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Coquina Beach

Last weekend marked the grand opening of the Coquina Beach Condominium complex on Tulipa Way. The preliminary opening for invitational guests was held on Friday night. This gala gathering featured hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, and the plaintive strains of Justo Ferrera's guitar and voice. The large crowd in attendance at the preliminary opening, familiar Island faces for the most part, seemed to be thoroughly enjoying the convivial mood of the festivities, inspired by the natural tropical appeal of the Coquina Beach architecture and landscaping. The grand opening for the general public was held on Saturday and Sunday.

Coquina Beach is a carefully designed complex of forty two-bedroom living units stretching along Nerita Way from Tulipa Way to the Gulf of Mexico. The units are distributed throughout five two-story buildings, with the upstairs units featuring artist's lofts above the kitchen. Recreational facilities at Coquina Beach include tennis courts, heated swimming pool, and of course, the Gulf. The prices of individual units range from \$48,500 to \$79,900, depending upon the relative proximity to the Gulf.

Coquina Beach is handled by the Spectrum Development Co., located on Tulipa Way. Bill Evans of the Southern Atlantic Construction Corporation is the builder of the project. Keith Trowbridge, president of Spectrum Development, stated that the project is within 15 percent of completion. According to secretary, Joe Morales, fourteen out of the forty units at Coquina Beach are already sold.

Spectrum Development is also handling the construction of another condominium community on Sanibel similar in nature to Coquina Beach. This is the Villa Sanibel, a twenty unit complex, which is slated to open in January.

The Coquina Beach fully furnished model is presently open from 10 to 5, Monday through Saturday, and from 1 to 5 on Sundays.

City Council race in retrospect

by Richard Arthurs

The race for Sanibel's five city council seats is now over. The political fever that has gripped Islanders since the November 5 incorporation vote has waned considerably in the past week and a half. By the time this article is printed there will already have been a preliminary special meeting of the five new council members to decide upon the agenda for the December 16 organization meeting. Island politics have died as abruptly as they were born. Home rule is now a fact rather than a dream. Sanibel's first city council is a reality. The acid test is at hand.

The November 5 general election in which 63.6 percent of almost 85 percent of the Island's registered voters voted to accept incorporation marked the end of almost two years of dispute over the issue. On the morning following the election, representatives from Sanibel's five leading civic groups met at the Sanibel Community House to conduct an open meeting for the purpose of selecting a slate of candidates for the city council election which was held on December 3. At that meeting, Planning Board President, Vernon MacKenzie, warned citizens that a proliferation of candidates could result in "dirty tricks" in the city council election. Apparently, Mr. MacKenzie's word of caution was taken to heart. Aside from the slate of ten chosen by the committee drawn from the ranks of the five leading civic groups, only six other candidates had elected to throw their hats into the ring by the time the November 19 qualification deadline rolled around. All things considered, the sixteen candidates who chose to offer their time and talents to the Island represented a fairly comprehensive cross-section of Island opinion. Almost every conceivable faction --- the young, the old, the conservationists, the developers, the businessmen, the laborers, the permanent residents, and the

seasonal tourists --- could find at least one spokesman on the December 3 ballot.

In looking back over the course of events between November 5 and December 3, the one thing which stands out foremost is the Islanders' ability and willingness to work with one another to effect their common goals. In the main, "dirty tricks" and bitter political animosities were not evident on the surface. Rather, Sanibel's first taste of local politics went down almost as smoothly as a shot of rare, aged-in-the-wood whiskey. The one blot upon the otherwise clean facade of Sanibel politics was a minor confrontation at the Community Association's "Meet Your Candidates Night" held at the Community House on the night of November 26, which resulted in Mrs. Dudley Burton and Mrs. Velna Ridge proffering charges against three Island residents. The two women had been physically ejected from the open meeting for distributing candidate Gordon Tracey's campaign literature.

On December 3, 1021 of some 1305 registered voters turned out at the Community House to cast their ballots. Porter Goss received a landslide vote of confidence as he pulled in the approval of 68 percent of the voters. Vernon MacKenzie and Zee Butler ran a close second and third with 52 and 51 percent of the votes respectively. Charles LeBuff finished fourth with 46 percent of the voters' backing, while Francis Bailey had to wait until the 33 absentee ballots were tabulated to learn that he had defeated Duane White by the narrow margin of 21 votes for the fifth council seat. Mr. Bailey received 39 percent of the voters' support.

So now that the voters' work is done it is time for Sanibel's new city council to get down to business. All that remains to be seen is how conscientiously the voters have chosen their city

governors. To those eleven others who offered themselves up for public inspection ten days ago, the city owes a vote of thanks. Also, it is now incumbent upon Island residents to get behind the five men they have selected and to help them evolve Sanibel's infant municipal government. The first officially designated council meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on December 16 at the Community Association. What with the active concern of Sanibel residents, it is not likely that the new city government will sink into the type of legislative swill from which the Islanders voted to liberate themselves on November 5. Then again, only time will tell.

New construction on Sanibel

Two new developments, one of 45 units and one of 15 units, were issued county building permits last week.

Nutmeg Village will have 45 condominium units on the Gulf-front property now owned by Rochester Realty, which already contains the Nutmeg House restaurant and the Artisan Shop. Frank Vellake is the architect, and the CBS construction will be done by Finger Construction. Costs will total over \$2 million dollars.

The Outer Island Development Company, developer of Ocean Beach Condominium on Sanibel, has started construction on 15 Spanish styled one and two bedroom duplexes on Camino Del Mar. The homes will share a swimming pool and will be grouped on the land in park style. The permit was issued for \$435,000.

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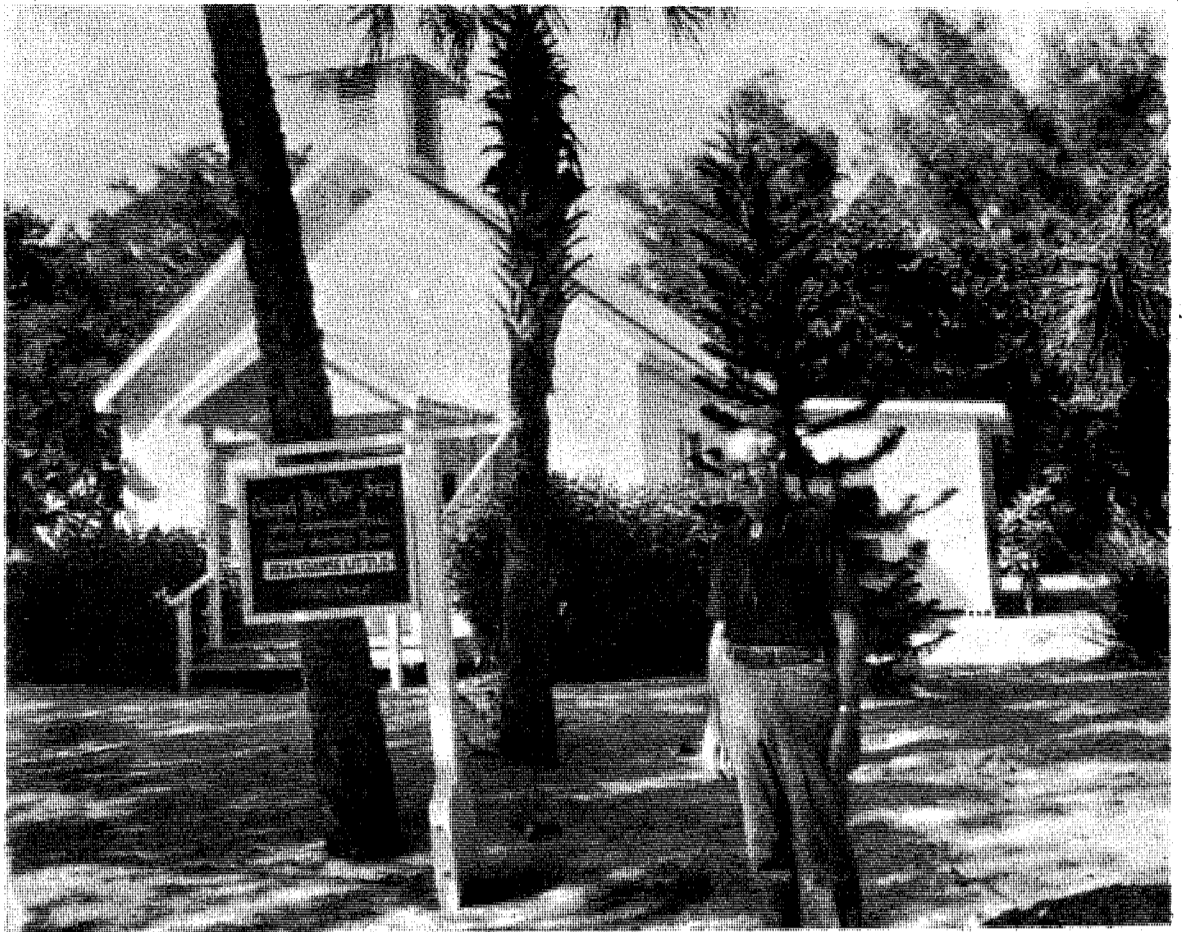
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Interview with Dr. Little of Captiva



DR. H. GANSE LITTLE

A relative newcomer to the Islands is H. Ganse Little, pastor in residence at the Captiva Chapel by the Sea. He and his wife, Virginia Skilling Little, have been living at the Chapel by the Sea manse for just over three weeks now. The Littles have one son, H. Ganse Little, Jr., who is presently the head of the Department of Religion at Williams College, Massachusetts, and three grandchildren. Dr. Little has conducted three services thus far this season.

The Littles first visited the Islands last February as a result of an invitation from Dr. Arthur Kinsolving, the previous pastor at Chapel by the Sea. The Chapel by the Sea engages retired clergymen on a seasonal basis, with the restriction that a minister can serve no more than three consecutive years, at which time he is replaced by a pastor of a different denomination. Thus, when Dr. Kinsolving's three years of service were up, he invited Dr. Little to visit the Chapel in hopes that Dr. Little would be his successor.

H. Ganse Little has been a clergyman of the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. for the greater part of his life, born and raised in Springfield, Missouri. Dr. Little graduated from Wabash College in Indiana and then attended Princeton Theological Seminary. The daughter of a Presbyterian minister, Mrs. Little was born in St. Louis, Missouri.

Before coming to the Islands, Dr. Little had pastorates in Baltimore, Maryland; Williamsport, Pennsylvania; Columbus, Ohio; and Pasadena,

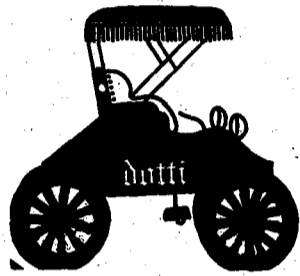
California. During the years 1966 and 1967, he was the Moderator of his denomination. From 1969 until 1973, the Littles lived in the New York City area where Dr. Little was doing research for the Board of National Missions. Dr. Little retired in 1973 and started building a house in Santa Fe, New Mexico, his present home base.

The Captiva Chapel by the Sea is the setting for interdenominational services of worship from the third Sunday in November through the third Sunday in April. The quaint little Chapel, located just a stone's throw from the Gulf, was originally a country school, then a Methodist mission. Reorganized by a local group in 1948 and purchased in 1954, it continues to be managed by an incorporated Board of fifteen Associates, elected for three year terms. The Chapel is supported solely by collection plate contributions and other voluntary gifts. One of the treasured traditions of the Chapel is the Christmas Eve service which concludes with a candlelight procession to an illuminated tree in the Chapel yard for hymn and carol singing. The Chapel only seats about a hundred persons, but many prefer to worship outside under the beautiful palms and gumbo limbos, where the service is carried to them by the Chapel's loudspeaker system.

Dr. Little was the guest of honor at a reception at the Captiva Civic Center on Wednesday, December 11th, sponsored by the executive board of the Chapel by the Sea.

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We were delighted to meet MRS. JAMES NOBLE of Drumport Beach, MD. whilst she was shopping in EDI MUGRIDGE'S Glory of the Sea. Mrs. Noble and her husband will be leaving this week at the end of their seventh Sanibel vacation.

"Our friends up north accuse us of merely marking time all year long while we wait for our Sanibel stay," Mrs. Noble said, "and I'm glad to say that we'll be moving here permanently very soon-- hopefully this year. We hope to be able to settle on the Island, but at any rate, we'll be in the area."

Besides the delightful climate, the Nobles enjoy the shelling most.

While admiring the many pretties in CHET and ELLEN SMITH'S Jade Butterfly last weekend, we heard a delightful story. A lady, who is and shall remain nameless, had seen the Jade Butterfly's advertisement in the ISLANDER and rushed into the shop to see the jade trees. She asked if they were alive--and Chet and Ellen, showing great presence of mind, as well as a lot of acting ability, were able to keep a straight face when they explained that, no, jade trees werent alive. (That's why you don't have to water 'em, we guess!)

BOB and PAULINE TUTTLE of the Sea Horse Shell Shop have been arising at ridiculously early hours so they can get to the beaches by 5:30 for shelling. Well, Wednesday a week ago, it finally paid off.

At exactly 7:32 a.m., Bob found a BEAUTIFUL Junonia (his first ever) which measures just a teensie bit short of four inches, on the beach in front of the paddle wheel boat. He was so elated (or in this case, perhaps we should say elevated) by the joyous find that when we admired the shell the next day in his shop, his feet were still about two inches above the floor. Congratulations, friend!

GEORGE & CLARA HEBERT from McGraw, N.Y., are on their third stay at Periwinkle Park. The first two times they were vacationing. This time they are retired and plan to spend the winter with their two old Siamese cats, Suki & Ching. They enjoy shelling, fishing, and most of all, the beautiful tropical island, where the sun, sea, and sand take away their aches and pains.

MARY & MARK DEHILLS from Portsmouth, Ohio, came to collect shells. They are well satisfied with Sanibel.

MABEL & EUGENE BANNERMAN from Milwaukee, Wisc., like it so much here they have come back five times.

From Tarpon Springs and Newport Richie come IRMA VOGEL, JEAN PRITSCH and BETTY MARTINEZ. Irma Vogel's ambition is to come to Sanibel to retire.

JOHN VERMEULEN and GEORGE VANDERGAST from Bowmanville, Ont., enjoy the west coast of Florida.

BRUCE and HELEN BAILOR from Milton, PA, have been coming to Sanibel for six years. This time they brought their grandson, MIKE.

CLARENCE and JUNE BIGLEY vacationed here this spring. They are from Broadway, NJ, and are in Sanibel again now for the good weather.

In Periwinkle Park for their honeymoon are CLAUDIA and ALAN HOLLAND from Homestead, Fla. "Fantastic," they say.

Enjoying Sanibel are GLEN and LEE REINHARD and WARREN and MARGE SCHLADENHAUFFEN from Ft. Wayne, IN.

"Glad to be back! Feels like home," say DAVID & RITA EDWARDS from Ballston, N. Y.

HARRY & MARGE HOWELL and their daughter, JAN from Euclid, Ohio, are as happy as can be to be on Sanibel. They say, "Once you start with shells you can't stop."

"In Sanibel we have room to breathe. We don't have to listen to someone else's radio." LYLE & MILLIE McARTHUR from Ortonville, Mich., are enjoying the peace and quiet here.

JOHN & BETH KEENE from Atlanta, Ga., were raised in Florida. They don't mind the cold days. There's more cold in Ga. and snow.

"Fantastic!" say DAVE & BEV & JAY RAUSCH from Oconomowac, Wisc., but they would like it a bit warmer.

Friends told RON & BARBARA BASESCU from Boulder, Col., that Sanibel is beautiful. They came and agree. They are glad that it is not as built up as the east coast of Florida. They hope it won't happen here- that Sanibel won't become "Coney Island South."

RALPH CALL GIVEN REALTOR AWARD

Ralph Call was named Realtor of the Year and given a gold plaque in honor of the occasion. The award was presented during the annual Fort Myers Board of Realtors banquet Tuesday night in Fort Myers.

The Realtor of the Year award is an important honor, so congratulations to Sanibel's Ralph Call for winning it!

OLDE HOUSE SHOPPE

Mr. and Mrs. Doug and Annette Morgan have been coming to Sanibel for nine years. Bought property here three years ago. Much to everybody's relief they have remodeled the house. Annette has a degree in Art Education and always wanted a gift shop.

Doug and Annette now residents of Sanibel are from Wisconsin, but Sanibel with its beautiful trees and water makes it even nicer.

ISLAND INN GUESTS

Guests at the Island Inn include Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Whitcomb from Watchung, NJ; the John Harrisons of Pembroke Pines, FL; Mr. & Mrs. H. Payntar from Bethesda, MD; the Paul Ringers of Elm Grove, WI; the Joseph Chapmans of Radnor, PA; Mr. & Mrs. C. L. Wilkinson, Macon, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Saalfeld, Akron, OH; and Mr. & Mrs. Alan Stouten of Grand Rapids, MI.

BETTY & MARGARET O'CONNOR are camping with their parents, NORMA & BILL UXBRIDGE from Ontario.

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MACRAME CLASSES

At the present time, Arly Buntrock is offering classes in macrame at the Island Arts-Knot Shop on Periwinkle Way. Two separate sets of classes are in progress, one on the beginner level and the other for advanced students. The students meet both afternoons and evenings on a staggered schedule for five two-hour lessons during the five-week course. The price of the course is \$15.00 and the enrollment is limited to ten students per course to insure an intimate teacher-student relationship. The next series of lessons will begin after the first of January.

The students are currently in the third week of the course in progress. The students do a different project every time they meet but do not follow a set pattern in their work. Rather they create their own designs and execute their projects in the way most natural for them. An owl wall hanging was the project for this past week.

Instructoress, Arly Buntrock, has been a resident of the Islands for a little over two years. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, she taught art and macrame before moving to Sanibel. Arly sells her own work at the Island Arts-Knot Shop and does special orders on request. She is currently taking enrollment for the January course.

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SIDEWALK ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

Plans are now being formulated for the Lee Sidewalk Arts and Crafts Show to be held January 25 in the parking

lots of Lee County Bank in Downtown Fort Myers.

The show, sponsored by Lee County Bank, is open to all artists and craftsmen, both amateur and professional. However, because of limited space, applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until all booth spaces are filled.

An estimated 4,000 visitors, buyers and viewers attended the Show in February of 1974 to view the approximately 140 professional and amateur artists and craftsmen participants.

Everything displayed by the artists and craftsmen must be for sale and a small exhibitor fee is requested. For further information, please contact Mrs. Burnett Bloodworth, Lee County Bank, P. O. Box 711, Fort Myers, 33902., or phone 334-1171.



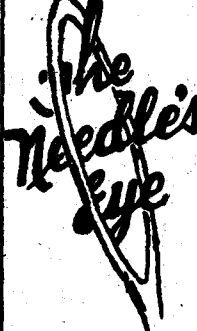
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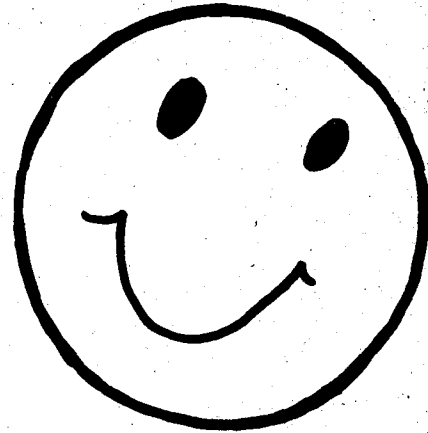
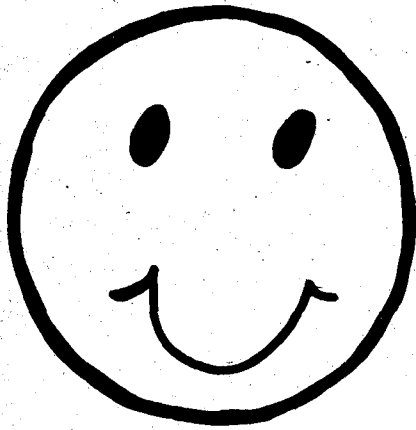
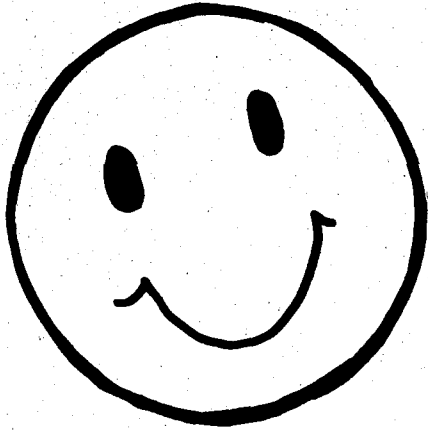
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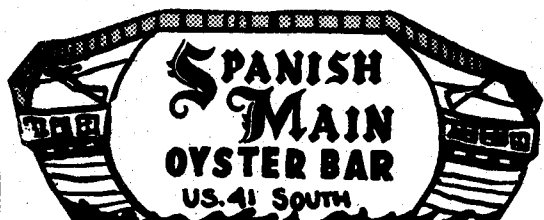
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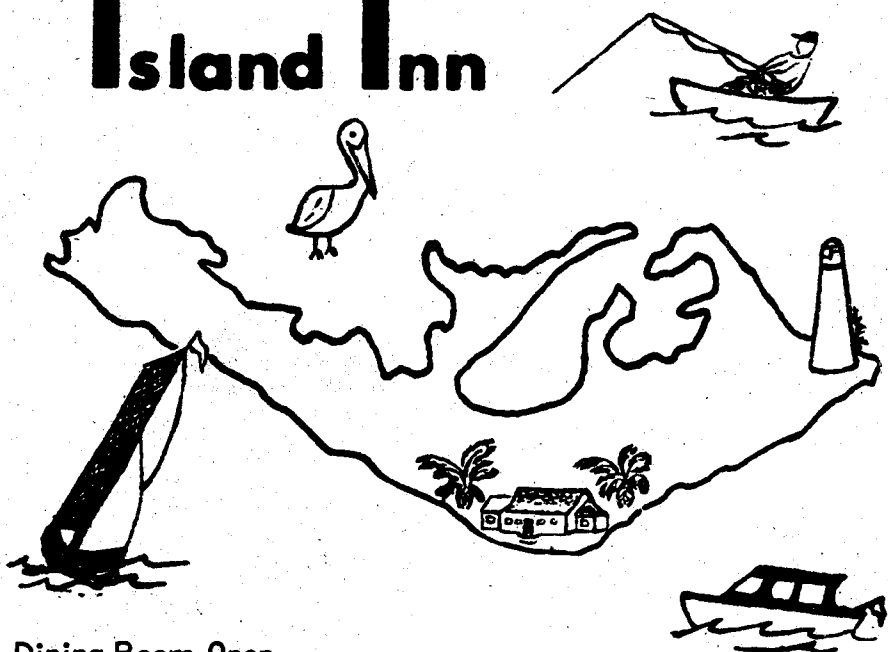
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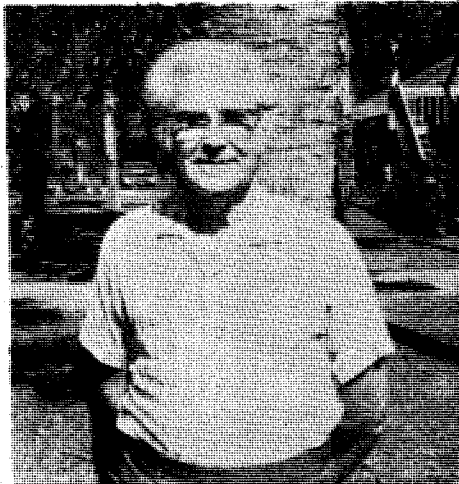
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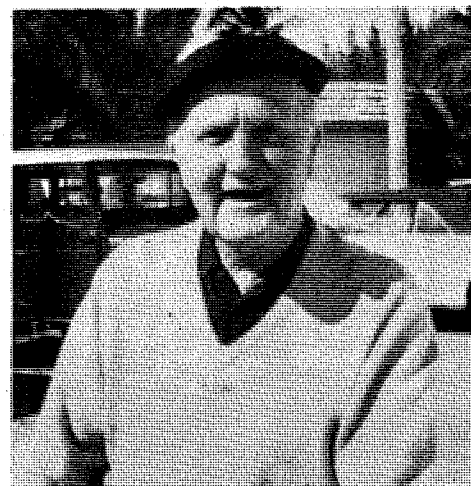
Sally Murphey - Captiva

"Just the beach. Running around naked on Bowman Beach."



Helen MacMillan - Sanibel

"Well, my husband's dead now, but we've been coming here for eighteen years. I have only pleasant memories of the Islands."



Joseph W. Simpson - Sanibel

"Offhand it would be the Gulf and the Captiva Golf Course. Of course, the natural beauty and friendliness of the people mean a lot to me."



Mona Woodring - Sanibel

"Going on the ferry and the captain pulled a quarter from behind my ear after asking me for the fare and making me cry."



Curtis Stokes - Sanibel

"The way it used to be when there wasn't so many condominiums out here. You used to be able to drive along the road and see all sorts of wildlife. Not any more. I've lived here off and on all of my life, and I'll tell you, this is becoming another Miami Beach or something."

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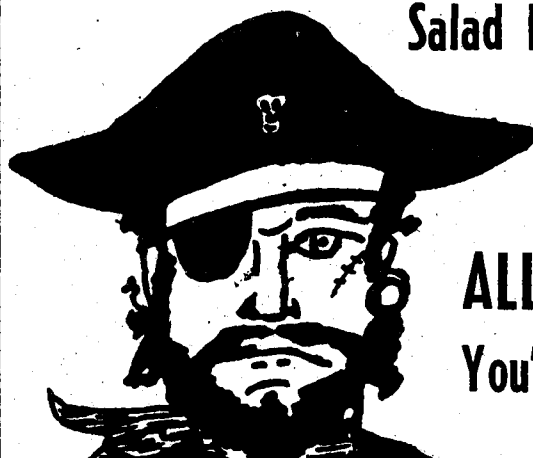
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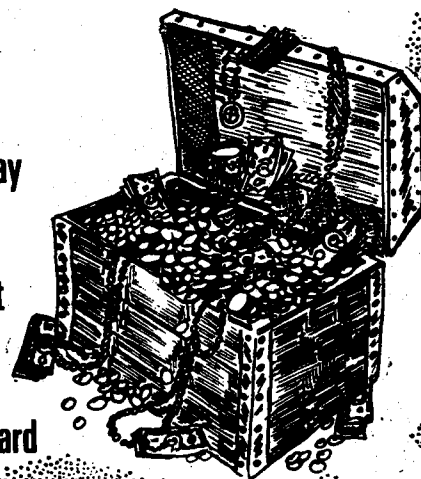
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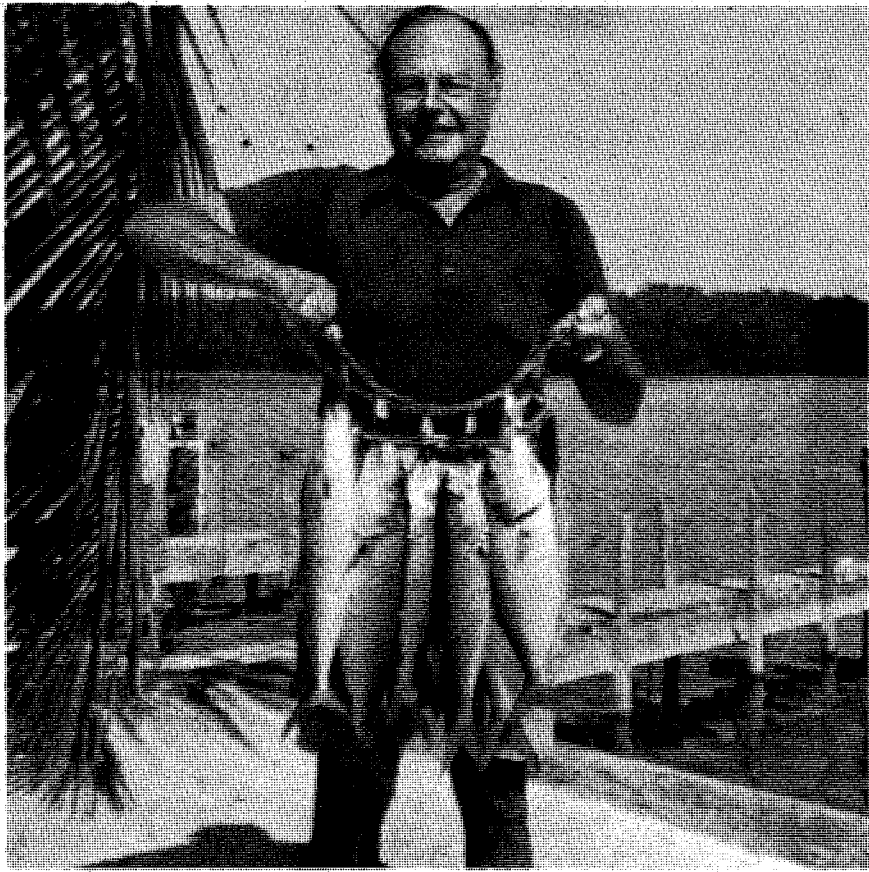
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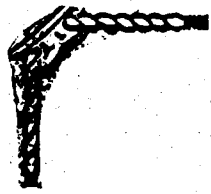
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Mr. Bud Friedmann with bluefish caught off Turners Beach while a guest of Blind Pass Cottages.



A Grain Of Sea Salt
by betzi abram



Lately, more and more people have been coming up to me or writing me letters telling me how much they like to read my column and of course I enjoy that immensely. The last few days, however, nobody can recognize me and I thought I'd better tell you what happened so I won't miss out on any handshakes or pats on the back. That is if I can stand the pain.

What happened, is this. First of all the expression on my face is called frozen delight and that is because I went boating last weekend with my usual happy expression, but we were having a very unusual norther. It was a cold gray day on land and on the water, about 80 degrees colder.

I am positive I recognized the specific wind - it was that one that always blew crosstown in New York City between the skyscrapers from February through March. Little whitecaps were shipping up the Caloosahatchie as Cap'n John and I in our new Thunderbird with the 65 hp merc engine dashed up to Fort Myers via the river in a combination trial run and trip to the courthouse to get the boat registered.

"Little rough today," says Cap'n looking lovingly at the boat, the gas tank, the controls (everywhere but at me), "but that's the way you always said you like it."

"Ummm" I answered, my head pressed back against the seat as we roared away from the dock. The cold wind had hit my face freezing it instantaneously but it didn't matter because my teeth were clenched so hard to keep from biting my tongue that I couldn't have answered him anyway.

When the boat dropped four feet

from mid-air into the trough for the first time, I changed my whole approach to underwear. I've always liked it loose and comfortable - never mind this uplift stuff. But at that moment I'd have settled for two bras, a waist cincher with kidney supports and a long line girdle, preferably from arm pit to knee. I also realized that I should have worn several sets of thermal underwear, my ski mittens and my earmuffs. At the second or third bounce my head scrunched down between my collar bones and rebounded about four or five inches where it reverberated sideways several times, permanently lengthening the vertebrae . . . which gives me a much more giraffian look than I used to have.

Shortly thereafter, we hit some kind of monster wake and the end of my tail bone was telescoped a foot or two into my sacro-iliac which means that I'm now walking about four feet tall - when I'm walking. I think I sprained one ankle, while bracing myself against the hull, and dislocated my elbow so that I'm unable to get around on crutches because of having to steady the sling with my good hand.

Just as I managed to mutter between gritted teeth, "Can't you go a little slower?" Cap'n says, "I hate to go this fast - 'fraid I'll bang up the boat - but I'm trying to get her up to plane on top of the waves. It would be worse to throttle down half way."

"Fraid to bang up the boat indeed . . . planing indeed . . . what about your poor wife," I thought to myself as my stomach jammed up behind my esophagus. "Leave it to a man to worry about his boat! Why, I may never eat again." (The very thought brought tears to my eyes.) "If you don't slow up this boat," I thought, "I'm going to throttle YOU," when miracle of miracles, he slowed down and brought the boat in to a beautiful landing (I'm sure we were airborne) at the Fort Myers dock.

He looked at me and his mouth fell open. "Good heavens," he said (actually used a more salty equivalent) I thought you always said . . ."

"Shut up!" I said just as saltily . . . after I got my mouth pried open.

Whereupon he cleverly soothed, patted and comforted me, and later took me up the Orange River and pointed out two alligators, a cormorant and bought me a package of potato chips so we're back on speaking terms. I thawed my toes out on his back after we went to bed (it was only fair!) and I am feeling much more philosophical about the whole thing.

But as I said, I love to hear your comments and if nobody speaks to me this week, I'll know why.

AFTER THE BALL IS OVER
by Ruth Hunter

On Monday last, I was somewhat in doubt as to how I would vote next day. So I decided on a little polling of my own. I got out the list of candidates and started phoning. Some were not at home. Perhaps my questions might be of interest to other Islanders so here they are:

No. 1- Can you be quoted on your answers?

No. 2- Are you in favor of self supporting cultural activity such as the Pirate Playhouse and the Concerts at Periwinkle Place or do you favor government supported projects?

No. 3- Do you consider the accommodation of persons more important than that of birds?

No. 4- What is your opinion on abortion?

I was impressed with the sincerity of a great many of the replies, which in one or two cases changed my choice, and I learned a great deal about the candidates who will be on our City Council by the time this is read.

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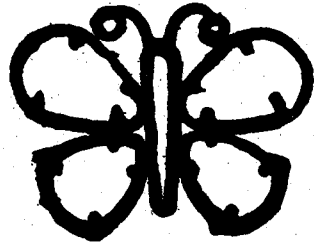
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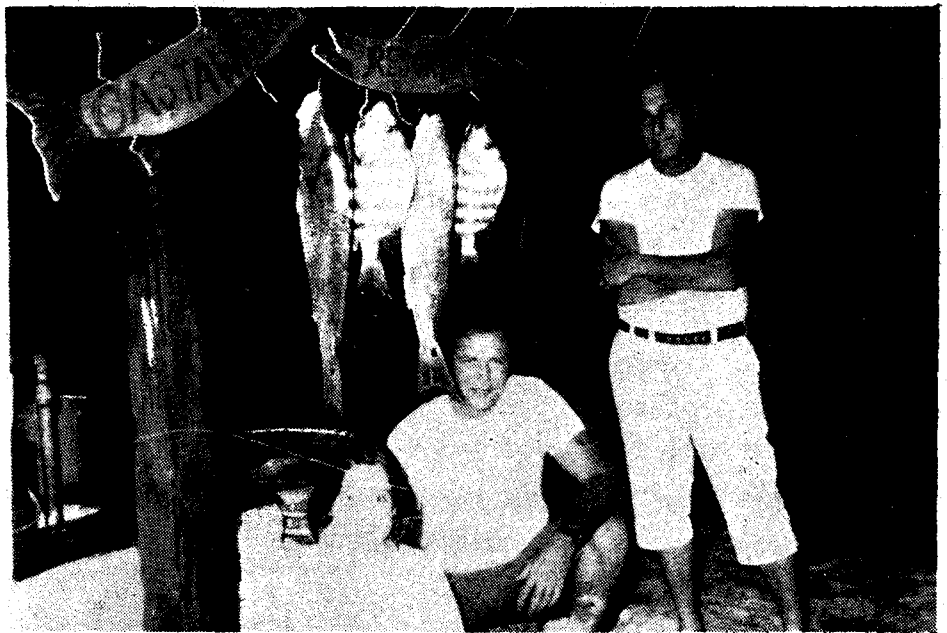
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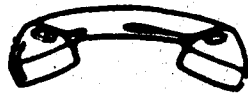
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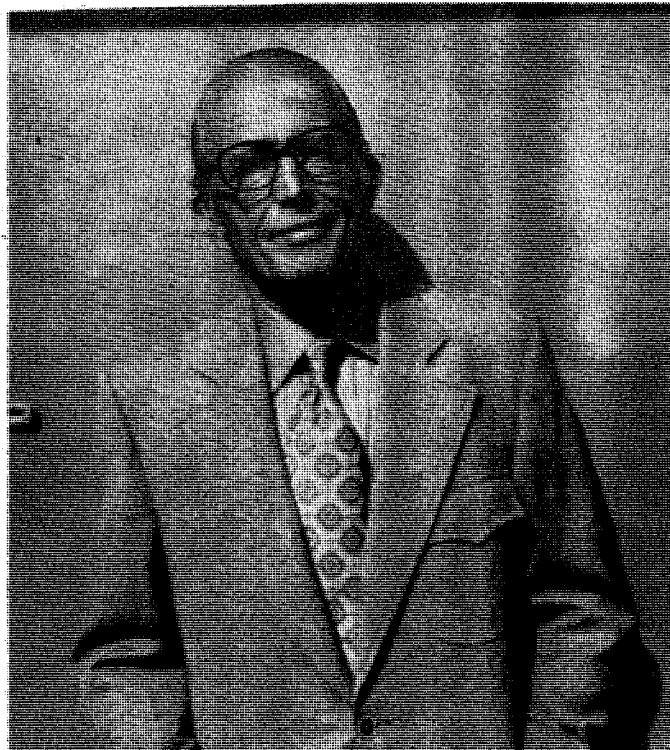
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Dr. Shreve holds a Masters degree in Physics from the University of Michigan and a Ph. D. in Chemistry from the University of North Carolina. A veteran of four years college teaching, he was a research chemist at the Naval Research Lab in Washington, D.C., during World War II. Dr. Shreve joined DuPont Co. in 1945, where he worked as a research scientist and later as a research manager in the Fabrics and Finishes Department for twenty-eight years.

Dr. Shreve became interested in solar energy when he installed a swimming pool at his new Sanibel home last January. After investigating the propane pool heater system in the face of last winter's highly publicized energy crisis, Dr. Shreve gathered some books on solar heating and applied his technical background to acquiring a thorough understanding of the theory and practice involved in utilizing the sun's rays to heat and air-condition houses, purify brackish or contaminated water, heat water for household use, and heat swimming pools during Florida winters when, despite abundant sunshine, unheated pools tend to get a bit chilly for year-round residents and fuel burning heaters are becoming prohibitively expensive to operate.

Much of what is known about utilizing solar energy has emerged from the Solar Research Department of the University of Florida at Gainesville. Head of the department, Dr. Erich A. Farber, has been involved in solar research since the 1950s, and is largely responsible for the development of the plans to heat and air-condition an entire house with solar energy, although this plan is not yet economically practical at this time.

Solar heated swimming pools are quite practical at the present time though, and a number of different heating systems have already been worked out. These systems involve running a network of black plastic pipe, which absorbs solar heat because of its color and construction, into the pumping and filtering system of the pool.

Dr. Shreve can provide expert advice and consultation at no cost to those considering the purchase of a solar swimming pool heater and can arrange for one to be installed if desired.

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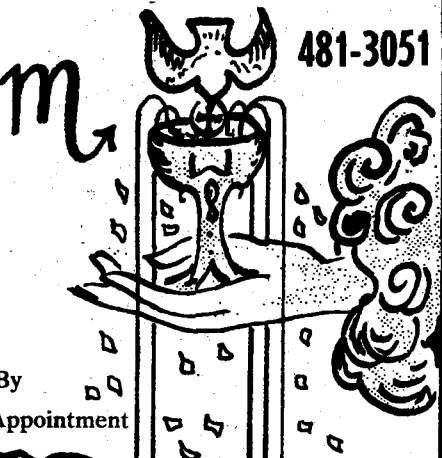
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Catholic Medical Mission Board. The
thank you note from Peramtho,
Tanzania, Mission Hospital said: "The
carton of snow-white bandages elicited a
sincere, heartfelt Thanks be to God.
How we always run out of them and long
for a new supply for they are very
precious. We have not a one in our
pharmacy when your supply arrived.
We do appreciate them, as you may well
imagine. May God bless all those
devoted helpers who prepared them for
us."



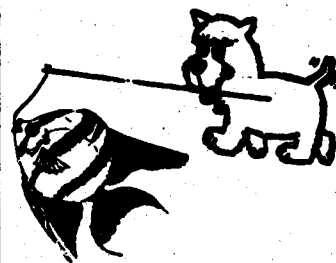
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