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## YEAR END REAL ESTATE SALE IS LARGEST IN COUNTY

Largest sale in real estate last week was a purchase by Virginia Smith Corp., a recently formed company, of 78 acres on Sanibel. Deltral Corporation sold the tract, which extends from the Sanibel-Captiva Road to the Gulf of Mexico. The property is divided by the Sanibel River and Gulf Drive and adjoins the wetlands of Ding Darling Sanctuary.

The million-dollar transaction is for land zoned for single family residences, and C. Russ Earle, sales associate of Laughrey and Holtz, Island Real Estate, handled negotiations between the buyer and seller.

## RESCUE SQUAD IS BUSIER EACH YEAR

During 1973, the Volunteer Fire Department responded to 19 fire calls and the Rescue Squad responded to a total of 157, a considerable increase over 1972 during which the Rescue Squad responded to 86 calls. The breakdown of emergencies for 1973 are as follows:

Possible heart attacks, 45; possible strokes, 10; miscellaneous, 31; auto accidents, 15; diabetic crisis, 6; falls, 21; epileptic attack, 1; possible overdose, 6; intoxication, 2; miscellaneous illness, 9; motorcycle accidents, 4; burns, 2; sting ray wounds, 3; gunshot, 1; electrocution, 1; making a total of 157.

## ISLAND WATER OBTAINS SECOND FEE INCREASE

The Island Water Association of Sanibel and Captiva was granted a fee increase on Wednesday by the Lee County Commission which met without Walter Shirey, who is in Lee County Hospital suffering a serious heart attack. The increase was the second asked in recent months and hikes the \$385 fee close to \$600 (\$599) because officials said that the expansion costs of the system would be more equitably distributed in new installations which could cause a drain on the older customer.

Emmett Anderson, company attorney said, "If a man is half a mile from a water main, it's not fair for the system to pay all the connection charge. We don't want to penalize the older customer."

Walter Emmons, Association president, said the company has been collecting the fee of \$214, approved earlier in the year, and holding it in escrow in case the commissioners did not approve the additional increase. The new desalination plant has been in operation for three months and produces over a million gallons of fresh water from brackish wells to serve 2,200 customers. The company has commitments for another 1,100 customers with present capacity at 3,250. Commissioners who reviewed the request were James Sweeney, Chairman George Goldtrap, Richard Sayers and Kenneth Daniels.

The group representing the water company besides Anderson and Emmons included Byron Kirby, William Bishop, James Robson, Paul Howe, Dr. Vernon MacKenzie, and H. B. Robinson. Anderson said that another increase would not be anticipated unless inflation continues.

## DING'S THINGS

According to some island wildlife observers, one of the most charming and delightful wild creatures that finds Sanibel to its liking is being seen more frequently nowadays. The latest report to the J. N. Ding Darling Refuge office comes from the new refuge manager Glen W. Bond, Jr. He and his wife Jeannie and assistant manager Glenn Carowan started off the New Year with an exclusive wildlife show by the furry aquanaut in the boat basin at their residences on Tarpon Bay Road. For several minutes they watched one of the most graceful swimmers that graces the island—a star of books and a movie "Ring of Bright Water": the river otter.

The rich brown and silvery otters make their homes in the Sanibel River and marshes and in the mosquito control impoundments along the Ding Darling Wildlife Drive, but they will travel around over the island. One beautiful young animal dashed across Periwinkle Way last year only to be hit by a car; they have been seen swimming in the Gulf and bays; and sometimes one can be seen scurrying across some of the shelly backroads on its trips from spot to spot.

Now is the time of year when otter pups are born in the dens along the dikes and riverbanks. The two pups usually born are furry and blind and totally dependent upon their parents. As they mature they learn to feed on their parents' food stuffs: frogs, crawfish, other aquatic invertebrates, and rough fish.

It is most common to see river otters in groups of two or more, as they are very social animals. Called the "playboys of the wild," the otters have been spotted more often this fall than in recent years. The Bailey Tract has its share of otters, and many are seen along the wildlife drive.

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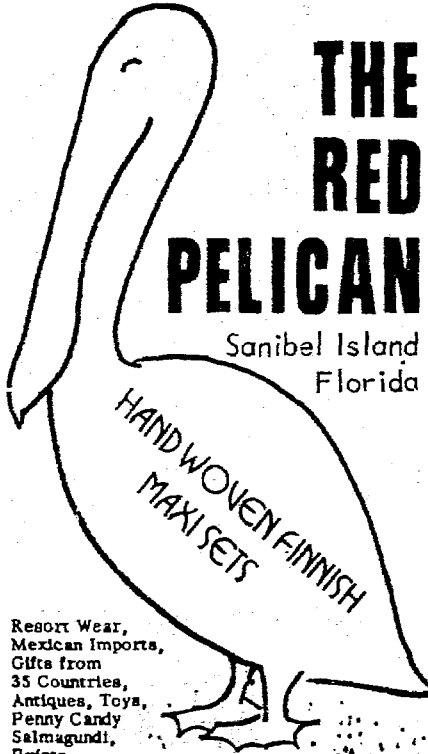
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Mrs. MONA BROWN and two daughters of Chicago, Ill., are vacationing at the JAMES LOOMIS home for two weeks.

Miss VICKI BENNETT, account executive for Air New England, left the island Monday for her home in Burlington, Vt. She had been visiting her father, E. J. BENNETT.

STEVE SERVER has terminated employment at South Seas where he had been a waiter for several months. He is seeking other employment on the islands.

DAVID and CHARLES GRAHAM, two of four sons of Mr. & Mrs. JOHN GRAHAM, who occupy the Drowne cottage for the season, left this week for their respective homes in Ottawa and New York City after a week's visit with their parents.

Famed chef of South Seas Plantation, ROBERT FOX, recently of Wheeling, W. Va., imported his beautiful fiancée, LINDA GAY, to Captiva and they plan an early spring wedding. Linda was Personnel Director with General Electric in New York City. Chef Fox looks for all the world like JOSE GASPAR, with gold earrings, pony tail and a romantic eye patch. Best of all, he has a way with food that just won't quit. Isn't Lindy lucky to find a guy like that who can cook too?

What beautiful services the churches on the islands held for this holiday season! Seems the music and Christmas messages were more meaningful than ever. Music at the Community Church by MARIAN CHAPLIN, JEAN CULPEPPER, SOLON GEER, BETTY McMURTY, BETTY GARABRANDT and LEE ROY FRIDAY and his golden voice were just beautiful. The gathering around the illuminated tree plus the carol singing and participation by the people is always very heartwarming at Chapel by the Sea. Solemn and holy high Mass at St. Michael's and All Angels and St. Isabel's Catholic Church are, as ever, a wholly gratifying experience, and the sweet children's choir at St. Michael's somehow reminds one of the angels singing.

MARGOT SCHIANO of Cleveland, Ohio, is visiting NITE and MARNIE HANNER on Sanibel and truly enjoying our delightful holiday weather. Watch that sun, though!

MICHAEL O'MAHONY came to visit his parents BILL and GRACE. Michael came from College Park, Md., but the interesting thing is that he came via Colorado and Arizona, making for a varied and extended winter vacation.

Visiting JEANNE and KEN SOPER are MOREY and JOHN FISKE-BROWN who are from Nova Scotia, and they brought their cute youngsters, JEFFREY and HEATHER, who are enjoying the beach no end. Mrs. Brown teaches art at Acadia University in Wolfville, N.S., and Mr. Brown teaches engineering at the same school. They love the islands, in fact so much that Mrs. Brown will return in January for a two week return visit.

How to start the new year out right: By welcoming GLEN BOND, new Ding Darling Wildlife Refuge Manager, and his charming wife, JEANNIE. They hail from Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. They are making their home at the old Dewey Marina site with Bond headquartering at the Lighthouse Refuge. We know that we shall be seeing a lot of him, and wish them the best of all years in 1974.

MARIO HUTTON gave his usual smooth and thrilling performance on December 27 when he narrated his Caloosahatchee River Cruise and gave his highly receptive audience a real treat.

The Islands have again provided a laboratory plus a lot of great memories for a group of 11 high school ecology students who have recently gone home for the holidays. The students are members of the Tatnal Independent Day School in Wilmington, Delaware, a private high school. They studied environmental biology and ecology for about a month on the islands making the home of THOMAS D. JOHNSON their headquarters.

KAREN BOWERS studied island shore birds and their life patterns. COLLEEN QUINN made a study of bees, thanks to FRANCIS BAILEY and his bee hives. JOG BROOKING and LAURA CAMPBELL studied water samples for their chemical and biologic content, while other students were engrossed in underwater studies of mangrove detritus and its affect on marine organisms.

BETSY BOWERS assembled an interesting salt water aquarium with all kinds of unusual sealife and CATHERN SMITH conducted a in-depth study of Australian pines (Casuarinas). So the happy interlude ended with thanks to all the people who helped and aided them in their unique studies on our hospitable islands.

Lovely Mrs. LOU BLAUFUSS of Nani Li'i reports that LISA JOHNSON from Colorado has found some mighty pretty shells on the beach. Incidentally, that interesting name, Nani Li'i, means "Little Beauty" in Hawaiian, an appropriate name for the attractive Captiva home.

JIM ROBSON, who has been involved up to his neck in community projects in the three years the Robsons have been on the island, reports that there are some gas shortages in the future, but hopes they will be minimal at his new Three Star Citgo station and grocery. But there should be no shortage of goodies in the grocery line. The Robsons hail from Fairlawn, N.J., and daughter, NANCY, is attending Cypress Lake Middle School.

Mr. & Mrs. J. KILLINGSWORTH and two children are on Sanibel for the holidays. They are from Chattanooga, Tenn., and it rained every day from the time they left home until they arrived here, and how they are now enjoying our sun and beach.

Mrs. CLARENCE MARTIN visited her daughter and family, Mr. & Mrs. GEORGE STEDRONSKI, in Orlando over the holidays.

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VIRGINIA and LANGFORD THORNTON had a surprise visit from daughter, JOANN STUMP, and her husband, LAUREN. They drove up from Plant City to celebrate Mrs. Thornton's birthday, and wasn't that the necest present ever?

BERNARD and GLORIDA HECHT and son, JASON, from Chapman, Nebraska, have been living the carefree gypsy life since selling their home in Brookdale, Nebraska. Gloria teaches drama at Brookdale Community College and is much interested in seeing the Pirate Playhouse productions. Mr. Hecht is a research veterinarian.

DALE and TERRY IONE from Ottawa, Ill., are here for a month's vacation. They are shell buffs and are enjoying finding the real beauties.

RAY and EVELYN OSBORNE of Lakewood, Ohio, are visiting on Sanibel for the first time but this is their third Florida vacation. They love it here. Why? No hippies.

HAROLD and ALICE SULTZ of Fremont, Ohio; ED and DEL RICHARDS of Cincinnati, Ohio; and JERRY and TERRY GALLEY of Minneapolis, Minn., enjoyed a comfortable and relaxing cruise Saturday afternoon with Capt. HERB PURDY on the charter boat, Coral Sea. They left Sanibel Marina, down San Carlos Bay, through Pine Island Sound, out Redfish Pass and sunned all the way back through the Gulf just off the beach to Sanibel Marina arriving back just in time for cocktails.

Visiting Mrs. HARRY WUER-TENBAECHER, Jr. at her lovely Captiva Island home is Mrs. BENJAMIN WILLIS of Myrtle Beach, S.C. This is Mrs. Willis' first visit to Captiva and, excuse the pun, she is captivated by it; the swimming, fishing, shelling and just plain relaxing are wonderful.

Mr. & Mrs. ALBERT F. HOCKSTADER of New Canaan, Conn., are back at the Whittemore house on Captiva for the season and will be having guests later on. We are happy to welcome them back.

Visiting DOTTIE WAKEFIELD in her Captiva home are Dr. & Mrs. ROBERT REPASS of Bristol, Va., who came up after visiting Naples. Our weather is proving a delight to them.

Mrs. A. E. BAILEY of Captiva has had a happy houseful with her sister-in-law and husband, Mr. & Mrs. H. B. EWING of McComb, Ill., visiting and niece HARRIET EWING from Seattle, Wash.

Better late than never to wish the WALTER CURTRIGHTS of Angel Wing Dr. happy anniversary and many more! They recently celebrated their 50th, and their children and grandchildren came to help. Mr. & Mrs. JAY CURTRIGHT and their children, STEVE, ROSS, RANDY, CARL and ROSALIND flew from Barstow, Calif., and daughter and family, Mr. & Mrs. JACK HENDERSON and children, DANA, CURT, LEE and JAY flew in from Dallas. Everybody joined in the neighborhood festivities and the children were delighted to see their grandparents and to play at the beach.

The Curtrights have been on Sanibel for a year since Mr. Curtright retired from 40 years service as an officer with the Prudential Insurance Co. in Beloit, Wis. Mrs. Curtright is a retired real estate broker. She was listed in "Who's Who of American Women" in 1967 and was president of the Altrusa Club.

You can find the Curtrights fishing off their dock just about any old time or shelling on the beach.

Visiting BETTE PARKE is her son, RICHARD L. PARKE, who is on vacation from Four Season Hotels, Ltd. in Vancouver, Canada, where he is Director of Sales. They have been enjoying our gorgeous weather, and fishing out of Twin Palms with BAUGHN HOLLOWAY. Ricke caught 25 beautiful trout.

Flying to Clendennin, W. Va., are Mr. & Mrs. LESTER LEE. He is the son of the HARLEY WOODS of Skiff Place, and he and his wife are going to drive their grandparents, DOLLY and LESTER LEE, Sr., back to Sanibel to spend the winter with the Woods. A nice little family reunion will be enjoyed by all if gasoline is available. We know they will enjoy our beautiful weather, and the family.

A distinguished guest at Castaways is Mrs. J. M. VAN DEN BERG, a recent retiree from the Royal Netherlands Navy. While serving at the Netherlands Embassy in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Van Den Berg came down to the islands, fell in love with them and has since come back annually from The Hague, Netherlands to visit for the past three years. She found a flawless junonia about 3 1/2 inches long, and dazzled everybody with her find. Mrs. Van Den Berg's Dutch address is OOLE Varlaan 25, The Hague, in case you want to write and verify the size of the shell! She carefully wraps her shell finds here, ships them home and then does beautiful shell craft all winter in the Netherlands.

## THE COLONY GUESTS

Out of state guests at The Colony this week include Dr. & Mrs. James Krieger of Chagrin Falls, Ohio; Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Roseborough of Bahama, N.C.; the James A. Erickson family of St. Charles, Mo.; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Holzshu of Ruxton, Md.; Mr. & Mrs. Henry Spire of Hummelstown, Pa.; Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Clendenin of Monmouth, Ill.; Mr. & Mrs. James Coleman of Chesterfield, Mo.; Mr. Wilford Nelson, Lacon, Ill.; the Leo G. Poeppelmeiers of Bellbrook, Ohio; Dr. & Mrs. Carl Johnson of Lakewood, N.J.; and Mr. & Mrs. Fred Gould of Clinton, Iowa.

## BROWSING AROUND

by Fran O'Callaghan

The beautiful inlaid and bejewelled screen has gone from the Jade Butterfly to a new home in Toledo, Ohio, and it will be missed. There's just an empty space there, but a new one should be in soon from the Orient. Did you know where the heart of the island is, some say? It is that collection of shops from Island Travel Agency to Fridays, Lees' House of Treasures and Marylou's, and do not eat the dresses in Marylou's. They look that good!

New managers of Sandalfoot Condominiums are John and Norma

Hodosko, former jewelers from Lima, Ohio. The Hodoskos have been coming down to the islands from Jacksonville and Miami where Norma was a buyer for Burdines. They just fell-in love with Sanibel and are here to stay we hope. "It has done wonders for my arthritis," says Norma, "not to mention my morale." Since they are new to the business they approach it with infectious enthusiasm. "We had dinner at Letizias and found it just as great as his uncle's place of the same name in Jacksonville," says Norma.

Bet you wouldn't recognize that handsome man with the jaunty mustache at the Lighthouse Restaurant. He is chef supreme, Bruce Chapin. Theodosia (the alligator at Seahorse Shell Shop) is growing. She is about 1 1/2 feet long now, says Bruce, as he feeds her another bit of fresh meat. Well, anyhow, don't put your hand in there with her.

## DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Winners at the Friday night Duplicate Bridge game were North-South: Don Brown and Charles Wilson tied with Jack Schechtman and Joe Winterrowd. East-West: Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Livingston, first; Ruth Carey and Helen Winterrowd, second.

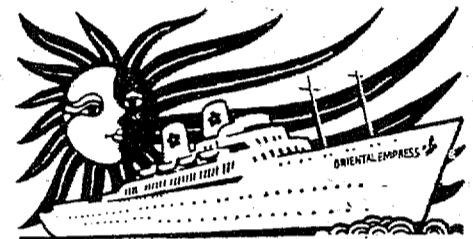
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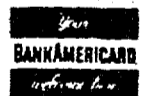


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Taffy was in bed,  
I took the leg of beef  
And hit him in the head.

Ruth Hunter  
P.S. I hope Jody St. Cyr reads this.

TO THE ISLANDER:

A copy of the following letter was sent to the Islander for publication:

An Open Letter To:  
Commissioner Walter Shirey  
Lee Memorial Hospital  
Fort Myers, Fla.

Dear Com. Shirey:

I'm sure I speak for the great majority of people on Sanibel when I say how saddened we are to learn of your sudden illness.

You're the best friend Sanibel has and some times we feel the only friend among the present County Commissioners.

You have done great things for this Island; too numerous to mention. Now that you need our help we wish there was something more we could do than just express sympathy and concern for your well being.

Walter, please slow down and take it easy, we are concerned about you -- good men are scarce -- and I just want to let you know we are thinking of you, we are praying for you, and we want you to know how much you are appreciated.

With kindest regards,  
John E. Shepherd

P.S. If the reader of this open letter feels the same way I do cut this out and mail to Com. Walter Shirey, Lee Memorial Hospital, Fort Myers, Fla. 33901 with your signature. Let's show him our appreciation for what he has done for us.

# Letters to the Editor



TO THE ISLANDER:

Congratulations to you and Edward J. Bennett on "One Captiva Christmas" appearing in your December 27 issue. It is one of the nicest things you have printed in many a day.

Incidentally, I thought you never took an editorial position on anything short of the glories of motherhood. How then did you let that nutty piece on "Open Indoor Burning" stray onto page 19 of the same issue? Can't you let us sinful smokers alone? I smoke cigarettes, cigars and a pipe and I am entitled to run the risk of lung cancer or whatnot without advice from a newspaper as to how to clean up the indoor environment.

G. B. Christensen  
Chicago, Ill.

TO THE ISLANDER:

Re: Man Against the Sea!

Enjoyed reading "Man Against the Sea" in your December 6 edition. Mr. Bennett is to be complimented for a very informative article dealing with a problem that affects anyone living on any of our diminishing shores, and I believe his article should be read, and re-read as he has a wide range of knowledge dealing with the devices and techniques that related to beach erosion, but I differ with him on dredging to re-nourish our depleted beaches. My premise is that erosion is born at the inlets (island ends) and ends of causeways where a phenomenon is generated by tides running swiftly in or out. Many presume that waters pouring into the Gulf or ocean fan out like grain entering a bin, but it does not, and I have observed that it pulls sandladen waters from the adjacent shorefronts by what I term 'a venturi effect' and until it is recognized no efforts at combating erosion will be effective, or lasting.

Captiva's sorrow began when Donna opened the pass at South Seas Plantation. If the breach would be closed Mother Nature would again start to put sand on the beach, in the manner that built Captiva in the first place, or by constructing low profile, artificial shoals or any type of material. These must angle, or curve upbeach so as to slow down the currents and make it impossible for them to suck silt-laden waters from near, and not so near, beach areas. An example is the curving groin at Boca Grande Lighthouse, where proper maintenance would greatly enhance its sand catching abilities. For some reason it receives very little publicity.

As a protection of long beach stretches the Sydney Wood increasingly permeable piers could be installed on section lines, or at beach accesses, but since the cause of erosion is located at the inlets, remedial action should begin there.

Henry H. Szonnell  
Bradenton, Florida  
P.S. Sydney Makepeace Wood, Jr. lives at 203 Bordner Dr., Madison, Wis. 53705.

TO THE ISLANDER:

I have been disturbed by the comments of Dr. Haber in his letter published in the Islander, December 27. Dr. Haber, of course, is a refugee from the mess on the East Coast, obtained his education the hard way, and has used his knowledge to heal the sick and injured. These facts, however, should not entitle him to write about the activities of our elected officials with levity.

Actually, the efforts of the County Commissioners and the Planning Commission have been extremely successful. Dr. Haber should not assume that the larger campaign contributors are dissatisfied. The loot obtainable has attracted big money from Boston, New York, Cleveland, Chicago, and Japan. Contractors and workmen, from Atlanta to Miami, have flooded into the county.

The efforts of the Commissioners to make the same mistakes that were made by their counterparts in the deteriorated, bankrupt, polluted, unhappy areas of the north have been most successful. We now have: mile long traffic jams; half-day sessions for school children, financed by a 39 1/2 percent increase in the budget of the School Board last year alone; homes awash when it rains; unobserved ordinances; a major disaster programmed for the areas most vulnerable to hurricane flooding; inedible shellfish; land prices inflated by the prospect of stacking future residents like cordwood; and taxes increased by more than the normal rate of inflation.

A prominent attorney sometimes publicly advises the Commissioners that the views of the resident taxpayers come from a "poisoned well," and should not be taken too seriously by elected officials. His point seems to be consistent with the apparent objectives of the Commissioners.

I hope this short review will correct any erroneous impressions created by Dr. Haber's letter.

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MACKENZIE PLEADS FOR INDIGENT

An ordinance which makes welfare recipients repay benefits was passed over the humanitarian objections of Dr. Vernon MacKenzie, spokesman for "those least able to defend themselves." County Commissioners passed the measure unanimously Wednesday which requires recipients who have received more than \$100 from the county to repay the money or have a lien placed on any property owned by them.

"I feel the commission is making a great mistake discriminating against poor people. You appropriate money every year for the business community to promote their business interests for which you do not require reimbursement," said Dr. MacKenzie, presenting his brief for the poor in a

dignified manner. "There are chiselers who obtain relief but the only way to eliminate chiselers is by proper administration, not arbitrary rule. Do not use a bludgeon where a scalpel is called for."

The County Commissioners passed the lien ordinance, with Kenneth Daniels speaking in staunch support: "I have known people in Shady Rest (the County Nursing Home) with homes that are worth \$20,000 to \$25,000. They did not have enough money to pay their bill there, and when they passed on, their children sold the homes and received the profit." Representative Walter Shirey was not present due to his illness, or hopefully he would also have argued for the elderly ill and needy.

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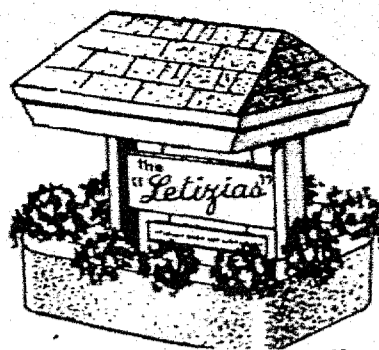
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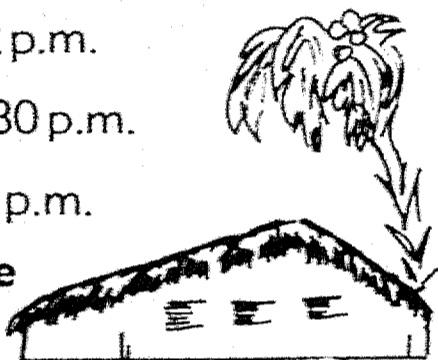
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Mark Bartholemew and Chris Kempton, hitchhiking home from a Friday night teenage party, sat down to wait for a ride on the edge of the Sanibel-Captiva Road. Deputy George Mitar came along about 1 a.m. and ordered the boys to stretch out against his car so he could search them for marijuana. The deputy's car was stopped in the lane of traffic with UT FLASHERS. As a car driven by Wayne Bashaw approached Chris and Deputy Mitar saw and eluded it, but the car caught Mark in the right leg and carried him 20 feet before he bounced off. Bashaw, a Coconut Drive neighbor of Mark's, told the Bartholemews of the accident, after which came a time-consuming and costly series of events that made for a terrifying night for the Bartholemews.

Mark said it was a good ten minutes before Deputy Mitar called an ambulance. Mark's parents had to flag down a motorist for a ride to Lee Memorial Hospital where Mark was taken by ambulance. He was later released on crutches with a badly sprained ankle, after paying an \$85 hospital bill.

It was six in the morning before the Bartholemews were on their way home and they were unable to find out anything from the Sheriff's Dept. about the accident as there was no report of it. Prudy Taylor, in charge of Public Relations for the Sheriff's Dept., said the accident and Deputy Mitar's actions were under review by the Highway Patrol. Meanwhile, Mark is improving, but Mark's father, Ralph Bartholemew, has retained legal counsel, as the Bartholemews believe the accident was caused by Deputy Mitar's actions. They seek repayment of hospital costs and the Lee County Ambulance fee of \$30. There were no charges filed in the accident.

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Vivian was born in Lakeiland, Florida and is a graduate of the University of Florida with a BS degree. She married Rudy in 1958 and has worked by his side ever since. Just recently, she has semi-retired from work to care for their lovely daughter, Mercedes.

The B-Hive's imported groceries are a natural for them, especially since Rudy lived in Holland for 22 years where "gourmet food" is a staple instead of a luxury, and wine drinking is a regular occurrence. In Rudy's opinion the very word "gourmet" is too loosely used, since lots of foods often labeled gourmet are really supermarket items.

Specialty foods and imported items are Rudy and Vivian's hobby as well as their vocation, and they claim to have the only truly specialized store in Lee County which has a complete department of imported groceries, specialty foods, candies, wines and beers.

They extend a warm invitation for everyone to drop in and say Hello.

**BILL MADSEN TO  
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Bill Madsen, world renowned traveler and public speaker will speak on Scotland at the Kiwanis meeting Wednesday, Jan. 23 at the Island Cinema, 7 to 9 p.m. Season tickets for a series of well known travelogue speakers cost \$10 and constitute a donation for the club's island service projects.

Madsen was graduated cum laude from Boston College and during World War II was assigned to Air Force Intelligence in the China-Burma-India theater. It was here he joined an expedition to Tibet and became interested in collecting records of his experiences.

Madsen has traveled around the world gathering material for his films and published works, and presently is engaged in a long range project that will encompass over 100,000 miles of travel before it is completed. He is married and continues to make his home in New England.

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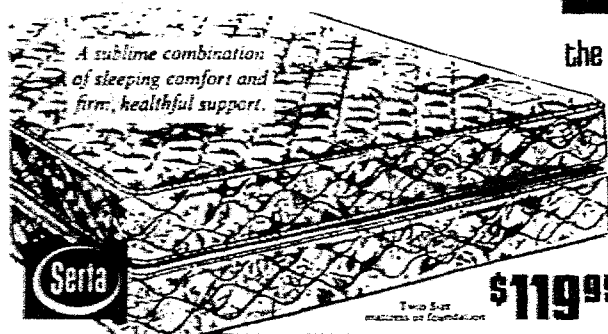
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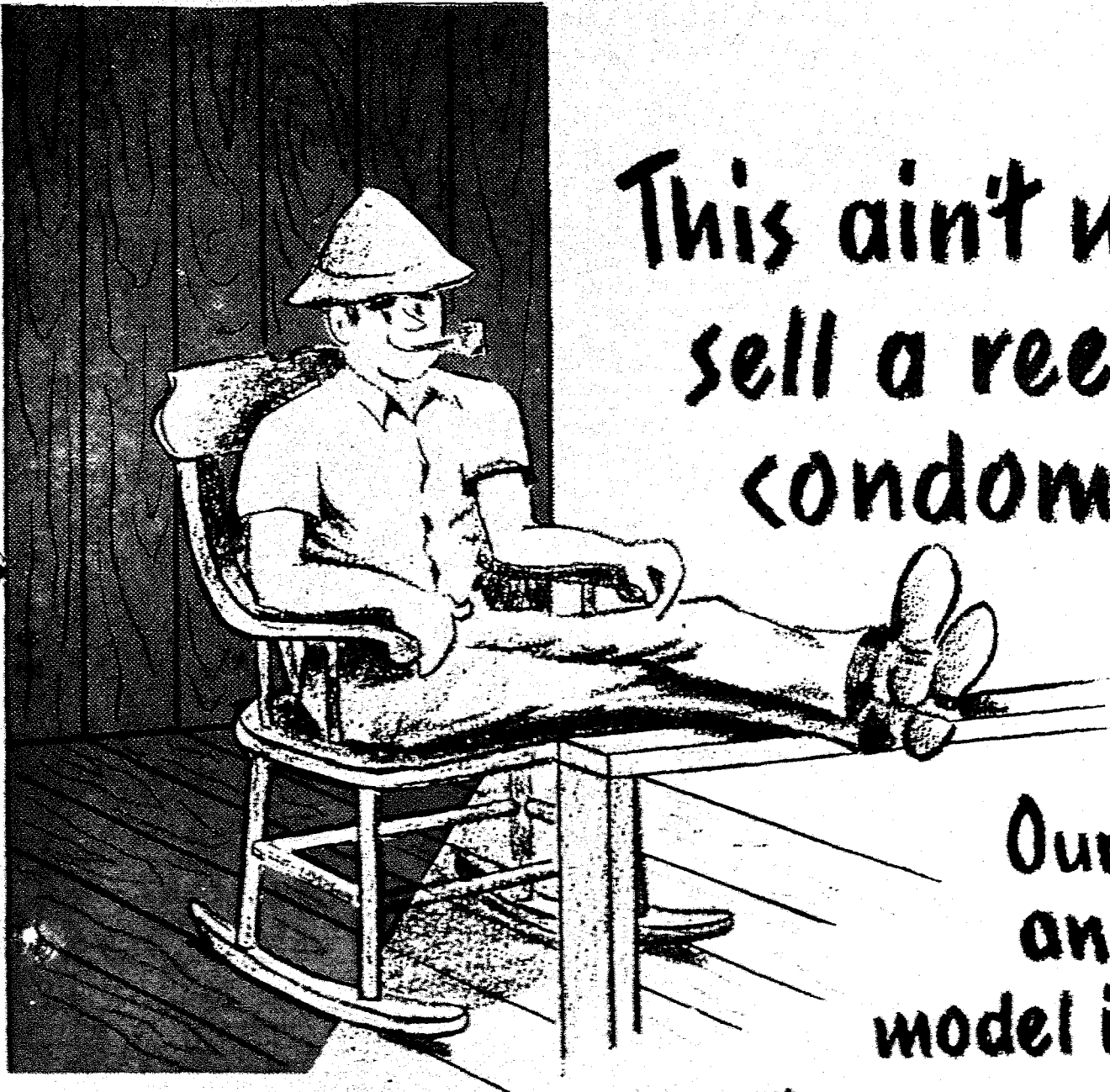
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**TALKING THINGS OVER**  
by Edward J. Bennett

**CAPTIVA** -- Those responsible for operation of the causeway might give some serious thought to opening the thoroughfare to bicycling, at least during daylight hours. It would not only conserve fuel, but enable those electing to utilize this wonderful form of transportation an opportunity to peddle both to and from the islands; it might surprise the officials to know that many bicycles owners on Sanibel and Captiva would use the causeway.

It is difficult to understand how such a move could inconvenience motorists anymore than the bicyclists who may for a moment or two force motorists to slow down in order to pass on any Captiva or Sanibel road.

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If danger there be on our island roads, it is from the 12 wheel "earthworkers" plying back and forth from the mainland to Captiva with fill for Mariner Corporation's housing development.

Some questions arise about this operation. What are the bridge and causeway load limits? What is the structural status of the bridge connecting Captiva with Sanibel? What is happening to the roadbeds utilized by these out-size monsters? And are speed limits being watched -- and enforced? Is there any Florida statute making provision for covering fast-moving loads of sand? How many motorists have been forced to follow, or dangerously pass, speeding trucks with sand and sometimes rocks flying in all directions?

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Florida is one of just a handful of states to have no-fault insurance. It remains to be seen whether or not this concept, so avidly fought by trial lawyers, will, in the long haul, be a success.

It may come as a surprise to both Floridians and their winter visitors that enforcement of no-fault insurance has been delegated to the police and the police have the right under the new law to enter private property, assess motor vehicle damage, report thereon and, astonishingly, to write up tickets for "infractions" of the motor vehicle laws

which in any other state would apply only on the public highway.

Just recently in Fort Lauderdale a friend, residing in a condominium (thereby being a part-owner of the property) was given a ticket by a Fort Lauderdale police officer for improper backing into the building's garage.

**ENTRY WITHOUT WARRANT**

The officer entered the property without permission of any owner and without warrant. He was invited by a guest, legally a trespasser, whose car had been accidentally backed into by the condominium owner, to assess damages, and to provide a necessary sticker for repair work.

So far, perhaps so good. But how about it when the police go still further and hand out a summons to the owner to appear in court? How about a judge telling the owner of his own car on his own property that he owes the city of Fort Lauderdale \$25 plus costs for bumping into a car that shouldn't have been there in the first place?

Perhaps someone has already appealed to higher court such patently unconstitutional shenanigans. It is indeed astonishing that any state legislature would ever sanction such an invasion of private rights and property, let alone turn police into insurance investigators vested with the extraordinary right to enforce public highway ordinances and laws on private property where, of course, such statutes do not, and indeed should not, apply.

The part owner of a condominium shares equal private rights with his neighbors and individually, as well as a whole, their rights are no more subject to the invasion of the police than those of a man upon his own single residence property.

**UNREASONABLE TRESPASS**

At least in Ft. Lauderdale it is a fact that, if you should accidentally back into any car on your property, or break any other ordinance or statute which would apply on the public way, you are subject to an uninvited investigation by the police, without warrant to enter the premises. You will be given a ticket. You are subject to arrest. You will be found guilty in a courtroom and assessed a fine or other penalties just as if your "ac-

cident" had occurred on, we will say, US Rt. 41.

So, fellow Floridians and visitors, if you bump into your brother's car on your mother's property, he can remove the keys from the ignition, use your father's telephone, call the police, have you arrested if you resist accepting a ticket and you will end up in court.

That is unless you want to go to the pokey or, better yet, appeal your case in Federal Court where we are sure such goings-on would be found violations of every principle of traditional constitutional rights of the individual citizen from unreasonable invasion of his property and a trespass upon his privacy. Let's hope such procedures are not followed on the islands. If so, beware. The land you own is not your own.

We've seen this happen in Fort Lauderdale, but maybe they make their own law over there.

**DRAWINGS TO BE HELD AT FAIR**

Something new has been added to this year's Arts and Crafts Fair at the Sanibel Community House, Feb. 9-10. It is a drawing of four fine examples of island craftsmanship, to be held on the final afternoon of the exhibition and sale.

Tickets for the drawings are now being sold at the Sanibel Public Library, principal beneficiary of the Fair. They are 50 cents each, or three for a dollar. Tickets will also be sold during the Fair.

George C. Tenney, chairman of the 1974 Fair, says 43 exhibitors already have signed up -- more than in either of the two previous years in which the exhibition and sale has been held. The deadline for entering as an exhibitor is January 18.

The examples of craftsmanship to be won by four lucky holders of 50 cent tickets are the following:

Eggury, an ostrich egg faberge by Helen Denny; Abstraction, copper and filament by John Sallemi; Peach rose crafted from dyed tarpon scales by Janet M. Tenney; and Shell arrangement mounted on simulated driftwood and framed for hanging, by Eugenia Wright. All shells in the arrangement were found on Sanibel beaches except one spiny oyster.

**SOUTH SEAS BOOMING AWAY**

A development of single family houses overlooking the Gulf is underway according to Al Ten Bröek, president of South Seas Plantation. South Seas will remain a resort but it will also be developing a residential area on the 300 acre South Seas Plantation tract. Fill dirt has been and is being deposited on the building sites.

South Seas Plantation Company formed a corporation in the fall as a joint venture with the Mariner Group and Citizen's Financial Corporation of Cleveland, Ohio, a real estate and financial services company who are helping finance the first 33 units. Some of these will be single dwellings, some duplexes and some triplexes along the

Captiva beach. The addition of nine more holes to the golf course, more tennis courts, and yacht basin expansion plus a new restaurant and guest units are in the plans too. The county has already issued 23 of the 33 building permits. The completed development may cost in the neighborhood of 50 million dollars.

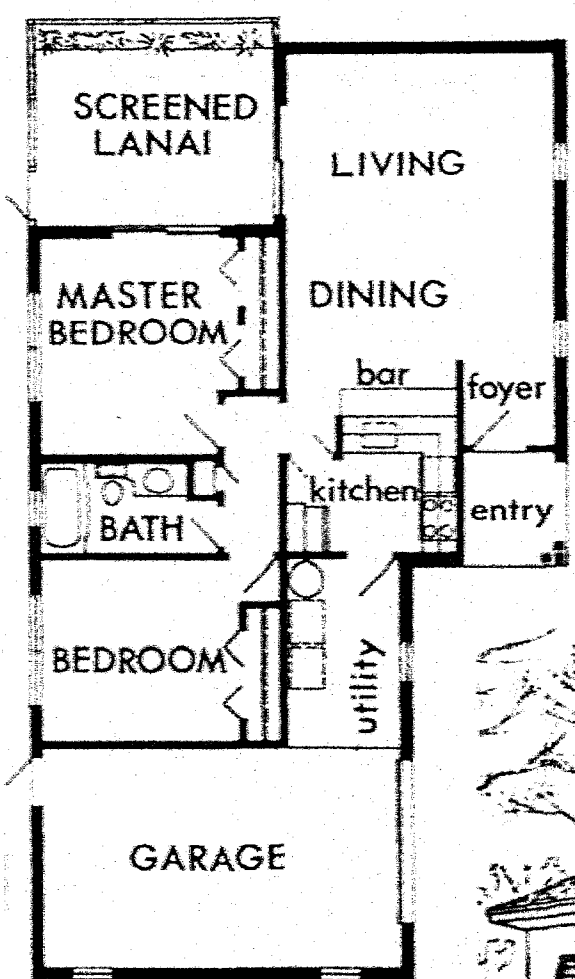
Homes will be in clusters of a dozen, separated by extensive landscaping, each with a Gulf view, private entrance, carport and parking area. Each cluster will have its own swimming pool and beach cabana. Sale of the properties will be under condominium declaration, and owners will be eligible for South Seas Resort facilities through annual membership enrollment.

**WORLD FAMED PIANO DUO TO APPEAR IN BEACH CONCERT**

An outstanding cultural event is being brought to Fort Myers Beach under the sponsorship of the local Rotary Club. World famous piano-duo "The Haddens" will appear in concert on January 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the American Legion Hall.

Earlier this year "The Haddens" were the featured performers at a state dinner given in the White House for President Bhutto of Pakistan. A year earlier they were the first American pianists to visit and tour China since before 1949.

Tickets will go on sale soon and will be announced

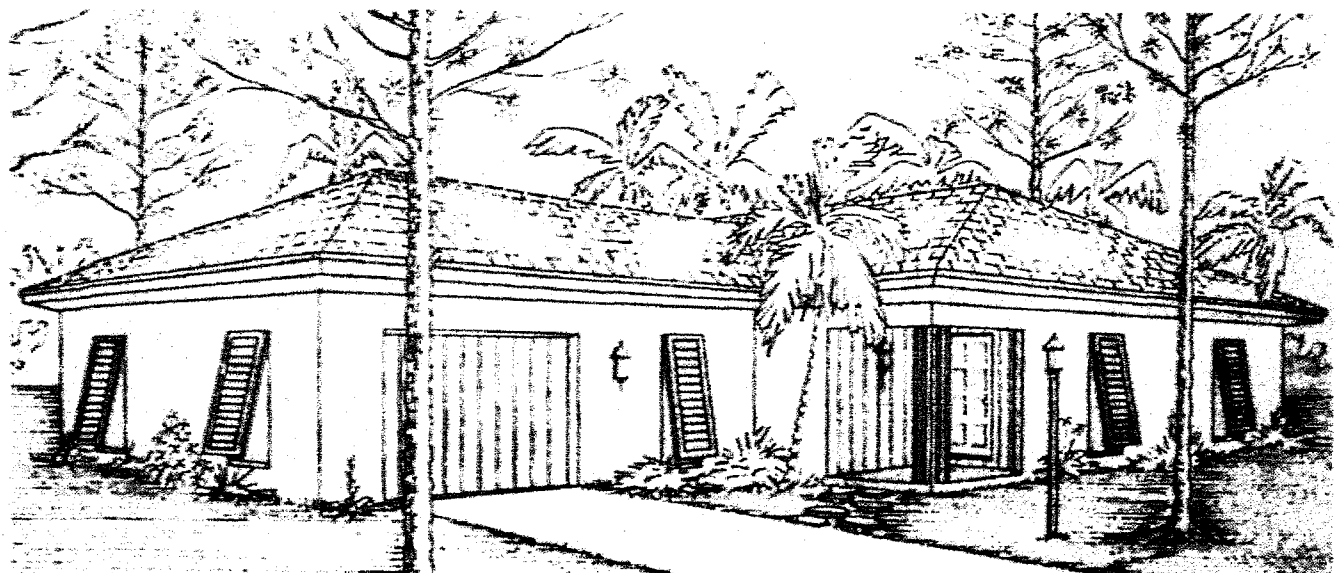


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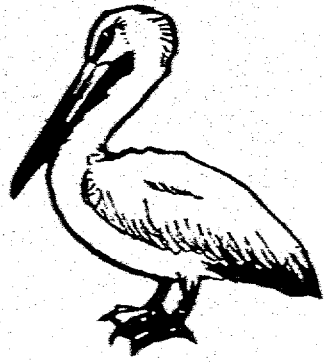
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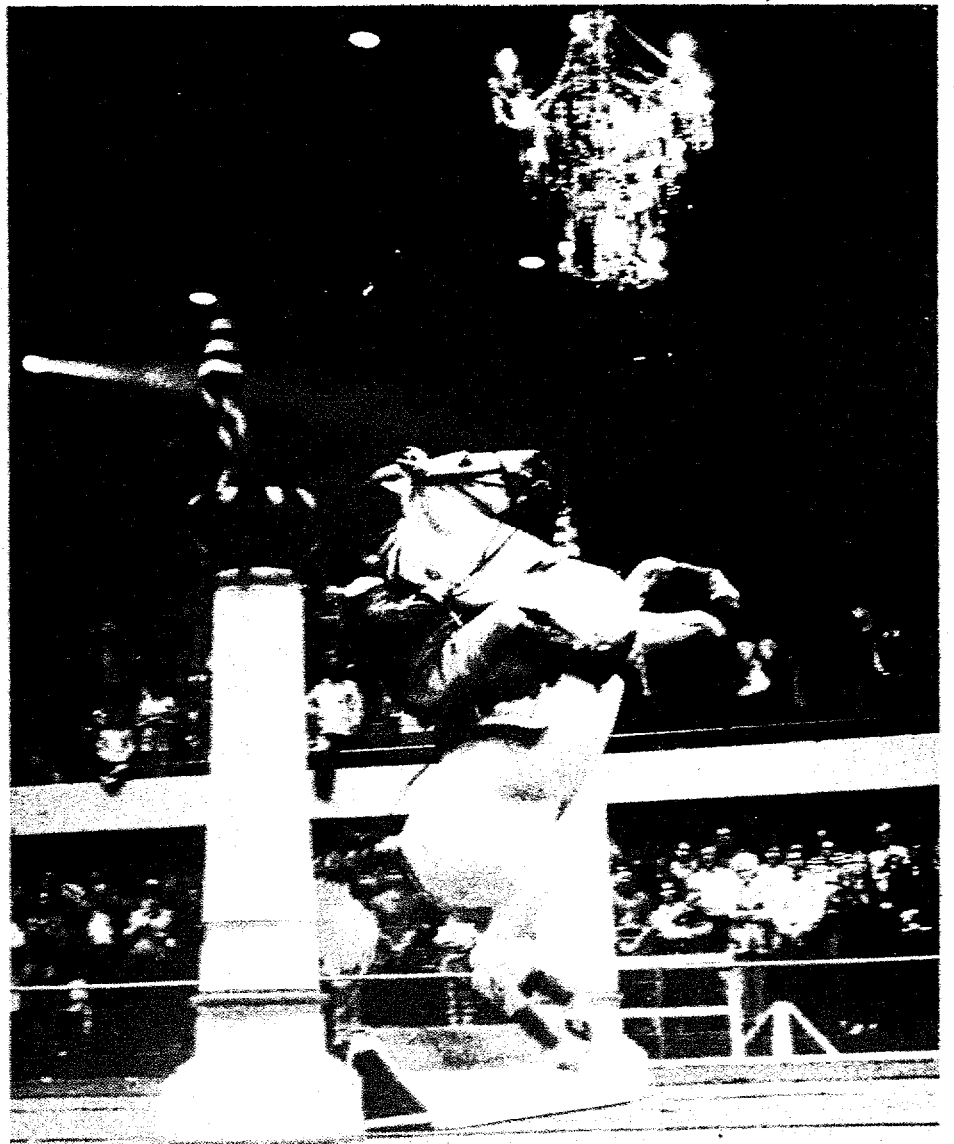
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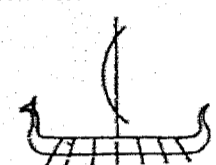
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The purpose of this hearing will be the cross examination of the witnesses of United Telephone Company and for receiving any rebuttal testimony as may be offered by the Company. In the event additional testimony is to be offered by the Company, such testimony will be subject to cross examination at the time it is given. All interested parties are invited to attend.

**NO MORE OUTSIDE FIRES**

According to Chief Alan Nave of the Sanibel Fire Dept., in compliance with the rules of the Department of Pollution Control, no more individual burning permits will be issued on the Island after January 1, 1974. Special permits will be issued for land-clearing, frost prevention or recreational and ceremonial purposes such as barbecues, camp fires, etc.

An announcement will be forthcoming from the Sanibel Disposal Service concerning procedures for having debris and other burnable items picked up.

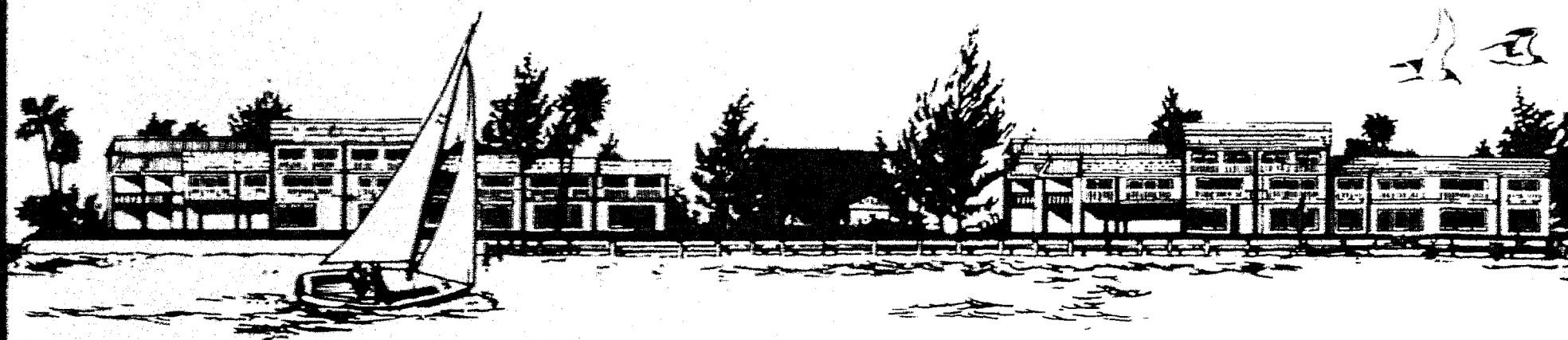


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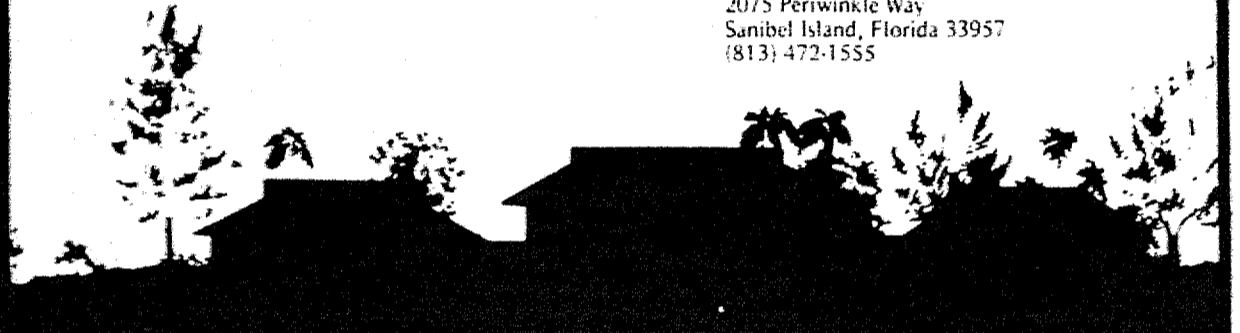
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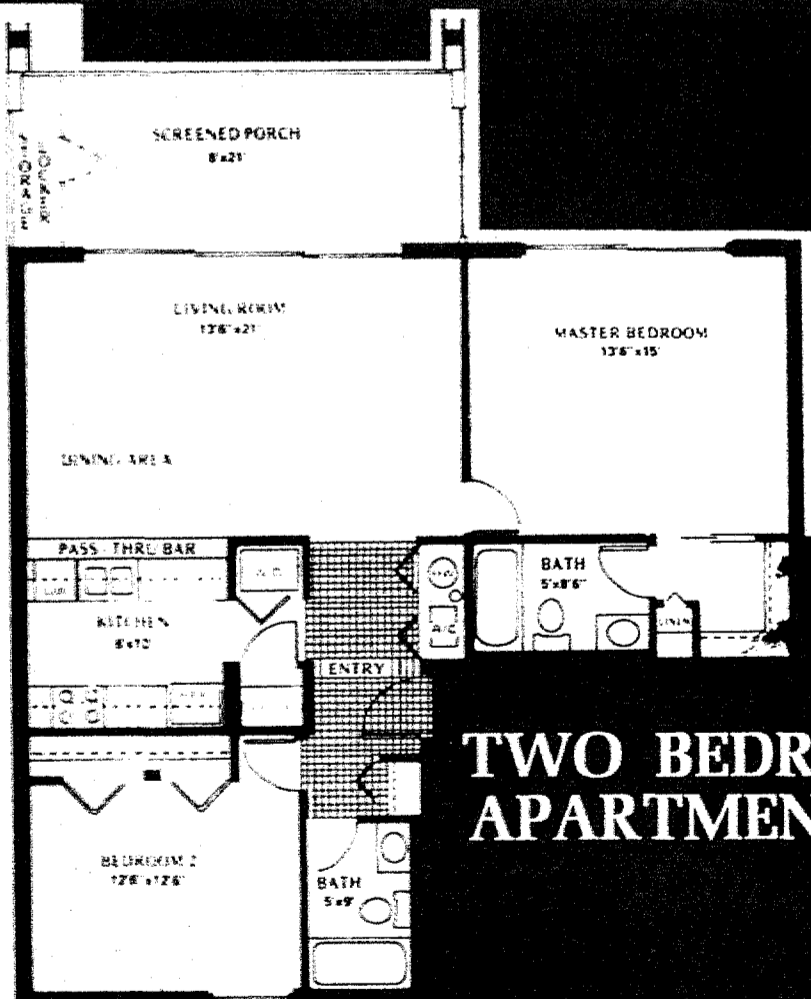
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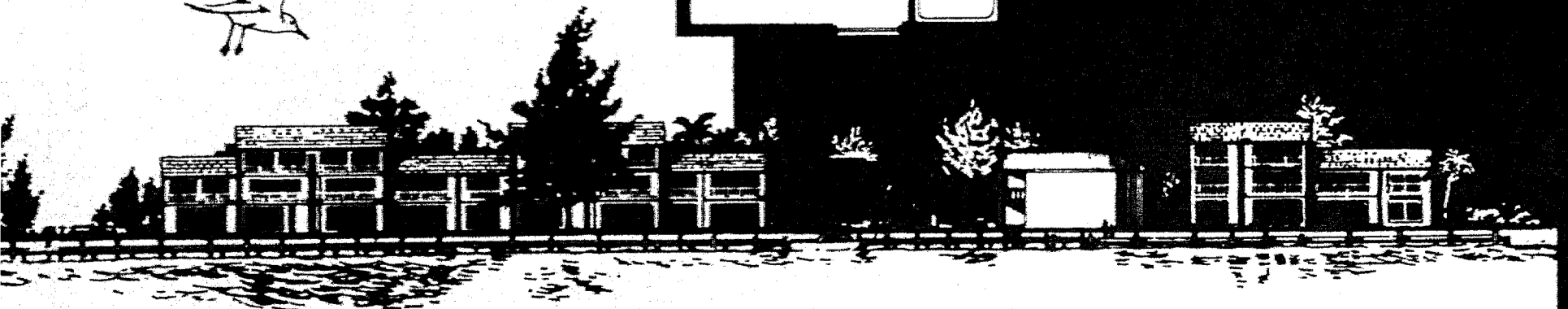
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A number of communities, leery of troublemakers, have passed special anti-loitering laws placing schoolyards off limits to those having no legitimate business there. And most courts have upheld the validity of these laws.

On the other hand, courts have also taken a tolerant view of what is "legitimate business." One case involved a 17-year-old boy, arrested after dark on the playground of a junior high school. At a court hearing, he explained that he had been waiting to take his younger sister home from a class party.

The judge decided this came

under the heading of legitimate business, and tossed the case out of court.


Furthermore, an anti-loitering law must not exceed constitutional limits. In another case, an ordinance forbade loitering within 250 feet of any school—with no exceptions.

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THREE BY TWO	Saturday	February 16
THE CURIOUS SAVAGE	Sunday	February 17
THE MATCHMAKER	Friday	February 22
THE CURIOUS SAVAGE	Sunday	February 24
THREE BY TWO	Saturday	March 2
THE MATCHMAKER	Sunday	March 3
THE CURIOUS SAVAGE	Saturday	March 9
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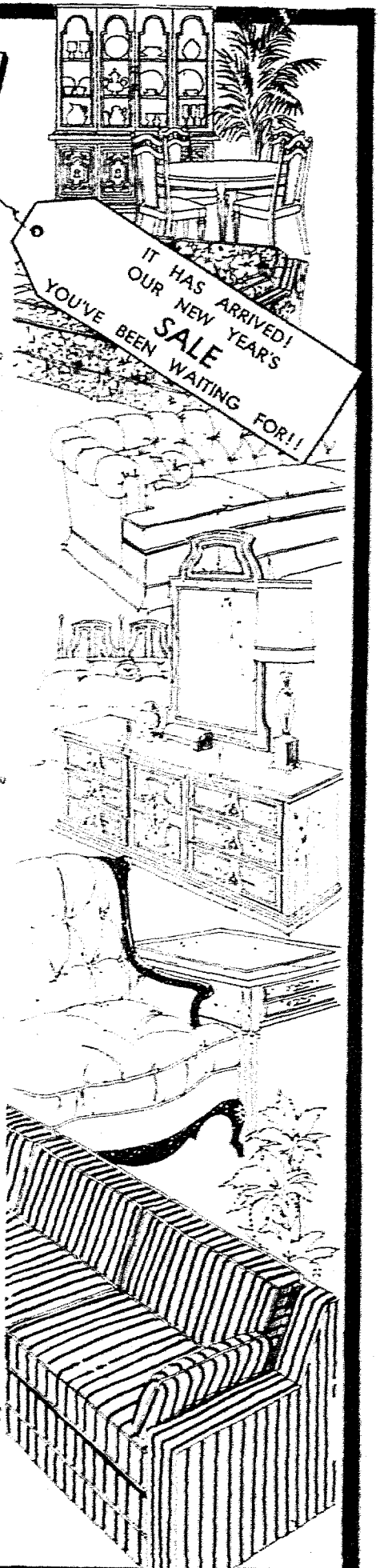
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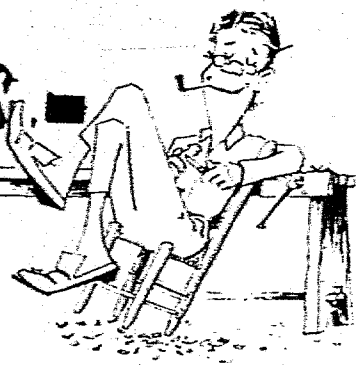
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The next concert is scheduled for February 23 and will feature the Faculty String Quartet of the University of South Florida.

The final concert will be held on March 23 with Bonita Glenn, soprano. Miss Glenn is currently in the United States on a concert tour and is being hailed by the critics as a second Leontyne Price.

Series tickets may be purchased for the three performances for \$10.50 and are available at the Song of the Sea or at Abbey Tobacco & News at Periwinkle Place. Single admissions will be sold at the door for \$4.00.

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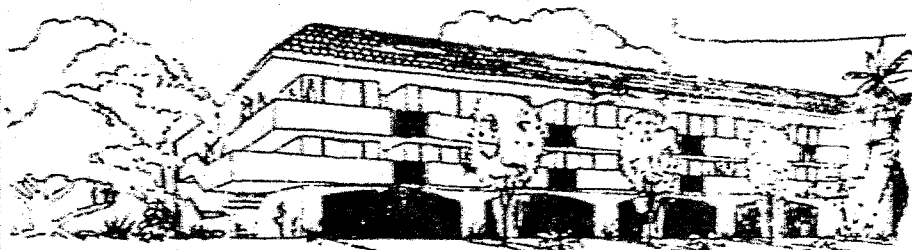
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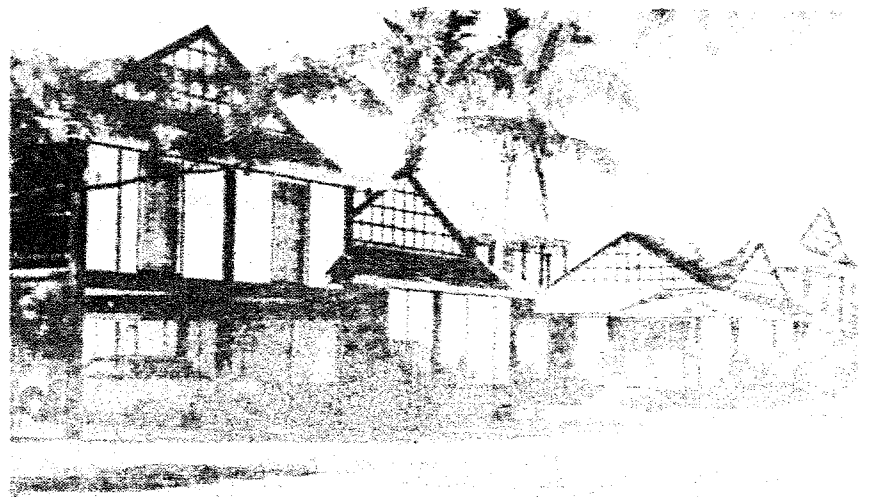
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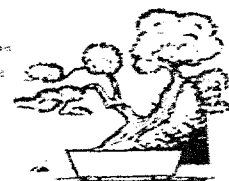
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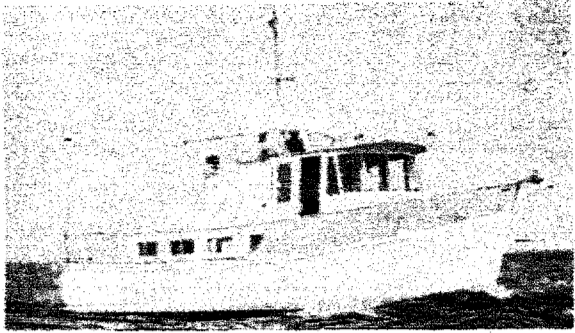
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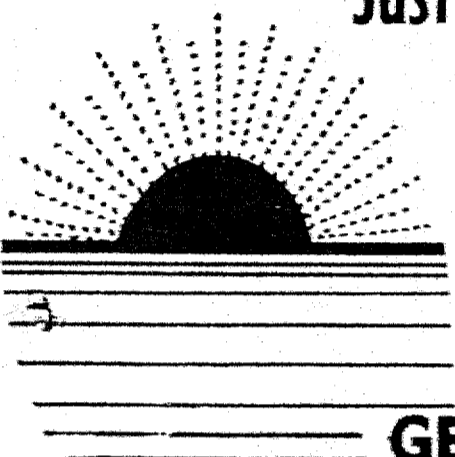


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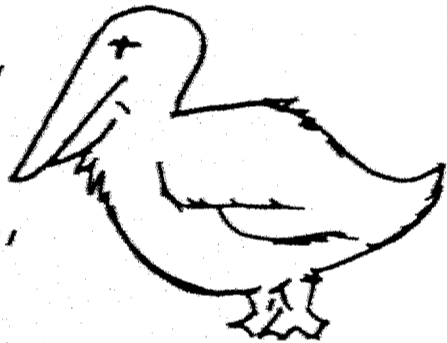


### PIRATE PLAYERS FROM "THE MATCHMAKER"



Pirate Playhouse is proud to announce the opening of Thornton Wilder's "The Matchmaker" on January 13. Above is pictured a part of the cast: Ted Fonda, Jay Bourne, Bill Krueger, Paul Adams, Glenn Carowan and seated, Carol Nix and Margaret Krueger. They will be joined by Barbara Ritchie, Fran McClintock, Dale Legel, Charlotte White, and Ruth and Phillip Hunter, who also directs. This happy comedy is the third production of the tenth season at the Island's delightful Arena Theater. Curtain 8:15, box office, 472-2121.

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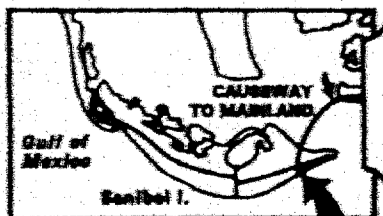
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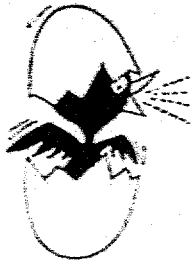
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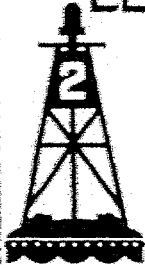
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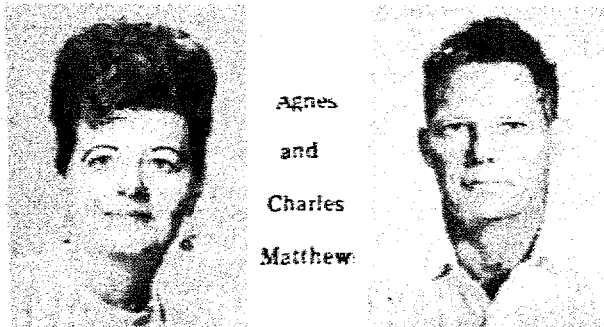
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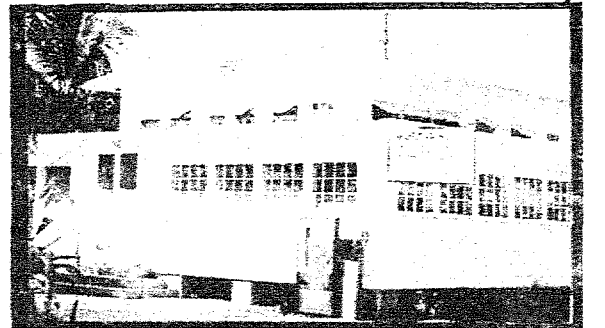
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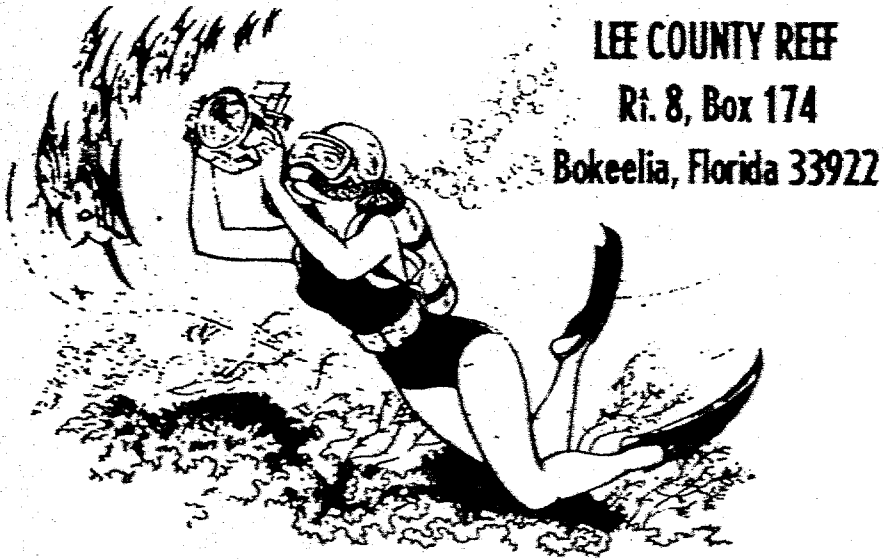
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## A Grain Of Sea Salt

by betzi abram



You can have your big name sports writers (begging your pardon, Howard C.) but my favorite is Mike Gill, a mere broth of a boy. (I use the term loosely -- his shoulders must be at least 6 feet wide!) He looks more like a football player than, say, Sir Thomas Lipton, but that's OK because his love for football is about as great as it is for sailing. And when he isn't writing for the Fort Myers News Press or teaching industrial arts and phys. ed. at Bishop Verot High, he's sure to be in, on, around or taking a picture of a sailboat.

He's got a round Irish face, the innocent blue eye of a Leprechaun (the kind to watch out for!), a lovely sense of humor and the wildest pair of black and gold gym sox you should ever hope to see. His loyalty to those sox is a joy to behold and an inspiration to all who would aspire to be best-dressed sailor of the year. But best of all, whether he's writing about a hot race of the CMCS or about a leisurely cruise to explore some little "Pirate Island," he knows whereof he speaks, and shares his knowledge and his pleasure with the reader.

He should know, of course, since he's been sailing since he was a kid and saved up a couple of hundred dollars to buy an old 20-foot Sprit-rigged Tampa Bay Sharpie (perspicaciously named "JOY") from Gene Burwell who taught him to sail. "That old boat," said Mike with the nostalgia of a man recalling his first love, "must be about 47 years old, was made of Cypress planking, and you know, a guy on Sanibel is still sailing it." He sailed that boat for about 4 years and got

solidly hooked, so that when he went up to the University of Tampa, he still snuck off to St. Pete every time he got a chance and hung around the docks, soaking up a rich infusion of nautical know-how.

Every real sailor has at least one good hair-raising experience to tell about, but Mike's tale is literal to the extreme. One Fourth of July he had a date with a delightful young lady who had never been sailing before. The cruise was pleasant and all was going well, when one of those notorious Florida storms arose and as they streaked for shore, a most inconsiderate bolt of lightning just zapped the mast and burnt it to a crisp. Fortunately no one was hurt, but their hair literally stood on end. "A wierd sight indeed," said Mike in the understatement of the year. "I'm sure," he added ruefully, "but I don't think she's ever been sailing since."

Mike got his foot in the door at the News Press as a youngster because he kept score for his basketball team and would take the results down to the paper where, no doubt as the result of his Irish blarney, they grew to like the rascal. And he got into phys. ed. because of his love of football and kids. As a matter of fact, he has a novel thesis which I hope to see him propound in print some day -- that football and sailing are very similar sports. Since I'm not a stadium fan, he'll have to convince me, but I heartily endorse his ambition to help make sailing one of the top pastimes in this area. In fact, he's got me so convinced, I bought his boat!

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Describing his presentation, Jones says, "Many of our fine nature publications display gorgeous photographs of birds taken with care and precision so that one can see every feature. These are important for our understanding. Yet, I feel that the real beauty is the impression one gets from seeing a flock of Roseate Spoonbills feeding at sunrise, Black Skimmers slicing the water in the foggy dawn, an osprey plummeting down from high above to snatch a fish from near the surface of the water, or the sound and fury of 200,000 Canadian geese as they make their way from Canada on their fall journey south."

Mr. Jones, now a year-round resident of Captiva, is a graduate of Dartmouth College, and for five years was on the staff of Walt Disney Productions in Hollywood. He later joined the Leo Burnett Company of Chicago, an advertising agency that during the 22 years in which he was associated with it became the fourth largest in the world. At the time of his retirement, Mr. Jones was senior vice president and a member of the Board of Directors. During the past five years he has devoted much time to photographing the birds of Sanibel-Captiva and other areas.

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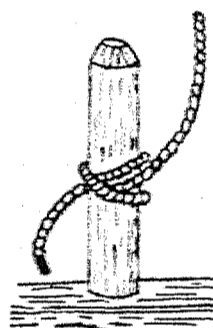


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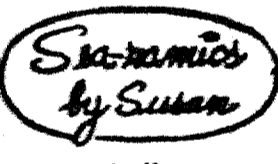


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COUNTY SEEKS POWER TO REVIEW BUILDING PERMITS

The following article reprinted from the Fort Myers News-Press with permission, will be of interest to our many off-island subscribers, many of whom are property owners, and to local residents who may have missed seeing it. The article is by Susan Taylor:

New building permits for construction of multi-family dwellings in Lee County Coastal areas have been cut off until Jan. 9.

The order was issued to the building department Tuesday following its unanimous approval by the county commission.

The action will give County Attorney James Humphrey time to draft an ordinance giving the board authority to review all county building permits except those for single family construction.

Seven weeks ago, after a proposed building moratorium on Sanibel died without reaching a vote, Humphrey was asked to check the legality of the board screening permit applications.

Wednesday's surprise move was spearheaded by Commissioner Dick Sayers. At the time the Sanibel building ban was recommended two months ago, Sayers said he was opposed to a moratorium because he didn't think construction on the island represented an "emergency situation."

Sanibel residents had complained that the island's "explosive growth," reflected in a 70 percent increase in residential construction permits, was straining public services and utilities.

"If it's possible one more building is going up on the waterfront it's an emergency and I think we ought to stop it," Sayers said.

Stressing the need for a countywide policy on building permits, Humphrey said he still "seriously doubts" that there is an emergency situation on Sanibel.

Referring to the Oct. 31 public hearing, Humphrey said, "They said things about roads and water but no concrete evidence. That's why I'm working on one (an ordinance) countywide."

Calling Sanibel's construction boom an "intolerable situation" Commissioner Walter Shirey said, "I don't feel those people over there should have to present evidence to us. We've got a staff that can do that. They're building a solid stone wall over there like Miami Beach."

Sayers failed to get a second on his original motion giving the board power to review all multi-family building permits in the county. He then made the substitute motion.

Humphrey said the proposed ordinance may call for an extra service charge tacked onto the base fees for building permits.

"I'm trying to have it as part of a charge for work being done by the board in reviewing permits and not as a tax," he said.

The county, along with Cape Coral and Fort Myers, is still considering a land use tax on all new residential construction. The purpose of the tax, already levied by several Florida cities, is to provide additional public services and utilities as growth occurs.

Wednesday's action seemed to reflect the board's increasing concern about development in coastal areas which many county residents claim will hurt the environment and transform beachfront areas into a solid row of high-rise buildings.

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