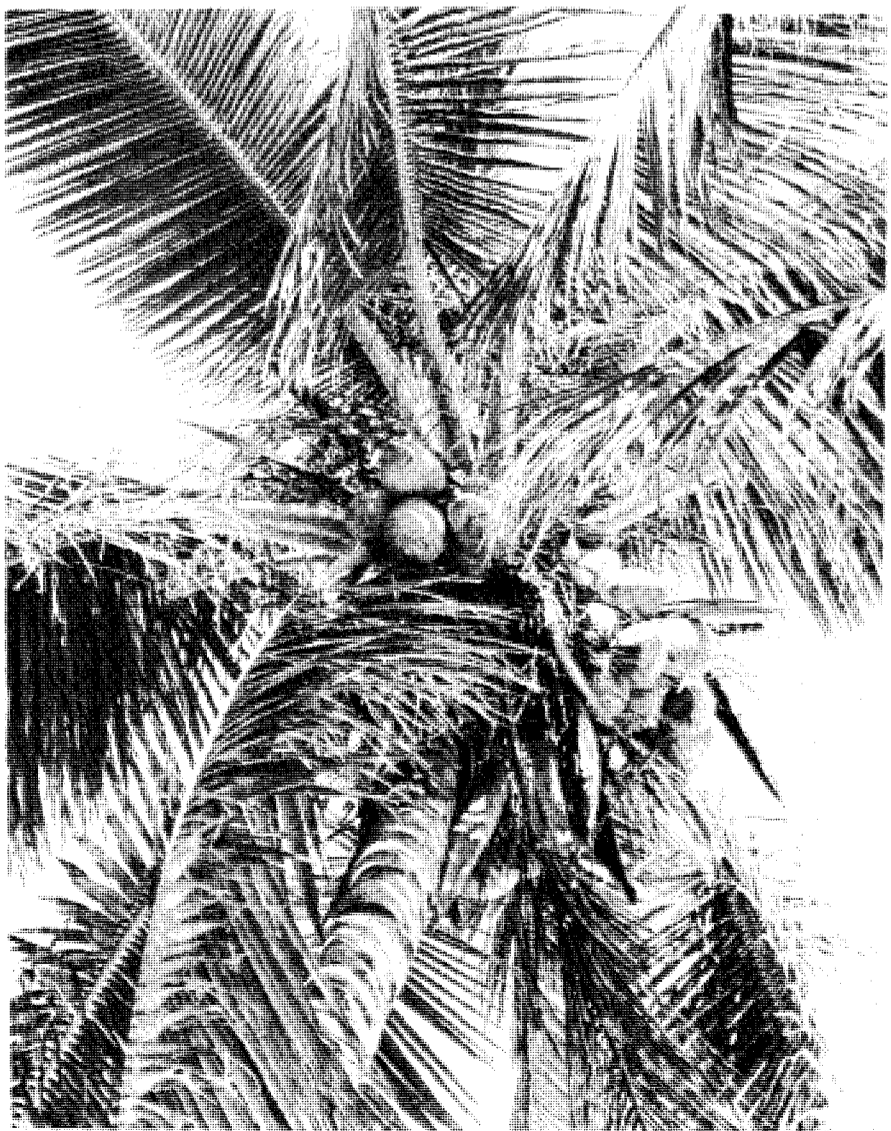
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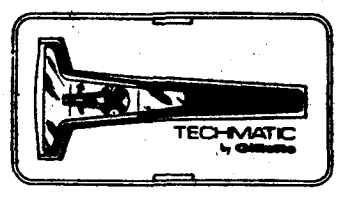
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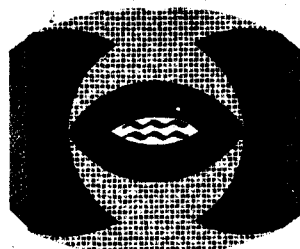
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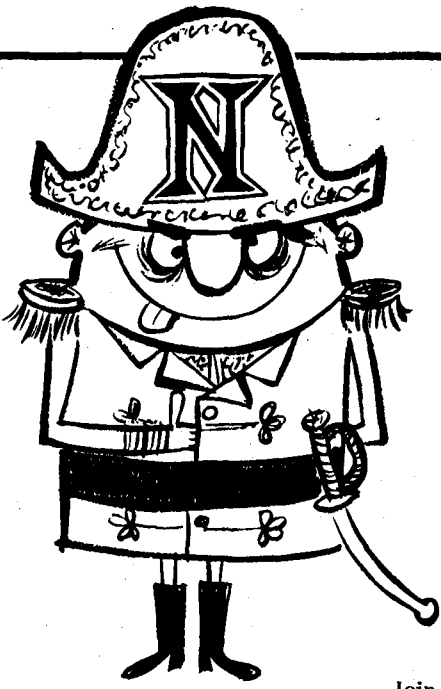
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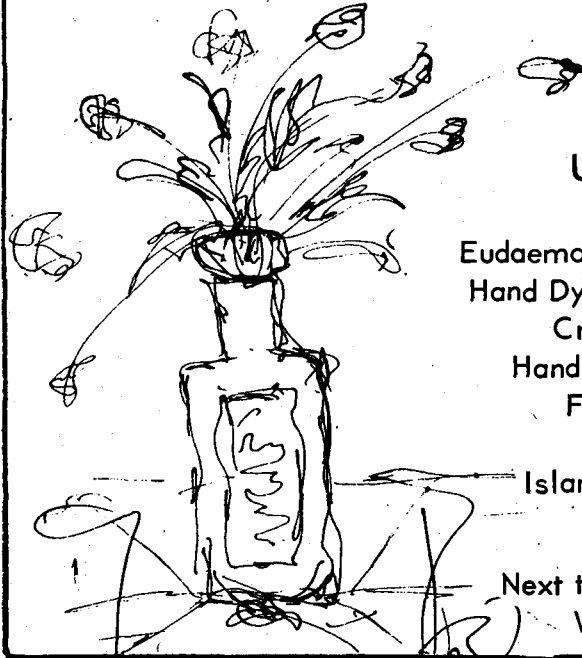
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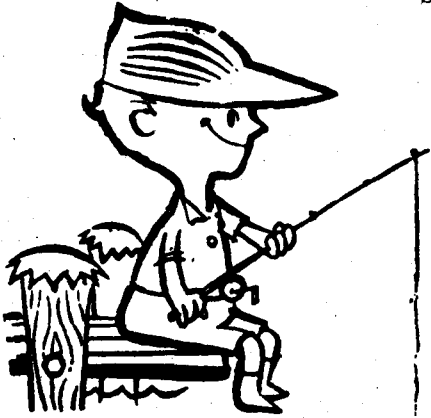
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The project puts particular emphasis upon field activities in natural resource areas of the County, particularly the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, the Sanibel Fresh Water Wetlands, and other areas on our islands.

Initial work on the project had started with a \$10,000 planning grant. A number of local conservationists serve on the Advisory Council and Advisory Panel to the educational pilot project, which may serve as a model for schools throughout the state and nation.

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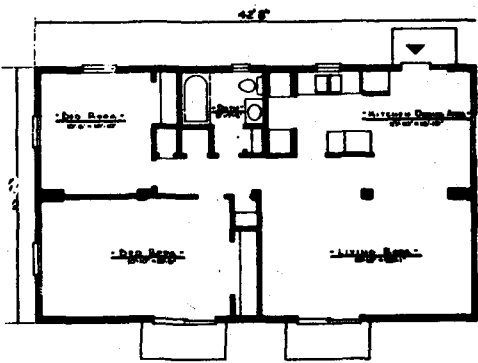
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THE LOVABLE BROWN PELICAN continued from front page

with them. The young one must be looked after until it can fly. All their food comes from the fishing parents who alternate with one another going forth to dive for what ever seems to be on the menu at the moment.

The Pacific Brown Pelican in California is about finished. They are almost stopped from reproduction by the breaking of the eggs in the nest. Louisiana, after losing all their brown pelicans, procured some from the State of Florida. They are trying to reproduce them in controlled areas of the "Pelican State."

As the state of affairs of the Brown Pelican comes into sharper focus it is easy

to see that any natural phenomenon like a hurricane or heat wave could easily wipe out one whole year of nestlings.

Minor things in the life of one or two or a few pelicans are on the man made list. For instance, a few days old baby pelican was found at the entrance to the Sanibel causeway. It was almost dead. The bird was almost adult size but without fully developed wing and tail feathers. Its body still was covered with down, pure white and soft. The bird had evidently been taken from a rookery, and after the fun of seeing the bird wore off, the invaders abandoned the youngster to fend for itself. When the young bird was taken from home grounds and its parents to watch after it, starvation was the ultimate end.

This baby, so weak it could not hold up its head until some mullet was stuffed down the gullet, was a lucky one. After a pound and a half of fish it revived somewhat. Now the bird is on the way to total recovery. When it is old enough to fly, it will be turned loose to go on its own.

The pelican is now being cared for by Shirley Walter of Sanibel who is licensed by the State of Florida and U.S. Government.

While at a rookery on Sunday, July 18, several eggs were noticed which had been broken in the nest. One hundred birds were banded by Charles LeBuff and helpers. The operation went smoothly. There are still some 150 babies to band when they get a little older.

A broken arrow with the feathers still intact was found on the ground. It is not a pleasant thought to think that someone would shoot pelicans, but the evidence is certainly suggestive.

Another way man comes into the life cycle of this ancient bird is through fishermen who permit a pelican to dive into the water after a lure or bait on the end of a fishing pole. This is not necessary. Any fisherman who is alert to catching a fish can easily pull the lure away from a diving bird.

The bird has become great sport with some who even let it fly into the air only to be jerked to the ground or water. They become tangled with the monofilament line and are horribly snarled with the fishing equipment.

I took a picture on a rookery of the remnants of a pelican which had become tangled with monofilament line. The leg bone of the bird was still fastened to the branch with a fishing lure alongside. The rest of the bird was on the ground below. These sights are heart touching and so unnecessary. Please pass the word along to at least two people. Tell them about nature. Ask them to walk outside and look around. Listen for the sound of nature. Tell them to see as well as look. It may take a little education but you can do it. Tell them about the birds and the bees.

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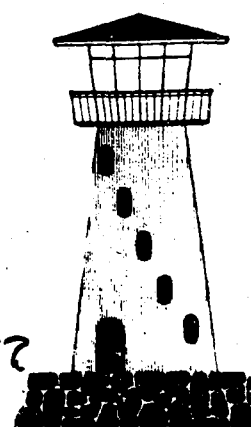
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TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

by russell kay

One of the secrets in your old age is to keep interested and occupied. I retired a few years ago, except for writing this column once a week for the Florida News Service.

For years I had been paying a professional gardener from \$5 to \$8 a week to mow the lawn, tend the flowers and trim the shrubbery. With time on my hands I decided to do my own gardening and I can recommend it if you fear boredom on retirement.

Since Mama loves roses I decided to develop a rose garden. The bugs, fungus and other underworld characters laughed their heads off. They knew that nobody below the rank of a four star general could grow roses successfully and believe me brother they were right.

A rose bush I have learned is more demanding than a selfish woman and they can drive you to distraction if you take them seriously. I invested about \$50 in Nelson's Florida stock. They were beautiful bushes in full bloom but when I transplanted them they became just bushes. They developed black spots, die back, shrivel and what have you and the more I sprayed, fertilized and cultivated the worse they got.

I wrote the State Department of Agriculture and read just about every book in the library on the subject of rose culture. All I learned that they required a lot of attention and were hard to grow.

But I was persistent, I was determined that no lousy rose could set me back on my ear. I fertilized, cultivated, sprayed and prayed and finally my roses let themselves go and began to bloom like mad.

Last week I was able to present Mama with a fresh new rose every half hour from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., and I still have a half dozen more in bloom ready to pluck.

My experience has taught me a lot about human nature as well as old Mama Nature herself. If you want to succeed you gotta keep trying and if you work long enough and hard enough you will be rewarded beyond your fondest expectations.

Along with the roses I went in for annuals, snapdragons, merigolds, zinnias, petunias and all the rest. Some I grew from seed, others from plants but they all did their stuff when I assured them they were respected and loved and would be well cared for.

I made the bugs miserable for I sprayed like mad and cultivated like crazy and watered until my bill darn near broke me but boy have I got flowers. You really ought to see them and I can tell you I go to bed with a smile on my face because I know that in the morning I can look out of my bedroom window and see a grand and glorious burst of color within my view. But you have got to know and understand them, love them and care for them and if you do they will respond and give you more than you ever expected.

There is a lot to be learned from a garden and it is unfortunate so few of us have sought its secrets.



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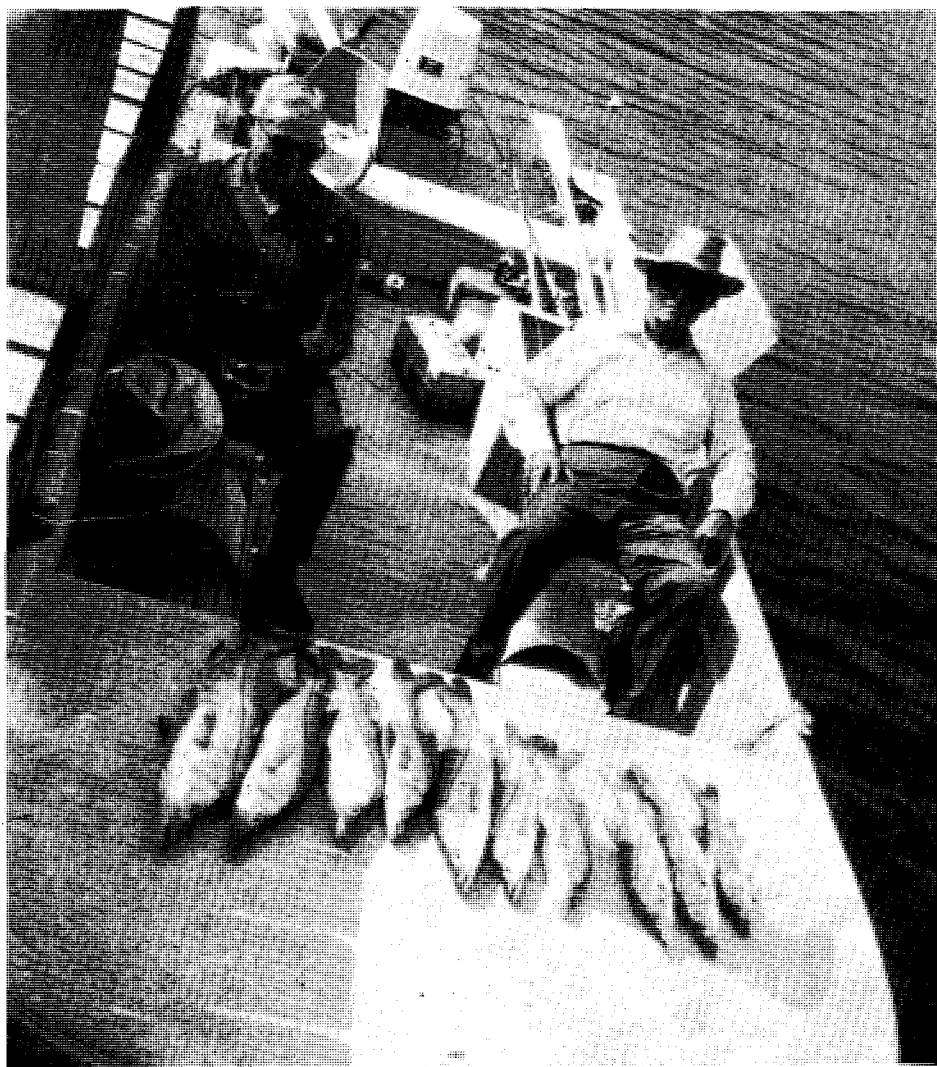


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Frank and Dr. Zelma Herndon of Captains Walk, Sanibel and Sevierville, Tenn., fishing with Bob Sabatino, guide.

BEACHVIEW COTTAGES

Mrs. Cletess Brungard and son, Stephen, and mother have returned to the islands for a prolonged visit at Beachview, and old and new friends are happy to see them again. Mr. and Mrs. P.J. Kempsey of Fresno, California are here on a shelling expedition.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carr have returned to Sanibel from a vacation in Minnesota, Canada, New Hampshire and Maine and report the weather very cool. "It's good to be home," they said.



SHELL HARBOR INN

Guests have been finding sea-horses and nice collectable shells on the the beach at Shell Harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory J. Graham of Broadview Heights, Ohio, have been enjoying shelling and Mr. and Mrs. W. Callison of East Point, Ga., will return with a nice tan to show off. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lotz of Louisville, Ky., are here for a relaxing visit to the islands and the Tom Breens have returned from Chicago for some tan and fond memories. The H. Plymires of Akron, Ohio, are here for relaxation as are the J. Buxbaums of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Schleuter of Joliet, Ill., have come down to rest, too.

Mrs. M. McMeekin of Fort Lauderdale came over for a change of pace, and the H. C. Snowbergers of Waynesboro, Pa., are here to soak up some sun. Mr. and Mrs. N. Schnarr of St. Louis, Mo., brought their beautiful new sailboat and are enjoying their sailing debut.

Friends who travelled together to enjoy the islands are the O. Hatfields and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jones of West Palm Beach. The John Rasp family of East Alton, Ill., are enjoying the beach and pool. Mr. and Mrs. C. Garcia from Euclid, Ohio, are guests new to the islands. Dr. and Mrs. Felix Lo-Cicero of Tampa came down for a rest as did the Edward Grays of Miami.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Erickson of Webster Grove, Mo., are here for a short visit and the Daniel Whites of Columbus, Ind., are getting a tan and shelling. Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Appel of Peoria, Ill., and the Mike Cassale family of Pittsburgh will be returning soon after their pleasant visit. The Mike Pasantino family of Oakland, Ill., and the Tome Spights of Leland, Miss., are here for some summer relaxation and fun.

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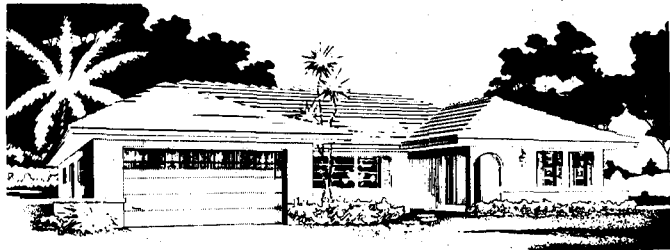
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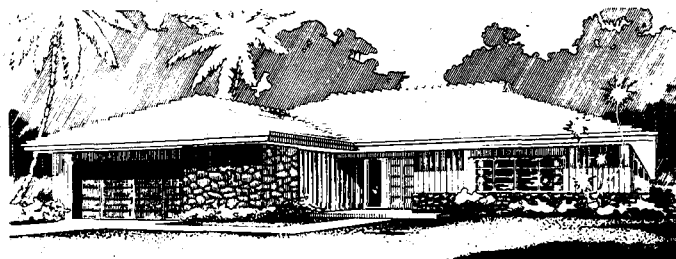
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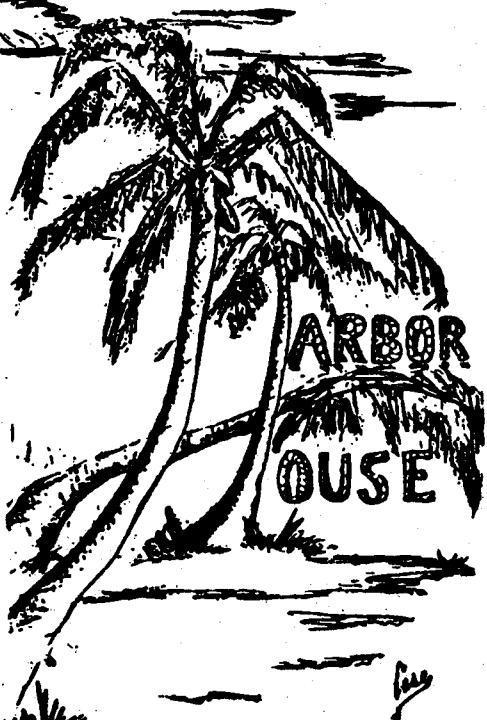
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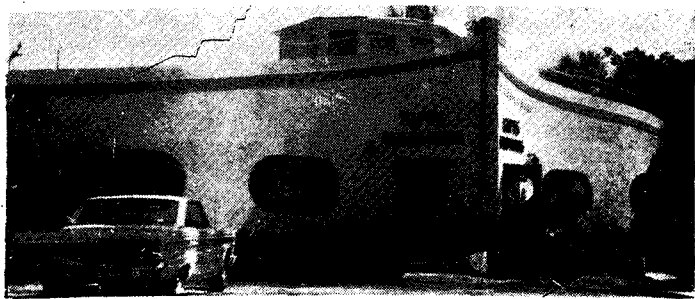
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NEWS FROM THE ISLAND BEACH CLUB BY bruce bryant

It has been eleven days since the red tide left the shores of the Island Beach Club (Casa Ybel Resort). The last of the tide and dead fish we experienced was July 11. Of course, we have been saying prayers daily that it would not return. We do feel very sorry for the folks on the bay, as we understand they really got the aftermath of the red tide; the Gulf side is clear. (Ed, note: at presstime --- Tuesday--- reports were in that the red tide had cleared completely with no new fish kills, praise be!)

Any of you fine people visiting the Islands for the first time, or you folks who live here --- be sure to visit Letizias' Restaurant. If you fail to visit them, in our opinion, you will miss one of the finest Italian gourmet meals in the world. I have eaten there so many times, each time with great delight; believe me, you leave with the taste of old Italy in your mouth, and a feeling that you have been made welcome in an old fashioned way. Something a lot of places could use, both on and off the islands.

A letter from an old friend, and former owner of the resort, Howard Dayton, brought interesting news. Howard is in Mexico, working with the executive corps, helping to build new resorts in three different cities in that country. He asks to be remembered to all of his old and valued friends on the Islands. We who know him so well miss his smile and goodnatured charm, but we also wish him a lot of luck in his new adventure.

It is nice to be visited by the Walter Condons, who are spending the summer here. The children, Kelly, Kevin, Kathleen and the baby love the water. Kathleen tells me she can float (what a feat!) but we're sure she will be doing a lot more before summer ends.

Walter Bielowos, Island Beach Club's night auditor, is doing a great job of fogging

the island, but we do wish they would use something that killed the mosquitoes. The ones at the IBC are getting fatter by the minute. But really, the control is fine --- a job well done, Walter, and we know that every Islander agrees. In passing, we must say that Walter and Pat and the children, Wally and Lisa, are great animal lovers. They now have a bird, a cat, a puppy and two ducks --- but that is only the last count. By now they might be a pet alligator or two.

Welcome back for the seventh year, Arthur Kaye and lovely wife of St. Petersburg. They have a beautiful poodle. It is always a joy to see them. Both, by the way, are just a shade over four feet tall. They spent many years in show business in Europe where he was a singer and she did a high wire trapeze act. We love to see them come here, and Mr. Kaye tells us that he is thinking of retiring to the island. We hope so.

Everyone seems to be saving their vacation for August --- at least that is the way it looks here. So even though July was terrible (red tide, of course), we're sure August and early September will more than make up. So we are getting our best smile ready, and exercising our right hand so we can greet all the old friends who arrive, as well as the new friends coming for the first time. Also to all of the people visiting the Islands, wherever they are staying. And, for guests of IBC and guests anywhere on the Islands --- a hearty welcome!

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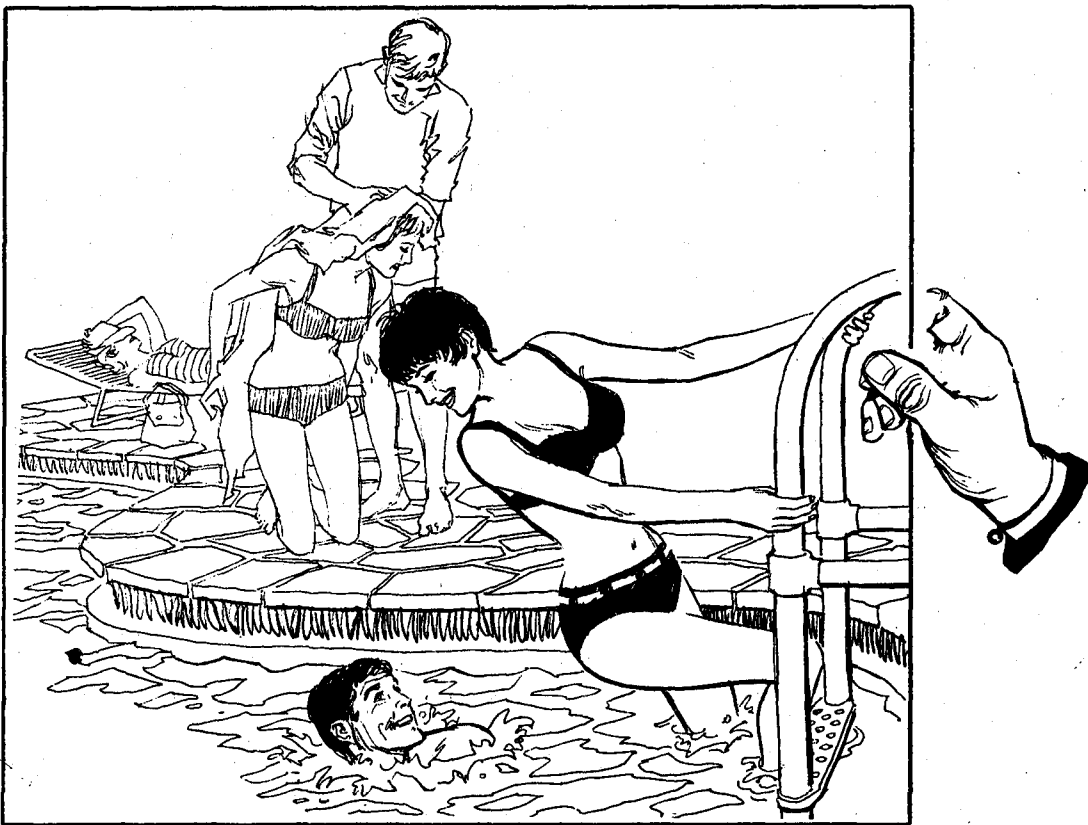
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