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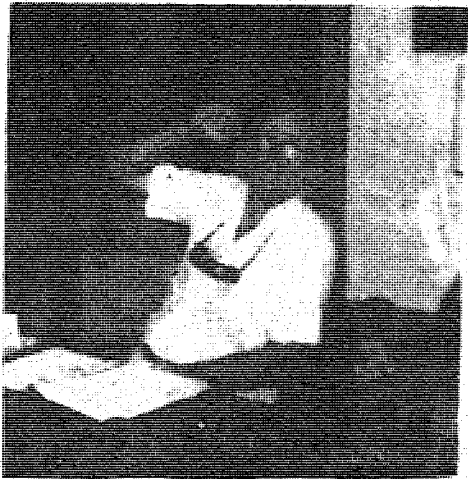
Alligator Association Meets

Members of the Southwest Florida Regional Alligator Association met with Tom Heinz, the head of alligator research of the State Fish and Game Commission, at an informative meeting at the Edison Community College conference room on Monday, March 17 at 2 p.m. The meeting was also an introductory session for seven ECC student volunteers who offered to help Island members. George Campbell and George Weymouth, in their valuable work.

The Association's task as set out in their charter is threefold: to re-educate the public, to institute field research, and to solve alligator problems by relocation and tagging. At the meeting, Campbell turned the biological field research facet of the program over to Kne Shane, Professor of Biology at ECC. The Association's charter also outlines a plan for reintroducing the American crocodile into its native habitats in Southwest Florida.

Alligators are protected by Florida law under the endangered species act, and thus it is a felony offense to tamper with them in any way. It is hoped that by research and the relocation of problem gators they can be restored to their original numbers. Alligators are important members of the ecosystem in that they patrol and protect insular rookeries of wading birds from mammalian predators and weed out weaker members of the wildlife population.

Alligators are marked by carving off certain tail scoots in a numerical pattern -- the only drawback being that they must almost invariably be caught to be identified. This research will help game officials to pinpoint migration habits of the alligators, an area about which very little is known. Campbell cited



George Campbell convenes the Southwest Florida Regional Alligator Association meeting at ECC.

the exceptional case of an alligator tagged on Sanibel by Charles LeBuff which later turned up on Fort Myers Beach, a three mile swim across open salt water!

The ECC students will be engaged in both the research aspect of the program and in the handling of problem gators, i.e., those either endangering or endangered by the human community. Campbell admitted that he usually guessed at low density areas in which to dump the problem gators, but hopes that with state assistance he can locate areas where the alligators are needed to maintain the eco-balance.

Also on hand for the meeting was State Wildlife Officer Jerry Daniesl, who confessed that gators have long been a "nuisance" to law enforcement officers. He complained that endangered species

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Council Denies Public Hearing

Tuesday morning Sanibel City Council members unanimously denied an emergency public hearing on the proposed rezoning of property for the Gavin residence on a motion from Zee Butler that an emergency had not been proved.

It was also brought out that any rezoning would be in direct violation of the city council's moratorium which is in effect until the planning commission comes up with a workable land use plan.

Ken Marek, relocation officer for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, had entered into a contract to buy lots 8 and 9, Block 16, Tarpon Bay Subdivision, for relocation of the Gavins who are presently living on refuge property. Late last Friday it was discovered the land is not zoned RU-1 as assumed, but was instead, GU.

After lengthy discussion of cost, finding new property and relocation of a donated home from the Nutmeg property (which has to be moved or destroyed by April 9) it was decided an emergency had not been proved.

Item five on the morning agenda, concerning the passing of a fire and burning control ordinance, brought forth a barrage of argument on the wisdom of controlled burning in conservation and wildlife areas for biological, environmental and safety control.

Convinced 4-1 (Vernon MacKenzie voting the only nay), the council decided to amend the fire control ordinance to allow for environmental prescribed burning.

The Palmer Broadcasting Company was then given permission to go ahead and install cable TV on the islands,

with a three per cent fee of subscriber's monies going to the city on an annual basis.

The only objection was a postcard from Mayor Porter Goss stating, among other things, "We have enough monthly bills to pay already."

Cable TV hookups are on a completely voluntary basis.

Item 6, a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to give the United Telephone Company expansion privileges for a period of 30 years was continued until next week as there were no representatives of the telephone company at the meeting.

Opinions Sought on Beach Restoration

County Commissioner Bob Whan reported to the Sanibel City Council Tuesday morning that the county is sending out a seven-question survey to Captiva residents to gather opinions on federal financing of Captiva Beach restoration.

Federal regulations require beach accesses at 100 foot intervals with adequate parking to qualify for federal funds.

The \$800 million proposed federal funding would also cover beach restoration for Gasparilla Island and Fort Myers Beach. Commissioner Whan reported that work would probably be started on Captiva Island first.

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The Wanderin' Wonderer by Richard Arthurs

What do you think of the cost of living on the Islands?



Mrs. Harry Broud - Kansas City, Mo.
 "I think it's terrible! Isn't that the general answer you get? It's pretty hard on us older ones because of the fixed income."



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THE COLONY

Out-of-state guests at The Colony this week include Mr. and Mrs. Michael Colacurcio of Ithaca, NY; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hobbs of Winnetka, IL; Mrs. H. Richard Kelly of Maumee, OH; the D. A. Rittmiller family of Peoria, IL; Miss Yvonne Vermeulen and parents of Horseheads, NY; the F. R. Spencer family of Anderson, IN; Mrs. John C. Roberson and family of Kenilworth, IL; Mrs. Barbara A. Figurski and family of Howell, MI; Mrs. James Calabresa and family of Thiensville, WI; the Maurice Ayers family of Long Valley, NJ; and Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Kubale of Milwaukee, WI.

Also here are Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Colacurcio, Sr. from Cincinnati, OH, who will be joining their son and family; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beu and family of Evanston, IL; Mr. Malcolm N. Quint and family of Dhahran, Saudi Arabia; the Richard Slack family of Edwardsburg, MI; Mr. and Mrs. J. Norman Miller, Jr. of Merchantville, NJ; the L. C. Moore family of East Aurora, NY; Mr. Larry Mattox and family of Edwardsburg, MI; Mr. and Mrs. M. Woleben of Winnetka, IL; Mr. and Mrs. John Judovic of Penfield, NY; and Miss E. Thomas and friends of Pittsburgh, PA.

Florida guests are Dr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Sims, Jr. and daughter of Siesta Key, Sarasota.

Miss Jane Allen, while staying at The Colony, found a golden tulip and a junonia on the beach Saturday, March 15.

WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION

The Cape Coral Soccer Association will be having a "White Elephant Auction, Flea Market and Fun Show" on April 19 from 2-5 p.m. at the Fireman's Hall, 47th Terrace, across from Big Johns parking lot in Cape Coral. Professional auctioneer (Col.) William Alquist will be handling the auction and fun show. Everyone is invited to come. If you have any saleable item you wish to donate please call 542-2914 or 542-1093 and we'll gladly pick it up.

CITY HALL HIRINGS

Last week, city manager Dave Bretzke hired Betty Balph of Sanibel to fill the position of clerk-typist for the city engineer, planning commission, police department, and building inspector. Betty Balph lives on Periwinkle Way.

Bretzke was also at the point of hiring a city engineer and a patrolman for the city last week. Unfortunately, we were unable to get in touch with him to find out who these appointments were, but the names should be announced within the week.

The appointment of a planning consultant firm to help the city's new planning commission in their most difficult and important job should be forthcoming within the next few days as well. In a day-long joint session with the city council, the planning commission reviewed a number of applicants for planning consultant firms this past Monday at the Sanibel Community House.

FLOWER SHOW JUDGES TO MEET

Flower show judges from District Nine, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs will meet at the garden center in Wauchula today, March 27.

Program for the meeting will be color slides of the 1974 international horticultural exhibit in Vienna, Austria; flower designs created by members of the Vienna Garden Club, and views of gardens in the area.

Mrs. Richard Shaughnessy, of Fort Myers, who visited the exhibition last summer, is in charge of the program.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. A short business meeting will precede the program. Luncheon will be served.

Mrs. Charles Trimmer, Rt. 1, Zolfo Springs, Fla., is reservations chairman.

Mrs. E. H. Harrington, of Fort Myers Beach, chairman of District Nine judges council, will preside at the business meeting.

OUTDOOR AUDUBON EVENT TODAY

The fourteenth program of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society season will be an outdoor event to be held today, Thursday, March 27, at 4 p.m. at the O'Brien Tower located about half way along the road crossing the J. N. Ding Darling National Wildlife Sanctuary.

The program will be conducted by Griffing Bancroft, vice president of the local Audubon Chapter, who will speak on "Birds of Our Islands." Well known as an expert, a guide and a writer on Florida birds, he comes from a family that for three generations has been noted for its interest in ornithological subjects. While covering in general local species, Bancroft will refer in detail to bird activities prevalent at this time of year including courtship displays, nesting and breeding.

In view of the place where the program will be held, it is hoped that several species found in the Darling Sanctuary will cooperate and allow themselves to be seen in their favorite habitat.

As usual, the event is open to the public, and all are invited to attend.

GED TESTING SCHEDULE

The next local testing period for Florida General Education Development (GED) high school equivalency diplomas will be April 7, 8 and 9, 1975.

Adults who are at least 18 years old, have a high school credit in American history, and are Florida residents are eligible for testing. Successful applicants are awarded a high school diploma by the Florida Department of Education. In February 42 Lee County adults received diplomas through GED testing.

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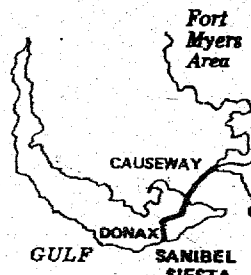
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FRANK TALK

by State Representative, Frank Mann, District 90

Florida's legislators met in Tallahassee the week of March 10 for their monthly committee meetings. It was an event-filled week indeed.

On March 6 the Special House Subcommittee on Environmental Reorganization, on which I have the privilege to serve, met to consider the environmental reorganization bill (House Bill 393 sponsored by Speaker of the House Don Tucker.) Several important amendments to the bill were proposed. The main amendment voted onto the bill created an Environmental Commission composed of seven persons appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The Commission is empowered to exercise the standard-setting, rulemaking functions of the Department of Natural Resources' rules and standards for water, air, noise, and solid waste. Bringing these functions out of the bureaucracy and closer to the people was indeed an important step in guaranteeing the high standards of environmental concern the people of Florida demand. Recent additional compromises by the President of the Senate and the Governor appear to further strengthen the environmental protection so badly needed by our fast growing state.

The Governor's 1975-76 budget proposal was also released the same week. In the face of declining state revenues most departmental budgets were cut. The entire proposal is now being studied by the House Appropriations and Senate Ways and Means Committee staff in preparation for legislative review and input. The Appropriations subcommittees began meeting in Tallahassee March 17 to begin the overall process of ultimate budget decision. Our job will be to analyze the Governor's priorities and make recommendations of our own. Since the shortage of state revenues is estimated at nearly \$250 million, it will be the responsibility of all members to weigh their priorities carefully and make very conservative fiscal decisions.

Other happenings of that week included the passage of the Senate Bill dealing with reorganization of the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services by the Senate HRS Committee. This is the second largest agency of state government (behind education) and is responsible for health services and also the Florida prison system, which clearly needs help today.

House committees meet again the first week in April with the Legislative Session convening the following Tuesday for sixty calendar days.

On Thursday, March 20, I spent the day meeting with Department of Transportation officials, including Secretary Tom Webb. The meeting resulted in a firm commitment by the D.O.T. to fully fund the total completion of the Caloosahatchee River bridge and the adjoining access roads to both highways 78 and 80. The "Bridge to Nowhere" will definitely be a useable, functional "Bridge to Somewhere." The entire project is expected to be completed within less than 26 months.

The D.O.T., like all other state agencies, has been hit by severe inflation and budget cuts, resulting in an effectual shortage of operating funds. They are clearly doing a commendable job under these adverse conditions. I was assured by Secretary Tom Webb that they have not forgotten Southwest Florida and can report that this project, as well as the four-laning of U.S. 41 will become a reality in the near future.

After church on Palm Sunday, my family made the move to Tallahassee for the Legislative Session. All your questions and comments are invited and encouraged but for the session (Not thru June 6) should be directed to our Tallahassee office: 222 House Office Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32304.

BOAT RAMPS

The Lee County Board of Commissioners last week approved spending of \$52,700 in boat registration fees for the construction of two, 28-foot boat ramps, parking facilities and rest rooms on the east end of the Sanibel Causeway.

Commercial activity will be barred from the ramp areas, since commissioners agreed that it would compete with local marinas.

JIM'S SHELL SHOP SUPER

Jim and Snooky (Jim's, the original shell shop was down the old lane on the way to the Lighthouse) are doing a sparkling business in their new shop on Periwinkle. Besides a fine selection of shells, they also have a selection of gifts and novelties. Snooky, a Sanibel native, and her husband Jim have been here since 1943. The original shell shop was opened in 1963.

MUSEUM

Efforts by the Sarasota-based Ringling Museums to share its resources with other Florida communities have met with initial success, a museum spokesman said this week.

Following a two-day mini-convention of delegates from five Florida cities on March 17 - 18, State Services Director M. J. Czarniecki III said the project is already moving into high gear though only in its pilot year.



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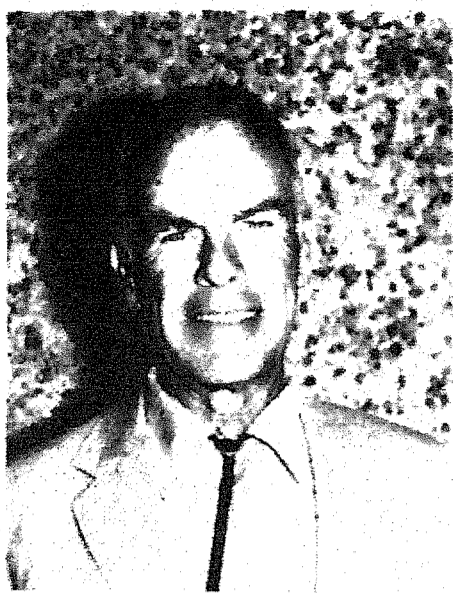
According to William C. Conley, Jr., chairman of the Rotary auction committee, monies from the auction will be donated to Goodwill-Southwest Florida for the purchase of equipment for the North Fort Myers facility.

"The auction to benefit the handicapped workers at Goodwill is closely correlated to the Rotary motto 'Service Above Self,' which we use as a guideline for all Rotary projects," Conley stated. "It is open to the public, and the entire community is invited to join us at beautiful Seven Lakes, and participate in the bidding."

More than 100 antiques and collectibles will go on the block. Furniture dating back to the 1800's, antique jewelry, old china, crystal, and silver pieces are included in the collection. One of the most unusual items to be auctioned is a 75-year old mahogany high-chair.

During the auction, Rotary Anns in colorful colonial costumes will circulate through the audience to display those treasures which are small enough to carry.

Refreshments will be served on the covered patio at Seven Lakes, where some of the prized pieces will be displayed.



Auctioneer Bill Alquist donated his services for the Fort Myers Rotary Club auction. Proceeds will go to Goodwill Industries - Southwest Florida.

The auction will be conducted by noted auctioneer Bill Alquist, from Sanibel Island, who has donated his services to the Rotary Club.

Use of the Seven Lakes Auditorium facilities was also donated, through the efforts of Ms. Cynthia MacKinnon, recreation director.

Gardening Hints

by Marlowe K. Iverson,
Lee County Extension Agent

Homeowners with unhealthy looking palms may find it difficult to determine whether the problem is a nutrient deficiency, lethal yellows, lightning damage or other problems. Palms shed some of their leaves throughout the year and at an accelerated rate in the fall and spring. Knowing the symptoms of many of these problems should help in deciding what treatment (if any) can be given.

LIGHTNING - Symptoms of lightning damage usually show up within a few days after lightning strikes a tree. The lower fronds will begin to droop until, after approximately two weeks, all the fronds are drooping around the trunk. Some of the older fronds will drop off. After two or three weeks, the bud area will also have started to wilt, to lean to the side and to turn brown slowly. Also there is usually a reddish fluid bleeding down the trunk.

If the damage caused by lightning is severe enough to cause the bud to fall over, there is little hope that the palm will revive. If lightning damage is suspected, or these unusual conditions begin to show, it is advisable to apply a normal application of a good palm fertilizer and to follow with several thorough waterings in an effort to stimulate the tree into rapid growth.

LETHAL YELLOW IN COCONUT PALMS - The first obvious evidence of trouble from lethal yellowing is "shelling" --- the premature dropping of coconuts, regardless of size. Most of the fallen nuts have brown or black areas at the stem end and the second is the inflorescence (bloom) which breaks through the spathe (the structure that encloses the inflorescence), will be blackened at its tip. Almost all the male flowers will be dead and black, and no fruit will be set on such a flower stalk. Sometimes the spathe will be brown instead of creamy yellow. In the third stage of the disease, the leaves turn yellow, beginning with the lower ones. The leaves that die prematurely will turn brown and cling to the tree as younger leaves turn yellow. The vegetative bud then dies, as do all the remaining leaves. Finally, the crown falls from the trunk and the palm is dead.

Call my office if you suspect your coconut palm does have Lethal Yellowing. At present, no Lethal Yellowing infected trees have been found in Lee County. Please come by the office for further information on the disease and also obtain information on growing the resistant variety, Malayan Dwarf Coconut.

LACK OF PLANT NUTRIENTS - In general, palms are in active growth most of the year and are by nature heavy feeders. In our sandy soil they require fertilizer from three to six times a year.

Compose, sterilized manures, sewage and other organic materials may be applied two or three times a year. Ten to twenty-five pounds scattered under the spread of the leaves as a mulch is not too much for larger trees. Additional commercial fertilizer should be used three times a year.

If there is a lawn under the palm and organic materials are impractical, especially prepared commercial palm fertilizers may be plugged into the soil by making several holes about a foot deep with a rake handle or some similar tool and applying the fertilizer in the holes. Most efficient use of fertilizer is obtained by placing the fertilizer in an area beginning at the "drip line" of the tree and extending on both sides of this

line a distance equal to 1/4 the diameter of the circle created by the drip line. For small palms apply 1/4 pound. For larger palms use 1 pound per inch of diameter of the trunk measured 3 feet above the ground. For instance, a palm 6 inches in diameter at 3 feet above the ground should receive 6 pounds of fertilizer, spread in an area under fronds or punch-bar holes.

Manganese deficiency on queen palms, pygmy date palms, ornamental date palms, or royal palms normally show up as either yellow or chlorotic or brown new leaves or leaves with a frizzled look. Royal palms will show a constriction of the bud area (the green part at the top of the trunk.) The best treatment is soil and foliage applications of manganese sulfate which may be obtained at garden supply stores. Instructions for use may be on the container. If not, use 1/4 pound for small palms up to 6 pounds for a mature palm of 20 or more feet.

Premature yellowing of coconut and other palms may also be an indication of magnesium deficiency. Epsom salts (magnesium sulphate) applied at the rate of 1/2 to 5 depending on the size of the tree, is indicated.

Severely affected palms can be speeded in their recovery by spraying the foliage with a trace element nutritional spray. The spray should contain a substantial amount of manganese, magnesium, copper and zinc; other elements may be included but these are the most essential ones to good palm growth. The other elements will do no harm and may help. Spray the foliage until the bud fills to the point of running over. Fungus diseases cause fronds to show brown or gray areas, mainly along the tips of the leaves or in the bud of the tree. Copper fungicide applied to the entire leaf area at the rate of two tablespoons per gallon of water every two weeks for several applications, will correct this situation.

ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS - Reduced vigor of palm trees may result from injuries such as lawn mower damage, nails, or knife carvings in the trunk. These injuries allow entrance of fungus diseases which may spread until it kills the tree. The best treatment is to cut out the diseased area, seal with a pruning compound (or an application of fungicide followed by a coat of paint), and if the wound is large, fill with concrete or other filling material.

Palm trees, especially the coconut, which are near power lines will also show symptoms of general decline. The fronds will look chlorotic, yellow, and eventually die. The fronds do not have to touch the lines, it appears the power carried in the lines has some effect on the physiology of the plant.

NOW I'D LIKE A LITTLE HELP FROM YOU. Often times I'm at a loss as to what you would like to read about. I try to anticipate what should be done at a particular time of the year. Subjects for columns are also chosen from the number of requests received at my office for information on specific topics. Past column records show that many topics are repetitious. Some repetition is necessary because interested people may miss one printing of the information and also many people are newcomers to the area. The main objective of this column is to present material of interest to the largest proportion of the readers. I need to know what you want to know. Write me a note and include ideas on information you would like to see in the column. Postcards are fine. My address is Agricultural Center, Terry Park, 3406 Palm Beach Blvd., Ft. Myers, FL 33905.



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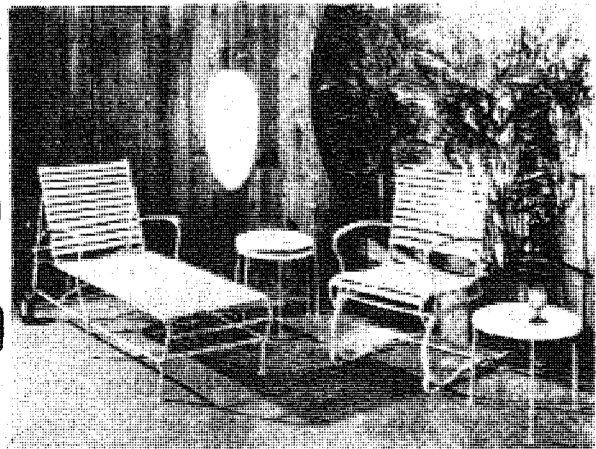
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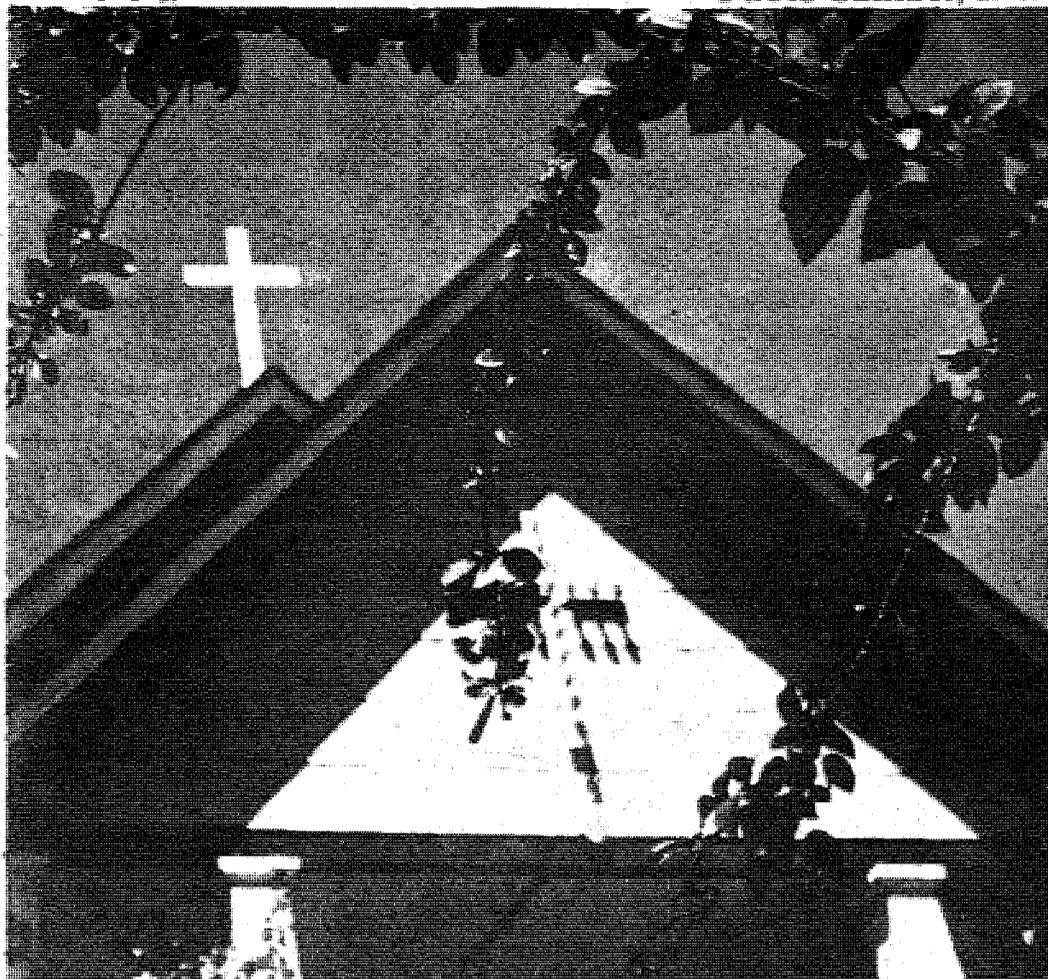
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STEPPING OUT AROUND THE TOWN by giani

We stopped by Smuggler's Cove late last week and had a really neat dinner. The girls, decked out in their pirate outfits, provided very fast service in spite of the large crowd.

We had the prime rib (delightfully rare, of course) baked potato with sour cream and a tossed salad. Good. Our dining companion opted for the specialty of the house, the barbecued ribs, which were delicious. A word of warning however — while the whole rack looks enormous, since there was no fat on the ribs, you might wish to order the whole rack, instead of the half rack. (The half rack would do me perfectly, myself — but

most people, unfortunately, eat a lot more than I do while showing it less. Oh well.)

The pre-dinner vodka martini was great, the house rose complimented the prime rib beautifully — and we certainly can't say a word against the after dinner stinger, either.

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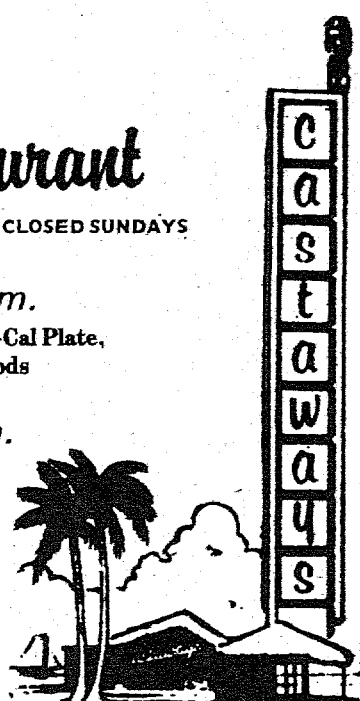
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The Wheel

One of the newer and more intriguing shops to arrive on the Islands is The Wheel Pottery Studio on Periwinkle Way. The ISLANDER visited The Wheel last week and talked with the proprietors, Anne Carroll and potter Mark Heim. . . only to find the story behind the business almost as interesting as the business itself.

The main business of The Wheel is pottery, of course, all of which is made by Mark on the premises. He built the kiln himself, a 24 cubic foot propane-fired affair in a little tin edifice behind the shop. He also mixes his own clay, as well as the chemicals for his glaze. Mark's specialty is stoneware pottery, he explained, made from stoneware clay and fired to 2400 degrees Fahrenheit. When a pot comes off the potter's wheel green in color it is bisque fired at 1800 degrees for eight to twelve hours, then it is glazed, after which it is fired again at 1700 degrees for another twelve hours. The quality of Mark's work must be seen to be appreciated. Anne handles the sales at the shop and brings a wide assortment of

jewelry to The Wheel's inventory of treasures.

Anne and Mark designed, constructed, and painted their own shop in an old real estate office at 1524 Periwinkle Way. The renovation was begun on November 15, 1974 and The Wheel opened its doors on January 15 of this year -- quite an achievement in itself.

As intimated earlier, the story of how The Wheel was born is a quaint one. When asked how he came to be a potter, Mark told us: "I've often wondered how I got into this myself. It all began, I guess, when I enrolled in a course during my freshman year in college in Connecticut. That was in '68. Then in my sophomore year in Princeton I was groping around for a major. Everything else seemed rather dull to me, and I found this non-credit ceramics course taught by Toshiko Takezu. She's a rather famous potter. I really got into it there. My junior independent work was in the history of mingei pottery in the small villages of Japan, a local folk art. Then I went on to do my senior project in art history on ceramics. I convinced them that a show

was a viable alternative to a thesis. Then in '72 I went to Japan to study pottery and it was incredible. Japanese ceramics was a major influence in my work. After that I didn't do any pots at all until I got here. I travelled around the country until my mother hired me to move all her stuff here from Connecticut in August of last year. I got here with no money. My mother met Anne's mother on the beach and eventually she saw my pots and we got together. So here I am."

Anne's part in the genesis of The Wheel was equally a matter of pure chance. She had previously been a management consultant and had run small business ventures in Grenada, West Indies until the recent revolution there, by which her property was confiscated. She returned to her mother's home on Sanibel last May and never left. "I came to dinner and stayed," she told us. Their mothers did in fact bring them together. Said Anne: "I saw some of the things that Mark had made at his mother's house. I was looking for a unique sort of business for Sanibel and it struck me as the perfect thing." Mark is

presently living in the shop with his dog, his pots, and a small vegetable garden in the backyard.

"Business is improving all the time," said Anne. "In fact, it's better than what I had expected. We try to create an atmosphere of come in and watch the pots being made -- very low key. I think the idea we're trying to get across to people is that we'll custom make the pottery and try to keep it reasonable. We're not trying to gouge the public.

"We also carry handmade jewelry of native shells and beads which I make. I call it junk jewelry but it sells like wild fire. We also have wall-hanging batiks, which were done in the West Indies. It's an ancient wax-dye process. The word is Javanese, so I trust they're of Javanese origin. And my mother does needlepoint. In a couple of weeks we're going to have a three-day sale of our line of turquoise jewelry."

The Wheel is open from ten to five Monday through Saturday. We can only suggest that you drop in and see for yourself all of the marvelous creations of the potter's wheel.

GULF COAST TRAVEL CLUB VERY ACTIVE by Cammie Raznoff

The "Disneyworld Special," enjoyed by 42 members and guests on the 11 and 12 of February, will long be remembered as a super trip. The group attended Seaworld, one of the finest attractions on the East Coast. After spending a very restful night at a luxurious motel, the members attended 8 attractions at Disneyworld. Highlighting the trip was a Luau at the Polynesian Village, which, members agreed, was far superior to anything they had ever attended. This trip will be repeated on May 9 and 10 due to the many requests received.

Next scheduled trip is to Cypress Gardens and the Kapoc Tree on April 9. Sorry, this one is completely sold out.

On April 19, some of our members will board the "Bolero" in Miami for a 7 day cruise to Cozumel, Port Au Prince, and Montego Bay. Nothing but the best is in store for them. It is a luxury ship and the food is superb. There is still time to join these members for a super-duper holiday. Call now!!

April 22 and 23 will feature an overnight trip to Homosassa Springs and Weeki Wachee. Luxurious accommodations will be at the Sheraton Inn in Homosassa Springs. An added feature on the return trip will consist of dinner at Trader Vicks, Sheraton Belle-Aire, St. Petersburg, where the members will partake of a delicious meal in the Captain's Cabin overlooking the water.

On May 7, a trip to Dow Sherwood's "Showboat" is planned in St. Petersburg for a dinner theatre matinee. Gene Barry will be starring in "The Lady in the Freudian Slip." This should be real exciting and a first for the club.

A "Disneyworld Special" is scheduled for May 9 and 10, repeated by popular demand. Featured will be Seaworld, Disneyworld, luxurious motel accommodations and a Luau at the Polynesian Village.

Reservations are limited on all trips so get your reservations in now by calling Cammie at 481-3638 or write P.O. Box 2896, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931.

Non-members may make two trips with the Club before joining as members. The next regular meeting will be held on Friday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the American Legion Hall, Fort Myers Beach. See you there.

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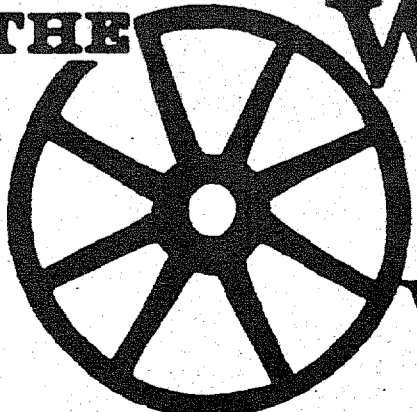
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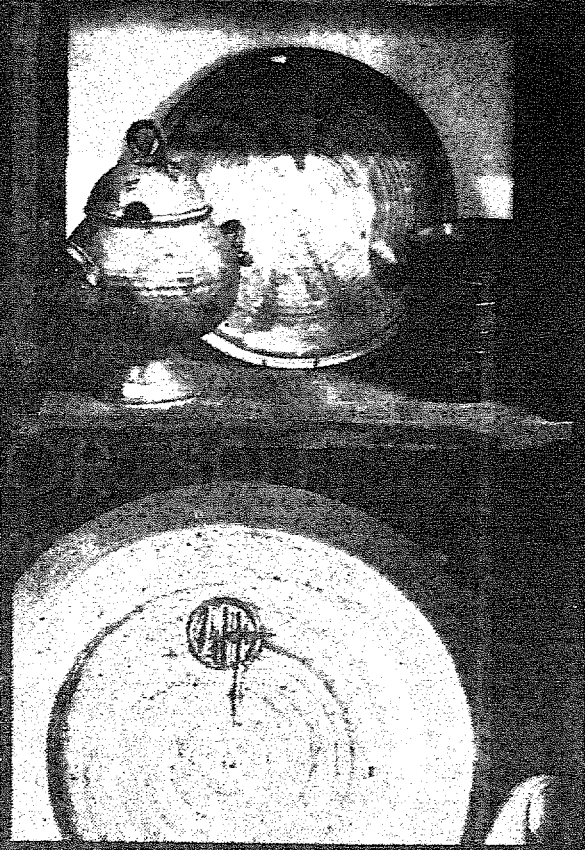
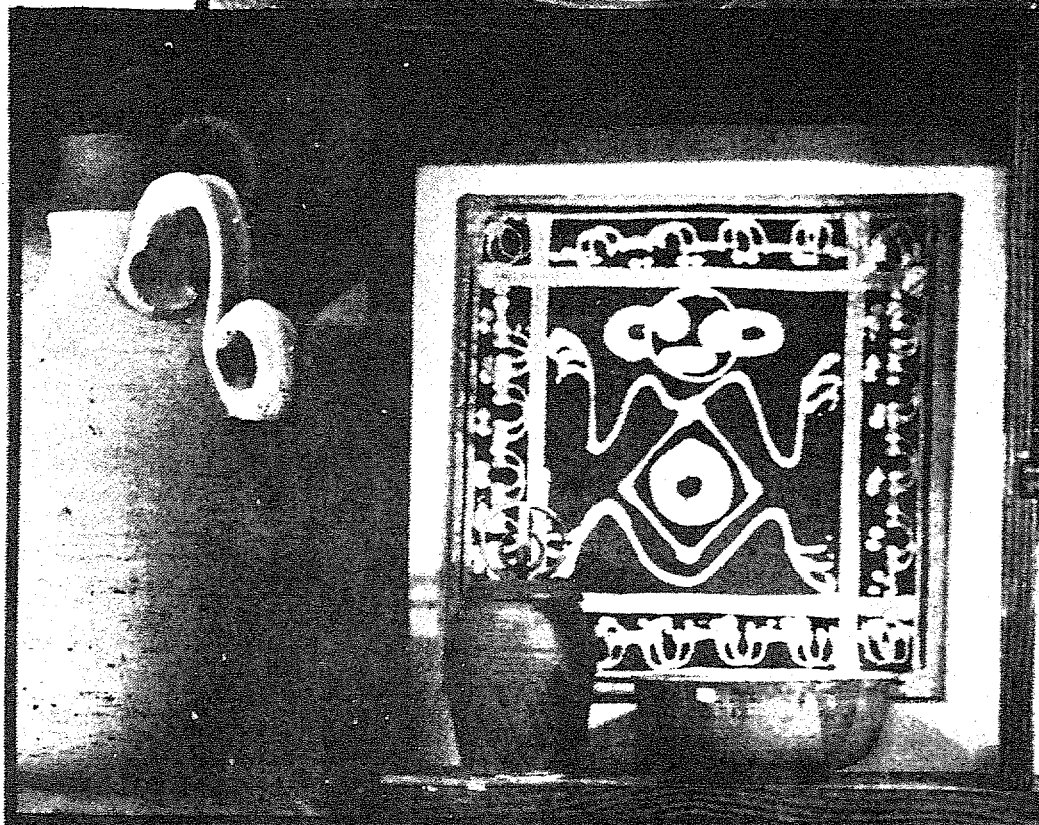
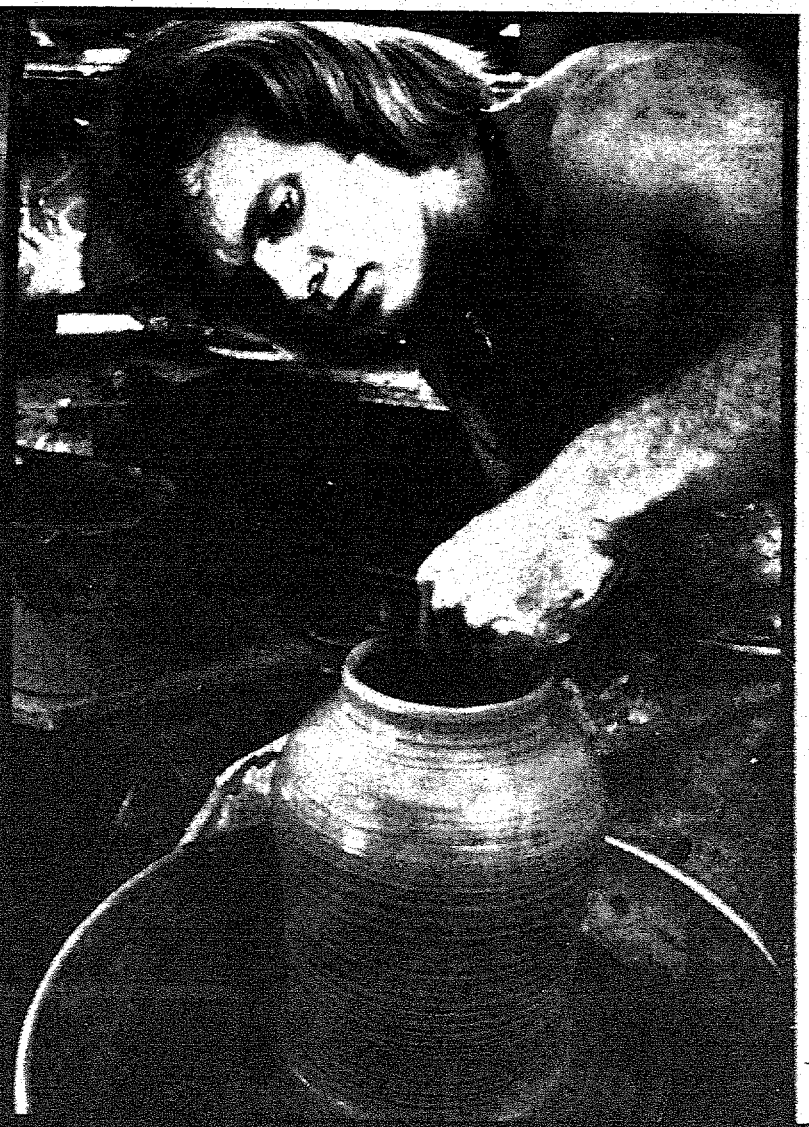
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REWARD FOR REPORTING FIND OF TAGGED MACKEREL

Fishermen lucky enough to catch king or Spanish mackerel tagged by the Department of Natural Resources' Marine Research Laboratory will receive \$1 to \$25 by reporting their find, Harmon Shields, executive director, announced.

Shields said the tagging program initiated in January by Marine Laboratory scientists to study migration and growth rates of mackerel will yield monetary rewards according to the serial number on recovered tags. He said the project will continue three and a half years as a joint effort of the Department of Natural Resources and National Marine Fisheries Service.

Total expenditure for the tagging project has been budgeted at nearly \$215,000, with 75 percent federally funded.

Fishermen catching the tagged fish are requested to send the tag to the Marine Research Laboratory in St. Petersburg with location of catch, date of capture, water depth, fish weight and fork length. They will receive the reward assigned to their tag and information on where and when it was tagged.

So far, three anglers on the Florida east coast have caught tagged fish from 700 fish released by scientists in the Atlantic. They were caught in the Fort Pierce area.

When the released fish are caught, marine scientists hope to have documentation of the growth and migration of king and Spanish mackerel along Florida's Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

LITTLE LEAGUE SCHEDULE

The 1975 Little League season will get under way next week. Schedule for the week is: Monday, March 31: 5:30 - Rotary Red Sox vs. Sanibel Huxter's Plaza Yankees, 7:50 - Sanibel Smitty's Exxon Tigers vs. Kelly's Sandwich Shop Athletics (Sr. girls).

Tuesday, April 1: 7:30 - Carlos Bay Braves vs. Lions Cubs

Wednesday, April 2: 7:30 - Sanibel Tiffany Parlor Giants vs. Lions Mets (Jr. girls)

Thursday, April 3: 7:30 - Beach Bank Royals vs. Kiwanis Pirates.

The above games will be played at the Beach Little League field, in Fort Myers Beach.

BARN THEATRE'S FINAL WEEK PERFORMANCE OF THE "FORUM"

The Barn Theatre, Fort Myers' only professional dinner theatre, is presenting its final week of performance of the award winning musical, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," through Saturday, March 29.

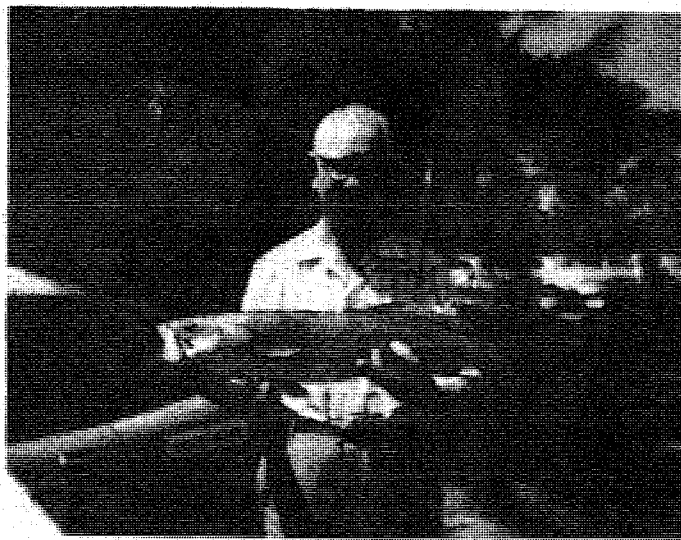
The resident company of professionals has joined forces with local actors to produce a light and lively evening of musical theater in the rustic, renovated barn that houses the theater. Curtain time in 8:30 p.m. on performance nights, and reservations may be made for buffet dinner, catered by The Sweden House, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings before the show.

PIRATE PLAYHOUSE

The final performance of Silas the Chore Boy will be held on Easter Monday, March 31, at the Pirate Playhouse.

The cast includes, Charles Muller, the renegade; Ted Fonda, proud father; Paul Adams, the noble hero; Philip Hunter, the deep-dyed villain; Frank Herndon, the village constable and Rocky Smith, as Silas the Chore Boy. Actresses in the melodrama are Ruth Hunter, the old maid; Katrina Umland, the beautiful heroine and Barbara Purday as Pert the schoolgirl.

Curtain time is 8:15.



...Doc Ledbetter with his 6 lb. trout caught at the causeway on "educated" shrimp from the Real Eel.



...You can tell Ernie Gil is right proud of that 15 pound snook he caught off Blind Pass Bridge. Mr. and Mrs. Gil, from Cockeysville, Maryland, are regular visitors to the Castaways Resort.

Reel Eel Tips

by Skip Purdy

I have had many reports of the glorious snook being taken at most of the popular island fishing spots. There has been a lot of action at Blind Pass Bridge with some nice big snook being caught.

This week I'm going to pass on some more snook fishing tips to you. I hope they will be of some help in catching your prize, the snook.

Salt water fly fishing has been found to be quite successful for catching snook and trout on the Islands. I recommend both streamers and popping bugs for bait. When using a streamer, it should be about 4 inches long, tied on to a sharp hook. Make small jerks during the retrieve. If you decide to try popping bugs, use a medium size with long rubber legs and divided tail feathers. This will give the bug an appearance of kicking when popped. Use an 8 foot or 8½ foot bass action fly rod with a stiff butt. I suggest using an all nylon leader with no wire which would spoil the action.

Trolling is another good method often used for catching snook. This is a good time to try your artificial baits such as bright spoons, jigs and feathers. Troll deep and slowly.

Watch out for the gills of our friend the snook, they are often referred to as razor blades. This is why I recommend a long shanked hook with a long leader. Never by all means stick your fingers in a snook's gills as you would on any other fish.

Have you ever gone fishing at Blind Pass Bridge at night? A lot of people have good luck fishing at night for snook. Hang a lantern about 3 feet above the water and watch the bait fish circle in a clockwise motion. The light and the circling bait will attract snook and other large fish. Want to try something really wild? When the wind is out of the north and the nights are cold and rainy, use a

cane pole and live "educated" shrimp. Fish the windy side of the bridge and you'll find the big ones to be very cooperative during these conditions. Actually, I hope we won't be seeing that type of weather again for quite some time.

I'll close on a note of sportsmanship. The snook, being a Florida game fish is protected by law. They can't be bought or sold and only caught with a pole and line. The size limit is 18 inches and the bag limit is 4 snook a day. Be a good sport and these great fish will always be plentiful for everyone's enjoyment.

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by Madam Dorinda

ARIES: Many changes are likely now in connection with the residence. You may have a chance to join a group for travel. Matters involving finances or other people can be resolved satisfactorily.

TAURUS: Keep alert for unusual traffic, or job problems. You can look forward to an interesting weekend based on an alternately loving and irritating contact. Hold off early planned departures that may be ill timed.

GEMINI: This is a good time for business, or career matters, especially from a financial view. Friends or associates could blow hot and cold however. Take the effort to explain things so you get your way.

CANCER: Don't overstep established boundaries. You may be more on the move now and a trip to a nearby place should prove successful. You can benefit now from property, tenancy, family affairs. Follow your mate.

LEO: Make allowances and don't cause a clash of personalities at this time. Be alert for unusual ways to expedite operations or journeys. Attend to welfare of senior citizens. Look out for jealous females.

VIRGO: Visiting a place where confinement is the rule could be thought provoking. Spend for what's new or what you can assemble. This is not a good time to start anything new. Look things over well before making a decision.

LIBRA: Be sympathetic if confronted by persons or situations that are upsetting or unfortunate. Organizations can be a source of aggravation, perhaps through an economic factor. Be generous.

SCORPIO: Deal with associates and friends on an equal basis; they may be able to do you a good turn. Follow your hunches, things may be more complex than usual. Hard work on a creative effort or hobby will produce dividends later.


SAGITTARIUS: Don't neglect ordinary precautions that could insure a safe return. Avoid involvements or criticism that may undermine your career. You could enter into a bizarre circle or encounter an odd character.

CAPRICORN: This is not a good time to sign papers or contracts. Values or prices may be out of line. Keep your fingers crossed on an upcoming event. You will get no where without taking other people into consideration.

AQUARIUS: Study an area of current interest; you can learn something that will stimulate thought. Take the advice of someone who has what may seem a weird scheme. You and your mate should spend more time in the company of others.

PISCES: Prospects are good for romance. The more you think about something the less clear it becomes. You should have the resources to cope, however, although you may have to ask for help

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$\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped tomato	1 teaspoon salt
$\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped green pepper	$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon dill weed
$\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped parsley	$\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon pepper
	Lemon wedges

Thaw frozen steaks. Cut into serving-size portions. Arrange onion in bottom of greased baking dish, 12 x 8 x 2 inches. Place fish on top of onion. Combine remaining vegetables and spread over top of fish. Combine wine, lemon juice, and seasonings. Pour over vegetables. Bake in a moderate oven, 350° F., for 25 to 30 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Serve with lemon wedges. Serves 6. Approximately 230 calories in each serving.

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FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS hold their regular meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the new Firehouse on Palm Ridge Road. The public is invited to attend.

AL ANON - First and third Friday of each month, 8:00 p.m. at St. Michael's and All Angels Church.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - open meeting. St. Michael's and All Angels Church, Periwinkle Way, Friday nights, 8:00 p.m. For information call 472-2425.

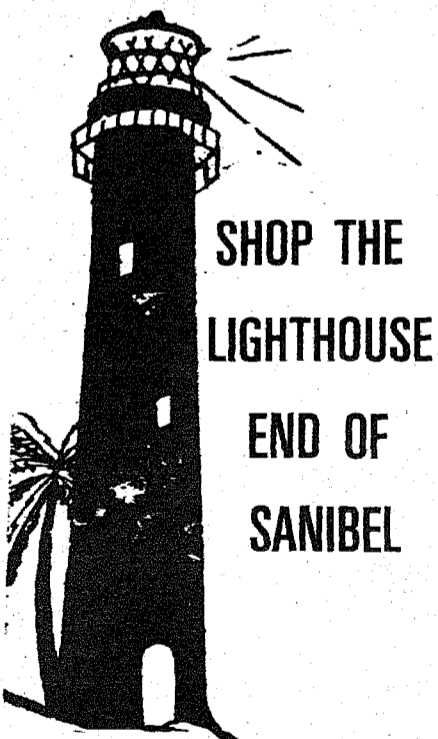
LADIES GUILD of the Sanibel Community Church meets at 1:30 every third Thursday of the month. For details, phone 472-2425.

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.

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA SHELL CLUB meets 3rd Wednesday, 8 p.m. at the Community House.

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA HOTEL-MOTEL ASSN. meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Chamber of Commerce.

SANIBEL PLANNING COMMISSION, officially established by the Sanibel City Council on February 25, 1975, will hold regular meetings every Monday at 9:30 a.m., at Sanibel City Hall. The public is invited to attend.



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

ISLAND SQUARE DANCING CLUB meets every Sunday night at 7 p.m. at Sanibel Community House. Visiting dancers welcome.

ISLAND DUPLICATE BRIDGE GAME - Sanibel Community House, Fridays, 7:30 p.m. Director Joe Winterrowd, Phone 472-1829.

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

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.

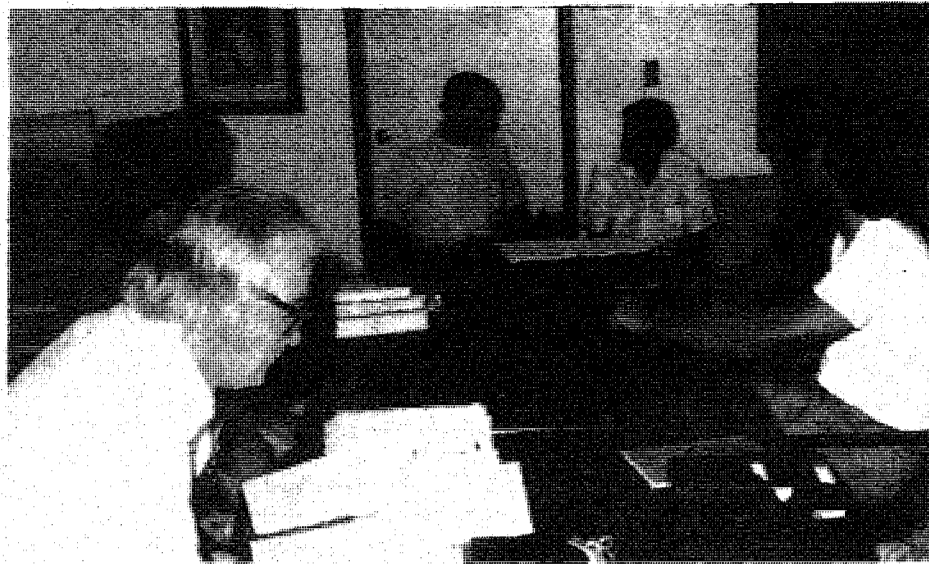
SANIBEL - CAPTIVA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION, Board of Directors, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 3:30 p.m.

KIWANIS CLUB meets each Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m. at Case's Harbor House.

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

southwest Florida Regional Alligator Association in session.



Alligator . . . from front page

laws are vague and extremely complicated, and therefore difficult for enforcement agents to interpret in the field. Daniels was optimistic though, looking forward to harvesting gators commercially once again when populations are restored.

Heinz asked the Association to compile alligator census figures for the state Fish and Game Commission by drawing up transects of urban and rural areas of Lee County. "Discerning the size and the sex of gators is a problem," said Heinz, as he asked Shane and his students to undertake a study of alligator weight, another area about which very few statistics have been gathered.


The growth rate of alligators varies considerably, the Association concluded. Usually considered to be about a foot per year, Weymouth's figures, gathered on Sanibel for the most part, indicate that alligators can grow as much as two and a half feet per year under perfect conditions. Weymouth, a noted Island ornithologist, offered to show the volunteers the ropes in special

training sessions in the J. N. Ding Darling Wildlife Sanctuary. Weymouth professed a desire to see more research done on alligators while they are nesting, hatching their eggs, and nurturing the young, to which Heinz reported that a nesting study is currently under consideration by the state authorities.

Weymouth also suggested taking an alligator census on the Sanibel River to see how land development along the river will affect the gator habitat and populations. Campbell was also in favor of such a survey, saying, "More gators are moving from their natural habitat into less suitable areas, such as borrow pits, drainage ditches, and the like, and thus are becoming more pressured as the breeding areas are endangered."

According to Weymouth's calculations, there are about five hundred alligators on Sanibel at the present time, with maybe a couple dozen of them measuring twelve feet or more in length.

All of which calls to mind the immortal words from Mitch Miller's old theme song: "Be kind to your friends in the swamp . . ."



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Take the case of one meat-cutting plant, which ran into a major problem trying to reconcile conflicting dictates from the Occupational Health and Safety Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

It seems that an OSHA inspector came through and decided this firm's loading dock wasn't safe because it didn't have a safety railing to prevent employees from inadvertently falling off the edge.

So the company put in the railing. And all was well for a few months - until a USDA inspector came by and decided the railing had to go. Said the inspector, if a carcass slapped up against the railing, it could get contaminated. So the railing must go, says USDA.

What do you do if you're caught in this kind of a bind? If you don't comply with the OSHA order, you get fined and fined heavily for every day you operate without a railing. But if USDA says you can't have a railing, you can get rid of the railing or be put out of business.

Such dilemmas aren't unusual. Supermarkets have also been caught between OSHA and USDA. OSHA says grated floors are mandatory in butcher departments because of the danger of slipping on blood. But USDA says no grates, because they make the floors hard to clean and therefore increase the risk of contamination.

The end result is confusion, chaos and higher costs to the consumer.

And, in these days of skyrocketing costs and massive unemployment, we really don't need to burden the consumer with conflicting regulations.

That's why I feel it is high time for the Congress to take a good hard look at federal agencies and the cost to the consumer of the regulations they impose.

The 93rd Congress took a halting step toward correcting this situation last year by calling for so-called "economic

impact statements" on each new piece of legislation. But it doesn't apply to previously adopted legislation, and the regulations they inspire.

And it is the previous legislation that needs to be subjected to a "cost vs. benefit" study - to determine whether the government-mandated changes are worth the extra costs being passed on to the consumer.

But we can't stop there. We need to take a good close look at the independent regulatory agencies and their effect on our declining economy.

Every day, we hear reports the Interstate Commerce Commission's regulations are effectively hampering railroad and truck traffic, that Civil Aeronautics Board and Federal Aviation Administration rules are responsible for the high cost of air travel, that the Federal Trade Commission is restraining competition and keeping prices high, and that the myriad of other similar agencies actually are doing more harm than good.

For that reason, I have co-sponsored legislation to create a National Commission on Regulatory Reform which will spend at least a full year studying each and every regulatory agency to determine whether it has unnecessarily reduced productivity or competition.

As proposed, the commission would be made up of 14 member - six from the general public and representing each major segment of the economy, four from the executive branch and two each from the House and Senate. Its staff, except for a director and six assistant directors, would be on loan from other agencies.

By limiting the number of employees and the length of time those on loan can work for the commission, we would keep this new commission from becoming a new bureaucracy and prevent creation of a master regulatory agency which could become as counter-productive as some of the current regulatory agencies appear to be.

I am hopeful this bill can be quickly made law. The longer we go without a close look at our regulatory agencies, the more risk we run of federal bureaucrats making things worse instead of better.

"On the Consumer's Side"

by
Mrs. Lee F. Rumbley, Consumer Services Coordinator, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Consumer Services the Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32304.

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The new law has two prime goals: (1) to make manufacturers provide consumers with straightforward and meaningful warranties - and to back them up; and (2) to strengthen the Federal Trade Commission's capacity to protect consumers against other unfair and deceptive practices. The law does not make warranties mandatory for consumer

products. It does set standards manufacturers must meet if their products carry warranties.

Here are the highlights of the new law according to the Office of Consumer Affairs:

1. Written warranties must comply with FTC rules about clarity and content.
 2. A written warranty on a consumer product must be clearly labeled as either a "full warranty" or a "limited warranty."
 3. All full warranties must meet Federal standards (to be set) covering repair, refund or replacement of any defective product at no charge and within a reasonable length of time.
 4. Where a full warranty is provided, if a defective product or part cannot be repaired after a reasonable number of attempts, the manufacturer must give the consumer a refund or a new product or part.
 5. If a consumer sustains a loss because of a deceptive warranty or a violation of the new law, he or she can bring suit in the Federal or state courts and obtain attorneys' fees if the suit is won. Consumer class actions are allowed under certain conditions.
 6. FTC is empowered to sue in Federal courts to obtain redress on behalf of consumers for violations of the FTC rules or unfair and deceptive practices.
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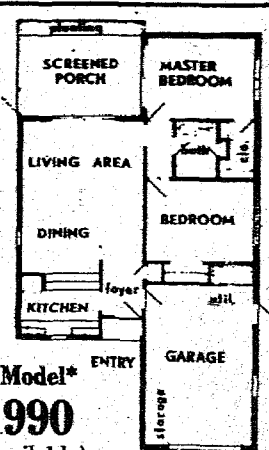
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On Sunday, April 6, Installation of Officers Meeting will be held in LaBelle, at "The Sargents." Officers to be installed for the April 1975 through March 1976 season are Penny Arcuni, President; Merle Peck, 1st V.P.; Louise Hillman, 2nd VP; Elsie Wicklander, Treasurer, (re-elected) and Vera Hedlund, Secretary.

Members are to bring covered dish of vegetable, salad or dessert. The League is furnishing roast beef. Since this dinner will be picnic style, bring your own table service and a lawn chair or two, if possible. Come any time after 12:30...dinner is scheduled for 2 p.m...enjoy the woody surroundings. To reach the meeting site, go east on Highway 80 to Ft. Denaud Rd., which is 78-A. Turn left on 78-A watch for "Sargents Wood'N Ceramics Studio" sign.

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Any artist with a current membership card in any art league belonging to the Art Council whose work has been shown in a juried show in the last two years is eligible as well as other unexhibited work. All work must be for sale, none for less than \$20., and a 15 percent commission is charged for the sales.

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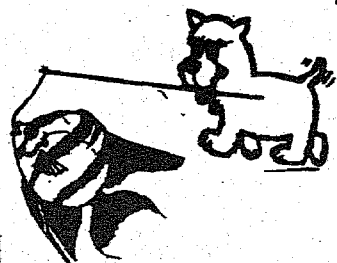
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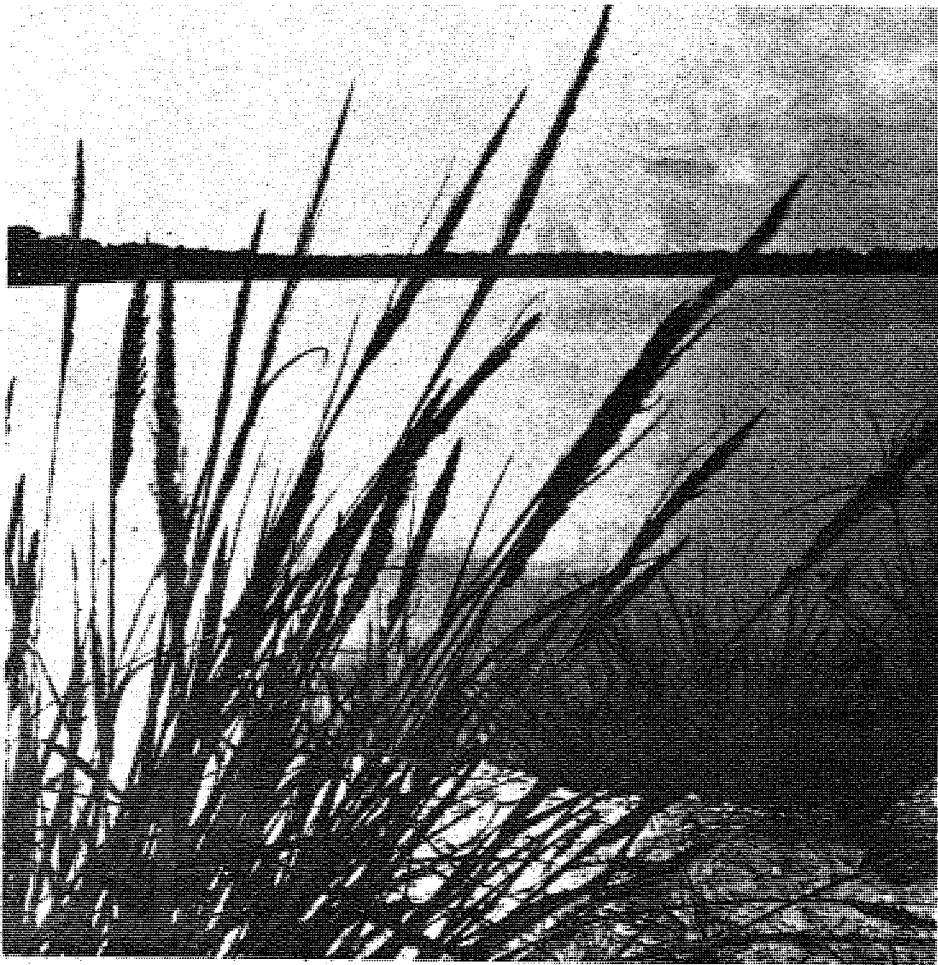
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