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The Cypress Lake High School Panther Band is making an all out effort to raise funds for new uniforms this school year.

To help attain this goal, band members will be selling tickets for a fish fry to be held at the Cypress Lake High School cafeteria from 1 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28. The price is only \$2.25 with music from 3:30 to 4 o'clock by the Panther Band.

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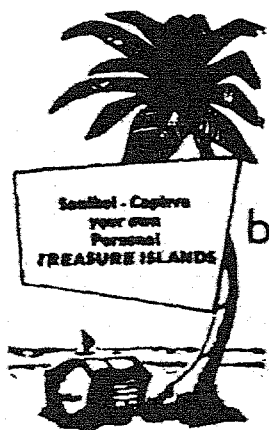
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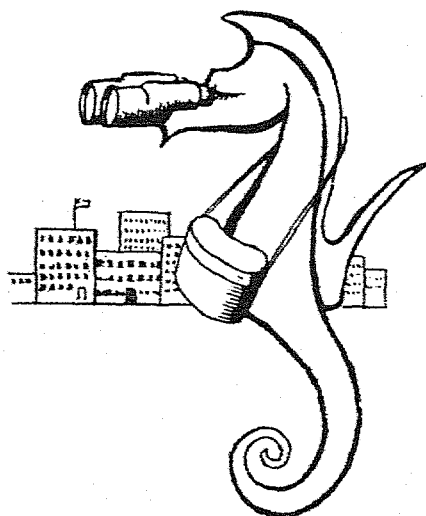
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**MRS. ANN WINTERBOTHAM
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Mrs. Ann Winderbotham of Sanibel, a professional designer, has designed a wildlife series for Mazaltov in needlepoint. She has generously donated it to the World Wildlife Fund.

World Wildlife Fund is an international conservation organization supporting projects to save endangered wildlife and natural areas.

The money is being spent to create and improve a large, fully projected and expertly managed reserves where long term survival of the animals can be assured.

Mrs. Winterbotham's needlepoint designs are being sold right here on Sanibel at the Needle's Eye. There are two designs, the tiger and the bold eagle. There are nine designs at the time in the series. Each design has an explanation of the animal.

**PLUTOCRAT
by Sandy**

I walked out on the beach today
And looked from left to right;
I was the only person there -
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**ACTIVITIES
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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - open meeting. St. Michael's and All Angels Church, Periwinkle Way, Friday nights, 8:00 p.m. For information call 472-2150.

LADIES GUILD of the Sanibel Community Church meets at 1:30 every third Thursday of the month. For details, phone 472-2425.

CAPTIVA MEMORIAL LIBRARY is open Tuesday, 9:30 until 12 noon, Friday, 1:30 until 4 p.m., and Saturday, 9:30 until 12 noon.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL - area meetings. Fort Myers, Tuesdays at 12:15 in the Shrine Bldg. off Cleveland Ave.; Fort Myers South, Mondays at 12:15 in the Sheraton Inn on Rt. 41; Fort Myers Beach, Thursdays at 12:15 in the Holiday Inn on Estero Blvd.; Cape Coral, Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. in the Cape Coral Country Club. For information call Dick Vann, 463-9436.

SANIBEL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. - Sanibel Community House, 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

AMERICAN LEGION POST #123 - American Legion Home, second Tuesday of the month, 8:00 p.m.

BINGO MUREX - American Legion Home, Wednesdays 8 p.m. - no minors.

BOY SCOUT TROOP #88 meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the school.

LIONS CLUB of Sanibel-Captiva meets at 6:30 p.m. the first & third Wednesday of each month at Island Beach Club.

FIRE DEPARTMENT meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7:30, Palm Ridge Road Firehouse.

SANIBEL LIBRARY HOURS: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 2 to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

SANIBEL - CAPTIVA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION, Board of Directors, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 3:30 p.m.

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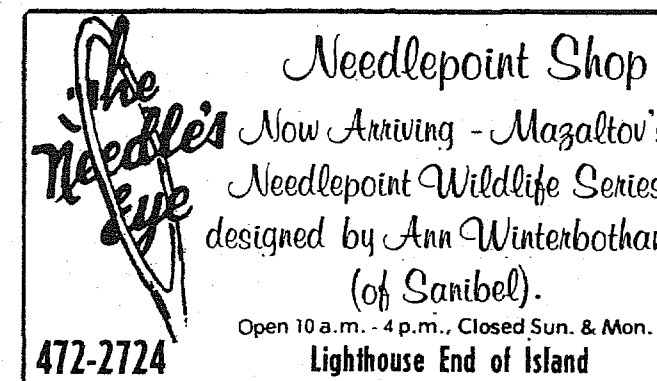
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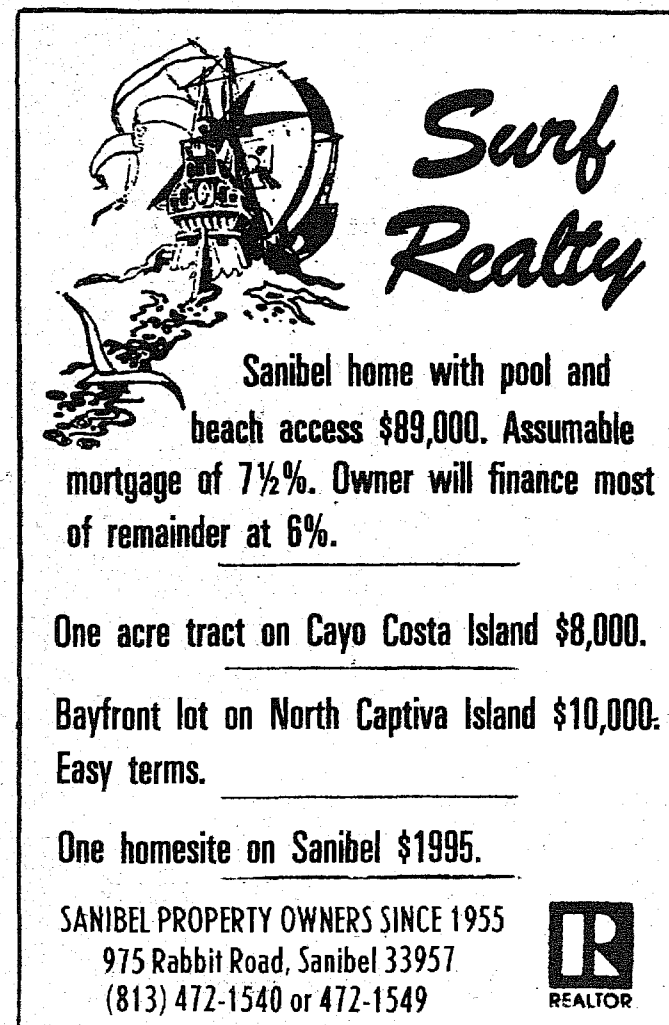


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Who's Who & Why

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THE COLONY

Out of state guests this week at The Colony include Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Thornton from Ft. Wayne, IN, with their friends, the J. T. Whitsitts also of Ft. Wayne, IN; Mr. & Mrs. John A. McSherry of San Carlos, CA; Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Nielson of Lutherville, MD; and from Florida, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Fuller of Miami; Mr. Donald Westerhouse and family from Auburndale; the Jorge Grauperas of Hialeah; and Mr. & Mrs. J. Norman Miller, Sanibel, formerly of Merchantville, NJ.

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FRANKLIN-UTLEY WEDDING

South Seas Plantation was the scene of the wedding of Miss Virginia Lee Utley and Jack Andrew Franklin on Sept. 8 with Jeff Cushner officiating.

Mr. & Mrs. Dennison M. Wright of Fort Myers are parents of the bride. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry N. Franklin of Fort Myers.

The bride chose a gown of ivory organza featuring soft ruffles on scoop neck and a garden hat with long veil.

She was attended by Janice McClatchey, maid of honor.

Best man was Leif Johnson.

The couple will live at 1906 Golfview Ave., following a wedding trip to Europe.

Mrs. Franklin attended Edison Community College. The bridegroom attended the University of West Virginia and is employed at Fishel and Dowdy Jewelers.

TO THE ISLANDER:

I was very sorry to read Mr. Harrison's, vice president of the Sanibel Public Library, letter. I cannot understand his decision to discontinue the library column in The Islander. He says he felt it was causing "... a disservice to the Library ... " I cannot see how a column that informs library patrons of Sanibel, or from any area who reads The Islander, of the book selection and topics of interest in the branch is a disservice. In my education in librarianship, I was informed (possibly I'm too naive!) that one of the major duties of a librarian is to make the public aware of the library's services and books. The best way for the Sanibel Public Library to do this would be the local community paper, The Islander.

Mr. Harrison stated the "... decision is (was) made only for the good of our library." Was he thinking of the good of the library building or library staff? The decision should have been made for the good of the library patrons above all else. I hope the library's circulation doesn't start "Backsliding" or "We (the concerned) do not feel that we can continue to ignore the fact any longer."

The column will be missed by more than just the local Sanibel patrons.

Eileen Doyle
Cincinnati, OH.

TO THE ISLANDER:

I, Nate Taylor, express my sincere thanks to all who voted for me for County Commissioner, District 2, in the September 10 Democratic Primary.

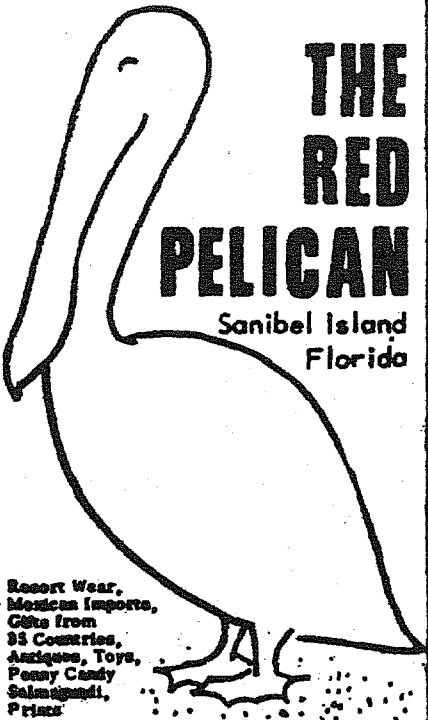
To those who worked so diligently on my behalf, I express my profound gratitude.

I humbly solicit both the voters and campaign workers to continue in your efforts for good government and to give your full support to John Beckett in the runoff election, October 1.

I have carefully studied the qualifications of both candidates and consider John Beckett to be best qualified for the office.

/s/ Nate Taylor

HOURS 10 - 5

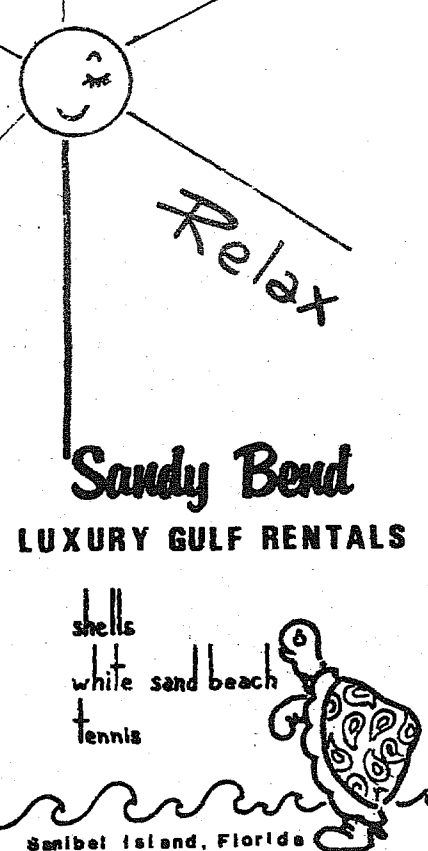


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Kiwanis Clean Up

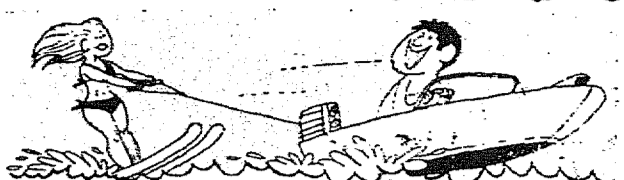
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Kiwanians and volunteers braved sand spurs and curious tourists to collect litter.




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Webb accepted the move to Sundial following two years in administration at the Marco Beach Hotel and seven years in the Bahamas as assistant manager at the Nassau Beach Hotel and the Sheraton British Colonial Hotel. All this expertise is laid on a foundation of training in Paris and London.

Situation on an island tucked into the Gulf of Mexico off Florida's west coast, Sundial is opening additional facilities to accommodate executive seminars, conventions and sales meetings. When completed, Sundial will offer meeting space for more than 900.

Sanibel is world famous for its 15 miles of shelling beach. Half the island has been proclaimed a wildlife preserve.

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TO THE ISLANDER:

As politicians go to the aid of other politicians, Walter Shirey continues to look after the interests of real people. In him we see the totally honest man, so alien to the smoke filled room that all he does is out in front of God and everybody - whether we like it or not. Here is the elected official who is really a public servant, a commissioner who knows his job and performs well, seven days a week, if necessary, and a human being of such sheer cussedness that he refuses to buckle under the abuse which, almost daily, is heaped upon him.

Such men are few and far between - so where was everybody on Sept. 10th? We have spent many hours in public hearings and the thought of Walter not being there gives us the cold chills. There would be a lot of scalping parties with no one to ride to the rescue - certainly not the taciturn Mr. Beckett. Big money would dominate and strange, tribal beliefs while John Q. Public was left to whistle Dixie.

Mr. Shirey's Democratic opponent is very well-funded, and only he knows how and why. Walter Shirey, beholden to no one, badly needs \$2,000 for a final TV appearance before October 1. People of all parties, voters or not, who care about the same things he cares about can and should give him financial support. Democrats: this run-off is crucial. Vote for Shirey and urge your friends to. We have said that we want integrity in government. Oct. 1st is your day to prove it.

/s/ Elinore Dormer
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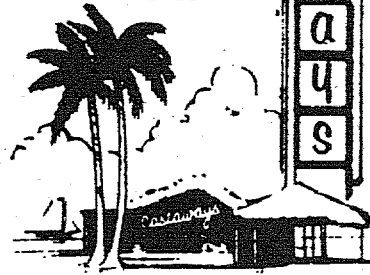
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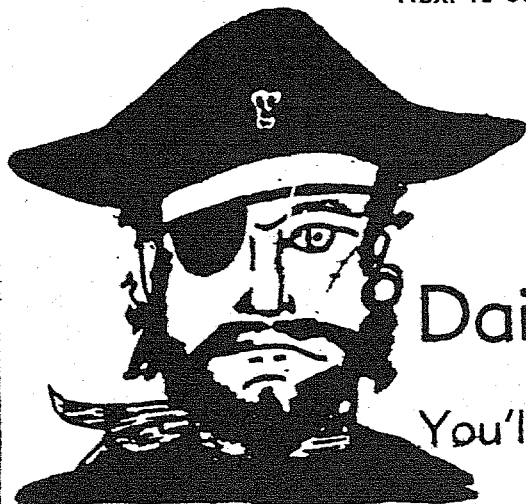
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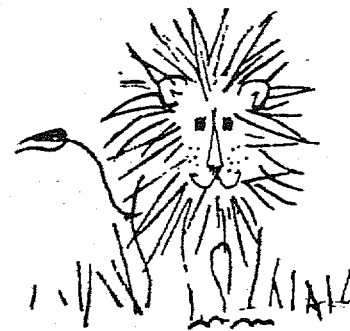
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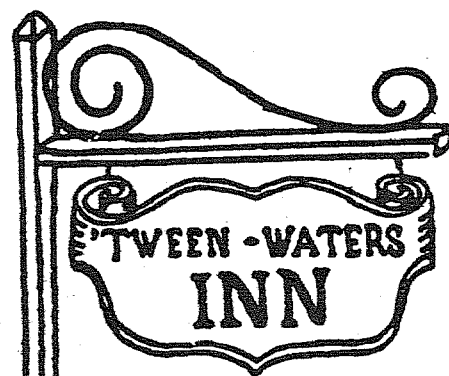
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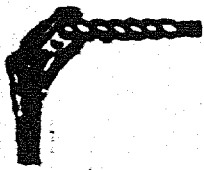
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There are a couple of very handsome sailors up in Canada, fantastically intelligent and with superb good taste --- name of Rendall, John and Doris. I've never actually met them, but it's obvious to me that what I say about them must be true because they've written me a great fan letter. And, what is more, with an unerring sense of the way straight to a working woman's heart, they sent a copy to my boss, who was so impressed she's raised my pay 2 sea-biscuits a week.

I'm too modest to tell you exactly what they said --- (hey, don't go way, I'll give you a hint - they used words like terrific, clever, creative!) ooh-hoo-hoo, and I'm just BEAMING.

To tell you the honest truth (before Watergate I never knew there was a dishonest truth, but anyway . . .) their letter arrived just in time to make me hang on a little longer. I was seriously thinking of giving up writing this column (in spite of my fondness for sea biscuits). Actually, life has gotten just TOO busy for me lately, and when the paper moved its offices and I was trapped in that cardboard box for a week, it was just the last straw. However, their comforting and inspiring letter reached me before I had actually resigned.

Another nice thing about the letter was that in the true tradition of the brotherhood of the sea, Doris has some neat information to share about a helpful booklet she's discovered, called "Meals Ahoy!" She says that it is filled with easy galley fare such as Nautical Nutrition, Galley 'N Gear, Seafaring Soups, Marina Magic, Skipper's Magic, Navigable Novelties, Dockside Delights, Regatta Day Do-aheads, Galley Wizardry and two all-time mariner favorites - Sailor's Gravy and Beach Barbecue Sauce.

Her favorite is Cockpit Chili-ettio for which the ingredients are: 1/2 lb. ground beef, 1 small chopped onion, 1 Tbs. shortening, 1 can 1 1/4 oz.) Campbell's Chili Beef soup, 1/2 to 1/2 cup

water, and 1 can (15 oz.) Franco-American Spaghettios in tomato and cheese sauce.

You brown the beef and cook onion in shortening. Stir to separate meat. Pour off fat and blend in soup and water. Then add spaghettios. Heat, stirring now and then. Makes 2 or 3 servings. It's good served at home as well as aboard, too.

For those who'd like to have the recipes, write to Home Economics Department, Campbell Soup Company, Camden, NJ, 08101. The booklet is free.

I'll tell you one thing about this recipe. You will never suffer the disaster that came upon a friend of mine who kept insisting that it was possible to make 1-burner, gourmet meals even in a small galley. Finally, someone tired of challenging her and took her up on it. For the great day she decided to make a tantalizing shrimp curry with sour cream sauce and hot rice. With all the necessary ingredients and containers, they took to sea and in a reasonably short time, she had prepared a heavenly smelling sauce, had steamed the rice and was ready to drop the fresh shrimp into boiling water a few minutes before adding them to the sauce.

Meanwhile, a slight wind had come up and a few swells arose. At a crucial moment, she lost her footing and the shrimp scattered all over the cabin. Unfortunately, it was a cabin with little bilge holes to drain out any water that might leak in and naturally, half the shrimp slithered through the little holes into the bilge whence nothing could ever lure them back.

I understand that her friend sold his boat a short time later at a considerable mark-down and stays clear of gourmet cooking to this day even ashore. If you've ever had a dead fish hidden under the spare tire in the trunk of your car (as I have) by some wedding prankster, you can sympathize with the poor fellow.

As for my friend, I understand she has changed her name and moved to a desert state.



Hook line and sinker reports Grandfather Robert Rehr reeled in a 10 lb. red and his grandson Bobby Rehr reeled in an 8 lb. red, both using shrimp for bait, fishing off the Sanibel fishing pier. Who's teaching who?



Senior Chief Petty Officer Thurman L. Smith, U.S.C.G.

SAN CARLOS BAY POWER SQUADRON

On Tuesday, Sept. 24, the general membership meeting of the San Carlos Bay Power Squadron will be held starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Recreation Hall of the Bayside Estates Mobile Home Park, San Carlos Blvd., Fort Myers Beach.

The speaker for the evening will be Senior Chief Petty Officer Thurman L. Smith who is in charge of the local U. S. Coast Guard Station. Chief Smith is the highest decorated Petty Officer of the U.

S. Coast Guard, District 7. In addition to the Bronze Star for combat service in Vietnam, where he spent 30 months in the Medcong River Patrol, he holds the Navy and Army Commendation Medals, with Combat Action Ribbons, the Presidential Unit Citation Medal plus several other medals. Chief Smith, so to speak, was born "in the water." His birthplace, Bogue Island in the Outer Banks of North Carolina, is well known as an area where numerous ships have been wrecked, and where every native is a born sailor.

Quite appropriately, with "Fifi" our latest tropical storm brewing off the coast of Cuba, he will discuss hurricanes and what to do should "Fifi" (God forbid) decide to pay us a visit.

Should anyone who is not a squadron member, wish to listen to Chief Smith, he or she may do so after 8 p.m.

All Squadron members as well as visiting members from other squadrons are expected to give Chief Smith a big hand. He and his Coast Guard crew are doing a terrific job in helping boatmen in distress in our area and we are fortunate to have his unit located in Fort Myers Beach.

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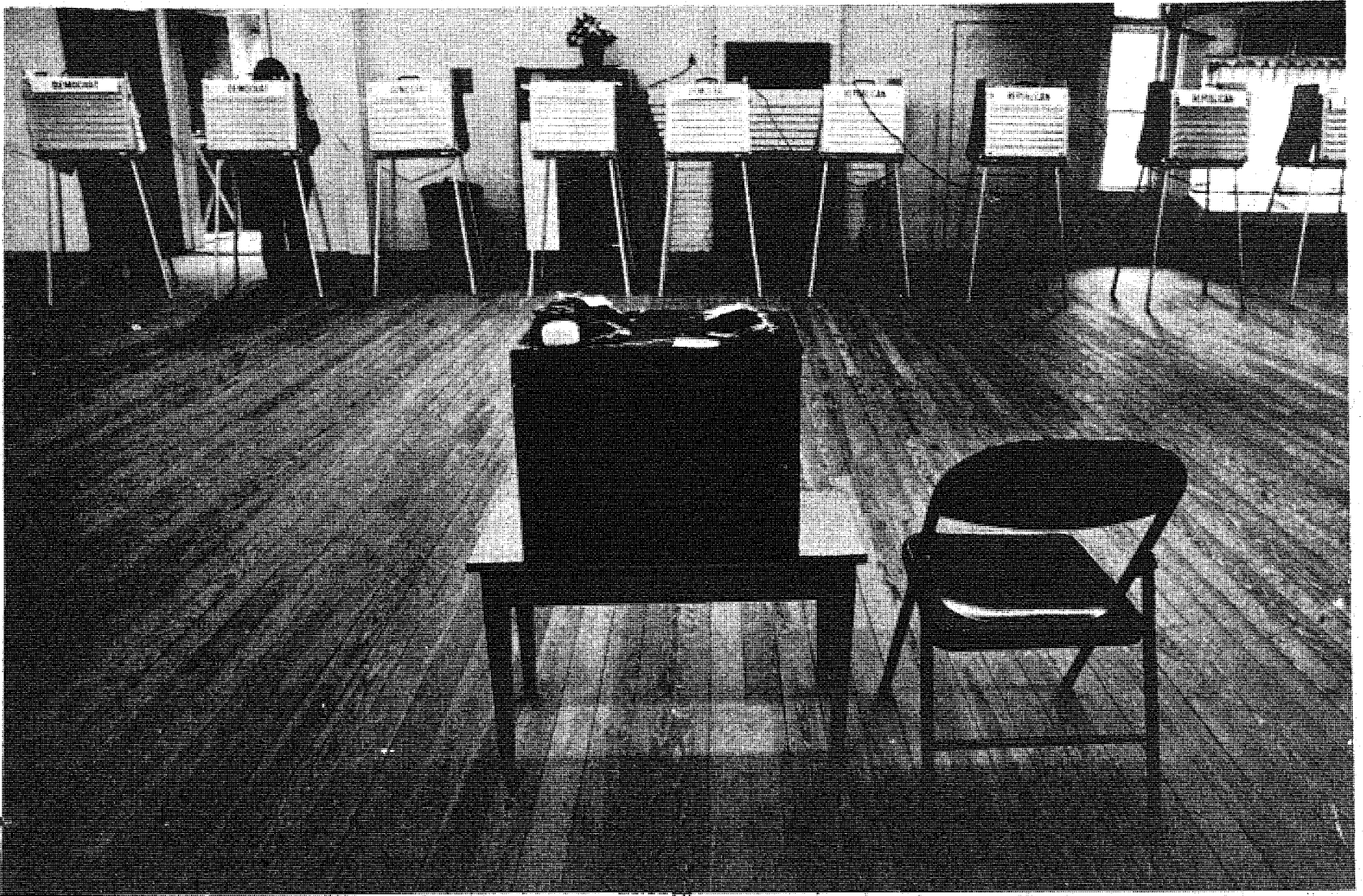
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What for? Probably for another correction. BECAUSE, our friends, it is not Rudy Vivian who owns the B-Hive --- it is RUDY and VIVIAN KREISEL.

Outside of the fact the ISLANDER has moved to spankin' new quarters (with the same telephone number but a phone that won't call out of the 463 exchange, including to Information) we have no excuse, but we did want to set the record (such as it is) straight (more or less). Love everybody.

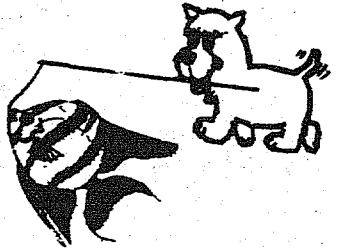


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QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY REP. PAUL NUCKOLLS

Dear Representative Nuckolls:
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J.P.

Pine Island

Dear J. P.:

We, too, are concerned about the condition of these bridges, and you aren't the first to inquire about them, so we contacted the Department of Transportation District Office in Bartow to check on the plans and to see if the projects could be pushed ahead.

We learned, "In your letter you also indicated that you had numerous requests concerning the replacement of bridges along SR 78 at Matlacha and Pine Island. We presently have an item in our budget (No. 114462) to replace bridges 47, 48 and 49 on SR 78. These are the timber bridges in the vicinity of Matlacha.

"We presently have a weight

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restriction on bridge 48 and we are investigating the possibility of Lee County's participation in a project to improve this particular structure. Also, three of the bridges are budgeted for the 1975-76 fiscal year as part of our bridge rehabilitation program, however, due to the shortage of funds within the Department caused by inflation of construction project costs and reduced gasoline sales, our bridge rehabilitation program has been greatly curtailed and unless additional funds become available, the referenced projects will more than likely slip to a later year.

"We have presently completed all of the location survey work, however, design on the bridges has not yet begun. Lee County began the design of bridge 48, however, it is my understanding that they have curtailed this activity.

"I promise that we will keep tabs on these projects and do all possible to see that they are started as soon as possible. Thank you for your interest."

Rep. Paul Nuckolls will be glad to personally answer your questions pertaining to state matters. If your question is of wide concern, it may appear in this column. Address *you*, inquire to Representative Paul Nuckolls, P. O. Box 6631, Fort Myers 33902.

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