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## Sundial Threatens to Sue City

After a detailed review of Sundial Associates, Ltd.'s proposed development plan for their 593 unit motel on Gulf Drive at Tuesday morning's Sanibel City Council meeting, Dick Vogel said that since the council declined to approve Sundial's concept, Sundial would probably have to force a court action to clear the air on the validity of their existing Lee County building permit.

During the review, Sundial general partners Vogel and Bob Gisselbeck told the Council that they had reduced the desnity by eliminating ground floor apartments, that they had cut back their resort facilities and that they would be willing to donate park space to the city.

The project has 266 existing units out of an originally proposed total of 620, since cut back to a total of 593 by eliminating all "lock off" units. The project also includes a 200 capacity restaurant and bar. The project is on 23.73 acres, including tennis and golf facilities, which Vogel contended gives a density of 13.78 units per acre.

Councilman Vernon MacKenzie said that Sundial's original Lee County building permits, which were issued on Oct. 26, 1973, have questionable legality.

City Attorney Frank Watson was of the opinion the extension of the permits which gives Sundial until Dec. 31, 1975, was invalid because they would have had to have been issued after the declaration of Sanibel's moratorium on building. Vogel contended that the extension was made long before Sanibel voted to incorporate, although he didn't know the exact date.

"If it's beyond your power to

cooperate," Vogel said, "that's what legal services are for."

MacKenzie also questioned the structual safety of Gulf front buildings during hurricane conditions, and asked "Why is the clubhouse building, which you intend to retain the title on, on pilings, while the apartment buildings which you are going to sell, are on spread frozers."

Vogel replied that Lee County engineers and Sundial architects had advised this, and said that Sundial was the most hurricane resistant project on Sanibel

Zee Butler complained of excess parking space at Sundial, saying that everything from Gulf Drive to the Gulf will be asphalt, at which Vogel offered to reduce the number of parking spaces, while pointing out that most of the occupants were "mature people" who might need more than one space to park, which brought forth the morning's only round of laughter.

Charles LeBuff complained that the existing seawall on the site was ruining the beachfront, to which Vogel replied that it was in the terms of his financing and could not be removed.

Mayor Porter Goss expressed concern of the impact which the project would have on the island's existing water shortage and fast developing sewage problems. Vogel answered, "If we were to have 50% occupancy on an annual basis, we would be the most successful resort in Florida."

In light of the planning commission's Monday recommendation that

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## **Erosion Controversy Rages**

An overflow crowd turned out at the Captiva Community Center between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Friday, March 7 to attend a public hearing on the proposed 5.575 million dollar erosion prevention program for Captiva's Gulf beach.

The 200 or so people present at the session heard Dexter Bender, an engineer with Duane Hall and Associates and author of the report on the program, outline the three-point program intended to restore and maintain Captiva's dwindling beach footage. The program calls for the construction of a rock groin at

## Sanibel Police Department Now Installed

The new Sanibel Police Department is now installed in its second floor city hall offices and may be reached via any of the three city hall telephone numbers: 472-4135; 472-4136; and 472-4137.

The City's first official police car, a 1975 Ford Torino, was ordered, painted, and equipped last week and should be road worthy and ready to go by this week, according to Police Chief John Butler, the only member of the force thus far. Radio equipment for the car and office has also been ordered and should be operational within the week.

The selection of patrolmen is still forthcoming. "It's a long process," said Butler, "and we want to choose as carefully as possible."

the north end of Captiva to block the swash channel in Redfish Pass, the diking of the present Gulf entrance to Blind Pass and opening of another pass two miles to the south on Turner Beach, and the dredging of 1.8 million cubic yards of sand onto Captiva's beach, thus extending it out into the Gulf another 100 feet. Redfish and Blind Pass are currently diverting the sand which would normally accumulate on the Island's beach through accretion of the littoral drift.

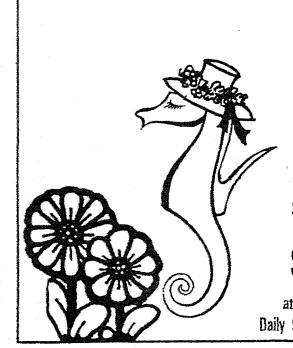
The most expensive part of the proposal involves a dredging operation to rebuild 4.5 miles to Gulf beach, using sand from Redfish Pass snoals. According to Bender, the 100 foot widening of the beach could be accomplished for roughly a million dollars and would last in the vicinity of 15 years, but could be permanently maintained for an additional \$300,000 per year. If nothing is done, Captiva will continue to lose 265,000 cubic yards of sand per year, cautioned Bender.

Federal and state officials present at the meeting placed rather unpleasant stipulations upon the project if their funds are to be employed to bring the project to fruition. Eldon Russell of the Army Corps of Engineers pledged federal funds for half of the necessary sum and Raymond George of the Department of Natural Resources another 25 percent in state funds if Captiva were to establish public beach access with adequate parking space every half mile along the Island. The other 25 percent would come from Captiva residents and Lee County taxpayers.

So now the matter is up to Captiva

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Larry Doetsch - Evanston, Ill.

"Well, that has become the 64 dollar question. One thing I don't think they should do here is what they did down at Hickory Pass with the condos. It used to be God's country but it's getting wrecked now. As for erosion, that's a tough question because so many factors come into play.'



Laverne Dawurske - Milwaukee, Wis.

"I really don't know too much about it, but they might try breakwaters. I just come down to Captiva because



Tom Lane - Muskegon, Mich.

"Well, about all I can see is the dumping of rock along the edge, which would deflect the water and do some good. Piling would be an awful expense, it seems to



Mary Kelsey - Captiva

"I really can't talk about it because there are so many people talking about it that know absolutely nothing, and I know absolutely nothing about it, so . . . those who are interested should spend time informing themselves, rather than just talk about it with no background at all."



Eileen Henderson - Ft. Myers

"I really don't know 'cause I'm not qualified and educated in the field. I think the erosion control district here is doing the best they can."



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### THE COLONY

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Also Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Albrecht of Peoria, H.: Dr. Klaus E. Harnack and family, Olympia Fields, IL; Dr. & Mrs. E. E. Buzyaski, Watertown, WI; the Roger Baker family of Toledo, OH; Mr. & Mrs. Rickard Wikinson of Springfield, MO; Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Cole and family of Brightwaters, NY; the A. C. Grebes of Kansas City, MO; the William B. Wilson family, Lancaster, OH; Mr. & Mrs. R. W. Watt of Princeton, NJ; the James B. Andersens, Willoughby, OH; Mr. & Mrs. R. Lasson. West Bend, WI; Mr. & Mrs. Colacurcio of Bhaca, NY; and Mr. & Mrs. Rickard H. Hobbs of Winnetka, IL.

Florida guests are Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Eastman of Delray Beach, and Dr. & Mrs. Thomas J. Sims, Jr. and daughter of Siesta Key.



### ISLAND INN GUESTS

Arrivals at Island Inn include Mrs. Ann Warren and daughter, Mary, of Grosse Pointe, MI; Mrs. F. W. Barends and Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Dunn of Columbus, OH; the James Plymire family from Chestertown, MD; Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Montgomery of Buffalo, NY; Rev. & Mrs. Robert Ingraham, Miami, FL; Mr. Dudley Ingraham, Litchfield, CN; the Robert Atkinsons of Toledo, OH; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Vane of Cedar Rapids, IA; the Hugh Johnsons, St. Louis, MO; and Mr. & Mrs. F. P. Shannon of St. Petersburg, FL.

Other guests are Maura and Kitty Keefe from St. Louis, MO; Mrs. Claudia Baum, Scottsdale, AR; Mr. & Mrs. Philip Farnham of Kingsport, TN; Mr. & Mrs. R. Whitmyre of New York City; Mrs. William Kelly and her niece of St. Petersburg, FL; Mrs. Robert Hanger, Westfield, NJ; Mr. & Mrs. M. Trimarche of New York City; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Patterson from Mount Desert, ME; the W. Rickersons of Deep River, CN; Mr. & Mrs. George Greer of Pittsburgh, PA; Mr. & Mrs. John Reeves of Brown Deer, WI; and Dr. & Mrs. F. Barends and family of Columbus, OH.

### MEADOWS' TEXTILES OPENS

As of last Friday, a new store is open on Sanibel: Meadows' Textiles on Palm Ridge Road in the Island Fair complex. The proprietors of the new shop are Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Meadows, residents of Captiva since shortly before Christmas.

Meadows' Textiles deals in name brand quality merchandise — bath mats, rugs, bedspreads, towels, linen, etc., — and caters to condominiums, builders, interior decorators, and individuals. "What we don't stock we can get," said J. D. Meadows.

Meadows Textiles is open from nine to five on weekdays and from nine to noon on Saturday. Why not drop in and take a look at this latest member of the Islands' business community?

### SANIBEL-CAPTIVA SHELL CLUB TO HEAR MUELLER by Bill & Ginger Von Eiff

The next meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club will be on March 19, 1975 at 8 p.m. The theme of the evening will be a talk and display of shells collected by President Fae Mueller from her trip to Cherokee on Abaco Island in the Bahamas.

Visitors are always welcome and refreshments will be served by the refreshment committee of Blanche Ford, Chairlady Emma Guthrie, Giner VonEiff. Zelma Kuykerdall and Cora Kerkstor who made the refreshments and will serve them.

Come one, come all, and enjoy our meeting.

## A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to (and all through) the Forum

by ginni

I was very happy I had the foresight not to wear complete eye-makeup to The Barn's Sunday afternoon special presentation of "A Funny Thing Happened On the Way To The Forum" as I would have emerged with black streaks from eyelashes to chin.

I have never before laughed so much (and so hard that I cried) at any theatrical production in this area since my arrival 15 years ago.

To get any minor negative details out of the way, both the audience and the cast were slightly nervous in the beginning, basically because of the afternoon light streaming into a production geared for night presentation. A few moments into the play, however, everything started clicking.

Bill Jensen, filling in for voiceless Dick Aberth (who, by the way, gave his first performance in the leading role last night) did a fantastic job. With due deliberation, knowing that Jensen stepped into the role merely hours before opening night, and since Bill's performance was so outstanding, Aberth has got to be great!

Terry Schwab as Hysterium, slave in chief (and obviously master of many talents) lived up to his role's name by being hysterically humorous.

Norm Patters, Joan Lacey, Chris Cull, Patrick Ashton, Roger Drummondand everyone else in the cast melded the production into a priceless piece of theater which shouldn't be missed.

"A Funny Thing Happened On the Way To the Forum" will be presented Wednesday through Saturday evenings through March 29. Curtain time is 8:30 (dinner performances are offered on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 6:30). For reservations, call 481-1972.

## Pirate Playhouse Celebrates . . .



PIRATE PLAYHOUSE MARKS
THE TENTH YEAR

Today, March 20, marks the tenth year for the Pirate Playhouse. In the world of the theater this is an important milestone. For ten years, Ruth and Philip Hunter have been producing fine plays at their unique arena theater on Sanibel Island. They are grateful indeed for the two hundred actors who have given their time and talent to this great cultural achievement, good theater and fine literature for all to enjoy.

Above is a picture of the first cast of their first play, "Reluctant Debutante" by William Douglas Home (brother of England's former Prime Minister), which opened March 20, 1965. From left to right: Philip Hunter, director, Ruth Hunter, Janie Hines, Gerald Muench, Robin Hunter (now Mrs. Gene Karr), Bob Dormer, Prescilla Murphy and Roy Bazire.

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## Sundial Threatens

### from front page

the Council adhere to their own moritorium on building, the Council decided not to take any action on the project until the planning commission presents them with a comprehensive land use plan, which, according to MacKenzie, should take four months or less. This was when Yogel said Sundial would have to go to court.

Other business accomplished at the morning session was the approval of a proposed private fishing pier to be built by Mariner Properties on San Carlos Bay.

Matters deferred until next week's meeting were a public hearing on ordinance 75-15, establishing social security benefits for city employees, and continuation of the public hearing of five building and construction codes, which are needed to make the city eligible for federal flood insurance.

During the afternoon session, the Council planned to hear the planning commission's proposals and recommendations on land use planning and planning consultant firms.

### PLEASE DON'T CALL

The City Council asked the press to notify citizens of Sanibel not to call the city hall before 9 a.m. except in case of dire emergency. The request was made in an effort to take some of the load off the "overworked staff at city hall."

### BLUE CIRCLE HELPS NEEDY

Peg Dunham was hostess for the Blue Circle last Monday in her cozy (it has an unusual window seat) and charming (it was built by Ding Darling), home at Captiva.

The group of girls on hand to roll bandages all afternoon were Miriam Johnson, Pin Mills, Georgia Hemphill. Gene Peck, Dorothy Dickey, Catherine Schultz, Margaret Fischer, Sylvia Olling and Ruth Hunter.

Their fine handlwork is sent to the poor and sick around the world through the Catholic Medical Mission Board. 19 West 17th Street, New York City.

## CONSUMER COMPLAINTS BASED ON QUALITY AWARENESS CONTINUE TO RISE

Consumer complaints based on quality awareness continue to rise, judging from statistics released this week by the Division of Consumer Services of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

According to Agriculture Commissioner Doyle Conner, the Division of Consumer Services handled 730 complaints in January, the most recent period for which data was compiled. Included are 437 written complaints and 293 telephone complaints. This compares with 683 total complaints received during January, 1974, an increase of 7 percent.

"It's interesting to note that food led the list of the current top 20 complaints," pointed out Division Director Robert Bishop. "Of the 10,028 complaints we handled during 1974, only 377 concerned food, ranking it fifth on our lier.

"Obviously, the high price of food and the money pinch are making people more aware of food quality," he said. "It will be interesting to see if the trend continues."

Behind food in the Division's list of 1975 complaints are mobile homes, motor vehicles, fuel, weights and measures, mail order, dwellings, public utilities, advertising, TV & radio, real estate, door-to-door, credit, moving and storage, public accommodations, landlord-tenant, appliances, contests and games, home furnishings and pest control.

## Kreskin to Appear in Celebrity Series

A mental storm will fill the atmosphere at the Fort Myers Exhibition Hall on March 26 when The Amazing Kreskin will appear in the Celebrity Series.

As a popular mentalist, Kreskin has performed across the country in night clubs, colleges, special concerts and business seminars. In addition to his own nationally televised show, he has appeared on the Mike Douglas Show and also with Johnny Carson, Steve Allen, Dinah Shore, Merv Griffin and Phyllis Diller. Today he is booked 6 to 8 months in advance.

Kreskin considers himself a "Mentalist" deliberately, he says, "because it doesn't imply that I'm any sort of psychic or fortune teller or medium. My showmanship primes the audience for reception by creating a mood, getting the audience to identify with me."

A warm, engaging personality, Kreskin is an instant hit with his audiences. His appearance at the Coconut Grove Playhouse in Miami broke all box office records. The general manager wrote him "All of South Flordia will long remember your delightful presence and certainly your exuberant personality. We look forward to your return as soon as your commitments will allow."

When Kreskin was 5 years old he decided he wanted to be a magician. At the age of 11 he was traveling around the country with his own travel show, billed as the youngest hypnotist in the United States. He now feels there is nothing you can do with a person who is "hypnotized" that you can't do with him when he's wide awake. What influences people is the power of suggestion.

Kreskin confounds his audiences with a game. "I let my audience hide the check for my fee and then find it using someone who acts as my mental guide.

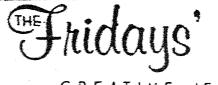


To tell you the truth, this is the only part of my work I don't enjoy. At the end of the show I'm a nervous wreck." If he fails to find the check, he forfeits his fee.

Over the years, he has found the checks in such hiding places as a man's upper plate, the stuffing of a cooked turkey, wrapped in lead under a mound of ice in a bar. Once a woman went so far as

to have a shoemaker stitch the check in the binding of a book.

"I can't leave the game out of my show" he said, "but the devilishness and ingenuity of my audience is somewhat frightening." He contends that his power is not beyond the normal and is not supernatural. "We have more than five senses. I've just sophisticated another sense to a high degree."



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## **Locals Enhance Barn Theatre Productions**



The Barn Theatre continues this week with its production of the highly acclaimed Broadway hit "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." This hilarious and zany musical, which combines the best nonsense of vandeville with witry songs and ballads, opened March 12 at the Barn on lona Road. Local professionals enhance the talents of the resident company of professional actors to provide an evening of unequaled entertainment for Fort Myers' residents and visitors to Southwest Florida.

On the roster of local people in the cast of FORUM is Joan Lacey, a polished performer whose credits are extensive in professional theater, as well as in television and radio. A veteran of the musical theater stage, she appeared in such popular musicals as "The King and I," "Kiss Me Kate," "Carnival" and "Oklahoma" to name a few. A gifted dramatic artist, her characterizations in "Bus Stop," "A Doll's House" and "Picnie" won her rave reviews from local critics. She has done numerous radio and

television commercials, and has appeared in three episodes of the popular TV production of "Route 66."

A friend of The Barn Theatre both on stage and off, Ms. Lacey adds sparkle to the FORUM production in her character role as Domina, the shrewish wife of Senex.

FORUM will be presented Wednesday through Saturday evenings this week and through the end of March. Theatre buffs may enjoy a delicious buffet dinner catered by The Sweden House before the show. Reservations for dinner on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings are necessary. Wednesday is show night only, with a special attractive offer of "two for the price of one" for residents of local mobile home communities.

The Barn is happy to announce that you may now charge your entire evenings' entertainment on your Bank Americard, whether you come for dinner and the show, or the show alone. For further information contact The Barn Theatre at 481-1972.

### SOUTH PACIFIC ENCHANTMENT ON SCREEN IN NEW EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY TRAVEL SHOW

The mellow magic that lured Captain Cook through the South Seas more than 200 years ago will unfold at Exhibition Hall, Monday, March 24 at 8:00 p.m. when the Fort Myers Tourist Center presents "South Pacific --- Picture Paradise," a new wide-screen, multimage extravaganza from Eastman Kodak Company.

A feature-length show, "South Pacific --- Picture Paradise," translates the varied Pacific lifestyles of Hawaii, Fiji, Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti, Bora Bora, and the isle of Moorea into dramatic color slides and movies. On screen, carefully choreographed visuals --- from a single, full-screen panorama to as many as 12 separate pictures all correlated under the same central theme --- appear, fade, and dissolve. Together, they create a brilliant overlap of color and constantly changing images --- synchronized to stereo music, sound effects, and live narration by a Kodak expert.

Sunny, fun-loving Hawaii, tropical gateway to the South Seas, welcomes viewers to the storied, carefree, and ever-romantic Polynesian atmosphere. Surfboat racing and native dancing are just one facet of the South Pacific's precious heritage. From a ski plane threading the snowy peaks of the Southern Alps, the "Switzerland of the South Pacific" unfolds in a filmic glimpse of New Zealand, as remote and compelling as the "Aloha state" is friendly and easy-going.

Kodak photographers Keith Boas, George Butt, Bob Harris, Richard Quataert, and Bud Roth made several trips to the islands during more than four months of shooting for this newest multimedia presentation. In their search for the people behind the legends and the travel-brochure adjectives, they focused on Tahitians trading in Papeete's curious marketplace, Fijian spear fishermen working mangrove-studded lagoons, and native Maoris cooking their meals in New Zealand's boiling hot springs.

In Australia, a land of contrasts as well as kangaroos and koalas, the cameramen took time to fashion an intimate portrayal of the Australian aborigine, a "down under" prospector, a Royal Flying Doctor Service member, and a swinging Sydneyite. This minidocumentary of how the Australian works and plays also details his environment, from the uptempo, neon-lit metropolis to the natural spectacle of the Great Barrier Reef and the rugged outback.

Pockets of enchantment --- a paradise by any photographer's measure --- the South Sea Islands flaunt their photogenic best in "South Pacific --- the Picture Paradise."

Free tickets can be obtained at the Tourist Center on Edwards Drive from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m., except Sundays.

### NATURE CENTER & PLANETARIUM OF LEE COUNTY TO BENEFIT

The Garden Gala is the first fund raising project of its kind in Southwest Florida. The Garden Gala is a progressive cocktail party, art show, dinner and theatre pary which will be held on April 4. 1975, at the Thomas Edison Estate and in the garden of Dr. & Mrs. Robin Brown. Cocktails are from six until seven o'clock at the Edison Home. Dinner will be served in the backyard garden of the Browns which is located on Shriver Drive, overlooking the incomparable Caloosahatchee River. The Barn Theatre performers, a professional theatre group, will present a musical comedy revue beginning at 8:45.

Cocktails will be served on the porches of the Edison Home. During this time paintings by Jon Younger, son of nationally known artist, Richard Evans Younger and paintings by Sam Ward, son of another nationally recognized artist, Wellington Ward, Jr. will be on display. The art exhibit is courtesy of Younger's Frame House Gallery and local art collectors.

Jr. Welfare League of Ft. Myers members will provide homemade hor d'ouvers and desserts while the dinner will be catered.

Lighted candles will be placed along McGregor Blvd. outlining the route the party-goers will take. Candles and native greenery will enhance the buffet and dining tables (decorations will be made by members of the League).

Tickets are available to the general. public. Anyone desiring to attend this function should call 936-7053 or 334-6399 or send your check made out to: The Junior Museum and Planetarium. Please remit no later than March 24, 1975. Checks should be sent to: P. O. Box 6621, Ft. Myers, FL 33901. Cost is \$20 per person.

Parking will be available at the Covenant Presbyterian Church on McGregor Blvd. Transportation will be provided (for those who do not want to walk) from the Church to the Edison Estate and from there to the Browns residence and back to the cars at the end of the evening. In the event of inclement weather, high winds or rain, the entire event will be held at the Seven Lakes Auditorium beginning at 6 o'clock.

This event will be the second annual fund raising project sponsored by the Jr. Welfare League solely for the benefit of the Nature Center. The League, which has 65 members, has undertaken this project in the hope that with our added support the Fort Myers-Lee County area will be able to offer a Nature Center it its citizens in the near future.

The league feels that the Garden Gala will afford you amost enjoyable evening, one packed with jovial companionship, unsurpassed scenery, gourmet food and exciting entertainment with the added bonus of knowing that your donation will be used LOCALLY for the establishment of a Nature Center that will be used by visitors and residents of all ages and from all walks of life.







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## **Erosion Controversy**

(Continued from front page)

voters for the most part. According to Paul Stahlin, agent for the Captiva Erosion Prevention District, his office is preparing a transcript of the public hearing and of the engineer's report, which will be mailed to all Captiva residents along with a survey questionnaire geared to advise the commission if public interest favors pursuing the course of action outlined in the proposal. The report will take at least another week to prepare, said Stahlin, in that it must be edited and reduced from a rough transcript of more than 200 pages. Captiva residents will have 20 days from the date of mailing to answer the questionnaire and forward it to the office of Enid Earl, Supervisor of the Lee County Board of Elections.

The county is also supposed to be preparing a survey on the matter,

independent of the erosion commission. Of this, Stahlin said, "We don't know what their survey is all about. They're going to send out a questionnaire on something they haven't investigated at all, while we've been studying and working with the problem for years."

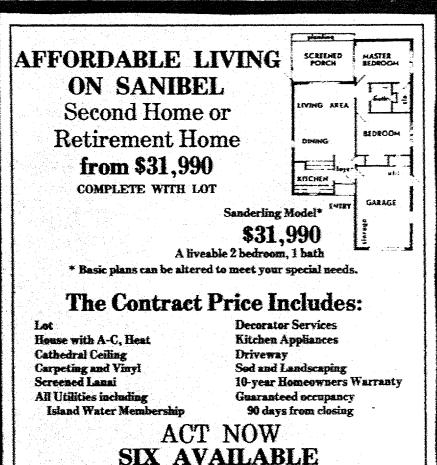
When asked about the complaints of some Captiva residents that the erosion prevention commission should be elected rather than appointed, Stahlin told us: "I remember 20 years ago when this board was set up. There was a lot of discussion at that time about whether it should be an elected or an appointed board, and because of the bonding it was decided that the board would have to be appointed by the governor. This bonding is a complex matter and I don't think the county has investigated it enough to know what's going on, but basically, that's it."

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Last Sunday marked the first competitive outing for the Sanibel girls softball team, when they played the girls from Fort Myers Beach. The game, held on Sanibel turf, drew a large crowd of parents, girls, and curious sports fans.

The senior league game (girls aged 13 to 16) turned out to be somewhat of a set back for the Sanibel team as they lost by a score of 20 to 6, yet as this was their first trial run in competition, they performed admirably, all things considered. The junior girls (between 9 and 12 years old) played a mixed three-inning game purely for the sport of it.

Coaches and managers for the Sanibel girls include Mrs. Anne Cimato, Ginny Bissell, Mr. Tony Risso, and Miss Bess Rizzo. The Fort Myers Beach girls are coached by Mrs. Betsy Brown and Mary Kajankpa.

Both teams will play in the Fort Myers Beach girls softball league, the schedule for which has yet to be



Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Qualls of Atlanta, Ga., with 9 sea trout they caught on educated shrimp.



Mrs. Stanley Leverette of Sanibel with her 41/2 lb. trout caught last Tuesday.

## Reel Eel Tips

Centropomus Undecimals is what I'm going to talk about this week, which is the scientific name for snook in case you' re wondering.

The snook is a tropical fish found only in south FI. and south Texas in the warmer waters. These fish will never be found far from fresh water because, by nature, a snook is both salt and fresh water oriented.

The snook being the ideal game fish gets as big as 50 lbs. They travel in schools and are hearty eaters, craving large quantities of food. He will take artificial bait just as quickly as cut or live bait. When hooked the snook gets a long hard run and, being a jumper, will leap all the way out of the water.

The snook is a delicious meal on the table, the best weighing about 3 - 10 lbs. The meat is white, dry and flaky, having a delicate taste.

These fish like brackish waters and can be found in the mouths of rivers, estuaries, and the tidal waters of both gulf coasts of FL. They can also be caught off the beaches near fresh water inlets. Snook are usually located near bank overhangs, old pilings, and under

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### by Skip Purdy

bridges. Special tackle is not needed for catching a snook. Bass tackle will generally do quite well, but do remember that snook are much stronger.

If you're going to try jigs for snook fishing, I recommend a 3.8 oZ. or a ½ o. with feathers, buck tail, or nylon. The best colors are yellow, and white, with a red or chrome head. Also try lures, the darter types that run just below the surface or the top-water chuggers, both in 5/8 o. There should be a lot of action with white water splashing up so make a fast retrieve.

Next week I will continue giving you more tips for snook fishing, including fly fishing and trolling. Happy fishing!

## Gregg, Haywood Vie for Racing Immortality

Two racing drivers from Jacksonville. Florida, will be taking aim at a place in the history books when they wheel their Porsche Carrera onto the track for the 21st running of the nation's oldest auto racing endurance test -- the March 22nd 12 Hours of Sebring. They are Peter Gregg and Hurley Haywood.

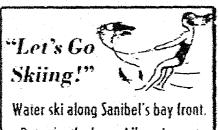
The personable duo have decisively vanquished the world's best drivers in three consecutive major American endurance races: the 1973 Daytona 24 Hours, the 1973 Sebring 12 Hours and the 1975 Daytona 24 Hours.

Aside from beating some of the finest racing machines ever designed, the two have had numerous other adversaries to conquer. Fog, rain, oily tracks, the

blackest of nights, shunts with other racers and mind-numbing fatigue have been confronted by Gregg and Haywood during their marathon. Of the more than 200 drivers racing in these contests including such acknowledged "greats" as Grand Prix stars Ronnie Peterson, Jack Ickx, Clay Regazzoni; distance champs Brian Redman, Vic Elford, Nino Vaccarella and Derek Bell and Indianapolis winner Mark Donohue, only Peter Gregg and Hurley Haywood were able to prevail.

The March 22nd 12 Hours of Sebring gets underway at 10 a.m. with racing great Dan Gurney bringing the howling mass of machinery to the starting





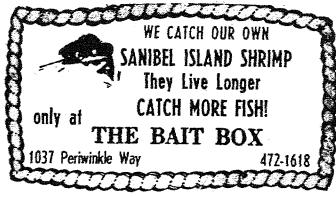
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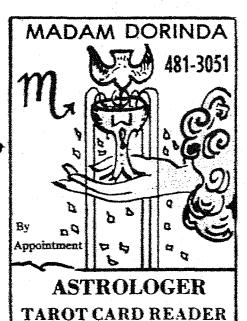
by Madam Dorinda

ARIES: Watch your health especially in catching a cold. This is a good time to contact people from afar. Don't be too impatient where financial matters are concerned. Correct past mistakes.

TAURUS: You are likely to get some free publicity now; try to make the most of it. Finish up what you start and you will increase your business income. You should have no difficulty in getting help now from people who can do you the most good.

GEMINI: Appointments are likely to be postponed or canceled that you have counted on. Sore throat is likely at some time this week. Don't let in-laws get under your skin. Social gatherings will be disappointing.

CANCER: Good time to purchase articles of clothing needed. Avoid disagreements with a romantic attachment. Other people have the advantage, but could put you in contact with interesting people.



LEO: Aspects do not favor late night traveling. You are likely to make an important personal change of location or mind. Pay what you owe but don't enrich others unnecessarily. Curb any extravagance.

VIRGO: Resources which you hold jointly with others may need a review. Lean on others for advice or suggestions. Students should accord priority to academic matters. Persistence will pay off handsomely.

LIBRA: Good time to seek credit or loans. Others are willing to give you the benefit of the doubt financially. Go easy where questions of authority are concerned. There could be some tension in a family setting.

SCORPIO: Be somewhat skeptical. An optimistic idea can be to impractical for current use. Don't be too pushy about publicizing goals. Be sure of good will first. Keep actions aboveboard.

SAGITTARIUS: Concentrate on services that require your expertise. State of health could be a monetary concern. You may get a surprise visit from 2 friend or business acquaintance.

CAPRICORN: Extra effort may be required to get things done. Be content with small gains. Others may do or say things that upset you. Watch for false promises, especially in monetary transactions. Kin folk may have good news.

AQUARIUS: Don't go too far; you may go where you are not wanted. There could be something wrong with something you want to buy. Meetings and conferences should go very well. A child may not be impressed.

PISCES: You may be able to make use of the talents or resources of another. You are likely to feel somewhat tied down now. Long range projects concerning property or family matters are favored now, providing you go by the rules.

## **Letters To The Editor**

TO THE ISLANDER:

I look back, proudly, to the first newspaper printed on Sanibel (early 1930's) by "Nick" Carter. Not too much is generally known today about this monthly publication. The copies were produced from a mimeograph in Nick's island cottage, and the issues were distributed on Sanibel and Captiva by motor vehicle. The paper operated three or four years, then terminated when his health began to fail. He died in the early (1940's?). Nick, as everyone fondly called him, was a colorful, highly entertaining personality who also wrote, acted in, and directed skits, duologues, and monologues, bringing much enjoyment to islanders and visitors alike. I performed, along with other islanders, in some of his skits and duologues, and did several of his monologues. The best known skit, perhaps, was Sand In His Shoes, a 1937 big hit!

The late Dr. Louis M. Perry, co-author of "Marine Shells of the Western Coast of Florida" was a regular contributor to the original Islander.

My brother, 'Matthews Clapp, who died March 2, 1973, was the Art Editor, and did all the covers, and other art work, for as long as the paper lasted. It was called The Islander. His family had, and may still have, a complete set of these issues, and I have in my possession several pages, and one cover, from extra copies showing some of his sketches. Matt also handled much of the technical end of Nick's productions in the entertainment field.

When The Islander was discontinued, Sanibel and Captiva were without a newspaper of any kind until the fall of 1961, when the first issue of the Sanibel-Captiva Islander was published. It was a joint venture by the Barrett

Browns and Duff Brown of Fort Myers Beach, and this weekly paper is still going strong. Since its inception it has kept pace with the ever changing Sanibel-Captiva scene, and has contributed greatly to the Islands' interest and welfare. The Brown family also publishes the Beach Bulletin which has been functioning for 25 years.

(Editor's note: Since Miss Clapp wrote this letter, the ISLANDER and BEACH BULLETIN have joined the Ogden newspaper group. The Browns, of course, are still associated with both papers.)

The Sanibel-Captiva Islander had been established a few years before another weekly paper covering the two Islands, called The Record, was published. After a few issues, the paper folded.

And now I point to the most recent Sanibel-Captiva weekly newspaper, The Island Reporter, with editorial offices on Sanibel. Since the first issue in the fall of 1973, it has maintained a diversity of news, features, and interesting sidelights that combine in making stimulating, information reading. All those responsible for bringing to fruition such a project, and who have been involved in making it the success it is, ought to be highly commended. My hat is off to the publishers, and entire staff, for the high caliber of performance.

Having two news mediums, and two different viewpoints for keeping abreast of the rapid changes, growth patterns, and happenings on these famous isles, we can all take a long look at the fantastic development over this particular span of years, with a special salute to the papers now in progress, the Sanibel-Captiva Islander and the Island Reporter.

/s/ Eleanor Douglas Clapp

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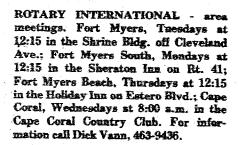
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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - open meeting. St. Michael's and All Angels Church, Periwinkle Way, Friday nights, 8:00 p.m. For information call 472-2150.

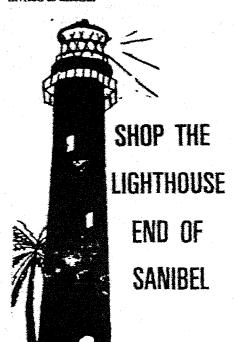
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SANIBEL - CAPTIVA CONSERVA-TION FOUNDATION, Board of Directors, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 3:30 p.m.

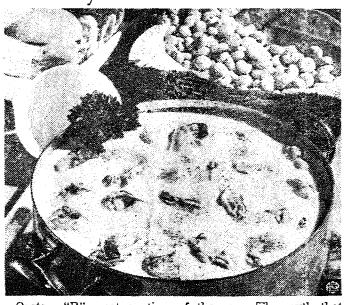
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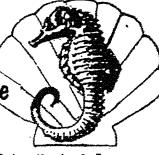
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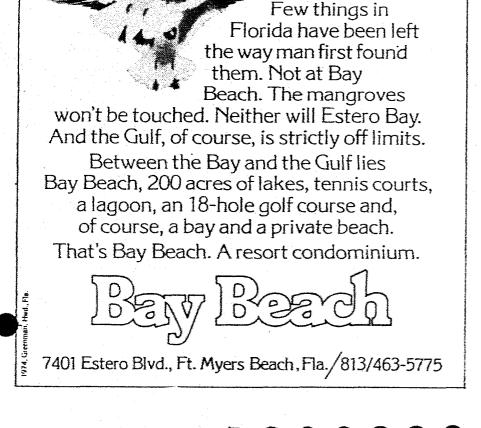
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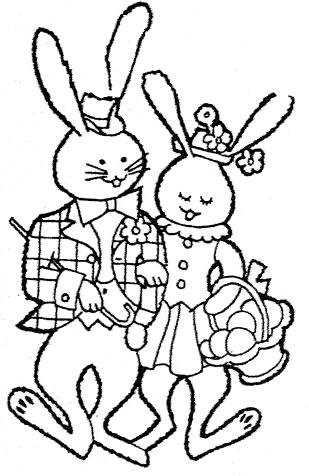
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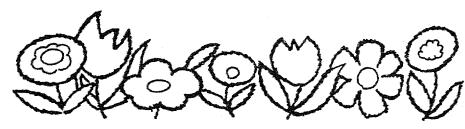
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