

SAY IT ISN'T SO

And, we much regret to admit, it isn't. The Red Pelican is NOT moving to new quarters, as we printed last week in the ISLANDER. (That's one of the ways we know people read the ISLANDER — all we have to do is make a mistake and pow! We hear about it.)

Anyhow, the Red Pelican, according to its lovely proprietress (or should we say propriet-person), Mrs. Grady (Dorothy) Edmundson, is NOT moving. It is hopefully getting a new window and a new airconditioning system soon but it is staying in the same attractive location.

That new two story brown stained wood-frame building, which prompted the error in the first place, will be the headquarters of a fish market and marina owned by Grady Edmundson of Tarpon Bay Marina. It has a dock all the way around the back of the building and will replace the older Tarpon Bay Marina structure.

WRENN WINS AWARD

Ronald Wrenn received the annual Michael Award at the Pirate Playhouse this year for his rendition of "Washington Crossing the Delaware." Ronald got the majority of the votes from his fellow players. The punch line of his improvisation was "I'll stand in the front of the boat and look like this."

Runners up were Dale Legel and Keith Trowbridge who also gave excellent impersonations.

Who's Who & Why

Mr. & Mrs. KEN GRAVES from Williamsville, NY, with their three teenagers, MARK, GAIL and DEBBIE have enjoyed an Easter vacation on Sanibel. The Graves had HENRIK STRINDBERG from Stockholm, Sweden with them. He is an A.F.S. student living with the Graves and attending Clarence High School for his senior year.

They have enjoyed the beach and shell collecting. Henrik found a beautiful Florida horse conch which he is going to take back to Sweden with him as a memento of his visit to Sanibel.

ISLAND INN

Guests at Island Inn include Miss Sylvia Bennis of Miami, FL; Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Hinch of Huntington Woods, MI; Mr. & Mrs. Humphrey from Hudson, Quebec; Mr. & Mrs. S. Rich, Coral Gables, FL; the Thomas Bloom family of Sellersville, PA; Mr. & Mrs. Norman Butler, Caldwell, NJ; the George Calverts of Aurora, OH; Mrs. W. P. Carlson, Largo, FL; the Albert Bruneel family, Warren, MI; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pierson of Lake Forest, IL; and from Dayton, OH, the Joseph Orndorf and family.

THE COLONY GUESTS

Out of state guests at The Colony this week include Mr. & Mrs. James Kopp from Dunlap, IL; Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Galligan from Little Ferry, NJ; the R. P. Fourniers from Mississauga, Canada; Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Martin also from Mississauga, Canada; the J. F. Raupps from Arlington Heights, IL; Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Robinson from Huntington, NY; Mrs. Henry Wilson and daughter from Peoria, IL; Mr. & Mrs. Ralf Godey of Rochester, NY; Mr. Justin H. Ramsey from Franklin Lakes, NJ; Mr. J. Norman Miller of Merchantville, NJ; Dr. Darrell R. Steets of Appleton, WI; and Mr. Thomas O'Connell of Westmont, IL.

Florida guests are Mr. Everett Wilkinson of St. Augustine; Mr. & Mrs. John H. Lewis of Daytona Beach; and Mr. E. D. Sorensen of Milbourne Beach.

ETHEL and KEN CINDER and their children, KATHY, KIM and KENNY and their friend, ELAINE ZENTZ from Fraser, Mich., have had a real good time for two weeks in Periwinkle Trailer Park. They want to return next year. The two older Cinder offsprings, KAREN and CRAIG, couldn't make it to Sanibel this year because of college.

Mr. & Mrs. BEN RICE SHAVER of Louisville, KY, left today after a two week's visit with their sister-in-law, FRANCES SHAVER on Captiva.

JOE and CAROLE VEDDA from North Olmstead, OH, and JIM and LIZ RUSH from Bay Village, OH, with their combined broods of eight children are enjoying camping in Periwinkle Trailer Park. They tell us they are having gourmet meals and constant room service. The Rush's children are JOHN 16, SUSIE 15, SALLY 14, GINNY 12 and BONNIE 10. The Vedda's children are JIMMY 11, PEGGY 10 and MICHAEL 5.

DOT and CHARLES FISHBURNE are having a pleasant visit from their daughter, LUCIA and her friend, MARGIE SWENSON from Atlanta, GA. Both girls are sophomores at Stetson in Deland, FL. They spent the first part of their vacation near Ocala backpacking on the nature trails.

In the fish cleaning room of the Periwinkle Trailer Park there is an erasable bulletin board on which is written the kinds, sizes, and weights of fish caught by the campers. When someone breaks the record, he enters his name.

We have just received the "glad info" that LARRY CHAPIN'S friends were swarming around congratulating him when he made his big catch. Larry, who is originally from South Bend, IN, caught a 22 lb. 2 oz. snook near the Sanibel causeway. RAY KYKENDAHL was fishing along side. "It wasn't one of his lucky days. Usually Ray gets the fish and I don't," said Larry who could proudly enter his name on the bulletin board.

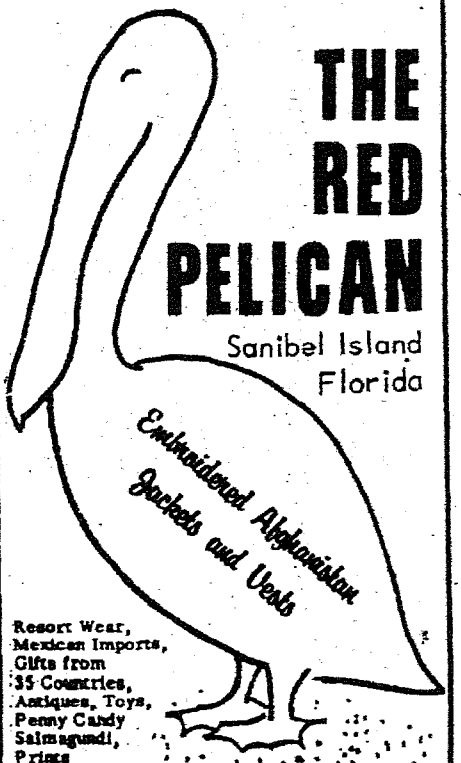
Last week quite a number of local residents and visitors were diligently matting and framing their paintings for the Adult Education Art Exhibit which is now at the Sea Horse Shop on Sanibel. The dates are April 20 through the 27th, but some of the paintings will be on exhibit, possibly for sale for an indefinite period of time.

ALLEN SCHMELZ teaches the Adult Education Class which is held every Monday evening at 7 p.m. at the Sanibel Elementary School. We could quote many of the students who have been attending Mr. Schmelz's classes for years. They tell us they are having a fascinating learning experience. It will suffice to quote one, GRACE O'MAHONEY who says, "If he can teach me, he can teach anybody." Some of the exhibitors are: MARGARET WALTERS, GRACE HORN, ALICE KYLLO, ELEANOR HUBER, MILDRED BARTOS, ETHEL REYNOLDS, LILLIAN SKINNER, JEANNE SOPER, SYLVIA OLLING.

We are sorry if we have omitted anyone. We took all the names as they were entered early last Saturday morning.

HAZEL and FLOYD LAMB from Murfreesboro, TE, staying in Periwinkle Park, are rejoicing because Floyd is feeling much better and more chipper after his hospital stay and operation.

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TO THE ISLANDER:

It is still cold up here in North Carolina, but the birds don't think so. Dogwood, violets, thrift and many other early risers are in bloom.

Saturday, the Cherokee Indians hold their annual Romp (wild leek) Festival and we plan to attend, have rainbow trout and watch the Indian's athletic feats, etc.

Very few crackers have arrived here yet - mostly just the natives around. Last night it was in the low 30s and today is in the high 60s.

Miss you all.
Love,
Fran O'Callaghan

To the Islander:

(This is a copy of a letter friends of mine sent to Charles Kuralt in re his 'On the Road.' They asked that I send a copy to the Island papers).
W. L. Turka,
Sanibel

Dear Mr. Kuralt

My husband and I have been spending our winter holiday at Sanibel Island for the past 20 years. Your 'On the Road' program that we viewed this past week, left us grossly disappointed. I am sure your cameraman could have done a better job. I am also certain that all of the shellers weren't that obese.

The lady you interviewed was not typical of the native shell collectors - pretending to find a 'gem' and tucking it in her bosom for no one to see, is not the attitude of the true sheller - they are always most helpful and glad to share their knowledge of shelling with the novice.

Regarding the measled cowry (I believe you called it a measly cowry) if there was one there, it was truly a rare find, as they usually aren't found as far north as Florida.

The Sanibel Bend I have experienced, but have never heard it referred to as the Sanibel Stoop.

Many of our friends called us after seeing the program and said 'Is this the beautiful Island that you have been telling us about for so many years?' Needless to say, they saw nothing beautiful about it - through your camera.

Am enclosing some snapshots that I, an amateur photographer took, to show you how it really is.

Mrs. L. R. Ellis
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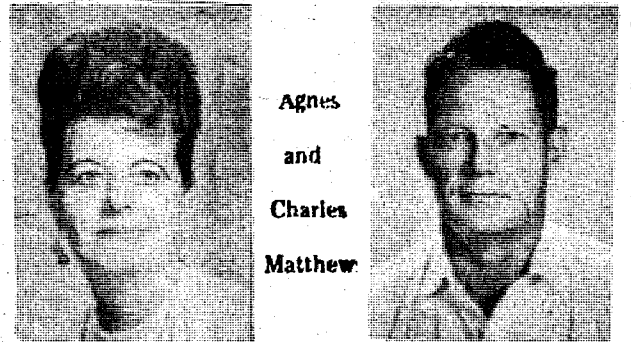
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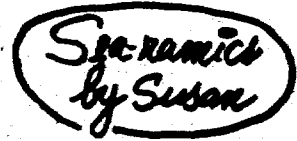
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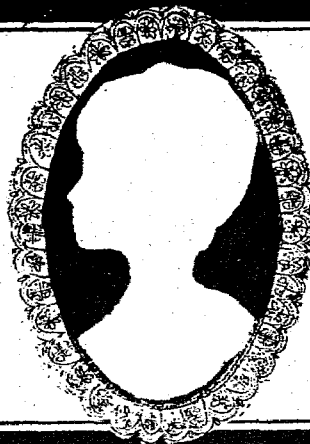
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— EDITORIAL —

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF ... AGAIN & AGAIN & AGAIN

After the County Commissioners' recent "brilliant" idea to use the monies for the refinancing of the Sanibel Causeway for road problems in other parts of the county and allowing the Islands to keep the munificent sum of \$1.3 million out of some \$18 million, we were prompted to reread an ISLANDER story written on the occasion of the opening of the Causeway in the May 30 issue, 1963. At that time we said we felt that "we were a golden egg, laid by some far off goose in the County Commissioners' offices, which was to be admired, but which had no feelings of its own."

Well, by crackety, the geese have changed over the years, but the attitude remains the same. Sure the rest of the county needs roads ... Fort Myers Beach has needed a new bridge since the first swing bridge was installed, second hand, in the 1920s, and other parts of the county are choking to death ... but why take all (well, virtually all) of the money which Lee County would never have had a chance to lay its little hands on if it weren't for Sanibel and Captiva in the first place and use it elsewhere?

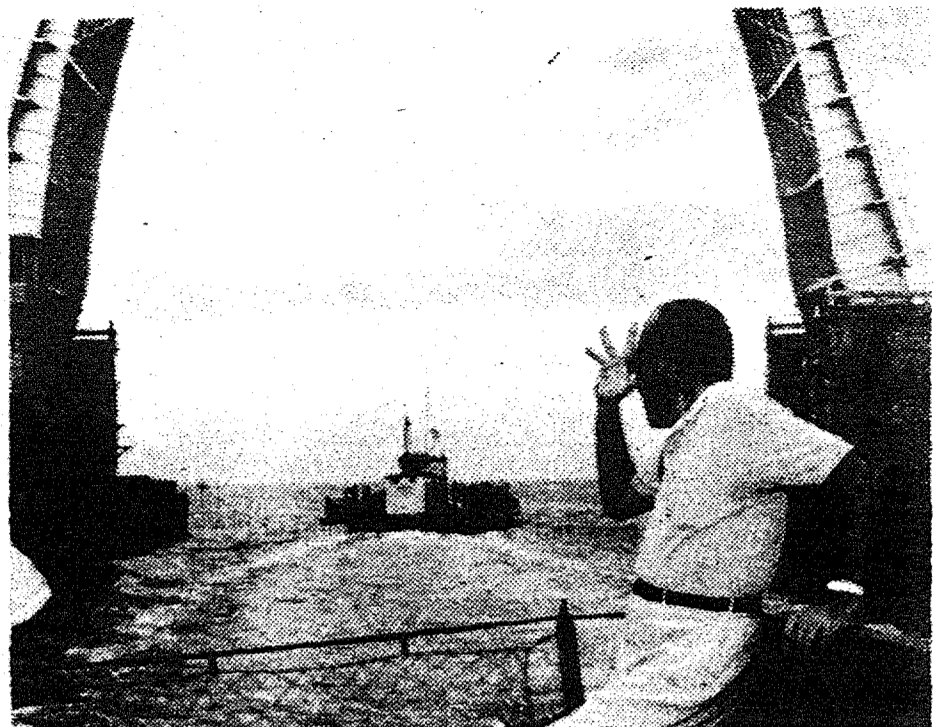
Are the Islands to be considered as mere money-making drones for everyone else in the county? Just because the Islands are beautiful, internationally known and super great, do we have to pay for everyone else's problems? Why don't they slap a toll on the Beach bridge (suggested toll ... \$15 each for non-residents and 10 cents for residents) except who would pay to see Fort Myers Beach?

The allocation of causeway money makes just as much sense as taking all the proceeds from the Edison Home in Fort Myers and using it to pay for an island bike path. We hasten to add that, of course, this is not being done ... it's merely about as logical.

If it weren't for the Islands, the county wouldn't have the money ... and if more of the money isn't spent on the Islands, they may not remain the money makers they are. Anyone else for pulling a few feathers?

We know the ISLANDER doesn't take editorial stands, but since we love the Islands as much as we do, we rather lost our cool (Coolth?). As a private individual and citizen we are angry ... and therefore, this statement is signed as a private individual.

s. Virginia Brown



SCENES FROM THE LAST FERRY RIDE, MAY 1963

A MOST MAGNIFICENT GESTURE



MISS CHARLOTTA GOES HOME



THE REAL OLD-TIMERS

WHO WAS WHOM - BACK WHEN

While looking through some old issues of the ISLANDER (boy, were they enormous in those days -- all of six or eight pages -- and when there were six pages, we inserted the middle pages by hand) we ran across some bits and pieces that brought back the old days -- sort of like Marine No. 1 saying to Marine No. 2 in the rigging of John Paul Jones' ship, "Man, you should have known the OLD corps."

In the January 24, 1963, issue, for instance, the Bettfys were adding to their establishment, the B-Hive; Mary Cunningham donated a shell picture to the Shell Fair; Cuban refugees reclaimed the boat they sailed to South Seas Plantation in, and the Edison National Bank in Fort Myers had its grand opening celebration. "Where the Boys Are" was playing in color and Cinemascope Sunday at the Community House, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Stanton of Captiva were enjoying a Caribbean cruise, McCaul's gift shop (mysteriously, since neither the post office or the gift shop has moved) was only a half a mile from the Post Office, and the "Teen Corner" was being written by Chris Gault, who rejoiced that week that exams were over.

February 7 of that year announced the first presentation of the Shell Fair Academy Award, presented to the Fair by the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. (It was won that year by Elsie Malone.) The "Who I Wuz!" picture was announced as being one of Allen Nave. And, you could have rented a vacation cottage on Captiva, sleeping four, for \$10 a day, \$60 a week or \$200 a month. (Ummm, times have changed.)

The next week, the ISLANDER enjoyed lunch at Tween Waters, but asked that reservations please be made -- a little bit difficult, since they didn't have a phone in yet, and Mrs. John Race, according to Dr. R. Tucker Abbott, was the proud owner of the very first lavender olive found in Florida. Eighty-four people registered for the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club's second annual shell count, and identified 124 species, including a venerocardia Tridentata, which was not only complicated to spell but was also a brand new shell to the identification committee. Priscilla Murphy found the prize.

We could go on and on (and probably will.) Do you have any memories of years gone past you'd like to share with the rest of us? A hurricane? A surprise party? A cherished highlight? Drop us a line or ten, and we'll print 'em. Libelous material will be censored and unprinted.



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Vocal scores for the opera may be checked out at the symphony office any time prior to the auditions. Interested singers may try-out for any of the following six leading parts as well as chorus and minor parts: Ferrando (tenor)--an officer; Guglielmo (base)--an officer; Don Alfonso (baritone)--an elderly philosopher; Fiordiligi (soprano) and Dorabella (mezzo-soprano)--sisters; Despina (soprano)--servant to the sisters.

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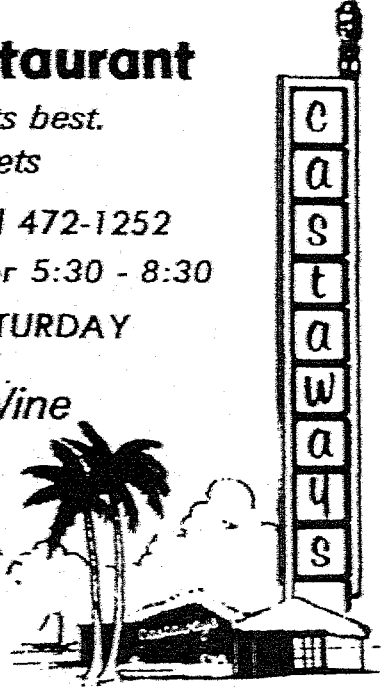
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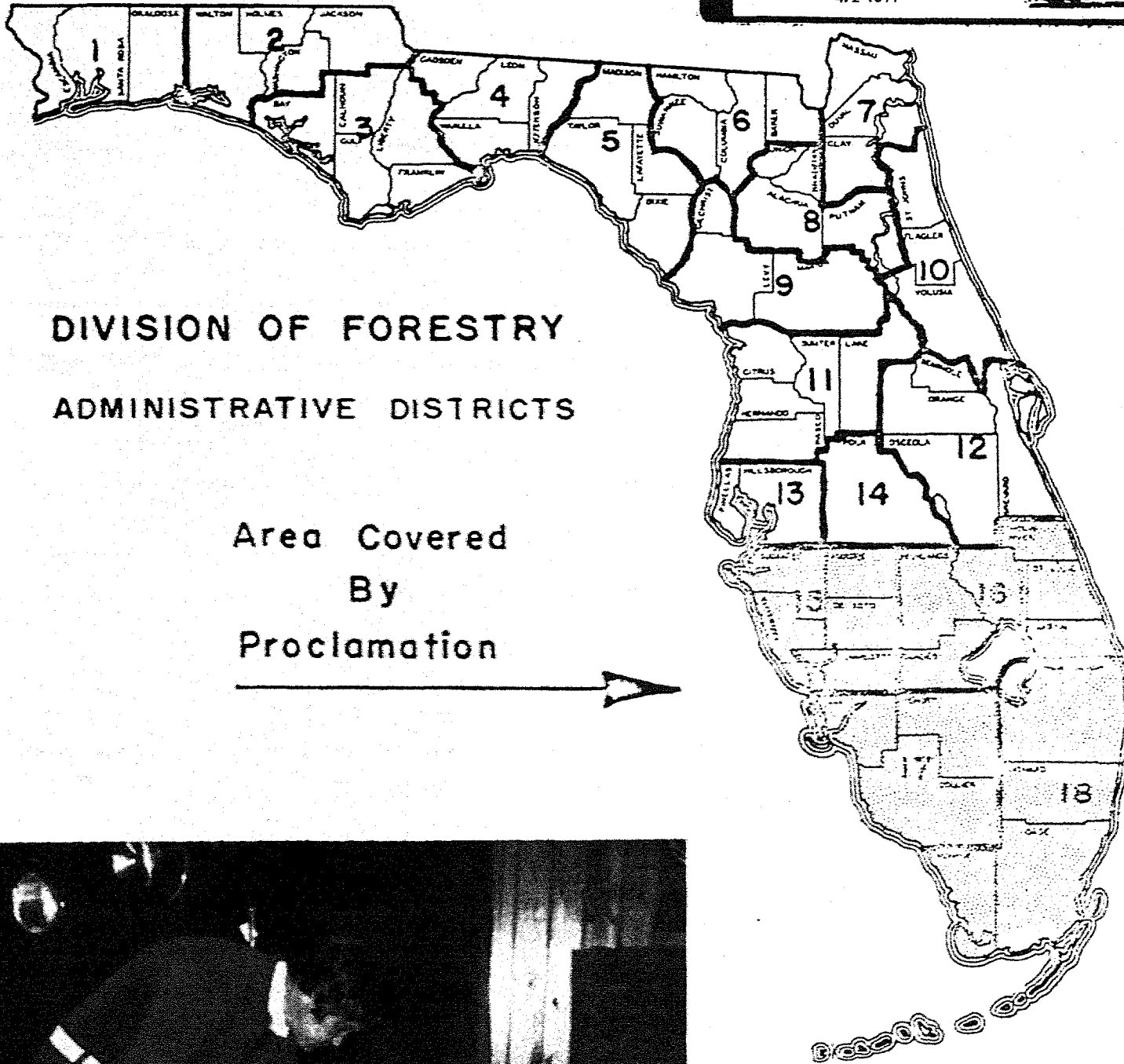
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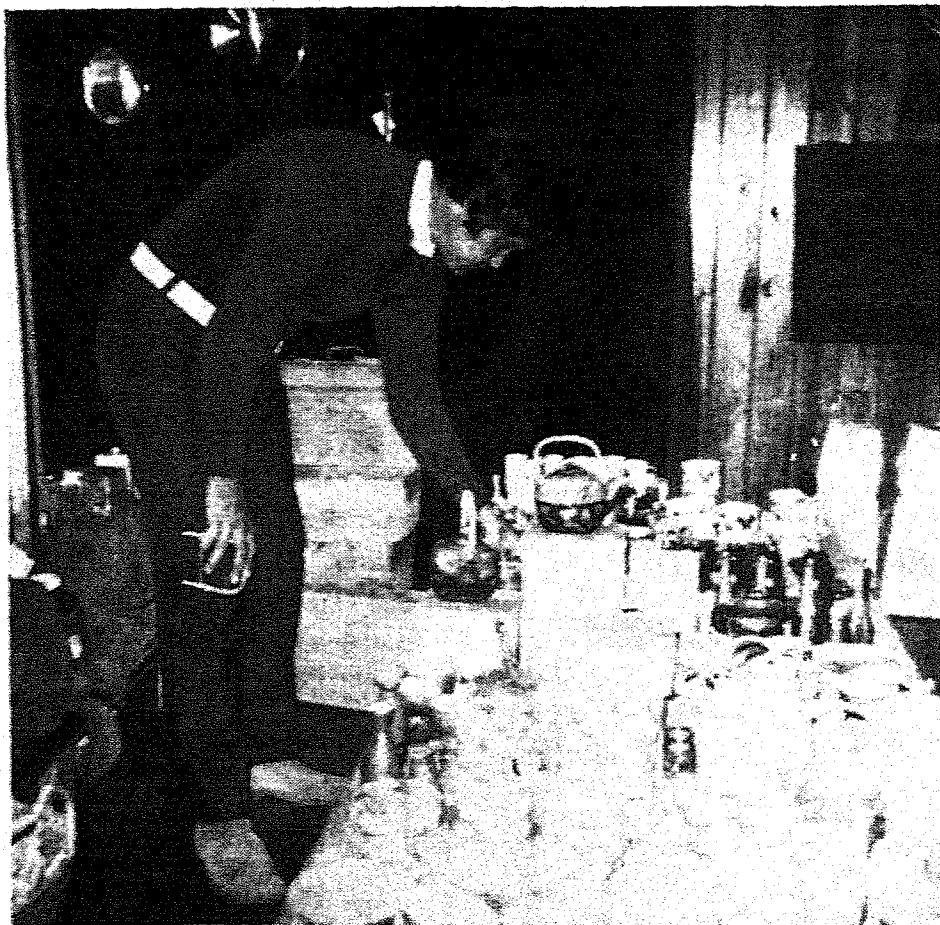
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*- this is the B-Hive -
it seems, a couple of weeks
ago, we had the wrong flea
in the wrong flea market.
Rudi wasn't at the PTA-- he
was showing us his new bamboo room!*



**EMERGENCY DROUGHT CONDITIONS
Proclaimed by Askew**

TALLAHASSEE, April 15-Governor Reubin Askew proclaimed today that emergency drought conditions exist in 18 South Florida counties, while banning burning under certain conditions.

The executive order was requested by John M. Bethea, Director of the Division of Forestry, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Rangers have been battling thousands of wildfires in recent weeks, with most of the fires and acreage burned occurring in South Florida.

Counties covered by the proclamation are: Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, DeSoto, Hardee, Okeechobee, St. Lucie, Indian River, Glades, Martin Highlands, Lee, Citler, Hendry, Broward, Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach.

The proclamation specifically declares it to be 'unlawful for any person to set fire to any forest, grass, woods, wild lands or marshes, or to build a campfire or bonfire or to burn trash or other debris within 600 yards of any forest, grasslands, woods, wild lands, or marsh areas in any of these counties without a written permit from the Division of Forestry as provided for in Section 590.081, Florida Statutes.'

'The fire emergency in South Florida has become greatly magnified by the shortage of rainfall in these counties, Bethea said. 'Wildfires that occur during drought periods are much more difficult to control and suppress--and they inflict an enormous amount of environmental damage.'

Division of Forestry statistics reveal that 6,140 wildfires burned 349,760 acres from January 1 through April 14. For the same period last year, 3,063 wildfires burned 21,101 acres.

'We recognize that some individuals have valid reasons for outdoor fires, such as for land clearing,' Bethea said. 'We do not want to create undue hardships for anyone. Under the terms of this official proclamation issued by Governor Askew, those individuals who do need to start outdoor fires can obtain permission from the Division of Forestry.'

Bethea emphasized that approval must be in writing, and that the individuals who wish to burn must establish that no wildfire hazard will result.

The executive order states that the written permit is required if the fire is to be 'within 600 yards' of forest, grass, woods, wild lands or marshes.

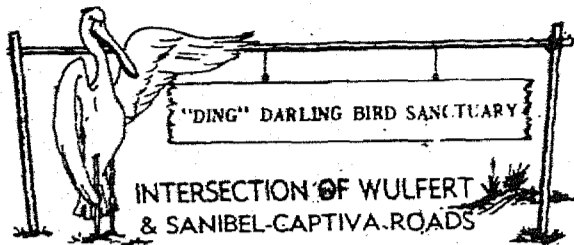
In those cases in which the fire is more than 600 yards from these areas individuals still would be required to call the Division of Forestry and obtain verbal approval for any open burning, Bethea said.

'But this procedure can be quickly handled by telephone,' he said.

He explained that this procedure is required for all outdoor fires, under Florida Department of Pollution Control regulations. The Division of Forestry is the agency authorized to administer the state's Open Burning Regulations, adopted several years ago.

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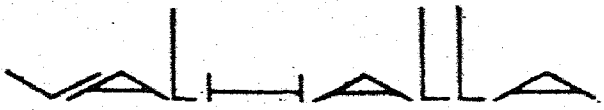
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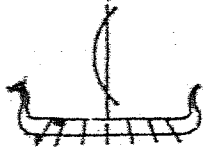


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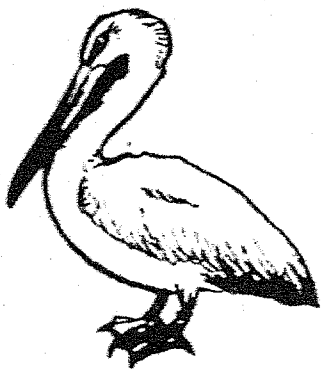
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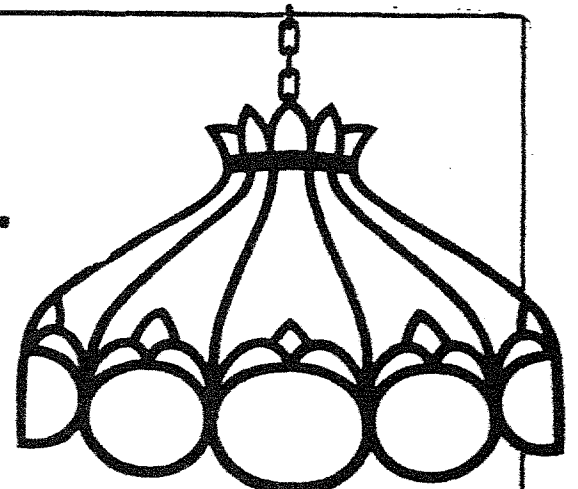
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NEW DIRECTORIES OUT; GETTING FATTER YEARLY

Fort Myers, Fla. Door-to-door delivery of United Telephone 1974-75 Fort Myers area telephone directory began this week and will continue through April 30.

J.M. (Mike) Dalton, district commercial manager, requested that subscribers begin using the new directories promptly on May 1 to avoid the use of numbers that have changed during the year. Also, he said, proper use of the book could help hold down the heavy load of calls normally handled by the company's Directory Assistance operators.

Dalton said that customers who have not received their directories by May 2 should contact the business office on Lee Street.

United Telephone's colorfully clad 1974-75 Fort Myers Area directory is a book that bears only a passing resemblance to its predecessor of twenty years ago.

This year's best seller contains, for instance, some 57,000 listings within its 176 white pages, compared to a mere 5,950 listings on 27 pages back in 1954.

All told, today's book has 628 pages compared to yesterday's 132. But the 1954 total also included Charlotte, Collier, Hendry and Glades Counties in addition

to Lee County telephones. Quite a striking contrast.

According to J.M. (Mike) Dalton, district commercial manager, this new directory contains a total of 92 more pages (24 white and 68 yellow) than last year's edition, reflecting a greater Fort Myers area telephone growth rate in excess of 17 percent during 1973.

Customers should check their directory carefully and use them after May 1, said Dalton, due to many new listings and changes attributable to mobility of the local populace. He indicated that the company's installers had connected or disconnected more than 50,000 telephones in Lee County last year, while gaining a total of 12,000 new phones.

A further glance at Lee County's directory listings of 1954 reveals only two banks versus more than a dozen today. There's also a complete absence of listings under condominiums compared to several pages today. But, there's a Packard auto agency.

Not surprisingly, you can't find a single pizza parlor either.

And, twenty years ago, there were fourteen churches listed in the phone book. Today, you can count more than 150 listings under churches.

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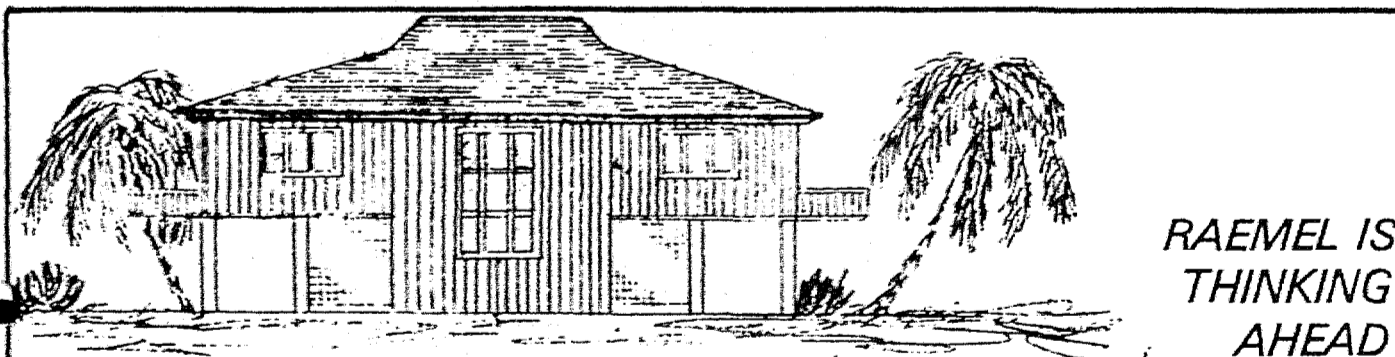
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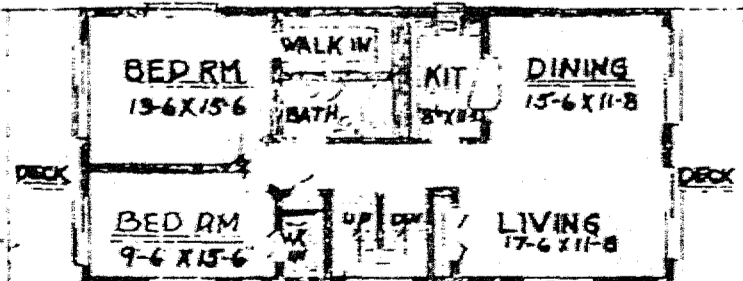
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Effective January 1, 1975, the new Federal Flood Insurance Program requires that the "living area" of Sanibel and Captiva homes be constructed at least 13 1/2' above MSL. What does this really mean? It means a radical change in island architecture! Most Sanibel building lots are 3' to 6' above MSL. This means that the "living area" of new homes must be built 7 1/2' to 10 1/2' above present ground levels. This rules out the typical CBS home on a slab and the typical wood home on 4' pilings. The "stilt home" will be allowed, but an island full of stilt homes will sure be ugly.

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The function of County government ought to be to give the people the most for their money, but only within the scope of what that collective money ought to be charged with supplying. Generally, it's agreed that protective services are a part of those authorized services.

In the case of Florida, the Constitution provides for an elected Sheriff. This leaves the County Commission with the responsibility of selecting a chief for whatever protective services are desired over and above Sheriff...namely fire and ambulance. Lee County can count itself fortunate to have found a man like Gil Haas to fill this position. At a recent County Commission meeting, Mr. Haas was appointed to fill the vacancy formerly held by George DeTar.

At a glance into Mr. Haas's background, you might ask what Gil would want with the job, especially since the responsibility and the compensation are so far apart (the job pays \$15,582.00 annually). But when you get to know the man and his attitude toward challenge, you cease to wonder.

Mr. Haas envisions more than fire fighting for Lee County. He talks about fire protection. Most firemen talk of shiny new trucks--Gil talks of not ever using them. Some men talk of fighting fire in a building apt to burn quickly--Gil talks of not putting up such buildings. To accomplish such goals, Director Haas is moving toward a fire prevention bureau. The scope and understanding are more than you and I could grasp in such a short essay as this, but suffice to say we're talking about saving lives, even before they are endangered. Everybody loves a hero, but Gil Haas isn't trying to be a hero--he's trying to be a "preventer," and it seems to this Commissioner that this is a better approach.

The Commission has worked under an attendance handicap of late. Mr. Shirey, back but hesitant to go the distance, Mr. Sweeney on a tour, a death in Mr. Daniels' family, and Mr. Sayers and myself taking turns with the flu bug. But the law says three's a crowd, so action has been moving along.

Questions still come to my desk about the sewer projects recently approved. The south-side district is perhaps the farthest along, but the east-side, Russell Park project is moving also. I'm hoping that Sanibel Island will get an opportunity to reconsider before January '75.

Another important area of progress is the 'round county' road--Colonial-Ortiz extension. A recent tour of this Division of Transportation project, under the direction of County Executive, Ben Pratt, convinces me that we'll beat the spring rains toward major completion of this much needed route.

Another of Ben's projects is the new airport terminal building. We hope to break ground this spring. A discussion of the rules and regulations for the airport property, by the way, was recently postponed for two more weeks.

The possible refinancing of the Sanibel Causeway is on the immediate future's agenda. Without a doubt, the Board will look favorably on this project. The Cape Coral Bridge is another question. Our Division of Transportation is pushing for retention of the Cape's toll with umpteen reasons for its position. But to me a toll is still a tax, and I don't like double taxation, nor do I believe the arguments are the same for both bridges. I look forward to the day when Cape residents can cross on 'two' free bridges--to a new free bridge to Estero Island and likewise to Pine Island. But we'll have to cross those bridges...etc.

WANNA KNOW WHAT YOUR GOVERNMENT COSTS YOU?

Your family's tab for running the federal government next year figures to be about \$4,362 if the proposed \$304.4 billion budget passes in Congress. The average American household's share in the 1975 federal budget outlays is more than double the same cost 10 years ago, a jump of 108 percent.

Based on a \$3 billion budget in 1929, the increase in federal spending over a span of 46 years exceeds 10,000. Meanwhile our population was growing by something like 75 percent. (From the Florida Chamber of Commerce and the Bowling Green-Warren County (KY) Chamber of Commerce).

FLORIDA PRODUCES MUCH HONEY

When you think of crops in Florida, you think of citrus, cattle and honey. Honey?

Not many people think of honey as a Florida crop, but the fact is that while citrus is Florida's number one crop, this state's honey production ranks first in the nation, Commissioner of Agriculture Doyle Conner said today.

According to the latest statistics, Florida produced 33,488,000 pounds, 26 percent more than 1972. The crop was valued at \$13.9 million, almost a 100 percent hike from the previous year.

Figures list 364,000 colonies of bees in Florida, compared with 350,000 in 1972. Yield of honey was up 21 percent with 92 pounds of honey produced per colony, Conner said.

The commissioner noted that the nation-wide yield of honey per colony was only 58.1.

Florida beekeepers received an average of 41.5 cents per pound for all honey sold, 12.4 cents more than 1972. Recent demands for honey have brought about more fluctuating prices, Conner commented.

As a result, major honey producers in the state are being contacted for price information on a weekly basis and their contributions are compiled with other figures for a new weekly honey market report which is being released.

LIONS CLUB NEWS

The Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club and Dr. John Williard, chairman, announce the kick-off of a fine, worthwhile, and unique fund raising endeavor here on the Islands starting May 1, 1974.

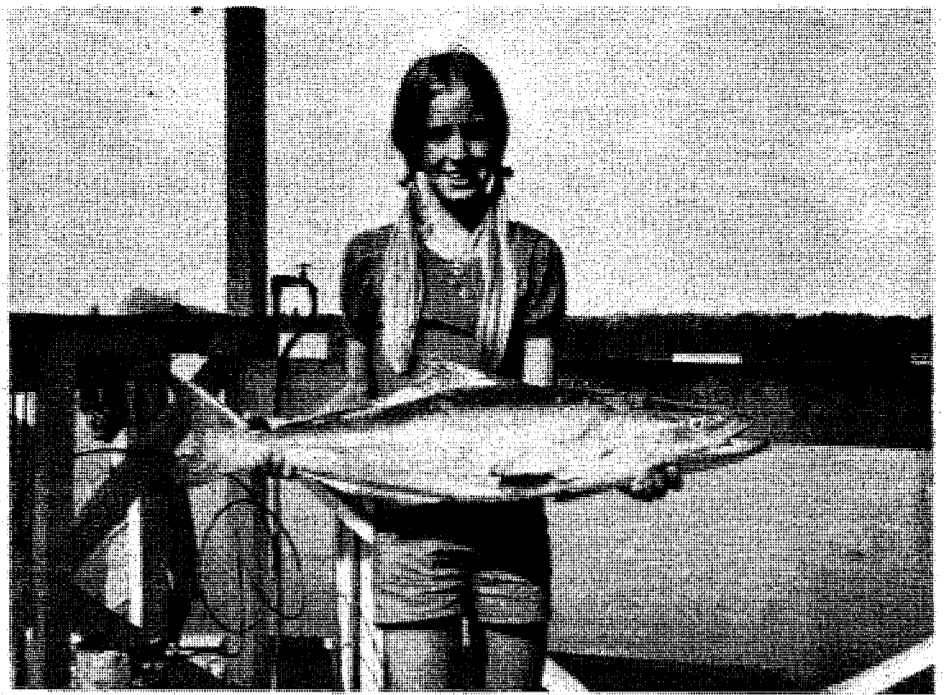
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Worthwhile is the fact that all the proceeds from your donation of \$2.00 per First Aid Kit will be forwarded to the Florida Lions Eye Band, the Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind, and other affiliated organizations.

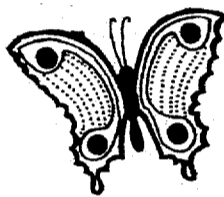
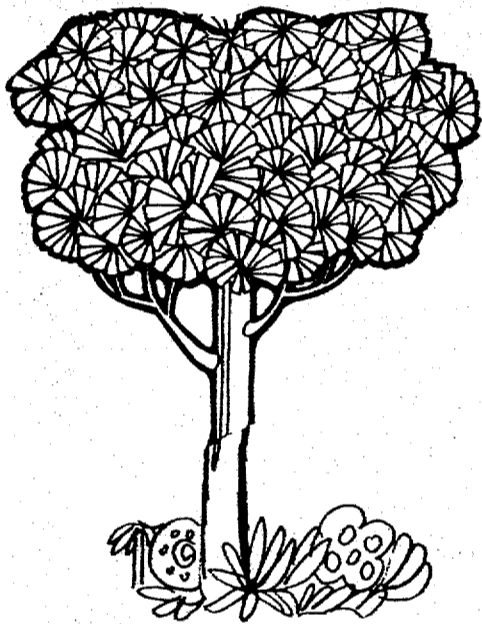
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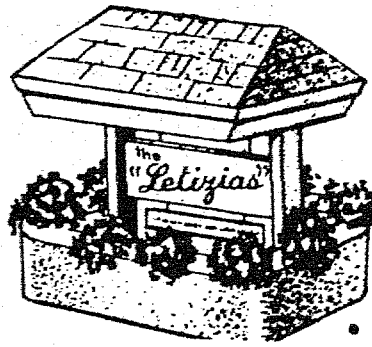
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LITTLE LEAGUE

The undefeated Kiwanis Pirates remained in first place in the boys' Little League competition by winning two games from the Sanibel Kiwanis Astros last week. Hitting for the Pirates in Wednesday's 11-1 victory were Steve Skorupski with a triple and two singles, Bruce Frederick with a double and a single, Pat Lynch with a pair of base hits, Mike Cooper with a two bagger, and Lindsey Frederick and Jeff Powell each with a single. Mark Kyo and Bret Vartdal had a single apiece for the Astros. Lindsey Frederick was credited with the win.

Frederick was again the winning pitcher in Friday night's 25-4 bout with the Pirates belting out 20 hits. Lynch stroked two doubles and three singles; Frederick pated a triple and three doubles; Bruce Frederick and Skorupski each had three doubles and a single; Cooper added a double and a single; and Dave Berguin contributed a double. For the Astros Greg Rhodes hit a pair of singles.

The Beach Bank Royals walloped 20 hits to overpower Huxter's Plaza Sanibel Yankees 31 to 4 Monday. Jeff Crane led the hitting with a grand slam home run, two doubles and a single; Jeff Timmer connected for a double and three singles; Gary Holton rapped out a double and two singles; Troy Withstanley added a double and a single; Butch Gilarski, Jim Payton and Brian Ross each had two base hits; and Scott Withstanley hit a single. Corkey Makarwich tripled and Jody Gault singled for the Yanks. Troy Withstanley was the winning pitcher.

On Thursday the Royals bested the Yankees 12 to 4 with Scott Withstanley the winning pitcher. The Withstanley brothers shared the mound and struck out 16 batters. For the Royals, Timmer had a triple and a pair of singles; Troy Withstanley hit a double and two singles; Gilarski and Scott Withstanley had a pair of singles each; Crane and Holton both doubled; and Payton and Chris Piazza each got a base hit. Kelvin Gavin tripled and Gault singled for the Yanks.

The Carlos Bay Braves and the Rotary Red Sox split their games with the Sox winning 14-10 Monday and the Braves coming back on Thursday to win 24-11. Ricky Goins was credited with the win in the first game. Goins, Tim Edge and Scott Miller all hit two doubles for the Sox, while Doug Lawrence hit a double and a single and Steve Smith singled. Bob Mitch's single was the Braves' only hit.

In the second game, Bill Underhill was the winning pitcher after the Braves overcame a tie in the top of the last inning and held the Red Sox for the victory. Lew Fike, Dave Hubbard and Ed Summers all singled for the Braves. Hitting for the Sox were Victor Jenkins with a double and a single, Smith with two singles, Goins with a triple, Gary Millward with a double, and Miller and Lawrence with a single apiece.

The Lions Cubs did not see action.
 Standings as of Saturday, April 20:

Team	Wins	Losses	Pct.
Pirates	6	0	1.000
Royals	7	1	.875
Braves	5	3	.625
Red Sox	4	4	.500
Yankees	2	4	.333
Astros	0	6	.000
Cubs	0	6	.000

Girls' Softball

In junior division play, the Kiwanis Orioles outlasted the Lions Mets in extra innings to win 34-31 Tuesday, but the Mets avenged the loss Friday with a 12-9 victory. Karen Jorgenson, Cindy Lea and Liz Brown each doubled and singled for the Orioles Tuesday, while Cinda McCoy and Tina Ryneerson added singles. For the Mets Teresa Kemp and Sylvia Harris hit a double and two singles apiece; Laura Reasoner doubled; and Allison Wood, Janet Winslow and Kim Prine singled. Lea was credited with the win.

Kemp was the winning pitcher for the Mets on Friday and led the hitting with a triple and two singles. Terry Brown, Wood, Prine and Reasoner all singled. Hitting for the Orioles were Shelly Wunsch with two singles, Jorgenson with a double, and Ryneerson, Liz Brown and Lea with singles.

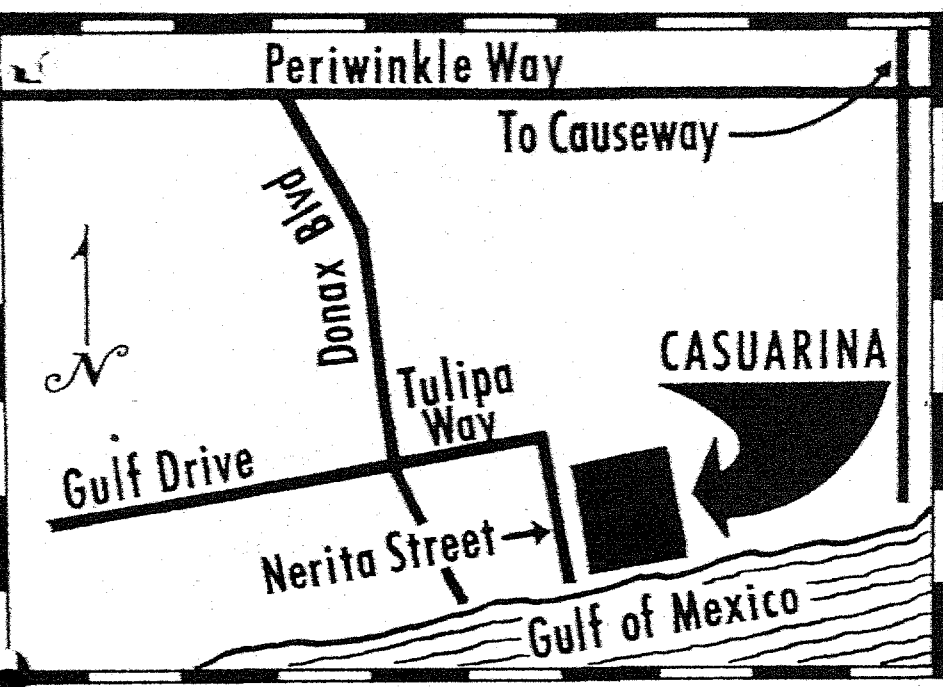
The Lions Auxiliary Angels did not play.
 Standings as of Saturday, April 20:

Team	Wins	Losses	Pct.
Orioles	5	1	.833
Mets	3	3	.500
Angels	0	4	.000

The Bobbi Del-Little Beauty Shops Cardinals came from behind to beat Kelly's Athletics 20 to 16 Saturday in a hard-hitting senior division slugfest. The Cards smashed 31 hits including a home run, a double and two singles by Kathy Peterson; a home run and two singles by Karen Hendry; a double and four singles by Kathy Morgan; a double and two singles by Nancy Gorr; four singles by Judy Winslow; three singles by Julie Davis; a double and a single by Kathy Jackson; two singles each by Gretchen Frederick, Susan Gorr and Heidi Kinzie; and a single by Jenny Smith. Hitting for the Athletics were Debbie Ryneerson with a double and three singles, Sue Snow with four singles, Bonnie Cummins with a double and a single, Jean O'Connor with three singles, Penny Waller with two singles, and Michelle Ignatti, Debbie Tiedt, Gail Schmitt and Mary Schmitt with a single apiece. Kathy Peterson was the winning pitcher.

Standings as of Saturday, April 20:

Team	Wins	Losses	Pct.
Cardinals	3	1	.750
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If your idea of a heavenly vacation is eating your way through seven utterly delicious meals a day, then don't miss the 3-day weekend cruise to Nassau on the Bahama Star! I find it difficult to remember the punch lines of all the jokes the cruise director told, but if you want to know all the mouth-watering details of the braised sirloin tips with buttered noodles, the steak with Bearnaise sauce or the seafood a la Newbourg --- ahhhh, ask me!

Our little family group just tottered home from this short jaunt taken in honor of our youngest's 21st birthday and I credit the fact that I didn't come home 15 lbs. heavier solely to the size of the ship and my penchant for running back and forth between my cabin, the dining room and the two delightful lounges. There was an elevator but fortunately I never took it or Capt John would never have been able to pry me out of my top bunk the day we steamed back into Miami.

I absolutely adore top bunks, resulting no doubt from my childhood travels in upper berths on trains, but for those who like more spacious accommodations (and/or to spend more money) the ship has very charming staterooms and suites. Since we spent most of our time at more strenuous activities than sleeping --- such as the Captain's cocktail party, the organ bar, movies, marionette shows, bingo and silly games (have I leaned a humdinger for our next party!), we hardly needed a cabin at all.

Incidentally, the movie was Paper Moon, an Academy award-winning film which was pure pleasure. The marionettes were simply great and included a dancer who actually did a strip tease --- don't ask me how --- and an adorable Raggedy Andy type who blew up a balloon, popped it, and then cried watery tears.

The fact that the beverage manager presented us with a huge bottle of the finest champagne at Liz' birthday dinner and the dining room crew gathered round the lighted candles on her cake to sing happy birthday in a charming medley of Italian and Spanish accents did nothing to discourage our belief that when it comes to picking cruises-for-celebrations, our wonderfully wise Wynn at the Edison Travel Bureau knows exactly what she's doing.

We even enjoyed the passengers, young and old, who came from all over the U.S., England and Portugal (among

others) to provide interesting and varied traveling companions. There was a group from the Georgia Forestry Association, a gaggle of students from Myrtle Beach, SC, some newly-weds, a most incredibly dashing 84-year-old with a sumptuous wardrobe, perfectly coifed red hair, sparkling greenish eyes and enough energy and humor to make everyone eager to reach their eighties. There were young parents with their children (naturally, that included us) and young children with their parents.

Nassau was, indeed, a tourist trap and one of our unfortunate table mates had her purse picked (after several shipboard warnings to us all), but it was a great place to see. The water was truly clear and magnificent, from the clear turquoise and greens of the harbor to the deep navy blue of the Atlantic Ocean with its snow white collars of spray pounding on the rocks of the sea jetties.

On the steep hills rising from the docks, quaint old houses lined the streets, with balconies, towers, Spanish gardens and flowers everywhere. St. Andrews Anglican Church was preparing to dedicate a "garden nook" which took up surely no more than 5 feet between the church wall and the tall wrought iron fence along the street but it was filled with lilies, geraniums, ferns, palms, cleanders, hibiscus --- and more.

Baskets of flowers hung from the eaves of the stores and buildings were painted the loveliest pastel colors - pink and rose, lemon and cream, a soft brick red with long white shutters and white trim; gray and white, green and pale chartreuse, egg shell blue nestled next to lavender.

The musical calls of native swimmers in the early morning as they dived for coins around the ship and scampered

up the hawsers, brazenly showing off, charmed me. Their beautiful black bodies, glistening wet and superbly muscled, provided the perfect counterpoint to the delicate and faded old houses. How alive they were!

What a chuckle we got from a delapidated little house sitting bravely under a mango tree and sporting a sign "For Sale" in large letters and underneath, in slightly smaller type, "Thieves Realty."

The only thing that lured us away, finally, was our tired feet and the thought of the Flaming Baked Alaska Vesuvius which was to be the crowning finale of Captain Papadopoulos' Gala Ball. After all, that was our last day and by then all we had to do was tuck our knees under our extended tummies and roll all the way back to the ship.

'NIGHT OF THE IGUANA'

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Actors' Repertory Theatre will present Tennessee Williams', 'The Night of the Iguana' at the Cape Coral Country Club on May 2nd, 3rd and 4th, it was announced today.

A.R.T., in it's sixth season of dinner theatre in Lee County has produced such outstanding hits as 'Gypsy', 'Company', 'Stop the World, I Want to Get Off' and a host of others.

This show will feature John Wyatt in the role of the defrocked priest, Reverend T. Lawrence Shannon, Marcia Brandt as Hannah Jelkes, Marta Evans as Maxine and Al Acuti as Nonno. Roger Crews is directing.

Playgoers will remember Richard Burton, Deborah Kerr and Ava Gardner in the movie version, and that's a tough act to follow, Wyatt said. "However, the play is different than the movie and I think the audience will get caught up in it at once."

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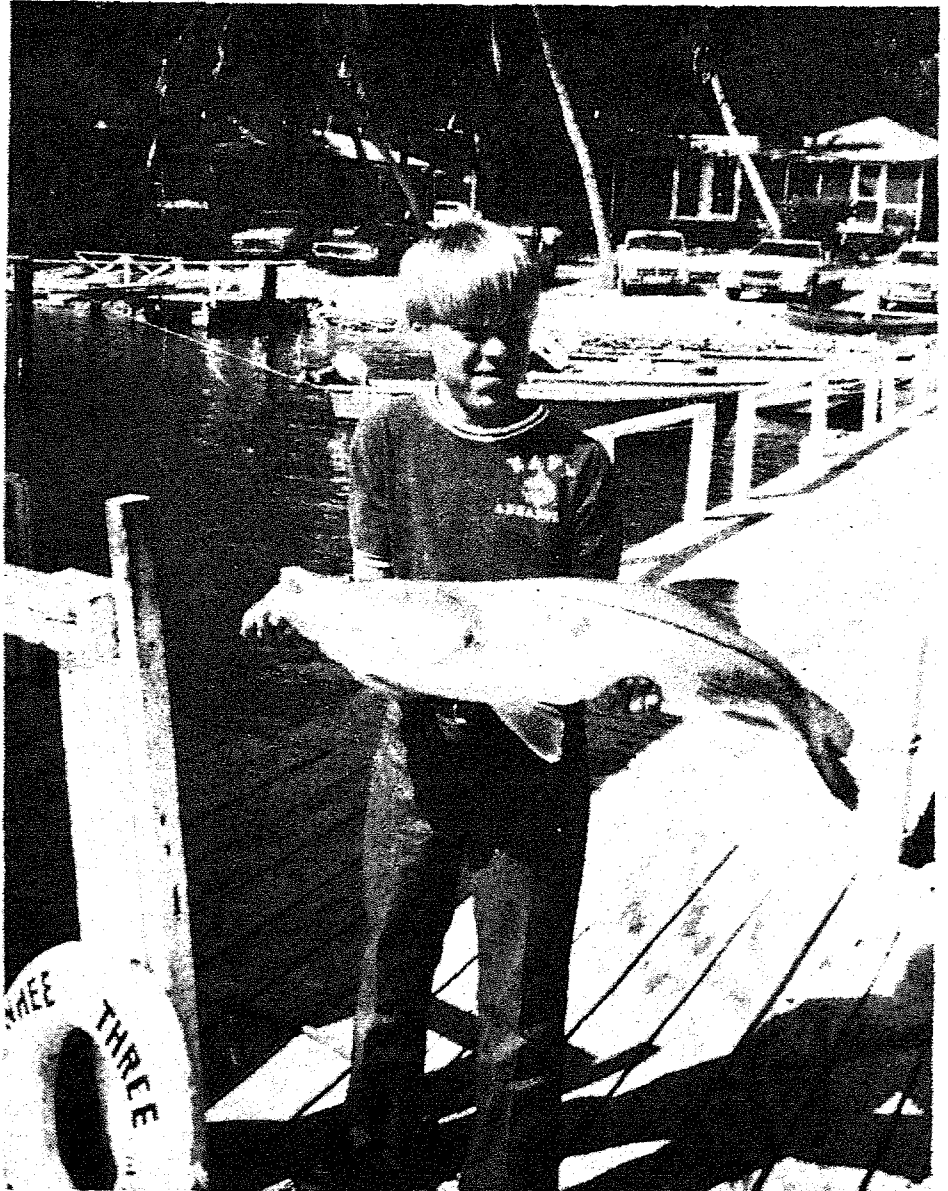
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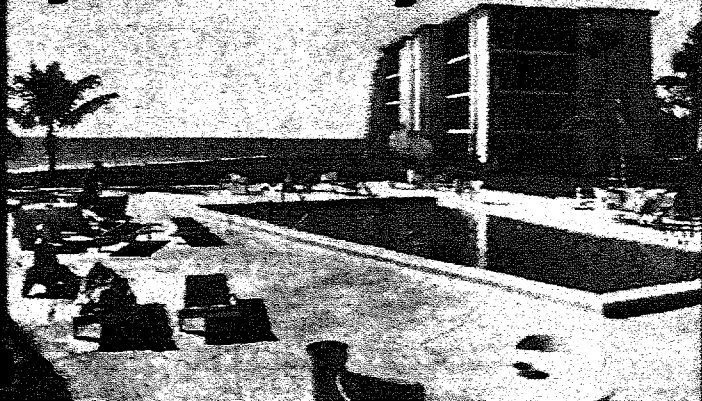


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HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS LAND USE PLANNING

Support of mandatory comprehensive land use planning by the Florida Home Builders Association has brought builders and environmentalists together on one of the most important bills being considered by the 1974 legislature.

The bill was voted upon favorably by the association's board of directors at their annual meeting in Tallahassee Wednesday, April 17.

'By the Florida Home Builders Association going on record supporting land use planning, blame can no longer be placed on the builder-developer for inadequate planning for growth should this bill fail,' said Jim Shimberg, Tampa builder and ELMS Committee member.

'This can be an example of what builders and environmentalists can do if they work together rather than spending their energy fighting one another,' Shimberg said.

Steve Abramson, West Palm Beach builder and president of Florida Home Builders Association, said there were a few things about the bill that still bothered the association, and they will seek some amendments.

'For example, we also believe that a majority of the board adopting such a plan should be sufficient to amend it. In its present form, the bill requires a four-fifths vote to amend. One individual could keep an inconsistency in the plan from being corrected.'

'We'd also like to see the role of the State Department of Planning more clearly defined so they could not have dictatorial powers over such plans.'

The home builders would also like to see a measure in the bill which prevent the land use plan's being used as an excuse for interim building moratoria.

'It would be unrealistic to close down Florida's largest industry for 3 years until the plans are finalized,' Abramson continued.

'We are all in accord that good, comprehensive planning and implementation of those plans is necessary to protect Florida's future,' Abramson said. 'By providing the funds to local government and making the planning mandatory, we can have continued growth consistent with Florida's economic and environmental needs.'

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BY HAL H. HARRISON

'Watership Down' has nothing to do with Watergate (Amen!) but unless you already know, you will never guess who the characters are in this British novel. Rabbits, that's who. And when the author, Richard Adams, is the kind of man who will resign his job as secretary in England's Department of the Environment to risk his all on the success of a long first novel about rabbits, he has to be crazy or very smart. Adams is not crazy. The book is a great success in England and is destined to hit the top in America. I am not a great advocate of animals that talk in the books I read, but I will have to admit that the bunnies in this tale make a lot of sense. To be regrettably brief, the rabbits in this book are not very happy with their associates, namely Man, and the result is a totally new reading experience...and a real mind blower, I must add.

We have 'The Partners' by Louis Auchincloss, a group portrait of men and women whose common bond is their work. Within that bond, each pursues different answers to the search for money, power, love, revenge, or a meaning in life. And a reminder to the Auchincloss Fan Club: We have six other books by this author in the Sanibel Library, including 'The Rector of Justin,' 'The Embezzler,' and 'Portrait in Brownstone.'

I don't think 'Fear of Flying' by Erica Jong will do anything for that queasy feeling in the pit of your stomach as the wheels finally leave the runway, but you may enjoy this rather frank, outspoken novel that depicts a woman on the way to her own liberation. The lady is terrified of flying, but as an escape from her problems she agrees to fly to Vienna with her psychoanalyst husband. Enroute, her problems are compounded when she falls in love with her husband's colleague.

We have two new biographies for you, one British, the other Russian. 'Sir Walter Raleigh' (I always spelled it incorrectly too) by Robert Lacey is the story of Queen Elizabeth's most famous courtier and Renaissance gentleman...explorer, poet, pirate, scientist. This is the first book to be based on Raleigh's own writings. The other is 'Elizabeth and Catherine, Empresses of All the Russias,' by Robert Coughlan. This Putnam Award Book is a dramatic narrative centered on the astounding lives of two remarkable women of the Eighteenth Century.

David Westheimer specializes in impossible adventures that somehow seem reasonable as you read about them. If you will recall one of his earlier books, 'Van Ryan's Express' you'll know what I mean when I tell you that Westheimer's new one, 'The Olmec Head' is just as wild and exciting. The idea is to smuggle out of Mexico a massive piece of pre-Columbian sculpture (all 18 tons of it) worth a million dollars, for which Sam Bell will receive \$20,000 for his trouble if he succeeds...if not, 12 years in a Mexican jail. The smuggling takes us over 1,000 miles of adventure-ridden Mexican backroads. Some story!

Sanibel golfers will grab P.G. Wodehouse's latest book, 'The Golf Omnibus,' a collection of the author's hilariously funny golf stories. In fact, even if you are not a golfer, you may like this volume of 31 stories, especially if you are a Wodehouse fan from way back.

To those who swear by the philosophy of Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, I think it will be enough to say that we have his new book, 'You Can If You Think You Can.' If you liked 'The Power of Positive Thinking,' then hurry in for the new one. As Dr. Peale says, 'This book proves that anyone can.'

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Wildlife Notes
by griffing bancroft

Man seems endlessly tempted to try to improve on nature. At best this usually ends in failure. At worst it can end in disaster.

Nowhere is this more evident than in southern Florida. There is a thought-provoking report on this in a recent issue of the ornithological journal, the 'Wilson Bulletin.'

Written by a University of Miami scientist, Oscar T. Owre, it has the somewhat formidable title: 'A Consideration of the Exotic Avifauna of Southeastern Florida.' It starts out this way:

'Walking catfish, poison toads and giant garden-devouring snails--which have given Florida a surprising new dimension in publicity--are but part of a large and exotic fauna now in accelerating recruitment.'

Birds, the author makes clear, are a major factor in what promises to be some trouble of our own making ahead. But it didn't start with the importation of animals.

Dr. Owre is reporting on southeast Florida and the sequence of events there has been this: First native vegetation has been cleared for human habitation and then, instead of being put back, has been largely replaced by imported, mostly tropical, plants.

Then came imported animals, many of them innocent-seeming specimens such as caged birds that simply escaped and became established in the new environment.

It is usually difficult for an imported species to compete with native ones and few introduced birds or other animals survive for long. Those that are already there have the advantage of having adapted to the environment.

But now it is becoming clear that man, by changing the environment, has given the newcomers a leg up. Dr. Owre cites cases where escaped species, which otherwise would probably have disappeared, have found the very same trees and bushes they were adapted to in their place of origin. Many are flourishing.

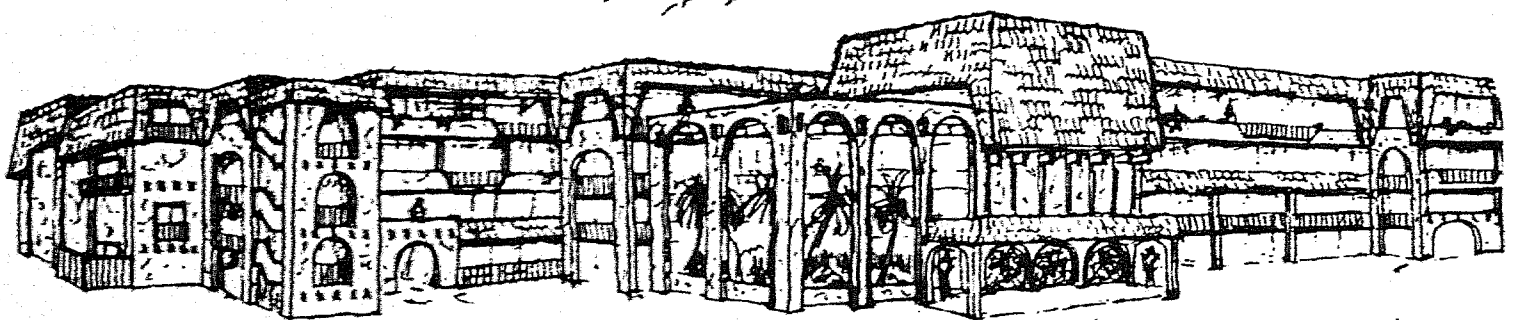
Many are beautiful and seemingly nice to have around. But inevitably they are driving out the native species and threatening to upset things generally.

In the bird category, for example, Dr. Owre lists ten species of parrots that have escaped and are, or probably will become, established in the Miami-Homestead area.

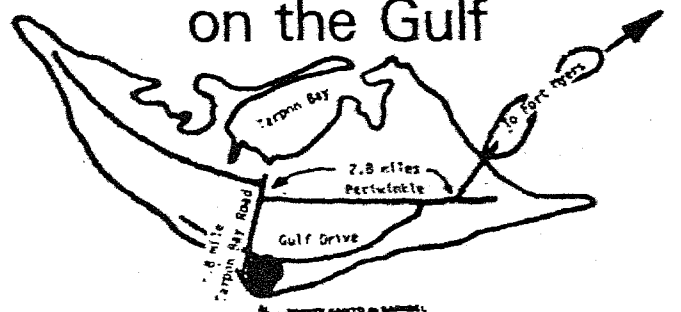
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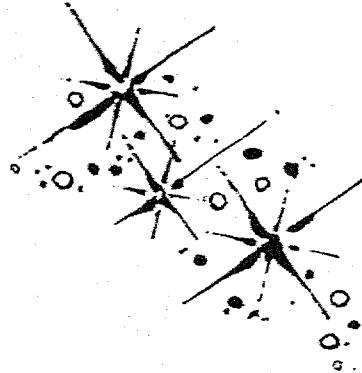
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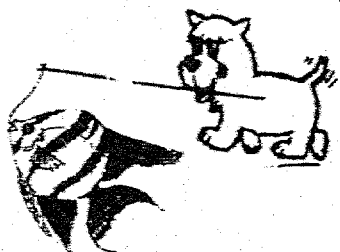
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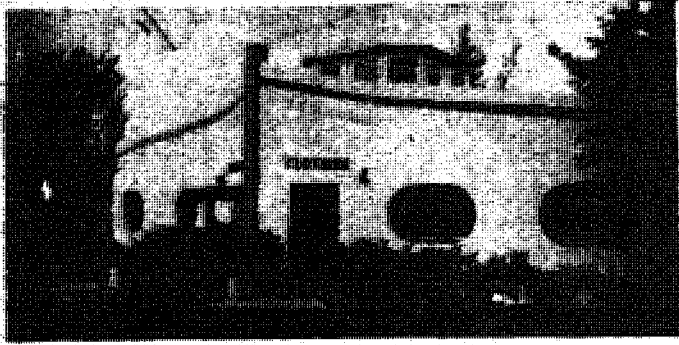
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