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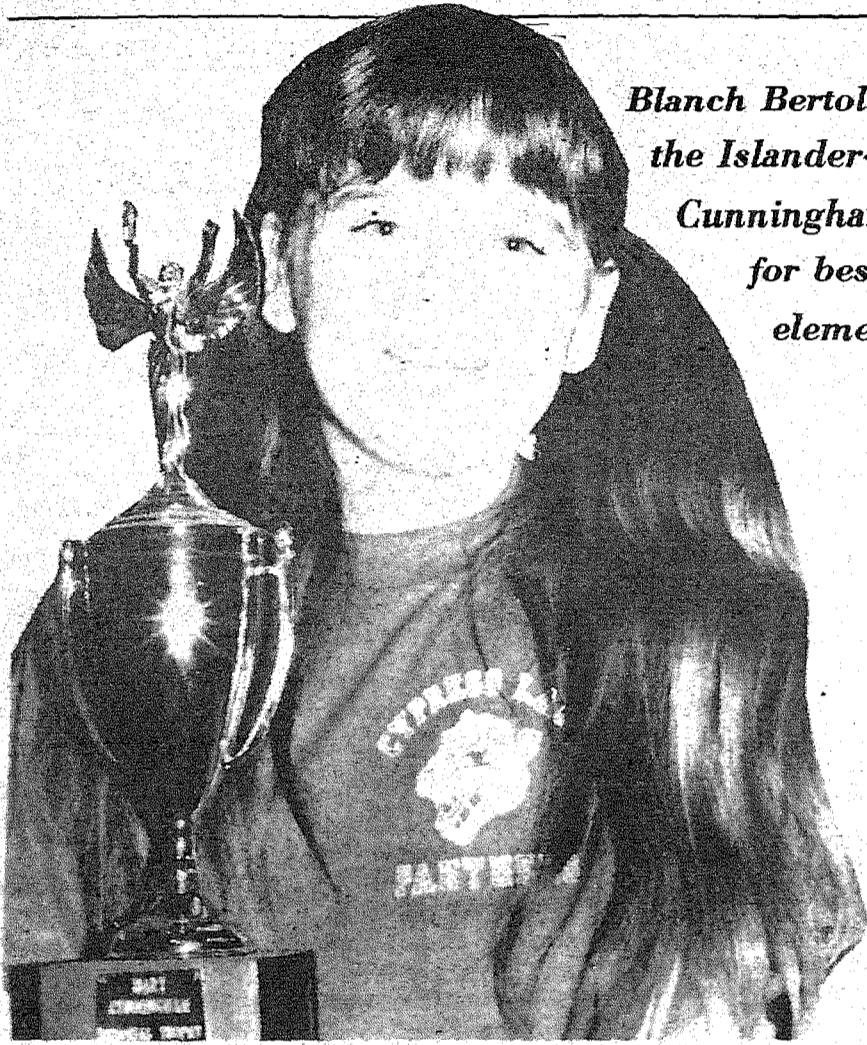
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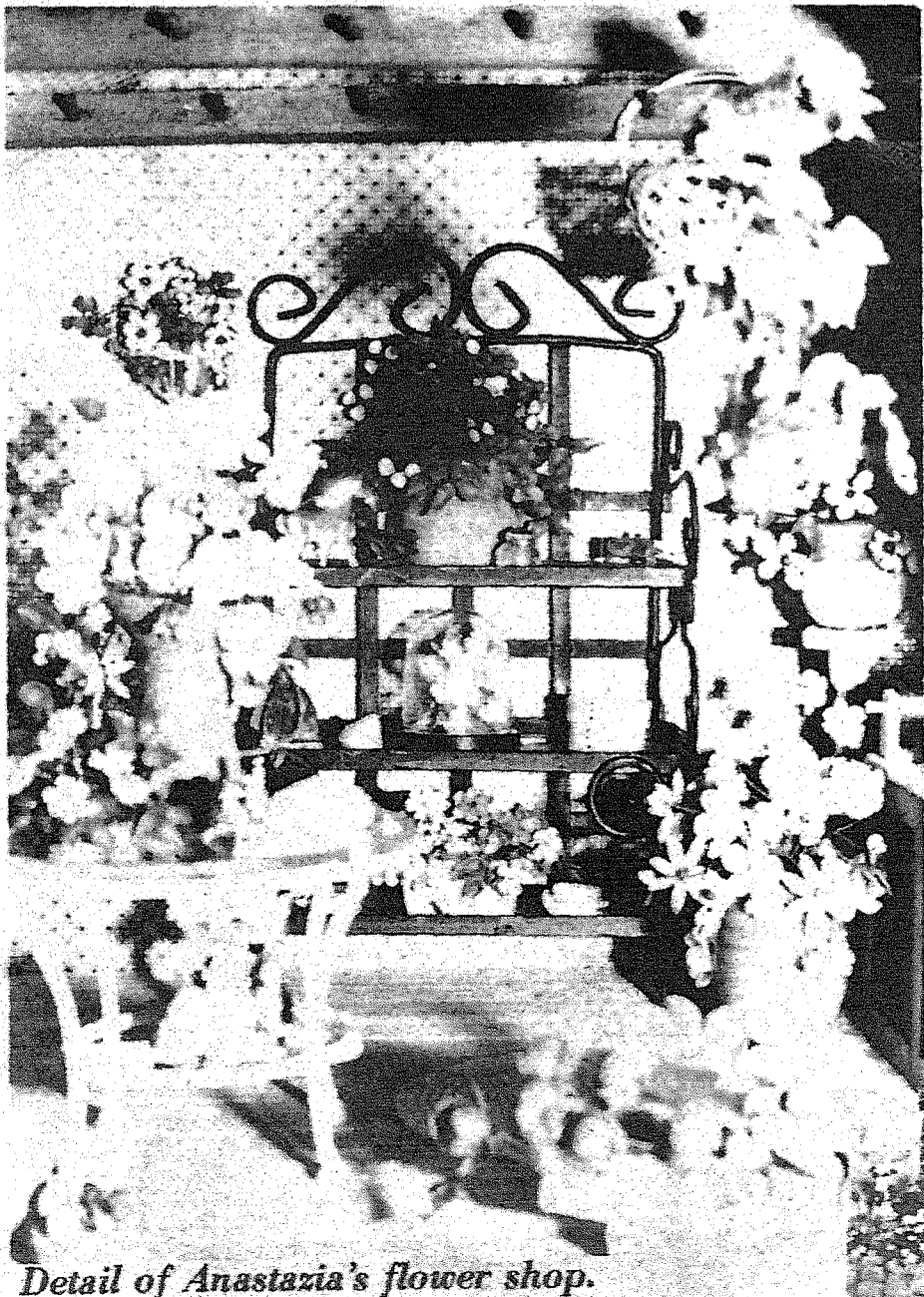


*Scads more shell fair pix inside!*



*This Colubraria procera Sowerby, one of 15 known specimens in the world, won Bill Bledsoe both the duPont Trophy sponsored by the Delaware Museum of Natural History and the City of Sanibel Trophy sponsored by the Island Reporter.*

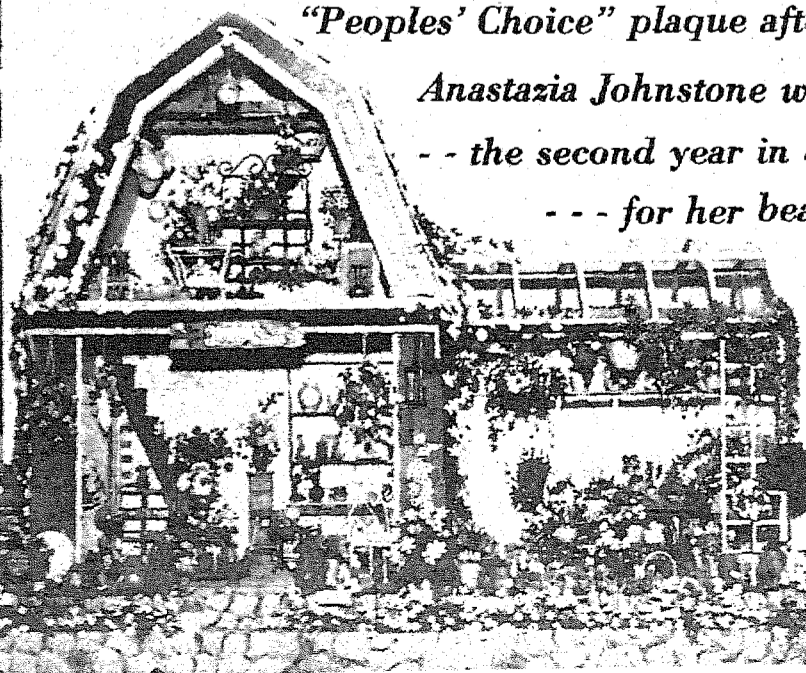
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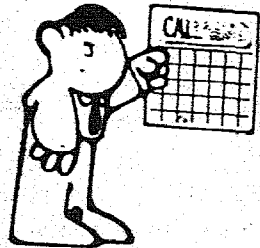
*Detail of Anastazia's flower shop.*



*Anne Joffe (left) holds the permanent "Peoples' Choice" plaque after presenting Anastazia Johnstone with her cup - - the second year in a row for her - - - for her beautiful flower*



*shop (left) created from shells, which also won 1st in class.*



# Activities Calendar

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## things to do

**BINGO MUREX** — American Legion Home, Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. No minors. Sanibel-Captiva Rd., 472-9979.

**BIRD TOURS:** Griffing Bancroft, 472-1447; George Weymouth, 472-1516; Dick Frieman, 472-1315.

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**MUSEUMS** the Odyssey Museum of Miniature Americana 1554 Periwinkle Way 472-1786. Ellie May's Museum. By appointment. Call 472-2121.

**NATURAL HISTORY FIELD TRIPS:** to Sanibel's wildlife habitats. For reservations, information, times and fees, call 472-2180.

**SAILING** (lessons and/or charter): Southwind, 472-2531; Paul Taylor, 472-1551. Rent and/or learn, Snook Apts. 472-1345; Chic Kennedy, 472-4087; Mike Fuery, 'Tween Waters, 472-1784, Ft. Myers Yacht Charters, Roger Nodruff, 463-2320, Twin Palms Marina; Papa Nui, 332-1200; Off-Shore Sailing School, S.S.P., 472-1551, ext. 4141.

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**SIGHTSEEING INFORMATION** - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 472-1100.

**TENNIS & SCUBA EQUIPMENT (RENTAL)**, The Real Eel, 472-2674.

**WATER SKIING** - Herb Purdy, 472-1849.

**OFF ISLAND DAY TIME ATTRACTIONS** - Edison Home in Ft. Myers, 334-1280; Shell Factory, U.S. 41 North Fort Myers; Jungle Cruises, 334-7474, Fort Myers Yacht Basin; Waltzing, 283-0636, Pine Island Road.

## libraries

**CAPTIVA LIBRARY**- Tuesdays and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. 'til

**SANIBEL LIBRARY:** Hours: 10-4 every day except Sun.

## clubs & civic groups

**AMERICAN LEGION POST No. 123** - American Legion Home, second Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.

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

**SANIBEL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.** Sanibel Community house, 1st Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

**THE SANIBEL-CAPTIVA UNIT OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS** meets the second Monday of each month at the Clubhouse of the Sanibel Moorings Condominium on East Gulf Drive at 10:00 a.m. Public invited.

## fraternal groups

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

**KIWANIS CLUB** meets at Scotty's Pub each Wednesday morning at 8:00.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP NO. 88** meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the school.

**LIONS CLUB** of Sanibel-Captiva meets at 6:30 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at the American Legion, Sanibel-Captiva Road.

**AL ANON** - Every Friday, 8:00 p.m. at St. Michael's and All Angels Church. For information call 472-2491.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** - open meeting, St. Michael's and All Angels Church, Periwinkle Way, Friday nights, 8:00 p.m. For information call 332-1300.

## how to get there

**BOATS (FISHING) TO RENT** - Blind Pass Marina, 472-1020, Island Boat Rental, 472-2228, 'Tween Waters Marina, 472-1784, Tarpon Bay (canoes), 472-1323.

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**BICYCLES FOR RENT:** Hines Rental, 472-2874 or check the motel you are staying in.

## political and governmental

**SANIBEL CITY COUNCIL** meets the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays of every month at 9 a.m. at City Hall, unless special meetings are called. The public is invited.

**SANIBEL PLANNING COMMISSION** meets the 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays of every month at Sanibel City Hall unless special meetings are called. The public is invited.

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

**SANIBEL-CAPTIVA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION** Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30.

**SANIBEL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS** meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at the firehouse on Palm Ridge Road.

## Church Calendar

**ST. ISABEL CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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Other Masses  
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Holy Days (Vigil) ..... 7:30 p.m.  
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**SANIBEL COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
The Rev. Bruce E. Milligan, Pastor  
Sunday Worship Service .... 9:15 & 11 a.m.  
Sunday School  
(Kindergarten thru 2nd) ... 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday School  
(3rd thru 8th grades) ..... 10:15 a.m.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES**  
Ramada Inn (end of Donax Street)  
Room 253  
Sunday - 11 a.m. Wednesday - 8 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
The Rev. Gerald Frost, Minister  
SUNDAY SERVICE:  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Services ..... 7:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY EVENING:  
Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.

**ST. MICHAEL'S AND ALL ANGELS  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
The Rev. James D.B. Hubbs, Rector  
SUNDAY:  
Holy Communion ..... 7:30 a.m.  
1st & 3rd Sundays ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship,  
2nd & 4th Sundays ..... 9:30 a.m.

**GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
The Rev. Nicholas Sitaras  
Services held in the Redeemer Lutheran Church corner of Canal and Broadway, Fort Myers.  
Sunday ..... 10:00 a.m.

**TEMPLE BETH EL**  
Del Prado Parkway, Cape Coral  
Rabbi Simon Friedeman  
Friday Worship ..... 8 p.m.

**SPIRITUALIST CHURCH**  
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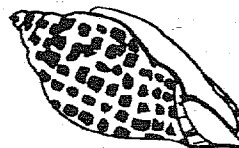
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# Shell Fair may have been a lifesaver!

story & pix by  
gwen stevenson

The Sanibel Shell Fair is considered by Islanders and visitors alike to be a highlight for the Islands—a true community effort and, although everyone expects increased traffic and slight inconvenience in going about their daily business there are few who would miss it.

One blessing the Shell Fair supporters couldn't have foreseen, however, occurred late Friday afternoon when a single-engine Cessna C150, owned and piloted by Dade County police lieutenant Terry Louis Denisco of North Miami Beach, crash-landed on Gulf Drive, at Tarpon Bay Road.

The plane was attempting to land at Sanibel Airport on a southwest heading and got a last-minute wind shift, changing the craft's touchdown point. The pilot tried to abort the landing and couldn't obtain the required

air speed for a second try. He veered up and over the cabbage palms that line the runway, sheering off the top of a dead pine tree in the process, and set the plane down in the sand alongside Gulf Drive. He went down Gulf Drive in the dirt, knocking down a bike path sign, damaging the plane's propeller and cowling. At that point, he managed to put the plane on Gulf Drive itself, continuing another 225 feet before the left wing hit a parking sign sending the plane through the Tarpon Bay Road intersection and into a telephone pole, where it came to a stop. Both Denisco and an unidentified female passenger walked away from the plane with no injuries. The aircraft suffered bruises and lacerations estimated to be in the thousand-dollar range.

What did the Shell Fair have to do with this? In all probability, it accounts for the fact that there were no casualties. Ordinarily, Gulf

Drive at that particular intersection at this time of the year is lined for at least a quarter of a mile on either side with large mobile homes, which would have rendered it impossible for the plane to have maneuvered the way it did. The reason it was different yesterday, estimates Tarpon Bay Road resident Bill Gale, is because everyone was at the Fair. "I saw the plane coming through the intersection and couldn't believe my eyes," he told the ISLANDER.

The passenger in the plane said that it was her first and probably her last visit to the Islands. Chief Butler took her to rest in his vehicle while he and members of the SPD kept traffic moving and investigated the mishap. The plane was finally towed back to Sanibel Airport for repairs. Mr. Denisco and his companion rented a car and returned to Miami Friday night.

All's well that ends well!



A little nose job'll do it

## On The Shelf

by margaret and bill krueger

Money is a very precocious commodity as Mr. Maitland tells us in "Pagan in The Parlor." Now, at income tax time, we naturally start thinking more about this commodity.

The Sanibel Library is full of weighty volumes and of fascinating novels on this subject. Maybe by selecting some of these books, you can solve your own dilemma or just be entertained by the many imaginative schemes and intrigues, actual or fictional, that the authors expound by the printed word.

The printed word - yes - but now a reminder, all of us at one time or another are tempted to place great value on the printed word, just because it is printed. This is true of all printed words, in newspapers magazines or books. Then it becomes time to remind ourselves that these printed words express only the opinion of the author or editor.

True, even in fiction, where the author puts his

views and ideas into the words of the characters he creates. It behooves us, therefore, to examine the writer when we read. To understand his honesty or bias and to evaluate the printed word on that basis.

We do it with the spoken word. Let us do it with the printed and thus build up a working agreement with the author that lets us understand and appreciate his works.

Enough of that. Back to financial matters! Fundamental information is yours in "Sylvia Porter's Money Book. She covers it all. How to make money, how to spend money, and how to save money. A large book, big subjects, but easily read and understood.

A classic, in commodity trading and the stock market, is "The Money Game," by Adam Smith. Full of legendary characters and sprinkled with the "Gnomes of Switzerland," it is a smartly, highly provocative and oh so

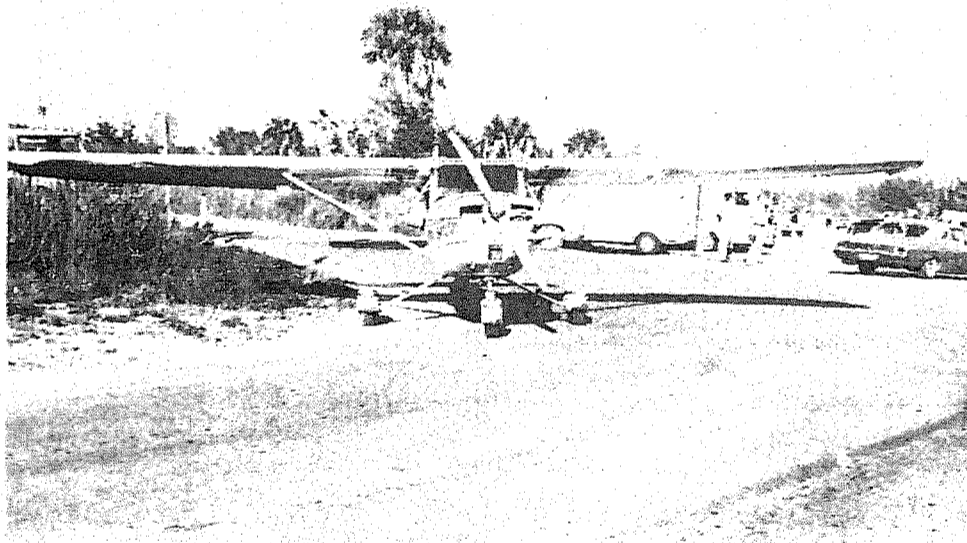
humorously written treasure.

As a follow up to this Adam Smith wrote "Supermoney" in which he explains how "going public" with a company and selling stock at 10 to 30 times earnings (capitalized income) can be the beginnings of large financial dynasties for all you future geniuses. Here again, his droll style makes a serious book thoroughly enjoyable. It is, however, in our opinion, not up to the standards of his earlier work.

Next time we will still be looking at provocative books on the precocious commodity.

P.S. The 1977 edition of the U.S. Master Tax Guide is in the reference room.

Incidentally, William C. Hatcher, assistant vice president of the Sanibel branch of the First Federal Savings and Loan, is a reader of historical novels and adventure stories. He recently finished "Burr" by Gore Vidal—it is on the shelf!



The plane fact of it . . .

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Witness his hand, this 10th day of February, 1977.

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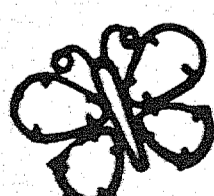
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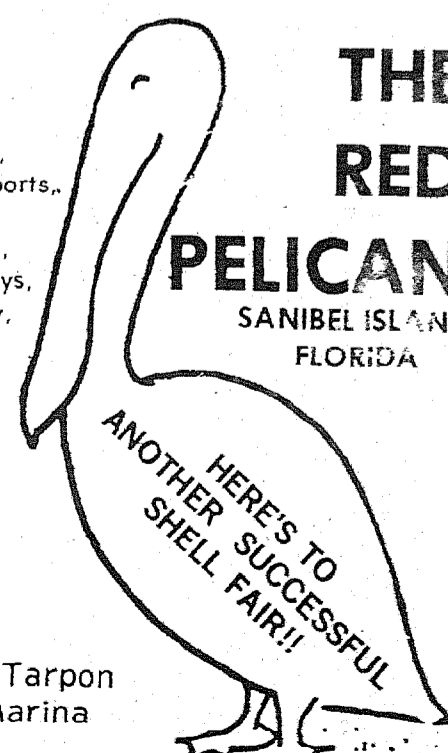
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# Sanibel visitor turns to writing to enjoy life

by Rich Arthurs

The Islands of Sanibel and Captiva long played host to the famous, near-famous, and not so famous from the world of Letters. Indeed, distinguished writers are nothing new to Island shores, although the story of one recent visitor to Sanibel deserves a category unto itself.

At age 56, when most men begin to look forward to a well-deserved retirement, Albert J. Elias of Greenwich, Connecticut is embarking on a new career. His first book, "The Bowman Test," appeared last month in a Dell paperback edition of 100,000 copies.

Up until about two years ago, Albert Elias had never even dreamed of writing fiction, and it is this fact alone which makes the recent publication of "The Bowman Test" such an unusual accomplishment. Prior to taking up the pen, Elias' life revolved around his job as an executive with a number of New York-based pharmaceutical firms, and his knowledge and interest in drugs and medicine have become the starting point of what promises to be a bright future in what Elias calls his "soft core science fiction."

Unlike most modern American novelists, his three years of combat experience during World War II have played a surprisingly minor role in his new writing career. Between 1942 and 1945, Elias was with the First Engineers Amphibious Brigade, the only Army unit to have been involved in D-Day, the invasion of Normandy, and the battle of Okinawa.

Despite what he calls his "fortunate but harrowing war experience," Elias' first book is not about internecine conflict, but rather, it is about the quiet conflict that goes on within every human being as he or she tries to make the most out of life.

"Everybody's life is different," Elias told the ISLANDER last week, toward the close of his brief stay at the Colony Resort on Sanibel's East Gulf Drive. "I don't know if I've worked harder than everybody else, but I do know that I've saved harder than most people. I knew damn well that by the time I reached 55 I would want to spend my remaining time with my wife and enjoy all we've worked for. So I decided to be a writer. I've been successful in business because I have a good imagination, and I figured, what better tool could there be for writing?"

"The Bowman Test" is above all else an imaginative work. In brief, it tells the story of a scientist who labors for twenty years to discover a test which can predict with precision how long a human being has to live.

"What Dr. Bowman has done is to take a bone marrow test which can accurately predict a man's life span," Elias explained. "A number of doctors I've talked to are fascinated with the concept. So, from what I gather, this test is almost possible!"

"But, 'The Bowman Test' is really an essay on why I retired at 53," the author continued. "To be sure, it is a (hopefully) exciting story about an almost possible test that could tell you how long you have to live. There is drama and excitement to it when the government becomes involved in the midst of a presidential election.

"But to me," Elias added, "the test epitomizes the shortness of life. Like everyone, I wondered about my own life. What did it all mean? How much money, power, fame and the like does a man need? If you only had ten years of life remaining, how would you choose to live them? Indeed, I took the Bowman test myself. I'm now on my third book. It would be nice if it were the start of a new career, but then, that's not what really matters.



Albert J. Elias, author of a new book, "The Bowman Test," and his wife, Rea, visited the Islands recently, staying at The Colony on East Gulf Drive.

"The reason I wrote the book was to let people know that life is a very short thing," Elias said. "It's like telling your kids to brush their teeth because they're the only teeth they've got, but so few ever really understand this simple fact."

Elias commented briefly last week on the remarkable nature of his first literary success.

"I was very pleased to have my first novel recognized as being worthy of publication," he said. "It is most difficult for an unknown author to break in. Most publishers would sooner publish a bad book by a known author than a really good book by an unknown."

In its first two weeks on the shelves, "The Bowman Test" has received more attention from critics than most first works by unknown authors.

"Emotionally, the book is warm and moving...Intellectually, it is extremely provocative," stated a review of "The Bowman Test" which appeared in the February issue of "Best Sellers," a monthly trade magazine which reviews only the most readable 50 of the approximately 400 new paperbacks which are published every month in this country.

"That review also said that my book was 'full of sex and humor,'" admitted

Elias with a broad grin. "You gotta have a little of that stuff to sell anything in America these days."

Elias told the ISLANDER that he is currently in the process of putting the finishing touches to his third novel, "The Sonora Mutation." His second book, "The Sprue Experiment," has yet to be published. Like "The Bowman Test," his later works are in the vein of what he terms "soft core science fiction."

This year marked the second time that Albert and his wife, Rea, have visited the Islands.

"We came to Sanibel for the first time last year and just loved it," said the Eliases. "It suits us to a tee and we're coming again next year for sure. We don't care much for night life, but we certainly enjoy the tranquility of this place. We just hope it doesn't change."

As the MacIntosh Book Shop on Periwinkle Way has already ordered the book, Albert Elias' "The Bowman Test" will soon be available to the Island's reading public in paperback only.

Even though Albert Elias can't really tell you how much longer you will live, "The Bowman Test" just might be able to tell you what it means to be alive.

## Letter to the editor

To the editor:

Thought you would want to note this quick reaction to a N.Y. Times story you may have missed—George Campbell's warning was indeed TIME-ly.

My wife and I own house-on-stilts on Capitol Way just off Casa Ybel and enjoy waiting and watching for gators to turn the bend in the lagoon behind our house.

-s Noel J. MacCarry  
New York City, N.Y.

To the N.Y. Times

A copy of Mac Carry's letter follows:

Editorial Page Editor

The New York Times

229 West 43rd Street

New York, New York 10036

To the editor:

In the name of Captain Hook and for the safety of countless Florida visitors, please publish a quick follow-up alert for those readers who may have been enchanted by Nelson Bryant's sports feature "Wood, Field and Stream: Alligators Are Safe Again" (The New York Times, March 1).

In his column and the accompanying photo, Mr. Bryant depicted the delight of an Everglades alligator nibbling saltines and concluded with the hope that "he is still there waiting for another handout."

Coincidentally, the next newspaper to which I turned was the February 22nd issue of THE ISLANDER, a weekly published in Sanibel, Fla., which contained an article headlined "Gators Bite The Hands That Feed! Take Care!"

In the article, the Southwest Florida Regional Alligator Association emphasized that the feeding of alligators is illegal in many parts of the Everglades area. The

Association points out that just as in the case of "the Yellowstone bear syndrome, an alligator that is accustomed to being fed will become a potentially dangerous animal if left unfed for a period of time..."

Mr. Bryant and readers of his observations on the current state of alligator rights would do well to heed this Association warning:

"Some alligators have even been fed BY HAND. An alligator, given his intellectual limitations, has difficulty distinguishing between a piece of fish and the hand that holds it."

On the other hand, the Association noted that "of the 26 crocodilians that remain alive in the world today, the American alligator is the most gentle and tractable."

Rather than encouraging the feeding of saltines or anything else to alligators, Mr. Bryant might better serve Times' readers by reviewing the penalties for contributing to the domesticity of wild reptiles.

A few months ago, incidentally, there was a published report about the results of an autopsy on a Sanibel alligator: among the contents of its stomach were 11 flea collars.

Alligators may indeed be "safe again," as Mr. Bryant reports, but human beings should know that these seemingly "docile" animals can give chase at a speed of up to 45 miles per hour; moreover, while it may be true in Peter Pans' Never-Never Land, none in the Everglades area have been known to signal their approach with the tick-tock, tick-tock of a swallowed alarm clock.

-s Noel J. MacCarry  
Executive Director  
Commission on Human Rights  
Rockland County  
N.Y.

## Your astrological week

especially cast for the Islands

**Aries:** The weather or other circumstances may disrupt current plans, but you should be able to accomplish much by being cooperative. Partnership activities are likely to go well.

**Taurus:** Avoid excesses of all kinds and you can secure favorable attention from others in furthering your important interests and relationships with loved ones.

**Gemini:** An increase in visitors, calls and mail is likely now and this is a favorable time for initiating projects that will enhance the beauty and value of property you own.

**Cancer:** A legacy may present trouble where the details are concerned, and though finances are strained, you'll make it. Curb an insistence that others accept your views where joint funds are concerned.

**Leo:** Aspects indicate that you will be handling valuable papers, or documents and your intentions regarding these are likely to be misunderstood. This is not the best time to change your residence.

**Virgo:** Those of you who seek medical advice may have to be patient with an inconclusive diagnosis. Much personal involvement is likely with marital and family affairs.

**Libra:** A legal problem could create tension, don't discuss it with outsiders. This is a good time to catch up on unfinished work or obligations pertaining to those who are less fortunate.

**Scorpio:** Be on the lookout for new contacts or for renewing old ones that will contribute good ideas for your future. Don't tangle with the law on a minor matter.

**Sagittarius:** Family pressures could intrude on business activities, moves, changes, short trips, social life is stimulated

now, but be on guard against co-workers who will not keep their word.

**Capricorn:** Unusual events will be normal in your romantic life, and you may have to make a choice between two people. Be conservative when making special plans for gain.

**Aquarius:** A loved one may misconstrue your intentions and cause considerable confusion. Family, home affairs and environmental conditions generally continue to be unsettled.

**Pisces:** You may feel problems or opposition increasing regarding competitors or those who expect you to adjust to their requirements. Avoid risks in work procedures or while traveling.

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# Truly, "More than just a shell shop!"

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inside  
the Noisy  
Oyster

Snoopy and the Red Baron, P-38 planes, old-fashioned tri-motors—we've all seen them, but in shells?? "Not just a shell shop," the Noisy Oyster advertizes and, upon examination of the delightful shop in Periwinkle Plaza, we find it is just that.

Owned by Shirley and Bob Shakespeare, Shakey's Noisy Oyster is a fascinating place to browse. Shakey's avocation for model airplanes—he was in the Army Air Corps—is evident in the creations he has put together in shells. In his home town of Rocky River, Ohio, where he was an Ohio stock broker, Shakey took first place in Free Flight in the American Model Association contest.

From a stock broker to shell shop owner is an interesting trip. "Actually it's because of being a stock broker that I first came to the Islands," said Shakey. "I won a trip here three years ago in a sales contest sponsored by the brokerage house I was with and I just couldn't believe these Islands. I'd had my basic training for the Air Corps in Miami and never wanted to return to Florida until I saw the west coast."

Back in Ohio, Shakey started small shell shops in local shopping centers and they were so successful that he came right back to Sanibel for a trailorload of shells. He enjoyed his Ohio shell shop so much that he decided to combine the best of both worlds—shells and Sanibel and made plans for a permanent move to Sanibel.

"We had three months of garage sales," he recalls, "and were living on the ceiling."

"Our first shop location fell through," he said, "but we had already bought our condominium, so we were committed to the move."

While waiting for a second opening, Shakey worked at Casa Ybel and the Gulf Station. Finally, his spot in Periwinkle Place opened up and, on Oct. 8, he was in business. Since then he has had lots of comment, all favorable.

The shells and shell jewelry, some of which he makes himself, are joined

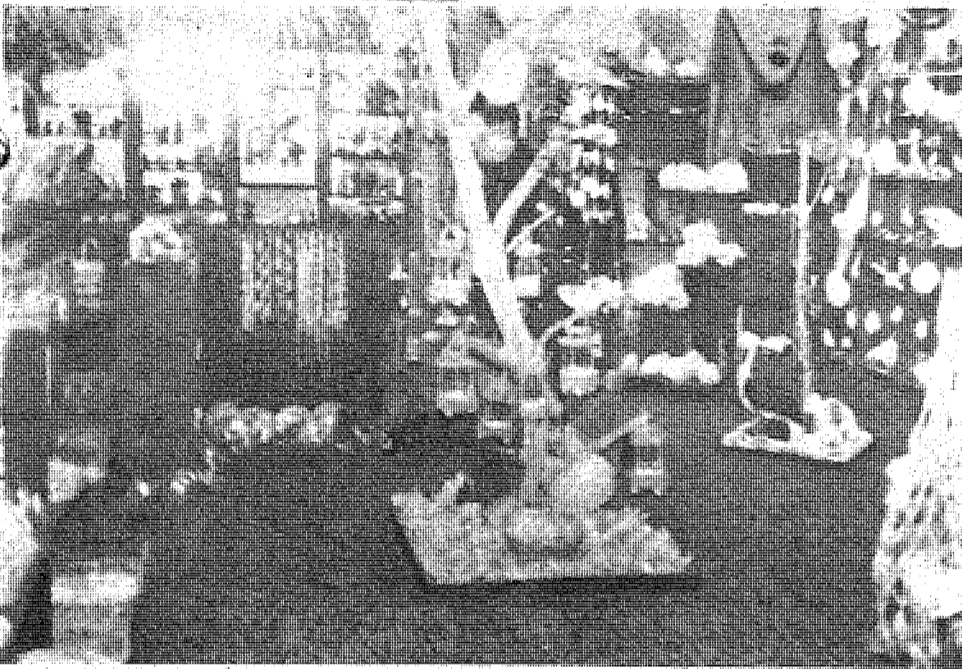
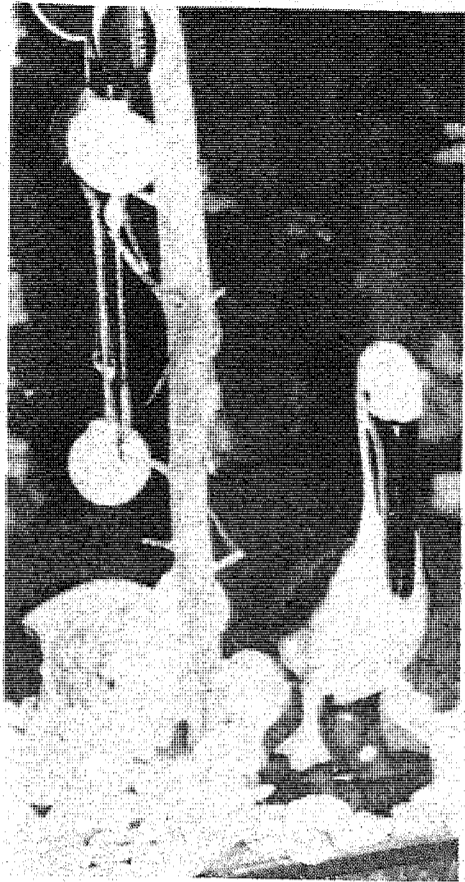
by hand-crafted pelicans and other birds, shell models (my favorite was Cinderella and the mice drawing her pumpkin, photos by Larry Huston of Fort Myers Beach, rare gold mother of pearl, cork hurricane lamps and hand-painted tiles.

Shakey is enjoying himself immensely. "I love dealing with people."

Would he do it again?

"Three times over. It took me all of an hour and a half to get used to his Island." He

has some interesting observations on our visitors, though, some of whom do take a little more than a couple of hours to acclimatize themselves to Sanibel. Shakey feels that it generally takes them two or three days to unwind. If they visit him on their first day here, Shakey says they still tend to be a little on the grouchy side. As one leaves The Noisy Oyster, however, one feels that after dealing with such a jovial individual, no one could stay grouchy for long!



Bob (Shakey) Shakespeare

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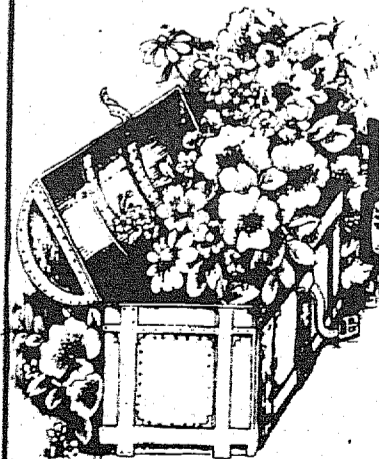
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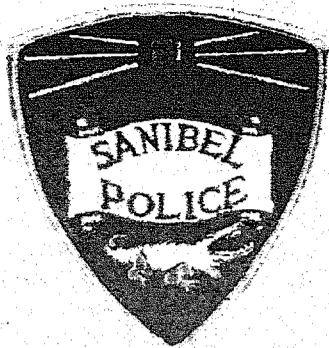
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# police reports



We feel duty bound to start this week's report off with an apology (of sorts) and an analogy. Seems that we've been lecturing you all for—well, going on two years now—about leaving valuables, visible or invisible, in your locked, parked cars.

We never even allowed an assumption that you might have left the keys in your car—oh heinous thought! Well, last Sunday, whilst working in the hinterlands of Cape Coral, we were working all night and we left our key in the car. The result—we walked out of the Breeze building at 6 a.m., only to find that there was not a car in sight, including our old, bashed-in who-would-want-to-steal anyway Vega.

Which, among other things, started us thinking. To those who daily fight traffic in New York, Milwaukee or Dubuque, for that matter, perhaps the Sanibel and Captiva parking areas seem like the hinterlands to you—so possibly you have no fear in leaving wallets, purses and packages in a parked car, because, after all, who's around to steal them in such an uncrowded (comparatively speaking) area? Right?

Wrong! So, we'll make a solemn bargain—we won't

leave our keys in our car anymore and you won't leave your wallet or purse in your locked car anymore. Okay?

P.S. Oh, with all due respect to the fine gentlemen of the Cape Coral Police Department, the car was located that afternoon when someone came home from work (or whatever) and complained bitterly that "someone" had stolen their condo parking place. The someone, fortunately for us, was whoever had ripped the Vega off in the first place, and who probably abandoned the car since the heat guage is broken and reads three degrees over the blow-up heat of aluminum engines.

Now that that's settled—on to the weekly report!

The emergency call boxes were used three times (all legitimate calls); "that" alarm went off eight times, with others going off seven, for a total of 15; one "dark house" check (which happened to be an unlocked city hall) was checked out because of an open door; the Sanibel Police Department rendered assistance of one sort or another 10 times; and the EMT's and/or ambulance were called upon seven; two parking violation citations were issued and a wallet, dog, coat and glasses

were found and returned to their respective owners, while a set of keys were found and put into the SPD locker for safekeeping.

A call came in from someone who rents fun things that his day's receipts were removed from a picnic table he uses as a desk as his back was turned. The cash was in a bank envelope and has not been heard from since.

An officer off duty called in requesting back-up as three people were acting suspiciously in that they had left a parked vehicle and were moving off into the brush carrying bags with unknown contents. Further investigation after much tracking, conversation and so forth, revealed the fact that the three were collecting old bottles and refuse.

A resident called in to report that "someone was walking in the woods behind his house" and that it was (the sound, presumably) disturbing his wife. Officers unable to locate any walkers in area. (Was that the same night the Big Foot flick was on?)

A citizen complained he'd walked up to a dog and petted it, at which point the dog bit him. After going to the doctor, etc., the dog's owner agreed to keep the dog confined for the required 10 days to make sure it doesn't have rabies.

Complaint was phoned to report campers on beach on Captiva with a large fire. Fire extinguished by Captiva Fire Department by time officer arrived.

A complaint was called in about a "suspicious activity" in that caller (who lived near a gas station) could smell a strong odor of

gasoline. Seems gas tanker (mobile) was filling station's gas tanks.

A complaint came in that a "large amount" of water was "shooting out of the ground" near a motel swimming pool and the caller was under the impression that a water line had broken and was causing the trouble. Investigation revealed that the sprinkler head had dislodged from the grass sprinkling system, which is where the water stemmed from. By the time this was discovered (within a matter of minutes) the original complainant could not be reached. Day shift will try.

A large black doberman was reported lost. It was found.

"A visitor" called to ask if he could camp on Bowman's Beach "like the other people were doing." SPD informed him of city ordinance prohibiting camping in such areas. The visitor then retorted there were two cars and a camper on the beach and why...

At this point, officer arrived on scene and was unable to locate cars or camper vehicle, although a tent was there. As soon as he had taken the tent down and stored it in the SPD four-wheeler for safekeeping, the owners showed up. Tent was returned and they were asked to move on. They did.

Complaint came in about "dogs barking in the area for over three hours... which was very noisy and bothersome." Owner of dogs couldn't be found; day shift will call upon same.

Resident called in to report a theft (which possibly happened in December) of two rings from her home.

Concerned citizen called

in to report vandalism of mailboxes in area. Officer discovered okay mailboxes on street where caller lived, but found a couple which had been tampered with a street or so over.

Call came in to report the illegal shooting of fireworks. Turned out someone had set off a Roman candle; owner of property promised it wouldn't happen again.

Call came in to report that gasoline had been stolen from his boat during the night, and it was the second time... Officer investigated. Seems that gas guage is not accurate and it is possible gas was not stolen. But then again...

Driver reported to city hall that there was a deep pot hole before the causeway and when it was run into by caller's car, the tire went flat. Officer found hole and measured it out at 4x2 feet by 7 inches deep.

Brush fire reported; fire department, etc., responded. Put fire out.

More barking dogs were complained of; dogs were not barking when officer arrived. Officer promised to check to see if barks could be heard later.

Visitors left purse and other things, like cash, in locked car and walked on beach for five minutes. Car purseless upon return. (See first paragraph of this report.)

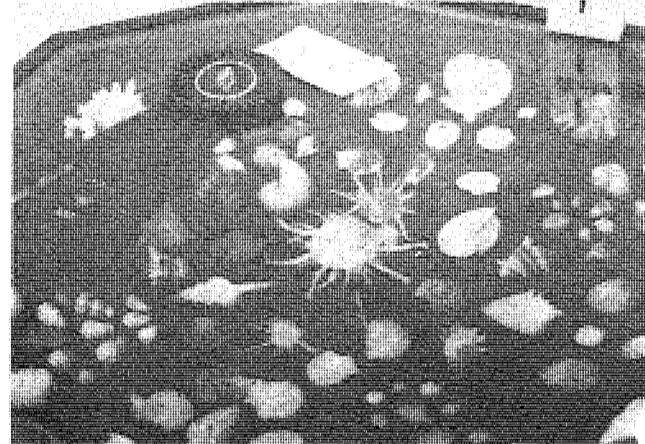
"Campers" reported; turned out to be visitors of house across the street.

Citizen stopped an officer and said that a woman had lost her husband. Later, condo owner reported the presence of a gentleman occupying a rocking chair. Putting clues together, woman and husband were reunited.

Call came in to ask to have officer look at two \$50 bills as it was thought they might be counterfeit. Officer didn't think so.

Call came in to report that caller could hear "Someone throwing trash on one of the empty lots." Officer investigated; found that neighbor's sprinkling system, when on, hit some bushes and making the trashy noises.

Call came in to complain of neighbor's use of noisy, cutting instrument "again" which was preventing caller from sleeping. This was not the first complaint.



Marsha Clifford's 1st place shell table

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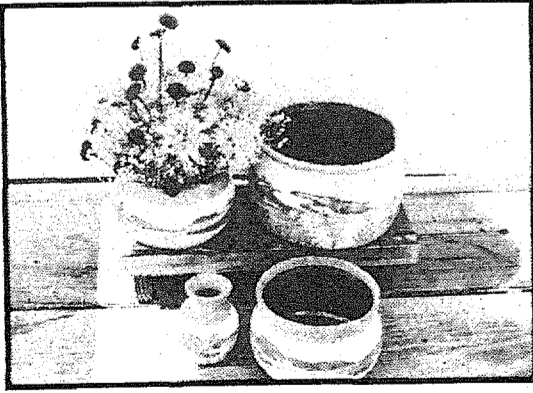


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(Including story lines, occasional pungent reviews and editorial notes here and there. NOTE: The local stations are completely at the mercy of the Big City. Networks when it comes to network scheduled movies, and to film distributors for locally scheduled movies, so if what is scheduled here is not what you see, please vent your ire on U.P.S. and or the Networks, not your local stations or the ISLANDER. Thank You.)

weekdays - sign-on thru 5:30 p.m.

5:58  
20-Sign On  
6:00  
20-Spanish Newscast  
6:04  
20-Gulf Coast Today  
6:08  
20-The Lucy Show  
6:30  
11-Morning Devotional  
6:38  
20-Gulf Coast Today  
6:35  
11-F.Y.I.  
6:55  
11-Spanish News  
7:00  
11-CBS Morning News  
20-Today  
26-Good Morning America  
7:25  
11-Local News  
20-Today in Florida  
7:30  
11-CBS Morning News  
8:00  
11-Captain Kangaroo  
8:25  
20-Today in Florida  
9:00  
11-Sesame Street  
20-Donahue!  
26-Sunshine Showcase:  
Tues., "Eye of the Cat," M. Sarrazin (1969); Wed., "Three Guns For Texas," Martin Milner (1968); Thurs., "Ride To Hangman's Tree," Jack Lord (1967); Fri., "Games," Simone Signoret (1967); Mon., March 14, "Funniest Man In The World," Charlie Chaplin (1965); Tues., "Breakfast At Tiffany's," Audrey Hepburn (1961).  
10:00  
11-Double Dare  
20-Sanford & Son  
10:30  
11-Merv Griffin  
20-Hollywood Squares  
10:58  
20-NBC News Minute  
11:00  
20-Wheel of Fortune  
26-Can You Top This?  
11:30  
11-Love of Life  
20-Shoot For The Stars  
26-Happy Days  
11:55  
11-CBS News Minute  
12 Noon  
11-News Eleven  
20-Name That Tune  
26-Second Chance  
12:30  
11-Search For Tomorrow  
20-Lovers and Friends  
26-Ryan's Hope  
12:58  
20-NBC News Minute  
1:00  
11-The Young & The Restless  
20-The Gong Show  
26-All My Children  
1:30  
11-As The World Turns

20-Days of Our Lives  
26-Family Feud  
2:00  
26-\$20,000 Pyramid  
2:30  
11-The Guiding Light  
20-The Doctors  
26-One Life To Live  
2:58  
20-NBC News Minute  
3:00  
11-All In The Family  
20-Another World  
3:15  
26-General Hospital  
3:30  
11-Match Game '77  
3:58  
20-NBC News Minute  
4:00  
11-Tattle Tales  
6:00  
11-News Eleven  
20-Eyewitness News  
26-NewsScene  
6:30  
11-CBS News  
20-NBC News  
26-ABC News  
7:00  
11-David Niven  
20-Adam 12  
26-To Tell The Truth  
7:30  
11-Andy Williams  
20-Hollywood Squares  
26-Bobby Vinton  
8:00  
11-Who's Who  
20-Baa, Baa Black Sheep  
26-Billy Graham

20-Bewitched  
26-Edge of Night  
4:30  
11-Mike Douglas  
20-Hogan's Heroes  
26-Dialing for Dollars:  
Tues., "Black Noon," Yvette Mimieux (1971); Wed., ABC Afterschool Special: "The Horrible Hanchos" followed by "Can You Top This?" at 5:30; Thurs., "Frankenstein Meets The Space Monster," James Karen; 5:00  
20-Emergency One!  
5:30 (Wed. Only)  
26-Can You Top This?  
9:00  
11-M.A.S.H.  
20-Police Woman  
26-Rich Man, Poor Man  
9:30  
11-One Day At A Time  
10:00  
11-Kojak  
20-Police Story  
26-Family  
11:00  
11-News Eleven  
20-Eyewitness News  
26-NewsScene  
11:30  
11-CBS Late Movie:  
"Trapped," starring James Brolin and Earl Holliman  
20-The Tonight Show

tuesday - 6 p.m. on



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LAFF THAT OFF	SUNDAY	MARCH 13
PAGAN IN THE PARLOR	SATURDAY	MARCH 19
GOODNIGHT MRS. PUFFIN	SUNDAY	MARCH 20
LAFF THAT OFF	SUNDAY	MARCH 27
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26-ABC Tuesday Movie:  
"Our Man Flint & Dead On Target"  
1:00 a.m.  
20-The Tomorrow Show  
wednesday -  
6 p.m. on  
6:00  
11-News Eleven  
20-Eyewitness News  
26-NewsScene

9:30  
20-McLean Stevenson  
10:00  
20-Tales of The Unexpected  
26-Charlie's Angels  
11:00  
11-News Eleven  
20-Eyewitness News  
26-NewsScene

11:30  
11-CBS Late Movie: "Day Of The Evil Gun," with Glenn Ford and Arthur Kennedy  
20-The Tonight Show  
26-"The Rookies" & ABC Mystery Movie: "The Last Bridge of Salem"  
1:00 a.m.  
20-The Tomorrow Show

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6:00 11-News Eleven 20-Eyewitness News 26-NewsScene	10:00 26-Sentry Collection	"Kojak: Death Is Not A Passing Grade," & "The Looking Glass War," with Chris Jones.
6:30 11-CBS News 20-NBC News 26-ABC News	11:00 11-News Eleven 20-Eyewitness News 26-NewsScene	20-The Tonight Show 26-ABC Thursday Night Special
7:00 11-Florida Yesterday, in which local good ole boy Frog Smith tells delightful tales of his early days when Southern "cracker" life was real, in a well-produced program.	11:30 11-CBS Late Movie:	1:00 a.m. 20-The Tomorrow Show
20-Adam 12 26-To Tell The Truth	6:00 11-News Eleven 20-Eyewitness News 26-NewsScene	10:00 11-Hunter 20-Quincy
7:30 11-The Muppets 20-Hollywood Squares 26-Victory at Sea	6:30 11-CBS News 20-NBC News 26-ABC News	11:00 11-News Eleven 20-Eyewitness News 26-NewsScene
8:00 11-The Waltons 20-Fantastic Journey 26-Billy Graham	7:00 11-Hee Haw 20-Adam 12 26-To Tell The Truth	11:30 11-CBS Late Show: "Ben," with Joseph Campanella and Meridith Baxter
9:00 11-"A Circle Of Children," a dramatic special about a wealthy suburbanite who volunteers for duty in a school for emotionally disturbed children.	7:30 20-Candid Camera 26-Nashville On The Road	12:30 26-Friday All Night Movies (Till 7 a.m.) "Seven Times Seven," "Terry Thomas (1972); "Three The Hard Way," Jim Brown (1974); "Blood & Black Lace," Cameron Mitchell (1965); "Taffy & The Jungle Hunter," Shari Marshal (1965).
20-NBC's Best Seller: "The Rhinemann Exchange," with Stephen Collins, Lauren Hutton, Roddy McDowell, Jose Ferrer.	8:00 11-Code R 20-Sanford & Son 26-Billy Graham	1:00 a.m. 20-The Chicago Soul Special hosted by Don Cornelius and The Spinners
26-Barney Miller (Most everybody's favorite cop)	8:30 20-Chico & The Man 8:58 Approx 20-NBC News Update	
9:30 26-The Tony Randall Show	9:00 11-Sonny & Cher 20-The Rockford Files 26-ABC Friday Movie: "Let's Scare Jessica To Death"	

friday - 6 p.m. on

6:57 11-Morning Devotional 7:00 11-Music and The Spoken Word 20-The Lucy Show 26-Big Valley	7:30 11-Fury 20-Little Rascals 8:00 11-Sylvester & Tweety 20-Woody Woodpecker 26-"Tom & Jerry" and "Mumbly Show"	8:30 11-Clue Club 20-Pink Panther Laugh and a Half Show 26-Jabber Jaw
8:55 26-Schoolhouse Rock	9:00 11-"Bugs Bunny" & "Roadrunner" Hour 26-Scooby Doo & Dynomut	10:00 11-Tarzan, Lord of The Jungle 20-Speed Buggy
10:25 26-Schoolhouse Rock	10:30 11-New Adventures of Batman 20-Monster Squad 26-Kroffts Supershow	11:00 11-"Shazam!" & "Isis" 20-"Space Ghost" & "Frankenstein, Jr."
11:30 20-Big John, Little John		

saturday - all day

26-Super Friends 11:55 26-Schoolhouse Rock 12 Noon 11-Fat Albert & The Cosby Kids 20-Land of The Lost 26-Oddball Couple	12:25 26-Schoolhouse Rock 12:30 11-Ark II 20-Muggsy 26-American Bandstand	1:00 11-Way Out Games 20-Fla. Champ Wrestling
1:30 11-CBS Children's Film Festival 26-WEVU-TV Afternoon Special: "Harlow" starring Carol Lynley	2:00 11-WINK-End Movie: "In This Our Life," in which Bette Davis, Olivia DeHavilland, etc., play roles in the tale of a mean female who not only runs off with her sister's first husband but also tries to wreck the relationship between her sibling and the SECOND husband. (1942)	2:10 20-NCAA College Basketball Double Header on NBC - teams TBA
20-Grandstand	3:30 26-Pro Bowlers Tour	4:00 11-Doral Open
	5:00 11-CBS Sports Spectacular 26-Wide World of ABC Sports	6:00 11-News Eleven 20-Eyewitness News Weekend
	6:30 11-Thirty Minutes 20-NBC Saturday News 26-Peter Marshall Variety Show	7:00 11-Lawrence Welk 20-Undersea World of Jacques Costeau
	8:00 11-Mary Tyler Moore 20-Emergency! 26-Mrs. Blansky's Beauties	8:30 11-Bob Newhart Show 26-Fish
	9:00 11-All In The Family 20-NBC Saturday Movie: "Mean Streets," a gritty grim look at "life" in New York's "Little Italy" and the mob family.	9:30 26-Starsky & Hutch
	11-Alice	10:00 11-"Where Do We Go From Here?" the Shirley MacLaine musical

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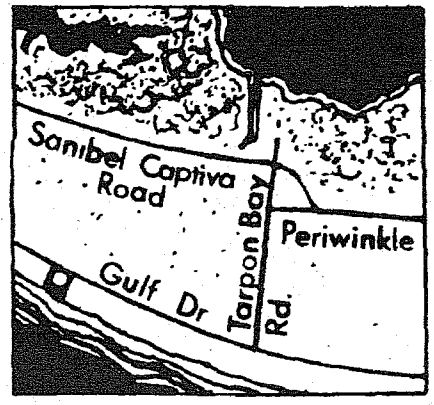
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DATE	HI	LO	RAINFALL
February 25	78	56	none
February 26	77	60	none
February 27	(No reading taken)		
February 28	66	62	.01
March 1	68	50	none
March 2	74	52	none
March 3	78	54	none

## Weather around the country

City & Fcst	Hi	Lo	Pcp	Kansas City f	41	32
Albuquerque f	54	24	....	Las Vegas pc	67	39
Anchorage sy	22	10	....	Little Rock sy	57	41
Asheville sy	48	38	.21	Los Angeles pc	76	53
Atlanta sy	50	37	.71	Louisville sy	54	28
Billings pc	54	38	....	Memphis sy	59	34
Birmingham c	51	33	.10	Miami Beach pc	79	73
Boston pc	47	38	....	Milwaukee sy	36	28
Buffalo cy	35	31	....	Minneapolis sy	32	13
Charleston S.C. pc	56	52	.92	Nashville f	55	31
Charlotte N.C. sy	54	46	....	New Orleans sy	61	49 .08
Chicago pc	39	31	....	New York pc	53	35
Cleveland pc	33	29	....	Oklahoma City sy	60	35
Columbus sy	47	23	....	Omaha sy	50	28
Dallas f	58	36	....	Philadelphia pc	54	37
Denver f	57	31	....	Phoenix sy	72	47
Des Moines sy	47	24	....	Pittsburgh pc	47	25
Detroit pc	35	32	....	Portland Me. pc	39	29
Duluth sy	38	19	....	Portland Ore. f	52	44 .23
El Paso sy	53	20	....	Providence pc	47	30
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# City, conservationists alarmed at IWA

In recent weeks, the Island Water Association's (IWA) current operations and expansion program have become the subjects of close scrutiny and concern for both city officials and Island conservationists alike.

The trouble started a few weeks ago when abnormally high levels of toxic mercury were discovered in sediment samples taken from an area of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's "nature trail" property just south of the IWA's main plant on Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Taken during the month of February by the Lee County Environmental Laboratory, the samples revealed concentrations of 1.0, 1.3 and 3.0 milligrams of mercury per kilogram of soil at three closely spaced test locations behind the IWA plant, and concentrations of .5 milligrams of mercury per kilogram of soil in the muddy sediment of the Sanibel River about one-half mile away.

Mercury, a toxic substance to many living organisms, should not be present in detectable levels in surface water under Florida law, although no state regulations cover allowable mercury concentrations in soil.

At first, IWA and local conservation officials thought that the source of the mercury might have been water pressure gauges in the IWA

desalination plant, which are subject to failure and mercury spillage in small amounts. Last week, IWA General Manager Larry Snell was inclined to discard that possibility.

"There was only one instance where one of those gauges ever broke, and that was about ten months ago," Snell said. "Maybe one-sixteenth of a shot glass could have seeped out from that accident, although it's extremely doubtful that it could contaminate any large area."

"From what I hear, they've found rather high concentrations of mercury even over by the Conservation Center site, which could have no relation whatsoever to the water plant," Snell continued.

Snell suggested that the high levels of mercury found in the recent soil samples could be due to fertilizer containing the substance which was applied liberally to the area many years ago when the land was used for agriculture.

"Mercury is a highly toxic substance and the recent tests signal an area of serious concern," said Conservation Foundation Director Dick Workman last week. "These findings in themselves are inconclusive, but indicate a definite need for a more extensive investigation to determine the amount of mercury dissolved in the ground and surface waters and to examine fish and

other aquatic organisms to see if they are accumulating mercury."

Workman said that the IWA is making equipment modifications to prevent future spills from the pressure gauges and has called for additional monitoring of surface water around their plant. Also, the State's Department of Environmental Regulation and the regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Atlanta are investigating to determine the extent of the presence of mercury and possible corrective action.

According to Snell, EPA chemists were on the Island last week to take further samples from the vicinity of the IWA plant.

Also in recent weeks, the work of IWA contractors at the site of the proposed 1 million-gallon storage tank facility north of Sanibel-Captiva Road at the west end of the Island has come under fire from officials of the city government and specifically, from city vegetation committee chairman George Campbell.

During a vegetation inspection Campbell made of the site on February 25, he discovered that IWA workmen were clearing more vegetation than what was permitted them under the city's comprehensive land use plan. Stakes had been erected at the site along the perimeter of the area to be

cleared, but Campbell said that the stakes had been knocked down by heavy machinery and the vegetation clearance had exceeded that which the city had permitted the IWA.

Campbell approached the city council last Tuesday to suggest that the city adopt a policy of requiring contractors to erect fences around vegetation to be saved on any construction site in the future.

City Manager Bill Nungester informed Campbell that the city had already adopted such a policy administratively, but that the policy was terribly difficult to enforce. Nungester suggested that the city might require all heavy machinery operators who work on Sanibel to obtain city certificates of competency, which are currently required of many other types of contractors.

Councilman Duane White proposed to the council that the time has come to "really get tough" on violators of the city's vegetation ordinance, although the council took no formal action in the matter last week.

As a result of Campbell's vegetation inspection of February 25, city Planning Director Carleton Ryffel posted a stop work order at the IWA site later that day, after learning that approximately four feet of fill had been

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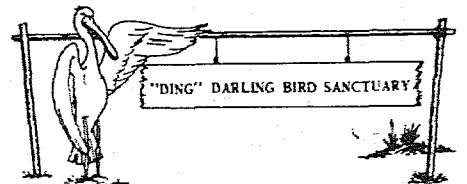
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## Bids for river weir to be let soon

City Manager Bill Nungester reported that detailed engineering plans for constructing a proposed weir in the Sanibel River at Beach Road have been completed by city consulting engineers.

According to Nungester, advertisements for the construction are being run in the Fort Myers News Press, with bids for the work scheduled to be opened on March 25.

Johnson Engineering will assist the city manager in tabulating the bids. He estimates that he will be able to make a recommendation to the city council for letting the work by their first meeting in April.

Nungester reported that the city has submitted an application for the proposed work to the Department of Environmental Regulation, and has mailed requests for the necessary easements to adjacent property owners.

A \$15,000 grant for the project has already been approved by the State of Florida.

## Work begun on city budget

According to City Manager Bill Nungester, work has begun in City Hall on the preparation of a proposed capital improvement budget, as well as for operating budgetary adjustments for the current fiscal year.

The coming weeks should yield recommendations for budgeting additional Causeway Surplus funds and Federal Revenue Sharing monies received in recent months, Nungester reported, with a proposed capital improvement program slated to be ready for review by the city Finance Committee and Planning Commission by early April.

## Rocks Civic Assoc. boosts environment

This picture depicts an optimistic scene which transpired last Wednesday as Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss offered thanks to Rocks Civic Association President Jack Stormer.

On behalf of the Rocks Association, Stormer presented the mayor with a \$350 check for the Sanibel Environmental Defense Fund.

Goss told Stormer that the much appreciated donation would serve to "prime the pump" for a city environmental fund raising campaign expected to begin in the near future. Donations to the Environmental Defense Fund are needed to help defray the cost of legal expenses the city will incur in defending the comprehensive land use plan from new lawsuits which have been filed in recent months.

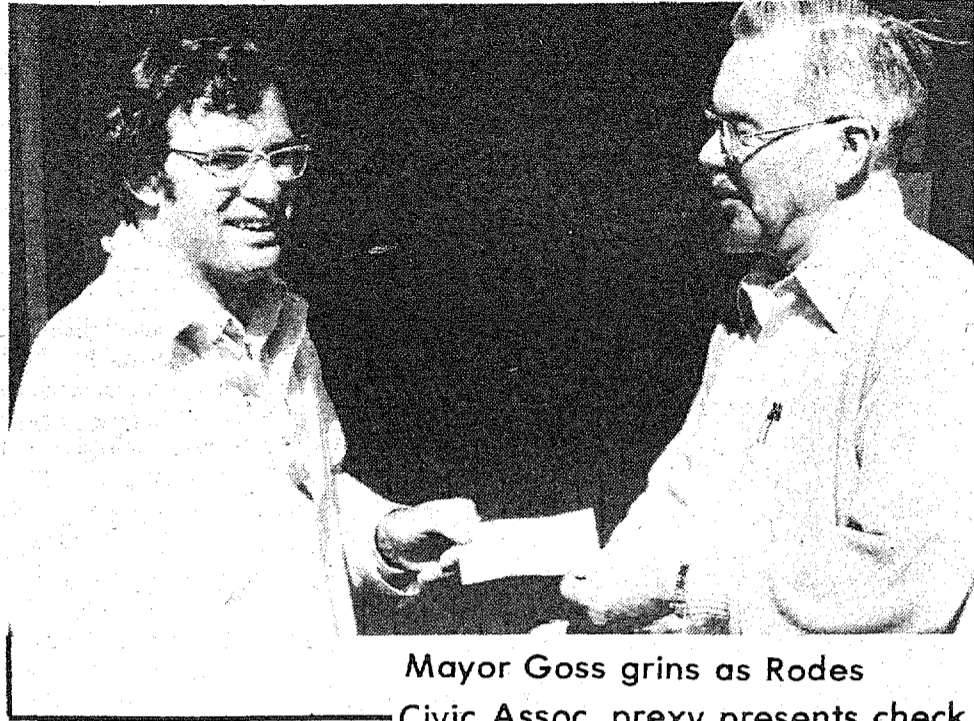
Including this recent donation, the Environmental Defense Fund contains \$1,661.20 in cash as well as stocks valued at \$2,612.50, according to City Clerk Mildred Howze.

## City Hall site selection narrowed

In their first official meeting last Friday morning in MacKenzie Hall, the city's three-man Site Selection Committee managed to tentatively rule out 9 of 12 sites which have been offered to the city as a possible location for a proposed city municipal complex.

On the basis of criteria such as cost, size, accessibility, and the current zoning of the parcels which have been offered thus far, the committee narrowed the list of offers to about 6 that are still being actively considered.

In creating the committee, the city council directed its members to investigate and assign priorities to all parcels of land which are offered for sale. The council specified that a site of about 5 acres would be desirable, with a cost estimate of approximately \$350,000 for the acquisition of a city hall site having been proposed by the city's Finance Committee in their draft of a



Mayor Goss grins as Rodes Civic Assoc. prexy presents check

5-year capital improvements budget for Sanibel.

The council also registered a preference for land which carries a commercial designation under the city's comprehensive land use plan, while declining to categorically rule out offers of rental property.

Among those offers which survived the first cut last week is the Sanibel Community Association's recent offer of 4.6 acres of land directly across from the Sanibel Community House. The Association property carries a price tag of \$195,000.

The Site Selection Committee, including Albert Edwards, Ray Fenton, and Chairman Fred Valtin, has tentatively scheduled another meeting for the morning of March 18 to assign priorities to the 6 remaining offers which look most promising, with an eye to making a recommendation to the city council as soon as possible.

It should be noted that the committee's current list of sites for consideration is "not complete or exclusive," in the words of Chairman Valtin. "If someone were to come in next week with an offer that's superbly attractive, I suppose we'll consider it," he said.

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# Record



## 1st hearing for specific amendments

At their regular meeting last Tuesday, the Sanibel City Council gave first hearings to proposed specific amendments to the city's comprehensive land use plan requested by:

—Mary LeRoux to permit the construction of additional storage space behind the Once Upon A Time antique shop on Periwinkle Way;

—Richard J. Smith to permit the construction of a swimming pool at 836 Angel Wing Drive;

—Elliott T. Arnold to permit the construction of a single-family home on three contiguous lots in the Sanibel Shores Subdivision off Donax Street;

—Robert E. Hastings to permit the construction of three single-family homes on three contiguous lots in the Gulf Pines II Subdivision;

—Jonathan L. Bourne to permit the construction of a swimming pool at 746 Sand Dollar Drive;

—Jimmy Cipriani to permit the construction of a helicopter landing pad and storage facility at 2029 Periwinkle Way; and

—Myton Ireland to permit the construction of a single-family home on three contiguous lots at the west end of Lighthouse Way.

All of the proposed specific amendments listed above are slated for a second hearing and possible approval from the council on April 5.

## 1st general ammendment to be heard

The first request for a general amendment to the city's comprehensive land use plan will be heard by the city council this Thursday in MacKenzie Hall beginning at 5:01 p.m.

The request was filed by Quinton B. McNew for a density increase for his Little Lake Murex Subdivision north of West Gulf Drive.

The proposal requires a general amendment to the land use plan because it involves an area greater than 20 acres.

## Dog survey reveals apathy

According to city records, 260 dog licenses have been issued on Sanibel to date.

During the annual dog license renewals which were completed recently, the city asked every applicant whether they would favor or oppose more stringent dog control laws for Sanibel, as were proposed last year by the city's Public Health Committee.

Stricter dog control found favor with 41 dogowners on Sanibel, but was held in disfavor by 32 canine fanciers. The majority of those polled in the informal survey, 174 in all, had either no opinion or a qualified opinion in the matter.

Evidently, the majority of Island dogowners think the whole question is for the dogs.

## Council denies Evans amendment

The city council voted unanimously last Tuesday to uphold the city planning commission's recommendation of denial for a specific amendment to the comprehensive land use plan requested by James O. Evans of Sanibel.

The specific amendment proposed by Evans requested full commercial zoning for 1,300 feet of property along Rabbit Road.

In another hearing last week before the city planning commission, Evans received tentative conceptual approval to develop 8 single-family building lots in his Sanibel River Estates Subdivision at the south end of Rabbit Road under the clustering provision contained in the city's land use plan. Final approval of Evans' proposal is subject to his submitting detailed plat plans to the city for the lot realignment.

According to Planning Commission Chairman Ann Winterbotham, Evans' invocation of the clustering concept in the plan involves a proposal to dedicate a stretch of his land along Rabbit Road to the city for the expansion of the Island's bike path network. The proposal would require the acceptance of the city council to become a reality.

## Occupational license fees reviewed

The city's Finance Advisory Committee met last Wednesday in MacKenzie Hall to begin reviewing the city's current occupational license ordinance.

The fee schedule contained in the ordinance is expected to receive some revision in the process, as many Islanders, including the Chamber of Commerce, have complained that the current occupational license fees are inequitable in some respects.

The Finance Committee was to have met on Monday of this week to continue their review and revision of the city's occupational licensing procedure.

## Sanibel Highlanders to discuss access problems

Residents of the Sanibel Highlands Subdivision area near the western end of Middle Gulf Drive will meet with Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss this Sunday, March 13, at the Sanibel Community House beginning at 7:00 p.m. to discuss a number of public access problems in the area.

The group has petitioned the city council to take action over the recent closing of a portion of Old Cemetery Road, which connected Middle Gulf Drive with Casa Ybel Road and provided beach access to the residents of Sanibel Highlands.

A portion of Old Cemetery Road was closed off recently by the Hugger-Kennedy Corporation, developers of the Signal Inn which is now under construction in the area.

According to City Attorney Neal Bowen, the corporation is within its rights to close the section of the road which they own, as Old Cemetery Road was never dedicated to either the city or Lee County prior to Sanibel's incorporation. The road is soft sand and shell, and has never been paved.

Bowen noted, however, that the courts might declare Old Cemetery Road a public easement because of its past common use by public vehicular traffic.

According to city officials, the city is about to undertake an Islandwide study of public and private rights-of-way and related access problems on Sanibel.

The petitioners welcome all input from any other residents of the area at Sunday's meeting.

## San-Cap road speed limit may be more limited

Nungester reported that weight restrictions were also being contemplated for the road, with City Police Chief John Butler and city engineers currently studying the matter.

Councilman Duane White was of the opinion that the present speed limit on the Island's main artery to Captiva is not being observed and urged stricter enforcement of the existing 45 mph speed limit.

The Sanibel City Council is considering a number of requests they have received for lower speed limits on Sanibel-Captiva Road, primarily because of the damage being done to the road and its shoulders by fast-moving truck traffic, according to City Manager Bill Nungester.

## Sign workshop postponed til Wednesday

The city council's scheduled workshop session on a proposed draft to revise the city's controversial Sign Ordinance was postponed last week at the request of the Island Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber's Civic Affairs Committee has been studying the proposed legislation and will meet with the general membership tonight at 7:30 to prepare input for the council to consider.

The council's workshop session on the sign ordinance will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 9.

## Campbell confuses council

The city's environmental watchdog, George Campbell, managed to confuse virtually everyone in City Hall last week, as he was appointed to his fourth committee seat despite a somewhat infirm council policy dictating that committee members should sit on no more than two city advisory committees.

Campbell was appointed to the city's

Public Health Committee last Tuesday, as was Mrs. Francis Spicer, to fill vacancies occasioned by the recently accepted resignations of Dr. Mordecai Haber and others.

The council voted to approve Councilman Duane White's recommendation to appoint Campbell under the impression that the city's guerrilla naturalist had resigned the Sanibel River and Wetlands Management Committee earlier in the week.

Campbell later claimed that he had not officially resigned the committee, although both the committee and the council had accepted his resignation.

"I only told them that I might be forced to resign in order to accept the other appointment and that it had been a pleasure working with them if I didn't show up for the next meeting," said George.

Among other advisory duties, Campbell is the chairman of the city's Vegetation Committee.

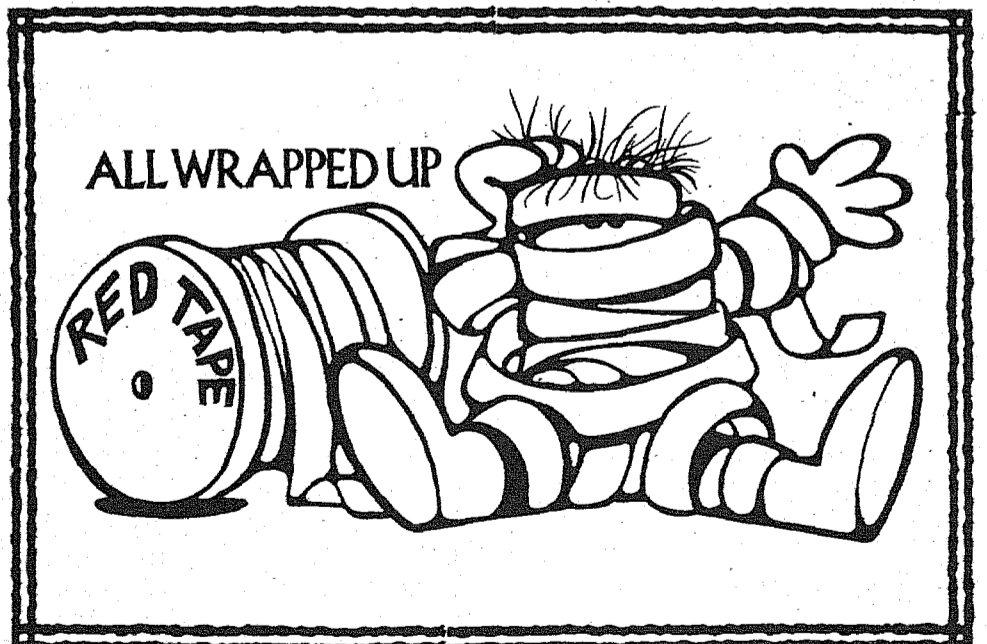
## Council nixes Watson on Shell Harbor

The Sanibel City Council voted 4 to 1 last Tuesday to overturn a recommendation from City Attorney Neal Bowen that Fort Myers attorney Frank Watson be retained to continue in the city's defense of a suit for injunctive and declaratory relief filed last June by Shell Harbor Inn owner Dave Holtzman.

"This suit has been very inactive and has not entailed a great deal of expense for the city," Bowen told the council. As Holtzman's recent attempts to negotiate the desired density for the Inn have failed to gain city approval, he now intends to press forward with the lawsuit, he told the ISLANDER recently.

No decision has been handed down yet on a city motion to dismiss the suit which was filed last July, Bowen told the council.

Attorney Watson was Sanibel's first city attorney, but was replaced by Bowen last summer to provide the city with a full time, in-house legal services.



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## IWA

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placed on the site without a city development permit having been issued for the work. The IWA had previously been ordered to halt work after they had begun clearing the site without a city vegetation permit.

"Our engineer, Bennet and Bishop, is responsible for the project," said Snell last week. "It was his impression that he had fulfilled all of the city's requirements."

"I guess it was never made too clear that we needed to pull development permits," added Snell, who said that IWA contractors have been hauling dirt to the site since January 19. City Manager Nungester claims that he called the IWA on the morning of February 25 to remind them that development permits had not been issued. Nungester further said that he has taken great pains to inform the IWA that city development permits are required for any construction work carried on in the city.

"Frankly, I'm puzzled by what's going on," said Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss last Tuesday. "I'm hoping for better cooperation and coordination with the IWA in the future."

The mayor's concern for better cooperation between the city and the IWA was echoed by Snell later last week.

"Normally, a water company is treated as a part of the city, rather than as an adversary," Snell said. "In this case, the city is trying to make it impossible for the water company to expand."

When the matter was brought to the attention of the city council last Tuesday, City Manager Nungester informed the council that the IWA has

revised their plans for the proposed tank to a 2 million-gallon storage capacity, as they had originally requested almost two years ago. To comply with the land use plan, the IWA had reduced their request to a 1 million-gallon storage facility to conform to the provisions governing vegetation clearance.

The IWA board of directors met last week to consider the possibility of declaring a moratorium on all new hook-ups to the system. According to Snell, "it's a possibility that looms ahead."

"We decided that we're going to need much more than a 2 million-gallon tank eventually to meet the demand for potable water on this Island," said Snell. "Our opportunity to get this tank in place and operating by next season has expired," he complained. "The project has now been postponed and we'll probably have to institute a moratorium on new hook-ups in the not too distant future."

Snell is slated to meet with Goss, Ryffel and Nungester sometime this week to initiate a better coordination of IWA and city programs. According to Snell, the IWA will request that the city designate specific areas in the land use plan in which the IWA can operate, as well as that the city revise the permitting procedures for IWA operations.

"We are tired of being placed in an adversary position," said Snell. "The land use plan should incorporate the necessary growth of all public services. In my opinion, the plan wasn't done too well and didn't even consider necessary services, but we're hoping that we can work things out as soon as possible."

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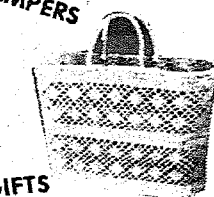
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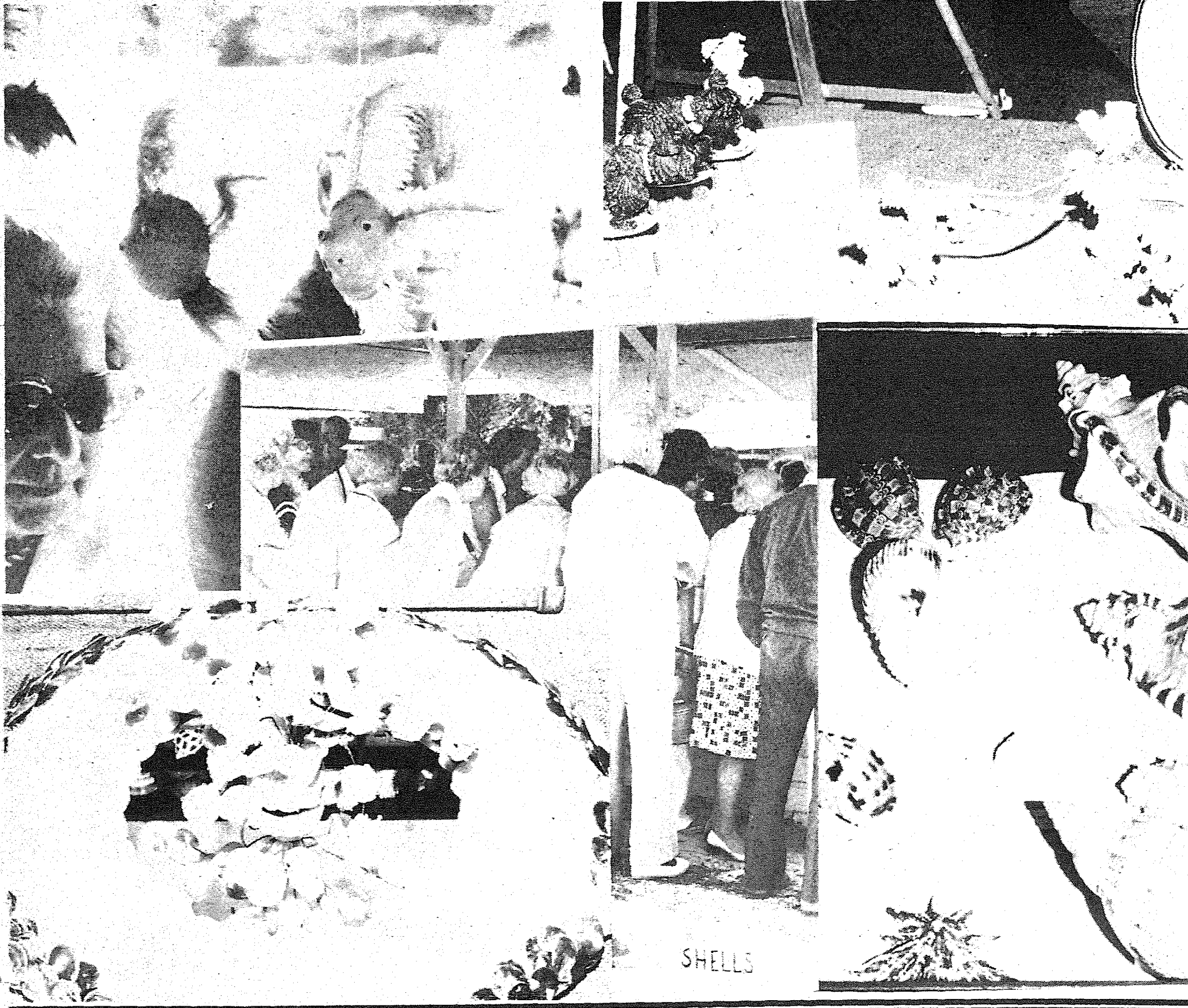
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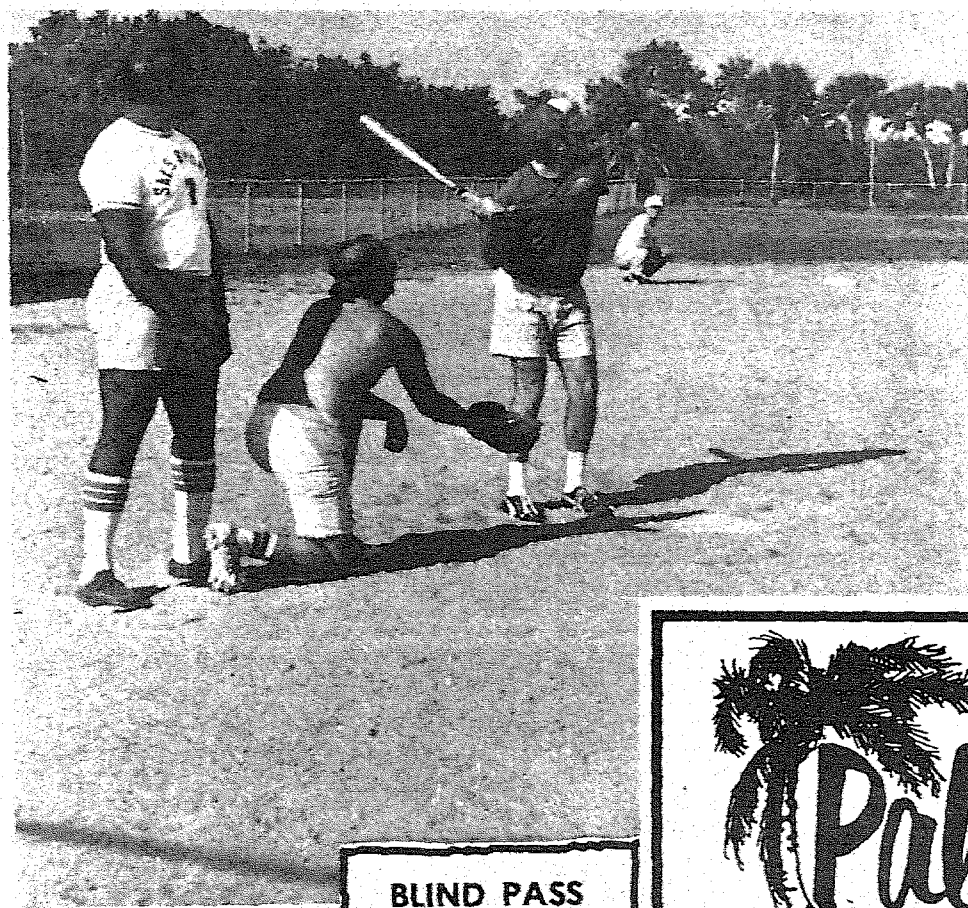
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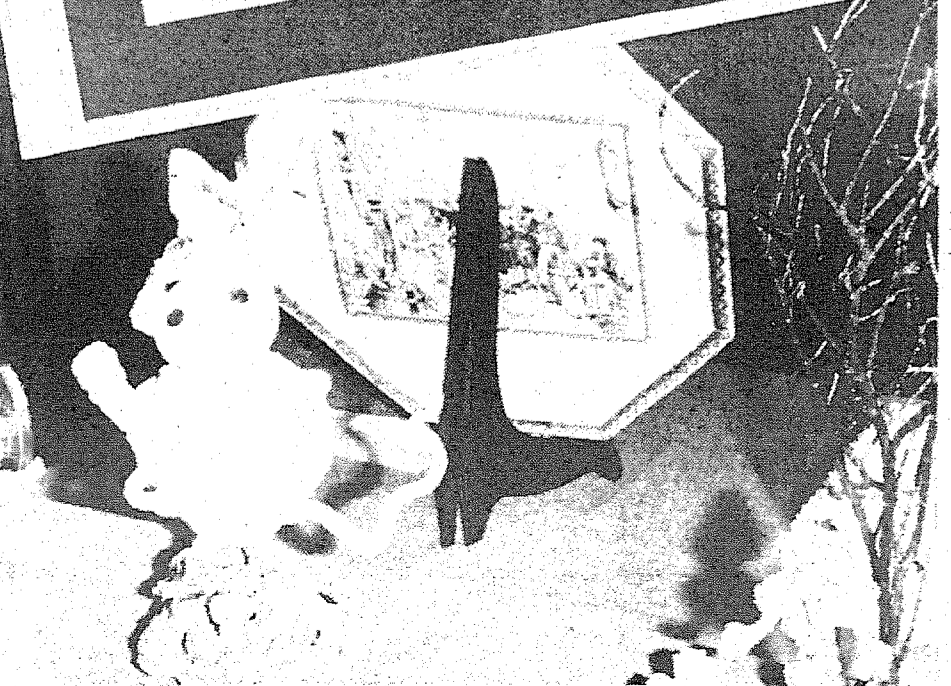
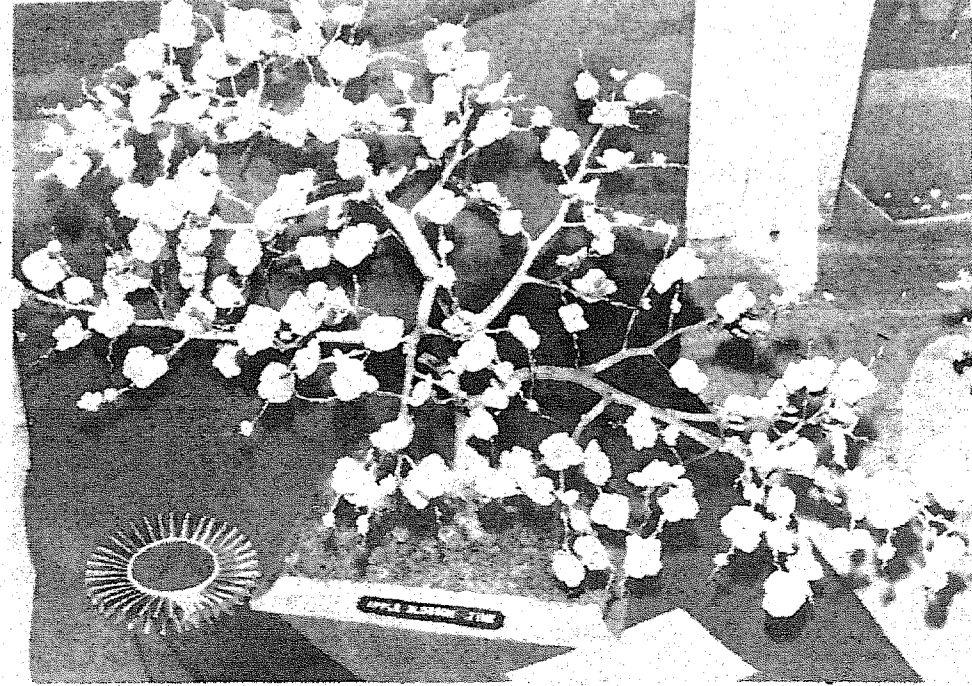
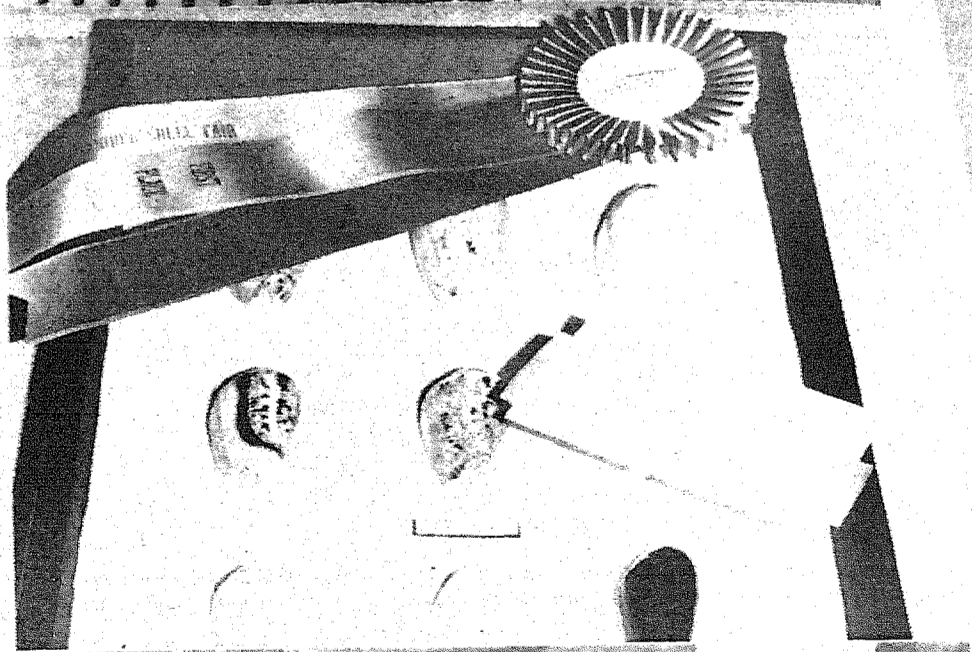
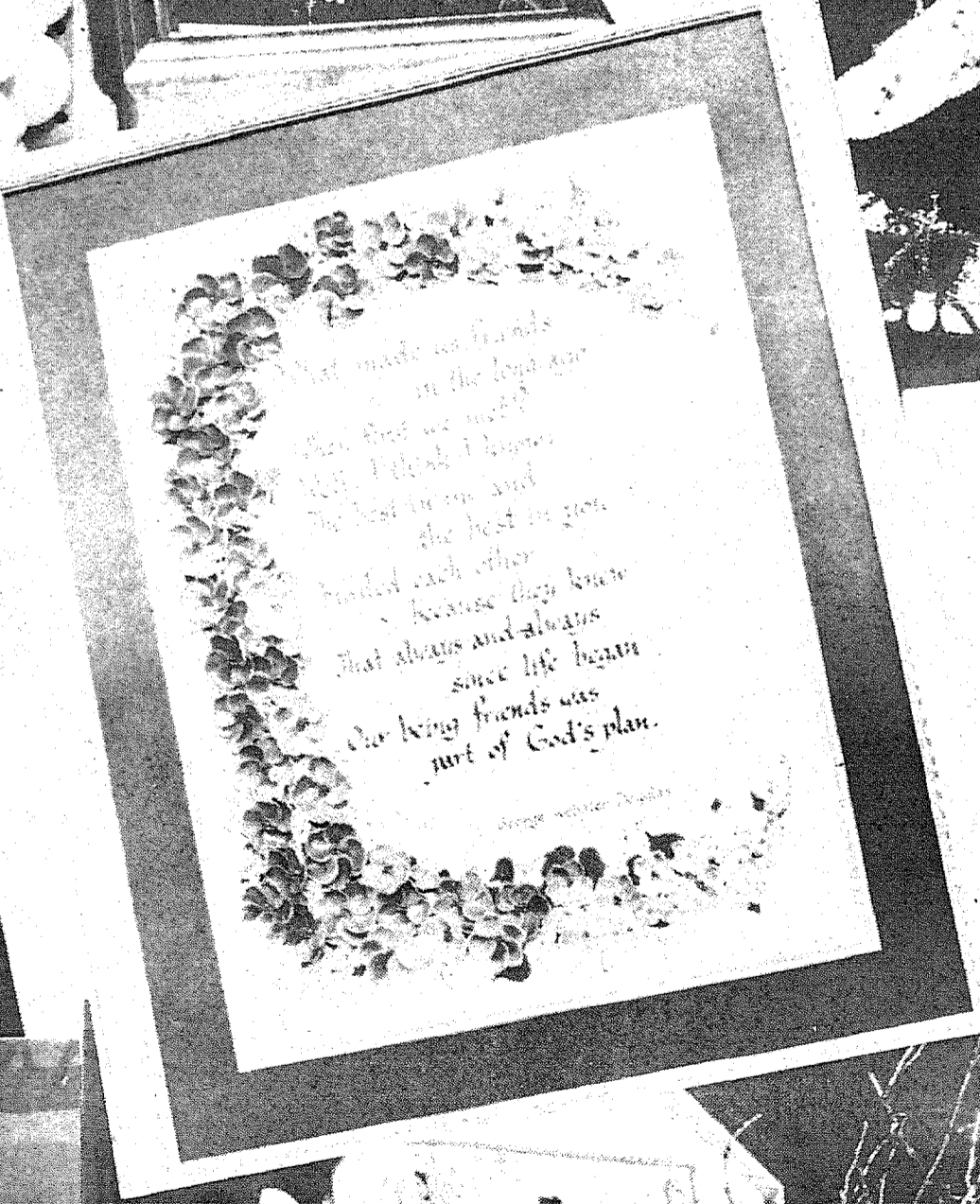
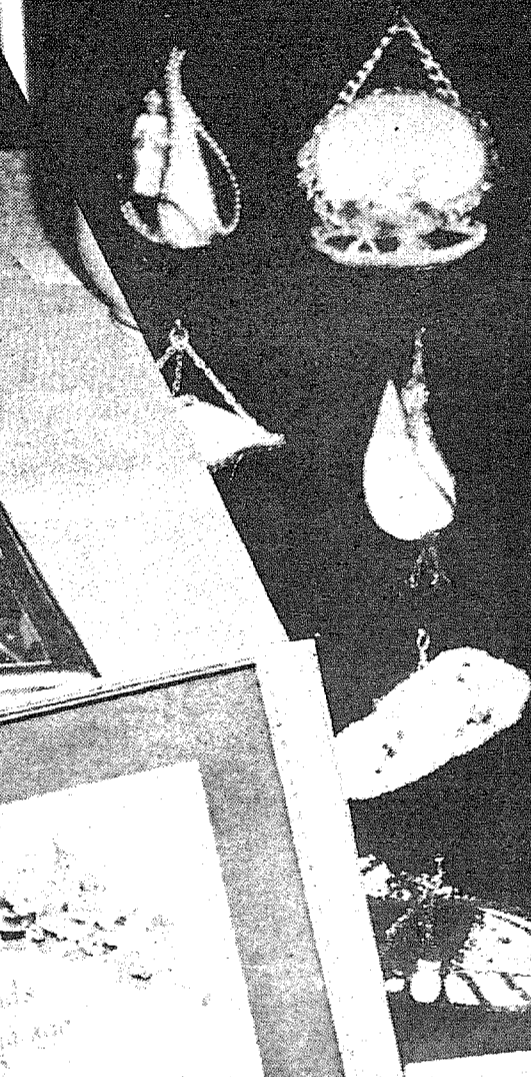
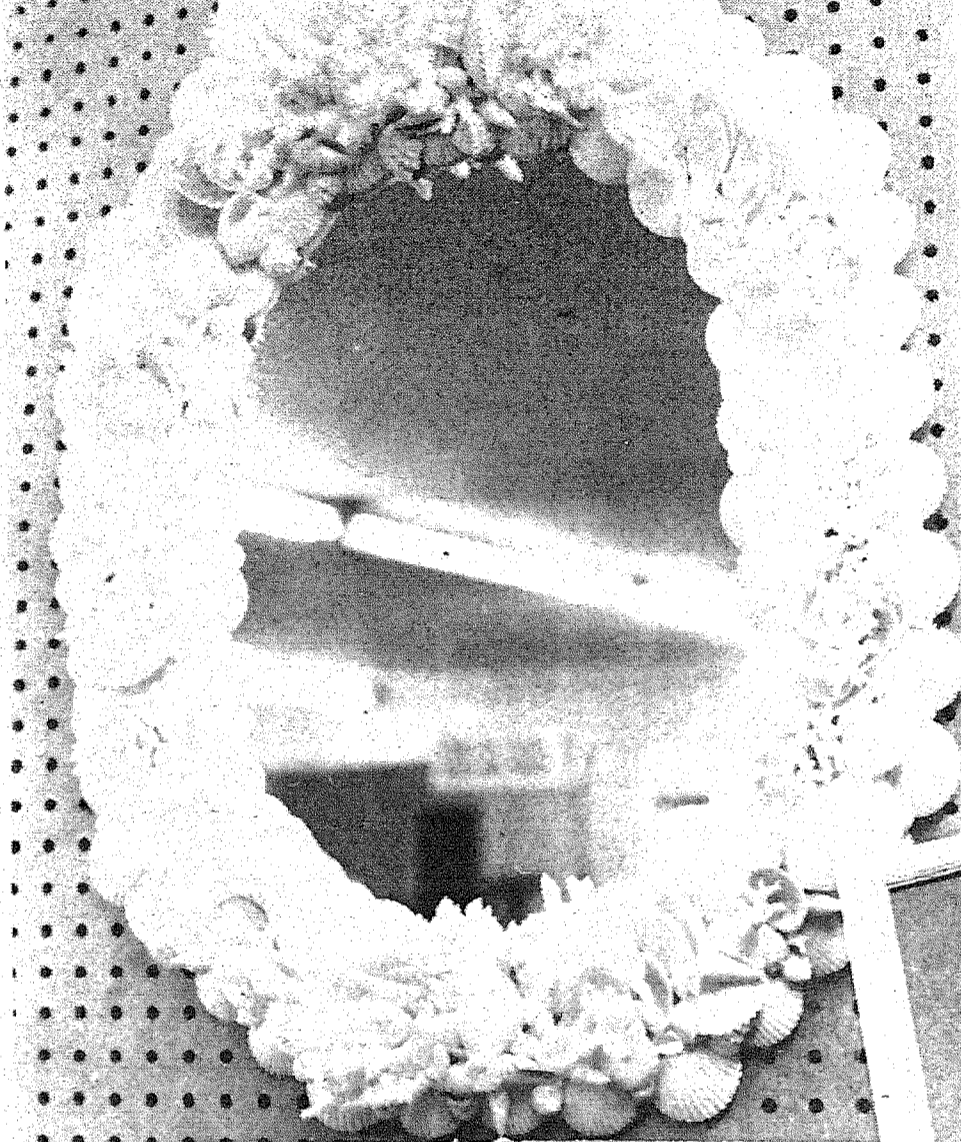
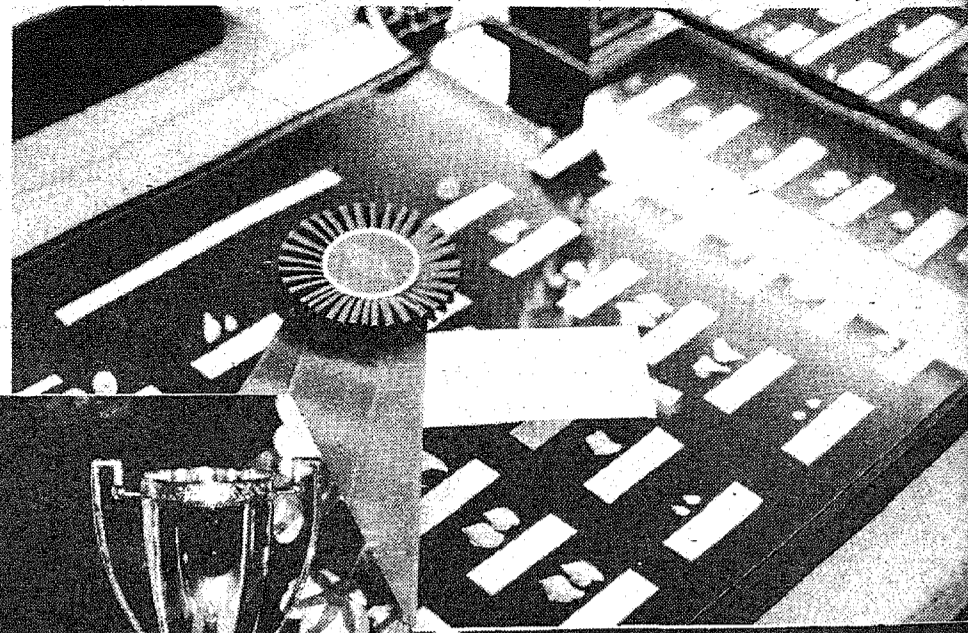
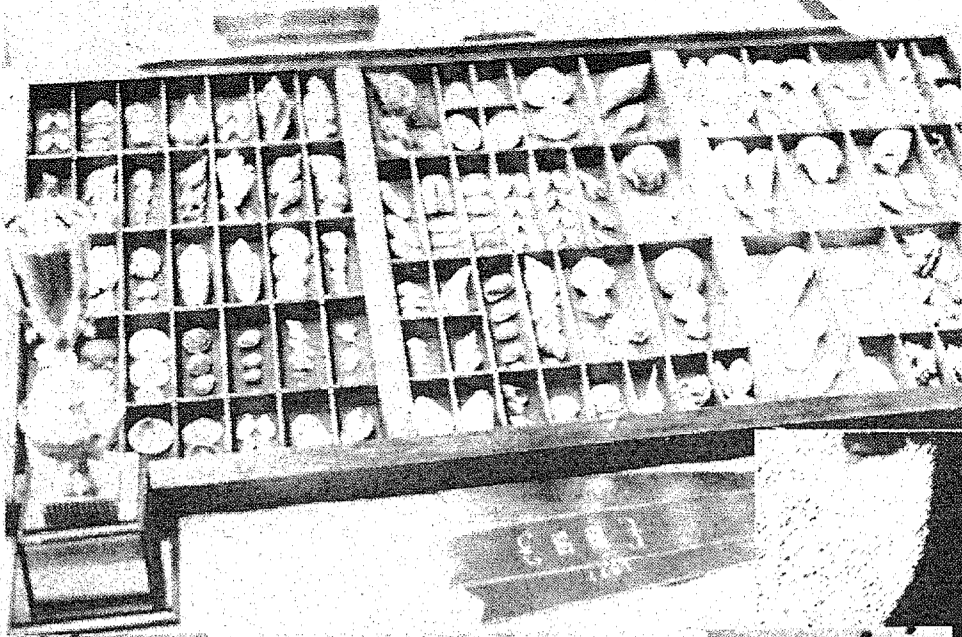
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**AWARD WINNERS**

The DuPont Trophy of the Delaware Museum of Natural History awarded to the outstanding exhibit of Scientific Division C: Bill Bledsoe.  
 The Mary Cunningham Memorial Award for the outstanding exhibit in Division A, Class 1 (Elementary School category, Self-Collected Sanibel-Captiva Shells) to: Blanche Bertolami.  
 The City of Sanibel Trophy for the Best Shell of the Show

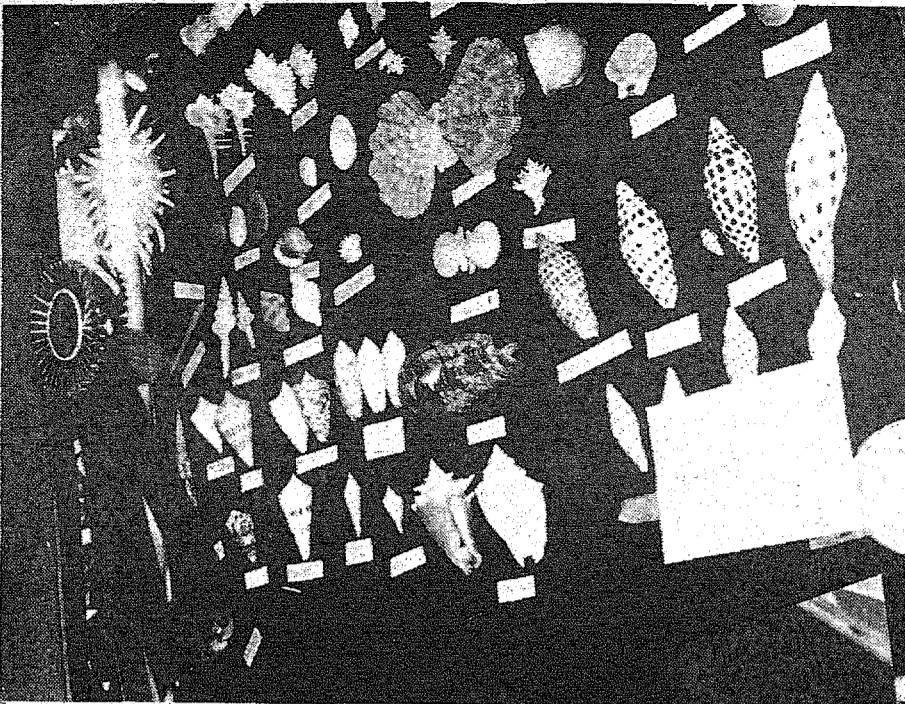
awarded to: Bill Bledsoe for *Colubraria procera* Sowerby.  
**A. Student Division Class**  
 1. Elementary School Student Self-Collected, Sanibel-Captiva Shells: 1st, Blanche Bertolami, age 11; 2nd, Kendra Pinsker, age 10; 3rd, Jeff Garrison, age 12; honorable mention, Shelley Joffe, age 12.  
 2. High School Student: Self-Collected, Sanibel-Captiva Shells: 1st, Blanche Bertolami, age 15.  
**B. Self Collected Division**

**Class**  
 1. Beginner (less than 2 years): Sanibel-Captiva Shells Sanibel Community Association Gold Cup and Blue Ribbon to: 1st, Rachael Preston; 2nd, Phyllis Becker; 3rd, Patricia Milligan; honorable mention, Virginia Rafool.  
 2. Experienced (more than 2 years): Sanibel-Captiva Shells, Sanibel Community Association Trophy and Blue Ribbon to: 1st, Priscilla Shelski; 2nd, Mary Zanarini.  
 3. Miniature and-or Juvenile:

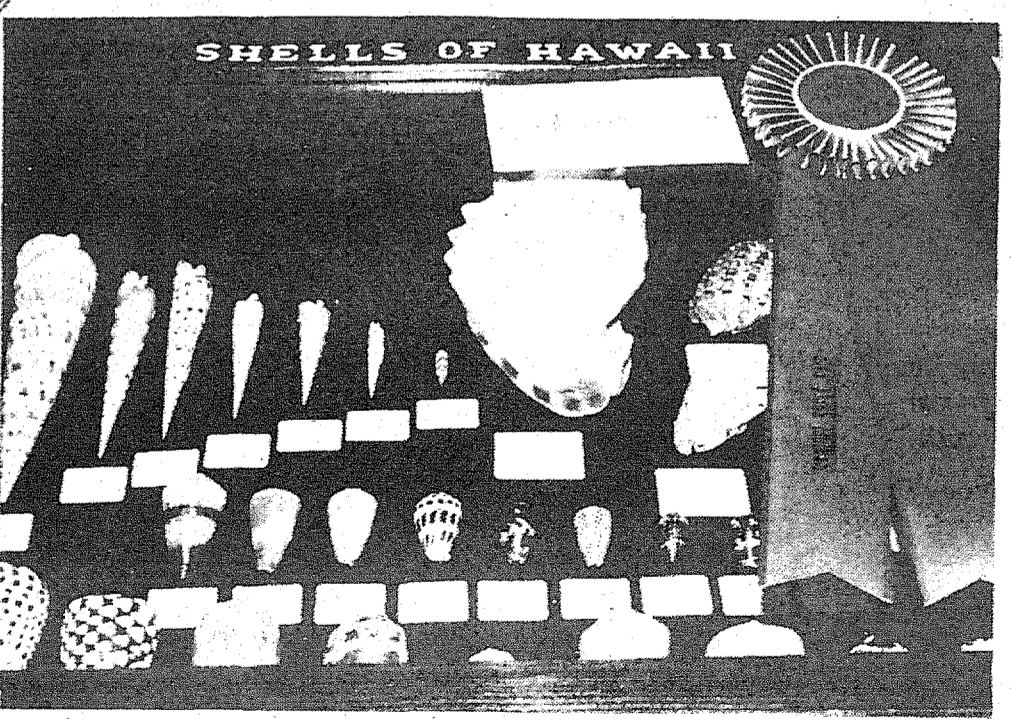
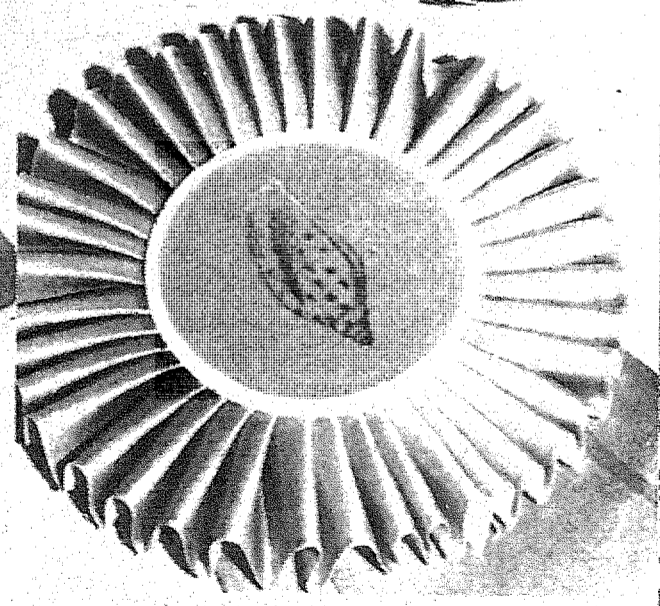
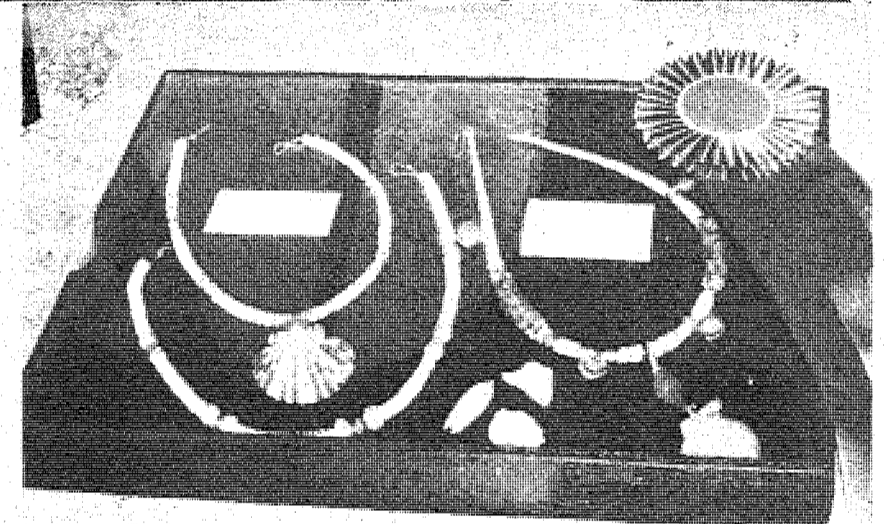
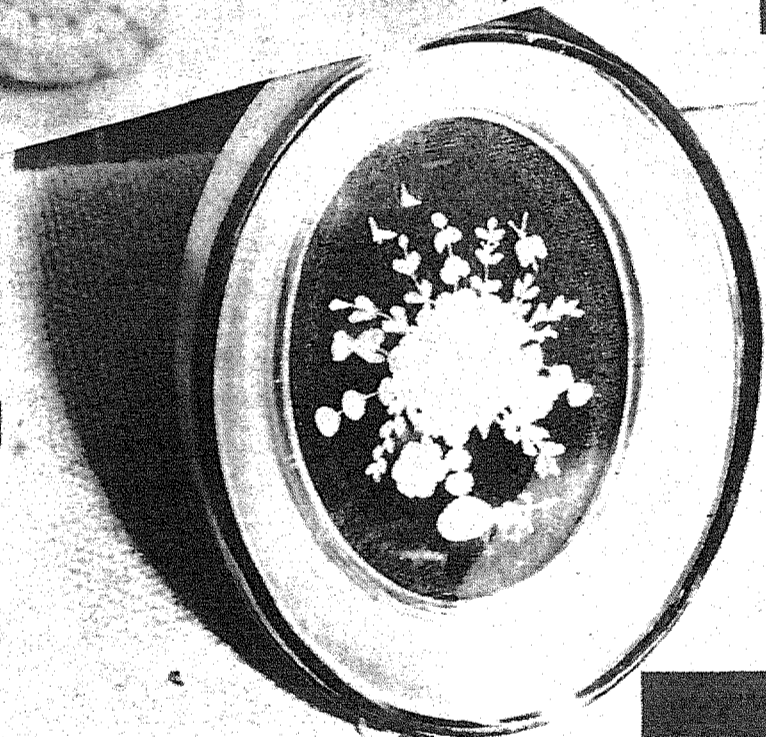
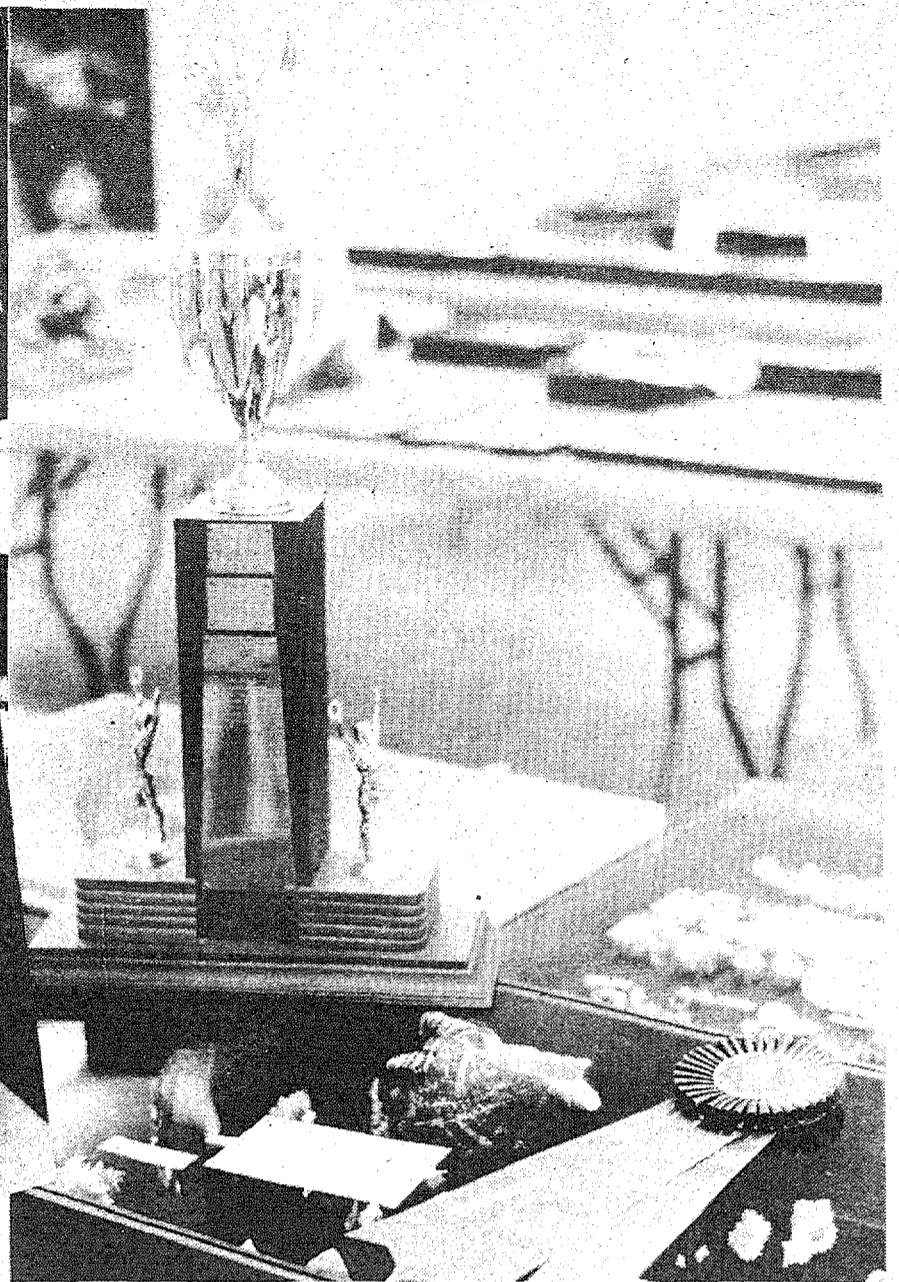
Sanibel-Captiva Shells (No shell exceeding 1 inch) Sanibel Community Association Trophy and Blue Ribbon to: 1st, Mrs. Newell Eames; 2nd, Claudia Carpenter.  
 4. Beautiful Shells, beautifully arranged: Sanibel-Captiva Shells, Sanibel Community Association Trophy and Blue Ribbon to: 1st, Arline Mercer; 2nd, Mrs. William Such; 3rd, Dr. and Mrs. John McFarland, honorable mention, Virginia Rafool.  
**C. Scientific Division (any**

**source) Class**  
 1. Miniature and-or Juvenile (No shell exceeding 1 inch): 1st, Joanne Lightfoot; 2nd, Ruth Hunkins.  
 2. Florida Shells: No entries.  
 3. One area - excepting Florida (One country, state or locality): 1st, Dr. and Mrs. John McFarland.  
 4. Worldwide: 1st, Bill Bledsoe; 2nd, none; 3rd, Keith Roberts.  
 5. One large family or sub-family: 1st, Dr. and Mrs. Rowland Zeigler; 2nd, Priscilla

Shelski; 3rd, Dorothy Schlemmer.  
 6. Rare Shells (A display consisting entirely of rare shells): 1st, none; 2nd, Clarice Fox.  
 7. One genus or sub-genus: None.  
 8. One species (To show color, form or growth): 1st, Dr. and Mrs. Rowland Zeigler.  
 9. Educational (exhibit intended primarily to teach): 1st, Harriet Weller; 2nd, Keith Roberts.  
 10. Beautiful Shells,



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beautifully arranged (Labeling optional): 1st, Huey B. King; 2nd, Edna E. Russell; 3rd, Owen Swanson.

**D. Anomalies Division Class**  
1. Marine Fossil Shells: 1st, William Weller; 2nd, Milton & Katherine Prince; 3rd, Huey B. King.

2. Unusual Specimens: 1st, Edna Russell; 2nd, Dr. and Mrs. John McFarland; 3rd, Ginger Von Eiff.

3. Sea Life Other Than Shells (Plants, animals, coral, etc.): 1st, Fae Muller; 2nd, William Von Eiff; 3rd, William Weller;

3rd, Claudia Carpenter.

4. Albino Shells: 1st, none; 2nd, Paul Ucko.

**E. Shell of Shew Division.** Each display limited to one shell. Case so constructed that the judges can open the case and examine the shell Class.

1. Worldwide: Rosette: 1st, Dr. and Mrs. John McFarland.

2. Florida: Rosette: 1st, Viola B. Henderson.

3. Sanibel-Captiva: Self-collected only Rosette and Sanibel Community Association Trophy: 1st, Paul Ucko.

**F. Artistic Division Class**

1. Shell Table: 1st, Marsha Clifford.

2. Tray Arrangements: 1st, Annabelle Barker; 2nd, Dr. and Mrs. John McFarland; 3rd, Thomas Huttsell.

3. Flower Arrangements in container shells only: 1st, Emma Guthrie; 2nd, Ester Rossitto; 3rd, Violet Neidel.

4. Flower Arrangements in container sealife: 1st, Emma Guthrie; 2nd, Myrtle Weinstein.

5. Single Flower or stem (shells only): 1st, Esther Rossitto; 2nd, Violet Neidel.

6. Single Flower or stem sealife: 1st, Emma Guthrie.

7. Miniature Flower Arrangement: 1st, none; 2nd, none; 3rd, none; honorable mention, Violet Neidel.

8. Flower Pictures (open): 1st, Violet Neidel; 2nd, Charles Machleid; 3rd, Robert Brooks.

9. Flower Pictures (glass): 1st, Audrey Ritchie; 2nd, Shirley Farley; 3rd, Elizabeth Haire.

10. Miniature Pictures: 1st, Mrs. Darrel Millisor.

11. Scenic Pictures and seascapes: 1st, Mary Zanarini.

12. Mirrors and frames: 1st, Elizabeth Haire; 2nd, Marion Searles; 3rd, Charlene McMurphy; Two honorable mentions, Barbara Nave and Shirley Farley.

13. Mosaics and new Valentines: 1st, Marsha Clifford; 2nd, H.C. Porreca; 3rd, Emma Guthrie.

14. Trees and Topiary: 1st, Eva Wolfram; 2nd, Kay McRae; 3rd, Emma Guthrie.

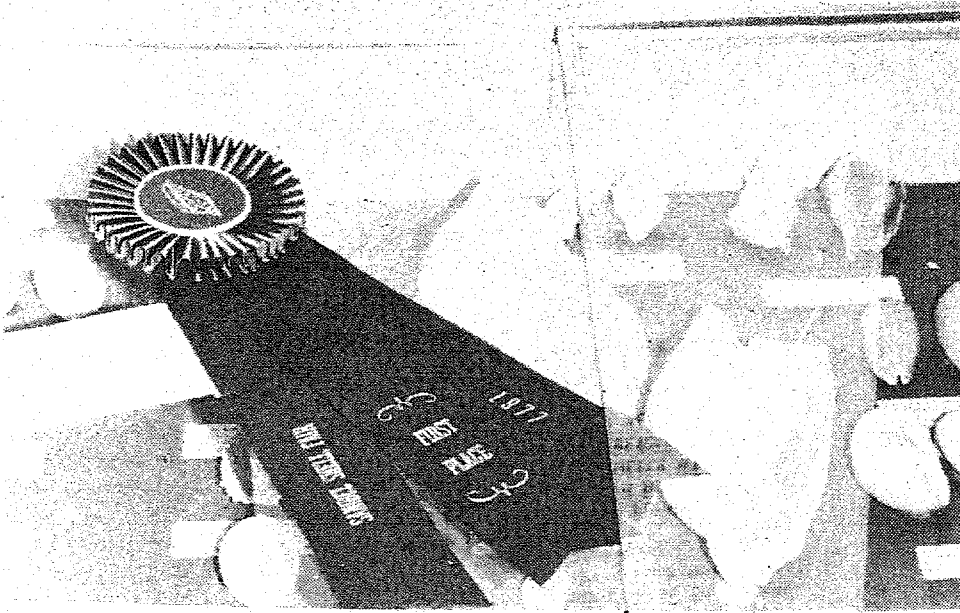
15. Novelties: 1st, Marc Kolber; 2nd, Doris Kolber; 3rd, Shirley Farley; honorable mention, Lillian Skinner.

16. Jewelry: 1st, Colleene Elias; 2nd, Dr. Arnold Pinsker.

17. Christmas Decorations: 1st, Mary Clifford; 2nd, Myrtle Weinstein.

18. Miscellaneous: 1st, Anastazia Johnstone; 2nd, Emma Guthrie; 3rd, Kay McRae; honorable mention TWO, Gretchen Wood and Justus Halm.

19. Shell Antiques: 1st, Dorothy Wills; 2nd, Clarice Fox; 3rd, Ruth Hunter.



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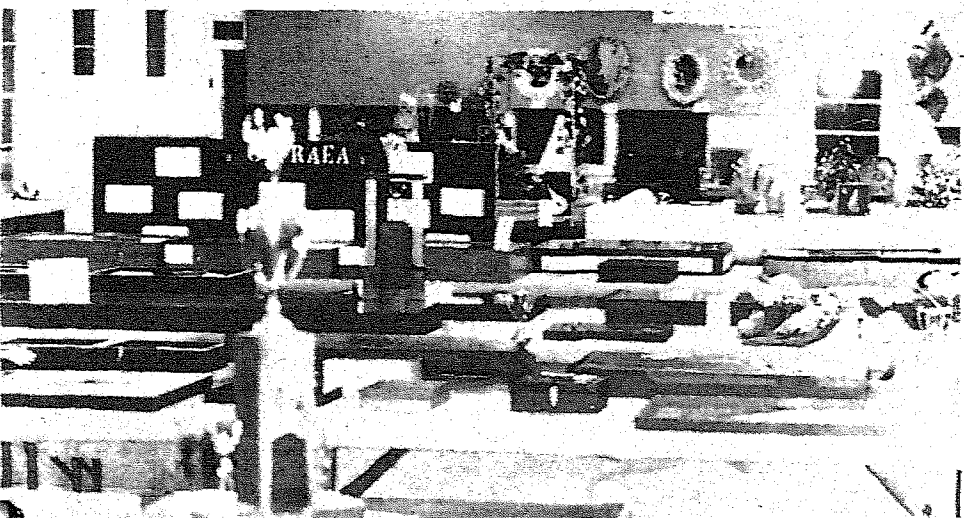
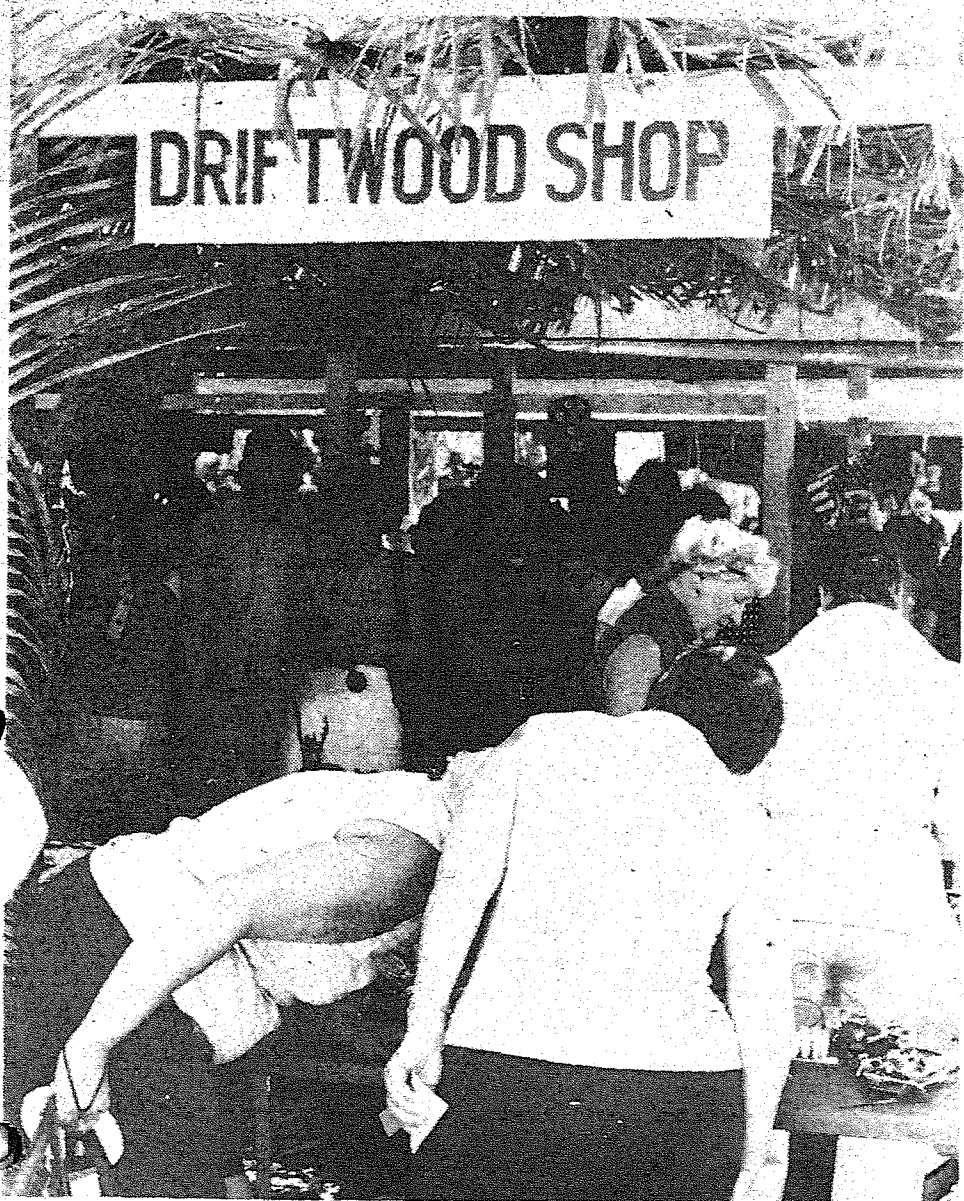
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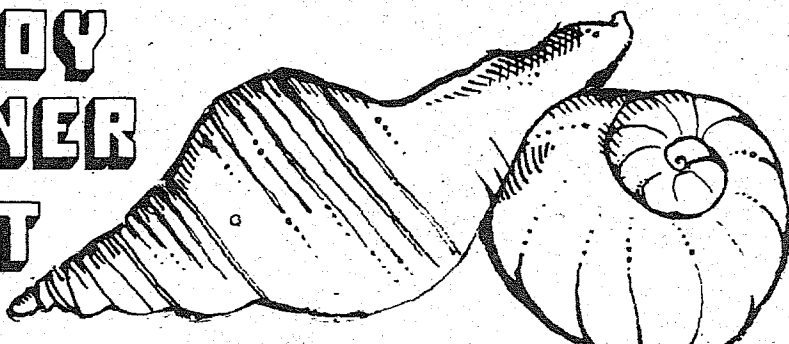
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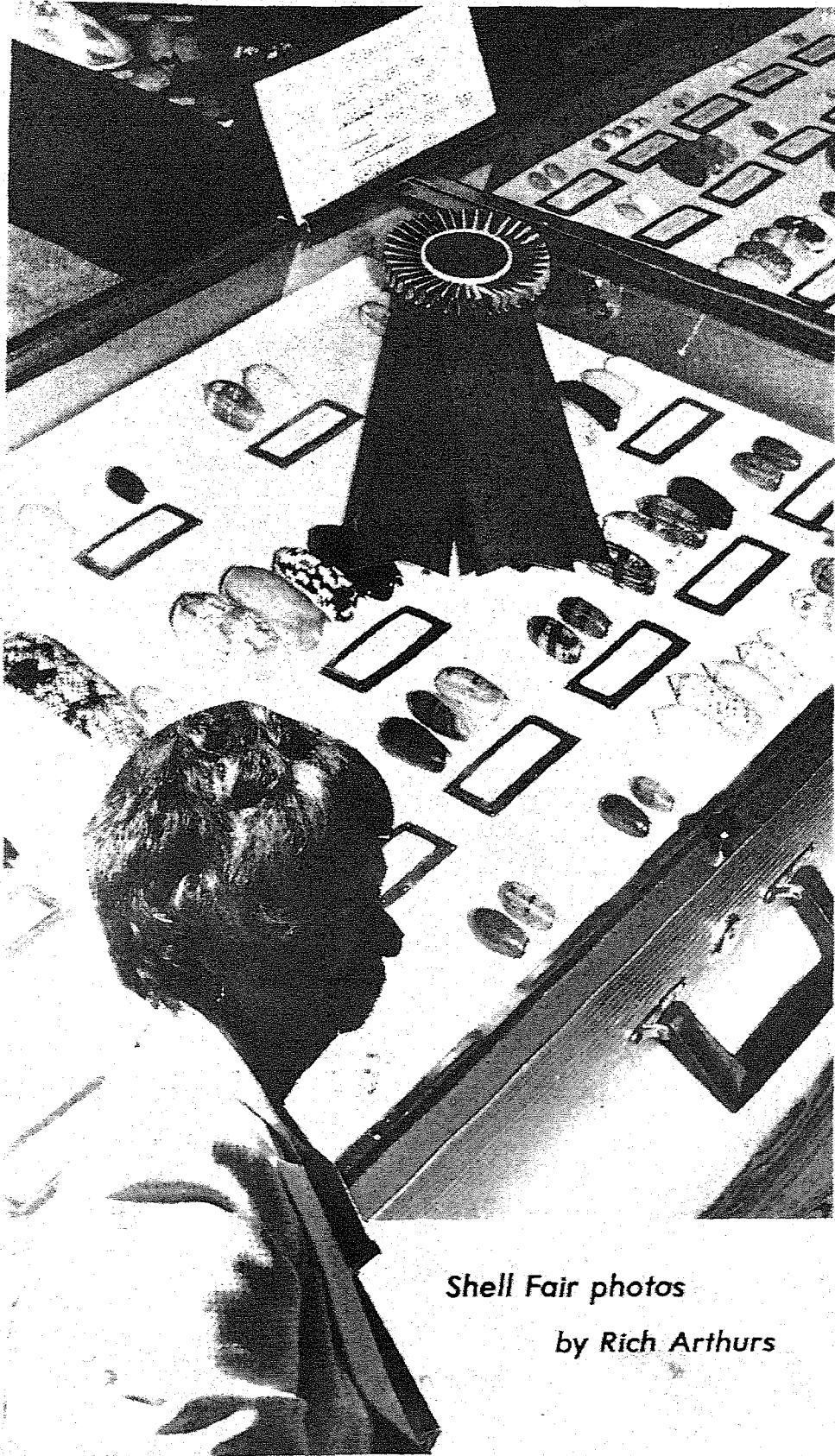
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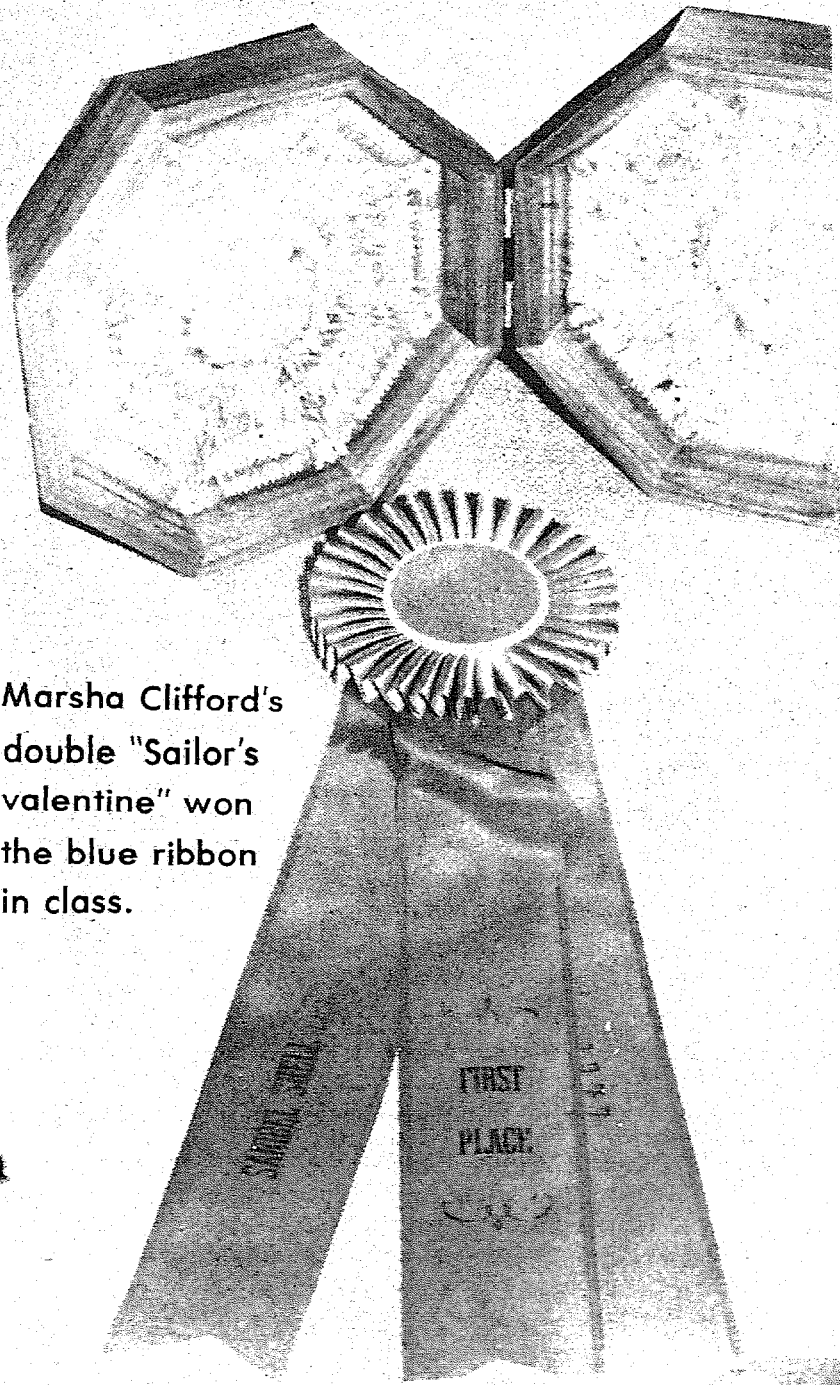
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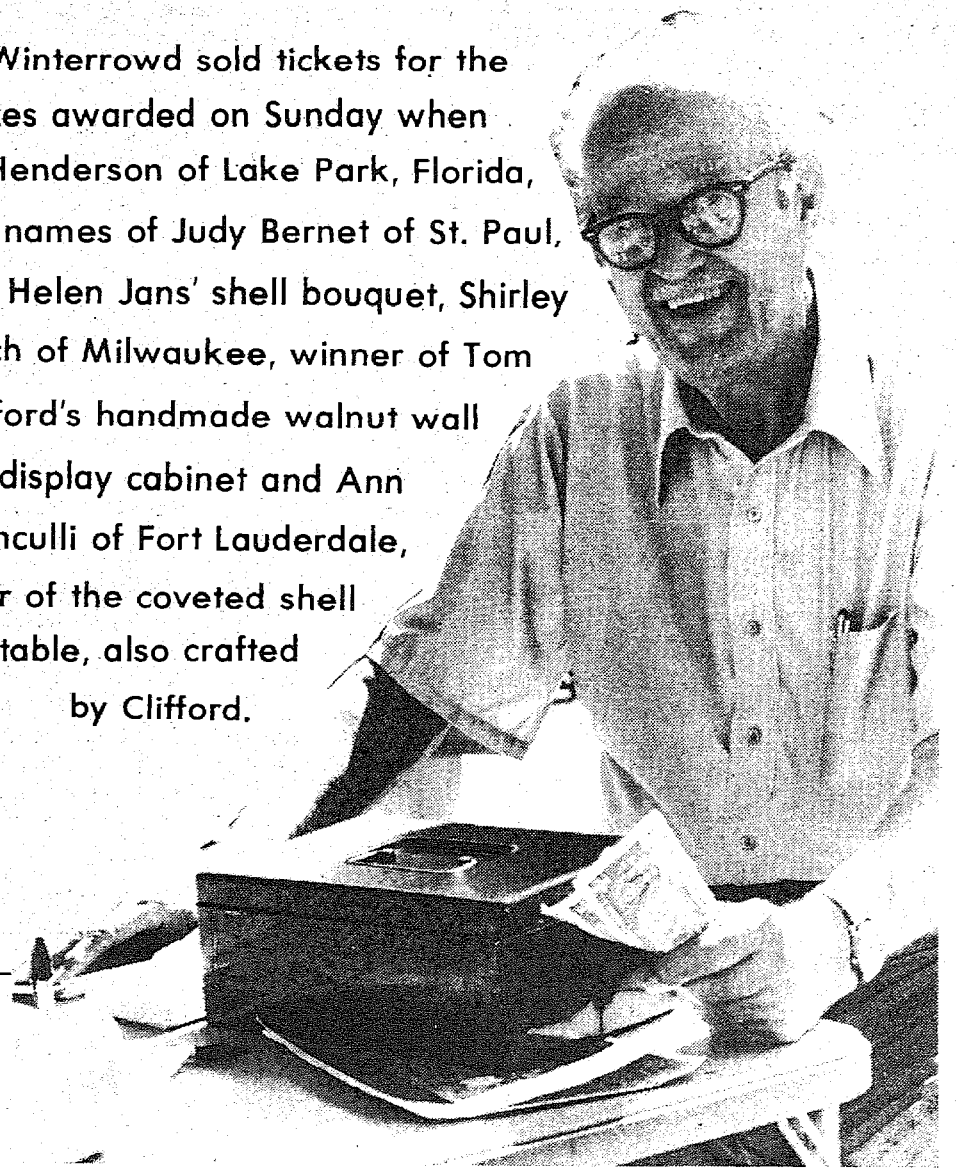


LIVE SHELL EXHIBIT



Marsha Clifford's double "Sailor's valentine" won the blue ribbon in class.

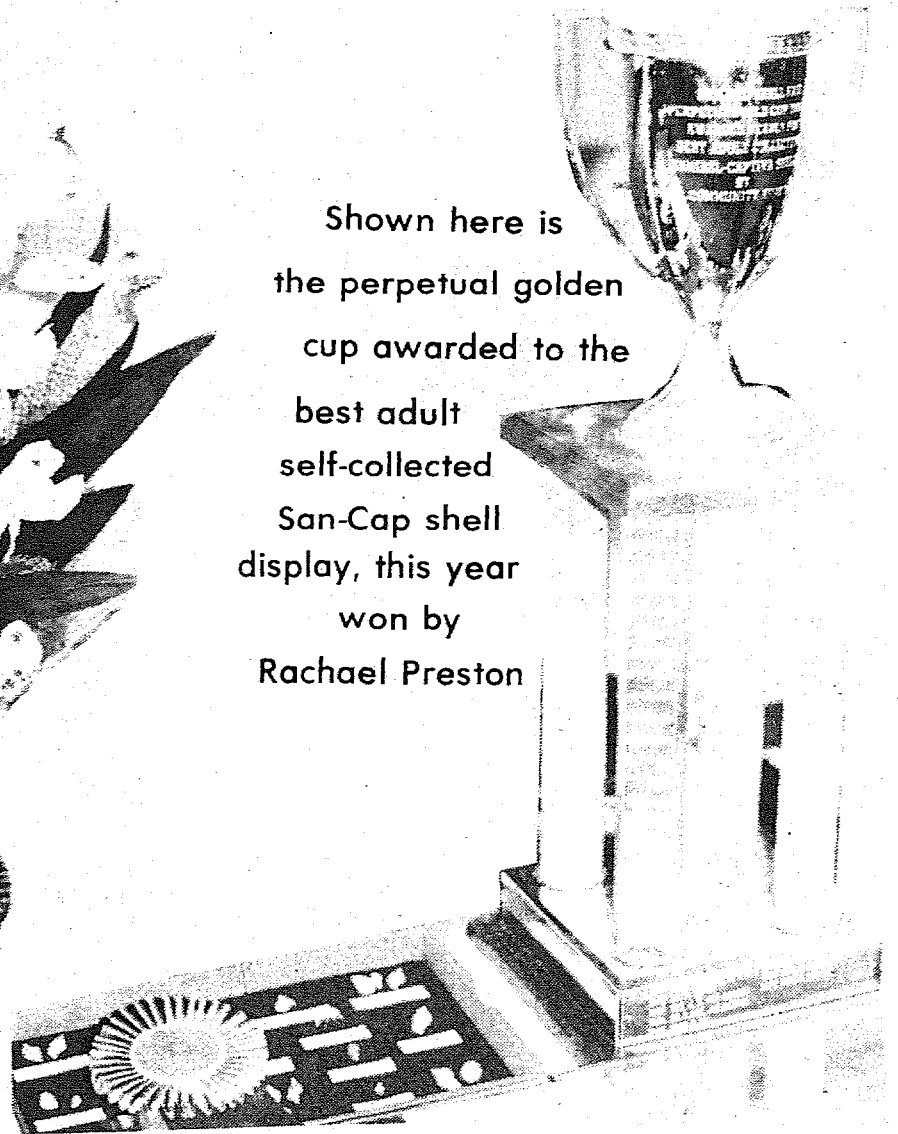
Joe Winterrowd sold tickets for the prizes awarded on Sunday when Holly Henderson of Lake Park, Florida, drew the names of Judy Bernet of St. Paul, who won Helen Jans' shell bouquet, Shirley Elenbach of Milwaukee, winner of Tom Clifford's handmade walnut wall display cabinet and Ann Bianculli of Fort Lauderdale, winner of the coveted shell table, also crafted by Clifford.



Emma Guthrie, who won many firsts, both last week in Naples and at the Fair, added another with this shell & seatan orchid display.



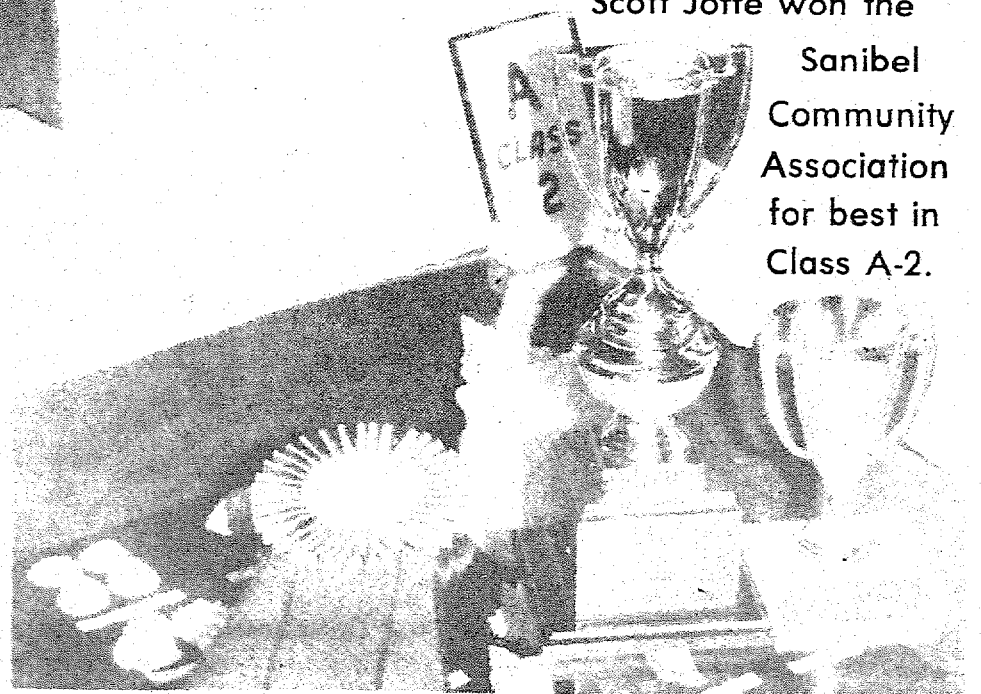
Shown here is the perpetual golden cup awarded to the best adult self-collected San-Cap shell display, this year won by Rachael Preston



Scott Joffe won the Sanibel Community Association for best in Class A-2.



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# News Notes

## 17th annual Fort Myers - Home & Garden tour Sunday

The Periwinkle Garden Club of Fort Myers is presenting the 17th annual Homes and Garden Tour this Sunday, March 13, from 1 to 5 p.m. Tickets to visit the homes and gardens of five Fort Myers families—the Park Holts of 1230 Gasparilla Drive, the Wayne Millers of 1314 Florida Avenue, the T.J. Kitchens of 1450 Rosada Way, the Tom Cronins of 4302 Riverside Drive and the Harry L. Allens (where refreshments will be served) of 1205 Caloosa Drive, all of Fort Myers—are available at \$3.50.

Tour tickets may be obtained at the Colonial Garden Center, McLaughlin's Garden City Nursery on Cleveland, or at any home on the tour. Proceeds go to Fort Myers and Lee County beautification programs. Mrs. W. Thomas Hoard is chairman and Mrs. Allan F. Decker is co-chairman of this year's tour.

## Annual county meeting of League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Lee County will hold their annual meeting at a luncheon at the Sheraton on South 41 at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 15.

Mark M. Geisler will speak on "Welfare: The Myths and the Facts." The public is welcome. For more information, call Martha Bodman, 997-4148.

## Sanibel Community Assoc. presents slate of officers

The nomination committee of the Sanibel Community Association, which will elect new members at the business meeting on April 5 at the Community House are:

Jean Haff, William F. Kruger, Arthur Orloff, Fred Valtin and Dick Wilson, all of whom have served one term; Helen Jans, Ed Reed and Ruth Searing, who have been appointed to fill out unexpired terms, and all of whom (with the exception of Jean Haff) have said they will accept the directorship if re-elected, and Walter Emmons, Fritz Myers and Frank Vellake, who are not, at present, serving.

Dick Muench is resigning from the board, while Stan Johnson and Judy Workman are retiring.

Continuing directors are Babb Schumacher, Ed Underhill and Joe Winterrowd.

Co-chairmen of the nomination committee are Fred Valtin and W.F. (Bill) Krueger.

## County adult softball tournament announced

Jeff Miner of the Lee County Recreation Department has announced that the county will be holding an adult men's, women's or mixed team softball tournament on March 26 and 27 in Fort Myers.

A team (which must have a minimum of 16 players on the roster) may register for the single elimination tourney by sending a fee of \$30 (in the form of a check made out to the Lee County Commission) and their application to Jeff Miner or Bob Stevens, P.O. Box 398, Fort Myers, FL 33902, no later than Friday, March 11.

The games will start at 9 a.m. The first four teams will win trophies and the tourney is limited to the first 16 teams whose applications are received.

They are, Mrs. Nick Kelly of Fort Myers, president; Mrs. Robert Buswell of Estero, vice president; Dr. George Ramsey of Cape Coral, treasurer; and secretary, Mrs. Joseph Jansen of North Naples.

The group's new mailing address, for those who may wish any more information about the organization, is 1338 Lafayette Street, Cape Coral, FL 33904.

## Lions annual sign sale this week

The Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club will be holding their annual sign sale this coming weekend (possibly starting on Thursday) in front of Bailey's General Store in the Island Shopping Center on Periwinkle at Tarpon Bay Road.

The redwood signs, which will be lettered with whatever you wish—names, places, directions, etc.—will range in price from \$5 to \$7 depending on the number of letters, according to project chairman Fred Comlossy.

## "Life of Lee" has new officer

The Life of Lee, a non-profit, non-sectarian organization formed to "educate people concerning the value of life for both the young and the old," elected new officers recently.

## Winterrowd new IWA director

The Island Water Association recently announced the appointment of J.G. Winterrowd, a Sanibel resident for the past five years, as a member of the IWA's Board of Directors. Winterrowd replaced C. Byron Kirby of Captiva, who resigned because of illness.

Winterrowd, who has been very active in community affairs since his arrival on the Islands, is currently a member of the Sanibel Community Association Board of Directors and a board member of the Committee Of The Islands.

James L. Robson, president of the IWA board commented, "Mr. Kirby's active participation and the many contributions made to the Association have been invaluable, and his resignation was a loss to the Board and to the Association."

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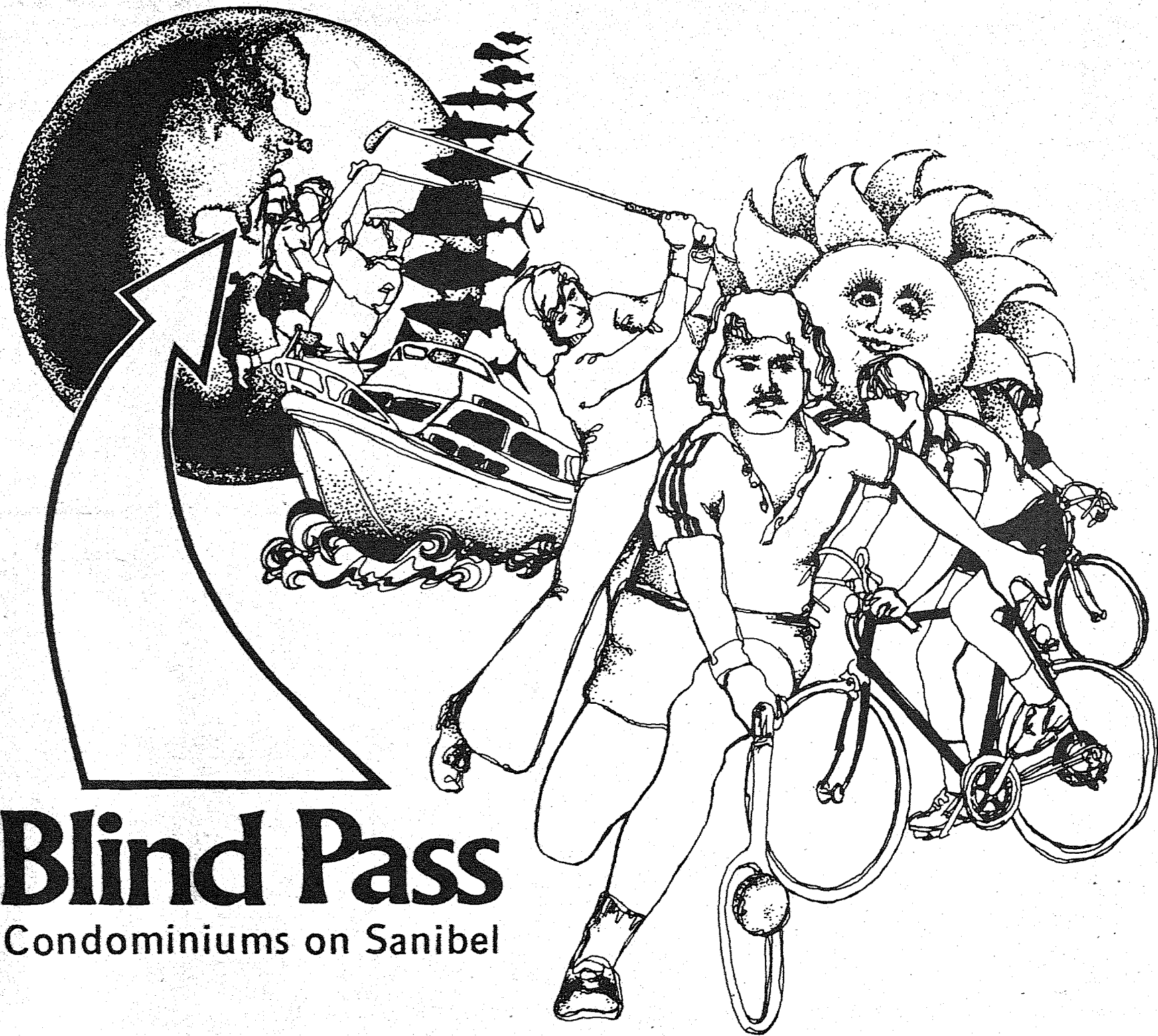
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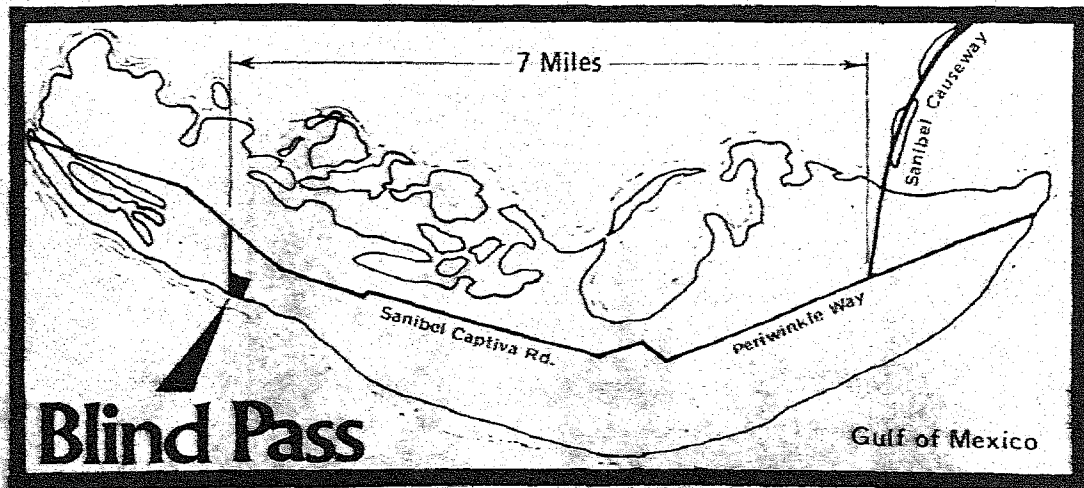


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Winners in the second annual Tahitian Gardens Art Show held last Friday and Saturday were (l. to r.) 1st place, Dorothy Robinson, 2nd place, Kay Cooper and Helene Sparkes who took third place. Presenting the winners with their checks on behalf of the Tahitian Gardens Merchants-Tenants Association is Anne Boland of The Needles Eye, Secretary-Treasurer.

The contest had entries from 12 different artists and was open to members of the Sanibel-Captiva Art League. The Chairwoman for the contest on behalf of the Art League was Mrs. Ralph Friedman and judging was done by Mrs. Lam. Entries were adjudicated on the basis of the total style of the artist in all their entries, rather than on specific paintings alone. From the calibre of exhibits, it is easy to understand why judging must have been difficult.

Honorable mentions also went to Ruth Searing, Ruth Burch and Alice Alden.



## Karen Eastman to address Audubon

"A Bird's Eye View of Sanibel," is the title of the slide show presentation by Karen Eastman for the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society meeting on Thur-

sday, March 10. The meeting will be at the Sanibel Community House and will begin at 8:00 p.m.

Whitney and Karen Eastman have been coming

to Sanibel for twenty-one years, and many of the changes they have witnessed during these passing years will be depicted in their presentation. The

emphasis, of course, will be on bird life.

The Eastmans have observed birds on six continents as well as in the United States, and are charter members of the 600 Club. Karen's tally is 68 species in North America.

Mrs. Eastman is a member of many conservation and ornithological societies, and has served as president of the Minneapolis Audubon Society, and as a board member of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society.

Many resident and visiting "birders" will remember Mrs. Eastman for her fine leadership in the Bird Identification Class and on the Sanibel Bird Tour sponsored by the Audubon Society this year, and will look forward to hearing and seeing her knowledgeable and interesting presentation of Sanibel's birds on Thursday evening the tenth of March.



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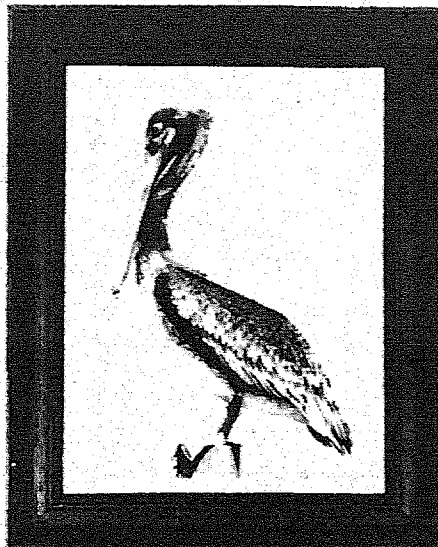
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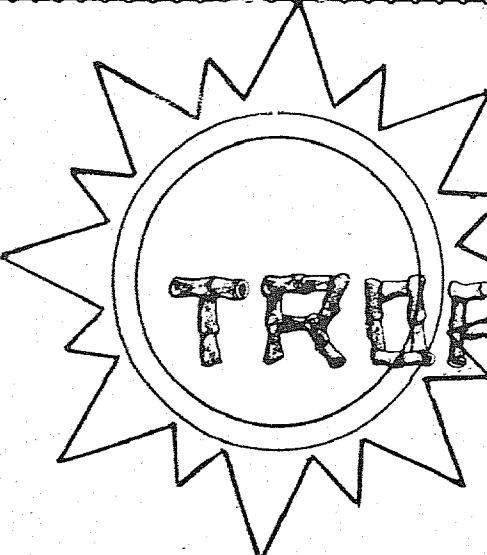
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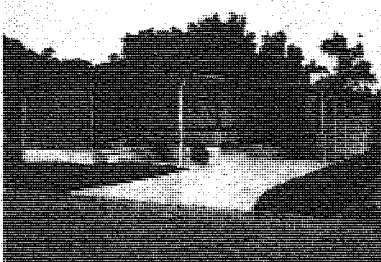
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# Down the river and over the gulf . . . in a junk?

story and pix by  
gwen stevenson

Sailing the Mississippi has held fascination for Americans since the days of the early settlers and its lure was made legendary by Mark Twain. Although the paddlewheeler has been replaced by other more mechanized forms of travel, for the most part, and there are darn few rafts afloat today like Huck's, there is surely one vessel which has traveled those waters recently that made many an eye mist with thoughts of far away places and strange sounding names.

Tales' a Dragon has caused just such a stir—she's a 36-foot teak Chinese junk owned by Don and Mary Baxter. Don Baxter of Madison, Indiana, saw her tied up, fell in love with her, and promptly bought her. With the boat in his possession, he decided to take a kind of sabbatical from the small chemical firm he owns.

"I have a very good secretary," he said, "and decided that now was the time." Don, along with his 21-year old son, Andy, and a friend, 25-year old Bill Pence, took her down the

Ohio and the Mississippi. Wife Mary and son John joined them enroute.

"This is a small junk by Chinese standards," says Don, "they run anywhere from 30 to 1,000 feet. The Chinese have been using them for 4,000 years as floating homes and for fishing."

Although 36 feet seems like a small space for five people, the Baxters think the junk gives them as much or more room than a houseboat of equivalent size. The galley is as large as many kitchens in Manhattan apartments and the living area is spacious without the usual claustrophobic feeling one gets in the cabin of a sailboat. Naturally, most time on shore is spent up on deck or exploring the surroundings.

The junk rides in the water like a duck, says Don. And the duck was likely its predecessor. At first glance, it is hard to tell bow from stern. The high wide rear poop deck gives the craft great stability, even in rough and following seas.

She is powered by a 55 H.P. diesel engine and orange colored cotton sails with bamboo battons that

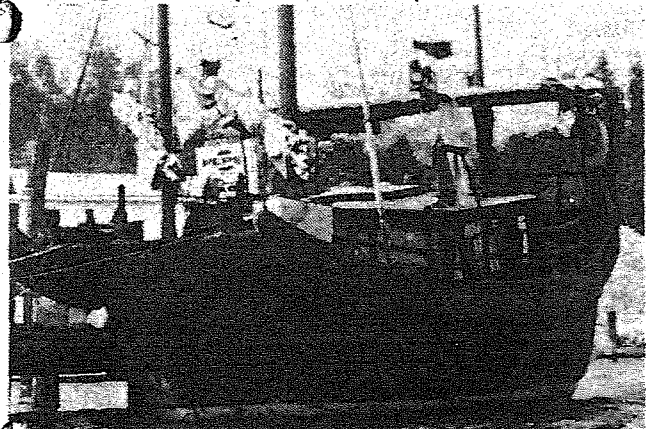
the Chinese dip in oxblood. Although the rigging looks complex, Mary Baxter says they can be away from the dock in five minutes, if they wanted to, which so far they haven't! "We love the water here and the tropical vegetation on Captiva," said Mary.

The Baxters' future itinerary is as rambling as the Mississippi itself. They go where they want, leave when they want. So far, there's been a month in New Orleans, over the two weeks in the Florida panhandle and three weeks in Sarasota. They had planned a total stay on the Islands of about two weeks, till they heard of near-by Fort Myers Beach's Shrimp Festival Thursday afternoon, at which point, they lifted sail and headed for that near-by island, undoubtedly to enjoy the shrimp rolls, Blessing of The Shrimp Fleet and perhaps even the pretty girls in the Shrimp Queen beauty contest. From there, who knows!

Unlike Twain's adventuring Huck Finn, the Baxters aren't sailing FROM anything... they're sailing into pure and simple fun and adventures. Sail Ho!



Mary and Don Baxter check over navigational charts in the roomy below-decks cabin aboard Tales a Dragon.



This is the front end ("bow" to you sailor types) of a Chinese junk. The wide rear end (stern) gives the boat its extremely high stability in rough seas. It is riding peacefully at anchor at Timmy's Nook on Captiva Island.

## Audubon Shark River Valley Trip a success

A group of dedicated members of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society and their friends left the Islands in the early morning darkness on Sunday, February 20 to head toward Shark River Valley in the Everglades National Park.

They were rewarded with a warm, sunny and beautiful morning on which to take for air tram ride into the vast, grassy and wet savanna.

The early rising enabled most of the group to ride on the first tram tour of the day. Excellent views of native wildlife were seen. Large numbers of the usually elusive and shy limpkin could be seen in the grassy clumps and small bushes along the tram side. Purple gallinule swam in canals and borrow ponds waiting to be admired and added to "Bird Lists."

Tour members could not recall ever seeing glossy ibis

in such large numbers and the more common wood storks, which having abandoned nesting in Corkscrew Swamp, were seen feeding in large flocks.

Even Sanibel's special roseate spoonbills were making their first seasonal striking appearance in Shark Valley. The barred owl, perched in a tree near the tower, could be viewed closely and its mate was excitedly enjoyed and recorded nesting in a nearby tree. The owls have become the new occupants of a former nesting site of a red-shouldered hawk.

The park ranger pointed out the various kinds of wildlife and plants along the fifteen mile tram ride and gave an interesting overview of the geological structure of the Shark River Valley and the Everglades.

The trip, the ideal weather, and the vast clouds of birds were all arranged

by the "Tripping Chairman," Al Emrich.

Many members of the group plan to take their bikes and return with field

glasses and cameras to peddle along the Shark River Valley Road at a more leisurely pace and enjoy the area to its fullest.

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# "Time Out" requested in Pelican's Roost suit

On February 7, the Pelican's Roost Condominium developers, a non-profit Ohio corporation, filed a lawsuit in Lee County Circuit Court challenging the density limits imposed on Sanibel Island by the city's comprehensive land use plan.

Because of the city council's denial last February of the group's request for permission to build 46 condominium units on a Gulf-front site south of the intersection of Donax Street and Tulipa Way, the Pelican's Roost Corporation filed suit last month requesting not only a judicial waiver of the provisions of the land use plan as they apply to the group's property but challenging the logistics and legality of the land use plan itself.

In six detailed counts, the suit charges the city fathers and planners with a violation of the Florida Sunshine Law in their preparation of the land use plan, which they claim is "unreasonable, inappropriate... and arbitrary," among other complaints. On that basis, the group requested in the suit that the court enjoin the city from enforcing the plan until such time as "complete and reasonable data to support the allocation of dwelling units" is brought forward by city planners.

At the time at which the suit was filed, Sanibel City Attorney Neal Bowen said that it "appears to be the first direct attack on a substantive area of the plan," with the implication being that the suit could be a landmark case in the history of the young city's planning effort, one of the main reasons which prompted Sanibel's incorporation in November of 1974.

Last week, in an apparent about-face from their position as outlined in the recent lawsuit, Pelican's Roost attorney Richard Brodeur appeared before the city council to request a "time out" from the litigation while the developers attempt to work with the city to settle their differences out of court.

"I think this problem is riddled with vested rights issues that could best be solved right here on Sanibel," Brodeur told the council. "I have long advocated that Sanibel's problems should be dealt with right here on the Island."

Brodeur said that his client wanted a "time out" from the litigation in order to revitalize their original application for city building permits under the land use plan, in hopes of ascertaining "just how far apart we really are." Brodeur intimated that the Pelican's Roost group might be willing to attempt a density compromise with the city on

the basis of the transitional nature of the case, rather than expending large amounts of both the city's and the developers' money to argue the case in court.

Brodeur informed the council that the Pelican's Roost group wants to exhaust its administrative remedies within the city government before pressing forward with the suit, saying that the developers would welcome any new public input into the matter which may be presented.

"What I'm asking for is a spirit of cooperation from this council," Brodeur told the city fathers last Tuesday. "We do want to work with the city," he added.

The council seemed confused last week at this unexpected turn of events.

"The lawsuit is in your hands," Vice-Mayor Zee Butler told the attorney. "If you want to withdraw the suit, it's up to you!"

Councilman Duane White was careful to point out to Brodeur that the city "will do nothing to jeopardize our position in this lawsuit."

The council recently retained the Chicago law firm of Ross, Hardies, Babcock, Parsons and O'Keefe to assist with the city's defense against the Pelican's Roost suit. A recent city

motion to dismiss the suit has yet to be ruled on by Circuit Judge Jack Schoonover.

Ultimately, the council directed Brodeur to apply for an amendment to the land use plan for the Pelican's Roost proposal, informing Brodeur that his clients are entitled to the same consideration under the land use plan as every other resident and property owner on the Island. If the amendment fails, they informed him, then the council could appoint a fact finding team to attempt an amicable settlement to the dispute. If, in turn, all attempts to negotiate the matter were to fail, then the last resort would be to pursue the lawsuit in dead earnest, the council conceded.

Brodeur was to have met with city Planning Director Carleton Ryffel last Friday to apply for a city development permit and specific amendment for the condominium project proposed by Pelican's Roost.

Upon Brodeur's filing a development permit application in City Hall, the city will channel it through an administrative process which could result in an amendment to the comprehensive land use plan and the disappearance of a troublesome new lawsuit aimed at sinking the plan itself.

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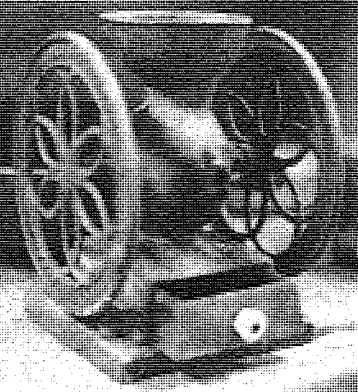
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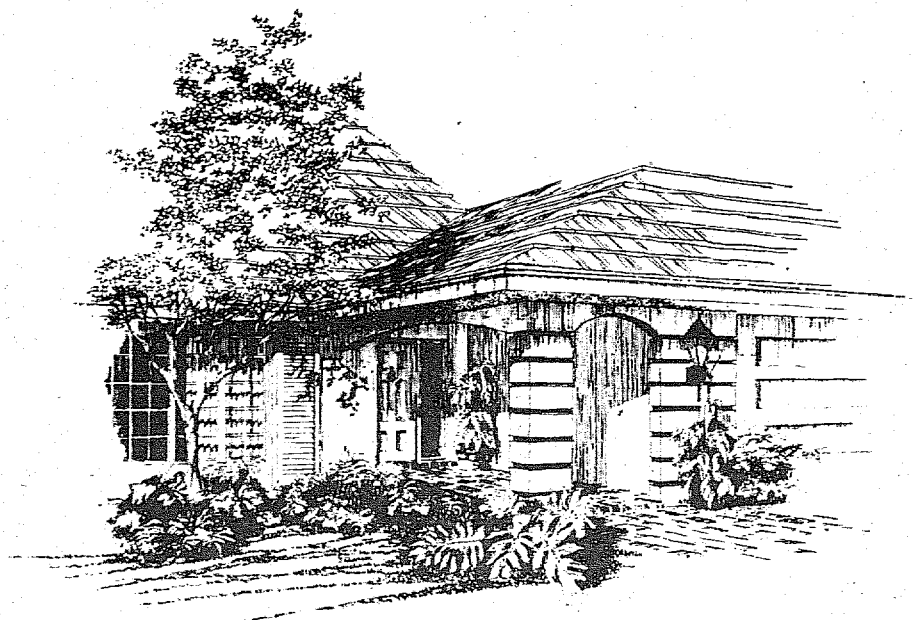
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11:00	20-Jimmy Swaggart Show	20-Grandstand
11-News Eleven	8:30	26-Can You Top This?
20-Eyewitness News	11-Oral Roberts	1:30
26-ABC Weekend News	20-Old Time Gospel Hour	20-NCAA College
11:15	26-The Lone Ranger	Basketball
26-"American Theater"	9:00	26-Dolly
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11-Movie Classics:	26-Insight	26-ABC Wide World of
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20-NBC's Saturday Night,	20-Cathedral of Tomorrow	20-NBC Sunday News
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		11-Switch, the most "con"-

ing show?!

20-Tales of The Unexpected 6:30

11-CBS News 10:00

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26-ABC News 7:00

11-Gunsmoke 20-Adam 12 7:00

26-To Tell The Truth 7:30

20-The \$128,000 Question 7:30

26-"Forum 26" 8:00

11-It's Arbor Day, Charlie Brown! 8:00

20-Little House on The Prairie 8:30

26-Eight Is Enough 8:30

11-Busting Loose 9:00

11-Maude 11:00

20-NBC's Monday Movie: "Rafferty & The Highway Hustlers," with Alan Arkin, Sally Kellerman and MacKenzie Phillips in a tale of the adventures of an aspiring country singer, an untactful 15-year-old runaway, a gun and an

alcoholic ex-Marine, who is persuaded (by use of the gun) to take the first two mentioned to New Orleans for "a better life." The cast is great; don't know anything about the story.

26-Most Wanted 9:30

11-All's Fair 10:00

11-The Andros Targets (About which we can wistfully say that we really wish newspaper people did all those things).

26-Feather & Father Gang 11:00

11-News Eleven 11:30

20-Eyewitness News 11:30

26-NewsScene 11:30

11-CBS Late Movie: TBA 1:00 a.m.

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This would be none other than the first Island showing of the works of Maria C.J. Veling, a world famous Dutch artist who has lived on Captiva for much of the past thirteen years.

Having received her formal training at the Dutch Royal Academy of Art back in the 1930's, Maria Veling is highly skilled in the techniques of classical realism in oil painting. Her classical training has yielded many beautiful masterpieces in her recent work on Captiva, which emphasizes the stately natural beauty of Island shells and flowers, as well as the scenic qualities of the Islands' beaches and native vegetation.

In the past, her work has received the highest acclaim from major art critics the world over, but up until now, she has never exhibited her paintings on Sanibel or Captiva.

Her current show at the Bank of the Islands, consisting of about 25 paintings valued at between \$5,000 and \$45,000, began on February 24 and will continue through March 18, with Islanders and visitors welcome to view the exhibit at any time during regular banking hours.

Mrs. Veling herself was present last Tuesday night for a special evening

showing and reception which featured cocktails and delicacies provided by the Portable Feast, Island caterers.

The rare showing of Mrs. Veling's work is being sponsored jointly by the Bank of the Islands and the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, to which Mrs. Veling has donated one of her most beautiful and valuable paintings.

For a limited time, donors to the Foundation's soon to be completed Conservation Center will receive the chance to win Mrs. Veling's exquisite painting. Tickets are currently being sold for \$10 each or \$15 per pair. As soon as all of the tickets are sold, a drawing will be held to award Mrs. Veling's painting to one lucky donor to the Foundation.

All proceeds for the sale of tickets will go toward the construction and equippage of the Foundation's Conservation Center, which is currently being constructed on the Foundation's 207-acre nature trail property south of Sanibel-Captiva Road.

While they last, tickets will be on sale at the Bank of the Islands, as well as at other locations around the Islands.


So, don't miss this rare opportunity to see the works of one of the Islands' most noteworthy artists, or fail to take a chance on winning one of her most beautiful paintings.

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# Gatorless guide

Gator hunting -  
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By Gwen Stevenson

There are 1,600 alligators on Sanibel, a wise man said to me recently and was incredulous when I said that in the 200 or so days I have spent here, I have seen nary an alligator.

"You," he scoffed, "must not have been looking! Why, there's one living on your street."

So I've been told, I replied - I have even named him George, but, he hasn't made himself visible to me!

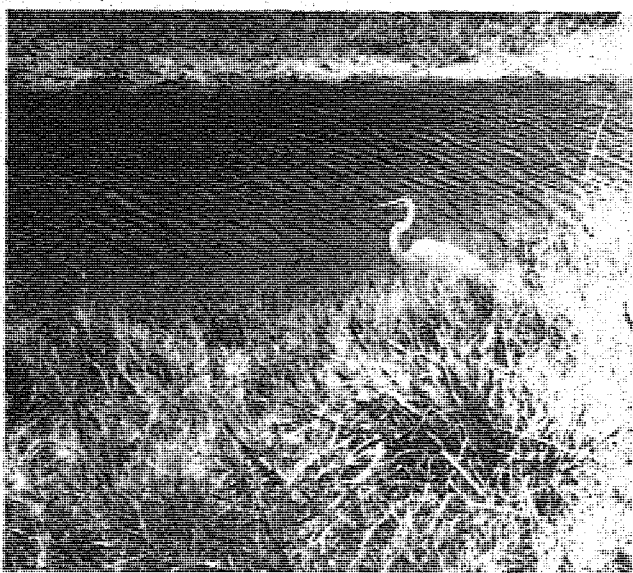
So, one sunny morning we set out to "shoot" gators—photographically, of course. It was a perfect day, too—hot, sunny and after the cold weather, just perfect for alligators to crawl up on a sand bar and soak up the rays.

.. Beautiful, of course. Alligators, not a chance. This is a typical alligator trysting spot. At any other time, you will likely see at least one.

So, take heart. If, in the literature you received about the Islands, there were enticing photos of alligators (although how a photo of an alligator could be enticing I don't know) and with all those warnings not to feed them (some the ISLANDER has even printed), how can you even think of feeding them when you can't see one in the first

place? The next morning, on the way to work, there was a 14-foot grandpa just crossing the road and, me naturally, without my camera. I guess the secret is that watched pots don't boil and watched gators don't appear on demand.

P.S. It was still a great day to be outside in the Florida sunshine!



An egret successfully fishes for lunch in the "Ding" Darling Sanctuary -- minnows being his favorite cup of tea. It obviously wasn't lunch time for the alligators, however. (Islander Photograph by Gwen Stevenson)

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It is quite often that I will be out sailing on charter and from out of habit yell at who ever is at the tiller (steering wheel) to head up (move the bow towards the wind), sheet the jib (pull hard on the rope) and make ready to come about (head a different direction).

It's not unusual when the first-time sailors look at my wife or myself sputtering these terms and laughs because they think we are jabbering away in this talk for their benefit. Not true.

Giving one-word commands to the crew turns out to be the best use of the language on the sailboat.

Let's say that the boat is going full speed, say six or seven knots, at a sand bar. Now, if I am looking from the bow (front of the boat) and someone is at the tiller at the rear of the sailboat, I could run back and begin, "I say, there is a rather shallow looking area ahead which I personally feel would be to our betterment to avoid for reasons of safety.

"I therefore, would

suggest that you might take the actions to alter your course at the most early time to send the vessel around the possible grounding obstacle." Of course, by the time I get all that out, we've run aground and it's too late.

"Tack!" I'll yell and the person in control knows that it's time to go another direction, and fast. One word usually does it.

If you have ever been out in a strong blow, you know that sails, the rushing water and the wind can cover words. Try standing at the bow and yelling back in such conditions. That's no time for long, flowery phrases of instruction. and that's also why sailors have developed short words or phrases for their work.

There are power boat people who frankly feel that all those terms for sailing and equipment aboard is hogwash. I have to agree sometimes it can be overdone or out of place.

One of my favorite stories involves a friend of mine who went up near St. Petersburg to buy his first sailboat. He had some experience in sailing, but he was put to the "talk test" too soon and it almost killed a sale for the former owner.

The man was selling the boat and ready to turn it over when my friend asked, "Do you have any maps for this area?" The seller laughed at him.

"Maps? You don't have maps on a boat, you have charts," the man said, leaving a gaping implication that the young man was not ready for sailing because he didn't know sailing talk.

Another friend of mine was on board our boat as we pulled into a dock and got settled. He was ready to help the last boat to dock and he yelled to the approaching boat, "Throw me a rope." This was done, but the boat skipper could not help himself from correcting a novice. He said to my friend, "There are NO ropes on my sailboat. I have lines."

My friend leaned over and whispered, "If I looped it around his neck, I wonder if he would give a damn what's it's called?"

Perhaps the boating language is a large part of the fun of boating. Sailors have their special talk, but there is no need to learn more than "working" phrases and don't get discouraged from trying sailing because you feel it's too complicated. Motorboat operators have their own language and we'll talk about that later, but if you are new at boating, it's a good idea to learn the rules of the road and the boating language for your safety.

If you don't believe it, listen in to the U.S. Coast Guard radio operators trying to find and rescue a boater who doesn't know his bow from his stern.

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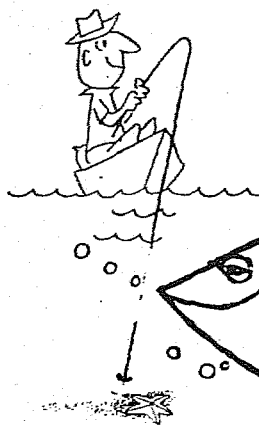
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# City to take stand on live shelling

Last Tuesday, the Sanibel City Council conducted their first official discussion of a report on "live shelling" which was prepared over the past six months by an ad hoc Committee on Live Shelling under the sponsorship of the Sanibel Community Association. By the close of their discussion last week, the council came to a different conclusion in the live shelling controversy than that they had previously reached at a public hearing on the matter held last July 15.

At the earlier hearing, the city fathers decided that there was insufficient data on the impact of live shelling upon shell populations in the waters surrounding the city for them to take any action whatsoever.

But last week, after hearing live shelling committee chairman Ed Underhill warn "of the many violations of common sense that have occurred on Island beaches over the past winter," the council decided that now is the time for action to protect Sanibel's world renowned seashell resource.

The council's action last Tuesday appointing Councilman Charles LeBuff to draft a resolution containing the city's official stance on live shell conservation came in response to rather widespread public alarm over the alleged abuse of Sanibel's live shell populations in recent months. Committee Chairman Underhill was careful to point out, however, that no new scientific evidence has appeared to either support or dispel the city's concerns.

"Our findings were that there simply are no findings on this question," Underhill told the council. "Definitive studies on this problem simply don't exist. We could find no scientific evidence that there is overshelling of any species on the Island, nor could we

find any scientific evidence to the contrary."

In voting to draft a city policy statement on shell conservation, the council was acting upon a specific recommendation contained in the committee's report, which was based on "the many instances during recent weeks of ignorant, greedy people loading buckets and baskets with hundreds of live shells brought up by winter storms."

"We are confronted here with a very special, unique problem and we should begin to address it," Mayor Porter Goss told his fellow councilmen last Tuesday. "The city should at least have a policy, whatever that may be, to conserve its greatest resource."

Thus, the council agreed last week to adopt a city policy on live shelling, to be drafted within the next few weeks by LeBuff with the assistance of the ad hoc Committee on Live Shelling. The council also responded favorably last week to another recommendation of the committee that the city should hire a graduate biology student to perform a scientific study on the effects of live shelling on Sanibel's shell resource, as was proposed by Dr. Gilbert Voss of the Rosenstiel Marine Laboratory of the University of Miami.

As the cost of such a study was estimated to run between \$5,000 and \$10,000 per year, Vice-Mayor Zee Butler asked the committee if they would attempt to seek out other Island groups which might be willing to assist in funding the program.

Councilman Duane White urged his fellow legislators to take more aggressive action in the matter, once again citing the many complaints which have been lodged of late about off-Island commercial shell dealers carrying off truckloads of live shells from the waters along Sanibel beaches.

White asked the council to draft a live shelling ordinance immediately to define and ban commercial shelling in Island waters and to impose a "bag limit" on private collectors of live shells on Sanibel.

White's proposal was seconded by Islander Paul Howe, one of 26 residents of the Rocks area of West Gulf Drive that recently submitted a petition to the city council requesting an immediate emergency ban on live shelling in city waters.

"I think we need some action right away," said Howe, "before the Easter tourist invasion hits. There should be no taking of live shells from beyond the water line—period!" he said.

Islander Evelyn Spencer was quick to follow suit, telling the council that there was already ample evidence to support the proposed ban on live shelling.

The council, however, was reluctant to take such strong emergency action on the problem in the absence of any definitive scientific data to support the widespread alarm. Rather, they proposed to study the problem as suggested by Dr. Voss, and while awaiting the outcome of that study, to adopt a city policy which will most

likely attempt to educate Islanders and visitors as to the extreme importance of mollusk conservation on Sanibel.

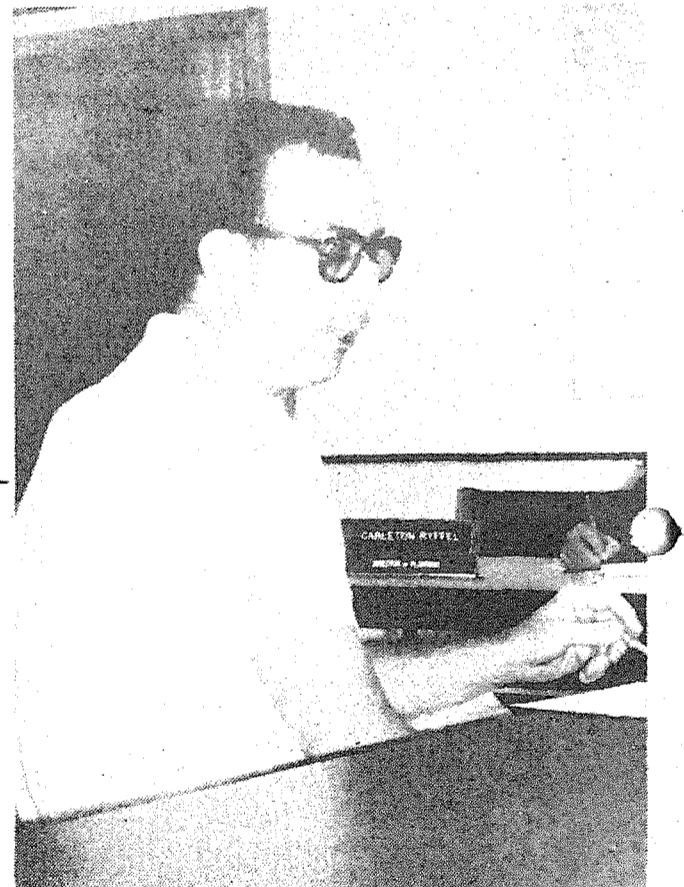
The forthcoming policy statement, which is expected to be ready for adoption by the council at least by the time of their meeting on March 29, will, in all likelihood, be the groundwork for a live shelling ordinance to follow.

The council recognized last week that such an ordinance would probably be somewhat unpopular in the city, as well as entailing obvious enforcement problems for the Island's small police force.

But, as in the case of the city's somewhat unpopular and (as has become evident in recent weeks) somewhat unenforceable comprehensive land use plan, such is the price of growth for the "seashell Island."

After all, a live shelling ordinance would not be necessary if the growing numbers of amateur and professional shell collectors on Sanibel beaches would exercise a little more common sense in pursuing the one hobby which has done more than any other to make Sanibel famous.

Ed Underhill,  
chairman  
of the live  
shell committee



Ed Underhill, chairman of an ad hoc Committee on Live Shelling, appeared before the Sanibel City Council last Tuesday to present the committee's recommendations. The council plans to draft a city policy statement on the live shelling question in the weeks ahead.



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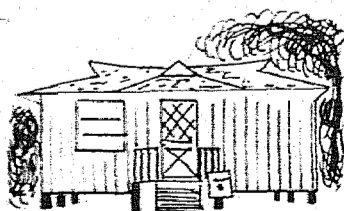
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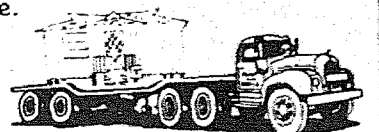
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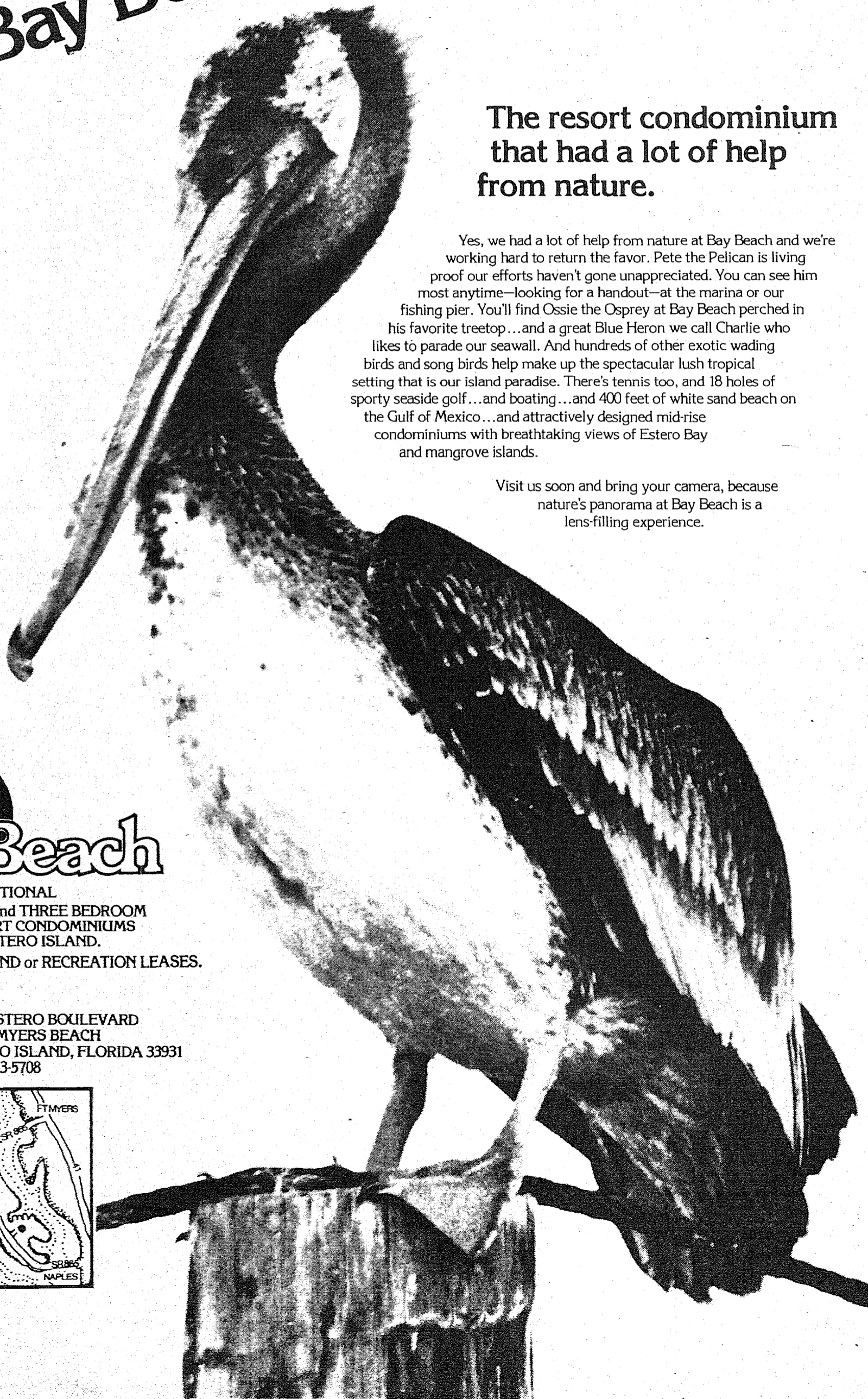


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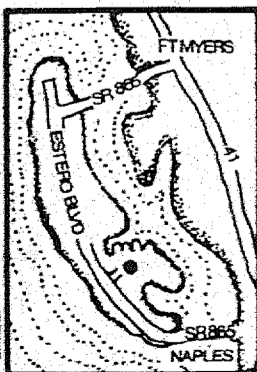
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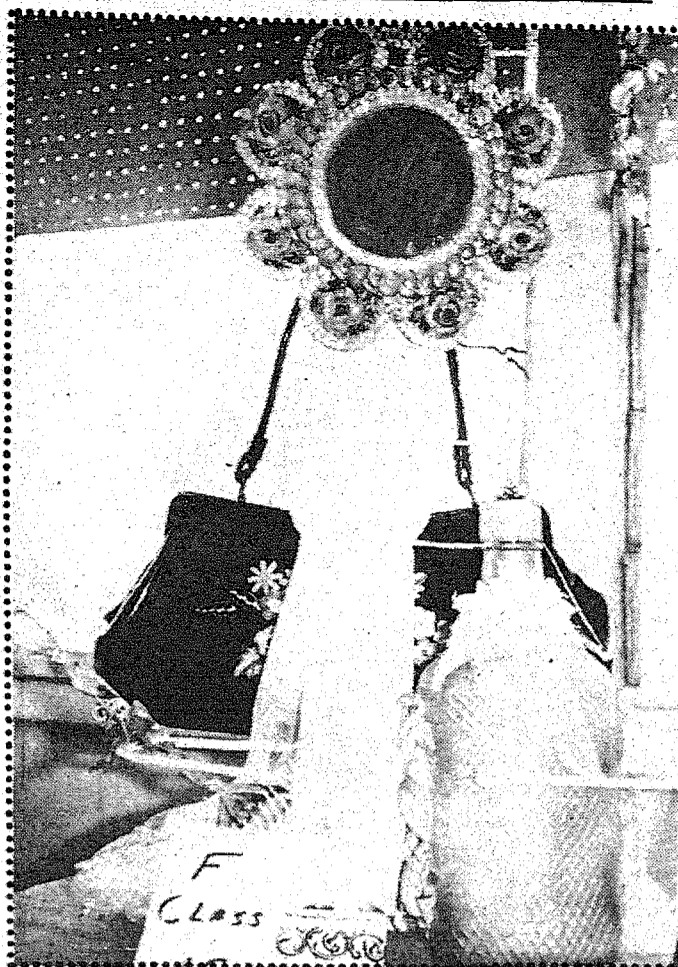



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Buck Bassenger and his faithful companion, Angus, a white Scotch Terrier, cover many miles on the Island each day. Angus absolutely loves the beach—so much so that he adamantly refuses to leave it.

L'oiseau sees him being carried off the beach in the arms of his master. He is not THAT small a dog, but one must do what has to be done—yes?

A tip for those of you struggling with

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Yes, it was truly an auspicious gathering of local birds and others from Sanibel and Fort Myers for the annual ABC sale—the place to be on the morn of Feb. 25.

L'oiseau arrived at 9:15 a.m. and, lo and behold, there were about 300 birds of every size and shape already flitting about the Captiva Community Building's courtyard. Another line, four abreast and extending 300 feet down Gore Road, was patiently waiting for the doors to open at 9:30 a.m.

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At 11 a.m. an auction of choice items took place. A long time Captiva winter resident, Tom Pearsall of North Carolina, played the role of auctioneer. The bidding was swift and exciting.

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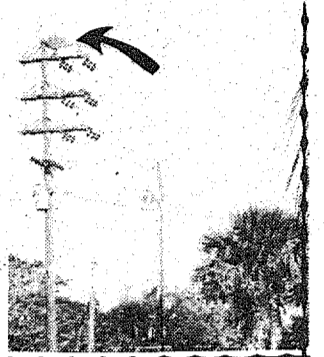
Flying off,  
L'oiseau

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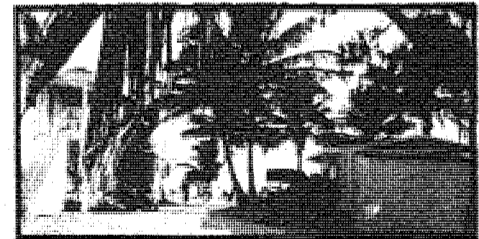
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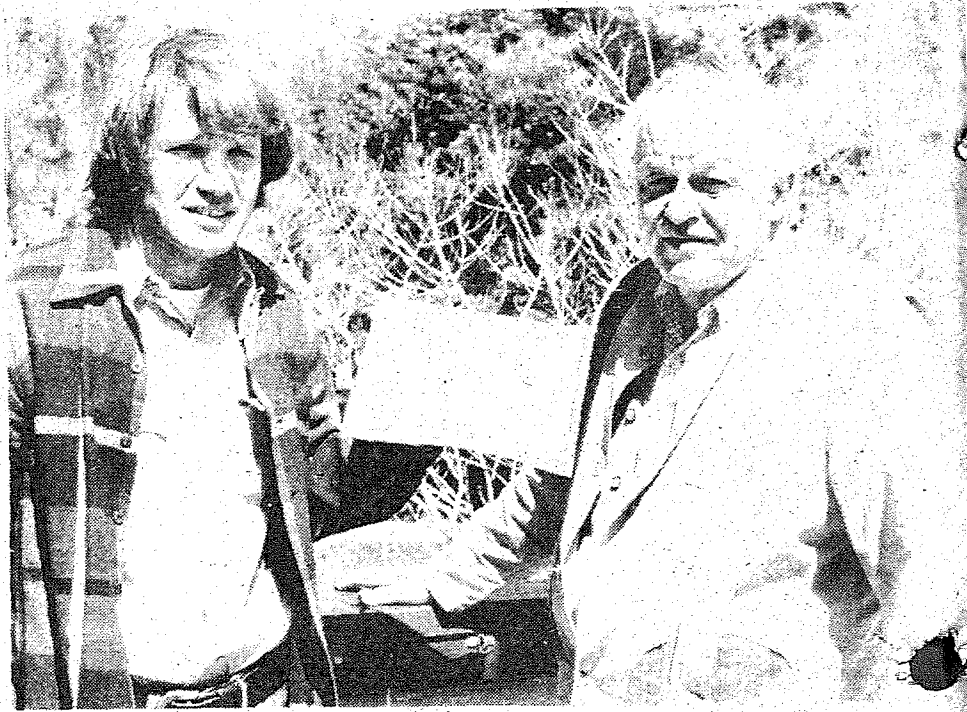
Shown here are Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Director Dick Workman (left) and Foundation board Chairman Dewitt Jones with one of the first copies of "The Sanibel Report" to come off the presses.

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