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Fuel Allocations Increased For School; Busses Will Roll

The Lee County School Board received the good news that school busses will continue to receive their allocation of gas to get the children back and forth until school ends for the summer, according to Hugh Flanders, assistant superintendent of Supportive Services.

Under Federal Energy Office Regulations the school bus transportation system will receive a 40 per cent increase in fuel allocations for the remainder of the year. The two major oil companies supplying the schools are, The American Oil Co. of Atlanta, Ga., and the Gulf Oil Corp.

Flanders said he applied for 140 per cent of the County's 1972 allocation, because of growth and population problems.

"We fall under the category of wholesale users because we need more than 84,000 gallons per year", he stated.

"This year because of double sessions, school bus mileage has increased by 40 per cent. But we have been receiving gasoline based on what was used in 1972". For the past few months, busses have been filling up at local gas stations to eke out the gas, and some credit cards were used with the school board paying on a monthly basis.

The School Board voted to do away with the monthly payments and agreed to pay by check each time a bill is received in the finance office, as some stations cannot wait for a whole month to be paid. This will alleviate that problem, according to Flanders.

SHELL FAIR

Sanibel's celebrated Shell Fair to be held at the Community House on the Island March 7, 8 and 9 promises to excel previous shows in both the number and variety of rare and beautiful shells on exhibit according to general chairman, Anina Hills. Competition for awards in all of the 41 categories of exhibits will be keen, especially for the coveted "Shell of the Show" rosettes for the best single, worldwide, Florida and Sanibel-Captiva specimens.

Live shells for the special outdoor exhibit are already being collected in holding tanks and Dr. Robert T. Spicer who, with Ralph Woodring, is assembling the collection, reports that many interesting and outstanding specimens will be on display. Two 9-inch sea horses will be featured, but Dr. Spicer will not predict a live birth episode such as occurred at one of the past fairs.

Of special interest will be the display of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club where all kinds of shells may be purchased including many mint condition specimens. Mrs. Fae Muller states that Shell Club members have both collected and donated great numbers of fine shells. Also the Driftwood Shop will feature a variety of shell-crafted items ranging from flowers to humorous animals -- all made by island visitors or residents. Baked goods, jams and jellies made from exotic island fruits will also be available.

The Sanibel-Captiva Art League will have an outstanding collection of paintings and etchings on exhibit on the walls of the outdoor gallery. Helene Sparkes, noted island artist, is in charge of the exhibition.

Special parking will be provided for the handicapped this year so that persons in wheel chairs or on crutches can get to the Fair with a minimum of difficulty.

A drawing will be held on the last day of the Fair for two magnificent shell tables hand crafted by Charles LeBuff of Naples and filled with an outstanding collection of specimen shells. One of the tables is oval and the other round.

Sharon Vardal, who is in charge of exhibits, has requested that exhibitors bring as many of their displays as possible to the Community House on Tuesday, March 5, commencing at 1 p.m. No exhibits will be accepted after noon on Wednesday. Judging will begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday, and winners will be announced at the opening of the Fair on Thursday morning.

A special period has been set aside for photographers prior to the official opening. News as well as amateur photographers will have the exhibits to themselves between 8:30 and 9 a.m. on March 7, when prize winners and judges will be present.

Sanibel Clinic Closes Because of Gas Crunch

Because of the gas crunch and the fact that the public health nurse who operates the clinic on Tuesdays at the Sanibel Community Hall was not able to obtain gas for her monthly visit to Sanibel, the clinic will be closed until further notice, according to Nursing Director Bessie Fowler.

Since public health nurses drive private cars they have to wait in gas lines like the rest of us, and have problems like ours. The number of home visits has had to be cut back for the same reasons. Therefore if you need a doctor or public health nurse, get in touch with the health department by calling them.

The cardiovascular clinic on Michigan Ave. will continue to operate.

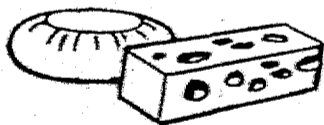
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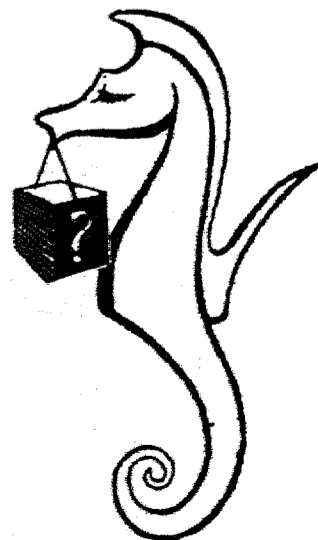
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Who's Who & Why

Mr. CLYDE BISSELL from La Grange, Illinois is glad to get away from the cold and spend some time with his son's family, the DON BISSELLS at 698 Anchor Drive. This is the first time he has seen the Bissell's new home since they moved to Sanibel from Captiva.

CLYDE will be here until April. He was pleased to see his grandson, BRIAN, play with the Cypress Lake Varsity basketball team. The team, coached by Brian's father, DON, came out with a winning 14-7 season.

FRED and ALICE DRADER are spending their third season at Periwinkle to escape a cold Connecticut winter, and for the first time in their shelling jaunts on the beach they found a large Lion's Paw. What a thrill to find one in such good condition too. Their daughter, DOROTHY CONNER, and husband, Capt. JAMES CONNER, who is presently in England, have purchased a lot in Gulf Pines and are thinking about building in the not too distant future.

WALTER and ERMA CLAUSSEM from Ogden, Iowa, are here on Sanibel for two months. Erma has been collecting shells to make the beautiful shellcraft she is famous for, and she has the same magic touch with pine cone art. She makes perky felt dolls, sand spur poodles and pretty driftwood displays, all at the Craftsmen. The Claussems have been coming to Sanibel since 1948 and to Periwinkle since 1963 since it opened.

PAUL KOFLER from Middle Village, N. Y. caught an 18 lb. snook over 3 feet long on Monday, on an 8-lb. test line, and Paul was wading in shallow water. He snagged others but, of course, the biggest one got away, just too big for his line. The Kofflers will be staying another month.

WILLIAM MANKIN, son of E. G. MANKIN of Sanibel, will be enrolling in the 1978 class at Annapolis of the U.S. Naval Academy starting on July 8. He received his appointment on Valentine's Day and his letter of acceptance on Feb. 21. Congratulations, Bill!

RALPH and CAROLINE HERZOG of Harrisburg, Pa., forgot to bring their fishing tackle and so they are having to forego fishing this time, but they come back every year and love beautiful Periwinkle Park.

DOROTHY J. TROWBRIDGE from Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, KEITH and PAT TROWBRIDGE, and their children MICHAEL and DAVID who live on Tulipa Way. Mutual friends, TOM and MARGARET KEMSLEY from Sarnia, are staying Periwinkle and visiting the Trowbridges too.

TOM SIMPSON, numismatist, has been receiving some inquiries about old Spanish coins being found on the beaches, but he has examined them, and much to the dismay of the finders, has informed them that alas the coins are bogus, even though they look weather worn and real. The perpetrator of this hoax remains a mystery.

Mr. & Mrs. CHAUNCEY MARSH of Essex, Conn., spent a profitable pleasant morning fishing for trout off Sanibel with guide Herb Purday last week. They brought in a nice catch of sea trout, some 3 and 4 lbs.

FATHER HUBBS of St. Michael's and All Angels Church attended the religious education workshop at St. Hilary's Episcopal Church in Fort Myers on Saturday, as did Mrs. George Tenney and Mrs. Louis Daniels. Mrs. Daniels got involved in audiovisual education and adult education while Mrs. Tenney studied in the "Create and Celebrate" group of first and fourth grade children, who acted out and painted interpretations of Bible excerpts as they felt they should be.

She also studied transitional analysis the "I'm OK, You're OK" theory with value clarification and what values people put on things such as beards or long hair. The workshop was well attended by people from all over Lee County and particularly the young people.

DOLLY IRELAND is now out of Lee County Hospital and doing fine back home at Snook Apts.

It appears there won't be any more Brownie meetings until a new troop leader can be found. Any volunteers?

BETTY WAKEFIELD from the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation is leading a Stretch-and Sew group at the Nimble Thimble. They're meeting once a week and learning how to make those T-shirts everyone seems to like.

WANDA MARSHALL of McCaul's is on the recovery list, having been under the weather for some time. We hope she will be feeling much better soon. "The people at the Island Apothecary were wonderful. They came down to their shop at night to fill a prescription for her," says concerned husband, DEAN. "I can't thank them enough."



THE COLONY GUESTS

Out of state guests at The Colony this week include Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Houghton of Glen Head, NY; Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Price of Burlington, Wisc.; Mr. and Mrs. John Prentiss of Edelstein, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. William Raub Jr. of Wilmette, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. John Mumper of Scarsdale, NY; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dallas of Cincinnati, OH; Mr. Harold Corcoran of Old Saybrook, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sellers of Philipsburg, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley A. Nord of Westwood, NY; Dr. and Mrs. Roland S. Cron of Milwaukee, Wisc.; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur N. Laird of LaGrange, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Dunklee of Mississauga, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Abrand of Des Moines, Iowa; Dr. Martin Leimdorfer and family of Tahy, Sweden; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Deringer of Oneida, NY; Rev. and Mrs. Dale Oatlander of Takoma Park, MD; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ohly of Rochester, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Samuelson of Springfield, OH; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wittmann of Toledo, OH; Mr. and Mrs. John Elgar of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Mr. Gerald Rauenhorst of Minneapolis, Minn.; Mr. Lawrence Nunn of Meadville, PA; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Blinco of Hershey, PA; Mr. and Mrs. William Knudsen of Brooklyn, NY;

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'SERENADING SANIBEL' TO BE PRESENTED ONCE ON CAPTIVA

A high treat and a real bargain are in store for islanders, especially those residing or visiting Captiva. Tomorrow, Friday, March 1, under the auspices of the local Audubon Society, Mario Hutton will present his latest "photo-verse" program at 8 p.m. in the Captiva Civic Center.

This show, entitled "Serenading Sanibel", was presented for the first time on Sanibel on February 15 and 16 on the occasion of a gala benefit for the local school. The hundreds who attended were fascinated by the 18 features offered, covering a variety of subjects from the scenic beauty of our islands and their wildlife, to dramatic visions of a hurricane and the scourge of the red tide.

For the benefit of those who could not come to see the show on Sanibel, Mario Hutton will repeat it in its entirety only one more time, tomorrow evening, on Captiva. It is expected that many will want to attend this special event. It is open to the public and all are cordially invited.

TO THE ISLANDER:

I was surprised and pleased to get the card saying that my limerick had been selected in the Sanibel Jingle contest.

I can't think of a nicer prize than a subscription to the Islander. However, since I already take the paper, I would like the price of my subscription to be donated to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Fund. Thank you very much!

Emma Rowe
Miami, Florida

TO THE ISLANDER:

Compliments to Mr. Jim Anholtz; Mr. Heines; Mrs. Esp and their employees for their best efforts in trying to keep the people of the islands supplied with gas, in this energy crisis.

It is a time of war on EVERYONE'S nerves! But an encouraging smile and sense of humor still prevails, with their friendly service.

Mrs. H. V. Braun
Sanibel Island

TO THE ISLANDER:

Hats off to Joyce Irwin's Aunt Tina, a darling little lady, 91 years young and the liveliest member of the audience at the Pirate Playhouse for The Curious Savage Feb. 17.

Ruth Hunter

VFW AUXILIARY NEEDS YARN

The Ladies Auxiliary of Harney Point Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, are urgently in need of unused yarn to be used for knitting articles for disabled veterans.

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TO THE ISLANDER:

As an inveterate walker of Sanibel's beaches, I would like to urge those who want solitude and a place to enjoy nature, to look elsewhere. Condominiums are sprouting like toad stools from the Lighthouse westward along the Gulf shore. Each new condominium pushes closer to the surf line than its neighbor, natural beauty giving way to designed ugliness. Not content with crowding four stories into 35 feet of building height, some are designed to permit subletting of an additional apartment in each unit.

Year-round residents are not desired in some of these Gulf affronts. That would interfere with making money on an investment. Some are even rented on a daily basis. (Why aren't they called motels?) I wish some poor maligned condominium owner would explain why he expects to be welcomed by those of us who consider Sanibel home.

On the other hand, if you like crowded beaches, congested traffic, uninspired architecture, rampant greed and lots of tourists year 'round, Sanibel may be your place.

W. H. Disher
Sanibel, Florida

TO THE ISLANDER:

Re: The Feb. 18 Legislative hearing, the turnout was disappointingly small. Philip Hunter, speaking in opposition to any form of home rule, obviously savored the role, with the eyes of all upon him. Actually, we've never seen him do better with a poor script.

Dick Sayers, possibly tipped off, drove the many gas-consuming miles from Fort Myers to keep us in his clutches. He had no right to put his oar in, certainly not by misleading the state commission with few facts and much fiction regarding Sanibel's battle for a reasonable comprehensive plan.

For those worried that the wrong people will get control if we incorporate, we have news for you: the wrong people ARE in control, hence the continuing construction of high density condominiums, the thunder of construction vehicles before dawn and into the night and the ravaged countryside. We can escape this through the democratic processes available to us - but not unless you care. Good men and women will run for local office and only registered SANIBEL voters would be eligible to vote. Cost?? Not prohibitive for, unlike other communities, the island has a lucrative tourist trade, ready and eager to pay fees for well run town services and facilities.

We strongly favor incorporation and believe it a cause worth crusading for. If you have any questions, call us.

Ellinore Dormer
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The Annual House Tour, sponsored by the ladies of St. Michael and All Angels Church was a resounding aesthetic and financial success according to Mrs. George Tenny.

At the Auxiliary's Wednesday meeting she announced that over \$2,000 was netted, and she expressed the hope that some of the money would go toward the support of medical help for the indigent elderly.

So far the indigent do not receive any money for prescriptions for such ailments as high blood pressure except for some donations by the Lions Club and those St. Michael's ladies who are interested in this phase of help for the elderly indigent.

Last year the Auxiliary donated to the Lee County Day Care Center, another worthy cause.

FIRST YEAR IS A SUCCESS FOR 'CHRISTA OF CAPTIVA'

Saturday, the 23 of February "CHRISTA OF CAPTIVA", the ladies' Boutique at South Seas Plantation celebrated its first anniversary. It was a very successful year for Mrs. Dwight (Christa) Wilson, who owns and manages the boutique.

You have to see it to appreciate it. The decor is elegant and airy, the resort and sportswear it features is of great quality and elegance.

Mrs. Wilson acquired her know-how from her years in the Palm Beaches, where she worked very closely with "Jaqueline of Paris" and "Oriental Imports". Various accessories compliment the fashion-minded lady's taste. Among Christa's own creations, will be 3-piece traveling suits she has designed and made from Greek hand-woven fabrics.

A visit with "Christa of Captiva" leaves you with a happy memory.

School News

Below are some thoughts about bicycle riding and bicycle paths by some of the 4th and 5th graders at Sanibel Elementary School.

BIKE PATHS FOR SURVIVAL

I think that bike paths are good for the people of Sanibel and the gas shortage. Ever since the gas shortage began I have seen more bikes. Bikes are also good for your health. And I hope that if we have bike paths that they will not cut down the scenery when they do it. I think

that we need bike paths all over Sanibel. I know that there are some bike riders that are dying to have bike paths. Lots of people were asked to go to Fort Myers and ask them for help and money. But it may be a while before we have any paths. There will be a test strip by the DQ. If we have bike paths on Sanibel I'll be riding every day.

I hope that Sanibel will stay as it is now. And with the bike paths it may just stay.

Mike Nichols

BIKE PATHS ON SANIBEL

I think Sanibel needs bicycle paths because some drivers don't look where they are going. But some drivers are good and it's the person on the bicycle. They ride against the traffic when they should ride with traffic. Bicycles have wheels too. Once some people on Sanibel tried to get enough money by having a bike race. \$5.00 to enter. They hung up a board where people could sign their names. It was up at Bailey's Store.

Albert Hunter

BIKE PATHS ON SANIBEL

If we had bike paths there wouldn't be so much pollution from cars and people wouldn't have things in their hands to through on the ground. Also it's good exercise and a lot of people are overweight and have bad hearts, and it will help them get in shape.

And riding on the road is dangerous and a bike path will make people want to ride and they will save gas. If we can make our Island safer, why shouldn't we?

June Ireland

BIKE PATHS ON SANIBEL

I think we should have bike paths on Sanibel because the tourists don't know the Island well and some people that live on the Island, too. Suppose a person was riding a bike on the road at night and a car didn't see it and ran right over it.

If we had bike paths it wouldn't happen because cars won't be allowed to go on them. But the people on Sanibel should have a reflector on their bike. If we had bicycle paths on Sanibel there would be a lot less accidents. That's why I think there should be bicycle paths.

Barbara Stokes




BIKE PATHS ON SANIBEL

We should have bike paths because a lot of people get hit. It would be a lot safer. Car drivers would not have to worry so much about hitting people on bikes. There is a gas shortage and more people should ride bikes to save gas. People can have more room on the bike paths than on the roads. It would be more fun than on a busy highway. You should remember to use hand signals. When no cars are coming some people ride in the middle of the road and they could get hit. It could make Sanibel a safer place and that's why we should have bike paths on Sanibel.

Karyn Dutton

BIKE PATHS ON SANIBEL

The reason why I think we should have bicycle paths is because many people are getting hurt too many times. It's safer to ride on a bike path than a road. It keeps you in shape. Instead of riding in a car and burning up gas you can ride your bike to your friend's house on the bike paths. A bike path is like a little road made out of a slab of cement. Cars cannot get on the paths. Some people don't use their hand signals and that's why they get hurt. Some people wobble like drunks, or old people, and hit the people. Some people like to ride at night time and don't have a reflector on their bike, and the drivers cannot see them riding. When you ride at night make sure you have at least one reflector and wear white. Riding your bike saves gas. If we never ride our bikes we will run out of gas. Riding your bike is a lot of fun. The hand signals are:

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Marlene Francis

BIKE PATHS ON SANIBEL

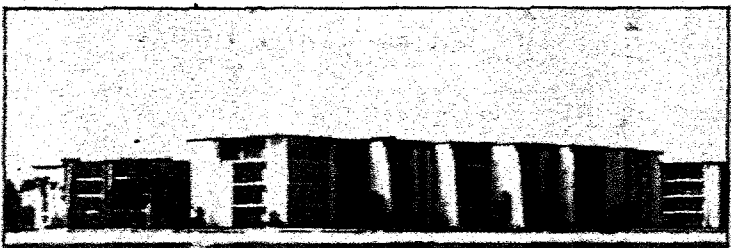
I think we should have bicycle paths because too many people are getting hit on the road by a car, too many people are speeding, and bicycles don't pollute the air like cars do and bicycles save gasoline.

And another reason I think we should have bicycle paths is because people feel more secure, because they know no car is going to knock them over and get into an accident with them. And we should have bicycle paths because it is too dangerous to ride in the street because you might fall in the street and get your foot caught in the spokes when a car is speeding and doesn't see you in time to put on the brakes. This is why I think we should have bicycle paths.

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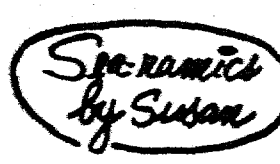
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The Sign Ordinance is due for enforcement by the county as of the first of March, according to Benton Blair head of the Sign Ordinance Coordinating Committee. How the ordinance, which was accepted by the county, will be enforced is not known, but it is hoped that voluntary compliance will make any drastic action unnecessary. Should a business ignore the ordinance, which states a limit of one sign less than 10 feet in size per business, the issue would have to be decided in court. The ordinance was initiated and sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce; since the county did not reject nor change it, it will be binding as of Friday.

One group of businesses complied with the ordinance and has removed objectionable signs but another has not yet complied. Those who have conformed feel that they should not be required to do so unless the ordinance applies to all equally, and it does. All objectionable signs have been removed from the entrance to the Island except one real estate sign, and it is hoped that voluntary action will remedy that without recourse to sterner measures, "but the enforcement will be entirely up to the county, since it is now a county ordinance," said Blair.

HOPES BRIGHT FOR EXTENSION OF ISLAND BUS SERVICE TO INCLUDE TRIPS TO MAINLAND

Tropic Transit, Inc., is negotiating with the County for a franchise to extend their bus routes from the present Sanibel-Captiva run to include Fort Myers, according to Jim Ayles, vice president and general manager of the company. Schedules and rates are in the planning stage, and application to the Florida Public Service Commission will be made when plans are formulated.

The Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce has chartered Tropic Transit to provide the service. Since the free inter-island bus line began on Jan. 25, it has become increasingly popular and carries about 300 passengers daily on the Tuesday through Sunday run, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., and this scheduled service will run through April 14.

Allen Ten-Broek, member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, is receiving kudos for the service since it has provided tourists an alternative to auto travel in these days of fuel shortages. Two busses run the length of Sanibel with early morning and evening trips up to South Seas Plantation.

ISLAND INN GUESTS

Guests at Island Inn include Miss Helen Tyler and Mrs. Costello Chambers of Hickman, Ky.; Mrs. F. Hunterer! Hackett, Mrs. Blackhurst and Mrs. Bruch from Cleveland, Ohio; the Tom Wares of Largo, Fla.; Mrs. & Mrs. Harry T. Summers, Lakeland, Florida; Mr. & Mrs. Herman Seid and Mr. Steven Aronson of New York, N.Y.; the T. S. Knights, Newark, N.J.; Dr. & Mrs. Robert Zollinger, Columbus, Ohio; Dr. & Mrs. V. L. Ellicott, Baltimore, Md.; Mr. & Mrs. John M. Gaines of Lakeville, Conn.; the Thomas Burtons of Wellesley

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DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Winners at the Friday Night duplicate bridge at the Community House were: North-South, 1st place, Mr. & Mrs. Ludwig Loos; 2nd place, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lighthill. East-West, 1st place, Mr. & Mrs. Alan M. Johnson; 2nd place, Helen and Joe Winterrowd.

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Wildlife Notes

by Griffing Bancroft

To many it seems like a near miracle that the bald eagles on Captiva, after five fruitless, frustrating years, have once again hatched some babies.

But involved in this has been a false assumption. And once that was discovered, there was reason to hope that the birds might indeed become parents again.

Assuming the nesting birds were the same pair, they had raised young for several years prior to 1968. The last time was in the winter of 1967-68 when records show that one young was fledged.

But for the next five years there was no nesting success. In each of these years, the eagles were seen, sitting low in the nest in an incubating posture, for ten weeks. The normal incubation period for eagles is five weeks and a rule of thumb is that if there are no hatchings, birds generally will keep trying for about twice the normal time.

This obviously was what these birds were doing. The usual cause of non-hatching in such cases is sterility, and for five years it has been assumed that at least one of the eagles was sterile. It seemed a safe assumption since DDT and other such poisons are known to have caused sterility in many cases, especially among fish eating birds.

But in the spring of 1973, after it was certain that there would again be no hatching, a young ornithologist from Cornell University and the Mote Marine Laboratory of Sarasota, Dr. Jeffry Lincer, climbed to the nest and took out the one and only egg.

Dr. Lincer discovered that the egg had not been sterile after all. An embryo had started to grow and was about two-thirds developed when it died in the egg. There were DDT residues in the egg, which may have killed the embryo, and which must have come from the old female.

But it was now established that neither of the old birds was sterile, a condition which made recovery improbable. Whatever had been wrong, there was now hope it could be overcome.

So the nest was watched especially closely this season. The birds started to incubate on December 8, a little later than usual but not extraordinarily so.

Five weeks later, instead of continuing fruitless incubation longer as in the past, the eagles were seen mostly standing over the nest, and would come out to scold intruders. They acted for all the world like parents.

And then, to the gratification of all, on February 11 two young eaglets were observed sticking their heads above the edge of the nest to be fed.

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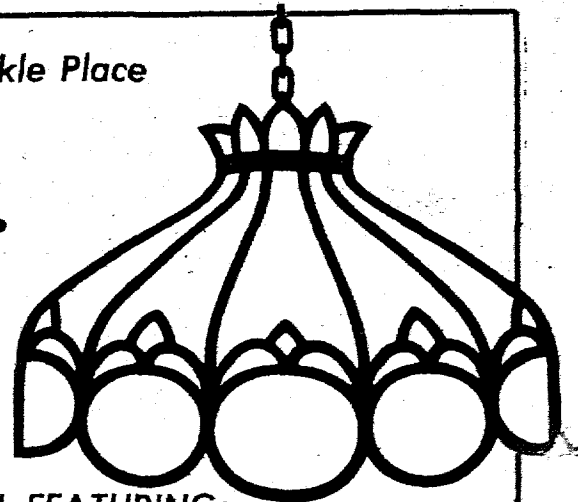
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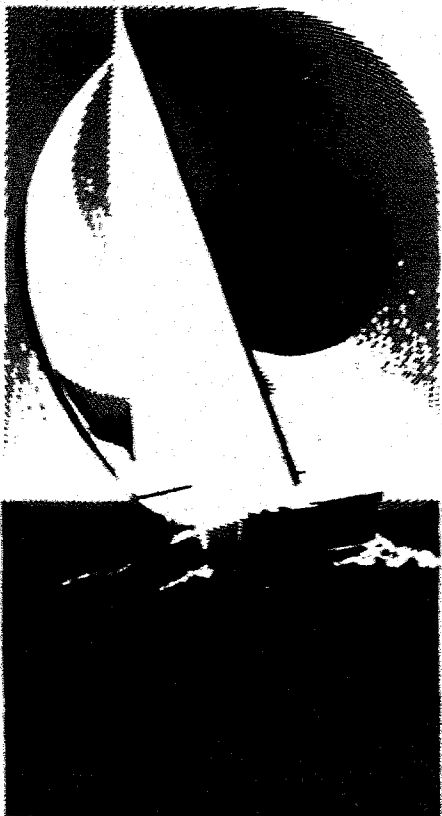
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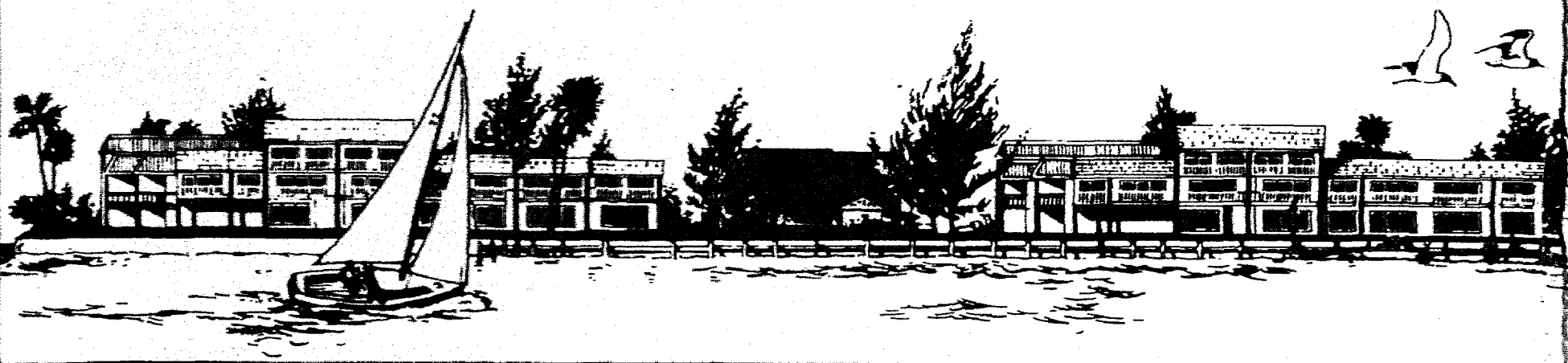


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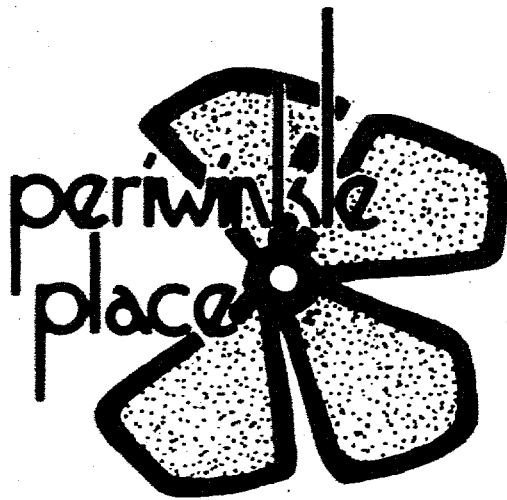


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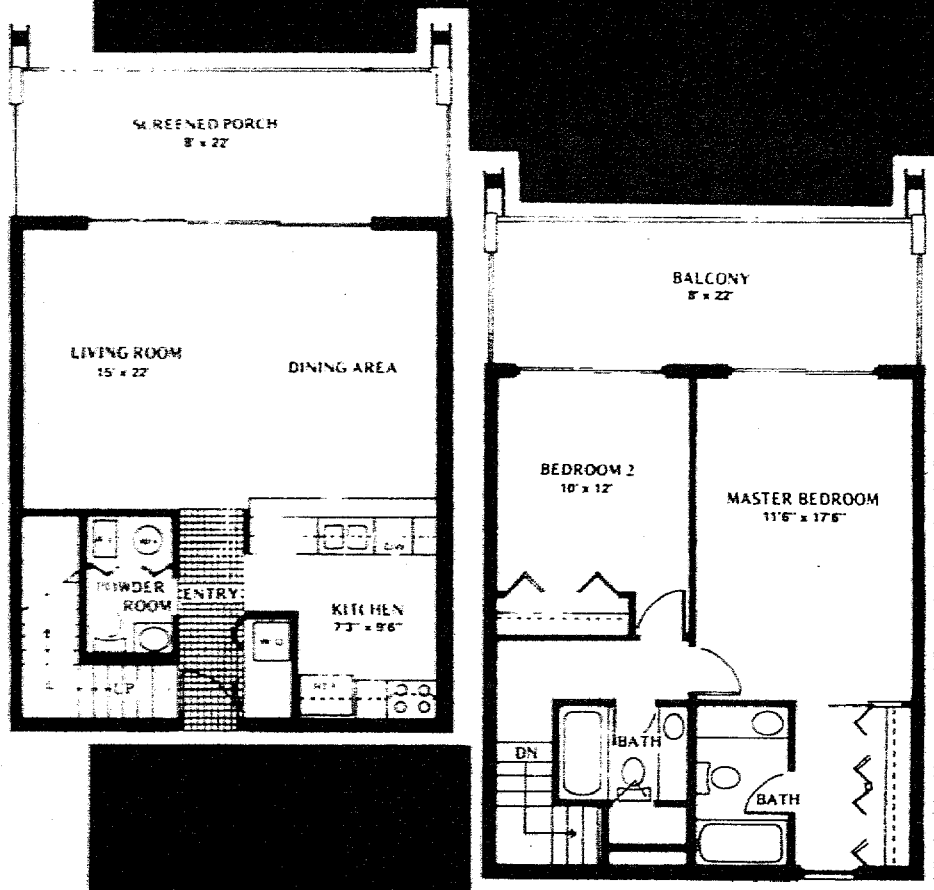
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The Sanibel-Captiva Islander continues to question nominees for the Planning Board of Directors, which will hold election on March 18. Most recently we spoke to Messrs. Workman, Marshall and Nichols.

Mr. Workman has been an island resident for one year. Former director of the Warren Park District in Ohio, he is presently Administrative Director of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. Mr. Workman states it is difficult to make a general statement about density, but he thinks an overall average at about 8 units per acre would be right, "when you take into consideration that a higher density might be permitted where utilities are available, but a lower density than the 8 units would be expected when located further away from utilities."

No High Rise

He also believes that the islands cannot take care of peak populations now in regards to facilities for utilities, and transportation networks, and all of these "would have to be updated to allow for any more population growth and then only to allow enough for the services and facilities to accommodate the growth." He favors a general building moratorium, to be enforced until flood insurance is ironed out as to what kind of dwellings would be eligible, until adequate water supplies are developed, and sewage disposal and other problems are solved. Only then can the islands sustain any more building. He is opposed to any high rises on the islands, at all.

We queried Dean Marshall who has been a part time resident of Captiva for ten years. A retired sales executive of Pioneer Corn Company, he is presently proprietor of McCaul's Gift Shop on Captiva, a member of the Captiva Community Association and treasurer of the Island Kiwanis Club.

Facilities taxed

Mr. Marshall said he felt he owed a debt to the community in that he would like to return to them in kind all the good things it has done for him and his wife. He feels that a maximum density of 8 units per acre is too high. "If every lot now owned were occupied, the islands would have a population of around 94,000

people, and that would be insupportable. At the height of the season right now there are 15,000 people on the islands, and that is enough to tax all facilities.

"If we have over 30,000 people we would have problems we never dreamed of. It would no longer be a good place to live, which is why we all came in the beginning, because it was and is a good place to live. But sewer problems are looming; also water problems and all sorts of service problems. At about 30,000 you have become a good sized city, and all the uniqueness of the islands is lost," said Mr. Marshall. He too believes that a building moratorium should be put into effect until a more definite land use plan is set up, "so that we know where we are going and what the ultimate destiny of the islands will be." He is against high rises on the islands. The 35 ft. height is already dangerous. Just wait until we have a hurricane, and even they will be in trouble, and there will be problems, according to Marshall.

Eight Units-Acre

Rhea Nichols, an ex-pilot for Delta Airlines, has been a resident of Sanibel for two years and is now associated with Priscilla Murphy Realty, Inc. Mr. Nichols is a member of the Home Rule Study Group. He believes that the average of 8 units per acre is a good density figure, but that it should be no higher.

He does not think the islands can support a larger population than 20,000 people without losing their uniqueness. He also thinks that before any more multi-family housing is permitted, the islands should review setback rulings and the effect on services such as water,

sewage, electricity, etc.

He favors a modified moratorium for multi-family dwellings, but not for single family units. He disapproves of blanket approvals by the County Commissioners for land usage without reference to the wishes of the Islanders, and he is definitely opposed to the building of high rises on Sanibel and Captiva.

BIKE AND CAR ACCIDENT POINTS UP REAL NEED FOR SAFETYWAYS

Mrs. Blanch C. Wood of Sunset South Apts. was biking along Periwinkle Way with some friends last Wed. at 2:30 p.m. She swerved out of the regular line of travel in front of Nancy McCann's car and was accidentally struck. Ms McCann is a retired Sanibel elementary school teacher who lives at 962 Fitzhugh Drive.

When she swerved off the road to avoid hitting the bike, she ran into a palm tree with such force that she hit the steering wheel, suffering a bad bruise on the forehead and broken ribs. Mrs. Wood suffered a bruised right arm. Both ladies were treated at Lee Memorial hospital.

Trooper R. C. Towsley arrived on the accident scene much later to charge Ms McCann with not using due care resulting in an accident, but the accident only points up the fact that we need bike paths NOW.

Luckily both ladies are on the mend.



Pictured here is Evelyn Bailey at the Pirate Playhouse Hammond organ. She will play your favorite songs for the special meeting at the Playhouse on March 6 at 4 p.m.

ANTI-ABORTION GROUP TO EXPLORE ALTERNATIVES

A small and dedicated group of Island residents feel they'd like to help spread the word about what is and can be done to help people reach a right decision about life for the unborn. They have made arrangements for the Pirate Playhouse to be used as a meeting place and extend an invitation to all interested persons to come and join them.

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BIKERS TAKE HEART: PEDAL POWER GROWING

A thoughtful reader has given us these excellent comments by Dick Wright in the Worcester (Mass.) Telegram to share with you.

The energy crisis will probably add impetus to the phenomenal growth of bicycling in this country. If so, that means the public and government will have to pay more attention to it.

Bicycles are popular for fun and for transportation everywhere in the world, except the United States. Bicycles here have always been thought of as children's toys.

Bicycling has long been considered an ideal form of exercise. The late Dr. Paul Dudley White advocated bicycling for years. He was an avid cyclist himself.

In general adults have shied away from riding bicycles to work or to do errands. But that is beginning to change. Bicycles are in short supply because of the growing demand for them. More and more people are buying and using them every day.

Many Models

For those who remember only the old Schwinn bike with the big balloon tires and the coaster brake, the currently popular models are something else. There are three-speed, five-speed and 10-speed bikes with skinny tires, hand brakes and other special equipment.

These bikes are lightweight and designed for serious riding, not just for scooting back and forth in the driveway or around the neighborhood.

There are hundreds of bicycling organizations and clubs. There are several national publications devoted to bicycling as a sport. There are bike hostels springing up all across the country.

But the cyclists have problems. They are not allowed to ride on the new highways. Motorists resent them on other streets. And most cities and towns lack secure and adequate parking facilities for bicycles.

Second-Class Citizens

In general, cyclists are treated like

second-class citizens wherever they go. Some of this attitude stems from the use of bikes by so many college students and other young people who don't fit into the mold society has for so long created for young people.

In some ways many people classify cyclists as people who can't afford a motorcycle and treat them in the same manner. But bicycles are here to stay and will become even more popular as time goes on.

There are organized tours for cyclists. A lot of people are traveling on bikes on their own. I know a couple who plan to go across the country on bikes. It takes a lot of planning to do that because so many highways are restricted and accommodations for cyclists are not easy to find.

Some Improvements

Massachusetts is thinking about creating a bike path from Dorchester to the New York State line along the so-called Knox Trail. It is hoped the trail would become part of a statewide network of bike trails.

Many states have already begun laying out bicycle paths, both for tourism and scenic travel and for long distance traveling. In the meantime, the cyclists have to do it the hard way, fighting for a little space on the streets and dodging cars.

In some parts of the country shopping malls set aside lots of space for parking bicycles and provide security for the. This will come eventually because of the increasing pressure for such facilities by more and more cyclists.

If the energy crisis continues it's just possible that many people who have never even considered bicycling may turn to it as a way to get to work or run errands. It is good exercise. It is inexpensive, after the initial investment which can run to nearly \$400 for a really good bicycle. Meanwhile, look more kindly on those who ride bikes. If nothing else, the gasoline they save may end up in your tank.

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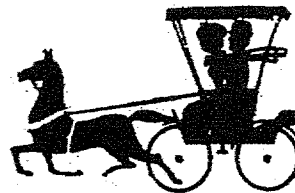
Graduates of Edison Community College's Associate Degree in Nursing program averaged better than the national and state score averages on their State Board of Nursing Examinations, according to Mrs. Margaret Anfinen, head of the ECC Department of Nursing.

Five separate examinations comprise the test battery, Mrs. Anfinen stated, including medical, surgical, obstetric, pediatric and psychiatric nursing. The ECC graduates averaged 522.38 points on the five tests, with the national average 514.82 and the Florida state average 513.22.

Graduates of 28 professional nursing programs in Florida participated in the examinations, including both graduates of two-year Associate Degree in Nursing programs and the four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs.

Edison graduates' scores moved the college's rank to twelfth out of 28 schools. Last year's rank, Mrs. Anfinen stated, was seventeenth.

ECC had 23 of the 1436 nursing graduates who participated in this year's examination program.



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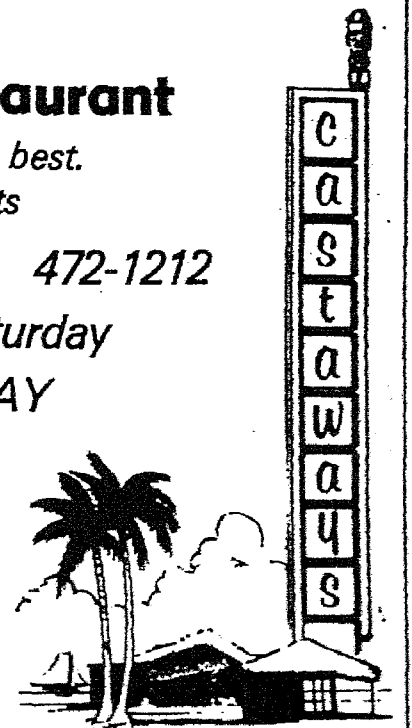
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INCORPORATION ALTERNATIVES TO BE CONSIDERED AT MEETING

A "town meeting" will be held Wednesday evening, March 27, at the Sanibel Community Association hall, and will be preceded by a thorough public discussion of the non-charter alternatives paralleling the discussions of the charter, according to Ralph Zeiss, chairman of the Home Rule Committee.

In addition, Mrs. Alleen Lotz will discuss in dollars and cents an analysis of several levels of municipal services that could function within the charter. Interest in the meeting is high, and it is hoped that questions can be answered to the satisfaction of all at this time.

ORIGINAL DING DARLING PRINT DONATED TO S.C.C. FOUNDATION

A delightful print designed by Ding Darling for the first federal duck stamp in 1934 was presented to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, President Anne Winterbotham reports. The valuable print, an anonymous donation to the Foundation, will hang in the Sanibel Library for the time being.

When the Foundation builds its own quarters the print would hang there. "That might not be too far off," said Mrs. Winterbotham, "as the new building could be part of the Marine Research Laboratory or the Nature Center."

J. N. Ding Darling was a political cartoonist for the Des Moines Register and the Sioux City Journal until he retired in 1949, and he often visited Captiva and Sanibel, staying frequently at Tween Waters. Ding was famous for his conservation work, showing special interest in migratory ducks. He died in 1962.

The 3,000 acres contained in the Ding Darling Sanctuary is now under consideration for the National Wilderness Preservation System by the U. S. Dept. of the Interior, which will be aired on March 21 by officials of the Fish and Wildlife Service on Sanibel. 2,735 acres in the present sanctuary would be held in their natural state with limited access to preserve the wildlife and wilderness for posterity.

SLIDE SHOW TO BENEFIT CAPTIVA LIBRARY ASSOC.

For those who enjoyed "A Portrait of a Marriage" by Nicolson, the Captiva Memorial Library has three volumes by Harold Nicolson, edited by Nigel Nicolson: "Diaries and Letters", "The War Years" and "The Later Years". These might be an interesting follow through of the period.

Mr. Dewitt Jones of Captiva will present his slide show, Nature's Finest Advertisers at the Captiva Community Center on Wednesday and Thursday March 13 and 14 at 8:00 P.M. Tickets will be distributed this week and donations gratefully accepted for the benefit of the Captiva Library Association.

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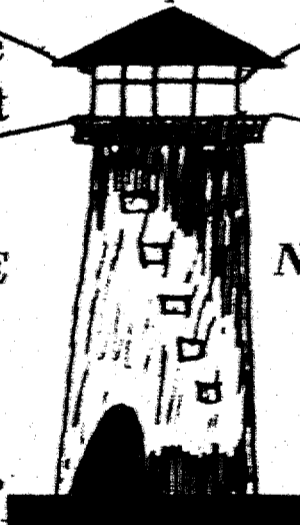
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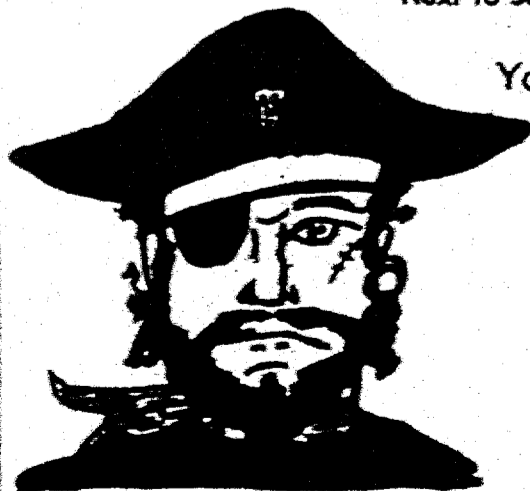
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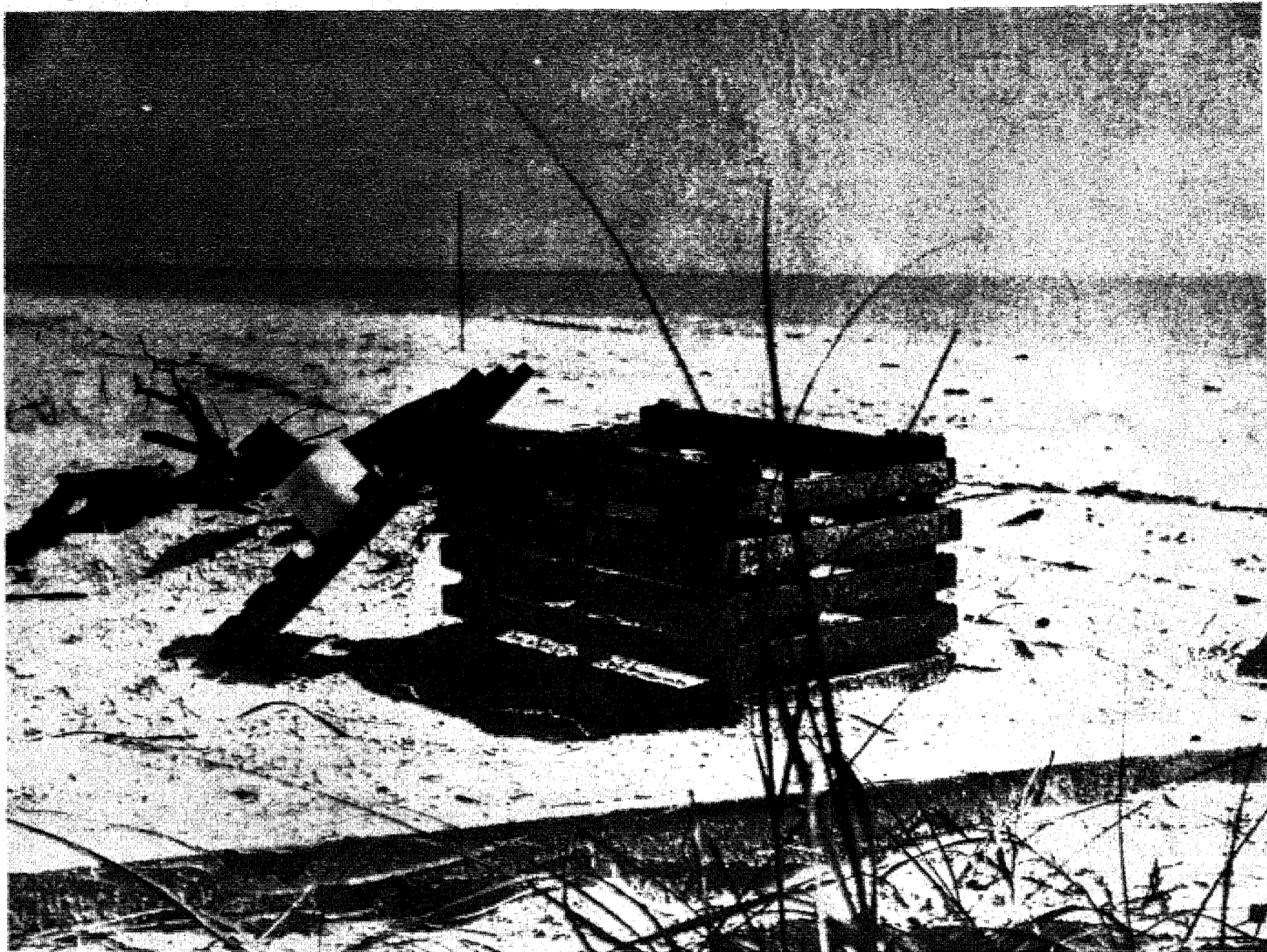
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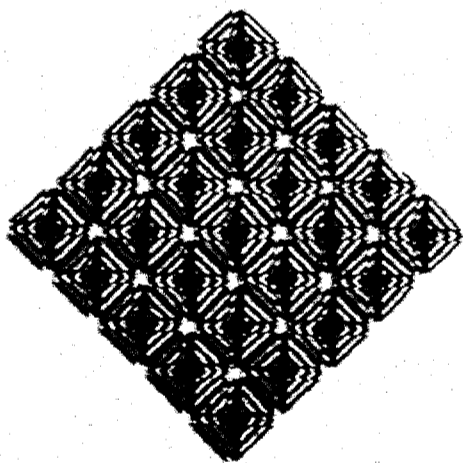
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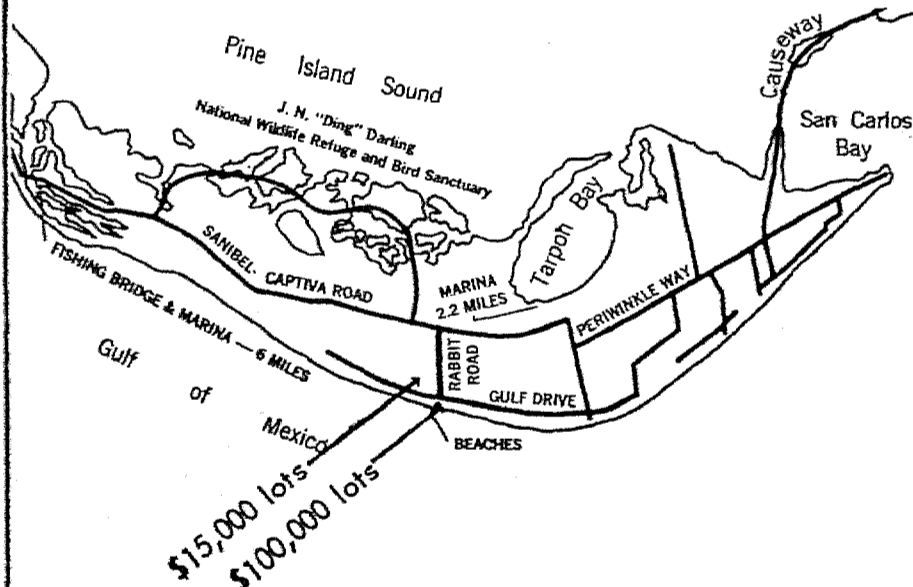
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In fact, it's just perfect for getting a taste of the good life, trying your hand at different kinds of chartering, different sizes of boats --- and then after you're an old hand, you can take off, fly to Australia or (for all we know) Tierra del Fuego, charter a boat and explore as freely as if you were a Wrong-Way Columbus or a modern Magellan.

The islands of Sanibel and Captiva are truly lovely. Pine Island Sound is dotted with little mangrove islets, sandy picnic beaches and mysterious islands. The back bay behind Estero Island was once beloved of pirates some of whom are believed to have stashed their gold away in the neighborhood.

From here you can sail up the Caloosahatchie or down the Gulf coast to splendid Marco Island, Everglades City or the Keys. Not long ago, some friends of ours "raced" their boats down the Coast, stopping at various ports along the way. In the late afternoon they would rendezvous and raft up for cocktails, snacks and lazy socializing. By agreement each day's winner would be responsible for picking the anchorage and getting the hor d'oeuvres, whatever they might be, ready for the losers. Needless to say the elapsed time records set by the participants was in inverse proportion to those usually associated with the average race!

And you don't have to own your own boat. In Fort Myers Beach, you can rent a bare boat, Grampian 23, for \$150 for three days or \$275 a week. Of course, you will be responsible for the food and drink, toilet articles, beddings, towels, soap, etc. But the boat will have all equipment necessary for its safe and proper operation --- lines, sails, cushions, galley ware, compass, etc.

Whenever you charter a boat, however, remember that you, not the

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Most charterers will spend some time showing you how to operate the particular boat you've picked, advise you on stocking it and give you an opportunity to make sure everything works.

Remember too that once under sail you will have a carefree, nearly gas-free vacation.

RAW FISH NO' LONGER A LUAU NECESSITY

Used to be, people thought you had to serve only truly traditional foods at a luau, such as two finger poi, raw fish wrapped in ti leaves, cooked taro and roast pig, etc., but today in Hawaii anything goes.

The components of a good luau are a group of good friends gathering informally to enjoy fun food in the open or inside. One hostess served her famous baked beans with ham, potato salad, sweet potatoes, tossed salad and several kinds of cake for dessert, such as strawberry cream cake, in one of the new mixes, pecan cake and of course rich black chocolate. One of the guests brought along his guitar and all had a really great time singing poolside under the palms.

So let your imagination run away with you and serve whatever you're in the mood for. Picnic tables with hibiscus blooms and other tropical greenery are very festive. Even the wild grasses with a fern like look blend with whatever flowers are available, such as glads, and makes an effective centerpiece.

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The first nine holes of the par 62 golf course have been completed and will be ready for play on May 1, with Al Johnson as pro.

Johnson Engineering is doing the engineering work, and George Causey will do the landscaping.

Michigan Homes is handling the sale of lots along with other area realtors.

**'BATHING BEAUTIES' FEATURED
IN TO-NIGHT'S AUDUBON SHOW**

Tonight, February 28, Thursday, the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society will present the tenth program of its current season at 8 p.m. in the Sanibel Community House. Featured speaker will be the noted birder Charles Newell, winter resident of Sanibel, and well known, with his wife Ella, as the leader of the very successful Bird Identification Course held on our islands during the past two winters.

Mr. Newell will present a series of interesting color slides depicting birds he has photographed in many areas of North America, Alaska, and on Atlantic and Pacific Islands. Of particular interest will be a sequence called "bathing beauties", showing unusual pictures of several species of warblers busily engaged in their daily ablutions.

As usual, the program is open to the public, and all are cordially invited.

FUEL ALLOCATIONS INCREASED FOR SCHOOL; BUSES WILL ROLL

The Lee County School Board received the good news that school busses will continue to receive their allocation of gas to get the children back and forth until school ends for the summer, according to Hugh Flanders, assistant superintendent of Supportive Services.

Under Federal Energy Office Regulations the school bus transportation system will receive a 40 per cent increase in fuel allocations for the remainder of the year. The two major oil companies supplying the schools are, The American Oil Co. of Atlanta, Ga., and the Gulf Oil Corp.

Flanders said he applied for 140 per cent of the County's 1972 allocation, because of growth and population problems.

"We fall under the category of wholesale users because we need more than 84,000 gallons per year", he stated.

"This year because of double sessions, school bus mileage has increased by 40 per cent. But we have been receiving gasoline based on what was used in 1972". For the past few months, busses have been filling up at local gas stations to eke out the gas, and some credit cards were used with the school board paying on a monthly basis.

The School Board voted to do away with the monthly payments and agreed to pay by check each time a bill is received in the finance office, as some stations cannot wait for a whole month to be paid. This will alleviate that problem, according to Flanders.



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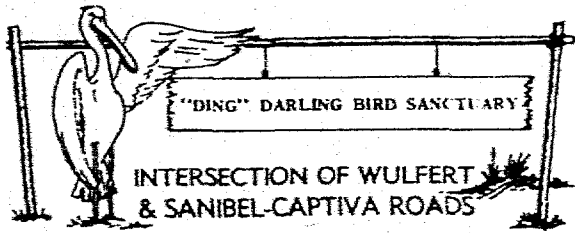
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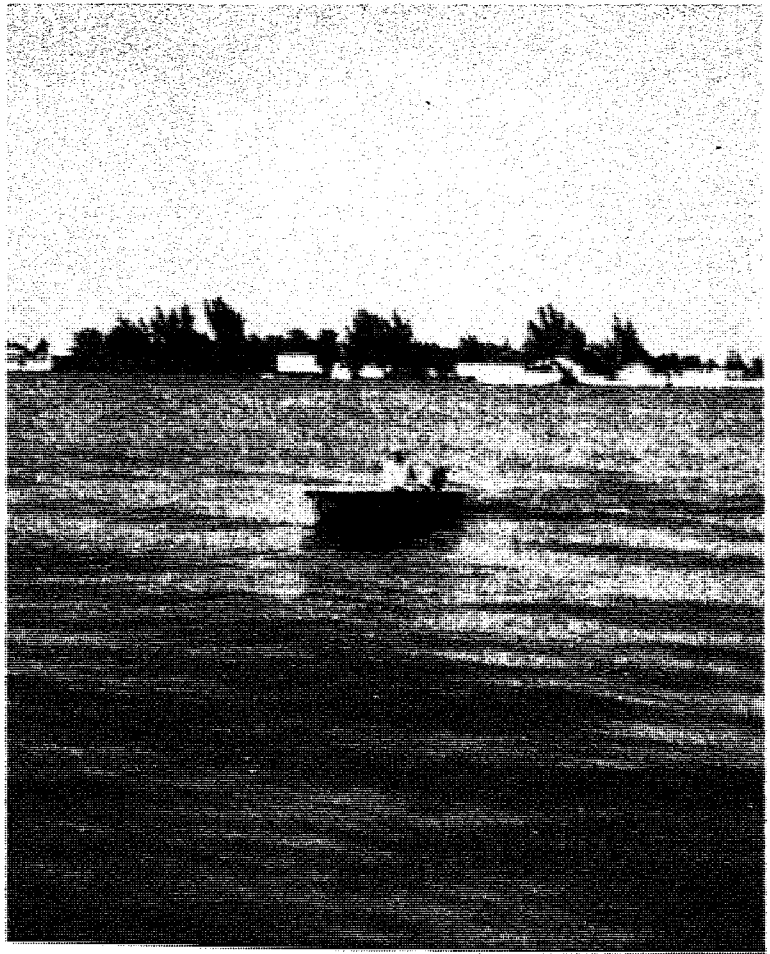
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Capt. Tom Marvell of the Lee County Toll Facilities states that traffic fluctuates from day to day over the Sanibel Causeway, depending on whether there is gas available on the islands, but in the overall picture there is no observable difference in the traffic patterns. Some days the traffic is heavy and others it seems light. "Probably in the final count, traffic will prove a little less", he states.

We observed that most motels and places to stay were full, but there are still openings. No one is being turned away, and businesses do not seem as crowded as last year.

Elsie Malone, Jr., is slowly recovering from the mysterious sea-life poisoning she suffered on her last skin-diving trip in the Keys but, "It will be 3 months before she fully recovers," said her mother. We wish her the best of health and hope she will be feeling much better soon.

Mr. MacIntosh of the Book Store had a sign out last week that the store was celebrating Washington's birthday. He is looking forward to Elinore Dormer's book, "The Sea Shell Islands, Sanibel and Captiva". This factual and pleasantly up-to-date history of the islands has been long in the mill and is very much needed for reference and enjoyment.

Mr. Mac's tour of Sweden, Finland, Denmark, and other cool lands is almost filled for the April dates. The tours are conducted in an intimate family style, and those wishing to enroll can call the Island Travel Agency, but only two vacancies are left.

Priscilla Murphy's personable brother, Robert Kohlmyer, left the islands on Wednesday in a rented car to tour Disney World with his wife, and there making the grand tour of the Fantasy World when Robert suddenly became ill. From the Sands hospital in Orlando where he was rushed, it was learned that he had suffered a heart attack. Priscilla is worried sick and so are all who met the jolly fellow, and we trust he is on the mend.

Visiting with personable Clarice Fox at the Schoolhouse Gallery is a favorite pastime for many including this reporter. Mrs. Fox (and Mr. Fox, too) have such a fund of knowledge about all the great contemporary artists, it is hard to digest all at once. Mac Squires will be coming to Sanibel as soon as her one-man, or rather "one-woman", show is over in New Haven, Conn.

The Schoolhouse Gallery is the largest in Southwest Florida. So many artists come by to visit it and many have

their wares displayed there. Plans are being made for some of the works to be displayed at South Seas Plantation.

Donn and Nann Devita each have their art works represented at the Gallery. Presently the Devitas are in Naples for the winter. Nann has some pen and inks, lithograph processed, in limited editions that are very high on the gift list, and Donn has some larger canvases of Florida scenes in delicate traceries and pale, fragile colors. One features Puffy, their cat, who eats flowers.

Speaking of cat fanciers, Ken Havourd, who has the Island Bakery, has almost a record for feeding and caring for stray cats, about 35 at present. But Velna Ridge holds some kind of all time record. She feeds 45 cats. There were 9 more, but some found other homes. Clarice Fox likes cats too but is allergic to them and so must forego the pleasure of their company. Charming Clarice says "I am at the awkward age: not old enough for Social Security and too old for romance". What delightful fun she is.

Chicken Holiday has a good bit more than chicken. They offer fish, and barbecued ribs along with other goodies and are a boon for hungry people who just can't cook.

Folks, it looks like Sanibel might have the gas situation in hand, if the Governor will only let us have some gas to do with. Yours truly cut out an article about the public health nurses not being able to open the clinic on Sanibel because of the gas shortage. We explained the nearest doctor is MILES away and asked where is the promised gas for us, and we mailed it all to Gov. Askew. We will let you know what we hear. Let's all get letters off to him telling him about our plight. Somehow, the extra gas got diverted before it got down here and out to Sanibel.


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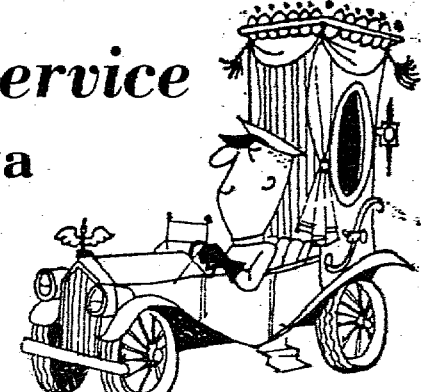
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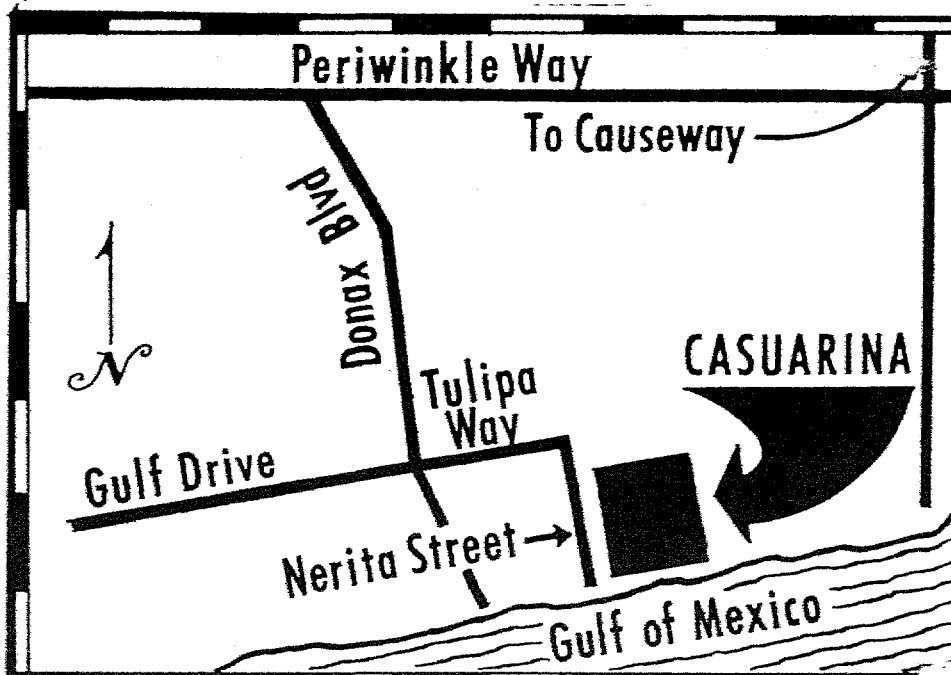
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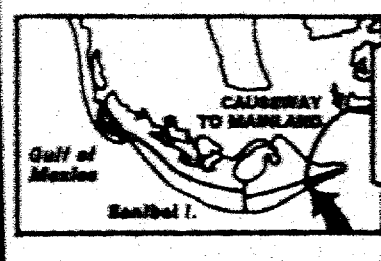
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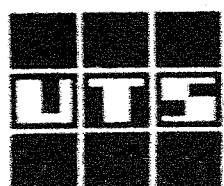
“How come I’m so far from home? Because of the rapid growth in this area, United of Florida asked for volunteers from other United companies, and some of us from Indiana, as well as crews from Tennessee, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and New Jersey came down to help out.

“Frankly, before we left home I wondered why Florida couldn’t handle their own growth problems. After all, we in Indiana are about the same size

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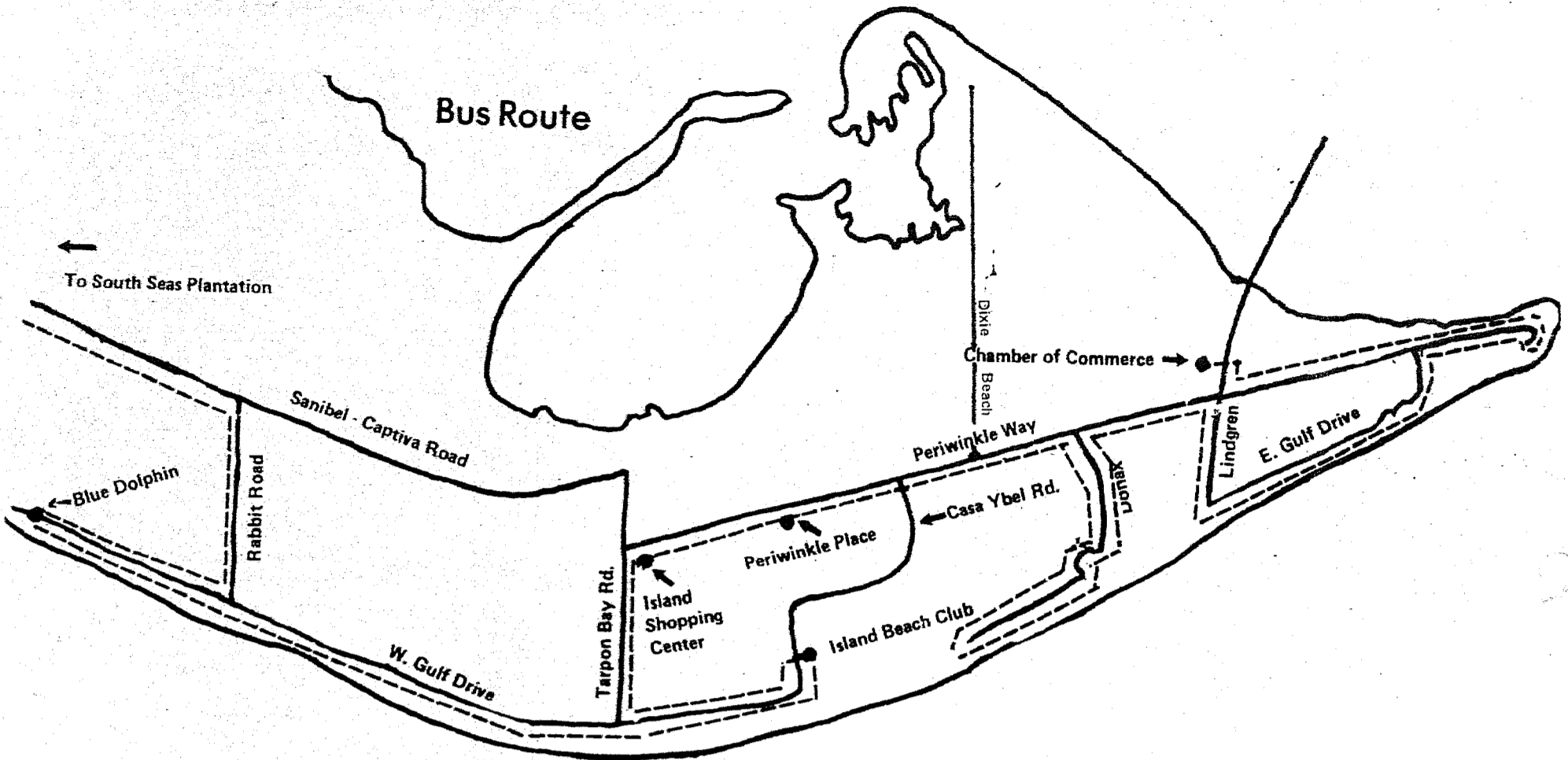
“But did I ever get a surprise when we got here! I found out that United of Florida gained over 30,000 phones last year. And there just aren’t enough skilled installers available down here to set that kind of a record without calling on others for help.

“So that’s why you may see United Telephone trucks from other states on the roads in your neighborhood. And that’s how I’ll be able to explain to my friends in Decatur why I went to Florida.”



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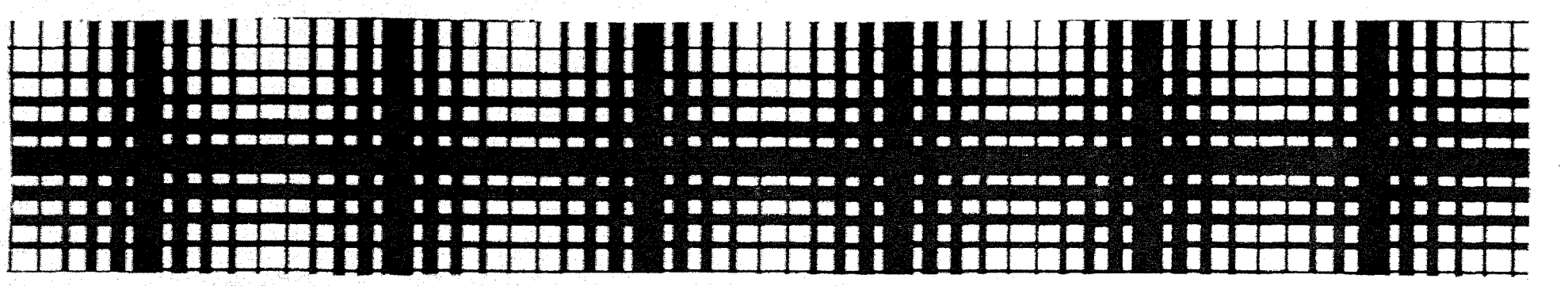
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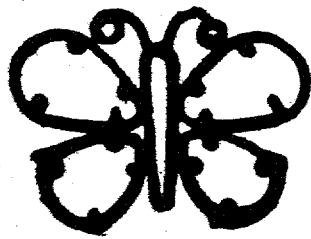


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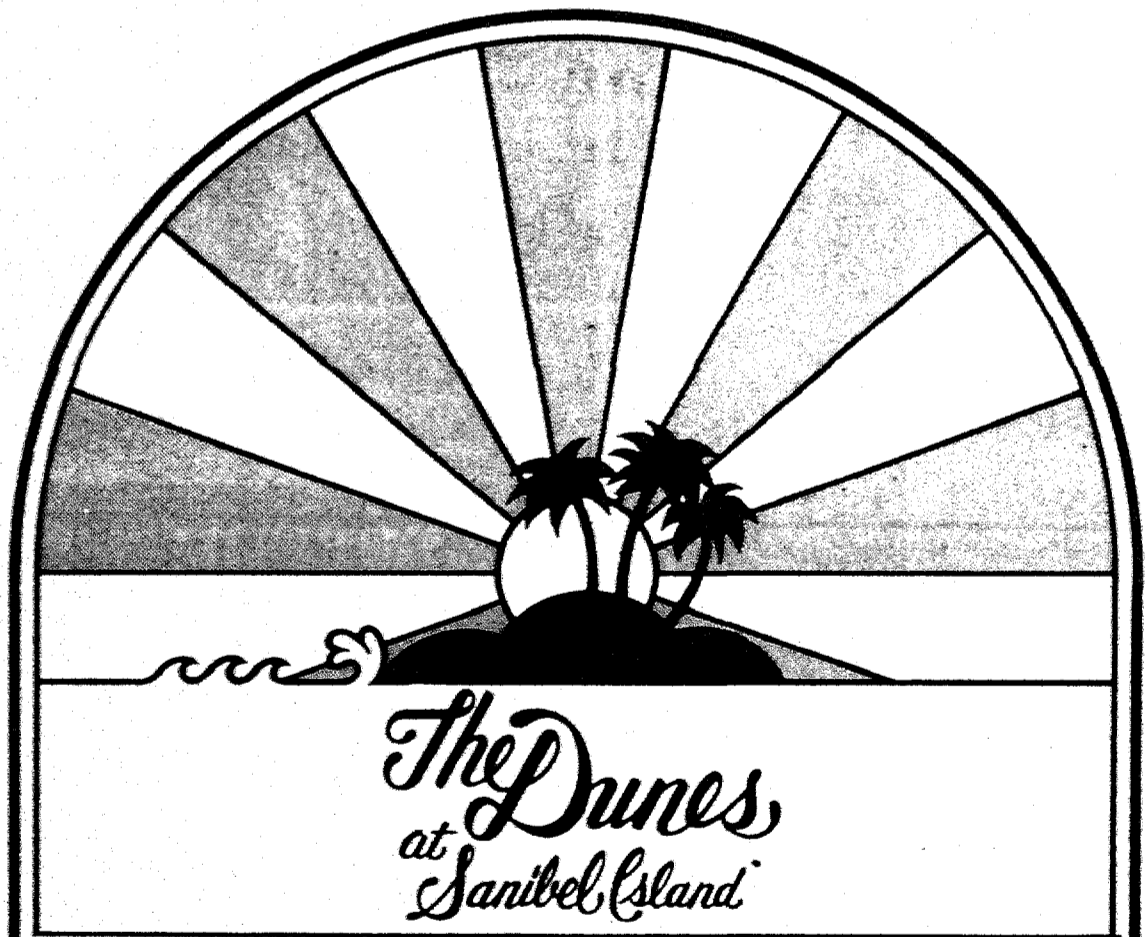
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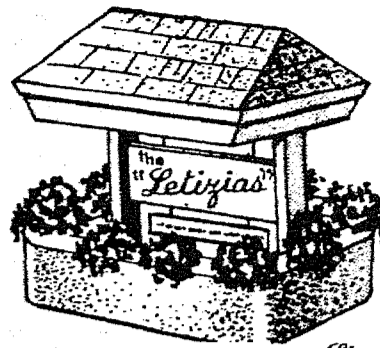


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TWO SHOWS AT PLAYHOUSE THIS WEEKEND

"Three by Two" at the Pirate Playhouse gets its title from the fact that three plays are given by two people, Ruth and Philip Hunter and Company. In theatrical circles, "And Company" always means the actors involved in the development of the plot, in this instance, Pat Slater and Susan Dean, and the very efficient stage manager, Robert Dormer.


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"Three by Two" is an evening of three short comedies: "Table for Two" by Rena and Stanley Waxman, who also authored "Please Call me Sol" (the third short play in the series), and two scenes from "The Reluctant Debutante" by William Douglas Home, brother of the former Prime Minister of England. "Three by Two" will be presented on March 2.

On March 3, the Playhouse presents Thornton Wilder's delightful farce "The Matchmaker" which boast 14 sets and 13 actors including Carol Nix, Dale Legel, Charlotte White, Glenn Carowan, Barbara Ritchie, Francey McClintock, Ted Fonda, Paul Adams, Ruth Hunter, Jay Bourne and Philip Hunter in the role of Horace Vandergelder.

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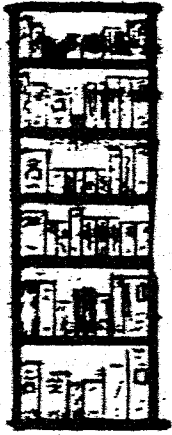
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This Week at the Sanibel Library

by Hal H. Harrison

I'm sure you recall Stephen Birmingham's best-seller, "Our Crowd," the story of New York's Jewish rich. And perhaps you read "The Right People," in which Birmingham gave us the inside story on the American Protestant rich. Well, this time around he is dissecting America's Irish rich. The book is "Real Lace," and it, like his other two, has been appearing weekly on the list of top 10 in national polls. So, if you want the real nitty-gritty on the Irish, stop in the library and borrow the book. And be patient, all you Polish, German, Chinese, Russian and Mohammedans, Birmingham will get around to you later.

Since Watergate the press has come in for a lot of attention, both favorable and unfavorable. At any rate, interest in newspapers and how they operate seems to be attracting more than usual public attention. With this in mind, the Sanibel Library has just received two books that will be of great interest: "The Boys on the Bus," by Timothy Crouse; and "Us and Them," by James M. Perry. Both books are concerned with the way in which the press covered the 1972 presidential election. Crouse's book is irreverent, offbeat and sometimes funny, but a serious attempt to assess the capabilities and limitations of political reporting. Perry takes us through the long campaign as he saw it. He also explains why he feels that "no group of reporters in the history of journalism has guessed so wrong so often."

Thanks to a gift from Vic and Greta Hackler, we have Art Buchwald's new book, "I Never Danced at the White House." In it Art takes 140 (count 'em) telling jabs at politics and the American way of life . . . yes, including Watergate.

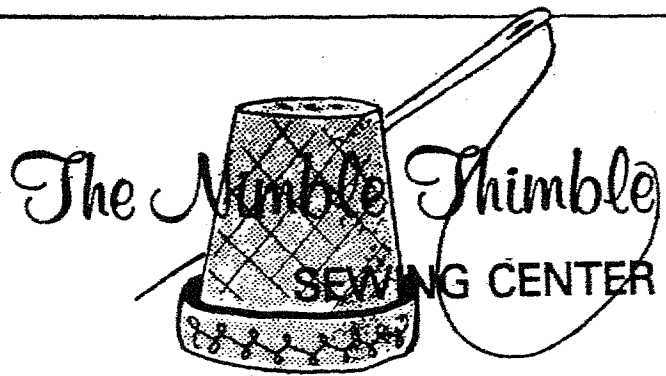
We have been waiting for at least two months for this one and perhaps you have too: Harry Kemelman's "Tuesday the Rabbi Saw Red." This time Rabbi David Small leaves his congregation to accept a position teaching Jewish studies in Windemere Christian College. At a student protest, a bomb goes off, a man is killed, and Rabbi Small sets out to discover whether the kids are getting away with murder . . . literally.

"The Eye of the Storm" is a new novel by the Nobel Laureate for 1973, Patrick White. It is the story of Elizabeth Hunter, who, for 80 years has employed the refinements of ingenious womanhood for her own ends. She has wracked havoc all her life with her constant demand for love and her inability to give it. The time of the story is laid at the end of this shattering life experience.

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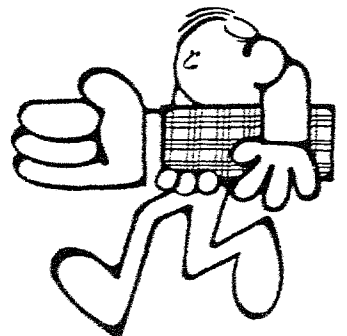
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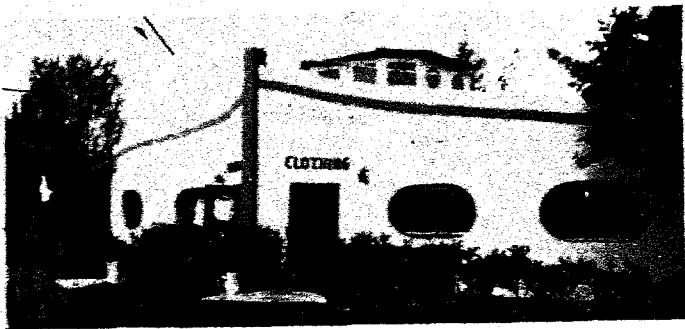
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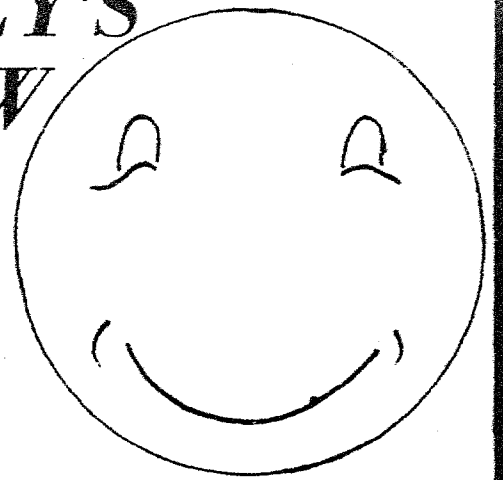
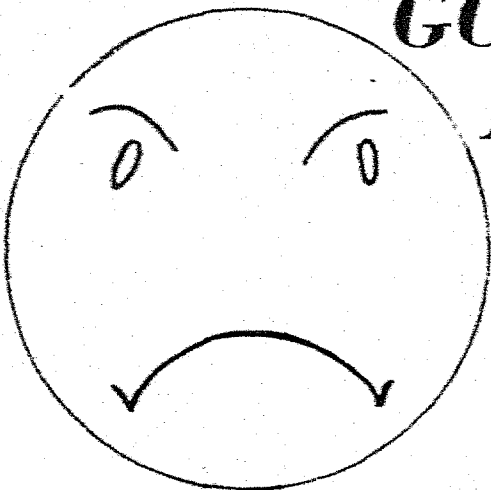
Last year, the ceremonies almost ground to a halt as the Marine Patrol found boat after boat with inadequate safety equipment. Since there has been ample forewarning, the regulations will undoubtedly be strictly enforced. Not all so-called life preservers are acceptable - boat cushions, for instance - so it is best to check ahead of time with the Coast Guard to make sure that your life preserver is usable.

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