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## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The business agenda of the general monthly meeting of the Sanibel Community Association on Tuesday, Sept. 7, at the Community House was brief and overshadowed by the large attendance of concerned parents, young people and association members at the "Drug Problem on Sanibel" program following the regular business meeting.

Presented by John Shepherd's entertainment committee, the evenings program began with President Holtz introducing Sgt. Harry M. Morse of the Criminal Investigation Unit of the Lee County Sheriff's Dept. In his brief remarks of introduction President Holtz spoke of the wide background and experience of Sgt. Morse in the criminal drug field, both in the New York City Police Dept. and since 1968 with the Lee County Sheriff's Dept.

Sgt. Morse presented a film depicting methods and attitudes of the drug and alcohol user and the potential results in young and old alike. The film vividly portrayed how the drug and alcohol user attempts to rationalize their habit when apprehended. The main thrust of the film was the tragic aftermath which can befall the hard drug user and the habitual drinker.

In a hard hitting talk after the film, Sgt. Morse ranged far afield in covering the modern day drug scene, exhibiting the various samples of drugs, and citing cases of drug use in which some such cases came close to home on the island. In the question and answer period which followed his talk, there were sharp and frequently heated exchanges between Sgt. Morse and the concerned gathering as to the function of parents, the community, the Community Association, the police, and the young people in dealing with the drug problem on Sanibel; indicating the very complexity and sensitivity of the problem. Sgt. Morse indicated that his position must necessarily stem from his role

as a law enforcement officer upholding and enforcing those laws so enacted by state and local governments. Though he is concerned and interested in drug prevention and education of the young as to the perils of hard drug use, and so indicated his deep concern by the hundreds of appearances he has made in the state and area speaking of the drug problem, his chief role was law enforcement and particularly the cutting off of the drug supply through the apprehension of the "drug peddler" and "drug pusher."

Spokesman for the young at the meeting indicated a concern of the inability of the island young people to find suitable facilities on the island for recreation where they might "rap" together, hold a dance or other peer activities. They asked the Community Association for assistance in their problem. Association board member, John Shepherd, asked that a delegation of young people attend the next association board of directors meeting on Sept. 21 in the Community House to air their grievances and assured them that any reasonable request for use of the Community House would be considered by the board.

President Holtz then introduced the second guest speaker of the evening, Dr. Mordecai Haber, prominent island physician. Dr. Haber gave a brief history of the origin and nature of the many common types of drugs through the ages and how the drug scene evolved to its present day vast proportions and became a national problem. "Drugs," said Dr. Haber, "are a vital and important tool in medicine today but only in the expert hand of the physician and at his direction." In frank and layman terms he discussed the effects of the various drugs on mind and body and the pertinent and recognizable symptoms of the drug user. He most emphatically stated that drugs per se were and are not all "the problem" in today's society. "More importantly," said Dr. Haber, "are the many and complex underlying emotional problems of certain individuals under the stresses and strains of a complex world." He went on to say that feelings of inadequacy, peer competition, insecurity, rejection of certain accepted values or fear of rejection are all emotional inadequacies that frequently cause the emotionally disturbed individual to "cop out" of a world he perceives as dehumanized. In such individuals, and particularly today's young, drugs become the euphoria, the escape, the crutch to so compensate for their inability to adequately deal with the hard realities of every day living.

The highlight of Dr. Haber's talk came when he spoke of the possible ultimate end of the hard drug user. Some have become hopelessly insane --- mere breathing vegetables with little hope of eventual recovery. Many such severe cases do not respond to any of today's conventional medical treatment. The suicide rate among hard drug users is alarmingly high. As to the long range affects of hard drugs on the user Dr. Haber pointed out that research and statistical evidence is not yet sufficient to make a prognosis. He did state that there is some medical evidence that chromosome damage or changes, which control heredity factors in the unborn, can imperil future generations of the user. This sobering thought was a fitting way to conclude his most informative and enlightening talk on "The Drug Problem on Sanibel."

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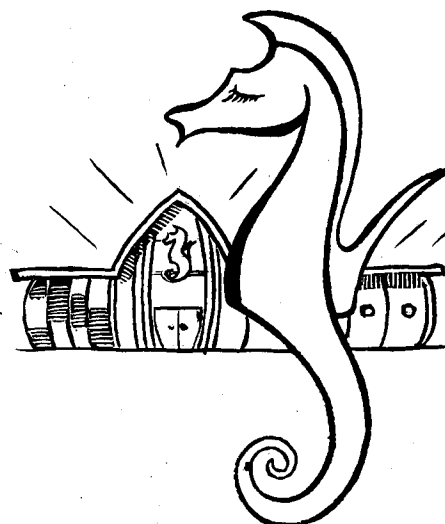
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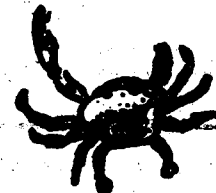
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Just coincidentally, this was Florida Canine Convention week at the Segunda, with all participants having a real wow of a time.

The first delegate to arrive, representing Winter Haven, was Pepe, a white miniature poodle, accompanied by owners, Mr. & Mrs. Charles D. Miller, Jock, a Thurberesque wirehaired terrier from Miami Shores, was escorted by Mr. & Mrs. Richard C. Kinney, joined by their two daughters. The principal delegation, hailing from Hollywood, included Angel, a large brown poodle, and Perky, an affectionate spaniel type. The latter were accompanied by Miss Doris Neyendorf, her mother, and friend Miss Nancy Taylor.

Among business transacted during this pace-setting convention, whenever the delegates weren't frisking in the surf, was a resolution stating (in part): "We hereby award to Sanibel Island our coveted canine designation as Pups Paradise." The resolution, the highest honor bestowed by this body, was passed unanimously, though not by voice vote.

Little seen during these festivities was Madame Jellybean, the coquettish Himalayan pussycat owned by summer guests, Mr. & Mrs. James Spence of Delaware. Sought out for comment on the proceedings, however, Mde. Jellybean reportedly stated, "This place has really gone to the dogs this week!"

Other poochless guests of the week included Mr. & Mrs. Ted Moss of Hallandale, with Mrs. Moss' sister, Mrs. Rita Clifton; Dr. & Mrs. David Anthony of Gainesville, with son John, who have been boating, bicycling, shelling and fishing, and Mr. & Mrs. F. G. Karrenberg of Coral Gables.

### SHELL HARBOR INN

Mr. & Mrs. Don Button of Charlotte, N.C., are enjoying the fishing at the Inn this week. From Ogden, Ill. are the Mark Martins who are enjoying a late summer vacation at the Inn. Mrs. Edward Kowalski of Cleveland, Ohio, is here for some rest from the big city. The Dennis Jax-theiners of Miami drove over for some quiet relaxation and rest on this coast as a change from the busy bustle of the east coast.

of Maitland, Fla., and Mr. & Mrs. A. Hopkins of Elk Grove Village, Ill. Two families who traveled together to enjoy the islands are Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Clark and the R. L. McKissacks of Brentwood, Texas, who are enjoying the water. The David Rodwells came down to enjoy the rustic beauty of our lovely Hilton Head Island, S.C. And those here for R&R from the busy pace of city life are the Robert Stuarts of Newark, Ohio, and Mr. & Mrs. Irwin H. Gootenburg of Hollywood, Fla.,

### SURVEY GIVES INFORMATION

The Island's Chamber of Commerce thanks all those who have answered the Bridge Traffic Survey. Replies have come from a very large majority of those who offer rooms for rent and they have brought to light a few facts.

There are on Sanibel and Captiva a total of 800 tourist rooms and 200 trailer parkings.

Approximately one third of all the tourists coming to the Islands stop at the Chamber of Commerce on their arrival for information.

Approximately half of the tourists coming here plan to spend only the day on the Islands and to return to the mainland in the evening. This represents, during the summer months, about 600 persons and hundreds of pounds of paper, trash and beer cans a day.

### DEVELOPER LEAVES TREES

For the information of nature lovers here on Sanibel there is a tract of land being developed in such a manner that it leaves Sanibel in its natural environment, not a tree, shrub or bush has been removed from any of the lots except for the road right of ways. A number of the lots have beautiful trees such as one with black mangrove which has been preserved by the owner of the property so that when the subdivision is laid out this beautiful tree, which is approximately 50 feet in circumference will not have to be destroyed.

Most of the property is on a high ridge with lovely palmetto, cabbage palms and as many as 20 Gumbo Limbo trees on some lots. When the owner of the subdivision employed a heavy machine operator to do the work he walked before the machine so that no tree of value would be lost, and where necessary transplanted them to another area. The younger children of the family were employed in rescuing air plants, orchids and other tree plants which were removed to trees in higher areas so that they might continue to grow. Also a number of friends were called in to take rescue plants and place in their own gardens. We think you should know the name of this very fine family who have moved to Sanibel Island. It is Mr. & Mrs. Bill Bunting and their two children, Billy and Barbara. He thinks so much of the area that he is calling it Gumbo Limbo. The lots are very large and Bill is hoping that there will be enough room for the purchasers of lots to build their homes without destroying trees.

## WHO'S WHO AND WHY

### WRITER AT SONG OF SEA

Ann Hearl has recently written for the Islands' Chamber of Commerce an article on Sanibel that is being considered for publication by one of our leading magazines.

For ten years Ann has been vacationing on Sanibel, and she has seen the bridge built, constructions spring up and vegetation being bulldozed, but in spite of it all, Ann Hearl keeps on coming and finds that each visit makes it more difficult for her leave; all the cares she brought with her are carried away with the first change in tide and her first good night sleep.

Virginia born, Ann Hearl attended college in Madison, majored in English and psychology and did post graduate work in marine biology at Duke and the University of Miami. She then branched off to advertising, joined the famous J. W. Thompson and later the equally well known McCann-Marshall. Ann has now worked for almost 4 years with General Development, writing on the charm of Port Charlotte and other of their developments. In between she offered herself a Grand Duke tour of Europe where she was especially fascinated by Rome and the Swiss Mountains.

Yet, Sanibel is her true love and she spent this last weekend shelling, swimming and sipping Saagria at Song of the Sea's Labor Day party. She also snapped a few pictures of Tikal, a macaw, that has just arrived from Guatemala to live at the Old World Inn.

### ISLAND INN GUESTS

Mrs. Rudi Holtzman, owner of Shell Harbor Inn, has just returned from her yearly visit to Salzburg, Austria, where she visited her sister and family for 4 weeks. Mrs. Holtzman said there was no snow this time of year in the gorgeous high Austrian Alps, but said it was cool and beautiful.

Guests at the Inn include many staying for a prolonged late summer visit and these are the T. J. Moore family of Tiffin, Ohio. Mr. & Mrs. James Golay

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She almost had a big fish, "but it got away," she said. "I think it was a shark, and after work I'm going back on the seawall near the Chamber of Commerce and try again."

Speaking of the rain, which has been with us for several days, Ella Mae says, "The rain can only come down. It can't go up, but I guess we really need it." And Mr. Hutsell says, "This eather must be remarkable, judging from all the remarks made about it."

We found many of the shop owners either preparing to leave or already gone to Miami for the weekend Gift Shop Convention, from the Sea Horse Shop right on up to South Seas on Captiva. Frances Hallinrake and Mrs. Seifert from the South Seas Plantation were planning to attend and do a little shopping. We couldn't help admiring the Jean Ahrons' originals in the shop. She had done some fascinating paintings on driftwood of pelicans, an octopus and a junonia shell. Her works are so varied, there is no monotony. A lovely lighthouse picture in pastels is a delight, and then she has some realistic fish on rice paper plus some attractive colored woodcuts on note paper.

Driving by the airport the other morning, a black and white bird, a stranger to these parts, was seen soaring along with the planes. It was an Everglades Kite, with its split tail distinctive marking. He must have strayed from the Everglades. And speaking of birds, of which family the common chicken is a member, the Cases of Harbor House are having a little private squabble with a magnificent little rooster who has staked out a claim in their parking area. He is a many colored and plumed bird, and has given many a driver a fright by strolling out into the path of autos. We hope someone will pen this beautiful bird before he becomes a chicken dinner.

More birds, the pictures of Sally Middleton, are on display at Fur, Feathers and Scales, with some beautiful bird prints, but the one strikingly beautiful at the moment is a woodland scene featuring chipmunks. These pictures are limited edition prints, and they are sure to become collector's items, besides being a thing of beauty and a joy to own. In the gift department, Fur Feathers & Scales has some miniature green and white pennants saying, "Better through Ecology" and some lovely key rings with a conservation theme.

And you must look in Thetan Crafts to see what they are doing in one of the oldest of arts, the making of pottery. Marcus Heimann has come down from Connecticut to ply his trade of free form pottery and also wheel throwing. We caught him in the act of forming some pottery hanging planters, which turn a brick color after firing in the kiln. The planters seem especially suited to planting, as the porous quality allows the

roots to breathe, and they are kept cool by the moisture. And if anyone knows the name of the royal blue flower blooming by the entrance to Thetan, the Comptons would be grateful for the information.

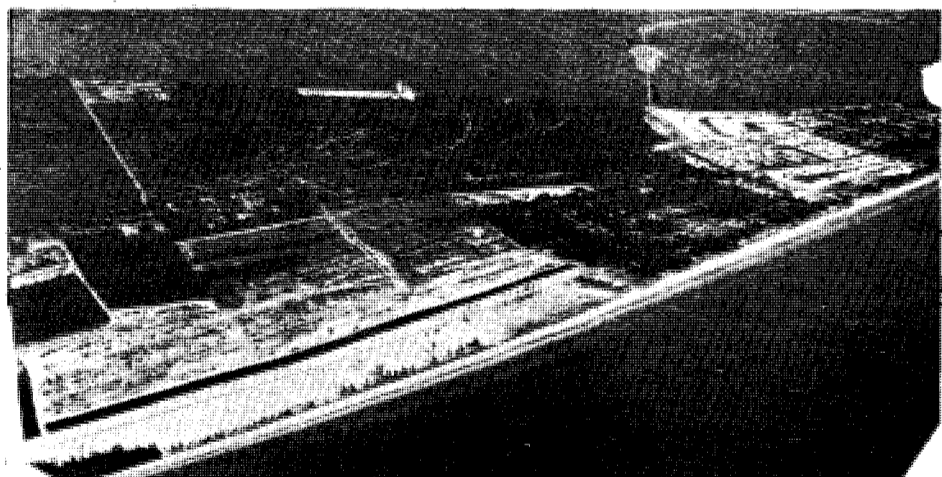
We just forgot all about diets and other such boring subjects, and went overboard at the Island Bakery. The thing that caused us to cast caution to the winds was a delightful little confection of the day called a lemon pectin. If you happen to be there the day they bake them, don't plan to just taste one, because it can't be done. You may end up eating three or four. And Jack Van Bell has a real large lemon pectin on display. He once had a mate for it, but someone made off with it, and he valued it very highly, as it was a gift from the Bixbys, now deceased, of Captiva. They were the ones who financed Lindbergh's famous flight in 1924. Jack is also secretary of Serenity House in Fort Myers, and he says the House is over \$7,000 to the good in their drive for funds, but still far from their \$15,000 goal, but they still hope to reach that in the coming months. The Bakery also has some cute little ceramics for gifting.

This Island Bake Shop closed on Saturday afternoon, not to reopen, alas, until November as so many of the shops are doing. Jack will be taking a well-earned vacation up to North Carolina near Brevard in Sherwood Forest. But he will leave faithful dog Nicky here. Nicky is just too old for all that rambling, and Doris, Helen and Linda Ploesser will take care of Nicky while Jack is gone. Then they will take their vacation and drive to St. Louis, Mo., their old home town.



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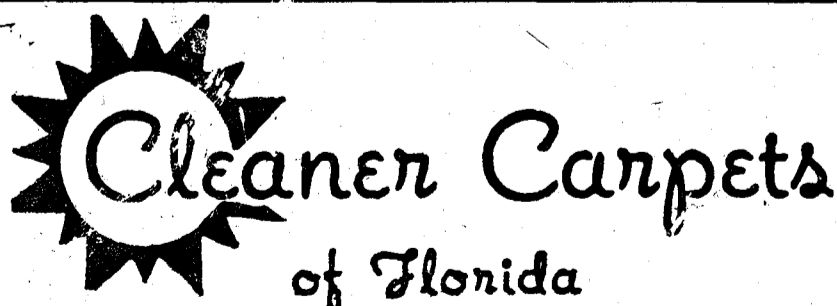
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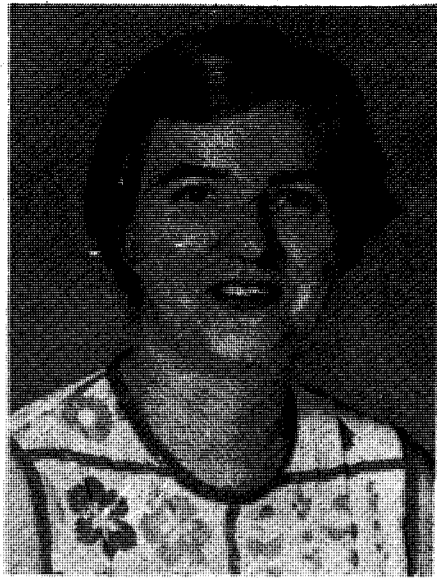
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Mrs. Schaich teaches the first grade also, and we are lucky to have her. We are also fortunate to have a kindergarten on the Island as it is not usual to have one in a public school.

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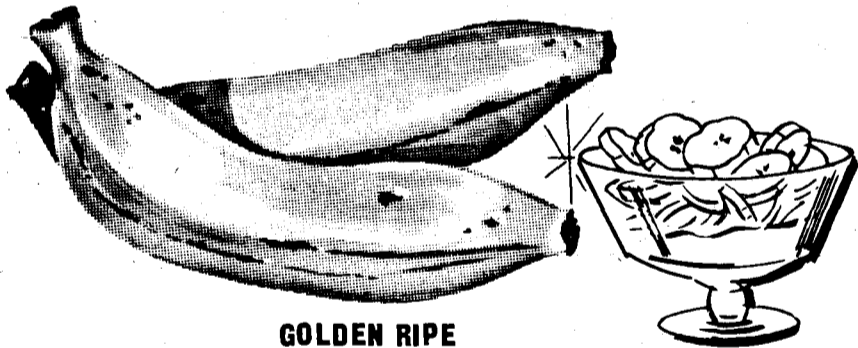
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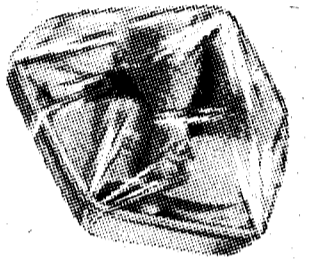


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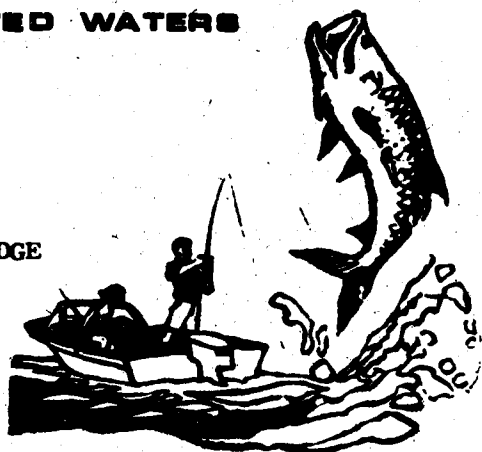
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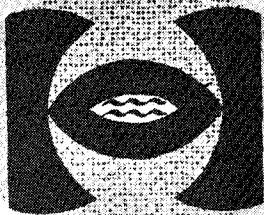
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### REFERENDUM NEEDED FOR SCHOOL AIR CONDITIONING!

Lee County School Superintendent Ray Williams answered a petition by Sanibel administration members for air conditioning stating that a public referendum would have to be borne by the public, if they voted to do so in a referendum. But Sanibel has several hundred dollars, collected and contributed not only by the school children and parents who held a rummage sale last year to obtain money for this purpose, but also some money contributed by other organizations, such as the American Legion. This money is held in an escrow account by the PTA group, but it has not been used because there is not enough money in the account to take care of air conditioning the entire school, that is all of the rooms. The school needs air conditioning badly to combat the "no-see-ums" that can come through the fine mesh of wire screening in the windows. When a room is closed off for privacy, such as the

office, or when visual aids such as movies are used, the atmosphere is stifling. We visited the school frequently this summer when the summer program was in progress, and the mosquitoes, no-see-ums and other pests made teaching and learning most difficult. Fans and other systems are not adequate to cope with the special problem Sanibel School has.

We hope that the school will be able to either obtain enough money to do the job itself, or that the referendum can be of the school, as we believe Sanibel has unusual difficulties not common to other schools in the county.

### ROSH-HASHANA

Rosh-Hashanah will begin at sundown on Sunday, Sept. 19, and end sundown on Sept. 21. Services at Temple Beth-El in Cape Coral will be held on Sept. 19 at 8 p.m.; sermon: "Personal Involvement"; Sept. 20, 10 a.m.; sermon: "Investments" and Sept. 21 at 10 a.m., sermon: "A Silent Prayer into a Song."

Rabbi Simon Friedeman will be assisted by Cantor Sheldon Kodner who will sing the liturgy. Mrs. Veronica Awis will be the soloist and direct the choir and Mrs. Everett Bunck will be the organist. Rosh-Hashanah opens the ten day period of the "Days of Awe" which concludes with Yom Kippur, the "Day of Forgiveness."

The origins of the Jewish New Year and Day of Atonement are obscure. Casual mention may be found in the Bible by the careful researcher. These high holidays are a later development in Judaism, characteristic of a religion having emerged from its agricultural origins. They are not connected with any historical event in the life of the Jewish people. In a very basic sense, they are the most personal of the Jewish holy days. The message is to each person as an individual, requiring him to search his inner being, his life-style, his values, his relationship with others. The noble ethical values of Judaism are held up as a yardstick through worship in the synagogue but the responsibility remains with the individual.

### YOM KIPPUR

Yom Kippur or Day of Forgiveness concludes the ten day period known as the Days of Awe which start with the Jewish New Year. Yom Kippur will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at sunset and end on Sept. 30 after sunset. Services at Temple Beth-El in Cape Coral will be conducted on Sept. 29 at 7:00 p.m. and on Sept. 30 at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Yom Kippur is the highest festival in the Jewish calendar, a day of fasting and soul-searching. Yet, it is not a day of mourning, but rather one of seriousness. God is "stretching out his arm" to accept and to forgive those who return to Him in true repentance.

The goal of the day is to achieve forgiveness of sins through prayer, repentance and deeds of righteousness.

### IT'S RAINING. . . .

The next paragraph is a direct quote from the September bulletin issued by the Oil Fuel Institute of Florida.

Cooler than normal weather will cover most of the country --- except for warmer than normal weather in California --- the lower half of Texas --- the northeast and the southern half of Florida. Florida will be mostly dry --- lowering the possibility of hurricane activity along the Atlantic.

Now that you're finishing laughing, we'd like to assure our northern readers that while we've never had five hurricanes and two tropical depressions all in existence at one time before, none of them, at least as of Monday morning, posed any threat to our islands.

And, while Florida is ANYTHING BUT dry (it's been raining every day since Sept. 1, and most of those days, ALL day) we do need the water, as the spring and summer drought had lowered South Florida's water level to the danger point ecologically and peoplogically.

### SHELL INFO NEEDED:

A number of reports have been received about the damage done our mollusks by the red tide --- unfortunately, most of them rather sad. Will give a further report later but we still need more data from Turner's Park, Bowman's Beach and the south side of Sanibel from Tradewinds down around the Lighthouse Point. We hope some of you may have seen changes since the red tide departed.

Meantime, good Islanders, please ask your guests (and yourselves) not to take any live shells should they find them. We know that literally thousands have become diseased and died from the tide and every live shell that is left to breed may help in bringing back the many we used to have. Many thanks for every little bit of help.

/s/ Maude W. Meyer, Conservation Chairman  
Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club.

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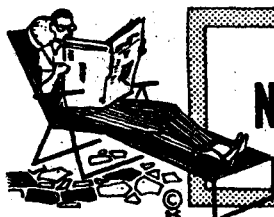
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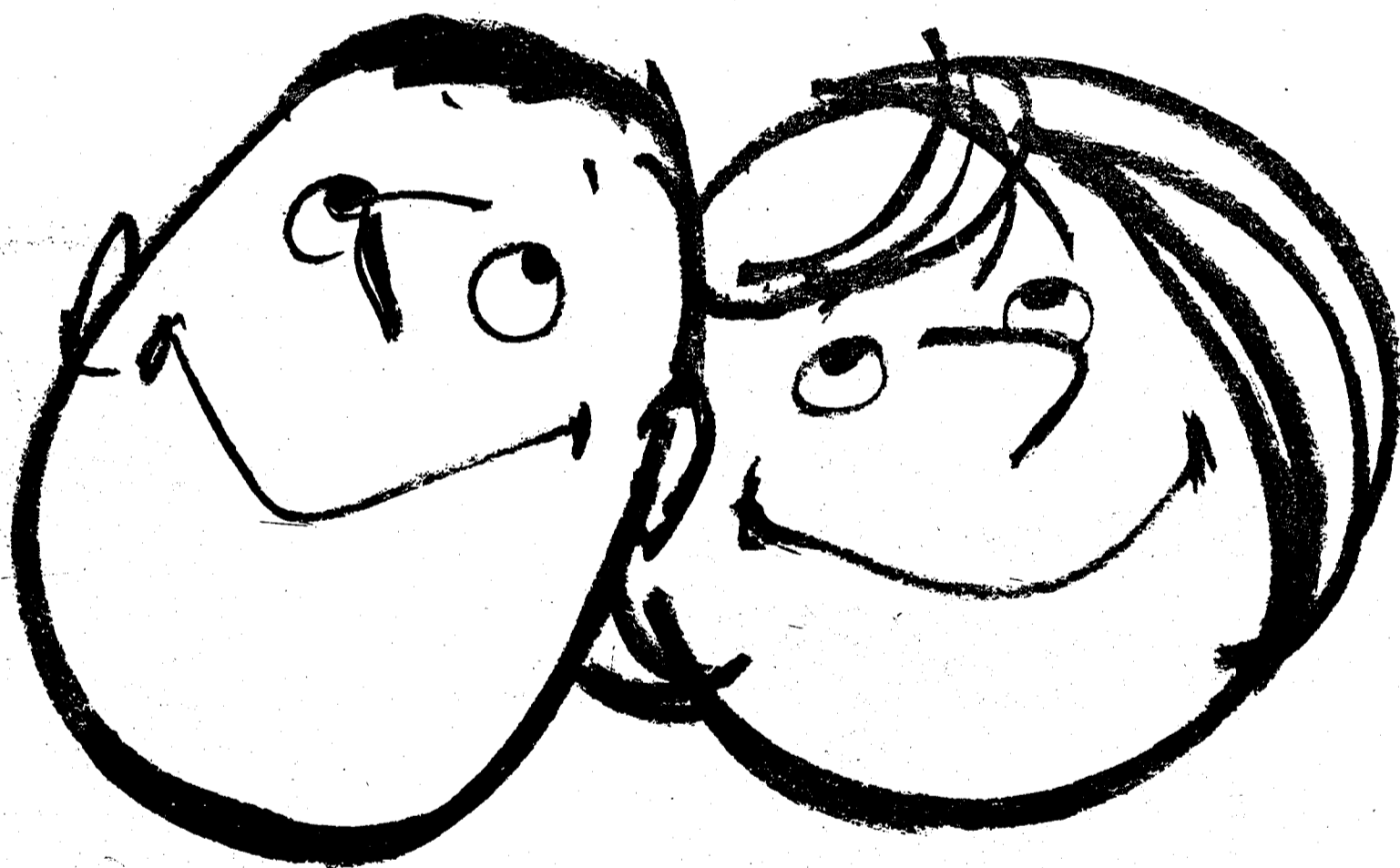
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**TO THE ISLANDER:**  
I add my plea to that of the Combs in their letter of September 2. Must a road be built through their lovely preserve? Every year we go to Sanibel for a few weeks in the winter, and every year we find a little more of its peace and beauty chipped away. Sanibel is worth preserving. It is the only island left on the west coast that has any of its original purity. If but one fight could be won --- if this projected road could be prevented it would give heart to all the others who want to keep Sanibel as it is. Please go to the final hearing on Oct. 5 and oppose the planned access through Woodmere. Your property may be next on the list to be desecrated.

/s/ Katharine Scherman Rosin

**TO THE ISLANDER:**  
The following is a copy of a letter sent to the Islander for publication:  
Mr. Don Bottorff  
Fort Myers Lee County Chamber of Commerce  
Fort Myers, Fla.

Dear Don Bottorff:  
I like your new idea of advertising, "Put an Island in Your Life." Gasparilla, Pine, Captiva, Estero and Big Hickory --- they all sound fine. But when did we get "Sanibel" out of Santa Isabella? When Jose Gaspar sailed into what is now San Carlos Bay, he saw a crescent shaped island with beaches blanketed in multicolored shells, and he was so struck with the natural beauty of the Island, he called it Santa Isabella after the beautiful Queen of Spain. Who corrupted this lovely title into Sanibel?  
All over the world, when you tell where you live, one always hears "What was that name again?" and then one has to repeat "Sanibel" and spell it out because it doesn't seem to mean anything. It's a lovely name for a garbage disposal and it's a good name at Avranche, France (where there is a huge monument to General Patton) for babies' nappies. There one can buy "Sanibel diapers."

St. Isabel or Santa Isabella would look so much better on your Chamber of Commerce ads. How would one go about having the island called by its original name again, Santa Isabella?

Thank you and best wishes.  
/s/ Ruth Hunter

(Ed. note: We would imagine it was changed from "Santa Isabella" to "Sanibel" in much the same way that "Talliferrio" was changed to "Tolliver" and "Worcester" to "Wooster" --- but that in this case, the spelling was changed to fit the pronunciation.)

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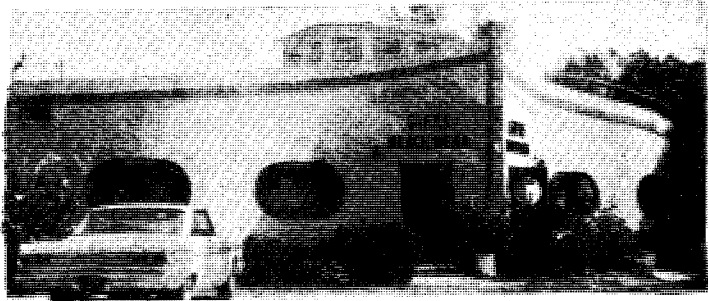
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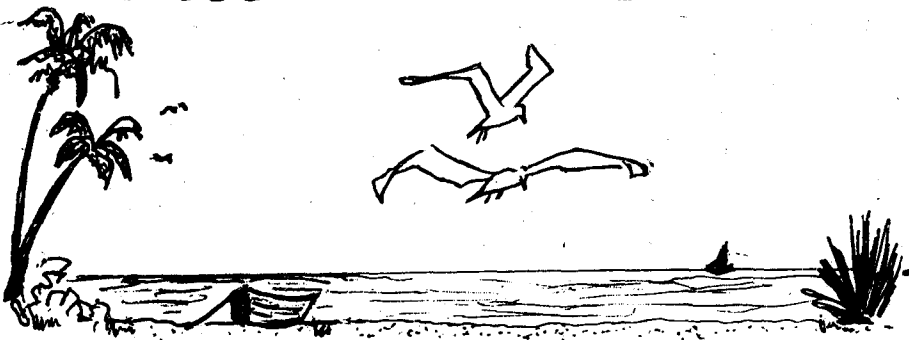


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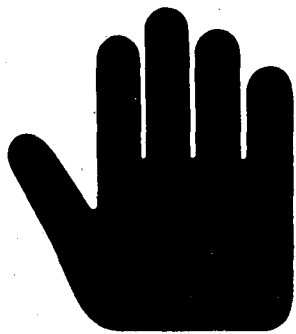
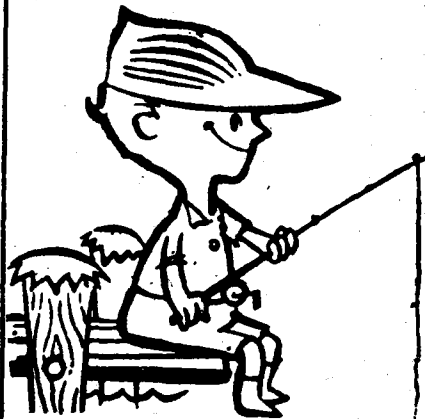
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