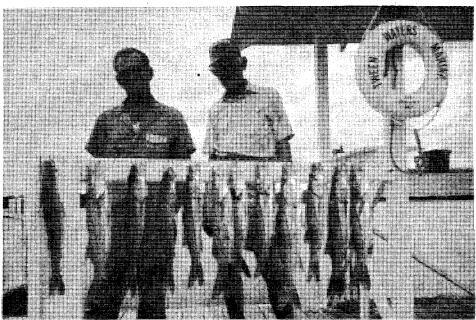
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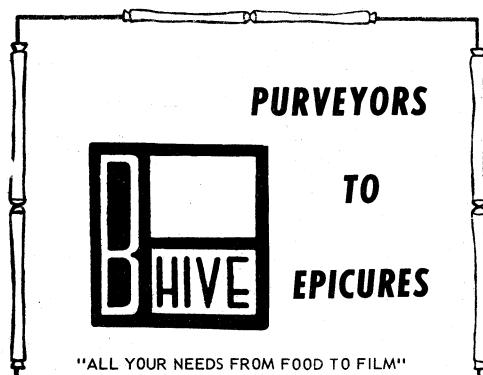
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## Give The United Way

As we go to press, subscriptions to the United Way from the Islands are coming in well, considering the fact that many of the winter residents are not back yet. And so the chairmen know that they will be a bit slower than next month.

Thursday will be the regular board meeting and Mr. Norman Chambers will be making his official and initial progress report today for Sanibel. Mrs. Max Hayford of Captiva reported on Tuesday the collection of at least \$600.00 from Captiva residents, having mailed out many of her appeals, which she generously paid the postage for. Mrs. Hayford is Captiva's mainstay in the United Way drive.

Fourteen organizations are included in the United Way, and their slogan this year is "If you don't do it, it won't get done." Many are counting on you for your help in this necessary cause, and so please mail your check to Mr. Norman Chambers of Sanibel or Mrs. Max Hayford of Captiva, marking it for the United. Way. Co-chairmen with Chambers are Robert Aycock, James Evans, John Cook and Robert Dormer, and any of these dedicated men will be most happy to pick up your check or receive it in the mail too.



## Sewer Vote

SANIBEL - CAPTIVA

ISLANDER

Sanibel and Captiva have a delayed date for their sewer district referendum, so that winter residents of the island will be present to vote on the district on the first Tuesday in February. All other county districts will vote on December 5, except Bonita Springs which has not a legal definition of its district yet, according to Lee County Administrator, Lavon Wisher.

## Heads.

A \$55,000 contract for engineering studies on Captiva Island beach renourishment was approved by the County Commission on Wednesday.

Paul Stahlen, head of the Captiva Erosion Prevention District, pledged \$30,000 for the district for the study with the county paying \$25,000. The actual renourishment program will probably cost around \$1.5 million, with most of the money in state and federal funds.

Stahlen said the purpose of the engineering study is to present the voters and property owners of Captiva with a complete description of the program, including the cost. He said the issue will probably come up for a vote by late February or early March.

The board approved the \$55,000 contract after Stahlen said most residents of the island will support the renourishment program.

## Or Tails?

Arthur Whaley, of Canal Drive, Fort Myers, is in Tallahassee today to meet with a Department of Natural Resources official to discuss his beach erosion device. He's hoping the state will let him use a 500-foot stretch of beach near Blind Pass on Sanibel Island to test the device and prove to everybody that it really works.

Whaley said he approached the County Commission with his idea two months ago but was told "they didn't have the money," for tests. "Then I asked the erosion prevention district and they said they didn't have it either. Now they appropriate \$55,000 just to study the problem.'

The device is actually a block. Made out of lightweight concrete in four to eight foot lengths, it is wedged-shaped with two rows of holes. The back part of the block is between 12 and 18 inches high while the front part, which is laid facing the water, slopes down to the beach surface.

Whaley said the blocks were covered overnight when he tested the device last weekend on a 50 foot stretch of beach at Blind Pass. Several rows of blocks can be laid at one time to save on labor costs. The shape of the blocks themselves can be changed to fit beach conditions.

Whaley, who said he is backed in his venture by several Gulf Coast businessmen, has \$5,000 for testing if the state lets him use the 500 feet of beach. "It's not going to cost the county one cent," Whaley said. "It's just that the idea is so simple nobody believes it will work. But 90% of the biggest inventions were so

simple nobody thought about them either.



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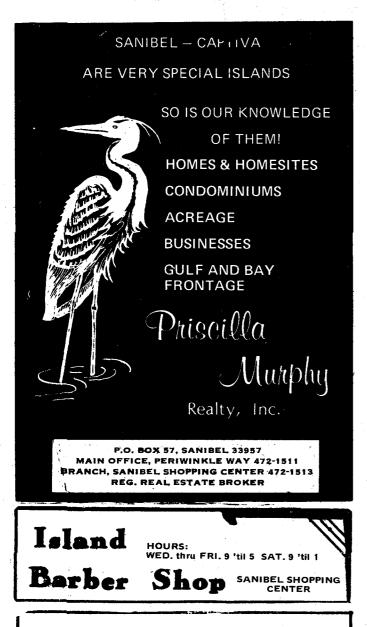
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#### NIGHT LIFE THAT REALLY PAYS

Mr. William Peed, director of the Adult Education program for the county will be on the island at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Thursday night, October 26 at 8 p.m. This meeting and his reason for coming to Sanibel are to are to assist and direct any young adults that do not have a high school diploma to see ways that they might obtain one quite easily with either an extra course now on progress on the island or by their taking the General Education Development (G.E.D.) test, if they are over 18 years of age.

It is urged that any young person or older adult interested in this program come to the meeting at St. Michael and All Angels' Church parish house. There will be refreshments provided at the meeting. Mr. Peed has agreed to spend his time in this way --- please, may the young adults spend a few moments of their time in this manner.

Thursday evening, October 26 at 8 p.m.

#### FUND FOR AILING CHILD

A special fund has been set up at the First National Bank in an effort to help Mr. & Mrs. Duane Brown pay some of the medical bills for their seven-month old daughter, Mary Antoninette.

The child is suffering from cystic fibrosis, a disease which is usually fatal. Mary has been in and out of Lee





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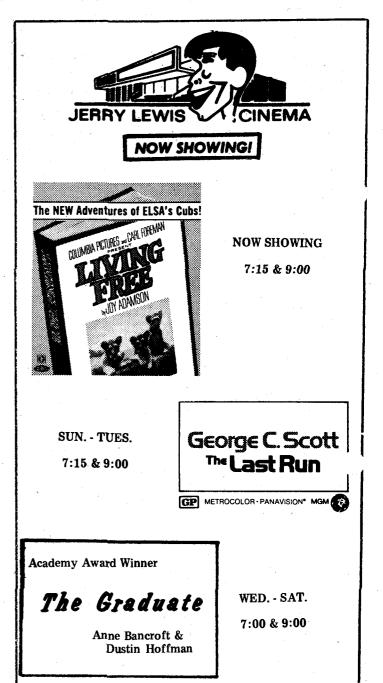
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In addition, Mary must be taken to Chiudren's Hospital in Miami once each month for treatment. Mary is the only child of the Browns who live at 941 Orange Blossom Lane.

The fund has been set up by Zeta Lambda Epsilon Sigma Alpha, a women's educational service club. Donations may be sent to Mrs. Betty Belcher, 2948 Calvin Blvd. or Mrs. Lois Minnicks, 6 Chula Court, both in Fort Myers. Checks should be made out to the service club and an indication should be made on them that they are for Mary Brown.

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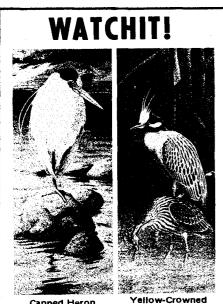
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Mr. & Mrs. WILLIAM SUCH, Jr. are back at their lovely Sanderlings home on E. Gulf Drive after summering in New Jersey and Michigan.

The FRED BUNNELS are back from several months mountain hopping from the Great Smokies in Tennessee to Hot Springs, Arkansas and a delightful trip in the Rockies. "We came back so clean from the baths, we are going to do it again next year," said Kathy.

**RUTH and NICK NICKERSON of** the Island Beach Club have as guests Nick's brother, CHUCK and wife, EVIE, from Hemet, Calif. Chuck retired this spring so they are on extended tour of the U.S. They expect to be back in California by Thanksgiving; hope they'll return to the Island and make it their permanent home.

**PEGGY MALONEY** and RUDOLPH DIAMOND spent last weekend visiting BILL and RENA **REISINGER** in Sarasota and had a gav old time. When they came home they learned their dog Marko is recovering from heart worms, which is not fatal to dogs if caught in time and treated, and so Marko is getting along nicely.

Many winter residents are returning back to the islands, and we are happy to welcome BETTY and VALERIE CUTLER back from Maine.

The LEES of The House of Treasures returned from a delayed and shortened vacation to Clendenning, W. Va., but happy to report that their son's health is much improved.

Back from a delightful-vacation spent in Majorca, Spain, are MARTY HOLTZ and wife, MARY and daughter, SUSAN. They enjoyed a lovely three weeks on the beautiful Balearic Isles, but all agree there's no place quite like our own islands.

Enjoying the lovely shops and restaurants on Sanibel and Captiva are honeymooners, Mr. & Mrs. PAUL FERGUSON of Boston, Mass. Mrs. Ferguson is the former Karen Heffron of Syracuse, N.Y., and niece of BOB HEFFRON, manager of West Wind Inn, where the honeymooners are staying. While dining at Scotti's restaurant, Paul was informed that the Fergusons were well known cattle thieves in Scotland! We think Scotti is pulling their leg, buy anyhow, they are anxious to return to beautiful Sanibel.

Back from the manufacturers show

WHO'S WHO AND WHY

Another vacationer who has been missed is FRANCES ROBERTS, who traveled back home to Ohio with her husband, and that was as far as he would go, and Frances was joined by her friend from Fort Myers, HELEN HEID. Helen and Fran went on to an extended tour of Spain and Portugal and thoroughly enjoyed the old world atmosphere of both countries, and the climate was ideal, but then again, both are happy to be back home.

Taking a week's vacation, assistant manager of West Wind Inn, BOB HEFFRON is home, and ably assisted by his wife BARBARA, are both enjoying and admiring new arrival ANN MARIE, born Sept. 26 and weighing in at 9 lbs. 2 oz. The rest of the Heffrons, DAN, MIKE, HEIDI and MARY are all thrilled over their new sister, too. Older brother, Pvt. GENE HEFFRON, stationed at Fort Dix, N.J., is not only anxious to see his new sister, but after spending a week in September on Sanibel, he is looking forward to some good fishing again.

And many island mountaineers have returned to the Islands for the superb winter season, including the BILL SHANNONS, DOTTI McQUADE and yours truly. We had an almost unbelievable trip up and back, as this is the year of the Bad Car with us, and near a pleasantt enough Florida town called Bushnell, we ran out of motor and had to wait three days for a replacement from Tampa. What redeemed our stay in a little motel, alas, without even a swimming pool, was the weekly Monday Farmers' Market at nearby Webster, Fla. Really, it was a flea market to end them all with seven buildings filled with tables featuring everything from peas to pianos and everything in between, and even a place to eat so that one could spend the day. It would be worth the trip up that way, if you are attending Disney World on a weekend, to stay over Monday and go to Webster for the market day, and we guarantee you will come back with treasurers, such as old glass insulators, beautiful fruits and vegetables and just any and everything. Try it, you'll like it!

JOE GAULT just returned from the Gift Shop Show in Miami, where he purchased a lot of new gift items for his shop, and MARGARET WALTERS was his advisory staff in making the purchases.

LOU BURFINE, long time employee at Bailey's Store, has accepted a position in Miami. Store employees held a farewell party for him on Saturday.

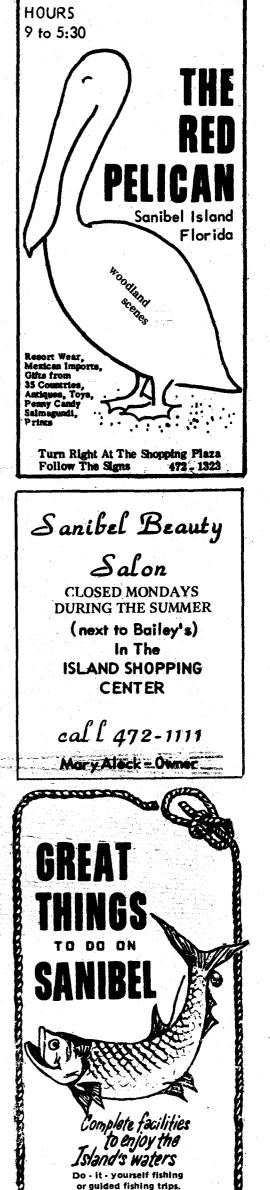
New manager at The Gallery is CLIFTON ALTIS and his brother.

DON and GRACE WHITEHEAD have returned from a vacation spent in Maine and Washington, D.C.

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The Colony guests include Mr. & Mrs. Frank Dyer and Mr. & Mrs. John Fawley from' Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. & Mrs. William M. Gale and family from Cincinnati, Ohio; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Grant and family of Baton Rouge, La.; the Howard B. Stantons from Oak Park, Ill.; Dr. & Mrs. D. A. Vaughn from Louisville, Ky.; the Edward J. Magees from Ligonier, Pa.; Mr. & Mrs. David Luebbring from Cincinnati, Ohio, here on their honeymoon and Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Kubat from Clarendon Hills, Ill., are in their cottage Bali-Hi.

From Florida, come Mr. & Mrs. John E. Feldman of Ft. Walton Beach; the James W. Phillips family of Jacksonville; Mr. & Mrs. John Hogan and Miss Becky Stanley of Ft. Lauderdale; and Miss Margaret Scott of Lake Park.

possessions and moved to Terry Park in Fort Myers to inhabit the Haunted House which will open to all brave people October 24 at 5 p.m.

The Haunted House is an annual fund raising event sponsored by the Junior Welfare League of Fort Myers, Fla. Proceeds are used to support the League's various community service projects such as the Suitcase Museums, Drug Prevention program, Fine Arts for Youth programs, and the Junior Museum and Planetarium.

Special features added to the "House" this year include a traditional Halloween room especially designed to entertain the younger children or anyone who doesn't have enough courage to make the terrifying tour; and the services of an authentic fortune teller.

Haunted House will be open at Terry Park on Palm Beach Blvd. October 24-28, closed Sunday the 27th, then reopen the 30th and 31st from 5 -10 p.m. Admission is 75 cents per person. Children under six years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

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#### NEW RESCUE CAPTAIN

Charles (Chuck) Nave was elected by the Sanibel Volunteer Fire Department to the office of Rescue Captain on Thursday to fill the position vacated by Marty Holtz who now lives on Captiva. Marty will continue his active participation on the Sanibel Rescue Squad as well as the Fire Department. Chuck has held his American Red Cross Advanced First Aid certification for six years and will perform an excellent job in the captaincy of this very important service to our community. We should all be grateful that young men like him are available when called upon. Also elected at the same meeting was Phil Verdung to the post of treasurer.

#### MAKING TRACKS with Sandy

The Joseph Winterrowds are an attractive new couple to Sanibel and have just recently moved into their brand new home on Palm Lake. Dr. Joe, formerly with the du Pont Company in Wilmington, Del., and now retired, and Helen are busy getting settled and already consider themselves "at home" on our lovely island.

Helen has brought to Sanibel a new form (to me) of art craft known as crewel embroidery. Oh, I had seen and heard of crewel for years, but I had never really known the intricasies or background of this perfectly beautiful needlework until I was shown examples of her work in her new home. To quote her: "There was more than average interest in the Wilmington area when the present crewel revival began perhaps 15 years ago. This was sparked by the opening of Winterthur Museum there, which has probably the finest collection of early American needlework in the country." This accounts for her preference for work done in this country during the 17th and 18th centuries for the simplicity of design in contrast to the English Jacobean work has great appeal. The designs are mostly copies of museum pieces leaving the choice of stitch and color to the embroiderer, thereby offering an opportunity for individual expression. "Kits do not present this challenge," Helen said. She used muted colors and very fine wool which she imports from London as it is practically unavailable here.

In closely examining her lovely draperies, bedspreads, framed pictures and chair pads, I marvelled at the thousands of tiny stitches, the various shadings in tone of the same color and the beauty of design in each. It wasn't surprising to learn that, in loving to share what she has learned of this art form, she had taught in Wilmington and Louisville, Ky., and indicated she would eventually do so on Sanibel. Her other hobbies include decoupage, music, and both she and husband Joe adore a good hridge game. So it won't take long for this "artist with a needle" to make a host of friends in Florida.



#### SURFRIDER MOTEL

Back for their yearly visit to rest and relax as well as do some shelling, are Randy and Dalphine Atcher and their friend, Estelle Rodman, who is here for her first visit. The Atchers are quite pleased that Sanibel still has some lovely beaches to roam and relax; they're from Louisville, Ky.

Also here are very good friends, the Hugh B. Hunters, who just happened to be here from Louisville, Ky.

Here for the first time, but certainly not the last, are Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Burgeson from Chicago, Ill. Another returning couple are Joe and Ellen Connor from Jacksonville, here to rest and relax but Joe has been catching so many fish, he's not resting too much. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Rucker from Dearfield Beach, Fla., are enjoying the peace and tranquility of the island, as are the Graydon B. Grinnells of Ft. Lauderdale.

Here from Hollywood, Fla., is Mr. & Mrs. C. S. Peters; from Haddenfield, N.J., Mr. Dale Atkinson, and Mr. & Mrs. Henry Drees of So. Euclid, Ohio. All are enjoying a relaxing vacation.

Mr. & Mrs. William Daniels from Sarasota, Fla., are back for much needed rest; they are frequent visitors to the island. Other visitors from Sarasota are Mr. & Mrs. Carl Markey.

Guests from the east coast are Mr. & Mrs. N. Alonso from Miami; Mr. & Mrs. David Parker and baby from Ft. Lauderdale; Mr. & Mrs. Bill Fisher and two children from Pompano Beach; Mr. & Mrs. Ed Gommersall and children from Miami Lakes; and Mr. & Mrs. M. Klock from Plantation, Fla.

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#### SCHOOL NEWS

The PTA held Open House at Sanibel Elementary School on Tuesday evening preceding the regular meeting which Tim Squires, PTA president, conducted so ably and interestingly. Parents were given a view of the childrens' homeroom, their desks and some of the work they are doing, besides getting to know their teacher.

Then on Wednesday morning, fifth graders participated in the annual County Symphony Orchestra Youth Council which was held at the Fort Myers Senior High School Auditorium. It was a two hour program and much enjoyed and appreciated by all music lovers and some who are being introduced to good music.

#### ISLANDERS TO VIEW PARK, PIER PLANS

Latest plans for the new beach and park at Bowman's Beach on Sanibel, the new Sanibel fishing pier and the addition to Lee Memorial Hospital will be displayed at the Sanibel Community House at 9 a.m. today.

The display will initiate Commissioner Walter Shirey's semimonthly "forum" for residents of Sanibel and Captiva Islands.

Shirey plans to be at the Sanibel Community House on Periwinkle Road the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

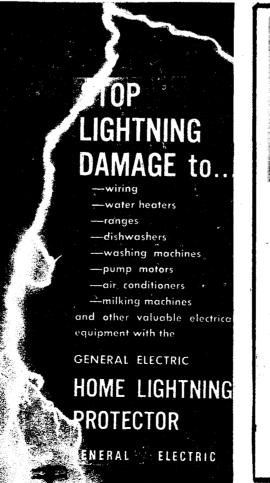
C. D. White, president of the Sanibel Community Association, said there will be a political rally at 7:30 p.m. Thursday October 26 at the community house.

Candidates for all county offices and for state and national offices have been invited to be present at the rally.

#### **REAL ESTATE NEWS**

Laughrey & Holtz, Realtors, announce the recent closing of 333.1 acres situated in Section 18 and 19, Township 46S, Range 23E which touches upon Dixie Beach Blvd., Bay Drive and adjacent to Sanibel Harbours, Sanibel Isles and Sanibel Center S/D, from J. Scott Linder and J. W. Conner, Jr. to John Kontinos and William Frizzell.

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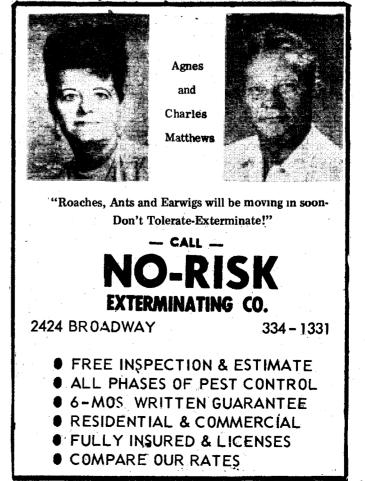
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The first of the Southwest Florida Opera Association's productions will be two one-act operas, Puccini's poignant "Sister Angelica" and an American folk opera "Down in the Valley" by Kurt Weill.

They will be staged at the Fort Myers Senior High School auditorium November 18.

Arrangements are being made to have season tickets available at the Beach but they are also available at Abbey's in the Edison Mall Shopping Center and are priced at \$6.25 for adults and \$3.65 for students.

A second production will be presented in March.

"Down in the Valley," sung in English, is based on American folk songs and was a favorite of composer Weill, best known for his "Three Penny Opera."

Done in three scenes through "flash backs" it tells the story of an escaped prisoner who dies for love of his sweetheart after accidentally killing a man in a fight at a square dance.

"Sister Angelica" is the second of a trilogy of one-act operas by Puccini entitled "II Trittico." The other two operas are "II Tabarro" and "Gianni Schicchi."

It was premiered at New York's Metropolitan Opera House with Geraldine Farrar in the role of Sister Angelica.

The opera is set in a 17th century convent where Sister Angelica, a young girl of noble birth, who has borne an illegitimate child, takes refuge and becomes a nun as penance.

The Southwest Opera Association was formed last year to bring live opera to this area. None of the singers are paid for their roles, receiving reimbursement only for expenses. Werner Singer, music and artistic director, is the only salaried artist.

In addition to the regular season tickets, patron, benefactor, and "angel" memberships are offered to individuals and businesses who wish to give additional financial support to the association's goal.

Membership renewals are being sent to last year's season ticket holders and to others who have expressed interest in opera. However, membership is open to anyone interested in bringing opera to Southwest Florida.

Additional information may be obtained from Mrs. Andrew Neal of Cape Coral, association president and from membership chairman, Sam Rockmore, also of Cape Coral.

The association is supported entirely from membership fees.

#### GONDOLIERS AT ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS'

A year ago we had a great weekend on the island with the young and vital youth of the "Gondoliers" from Northeast High School in St. Petersburg. These young people are coming back to the islands on Saturday, Nov. 4. They will present a Folk Mass at St. Michael's at 11 a.m. on November 5. Afterwards there will be a free picnic for everyone at the Island Beach Club.

#### WILDLIFE NOTES by griffing bancroft

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The Captiva eagles, at least one of them, is back ahead of schedule and just in time for the resuption of the island bird tours.

The big, white-headed white-tailed bird was first seen flying along the bay shore on October 12, a little earlier than his first appearance last year. Then, a few days later, he was standing on the nest he and his mate have used for the last ten years.

He is presumably the male, although the sex is difficult for a human observer to determine unless the birds are seen together. The female, as in all the hawk family, tends to be larger than the male.

But studies have established that with these birds of prey the male usually arrives back at the nesting site first. He re-establishes his territory, resumes occupation of the nest, and awaits his mate. Presumably she will be the same one he had last year, as these birds seem to mate for life. There is some question, however, whether she returns here because of him or simply because, as with almost all birds, she is instinctively drawn back to the same nesting area each year.

In any event, these eagles must be listed as perhaps the most persistent and long-suffering of birds. One year their nest blew down and they built it back in the same crotch in the same Australian pine. Houses have been built close by and the area almost directly below has been used as a trash dump.

The nest tree seems to by dying; almost all its green needles are gone. A pair of eagles that once nested on Sanibel long since succumbed to this kind of adversity and left. But the Captiva pair has persisted, and in spite of what would seem to be the most devastating blows of all. For the last four years the birds have raised no young.

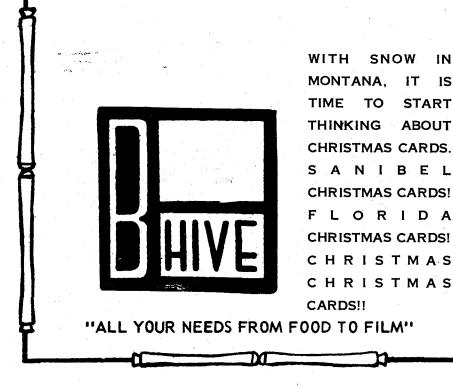
Almost certainly loaded with pesticides which disrupt the proper hormonal processes, they have sat for almost 12 weeks --- twice the normal incubation period --- trying each year to hatch sterile eggs.

They are not alone in this dilemma. Many birds all over the world, especially fish eating birds and other birds of prey, are having their reproductive processes disrupted either by sterility, thinning egg shells, failure to respond to courtship, or many other failures.

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#### SANIBEL-CAPTIVA TOPS AGAIN

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The only radio station on the islands is WN4YHA known as "Earl" all over the world. Using morse code Earl has talked with 81 different countries. Some of the countries Earl talks with regularly are: Fiji Islands, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Russia, Israel, Spain, Germany, France, England, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Liberia, Iran, Samoa, Sicily, Curacao, Togo-West Africa, Guyana, Trinidad, Rhodesia, Lebanon, Ascension and Seychelles Islands, Estonia, Bermude, Venezuela, Honolulu, and every country in Europe and South America.

Earl has had as many as 26 two way communications with Europe in one day; 600 in one month.

Some of the visitors to the Islands here happen to be amateur radio operators and they visit Earl. Everyone of them is flabergasted at the long distance performance realized from Sanibel. In fact, several top engineers (amateur and professional operators) have concluded that a radio station on Sanibel is over six times more effective, six times more powerful (all things being equal) for long distance communications than most other areas in the world. The reasons are: the pure clean air, its topography, sea level of 4 feet with salt water 4' down and all around, and the gaseous mass enveloping these heavenly islands.

These foreign contacts help to keep Island Travel Agency the (Sanibel-Captiva) current with conditions all over the world.

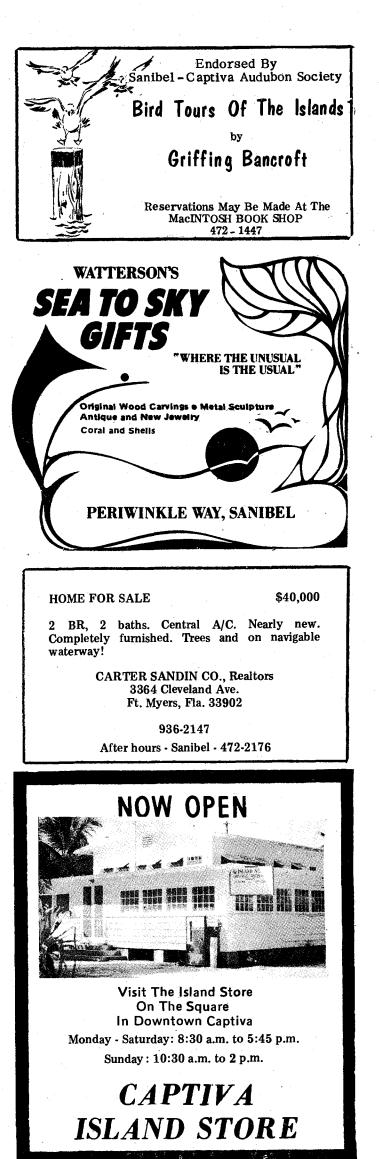
Earl will be handling Island Travel's "Movement Activities" for John and Helma this season. These are local activities in which motel guests and visitors can avail themselves to really enjoy the Godly pleasures the Islands offer. These activities include Car Rentals, Fishing Trips with Southwest Florida's top captains, Bird and Wildlife guided tours, Beach Shelling guides for laymen, simple Shellcraft, Canoe tour guides, etc. These fun programs through Island Travel will be available seven days each week.

Earl will be very busy helping Island visitors to get fuller enjoyment during their stay on Sanibel-Captiva continuing world-wide while communications through WN4YHA, the only amateur radio station of Sanibel-Captiva.

#### NEW MINISTER AT FIRST BAPTIST

The First Baptist Church has a new interim minister. Rev. Gilbert Speak of Naples will be the interim minister until a full time one comes to the Island. The message Rev. Speak is delivering is very inspiring and parishioners are please to have him and all are invited to hear him on Sunday.

#### ELIZABETH A. MacDONALD



Elizabeth A. MacDonald of Sanibel died last week. Funeral services were private. A memorial service will be held Friday, 10 a.m., at St. Michael and All Angels' Episcopal Church.

Mrs. MacDonald is survived by her mother, Mrs. Helen J. Adams of Riverside, Conn., a brother, Frederick H. Adams, nephew Stephen Adams of Norwell, Mass., and two nieces, Judith Dom of Pasadena, Calif., and Linda Porna of Stamford, Conn.

#### MRS. CORA W. WOLF

Mrs. Cora W. Wolf, 94, of Sanibel Island died Wednesday. She moved here two years ago from Lake Worth. Survivors include a daughter Mrs. Alice W. Case, Sanibel Island, a sister, Mrs. Reta Reeve, Long Island, N. Y.; three grandchildren; ll greatgrandchildren and a great-great grandchild. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Cutchogue, Long Island, N. Y. The body was sent Thursday to David DeFriest Funeral Home, Southold, Long Island for services and burial. Leo W. Engelhardt Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

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#### TO THE ISLANDER:

Help us make the plea to get the toll removed for all taxpaying residents of Sanibel. Here are some of my reasons:

First and upmost in my case are the children of Sanibel. It is unfair and in many cases impossible for them to attend the after school activities such as chorus, drama, debate, athletic, both participation and games, all of which take practice after school resulting in transportation which costs and to add the toll is just ridiculous. I remember back when these were the happiest times of my life and many of you residents whose children are gone from the nest seem to care less about out teenagers. Who fought some of our fires last year, day and night? Our teenagers, both boys and girls.

Second we have many, many people on pensions and limited retirement funds who have to go regularly to doctors clinics to get their medicines, etc., have glasses fitted and adjusted, why should they have an added toll?

Third, ever have some one in the hospital for a long stay? Add up a toll plus the hospital expense, it makes visiting the patient quite a burden. How about those of us who have some one in a nursing home.

Fourth, more and more we are getting small business men who have to add tolls to their expenses to go to town to get supplies, etc. I am quite sure they could compete with off Islander, the





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savings would be to all of the Islanders then.

Why should persons be allowed to cram in cars and trucks to avoid tolls? Take a look at all the cars and trucks parked across the bridge.

Come on Sanibel residents, let's get fired up and do something for a change besides talk, talk, talk.

/s/ Mary Clark

#### TO THE ISLANDER:

#### **IT CAN BE DONE!**

The following excerpts from the Wall Street Journal, Monday, Oct. 9, 1972, Guarding the Land, was sent to the Islander for publication:

A land developer recently began construction of a mini-skycraper apartment building on a tiny parcel of land in an area of single family cabins in the High Sierras --- and that was the last straw for a group of residents from Mammoth Lakes, Calif.

Led by Mrs. Andrea Mead Lawrence, a former Olympic skiing gold medal winner, the residents sued to halt the project on the ground that, even though it was on private land, it harmed the surrounding environment.

The case worked its way up to the California Supreme Court --- and in a surprising 6 to 1 decision on Sept. 28, the Court ruled in favor of the residents. State and local government agencies now must complete environmental impact reports and make them public before they can approve private construction projects that may have a "significant" impact on the environment, the court declared. Presumably thus forewarned, upset citizens could sue to stop any project that in their view an agency wrongly approved.

It's the first time that the idea of "environmental impact" has been directly applied to private developments, and other states are expected to follow California's lead. Conservationists are hailing the case as the most significant yet in their by to halt what they consider the ra the California environment. decision means that citizens can s halt any "significant" construction that doesn't ha environmental impact study. /s/ Ruth Happel

TO THE ISLANDER:

The following news was received by the Islander:

Greetings from Taiwan! We have been very busy with the Jade business and with sightseeing. This is a beautiful country with rugged mountains, scenic coastline, crowded cities, wild drivers, and friendly smiling people. There is much Jade in Taipei. We went to a jade mine in the mountains yesterday, then had a fabulous trip through the Taroka Gorge. Leave for Hong Kong Sunday.

/s/ Chet and Ellen Smith

#### TO THE ISLANDER:

On the front page of the Islander, Sept. 28 issue, there was a paragraph headed "Your County Commissioner." In it were lines like "he is anxious to act in accordance with your wishes," and "is most anxious to do the best for the island people, and wants to be available for consultation."

These references to Mr. Shirey's concern were most interesting and most puzzling. If, by now, Mr. Shirey is not completely and fully aware of what not only the people of Sanibel-Captiva want for the islands, but thousands upon thousands all over the country want for the islands, then he has been quite unaware.

To put it in one sentence: The people of the islands want Sanibel and Captiva to be carefully preserved, to be nurtured and conserved for the present and for the future so that they may continue to be a source of peace; of wonder and of tranquil satisfaction to the untold thousands who will come to the islands year after year and help protect their unique ecology for generations to come.

If Mr. Shirey wishes to know what the people do NOT want for the islands, I would suggest he refer to Rod Happel's letter in the very same issue. To quote just the first paragraph:

'Current zoning already approved

and "on the books" permits an island population increase of over 100,000 people. (33,000 in tourist and condominium accommodations, 66,000 in single and duplex dwellings). That's almost a twenty fold increase over the current 5,700. Can you imagine what the new population will do to the island water supply, sewerage, roads, telephones, and electrical system? It also means that Sanibel and Captiva as a "unique tropical paradise" will be better known as "the asphalt jungle of concrete block and mortar."

Mr. Shirey, is there anything more you would like to know?

/s/ Cy Biscardi

Sanibel Island

#### TO THE ISLANDER:

To keep down the sewer costs, we are asked to have only two children per family.

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What next can that lady think up? /s/ Friend of children

and animals.

#### KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES NIGHT SPONSORED BY COMMUNITY ASSN.

The Sanibel Community Association is sponsoring a "Know Your Candidates Night" Thursday, Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. The political rally will be held at Community House.

Invitations have been extended to candidates for County Commission, Sheriff, U. S. House of Representatives, Florida State Legislature and other offices according to C. D. White, president of Sanibel Community Association. Mr. White said that most of the invitations have been accepted.

Porter Goss, chairman of the Community Association Action Committee, will moderate the meeting. All citizens who are interested in a better understanding of the issues and the candidates in this vital election are urged to be present.



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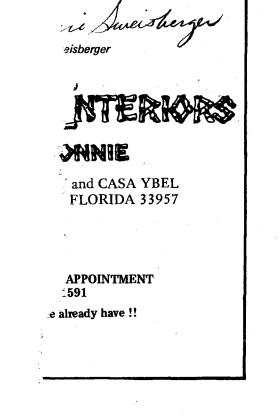
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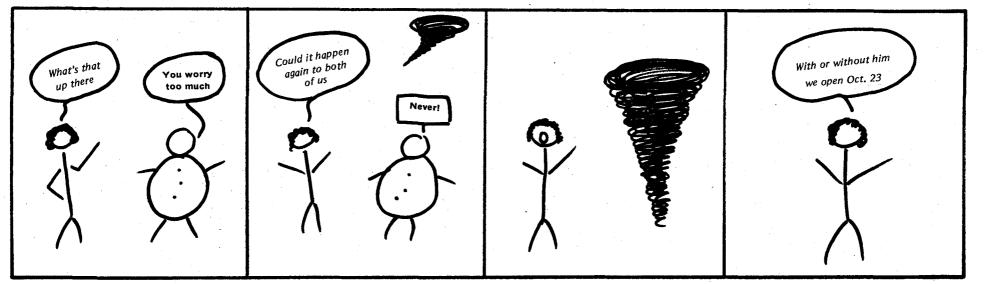
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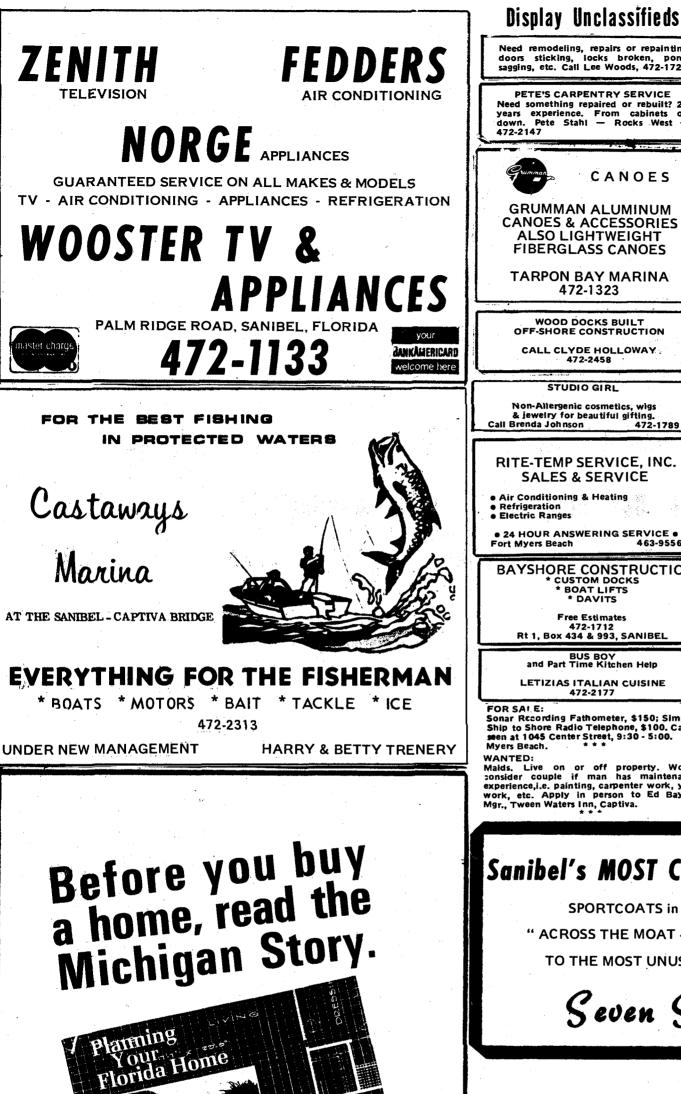
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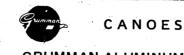
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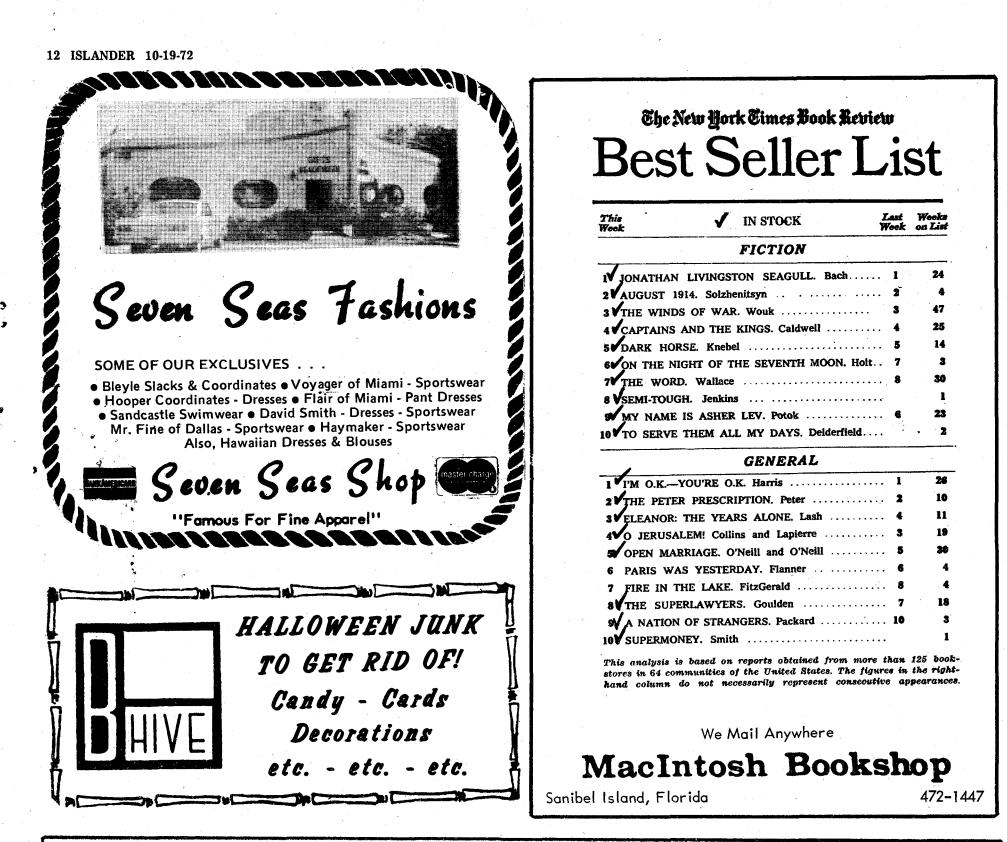
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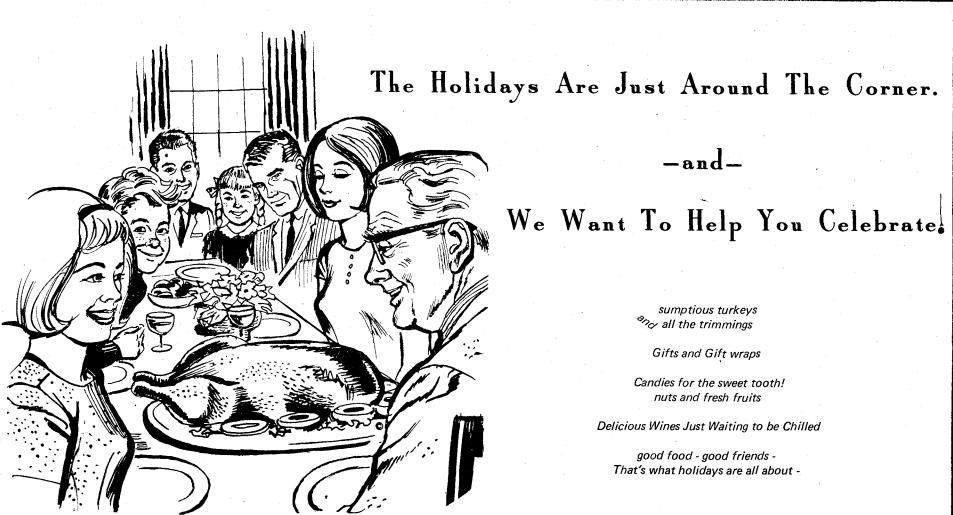
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