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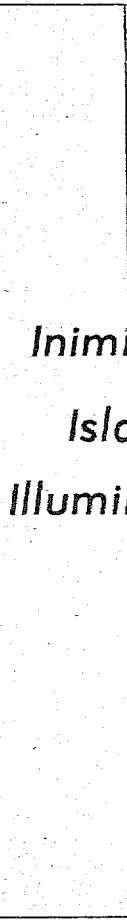
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Conservation volunteers needed

In preparation for the opening of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Conservation Center, which is now being erected on the Foundation's 207-acre Nature Trail property south of Sanibel-Captiva Road, the Foundation is currently seeking volunteers to assist with a number of educational

programs to be carried on at the center, said the Foundation's Executive Director, Dick Workman.

The development of the Conservation Center calls for an expanded program of conservation education, nature trail use, and a variety of environmental awareness activities, Workman said.

Thus, job areas in which volunteers are needed include library workers, trail guides, naturalists, shop keepers, admissions clerks and many more.

According to Workman, a training program is currently being organized for some of the more technical jobs, such as trail guides and naturalists. Persons interested in leading nature walks as volunteers for the Conservation Center will be trained in native vegetation, wildlife, and other aspects of the Island's natural history.

The preparation of exhibits for the Conservation Center is another area in which volunteers are desperately needed, Workman said. Advisors to the Foundation from the Smithsonian

Institution are now exploring possible Smithsonian training programs for these volunteers.

The ambitious Conservation Center program promises a job for nearly every interest, Workman commented. He urges every Islander with a few spare hours each week or a talent going to waste to put them to good use by signing up as a Conservation Center volunteer.

Anyone interested in volunteering their time and talents may call the Foundation office at 472-2329. According to Workman, there are still plenty of exciting volunteer positions yet to be filled en route to making the Conservation Center the unique community facility the Foundation hopes to be.

Housing survey underway: questionnaires available

Last Tuesday, copies of the accompanying questionnaire, intended to ascertain the extent of the need for low and moderate cost housing on Sanibel, were made available to Islanders at five locations on the Island.

The questionnaire was prepared with considerable effort by the city's relatively new ad hoc Committee on Housing, headed by Sanibel Vice-Mayor Zee Butler.

The Committee was created by the Sanibel City Council late in 1976 to investigate the severity of the problem of insufficient moderate income housing units on the Island, and to make recommendations to the city council as to how reasonably priced housing units might best be provided to those who currently live and work on Sanibel.

The circulation of a housing questionnaire marks only the first step in the committee's appointed task.

"This is only a general questionnaire at this point to determine the size of the

problem," said Vice-Mayor Butler. "A more specific questionnaire will be forthcoming later on to determine the type of housing needed by the young and working people on Sanibel."

The questionnaire is available at Sanibel City Hall in Periwinkle Place Shopping Center, at the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce office on Causeway Road, at Bailey's General Store, at Huxter's Market and Deli, and at the Sanibel Standard Service Station on Periwinkle Way.

Islanders filling out the questionnaire are asked to return the completed form to Assistant City Manager Tom Locker at P.O. Drawer 436, Sanibel, or at Sanibel City Hall. An April 1 cutoff deadline has been set for the acceptance of completed questionnaires.

Although no signatures will be required of those filling out the questionnaire, the committee hopes that Islanders will take a responsible view of the survey and will refrain

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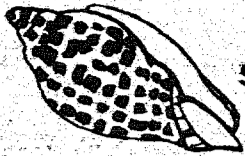
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Work progressed smoothly last week at the site of the Conservation Center, Workman said, with the installation of a septic tank for the facility.

Although Foundation officials expect the building to be completed by about May 1, the grand opening of the long awaited Conservation Center is slated for this coming fall, Workman said, to give the Foundation time to equip the Center with furniture, exhibits, darkroom and laboratory supplies, as well as air conditioning.

However, volunteers for the educational programs to be featured at the Center are being sought now for training and familiarization with the Foundation's many worth conservation programs.

Don't miss this initial opportunity to help with making this wonderful addition to the Islands a success.



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Do you feel that the new street names and house numbers on Captiva are helpful? And how do you like living at your new address?



"There hasn't been anything delivered to me there yet. Maybe that's 'cause I haven't ordered anything that had to be delivered by express."

Joe Wightman



"It is equally as comfortable as my old address. The change doesn't particularly affect me but it will cause confusion with plats, land surveys and property descriptions."

Paul Stahlin



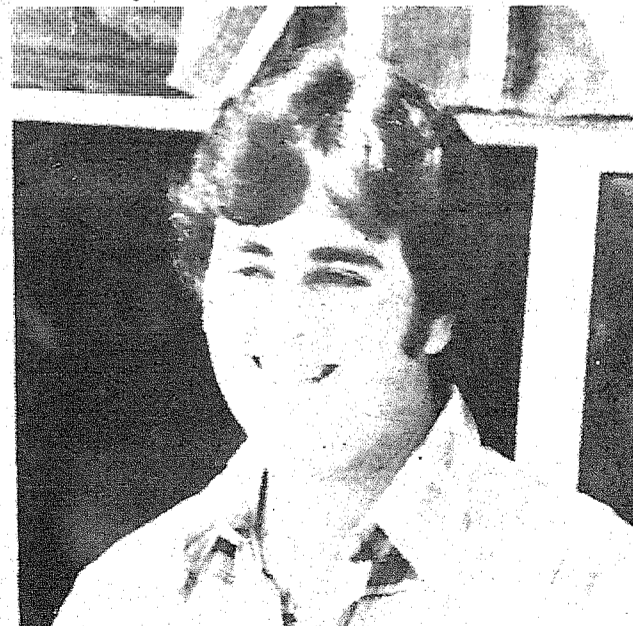
"I feel sorry for the business people on Palm Avenue, or on old Palm Avenue, who are forced to change all their stationery, advertising, and deliveries because of the name changes. Half of the people up here never knew that they were contemplating the change and there was no notice of it."

Mary Elaine Patton



"They are not suitable names for Captiva Island; the streets on Captiva should have more tropical names. But I realize that they are in memory of the Island's early settlers."

Marge Cobb



"I think it is rather disrupting and don't understand why they didn't notify us in advance."

Victor Mayeron



"If I only knew what my new address was I'd probably be happy with it, but now the State wants my address before they'll give me a license and being as they've changed my address I guess I'm gonna have to call 'em up and find out what the address is so I can write it down and send it back to 'em."

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County will pay Footbridge to forestall closing

The Lee County Commission voted Wednesday to pay the Nationwide Realty Corporation a sum of about \$18,500 for the cost of constructing the wooden footbridge connecting Bowman's Beach Road with Turner Beach, in an attempt to forestall the developers' threat to close the only public access to the county-owned beach along Sanibel's western shore.

The bridge was built by Nationwide in 1973 by agreement with the county commission, as part of the group's plan to develop their Sanibel Bayous Sub-division, a parcel of about 220 acres adjacent to Bowman's Beach Road, according to Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss.

Nationwide's agreement with the county called for Nationwide to build the footbridge and deed public access for the facility to the county in exchange for increased zoning for Sanibel Bayous. The county was to reimburse the developers up to \$25,000 for the construction of the bridge pending the outcome of litigation challenging the county's claim to ownership of Turner Beach.

Since the young City of Sanibel has curtailed the use of Nationwide's property by drastically lowering the zoning for the land, the developers are no longer interested in the former agreement with Lee County and now contemplates closing the bridge to the public, Nationwide attorney Steve Helgemo told the commission last Wednesday. Nationwide has never transferred the title for the public easement to the beach to Lee County, according to Goss.

Helgemo said that Nationwide wants to negotiate with the city and county jointly for the development of Sanibel Bayous, but the commission em-

phatically refused to interfere with the affairs of the city. Nationwide's suit for judicial permission to develop Sanibel Bayous under the original zoning approved by Lee County was dismissed recently in circuit court.

Despite the fact that the lawsuit challenging county ownership of a portion of Turner Beach has yet to be resolved, the commission voted last Wednesday to pay the developers the cost of building the footbridge under the terms of the original agreement.

Late in February, the commission directed County Attorney James Humphrey to file suit against the Nationwide group if any attempt is made to close the bridge to the public.

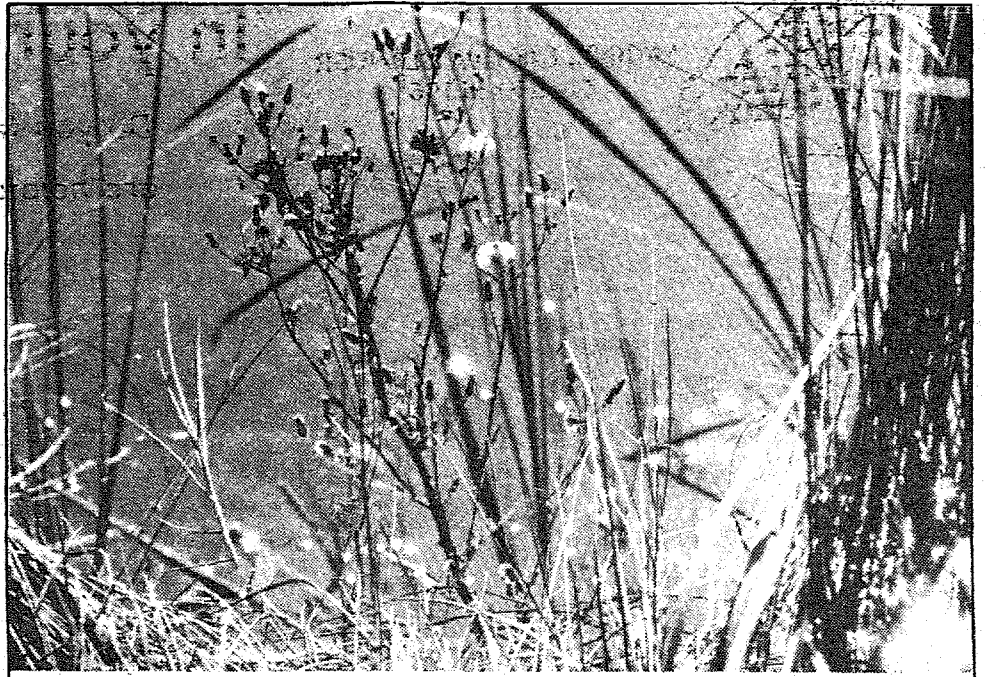
Goss said that he would recommend to the council that the city become a party to such a lawsuit if the necessity should arise.

The commission also proposed that the city and county should join together to develop a public park, restrooms and parking facilities at the access to the bridge with Sanibel Causeway surplus funds.

"I'm very pleased with the county's action in this matter," said Mayor Goss last week. "The commission stood firm and refused to let themselves be manipulated by these developers. I'm getting a little tired of their oblique attempts to beat the system."

According to Goss, the Nationwide group has applied for a general amendment to the city's comprehensive land use plan for an increase in density for Sanibel Bayous.

"I think it would be in everyone's best interests to have these people come before the council and planning commission to try to iron out their differences," Goss said.



Last live photo verse

Mario Hutton, who has been delighting Audubon audiences, as well as those other lucky folks who have been able to attend his shows, may well be presenting his last in-person popular photo-verse programs day after tomorrow, Thursday, March 24, at the Sanibel Community House at 8 p.m. for the Audubon Society. The public, of course, is invited.

Hutton said that this particular program "may well assume special significance, because, in all probability, I will not ever again be giving a live program. Due to failing eyesight, I intend to tape the 137 features I have photographed and written to date, offering them in that form from now on."

Anyone who has not had the distinct pleasure of hearing and seeing one of Hutton's shows is more than urged not to miss this one - "Vignettes from my

palette," which includes a variety of subjects of local wildlife as well as the Island's natural beauty, including a tunning sequence of dawnshots called "Birth of a day," as well as take-off on driftwood patterns and "Our roseate realm," a most unusual series of infra-red slides.

During the past dozen years, Hutton, beside being a prime mover and a first president of the local Audubon Society, has presented his unique photo-verse series for the National Audubon Society, the Smithsonian and many other national organizations, not to mention showings in 37 Florida cities.

Thursday evening's program will also include "Raptorial Idyl," "A key is Born," "Alligator Crunch," "Daydream Islet," and perhaps, under the circumstances, not all surprisingly, "Swan Song."

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Editorial

(even if we shouldn't)

As a day time resident (and many night times, but then again, it's fairly well known that ye editor has a tendency to confuse the hours of the day, let alone the days of the week) of the Island, we may well tread upon a toe or two in commenting adversely on the "Captiva Road program" or lack thereof.

(Think it's more the numbers which bug us, rather than the names, but more on that later.)

At first, the road naming controversy on Captiva seemed to be a tempest in a teapot — but then, as a dear and respected friend mentioned, "What other kind of issue ever makes the Island the Islands?" — and since later developments reminded us of a childhood episode which occurred during the building of a home on Fort Myers Beach, we decided to go ahead and comment — and keep your torpedos!

Anyhow, at the time of the construction, the home (which happened to be in the family) was known by all the delivery people in Fort Myers as the "red house on stilts across from the

church" and supplies — lumber, creosote, pipes, plumbers and everything else one needs to accumulate a home that's really together — were delivered with promptness and speed (considering that Florida was a Southern state at the time) and a smile.

Then, along came the county with designated street names and numbers — combined with the unfortunate coincidence of our red house being reshingled in grey asbestos. We didn't get ANYTHING for WEEKS, nay, MONTHS, since the delivery people were still looking for "the little red house across from the church" rather than "135 Chapel Street."

And what does this have to do with Captiva? Read on...

One of the major reasons Captiva's recent vote re merging with Sanibel was that the north-western Island might lose some of its very special ambience and charm.

How can four digit house numbers help retain that very special atmosphere?

Obviously, they can't. Saying, "I live at 2348 Bright Lane" doesn't quite have the same pull (or punch) as, "Oh, we're

in the round house three coconut palms past the corner on Munson."

Besides which, drawing a much closer analogy, when a staff member had occasion to call for emergency services, "1360 Jamaica Drive" drew as much of a "huh?" from the excellent Sanibel fire department as it did from us.

When she went into detail and we finally realized (as did the fire department, when it became their turn) that she was talking about the fifth house from the Gulf up from Tradewinds, we knew (as did the fire department) exactly where she was.

That rather effectively blows the argument — at least for people who know the Islands — that uniform house numbers on specific streets will make

it easier to find someone when they need help.

"Five hundred feet north of Timmy's Nook—the round house" will probably, for quite a few years yet, get a much faster "10-4" than "1432 Bright Lane." Or whatever.

While, we hasten to add, we are neither advocating merger or non-merger (if you wish, you may ask us in private, but not right here) with Sanibel, we're not quite sure that Captiva's special "ambiance" will in any way be helped by four digit house designations.

Nay, one might ask, is this perhaps a first step in turning Captiva a bit closer to a Fort Myers Beach ambience (may the Good Lord please forbid) rather than Sanibel's?

Letters to the editor:

To the editor:

A most successful Sanibel Shell Fair was held on March 3, 4, 5, and 6, 1977. Months of hard work on the part of a great many Islanders made the Fair. The entire Sanibel Community Association thanks all who participated and recognizes the extra contribution of the Executive Committee and those who assumed the responsibility of the various functions. The Exhibits Chairman, Anne Joffe. Brochures, Ed Underhill, The Shell Table, Joe Winterrowd, The Driftwood Shop, Blanche Ford. Outside activities and crowd control, Joe Searing. The Live Exhibits, Jan and Ralph Livingston. Shell sales, Fae Muller. The efficient parking direction, Bob Potts. Bake Sale, Pat Milligan. The Galley, Dick Riddle. Hostesses and Hosts, Margaret Krueger.

The Community Association is very grateful to Thomas Clifford for donating the Shell Table and Wall Shell Cabinet. To the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club for donating the shells for the table. To Helen Jans for the Shell Flower Bouquet and to Mark Heimann for the flower vase. We also thank our Fair Treasurer, Dan Moore. Of course, we are grateful to all who were Exhibitors and to all who attended.

Excellent traffic control was maintained by the Sanibel Police Force.

The proceeds from the Fair will swell the Building Fund of the Community

Association. It is wonderful that so many gave so generously of their time and effort and had the pleasure of working together on this 40th annual community event.

-s- Dick Wilson
President

Sanibel Community Association

To the editor:

We have just returned from your Islands and words cannot express how happy we were with them.

Our son, Peter Michael Goetz, who, with a partner, owns an apartment at "The Irelands" on (Old) East Gulf Drive is in the Hall of Fame at the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis and always comes (to the Islands) for a week or two to relax with his young family. We just couldn't resist visiting this year.

We were literally snowed under here in this suburb of Buffalo... very frightening... and needless to say, we were transported to a new world when we reached your Islands.

Hope we can retire there some day. We are in our seventies and my husband is an astronomer as well as a nature lover, so it would be paradise for him!

Stay grateful you're there!
-s- Esther L. Goetz
Humbolt Park, Buffalo, NY



The Matthiessen tragedy.

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Kiwanin Steve Reynolds checks over a 44-year old bike, which passes with flying colors.

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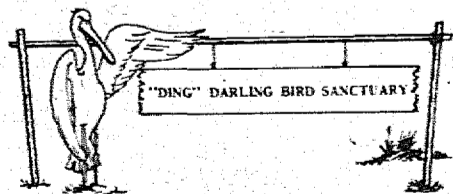
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By GINNI BROWN

Sebring is more of an experience than it is a race.

Oh, they may call it "Sebring" or even the "Silver Anniversary of the Twelves Hours of Sebring" or even the "Sebring Grand Prix" . . . but the race itself is almost incidental to most of the 25,000 people who camped out on the hot, dusty airport grounds which surround . . . nay, engulf . . . the 5.2 mile race track.

Sebring is being out of a log and lighter fluid, trading off beer for two logs from a wooded but thirsty group and then trading one of the logs to a fireless camp with lots of lighter fluid, and ending up with a smokey fire anyway.

Sebring is "Where IS he?" . . . the question most frequently asked when the spectators found out that "P. J. Newman of Westport, Conn.," was in fact THE Paul Newman.

Sebring is "Oh, sure, I saw him" when it was learned that Newman drove car number 2 instead of 12.

Sebring is "Mom, where's the ketchup?" as a be-scarfed teen-ager stirs scrambled eggs over an open charcoal fire.

Sebring is "Oh, please point the hose this way" as an eight year old with a bucket vies with a striking young thing in a string bikini.

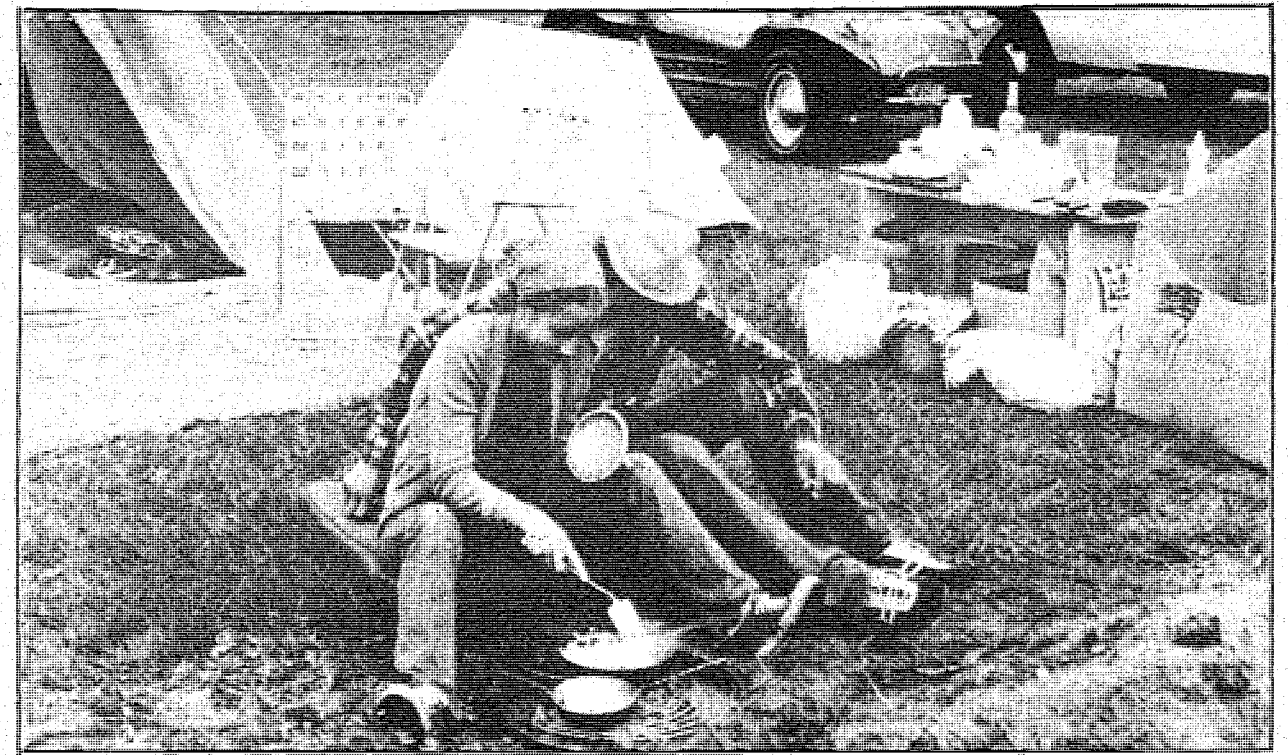
Sebring is the bikini winning.

Sebring is "Ouch, that feels good" as sun burn lotion is lathered on a reddened back.

Sebring is "Hey, we're from Michigan . . . is this a good place to park and can we trade you the use of our hammer for some garlic powder?"

Sebring is "Gimme another beer . . . and don't step on him; he's my brother."

Sebring is a Jimmy



"Over easy, my foot. You'll eat them scrambled or not at all. . . Which effectively took care of one burning problem in one of the thousands of camps which spring

up every March around the 5.2 mile Sebring race track during the "Week of the Races."

(Photo by Ginni Brown)

Buffett tape blaring the philosophy that "life is just a tire swing" at a minimum of 60 decibels from an orange, green and purple van.

Sebring is a 60 cent bag of ice costing \$1.25.

Sebring is the smug look on the faces of those who thought to bring a chemical john so they wouldn't have to stand in line.

Sebring is walking two steps and turning black from the accumulation of a quarter century's worth of rubber dust being stirred up by a couple of frisbee players.

Sebring is the sensuous sensation of sinking into the crystal wavelets of Lake

Sebring and feeling clean again.

Sebring is finding out that bug spray does too work on love bugs --- but only with a direct hit.

Sebring is wandering around the pit area and finding out that the pit crews haven't seen Newman,

either.

Sebring is beer and boys and bottles and babes.

Sebring is the fun of knowing that ever since Enrico Ferrari got so mad at Carroll Shelby and Ford because they beat him, that he got the international racing rules changed ---

and has lost out to the Porches ever since.

Sebring is hot dogs, and cotton candy, carnival rides and coughing from the camp fire's smoke.

Oh, and Sebring is waking up Sunday morning and finding out the Porches won --- again.



Elizabeth Brown and Bill Ignatti of Fort Myers Beach find that a track-side motor home makes a super spot from which to watch the 25th running of the 12

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weekdays - all day

6:00		
20-Spanish Newscast		
6:04		
20-Gulf Coast Today		
6:08		
20-The Lucy Show		
6:30		
11-Morning Devotional		
6:35		
11-F.Y.I.		
6:38		
20-Gulf Coast Today		
6:55		
11-Spanish News		
7:00		
11-CBS Morning News		
20-Today		
20-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; "The Bliss of Mrs. Blossom," Shirley McClaine, Wed; "The Idol," Jennifer Jones, Thurs; "P.J." George Peppard, Fri; "To Sir With Love," Sidney Poitier		
10:00		
11-Merv Griffin		
20-Sanford & Son		
10:30		
20-Hollywood Squares		

10:58	20-NBC News Minute	2:58	20-NBC News Minute
11:00		3:00	
11-Double Dare		3:15	11-All In The Family
20-Wheel of Fortune		3:30	20-Another World
26-Can You Top This?		3:58	26-General Hospital
11:30		3:58	
11-Love of Life		4:00	11-Match Game '77
20-Shoot For The Stars		4:00	20-NBC News Minute
26-Happy Days		4:30	
11:55		4:30	
11-CBS News Minute		4:30	11-Mike Douglas
12 Noon		4:30	20-Hogan's Heroes
11-News Eleven		4:30	26-Dialing for Dollars;
20-Name That Tune		4:30	Tues; "Escape by Night," Terry Longdon, Wed; ABC Afternoon Special, "OTO," Thurs; "Night Has a Thousand Eyes," Edward G. Robinson, Fri; "The Horror of Party Beach," John Scott, Mon; "Decision at Sundown," Randolph Scott.
26-Second Chance		4:30	
12:30		5:00	20-Emergency One
11-Search For Tomorrow		5:00	
20-Lovers and Friends		5:00	11-News Eleven
26-Ryan's Hope		5:00	20-Eyewitness News
12:58		5:00	26-ABC Evening News
20-NBC News Minute		5:00	
1:00		5:00	
11-The Young & The Restless		5:00	
20-The Gong Show		5:00	
26-All My Children		5:00	
1:30		5:00	
11-As The World Turns		5:00	
20-Days of Our Lives		5:00	
26-Family Feud		5:00	
2:00		5:00	
26-\$20,000 Pyramid		5:00	
2:30		5:00	
11-The Guiding Light		5:00	
20-The Doctors		5:00	
26-One Life To Live		5:00	



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tuesday - 6 p.m. till sign-off

6:00	20-Hollywood Squares	10:00	11-Kojak
11-News Eleven	26-Bobby Vinton		20-Police Story
20-Eyewitness News	8:00		26-Family
26-NewsScene	11-CBS Reports	11:00	11-News Eleven
6:30	20-Baa, Baa Black Sheep		20-Eyewitness News
11-CBS News	26-Happy Days		26-NewsScene
20-NBC News	8:30		
26-ABC News	26-Laverne & Shirley	11:30	
7:00	9:00		11-CBS Late Movie
11-David Niven	11-M.A.S.H.		20-Tonight Show
20-Adam 12	20-Police Woman		26-ABC Tues Movie:
26-To Tell The Truth	26-Rich Man, Poor Man		"Conspiracy of Terror"
7:30	9:30		1 a.m.
11-Andy Williams	11-One Day At a Time		20-The Tomorrow Show

wednesday - 6 p.m. till sign-off

6:00	11-News Eleven	8:00	11-Good Times	reporter for the Frazier Group, a powerful chain of newspaper and TV stations.
20-Eyewitness News	26-NewsScene		20-The Life & Times of Grizzly Adams	
6:30	11-CBS News		26-The Bionic Woman	26-Charlie's Angels
20-NBC News	26-ABC News	9:00	11-CBS Wed. Night Movie	11:00
26-ABC News	7:00		20-CPO Sharky	20-Eyewitness News
11-Wild Kingdom	20-Adam 12	9:30	26-Baretta	26-NewsScene
20-Adam 12	26-To Tell The Truth			11:30
26-To Tell The Truth	7:30		20-The McLean Stevenson Show	11-CBS Late Movie
11-Untamed World	20-Gong Show	10:00	20-Kingston: Confidential - Premiere - "Shadow Game," Raymond Burr stars as an investigative	20-The Tonight Show
20-Gong Show	26-Wild, Wild World of Animals			26-"The Rookies" & "Mystery of the Week - Death to Sister Mary" 1 a.m.
26-Wild, Wild World of Animals				20-The Tomorrow Show



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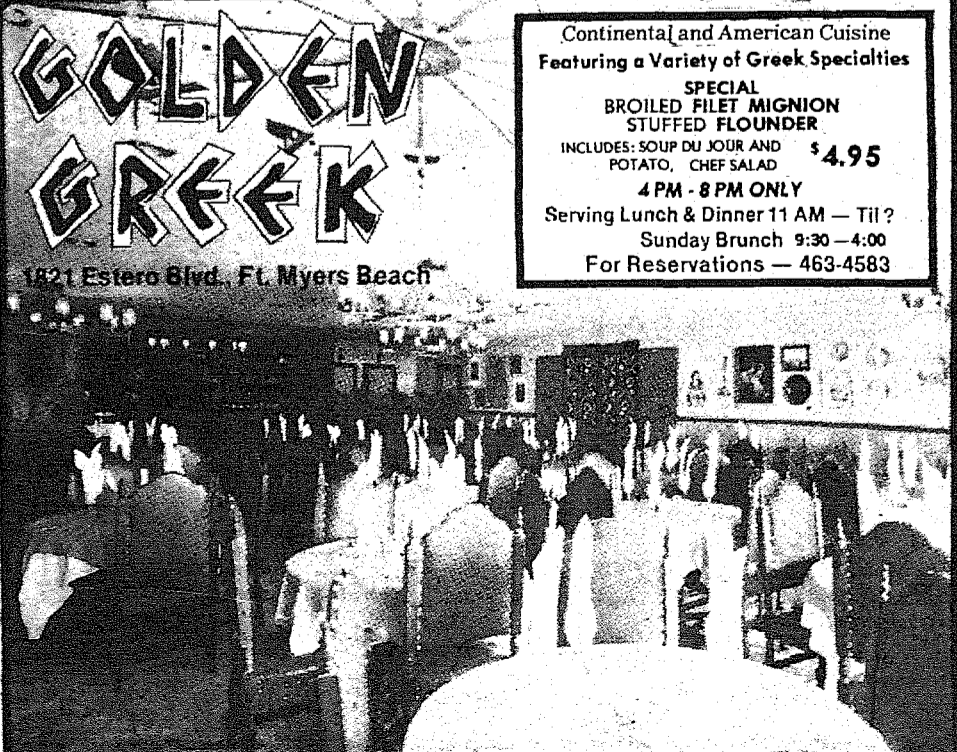
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thursday - 6 p.m. till sign-off

6:00 was real, in a well-produced program.
 11-News Eleven
 20-Eyewitness News
 26-NewsScene
 6:30
 11-CBS News
 20-NBC News
 26-ABC News
 7:00
 11-Florida Yesterday, in which local good ole boy Frog Smith tells delightful tales of his early days when Southern "cracker" life

20-NBC Best Seller: "The Rhinemann Exchange" conclusion
 26-Barney Miller
 9:30
 26-Tony Randall Show
 10:00
 11-News Eleven
 20-Eyewitness News
 26-NewsScene
 11:30
 11-CBS Late Movie
 20-The Tonight Show
 26-Special: Alan King's Pleasures of Rome
 1 a.m.
 20-The Tomorrow Show

friday - 6 p.m. till sign-off

6:00
 11-News Eleven
 20-Eyewitness News
 26-NewsScene
 6:30
 11-CBS News
 20-NBC News
 26-ABC News
 7:00
 11-Hee Haw
 20-Adam 12

26-To Tell The Truth
 7:30
 20-Candid Camera
 26-Nashville On The Road
 8:00
 11-CBS Movie: Special - "The Way West," Kirk Douglas, Robert Mitchum and Richard Widmark
 20-Sanford & Son
 26-The Osmonds
 8:30
 20-The Bob Hope Comedy Special NBC
 9:00
 26-ABC Friday Movie: "Future Cop"
 10:00
 20-Rockford Files
 10:30
 11-TBA - Bravo Two

11:00
 11-News Eleven
 20-Eyewitness News,
 26-NewsScene
 11:30
 11-CBS Late Movie
 20-The Tonight Show
 26-S.W.A.T.

12:30
 26-Friday Night Theater - All Night Movies: Til 7 a.m.: No. 1- "Assassination In Rome," Hugh O'Brian, color; No. 2-"Giants of Rome," Richard Harrison, color; No.3-

"Dynamite Joe," Rick Van Nutter, color; No. 4-"Frankenstein Meets The Space Monster," James Karen, 1965, B&W.
 1 a.m.
 26-Midnight Special

saturday - all day

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" Hour
 20-"Space Ghost" and "Frankenstein, Jr."
 11:30
 20-Big John, Little John

26-Super Friends
 11:55
 20-Schoolhouse Rock
 12 Noon
 11-Fat Albert & The Cosby Kids
 20-Land of The Lost
 26-ABC Short Story Special
 12:30
 11-Ark II
 20-Muggsy
 26-American Bandstand
 1:00
 11-Way Out Games
 20-Championship Wrestling from Florida
 1:30
 11-What are The Loch Ness Monsters All About?
 26-Peter Gunn
 2:00
 11-WINK-End Movie: "Till

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From the expression on their faces, it's easy to see they are taking the title of their fast-moving comedy seriously.

The next performance of "Laff That Off" will be this coming Sunday, March 27, with the curtain to rise for the performance at 8:15 p.m.

Other members of the cast are Pamela Toomer, Paul Adams, and Ruth and Philip Hunter, owners and proprietors of the Pirate Playhouse.

Incidentally, and of passing interest to theatergoers, the role of Emmie Mopopus, in which you will see Trudy Kohlbrunner this Sunday, was played by Ruth Hunter in the original Broadway production of "Laff That Off" at Wallach's Theater in 1925. And now, fifty-two years later, Ruth will play Emmie's nemesis and roominghouse landlady, Mrs. "Ma" Connelly.

With the theatrical season on Sanibel fast drawing to a close, tickets are becoming increasingly scarce for the remaining plays this winter.

Thus, those who plan to see "Laff That Off" this Sunday are urged to make reservations early by calling the Playhouse Box Office at 472-2121.

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island weather report

Here follows the ISLANDER's weather report for last week, presented courtesy of Walter Klie of the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce weather station on Causeway Road at Sanibel's east end:

DATE	HI	LO	RAINFALL
March 11	82	70	None
March 12	84	71	None
March 13		None	
March 14	84	70	None
March 15	83	70	None
March 16	82	68	None
March 17	80	68	None

Weather around the country

City & Fcst	Hi	Lo	Pcp	City & Fcst	Hi	Lo	Pcp
Albuquerque c	63	34	....	El Paso c	71	45	....
Anchorage pc	37	26	....	Hartford c	42	28	.14
Asheville r	64	40	....	Honolulu pc	83	71	.05
Atlanta r	65	51	....	Houston pc	72	63	....
Billings pc	34	20	....	Indianapolis cy	48	30	....
Birmingham r	66	53	....	Jackson Miss. r	70	59	....
Boston c	40	34	....	Jacksonville r	81	61	....
Buffalo pc	44	28	.14	Kansas City s	54	36	....
Charleston S.C. r	72	58	.36	Las Vegas c	73	47	....
Charlotte N.C. cy	68	49	....	Little Rock pc	59	48	....
Chicago s	43	31	.01	Los Angeles c	74	47	....
Cleveland cy	44	25	.05	Louisville pc	54	34	....
Columbus cy	44	26	....	Memphis cy	65	52	....
Dallas pc	71	50	....	Miami Beach c	82	76	....
Denver pc	45	18	....	Milwaukee cy	43	28	....
Des Moines s	42	33	.05	Minneapolis cy	43	19	....
Detroit cy	37	25	.13	Nashville r	59	41	....
Duluth pc	32	07	.01	New Orleans r	73	67	....
				New York c	35	35	.09
				Oklahoma City pc	71	37	....
				Omaha pc	42	32	.05
				Philadelphia c	44	33	.11
				Phoenix c	78	50	....
				Pittsburgh c	48	25	.19
				Portland Me. c	38	29	.03
				Portland Ore. c	52	40	....
				Providence c	39	34	.05
				Richmond pc	56	30	.06
				St. Louis cy	53	33	....
				Salt Lake City pc	43	30	....
				San Antonio pc	74	59
				San Diego c	65	52
				San Francisco c	63	49
				San Juan pc	86	73
				Seattle r	50	47	.03
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				Washington c	50	38	.07
				Wichita pc	68	38

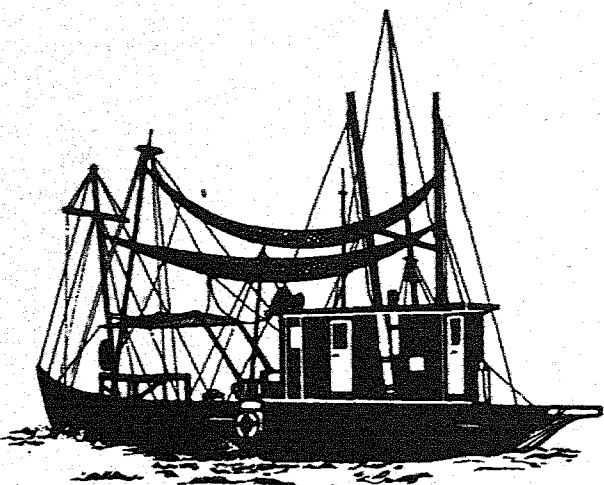
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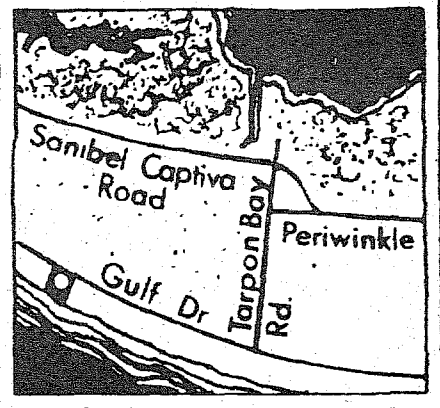
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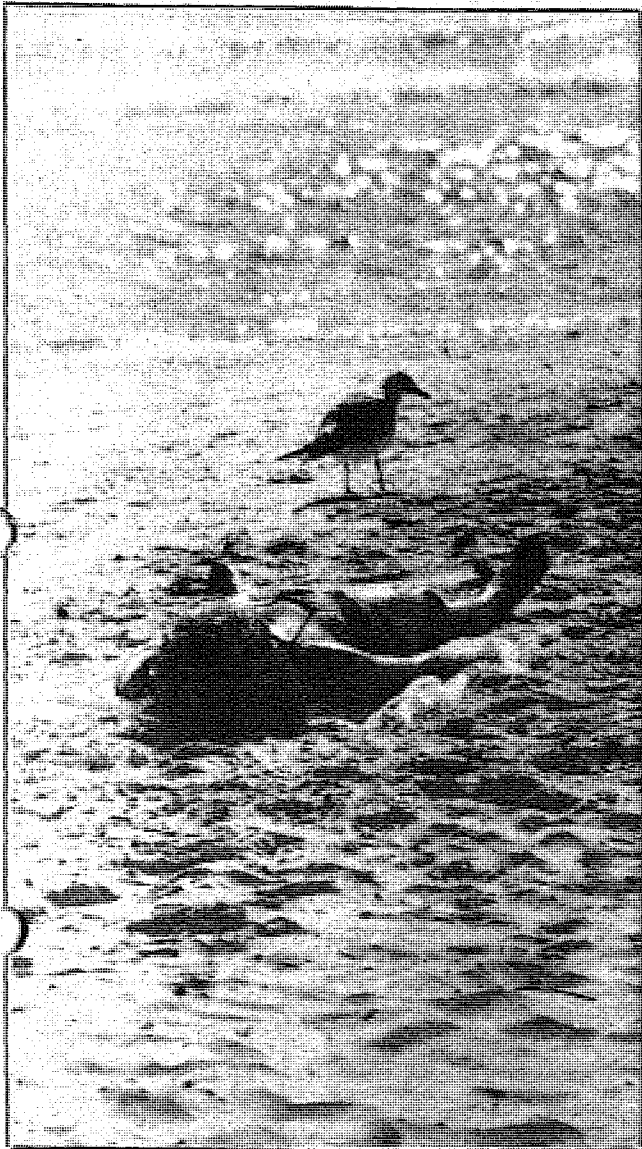
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Questionnaire

from submitting more than one questionnaire, which could invalidate the data gathered in the survey.

Those replying to the questionnaire who would be willing to furnish the committee with further information at a later date are urged to include their name and phone number on the completed questionnaire.

"We are trusting people to be accurate and forthright in answering these questions," Chairman Butler said. "After all, we're trying to help the people who need moderate cost housing."

The committee is hoping that Island businessmen who employ low and moderate income persons will assist with the survey by supplying their employees with copies of the questionnaire, according to Chairman Butler.

The committee has already recognized that an Island-wide effort involving the city and private en-

terprise will be necessary to work out a viable solution to Sanibel's unique housing problem.

According to Chairman Butler, the committee will meet again sometime after the April 1 deadline for the receipt of completed questionnaires to tabulate the results of the survey and decide upon their next course of action.

The committee's meetings are open to the public and are intended to give Islanders a chance to assist the city in sorting out Sanibel's low and moderate income housing dilemma.

All persons who either live or work on Sanibel at the present time and who are experiencing difficulty in finding decent, affordable housing on the Island are urged to fill out the committee's questionnaire as accurately as possible and return it to the city by April 1.

In this instance, only your cooperation can enable the city to help you out of this predicament.

CITY OF SANIBEL

AD HOC COMMITTEE'S QUESTIONNAIRE ON LOW AND MODERATE COST HOUSING

The following questions require answers in order for the Ad Hoc Committee on Low and Moderate Cost Housing to formulate a plan for future consideration by the City Council. Please answer as many of the following as you can.

1. Do you live on Sanibel? Yes _____ No _____ Period of the year _____
2. Do you work on Sanibel? Yes _____ No _____ Period of the year _____
Where? _____
3. Family status: Single _____, Married _____, No. of children _____, Other dependents _____
4. Preference as to type of housing: Rental _____, Home Ownership _____, Apartment _____, House _____, Duplex _____, No. of rooms desired _____ (bedrooms, baths, living room)
5. Please state the affordable rental or monthly payment you are capable of making in any of the above categories.
6. Do you have any preference as to the location of home accommodations? Eastern end of the Island _____, Mid-Island _____, Western Part _____
7. Additional Comments (Use reverse side, if needed)

Please return to Tom Locker, City Hall, P.O. Drawer 436, Sanibel, no later than April 1, 1977. If you have any questions, call Tom Locker at 472-4135. Please provide us with your name and phone number if we may contact you for further information. Thank you.

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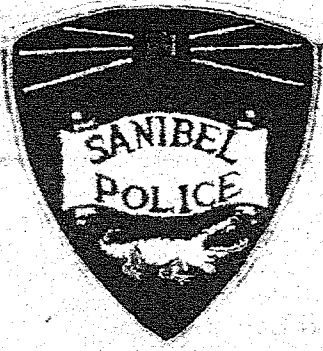
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police reports



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The purse, which contained currency in excess of \$100, is still in S.P.D.'s locker waiting to be claimed.

Complainant called the station to report the loss of a wallet from her purse at a motel on West Gulf Drive.

The missing wallet reportedly contained about \$100 in U.S. and Canadian currency, as well as various identification cards.

Anyone finding such a wallet is urged to notify S.P.D.

S.P.D. investigated a "suspicious person" who came into the station to inquire about the location of a private residence on the Island, but was vague as to the reason for the inquiry.

Investigation revealed that the suspicious person was a vacationing police officer from Wisconsin who wanted to check out an

automobile which had been advertised for sale.

Complainant called in to report two cars parked illegally between "No Parking" signs along West Gulf Drive.

A patrolman was dispatched to the scene and issued written warnings to the offending vehicles.

Complainant came in to report that his bicycle was missing. The bike, it seems, disappeared most mysteriously while the man was shopping at an Island store.

The investigation is continuing.

Complainant phoned station to ask if his missing car keys had turned up by any chance.

The reply was negative, and the man was informed of the phone number for the Island Locksmith, which was necessitated by the fact that the man was locked out of his car.

Patrolmen answered a

call to look for a missing person on the Island who had failed to show up for an appointment.

S.P.D. located the missing person just moments before the person who had reported her missing showed up.

The missing parties were therefore reunited.

S.P.D. answered a call for help which resulted in a person being admitted to Lee Memorial Hospital under the Baker Act.

Complainant phoned station via an emergency call box to request aid with getting his car started.

As all available patrolmen were busy elsewhere, the dispatcher endeavored to call the complainant's friend to lend assistance, which was accomplished.

A complainant brought the "Emergency" sign from call box number 12 to the station, reporting that the sign had been broken off from its supports by vandals. Tsk tsk.

Complainant came to the station to see if anything could be done to slow down the traffic on Seagrape Lane, which annoys residents of the area by stirring up dust along the road.

The man claimed he had gone to City Hall with his complaint, but to no avail, as the city council "doesn't seem to care," he said.

He asked S.P.D.'s permission to dig a small trench across the road to slow down the traffic.

Complainant phoned

station to report two bonfires on the beach near a vacant lot.

Upon investigation, S.P.D. found there to be only one bonfire, properly permitted by the Sanibel Fire Department.

Upon notification of this, the complainant expressed satisfaction with the handling of his complaint.

A complainant who would not give his name called the station to report a barking dog in the neighborhood, which he alleged was highly annoying to his sleep.

S.P.D. called a nearby neighbor who was known to have a dog and advised them of the complaint, which seems only sporting.

No action was taken, though, as the dog declined to bark in the presence of officers.

Complainant called S.P.D. to report that her dog had been attacked and its throat torn open by a larger dog owned by another man, all of whom were walking on the beach.

Complainant alleged that the other human involved in the incident has loosed his dog upon hers with malice, but he claimed that he only released his dog when it appeared to be in danger of attack from the rear by the smaller canine, which sustained quite a gash in its neck as a result.

Both parties (human, that is) were duly incensed over the incident, and investigation is continuing.

Complainant phoned in to report that his lawnmower, which was last seen sitting quietly under a tree in his yard, had been stolen sometime within the last

month.

The complainant could shed no light on the disappearance other than the lawnmower was not insured for theft, and so the investigation continues.

A patrolman issued a uniform traffic citation for failure to yield the right-of-way to a driver who thereupon became abusive, complaining that the patrolman was flirting with an unidentified female in the performance of his duties.

As a result of continued abuse of this sort to the patrolman, the court date of the alleged traffic violator was set for the following day, as per his request.

Patrolman rendered assistance to a man who had locked himself out of his car at the Island Cinema.

Man seemed grateful for the courtesy.

S.P.D. issued a notice to appear at the station to an individual who parked his car and trailer in such a manner as to block the driveway to an Island shopping center and then left the scene.

The owner of the offending automobile has yet to appear.

S.P.D. conducted a successful search for an overdue rental car and notified the rental agency who had filed the complaint.

The lessee of the car had long since fled.

S.P.D. investigated a complaint of garbage strewn all over a garbage collection area near a local business.

Officers found the area in question to be "fairly neat

and tidy," and the owner assured them it would remain so hereafter.

Officers investigated a complaint of illegal camping in a residential area of the Island.

Finding this to be the case, officers instructed the individual to forebear from illegal camping in the future, which he agreed to do.

S.P.D. received another complaint of illegal camping, this one involving tent campers on a vacant lot.

Officers located the illegal campers and notified them of their violation, at which they packed up and moved along.

Complainant phoned station to report two missing juveniles, who were supposed to have been home by midnight.

Officers looked for the missing persons at a number of beach parties then in progress but could not locate.

Upon returning to station, complainant called back to report that the missing persons had turned up, after experiencing car trouble.

Complainant phoned station to report a noisy party around a bonfire on the beach.

Patrolmen dispatched to the scene found the partygoers in possession of a fire permit and the party fairly quiet.

Complainant called to report the loss of her purse, which she placed atop her car, promptly forgot, and proceeded to drive away.

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Minority Leader

The problems facing this state in the area of public employee benefits and collective bargaining have just begun. You who make your living in the private sector should be aware of what it all means.

There are presently about 8.3 million people who live and work in Florida. All public employees—state, county, city and schools—make up only about 500,000 of that total. Yet, some of the problems being presented by union representatives of public employee bargaining groups could grind the public sector of employment to a halt.

As an example, the law currently provides for a special master, acceptable to both sides, to mediate the dispute when an impasse is reached between state government the public employee bargaining unit. The special master takes testimony from both sides and makes recommendations which can be accepted or rejected by either side. These recommendations then go to the legislature for consideration when funding that particular budget. The legislature remains the final authority since it alone has the authority to raise money by taxation to provide for new expenditures.

However, this method of settling contract disputes is under attack by a number of unions which want the law changed to provide for binding arbitration. Binding arbitration would have the effect of giving one person—a special master, for example—greater authority than the Governor and the 160 members of the Florida Legislature, all of whom are elected! Binding arbitration means simply that everyone is forced to abide by the decision of one man, appointed upon agreement of the two sides. Such addition to the law would in

effect establish a dictatorial position in the area of contract negotiations between governmental units and public employees, the commodity being, of course, the taxpayers' money! Another negative aspect of binding arbitration, which even the unions will admit, is the tendency of inexperienced bargainers to adopt extreme positions in trying to preserve as much as possible since they expect the arbiter (or special master) to take more of a middle position.

Let's look at another problem. Florida now has a fully funded retirement plan for public employees. Because government tends to react to current needs first, in 1974, Florida found itself with an unfunded liability in the retirement system of \$1.8 billion. The legislature then acted to not only keep the plan current but to amortize the unfunded liability over a long period of years.

Last November the voters of Florida approved an amendment to the State Constitution which requires that any future increases in pension benefits must be fully funded at the time the increase is approved.

During committee meetings in February, Senator Henry Saylor proposed in a joint legislative workshop that retirement benefits not be subject to collective bargaining. That drew the ire of members who have been active for and on behalf of the unions.

The unions want to be able to negotiate on retirement pensions even though such an action would result in chaos within the system.

Picture this: There are 12 bargaining units approved at the state level (including 4 in the State University System). In addition, there are more than 170 cities in the Florida Retirement System—and each of them could have one or more bargaining units. Then

there are bargaining units in each of the 67 county school systems plus others in the 67 county governments. To permit each of these units to bargaining collectively would destroy the system.

The new constitutional amendment requiring full funding of any increase in benefits appears to protect the public employee. How about the taxpayer? Isn't he vulnerable to a Legislature that could be

controlled by the employee unions? After all, if the option to determine the setting of priorities of government functions, and programs is removed from your elected officials, you have lost your voice—and the tail is wagging the dog!

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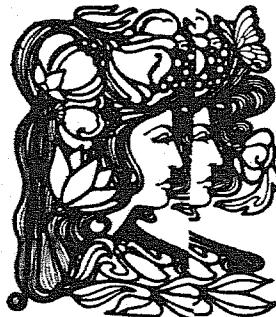
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Rare shell found on Blind Pass Beach

That most elusive of beach shells, the junonia, is now the cherished possession of Mary and Frank Teixeira of Tampa Bay. Mary Teixeira was shelling in the Blind Pass area with her family who are here for a short winter vacation, when a scoop of sand yielded the rare specimen.

"I couldn't believe it when I saw it there on top of some other shells," said Mrs. Teixeira. "I was scared to turn it over. I was sure it couldn't be intact, that it would have a hole in it somewhere." It didn't. The 3½-inch shell is a perfect specimen. Although junonias are often brought into shore in quantity by shrimp boats who dredge them up, it is not often that one actually finds its way to shore.

Shells abound throughout the Teixeira home on Sanibel. Mary makes animals out of shells for her five grandchildren, shell mirrors and murals hang on the walls and she makes some of her own shell jewelry.

While their interest in shelling prompted the family's first visit to Sanibel 20 years ago, Mrs. Teixeira's shelling activity is not

limited to Sanibel alone. "There must be some nice shells in New England," she told her husband in those pre-causeway days, and that was the start of a fine collection of orange-hued New England scallop shells. At this time, she is planning on entering this collection in the 1978 Sanibel Shell Fair.

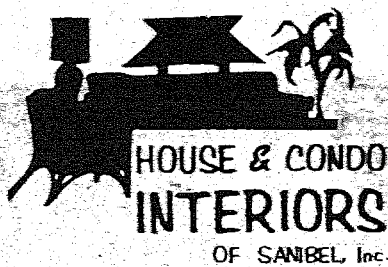
The Shell Fair is a must for the Teixeiras. They timed all their winter vacations to the Islands to coincide with the Fair. This year, the Teixeiras particularly appreciated the extra hours, something Mary Teixeira felt enhanced the enjoyment of looking at the exhibits because there were fewer people in the building at any one time.

Frank Teixeira shares in his wife's avocation. He is a fisherman and likes to snorkel and so has access to some shells that Mary doesn't.

The junonia now rests proudly in the forefront of the Teixeira collection of shells, proving that a sheller's dream of 20 years can come true on Sanibel in 20 seconds. Congratulations!

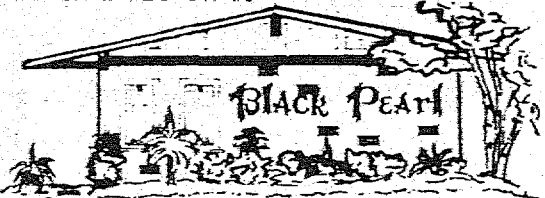
They said it couldn't be done, but she did it. Mary Teixeira proudly displays her precious find, scooped from the beach at Blind Pass - a perfect junonia.

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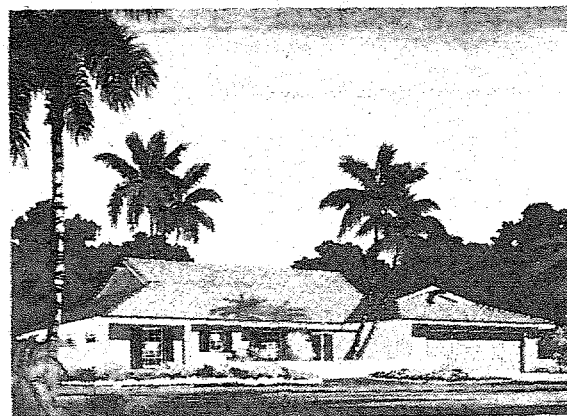
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Aries: Good time to take that trip you have been planning. Try not to show that inferiority complex especially on the job scene. A partner may need health care.

Taurus: Concentrate on routine and don't scatter your energies. Take precautions against the flu and put your faith in matters that you know in your heart are basically right.

Gemini: Pleasing news from afar likely and you will acquire something that you have wanted for a long time. Avoid impatience and shun strangers. Soft pedal sensitivity to romantic slights.

Cancer: Postpone efforts to increase mutual earnings and to fulfill obligations. Oversensitivity in family situations is likely and you should identify with others, instead of being self-conscious.

Leo: Documents you sign today will bring good rewards. You could lose out because of someone's clever disparagement connected to your marriage. A change in job is indicated to earn what is needed.

Virgo: Best to postpone important buying. You may be downcast about the denial of a personal request. Loved ones are apt to be demanding or seem somewhat bitter or discontented.

Libra: Take precautions on the job and with your health. Avoid being self centered or too forceful when partnership financial affairs must be handled with tact.

Scorpio: Wind up domestic and business matters that you have let drag along. Take it easy in following new lines of activity. Don't air grievances with persons you think are your best friends.

Sagittarius: Avoid activities that can put a strain upon your physical, emotional and


mental resources. Family and domestic matters will demand attention. Be alert when driving or handling machinery.

Capricorn: Don't promise more than you can deliver - financially or emotionally. Employment matters and efforts to make yourself useful are favored all week. Satisfy others in social department.

Aquarius: Be careful of allowing others to saddle you with their work or problems. Your judgement may not be as great as usual, you could be overconfident.

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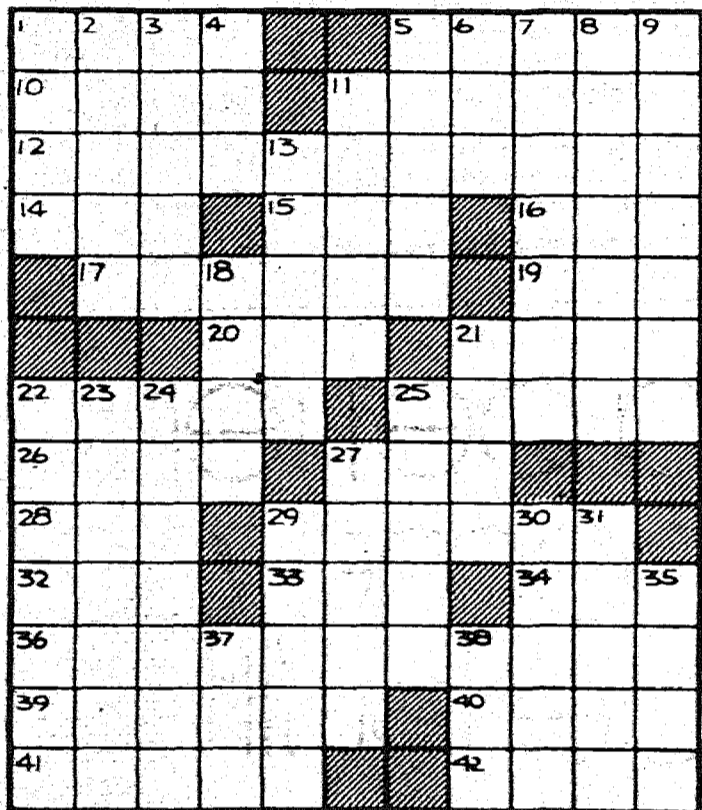
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Answers

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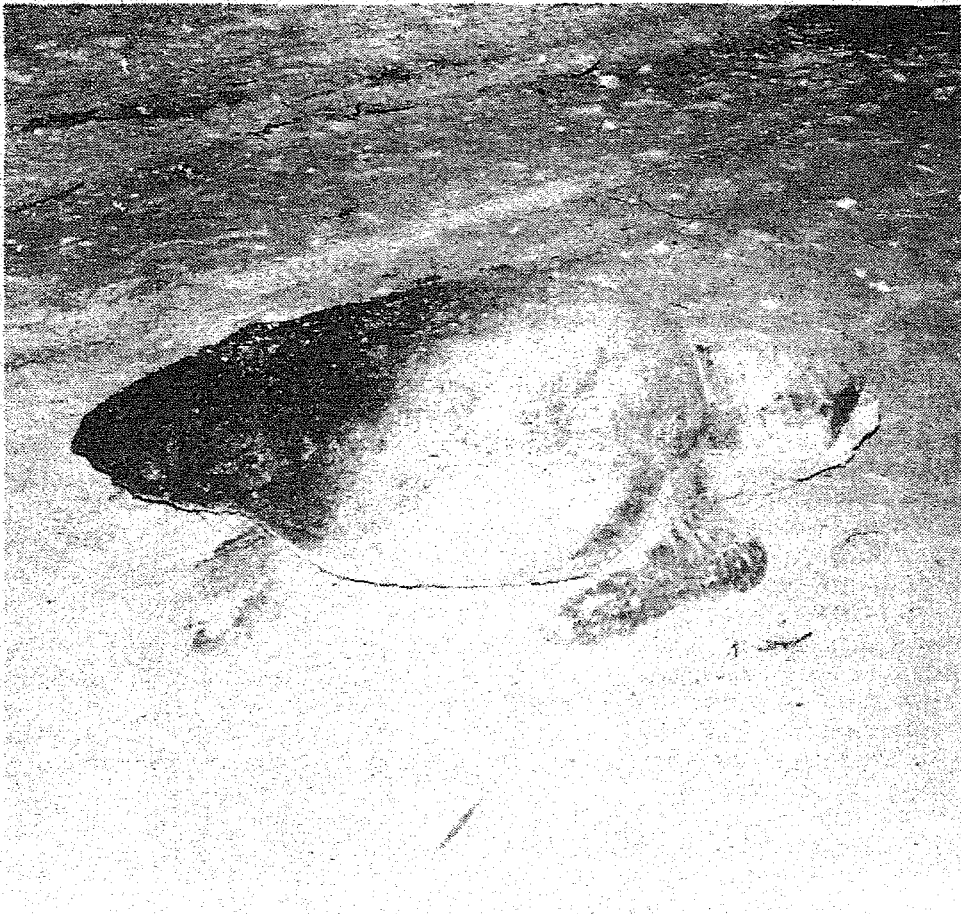
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CR-1718 "The most undaunted explorer ever observed on Sanibel," according to LeBuff.

Pilgrims discover Sanibel— Caretta inherits ark

On the afternoon of March 5, nine-year-old Todd Williams discovered an unusual seagoing craft partially concealed in the underbrush near the Sanibel Lighthouse at the Island's easternmost tip.

The youth immediately ran to the Lighthouse to acquaint his uncle, Charles LeBuff, with the wondrous find, setting in motion one of the most exhaustive investigations of a mystery to be recorded since Arthur Conan Doyle laid down his pen (or Kojak his lollipop).

Glen Bond, Manager of the J.N. Ding Darling Wildlife Refuge, immediately called local police to come out and secure what young Todd had called "the sailboat," while at the same time notifying marine patrol officials to run a check on the identification number of the boat.

Upon closer inspection, LeBuff, Bond and Island police were puzzled at the vessel, which was not a sailboat at all but a 15-foot runabout without a motor, according to LeBuff. The boat somewhat resembled a sailboat to young Todd, LeBuff said, by dint of the fact that a makeshift mast, fashioned out of a two-by-four, had been affixed to the hull of the craft.

In short order, the coast guard's identification check yielded an owner for the boat; a resident of Fort Myers Beach, three miles away from the Lighthouse across the Gulf.

LeBuff thereupon called his friend Tucker Patton, head of the Caretta Research Unit working on Lover's Key south of Estero Island, and a resident of Fort Myers Beach. Patton looked up the recorded owner of the mystery craft, and in the days which followed traced the boat to a number of recent owners on the Beach, none of whom could offer any clues as to how the boat could have turned up on Sanibel.

Thus, the boat was moved up to the Lighthouse for safekeeping, while the identity of its crew remained a conundrum.

Eventually, however, some young people were observed in the area where the boat had been discovered by Refuge officials in the Lighthouse. As they appeared to be looking for something in the brush, LeBuff approached them to make inquiries as to the object of their search.

The youths told LeBuff that they were looking for a boat which a man at the Periwinkle Trailer Park here on Sanibel had told them about. They claimed that the man

told them they could have the boat if they wanted it, although LeBuff refused to relinquish possession of the craft without seeing some proof of ownership, which the youngsters were unable to produce.

The amateur detectives then proceeded to the trailer park, where they managed to locate the man whom the youths had spoken of, and who, as if by miracle, possessed the missing title to the mysterious "ark."

This individual, too, had a strange and wonderful tale to tell, LeBuff reported.

The man told LeBuff that he had been walking on the beach by the Lighthouse on the afternoon of March 5, when he chanced to pass a smiling young couple walking in the opposite direction.

Upon saying hello to them, the man informed LeBuff, the pair asked the man if he would like a boat.

"Sure, why not?" the man replied, only to be handed the title of the odd sailboat. The couple told the man where the boat was located, and that their point of embarkation had been Fort Myers Beach, according to LeBuff.

LeBuff also said that the mysterious couple told the man that they had set sail "in search of God."

According to LeBuff, the young seekers have not been seen of or heard of since the day of March 5. Presumably, their pilgrimage ended here on Sanibel.

As a reward for LeBuff's investigative efforts, the man at the trailer park signed the title of the boat over to Caretta Research, saying that he had no use for the craft himself.

Thus, March 5 should go down in local history as the day Sanibel was discovered by pilgrims from across the water.

Caretta is somewhat richer therefore, with LeBuff hoping to rig up a motor for the boat, remove the makeshift mast and transport the vessel to Cape Romano, for use by the Caretta Unit there over the loggerhead nesting season this summer.

Thus, the seekers' ark has been added to Caretta's modest fleet, joining a small Boston Whaler which is used by Caretta's summer turtle patrol on Captiva.

Needless to say, Caretta welcomes donations from obscure religious sects fully as much as contributions from true turtle conservationists, although one would assume that such religious groups could probably care less about the tax-deductible status of contributions to Caretta Research.

Caretta seeks funding

by F

Since 1953, Sanibel's Charles LeBuff has been a student and a friend of the endangered loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*).

The loggerhead turtle is a frequent visitor to Island waters every summer, when the female of the species crawls up onto the moonlit beach to lay her eggs in the sand, in reenactment of a timeless mystery which puzzles scientists even to the present day.

Among other "grey areas" in the life history of the loggerhead, scientists have long wondered why certain females return year after year to the same stretch of beach to nest, while others migrate hundreds of miles in the selection of their annual nesting sites. Another question that scientists have pondered over the years is where the young turtles go after hatching from their eggs and returning to the sea, not to mention how the hatchlings manage to survive intense and hostile predation in the open ocean.

In the fall of 1968, LeBuff founded Caretta Research, at that time a small volunteer project dedicated to the study and protection of the loggerhead during the summer nesting season on Sanibel.

In following years, the project thrived and gained momentum on Sanibel, thanks in part to generous grants from the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and others. By the fall of 1973, LeBuff was able to incorporate Caretta Research as a non-profit corporation, enabling him to accept tax-deductible contributions to further the turtle conservation efforts and research which are the chartered goals of Caretta Research.

At the present time, the project includes a number of local units which patrol relatively undisturbed beaches all along the southern Gulf coast of Florida and in a few areas of Florida's east coast to monitor and record the mysterious nesting behavior of the loggerhead.

In the past, Caretta methods have included tagging of loggerheads, relocation of nests threatened with destruction from outside forces, and on occasion, the controlled incubation of loggerhead eggs, as well as an ongoing program of marine turtle conservation education intended to minimize the human threat to loggerhead nests, which has been held responsible for bringing the loggerhead as a species to the brink of extinction. In recent years, Caretta Research has flown aerial surveys of Florida's southern Gulf coastline to augment the scientific data gathered by individual units of the project.

Caretta's annual report for 1976, which was presented at the group's ninth annual meeting last month, reveals some interesting statistics for layman and scientist alike.

Patrick D. Hagan, leader of the Caretta Unit on Captiva, reported that "only two new turtles were tagged and

four returns handled" during a total of 220 patrol hours logged over the summer of 1976. This represents a 53 per cent decrease in loggerhead activity on Captiva since the summer of 1975, when "ten new turtles were tagged and eleven other returns were handled," according to Hagan.

LeBuff, however, was not alarmed at the statistics. "Some years there will be an abundance of turtles, while other years their numbers will decrease," he said.

On the other hand, LeBuff noted that "man-made structures such as groins make it more difficult for turtles intent on nesting to reach the beach on Captiva."

Hagan also reported that only about 36 per cent of all loggerhead nest emergences on Captiva were Caretta terms "nesting emergences." The rest were exploratory or "false crawls," said Hagan.

All told, Hagan counted 292 loggerhead eggs laid on Captiva last summer from three of four nesting turtles handled, while "only one incident of nest destruction by raccoons was noted." Raccoons are historically the most troublesome natural predator of loggerhead nests.

The results of Caretta's research on Sanibel last summer are in some ways more optimistic than those obtained on Captiva.

Between May 1 and August 9 of last year, the Sanibel Unit tagged 18 new female loggerheads to Island shores, retagged 3, and observed 6 returns, according to the report of Paul Zajicek, leader of the Sanibel Unit. Zajicek's report also indicates that nesting loggerheads utilized the western portion of Sanibel's Gulf beach almost exclusively last year, because of the lesser frequency of artificial lighting sources along the beach west of Tarpon Bay Road.

Despite the ever-increasing number of artificial lights along the Island's beach, Caretta still maintains that "the Sanibel beach is indicated to be one highly conducive to successful nesting," according to the annual report.

With respect to the productivity of nesting loggerheads on Sanibel last summer, the report goes on to state: "With a sample size of 24 nests, we had a range of 27 to 162 eggs and an average of 105.6 eggs per nest."

The report also indicates that Caretta patrols encountered a few setbacks on Sanibel last summer.

"Two nests deposited early in the season were washed away by storm tides," Zajicek states in his report. "A third nest was also eroded away when tidal action drastically changed and began eroding a narrow section of beach. Personnel on several occasions moved nests from potentially dangerous situations caused by either tidal or vegetation encroachment. At least two destroyed nests are cre

Sanibel Unit Leader
Paul Zajicek
tags another specimen for
Caretta Research



For turtle conservation

by Arthurs

of human predation and one to raccoon."

"The number of nests on Sanibel has been slowly decreasing over the years," LeBuff told the ISLANDER last week. LeBuff said that Caretta's aerial surveys have revealed a 31 per cent decline in loggerhead nesting along the southern Gulf coast of Florida between 1970 and last year, which represented a modest increase in nesting over the previous five years.

"We would like to be able to say that our protection has helped to bring about last year's increase in loggerhead nests," LeBuff said, "although we have no scientific evidence to prove it."

According to LeBuff's estimates, each female loggerhead lays an average of about 110 eggs every season, of which about 85.5 per cent will hatch, barring the destruction of the nest by predators. LeBuff said that recent marine turtle studies conducted on beaches in South Africa suggest that only about one-fourth of one per cent of all loggerhead hatchlings survive until the age of sexual maturity.

One happy note contained in the report of Caretta's Sanibel Unit is the tag of a female loggerhead known to Caretta researchers by the identification number, CR-1718. Here follows a quote from Caretta's 1976 report, which was prepared by Project Director LeBuff:

"One individual loggerhead comes to mind as being the most undaunted explorer ever observed on Sanibel. CR-1718 was a special case with physical damage that rendered her almost completely non-reproductive. Having lost the useful digging surface of the front flipper and sporting a large indentation in the side of her carapace, CR-1718 was observed to attempt a maximum of four nests per emergence before returning to the water, unsuccessful.

"Having been tagged in 1968, she was recognized in 1971 by a tag scar and the extensive physical damage. I can still vividly remember watching, then CR-1718 trying to excavate a cavity without success...

"During the 1976 season, with a new tag CR1718, this battered individual finally laid the first nest we have on record. With the assistance of personnel, a nest cavity was excavated in the very soft sand of upper Bowman's beach after an observed 17 exploratory emergences and an estimated 50 unsuccessful nests."

Thus, Caretta's experimental efforts have succeeded in enabling at least one loggerhead injured by natural forces to fulfill her instinctual duty to propagate her species. LeBuff and other marine turtle specialists have been careful to note, however, that more conservation efforts are needed to reverse the trend toward extinction of the species, *Caretta caretta*.

Withstanding the continued

pressure exerted upon the loggerhead and its nesting habitat by commercial fishermen and overdevelopment of the coastal areas of our country, Caretta Research has come a long way since 1968 in its efforts to prevent the cruel and needless destruction of this harmless creature of the sea.

"Caretta Research has improved in many ways over the years--professionally, financially, and equipment-wise," LeBuff commented recently. "We started out with a handful of people who wanted to save the loggerhead. The faces changed somewhat over the years, but slowly the dedicated people became the core of the project. And right now, we've got damn good people working in the project. For me, that's more than half the battle."

Unfortunately, Caretta Research is facing financial difficulty with continuing the project over the summer nesting season ahead, signaling the outset of yet another fund raising drive on the Islands.

"We're about \$8,000 short of our proposed budget for this year," LeBuff reported.

Realizing that Caretta had only ten members from the Islands' business community, LeBuff prepared a series of attractive "certificate of appreciation" plaques to be displayed by contributing businesses.

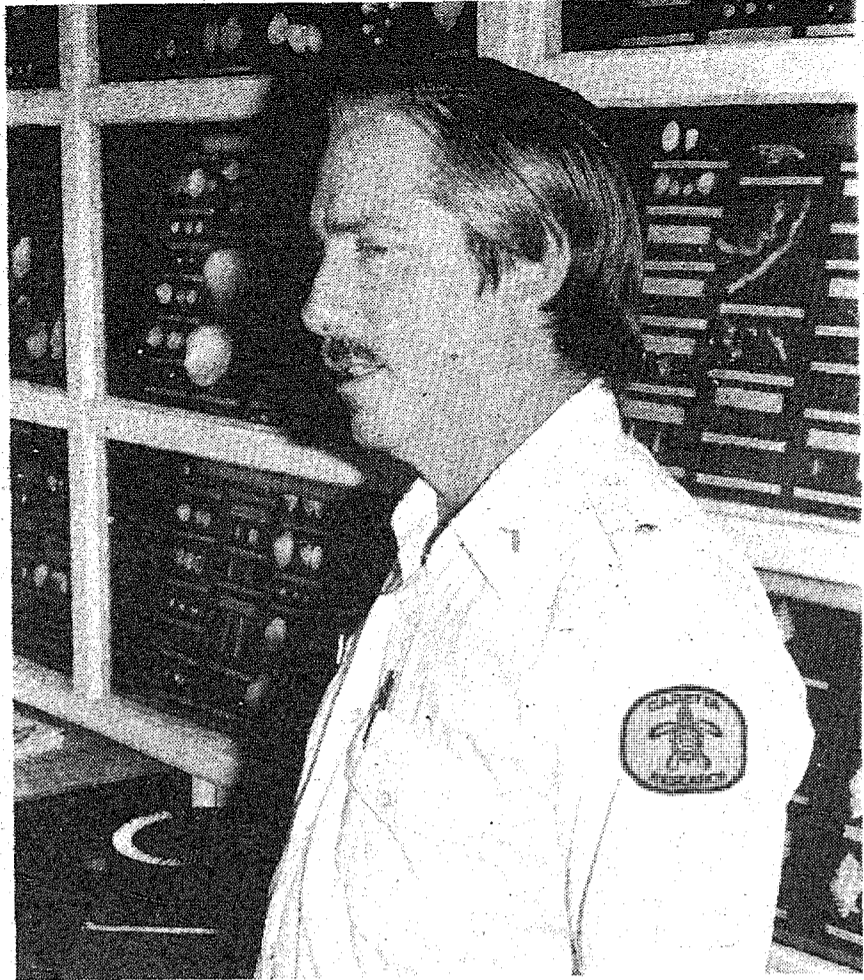
Early in March, a group of young volunteers including many Island students as well as other students enrolled in Bill Hammond's environmental education classes at Fort Myers High School began making the rounds of Island businesses in their free time on weekends to solicit donations to Caretta Research. Each businessman pledging to contribute to the project is presented with one of the new certificates of appreciation for display in his or her shop or office.

On their first outing, the young volunteers raised \$210 for the ongoing sea turtle conservation efforts of Caretta Research, with a full scale fund drive along the entire Southwest Florida coastline slated for the coming Easter weekend, when the students have more time on their hands thanks to Easter vacation.

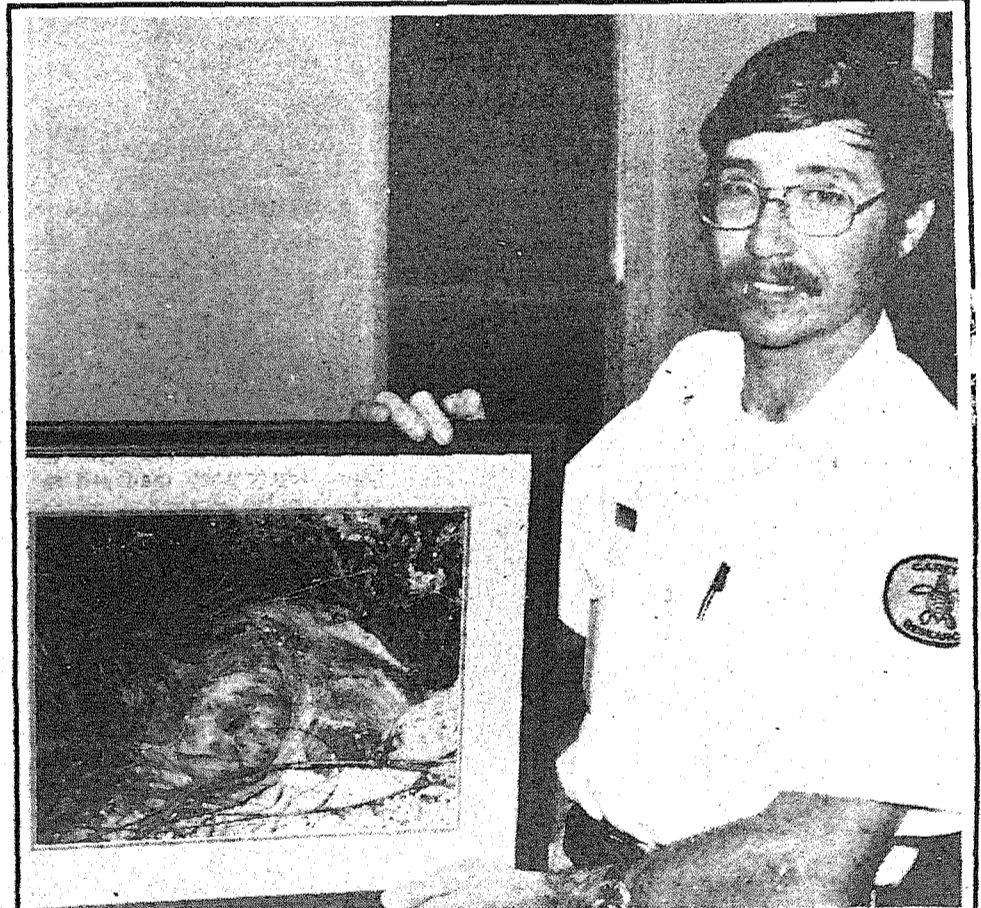
Another facet of Caretta's current fund raising program is the sale of limited edition prints of an award winning color photograph of a loggerhead nesting on Sanibel last summer, which was taken by Captiva Unit leader Pat Hagan. (See story on this page.)

Without your support, Caretta Research cannot continue its valuable work to study and protect the disappearing loggerhead sea turtle.

Those wishing to contribute to the project or to become a member of Caretta Research should call Charles LeBuff at the Sanibel Lighthouse, 472-1100, for further information.



Caretta founder, Charles LeBuff.



Prize winning photo offered

Shown here with his award winning photograph of a loggerhead turtle nesting on Sanibel's beach last year is Patrick Hagan, Assistant Manager of the J.N. Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge and the recently elected Vice-President of Caretta Research, an Island based organization dedicated to the preservation of the loggerhead sea turtle on both the Gulf and Atlantic coasts of Florida.

Hagan's excellent photograph of a nesting loggerhead earned him first prize honors in the endangered species category in this year's annual photo contest sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a division of the Department of the Interior.

According to Caretta founder Charles LeBuff, the particular loggerhead depicted in Hagan's photograph marks only the second documented case of a loggerhead migrating from Florida's east coast to the Gulf Coast to nest. The turtle was first tagged on Jupiter Island on the Atlantic coast in 1973 and turned up nesting on Sanibel last year, according to LeBuff.

A limited edition of 100 prints of Hagan's prize winning photograph are currently being sold to benefit the ongoing research and conservation efforts of Caretta Research, a non-profit organization which is funded solely by contributions and membership dues.

The limited edition prints are being sold for \$27 to Caretta members and for \$37 to non-members, with the additional \$10 charge to non-members representing the cost of an associate membership in Caretta Research.

A print of Hagan's photograph is now on display at Photo Sanibel on Periwinkle Way, with a rapidly decreasing number of beautiful color reproductions of the photo still available through Charles LeBuff at the Sanibel Lighthouse.



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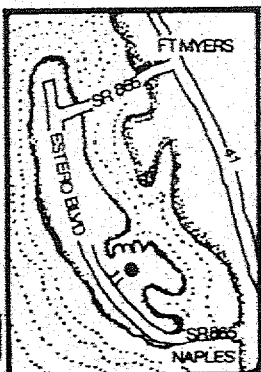
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things to do

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.

FISHING GUIDES FOR CHARTER: Capt. Ted Cole, 472-2723; Capt. Doug Fischer, 472-1551; Capt. Baughn Holloway, 472-2802; Capt. Belton Johnson, 472-1122; Capt. John Johnson, 472-1020; Capt. Bob Sabatino, 472-1784; Capt. Duke Sells, 472-1784; Esperanza Woodring, 472-1126; Capt. Chic Kennedy, 472-4087; Capt. Herb Purdy, 472-1849; Capt. Jerry Way, 472-1784 or 472-1007.

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 Noddruff, 463-2320, Twin Palms Marina; Papa Nui, 332-1200; Off-Shore Sailing School, S.S.P., 472-1551, ext. 4141.

SHELLING TOURS - Beach Bay Bayou, 472-1315; Baughn Holloway, 472-2802; Duke Sells, 472-1784; Tarpon Bay Marina 472-1323, Jerry Way, 472-1784.

SIGHTSEEING TOURS Herb Purdy, 472-1849; Tarpon Bay Marina (canoes), 472-1323; Capt. Chic Kennedy, 472-4087; Capt. Herb Purdy, 472-1849, Mike Fuery, 472-1784, Jerry Way 472-1784.

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 Water, 283-0636, Pine Island Road.

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.

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.

BOATS (SAIL) TO RENT The Colony, 472-1424; Southwind, Inc. 472-2531, Snook Apts., 472-1345.

MOTORCYCLE RENTALS Sanibel Motorcycle Rentals 1203 Periwinkle - 472-2007.

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

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, 463-2436.

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.

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.

libraries

CAPTIVA LIBRARY - Tuesdays and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon.

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

Parents and teachers of Sanibel Elementary

Last Tuesday's meeting of the Parents and Teachers of Sanibel Elementary centered around the utilization of funds raised by the group this year. The parents and teachers also welcomed Doctor Harold Berris, who spoke on the subject of nerve disorders in children.

Monies raised by two bake sales were originally earmarked towards the purchase of water fountains for the school. However, with the advent of the county having provided the fountains, the group decided to place the funds in the "Reading is Fundamental" program.

The federal government is expected to provide matching funds and the money will go towards the purchase of books for the students.

The group hopes that each child enrolled at the school will be able to receive three books to take home, read,

and keep as the first step in developing a respect for literature. The action was accompanied by a request that members of the community donate unwanted readers and children's books to the Sanibel Elementary library program.

A nominating committee was elected at the meeting to review the candidates for officers of next year's Parents and Teachers of Sanibel Elementary.

Schedules for Field Day and Awards Day were discussed, and any civic group interested in rewarding an outstanding student is asked to contact Dick Muench.

Awards Day this year will feature the presentation of a Citizenship Award, the recipient to be selected by a committee of Island business people.

Church Calendar

ST. ISABEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
Fr. Gerard Beauregard, Pastor
Fr. Ladislaus Pelczyski, Asst. Pastor
Sunday Masses
vigil (Saturday evenings) 5:30 p.m.
Sundays 8:30, 10 & 11:30 a.m.
Other Masses
Friday Mass (1st Friday) 7:30 p.m.
Daily 8:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Holy Days (Vigil) 7:30 p.m.
Confessions before each Mass.

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.

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.

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
Rev. Nona F. Hurtado, Secretary - 639-0843
The Christian Thinkers of America, 3620 Acline Road, Punta Gorda. Worship Service Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

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Outside of a five-cent cup of coffee and 25-cent-a-gallon gas, what this area needs is a RENT-A-FISH service and this week I have taken initial steps to establish such a helpful aid to the public.

The idea came to me the

other day after seeing several fishermen amble off their boats with no fish to show for their day on the water. After giving this appropriate thought, it became evident that what most visitors like to have is a good photograph of a large

fish with them standing, smiling, next to it in the picture.

In other words, it would be nice to actually catch a 100 pound tarpon, but it's just as nice for many people to have a picture of such a fish on their desk back at the office.

At this very moment, the search is on for a person to supply me with a larger variety of stuffed and plaster replica fish which I will eventually offer to selected individuals for their personal use for all but lewd purposes.

Here is what RENT-A-FISH will do for you.

First, as mentioned, the photo possibilities are obvious. We will stock several kinds of game fish for rental. The biggest will be a shark in the 1,000 pound class. For an extra \$5 per hour, we will provide a life-like human leg protruding out of the shark's mouth and you will be able to say the fish got your guide before you could land it.

A second very important use of my RENT-A-FISH service is to fool other fishermen into leaving desirable fishing spots. Say you want the public dock at the southern tip of Sanibel for yourself. You come into the shop and rent three 30-pound snook for an hour, then walk to the tip of Sanibel, in front of the lighthouse and pretend you are fighting to land one of the snook, while you hold the other two up in the air for those on the dock to see. It won't be long before they are running down to fish where you are and naturally you walk up to the dock and enjoy fishing by yourself.

Or let's say you are in a hot fishing tournament. You speed past a few of the other contestants and hold up a 12-pound trout, a 35-pound snook and a 20-pound red-fish. They will know the game is over and go home, so you begin fishing for a real fish to enter the contest. Cuts down on the com-

petition pretty well.

As we get into this, we are going to expand into other services. For instance, you won't have to give your name to me (no tracing by fishing buddies) if you pay by cash. Also, I am trying to work out a deal with some of the car leasing people to put a stuffed RENT-A-FISH in every trunk for a small additional fee.

We have had this on a trial basis for a week and so far the favorable comments list things like: no cleaning of fish needed; no smell or slime on hands; no need to buy bait; and no loss of time on the golf course because of searching for a fish to catch.

There have been complaints. I had one drunk try and fry up one of my plaster trout. He got really huffy when I charged him extra for returning the fish with tooth marks on its side. Well, you're going to get some of those kinds of customers.

You'll be seeing advertisements on this service soon. The prices are 50 cents per foot, per hour. Cheap at twice the price if you are a

terrible fisherman and only wanted a picture of you with a fish anyway.

We are additionally working on another project I probably shouldn't mention until plans are firm, but briefly it amounts to this.

We are going to turn out a few plaster genuine life-like fishing buddies with removable faces. This way, when you tell your wife that you are going on a fishing trip to Sanibel with some of the "guys," you can have your picture taken with a couple of stuffed people and a stuffed fish too!

I'm telling you, there is no end to the possibilities here!

Please enclose a sharp picture of all the guys you were supposed to be here with when placing your order and specify which kind of RENT-A-FISH you want. We'll be waiting for your arrival.

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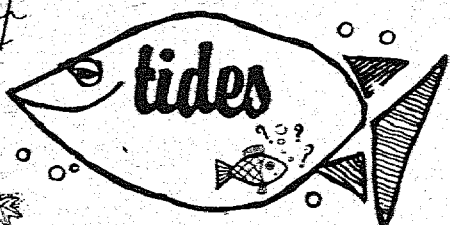
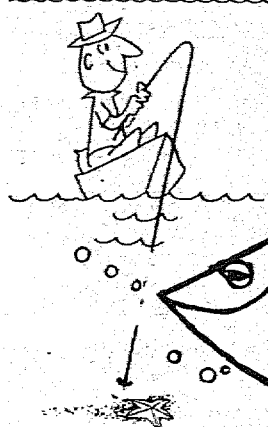
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Tue	22	1:44 AM H	7:41 AM L	* 1:14 PM H	8:48 PM L
Wed	23	2:30 AM H	8:02 AM L	* 1:43 PM H	8:55 PM L
Thu	24	3:18 AM H	8:24 AM L	* 2:18 PM L	10:26 PM L
Fri	25	4:27 AM H	8:51 AM L	* 3:01 PM H	11:28 PM L
Sat	26	5:58 AM H	9:18 AM L	* 3:50 PM H	---
Sun	27	12:40 AM L	4:55 PM H	---	---
Mon	28	1:56 AM L	9:19 AM H	11:58 AM L	6:11 PM H

Tides courtesy of Priscilla Murphy, Realtor, Inc.

Conversion table: The above tides are for the lighthouse point of Sanibel only. To convert for Redfish Pass (north tip of Captiva), add 55 minutes to the time shown for every hi tide, and subtract two (2) minutes for every low tide. (NO, we don't know why, but it works. Instructions following are even less sense-sical but as we stated, they do work.)

For Captiva Island, Gulf side, subtract 30 minutes from each high tide, and subtract 1 hour and 16 minutes for each low tide.

For Captiva Island, Pine Island Sound (bay) side, add 1 hour and four (4) minutes for each high tide, and add 52 minutes for each low tide.

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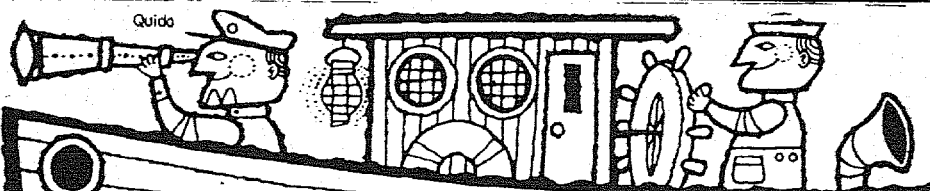
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An ideal day for playing in the sun... L'oiseau is circling the South Seas golf course beside the deep blue waters of the Gulf.

Two carts are making a bee line for the first tee. The fun begins...

Mike Mandelbau, a student at Purdue University, is spending spring vacation at the family homestead on Coconut Drive. Relaxing with him are his fraternity brothers.

According to Mike, the gang drove straight through from Indiana, making the trip in 19 hours...

A fine example of the Sunshine Law in action was the March 8th meeting of the Captiva Erosion District Commission, conducted by Chairman Max McCord.

Seven men and two women showed enough concern about the Island's erosion problem to attend.

We are hoping that the April 5 meeting will attract a larger number of birds...

Been shark hunting lately?
Charley Miller, the major domo of Tim-

my's Nook, and his crew are on a voyage to the Tortugas in search of barracudas and sharks—big ones, they hope.

Bon Voyage, ye fearless sailor lads!

Estill Gatewood, vice-president of Loraine Building Systems, and his merry band of carpenters are putting the finishing touches on the Johnson house.

The men have been involved in construction at South Seas Plantation for the past five years...

It is "Shank's Mare" for Charley Fenton as he makes his daily rounds of the Islands.

He'll be saying goodbye to his many friends on March 31st, when he takes off for his home in Newton, Mass.

Stay well, Charley, and we'll see you next winter...

The nest is close to the Gulf. At night, the steady, soothing sound of the pounding surf fills the air, lulling one to sleep—it is truly the good life...

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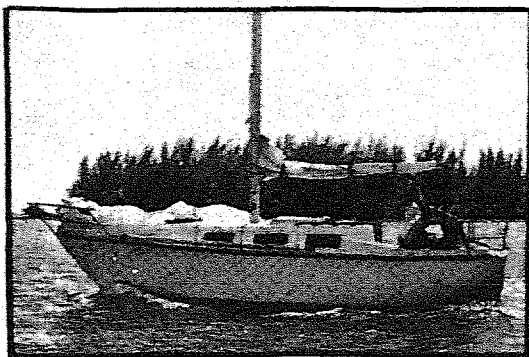
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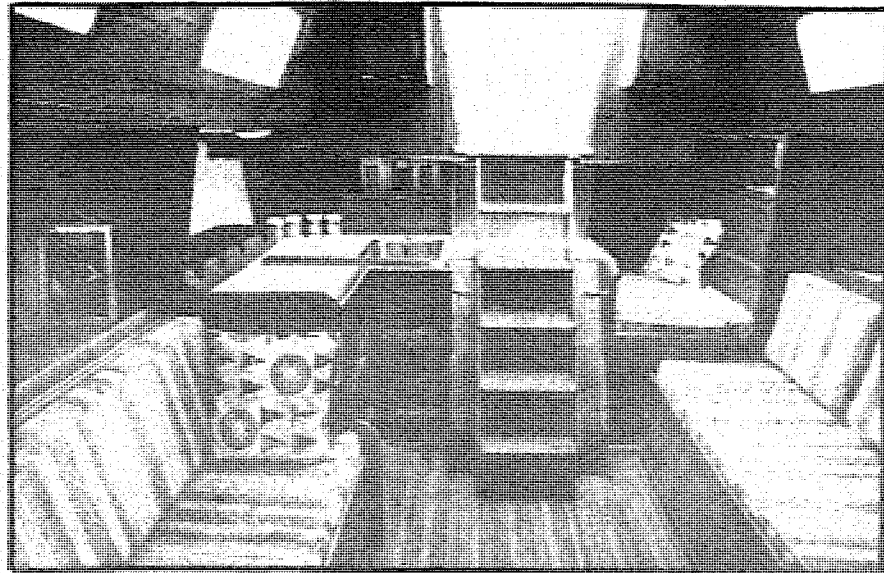
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LOA	28'7"	8.7
LWL	23'2"	7.1
Beam	10'6"	3.0
Draft	4'8"	1.4
Displacement	8500 lbs.	3900 kg
Ballast	3500 lbs.	1600 kg
Rig	SLOOP	
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Committee selects possible city hall site

In its second meeting last Friday, the city's three-member Site Selection Committee whittled a list of 15 possible sites for a proposed municipal complex down to four appealing offers to be recommended to the Sanibel City Council for acquisition by the city.

The council had directed the committee to advertise for offers of land of about 5 acres in area, with a cost estimate of \$300,000 having been proposed by the city's Finance Committee in a capital improvement budget which has not been adopted by the council.

The council also registered a preference for land designated commercial in the city's comprehensive land use plan, but none of the offers received by the city are entirely within the plan's commercial zones. Thus, the city would have to apply for a specific amendment to the plan to permit the proposed city hall.

The offer which was assigned the highest priority by the Site Selection Committee last Friday was that of the Sanibel Community Association involving a 4.6-acre parcel directly across Periwinkle Way from the Sanibel Community House. The Association is asking \$195,000 for the property.

The committee's second choice is a 7.5-acre parcel north of Periwinkle Way to the west of the Episcopal Church, which carries a \$360,000 price tag.

Two other alternative sites were assigned a somewhat lower priority by

committeemen Albert Edwards, Ray Fenton and Chairman Fred Valtin.

One of these was a new offer received recently from Dr. Leo Hofschneider of Captiva for 8 acres of undeveloped land north of Periwinkle Way and just west of the Harbor House Restaurant. The quoted price is \$350,000 cash or \$313,500 on deferred payments.

The final offer to be recommended for the council to consider is that of James O. Evans for a 5-acre tract west of Rabbit Road, priced at \$295,000.

The committee ranked the sites on the basis of criteria such as cost, size of parcel, accessibility, multiple ingress-egress, proximity to existing services, existing land use classification and the ecological zone in which the parcel lies, among others.

Committee Chairman Valtin said that the city had recently received another appealing offer of land on Periwinkle Way involving a request for "contract zoning" to permit the development of a shopping center on an adjoining parcel owned by the same individual. The committee declined to consider the offer inasmuch as contract zoning is prohibited under Florida law. The committee plans to meet again in coming weeks to prepare a written recommendation for the council to act upon.

The city council will, of course, have the final say in the proposed land acquisition for the proposed city hall complex, the funding for which is still a matter of considerable uncertainty.

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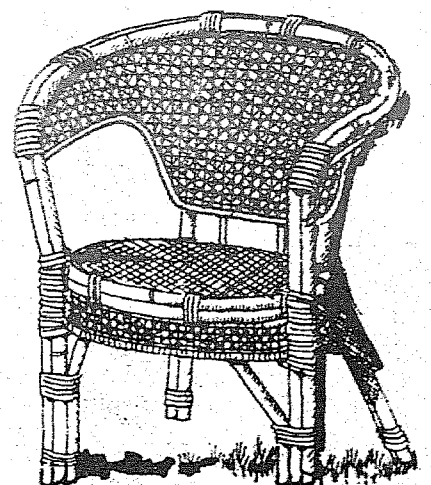
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Answers to those questions determine the real cost of a boat: The original price, plus the price of maintenance, plus the loss you take when it's time to sell or trade.

When you pay more now, to get a better boat now, you will pay less overall. Your boat will give you more consistent, lower cost, trouble free performance. You will be able to get service when you need it. Certainly you will feel better when you are out on the water with family or friends, knowing that you didn't buy your boat only because it was the cheapest boat you could find.

So shop carefully. Look beyond the cosmetics. Don't hesitate to pay more to get more. It will save you money in the long run, and insure that you get all the pleasure in pleasure boating.

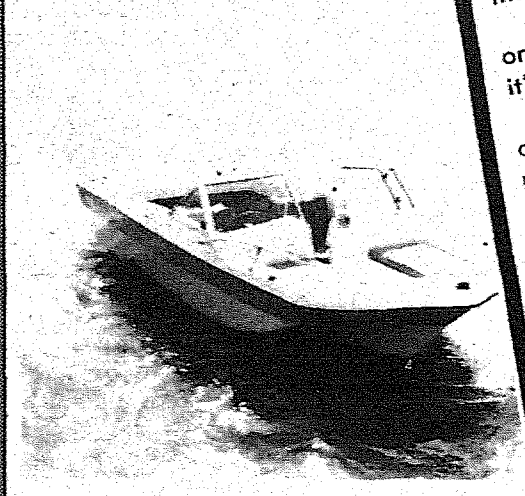
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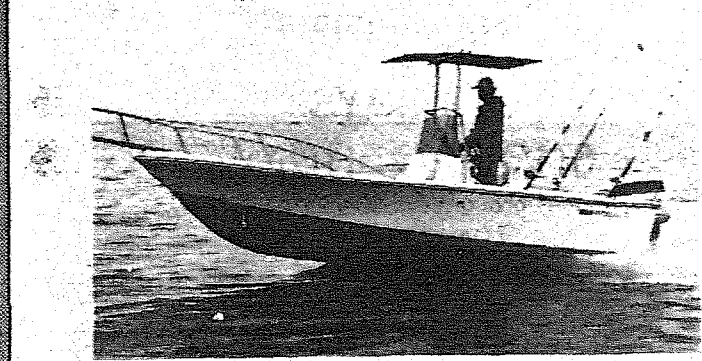


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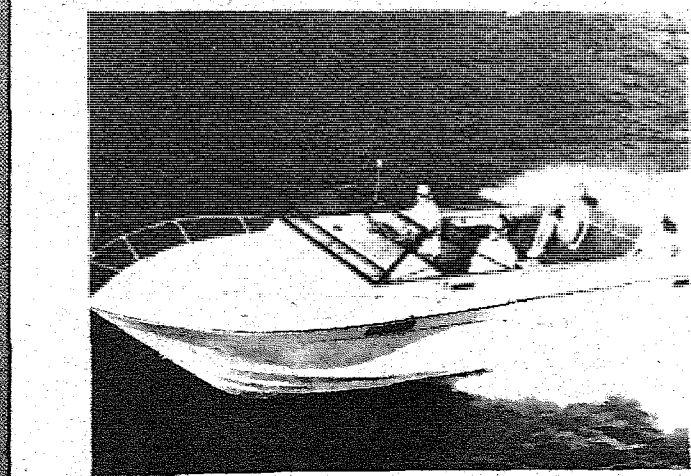
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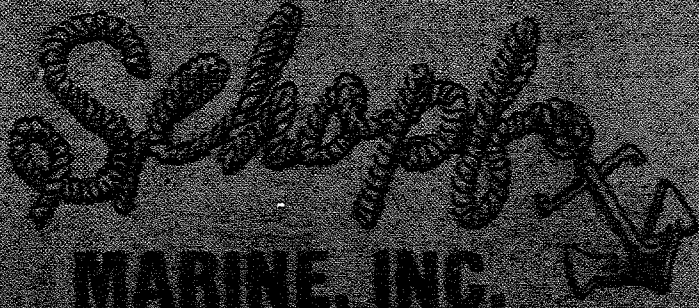
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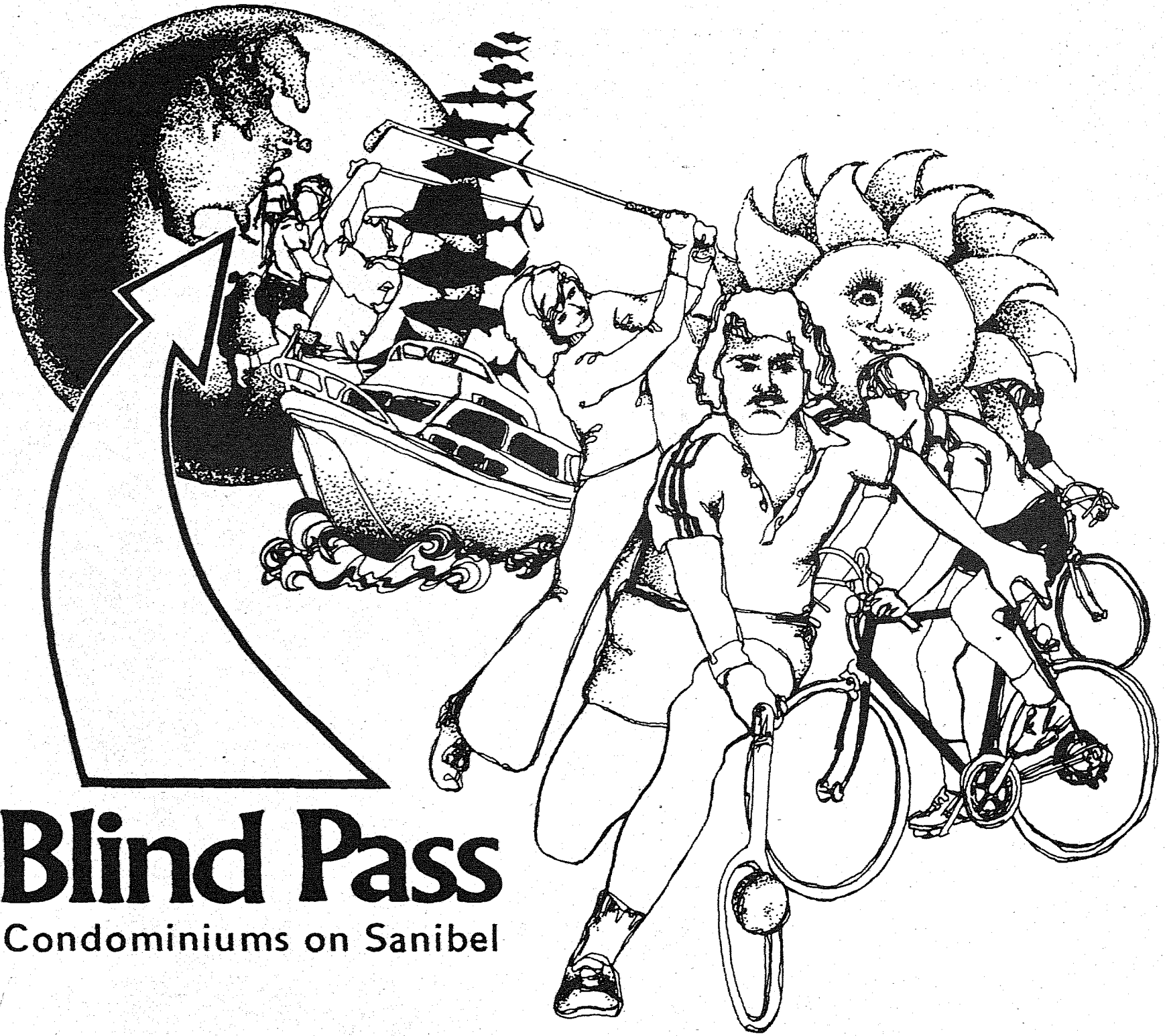


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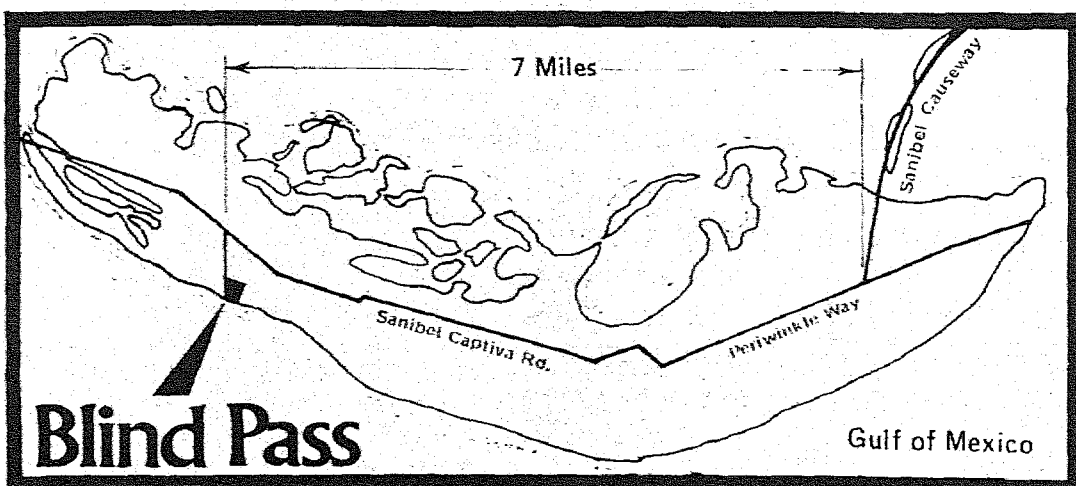
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26-Wide World of Sports
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11-News Eleven
20-Eyewitness News Weekend
6:30
11-Thirty Minutes

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 Night Movies: "The Stone Killer," Another hard-headed killer tries to solve the mystery that leads to plot to use Vietnam Vets to stage underworld massacre; Charles Bronson,

Martin Balsam.
26-Starsky & Hutch
9:30
11-Alice
10:00
11-The Carol Burnett Show
26-Dog & Cat
11:00
11-News Eleven
20-Eyewitness News
26-ABC Weekend News
11:15
26-All Night Movies: Til 8 a.m.: No. 1-"Land Raiders," Telly Savalas; No. 2-"Counterpoint," Charles Heston; No. 3-"Jigsaw," Bradford Dillman; No. 4-"Countess From Hong Kong," Sophia Loren; No. 5-"Mutiny at Fort Sharp," Broderick Crawford

10:30
11-Day of Discovery
26-Jr. Almost Anything Goes & Schoolhouse Rock
11:00
11-Riverside Baptist Church
26-Gilligan's Island
11:30
26-Animals, Animals, Animals!
12:00
11-Camera Three
26-Issues & Answers
12:30
11-Face The Nation
26-Directions
1:00
11-Challenge of The Sexes
26-Can You Top This?
1:30
26-Dolly
1:45
11-NBA on CBS, TBA
2:00

26-Superstars
3:30
26-U.S. Boxing Championships
4:00
11-Heritage Classic
4:30
26-Wide World of Sports
6:00
11-News Eleven
26-High Rollers
6:30
11-CBS Evening News
26-Name That Tune
7:00
11-Sixty Minutes
20-Wonderful World of Disney, "The Horse in The Gray Flannel Suit"
26-Nancy Drew
8:00
11-Rhoda
20-Flight to Holocaust
26-The Six Million \$ Man
8:30
11-Phyllis

9:00
11-Switch
26-ABC Sunday Night Movie
10:00
11-LEONARD BERNSTEIN conducts
20-Hollywood Out-Takes Preview To Academy Awards
11:00
20-Eyewitness News Weekend
26-ABC Weekend News
11:15
26-Sunday Film Festival: "Pink Jungle" James Garner
11:30
11-News Eleven
20-Sunday Showtime: "Stalag Thirteen"
12:00
11-I Spy
1:45
26-Sign Off

sunday - all day

6:57
11-Morning Devotional
20-EASTER SEAL Telephone; continues until 7 p.m. Sunday Night
7:00
11-The Christophers

7:30
11-Rex Humbard
8:30
11-Oral Roberts
26-The Lone Ranger
9:00
11-The Hudson Brothers

26-Old Time Gospel Hour
9:26
11-In The News
9:30
11-Far Out Space Nuts
10:00
11-Catholic Mass
26-Insight

Monday - 6 p.m. till sign-off

6:00
11-News Eleven
20-Eyewitness News
26-Newscene
6:30
11-CBS News
20-NBC News
26-ABC News
7:00
11-Gunsmoke
20-Adam 12
26-BOGART
7:30
20-\$128,000 Question
8:00
11-The Jeffersons

20-NCAA Basketball Championship
26-The Brady Bunch
8:30
11-Busting Loose
9:00
11-Maude
26-Eight Is Enough
9:30
11-All's Fair
10:00
11-CBS News Special, TBA
20-TBA
26-Forty-Ninth Annual

Academy Awards
11:00
11-News Eleven
20-Eyewitness News
11:30
11-cbs Late Movie
20-The Tonight Show
12:30
26-Monday Night Movie: "Money From Home," Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis
1 a.m.
20-The Tomorrow Show



Soaking up the Sanibel sunshine....all in the line of duty (or above the line of duty in this case). City Planning Director Carleton Ryffel counted cars this weekend, along with other volunteers all stationed at strategic locations around the City of Sanibel. It isn't quite the same as the beach, though.

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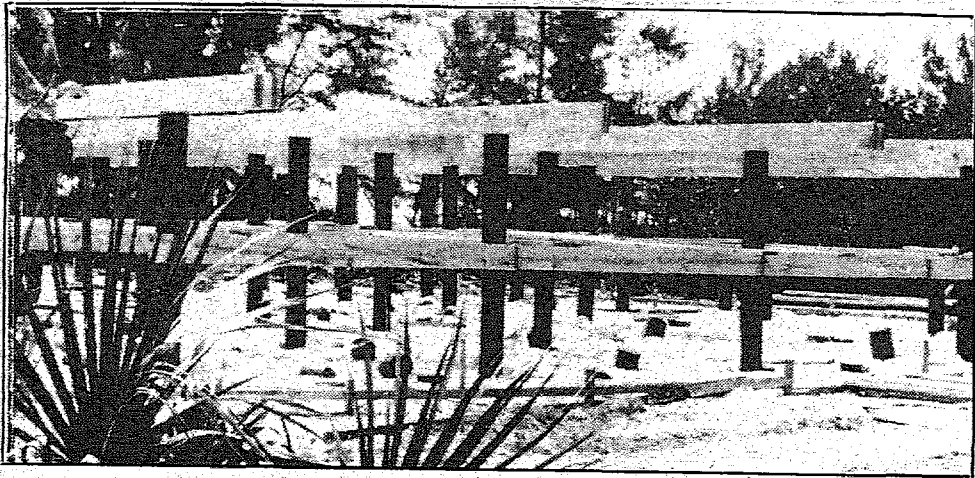
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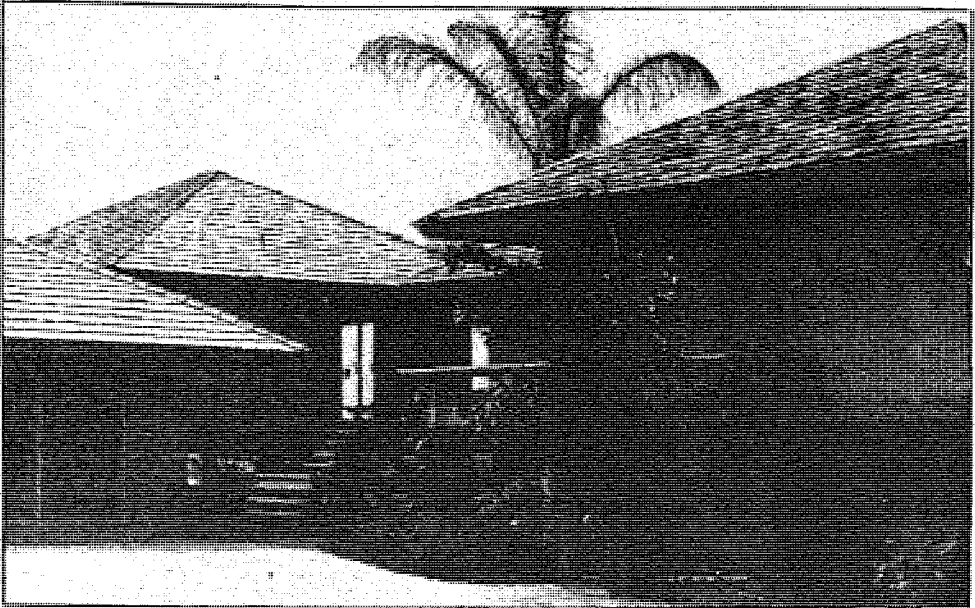
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Foundations have been erected for the first building at Surfside 12, situated on East Gulf Drive.



The new model-sales office of Sundance Homes is actually a series of elevated pods, tied together with decks and boardwalks.

Real estate and construction activity for the first quarter indicate that 1977 shall be a boom year in the development of Sanibel. The Island community appears to be continuing the fast rate of growth established in 1976.

Last year Sanibel Island accounted for over fifty per cent of the condominium deeds recorded in Lee County, reputed to be the fastest growing area in the country. The majority of the growth thus far is centered in the vicinity of Middle Gulf Drive, with residential development being the principal area of activity.

Sanibel Beach Club, on Nerita Street, reports 228 deeds recorded since January 1, totaling approximately \$700,000 in sales. The first phase at

Sanibel Beach Club has just been finished and construction on the final phase is getting underway. When completed, the interval ownership resort will consist of eight buildings of four units each.

Nearby, Sanibel Surfside is rapidly approaching completion. The four-story Gulf-front project will offer 38 condominium homes and Executive Services Incorporated is the exclusive sales agent. Already, 21 of the units have been sold. Sanibel Surfside is situated on Tulipa Way, just east of the Ramada Inn.

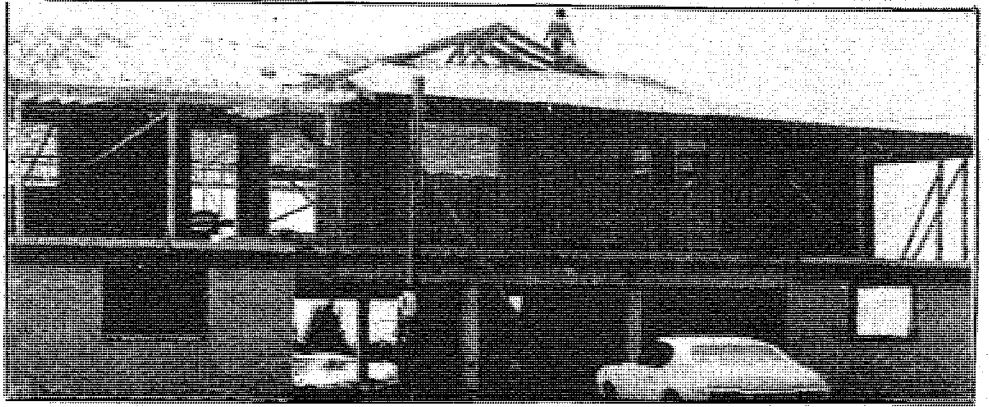
Twelve new apartment homes on the Gulf, entitled Moonshadows, are presently being built on Middle Gulf Drive. Homer Ristow is developing the parcel with construction being handled

by Stevens Construction of Sanibel.

Architects for the Sundial Beach and Tennis Club, presently consisting of 266 units, are hard at work these days designing the approved 184-unit expansion. The additional condominium units will be accompanied by a luxurious 18,000 square foot clubhouse and an Olympic-size swimming pool. Officials at Sundail anticipate work beginning later this summer.

West of Sundail on Middle Gulf Drive lies the parcel of land recently purchased by the Sandollar Partners, a group of investors headed by Bob Taylor. The Gulf-front property, approximately 4.5 acres, was sold by Mariner Properties of which Bob Taylor is president, for a tidy \$360,000. A 24-unit

Sanibel growth



Moonshadows, a complex of luxury beachfront residences, is underway on Gulf Drive, just east of the Sanibel Beach and Tennis Club.



The Dunes subdivision features the newly opened model home built by developer John Kontinos.

condominium is planned for the site.

Construction on the Signal Inn, at the western end of Middle Gulf Drive, is currently underway under the guidance of Bill Frey. The Signal Inn, a group of elevated duplexes on the Gulf, is a project of the Hugger-Kennedy Corporation.

Also in the vicinity of Middle Gulf Drive, the Beachview Golf Course will be restored this year and should be ready for play sometime in the fall. The golf course is a project of Michigan Homes and work will proceed under the watchful eye of Truman Wilson.

The golf course is accompanied by the Beachview Country Club Estates subdivision consisting of 192 homesites. Michigan Homes expects to construct a pair of models in the subdivision sometime in May.

Further beach-front development is underway on East Gulf Drive where work

has begun on Surfside 12. The condominium project is being developed by Bob Barry and is situated between The Surfrider and the Beachcomber. Twelve luxury condominium homes are being erected on stilts and will also be accompanied by a swimming pool.

King's Crown, a condominium on West Gulf Drive, reports that 29 of the 33 existing units have been sold. Developed by the Latham Corporation, King's Crown has received approval to construct an additional 66 units. Sales are handled by Executive Services.

West Gulf Drive will be the address of two other condominium projects just getting underway. Sayana of Sanibel is developing under the guidance of Bert Jenks and Sanibel Realty. Sayana will be comprised of nine condominium homes on the Gulf, and will offer both tennis and swimming.

The old Hilton property on

West Gulf Drive is the site of the Atrium, which will total 24 condominium residences. Sales for the Atrium are being handled by Priscilla Murphy Realty from a sales office located on the project site.

Pointe Santo de Sanibel, on Gulf Drive near Tarpon Bay Road, is proceeding with construction of what is one of the most extensive condominium projects in the area. The Gulf-front complex involves a series of four-story structures surrounding a clubhouse and recreation area.

A variety of non-residential projects, in addition to the Beachview golf course restoration, are underway on Sanibel Island. Work continues on the Conservation Center buildings along the Sanibel-Captiva Road. Finger Construction is handling the project.

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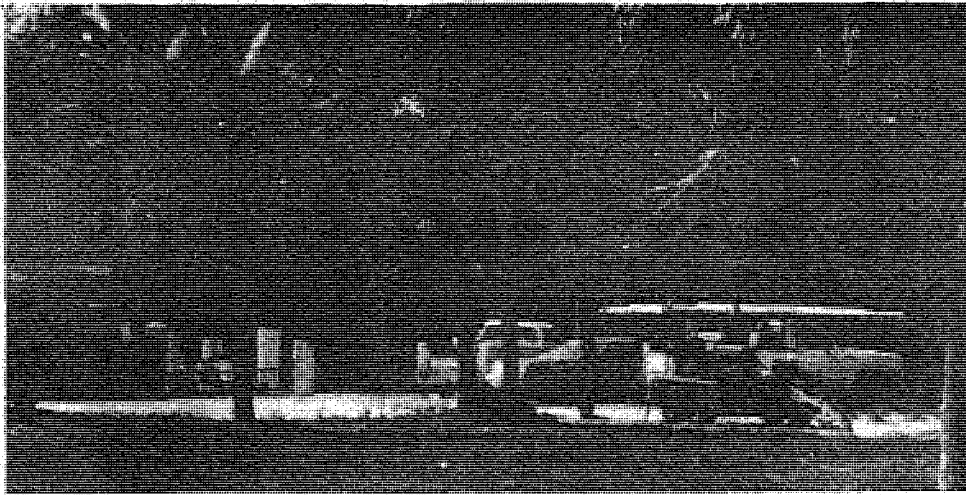
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Sanibel Surfside, a 30-unit condominium on the Gulf, rapidly nears completion.

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Work on the Sanibel-Captiva Sports Complex, to be handled by county work crews, is expected to pick up steam later this summer. The project, adjoining the Sanibel Elementary School, involves four tennis courts which are nearly completed, lighting of the existing ballfield, construction of two new ballfields, a community recreation center building, a building to house lighting switch gears, concession area and bathrooms, a basketball court, and eventually a swimming pool.

The new shopping center next to the bank on Periwinkle Way is being completed and will soon be open for business. Developed by Robert Holloper, the structure houses three offices and five stores. Island Floor Covering, Sam's Meats, and the Shirt Factory are already in the process of setting up shop in the two-

story structure.

Lee County Electrical Co-op, developer Robert Holloper, attorney John Wilcox, Hurricane Protection Inc., and others will also occupy the building.

Workmen from Sundance Homes remain busy working on the Chez Rondolet restaurant in Tahitian Gardens. Completion of the project is anticipated by the middle of May.

Speaking of Sundance Homes, the Sundance model and sales office in the Dunes subdivision is open. The home involves a group of buildings, elevated on stilts, referred to as a pod house. (Pod house, mind you, is a Bert Jenks' description and the full comprehension of the term evades this novice pea picker. Therefore, should you wonder why it is called a pod house, you'll have to cruise down Sandcastle Drive to the model and ask Bert to explain.)

Also in the Dunes and next door to Sundance, Sanibel Homes has opened three

models. Sometime this year, Sanibel Homes is expected to construct more models, probably on the western side of the Dunes Golf Course.

Adjacent to Sanibel Homes is situated the new model built by developer John Kontinos. The innovative design of the house centers around the fact that it is erected between stilts, rather than sitting on top of them. The model home is now open with interiors designed by House and Condo Interiors of Sanibel.

While the general overview of the real estate and construction market presented here is surely not comprehensive, it is apparent that the development and growth of Sanibel Island has indeed stepped into high gear. Local developers are striving to accommodate the ever-increasing numbers of sun-seekers who desire to make Sanibel Island their home. And that, friends and neighbors, is the reason for the many new faces among us, here on desirable Sanibel Island.



Work on the Signal Inn, a project of the Hugger-Kennedy Corporation, is proceeding on Middle Gulf Drive.

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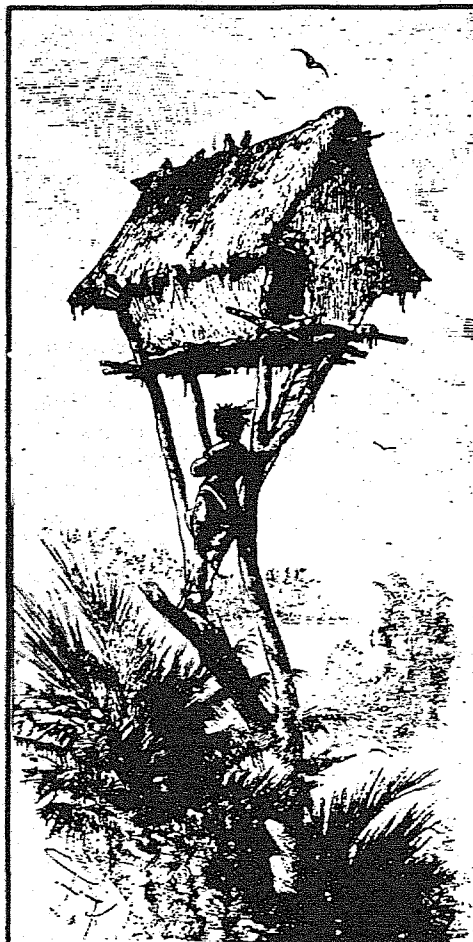
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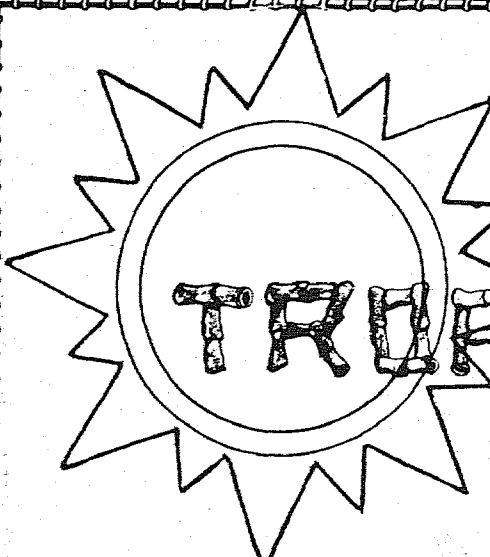
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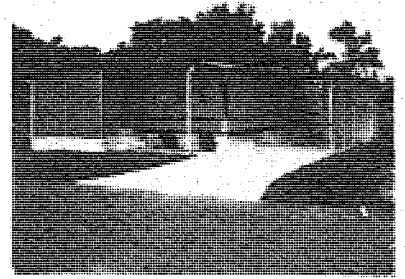
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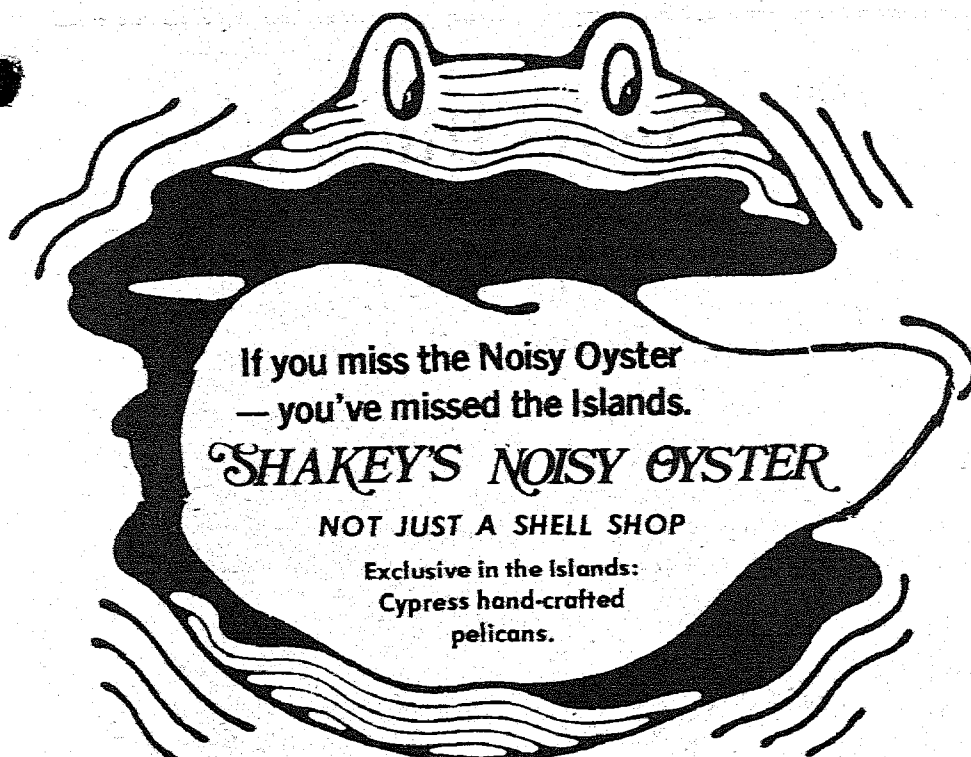
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Council denies sign permit

At their regular meeting last Tuesday, the Sanibel City Council voted unanimously to deny the issuance of a temporary sign permit to the Outer Island Development Company for a 35 square-foot real estate advertising sign at a 14-unit condominium project the firm is building on East Gulf Drive, next to the Gallery Motel.

The request was denied because the proposed sign was to present more items of information than would be permitted under a new Street Graphic Ordinance currently being prepared by the council.

In their action last Tuesday, the council was operating under the provisions of an emergency sign ordinance adopted some months back to replace the former sign ordinance, which was deemed largely incomprehensible and unenforceable by councilmen and businessmen alike.

The council was to have held a workshop meeting on the proposed Street Graphic Ordinance last Wednesday, but the meeting was postponed until this Friday, March 25, to give the council and Chamber of Commerce more time to prepare their comments on the current draft of the ordinance.

Moped "helmet law" amended

The Sanibel City Council passed an amendment to a section of the city's bicycle ordinance last Tuesday, to broaden the regulations governing the type of helmets to be worn by moped riders on the Island.

To comply with the ordinance as amended last week, Island moped riders must wear either regulation motorcycle helmets or headgear approved in writing by the chief of police.

To be approved by the Island's police chief, such headgear must be "demonstrated to be shock absorbing, cushioned, ventilated, offering uninterrupted, wide-angle vision, and which will guard against intrusion of foreign objects, and allowing for audibility," pursuant to the amendment passed last week.

Councilmen may now request travel expenses

The city council passed a resolution last week to provide for the reimbursement for legitimate travel expenses to members of the council who request it.

While the councilmen have heretofore never requested reimbursement for out-of-pocket travel expenses, the resolution was adopted to satisfy the provisions of the city's charter and to simplify the city manager's job of estimating the council's travel expenses for the city's annual operating budget.

The resolution sets a maximum remuneration of \$50 per councilman per month, or \$3,000 annually for budgeting purposes.

City starts "base maps"

The city council passed a resolution last Tuesday authorizing the city manager to execute a contract with Johnson Engineering, Inc. of Fort Myers for the preparation of engineering base maps for three sections of the east end of Sanibel.

For a maximum outlay of \$4,900, the 1" equals 200' scale maps will include all public and private rights of way and easements, public and private parcels, subdivisions, and all points of general public interest.

The preparation of maps for only three sections of Sanibel was viewed as the first step in a program to obtain base maps for the entire Island, which is estimated to cost city taxpayers in the vicinity of \$30,000.

Health committee will propose public restrooms

The scarcity of public restroom facilities on Sanibel has long been deplored by resident and visitor alike, although the city's Public Health Committee is the first Island group to propose a remedy for the problem.

Councilman Duane White, ex-officio member of the Public Health Committee informed the city council last week that the group is now in the process of drawing up an ordinance to require all shopping centers on the Island to provide restrooms for use by the general public.

City Attorney Neal Bowen told the council that "it would appear there is a state statute requiring restrooms in shopping centers."

On that basis, White said, the committee may propose that all existing shopping centers, as well as new developments, be required to install public restroom facilities.

Councilman Francis Bailey cited his long experience as a businessman in warning the council of the trouble and expense involved in maintaining public toilet areas.

"The abuse of those facilities is monumental by the so-called 'day tripper,'" Bailey said.

"The city is going to have to face this very issue on the beaches in the very near future," observed Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss. "I don't think there's any option."

According to City Manager Bill Nungester, "avenues of communication are currently open which could help the city provide restrooms in public areas on Sanibel."

The Public Health Committee is slated to meet again on March 28 at 2 p.m. to continue work on their proposed public restroom ordinance for the city, White reported.

Council to investigate road assessments

The city council was reluctant to take any action last Tuesday on a request from residents of the Belle Meade Subdivision for the city to sponsor a road improvement program to upgrade two privately owned roads in the subdivision.

The Belle Meade group submitted a letter petitioning for the city to have the necessary road improvement work performed and assess the costs to the individual property owners in the subdivision. After the roads are brought up to city standards, the residents hope to deed them to the city for the city to maintain, Vice-Mayor Zee Butler reported.

Among other reservations, the council cited a number of more pressing priorities as reasons for their reluctance to get involved in road assessment programs such as that proposed by the Belle Meade residents.

"We're trying to maintain a very low profile government," said Mayor Porter Goss. "I don't think we should get involved at this point in acting as an agent for private property owners."

"Practically speaking, the city hasn't got enough money to do anything about this situation right now," Goss continued. "And what these road assessment programs don't pay for is the extra bureaucracy they entail. Also, it gets to be a grey area as to how much they benefit the general rather than the immediate affected taxpayer."

Goss suggested that the Belle Meade residents might get quicker results if they themselves contract to have the roadwork performed, like the property owners along Lighthouse Way at the eastern end of the Island have done recently.

"I think if someone waits for the city to do it, they're going to be awfully disappointed in terms of time," Goss said.

Councilman Duane White, on the other hand, urged the council to give the matter further thought before closing the door entirely. He suggested appointing a com-

mittee to study the full legal and financial ramifications of road assessment programs.

"Thus far, we have followed the policy of not sticking our nose into neighborhood affairs," Mayor Goss replied. "That's been our policy all along, although it might be time for us to reevaluate that policy."

The council directed the city manager and city attorney to conduct a preliminary investigation of just what is involved in road assessment programs, and to make a report of their findings and recommendations to the council in the weeks ahead.

Council denies three amendments; approves one

The Sanibel City Council heard six requests for specific amendments to the city's comprehensive land use plan last Tuesday afternoon.

Only Sam Price received the council's final approval last week, for a specific amendment with which to erect decorative fencing in the parking lot of his Casa del Mama Restaurant on Periwinkle Way.

The council voted unanimously to deny specific amendments proposed by:

—Dale Beatty to develop a shopping center on a parcel of land directly across Periwinkle Way from the Periwinkle Place Shopping Center;

—John R. Goode to permit a commercial use on a parcel of land south of Periwinkle Way, 100 feet west of the entrance to the Periwinkle Trailer Park; and

—Nancy Z. McNamera to permit a commercial use on Lot 1 of the Lagoon Estates Subdivision, directly south of the Sanibel Center Shopping Plaza.

The council postponed a final decision until their next regular meeting of March 29 on specific amendments requested by:

—Donald J. Anderson to permit the construction of a single-family home seaward of the plan's coastal construction setback line on Lot 32 in the Tradewinds Subdivision south of Sanibel-Captiva Road, and

—Outer Island Development Corporation for a density increase on a 3.55-acre parcel of land north of Ocean's Reach Condominiums in the vicinity of Southwinds Drive and Camino del Mar.

Outer Island Development's request was opposed by a rather formidable number of residents of the area last Tuesday.

A city fact-finding team appointed to study the issue recommended that the council permit a maximum of two dwelling units to be constructed on the entire parcel, a settlement which the developers have termed "intolerable," according to Vice-Mayor Zee Butler.

Outer Island Development had requested a density of two units per acre for the parcel, while the city's land use plan would have allowed them only one for the entire site.

Town meeting tomorrow

The city's proposed capital improvement program and difficulties Islanders have experienced with the services provided by the Lee County Electric Cooperative will be feature topics of discussion at a town meeting to be held this Wednesday, March 23, at the Sanibel Community House beginning at 8 p.m.

This informal meeting, being sponsored by the Committee of the Islands, is open to the general public and is intended to encourage citizen participation in the workings of Sanibel's city government.

Live shelling committee now official

Last week, the Sanibel City Council moved to assume sponsorship of an ad hoc Committee on Live Shelling which was formed

last summer by the Sanibel Community Association.

Along with former members Ed Underhill, George Campbell, Anne Joffe, Arthur Orloff, Dick Workman and Charles LeBuff, the council appointed Island shelling guide Bob Sabatino to the Committee on Live Shelling, which now has the status of an official advisory body to the city council.

According to ex-officio member Charles LeBuff, the committee expects to have a resolution outlining the city's policy on the issue of taking live shells ready for the council to consider in the very near future, to be closely followed by a proposed ordinance intended to regulate live shelling in the waters surrounding Sanibel.

IWA meets with city officials

Officials of the Sanibel city government and Island Water Association (IWA) met recently in an attempt to sort out some of the difficulties which have of late arisen between the two public service bodies.

Among other problems, an estimated 20 per cent increase in water usage on Sanibel this winter over previous peak seasons has forced the IWA to begin purchasing water once again from the Greater Pine Island Water Association, an expensive proposition which has not been necessary in over two years.

To alleviate Sanibel's water shortage quandry, IWA General Manager Larry Snell has proposed that the company impose a moratorium on new hookups to the system and a total ban on landscape watering on the Island, which has been deemed the prime area of water waste on Sanibel.

At the city's council meeting last Tuesday, Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss warned his fellow councilmen that the time may be fast approaching for the city to step in and assist the IWA with bringing about a ban on irrigational use of potable water for Sanibel.

Goss added that the IWA may soon request that its current franchise from Lee County government be transferred to Sanibel, to increase coordination between the city's and the IWA's long range planning processes.

According to Goss, a "rethinking" of the IWA's position with respect to the city should be forthcoming soon.

Islanders beware, counterfeiters afoot.

Sanibel police and officials of the Bank of the Islands spent much of last week warning Island businessmen to be on the lookout for counterfeit money, a fair amount of which has been passed on the Island in recent weeks.

According to local police officials, about \$500 worth of bogus fifty and one-hundred dollar bills have been circulated on the Islands within the past two weeks.

South Seas Plantation, Bailey's General Store, Tennis Anyone and the Ramada Inn are among those Island businesses which have fallen prey to the counterfeiters thus far.

At the present time, Sanibel Police and Lee County Sheriffs are investigating reports concerning a white male suspect of about thirty years of age who is alleged to have been involved in the recent instances of bad money being passed on Sanibel and Captiva.

According to Sanibel Patrolman Dick Noone, the bogus bills circulated on Sanibel differ from real currency primarily in the weight of the bills and the etchings on the face of the currency.

The best way to tell the difference, said Noone, is by the feel of the counterfeit money, which was printed on much thinner paper than the real thing and so is appreciably lighter to the touch.

Island businessmen are urged to be especially careful about accepting \$50's and \$100's in the weeks ahead, and to pay close attention to the persons tendering such bills.

Un-cola exec visits "un-Florida"

We had the distinct pleasure of meeting Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Young Jr., St. Louis, Mo., recently whilst snacking on steamed shrimp at the Mucky Duck on Captiva.

Basically, when introduced as "The press," they both made our weekend by saying "Oh, we thought he was kidding and that you all were just a couple of college girls on vacation."

The Youngs were spending their second year on Captiva and were absolutely in love with the Islands.

How did they find Sanibel and Captiva?

"We, after a cruise which didn't go where it said it would and a time in Fort Lauderdale as well as a trip to Great Harbor Key in the Bahamas, asked our friends 'Where was THE place in Florida that doesn't look like Florida?' and practically everyone we knew said 'Sanibel and Captiva' and we think you'd like South Seas Plantation," Mrs. Young said.

"And we do," said Mr. Young.

Obviously, say we. Last year, on their first trip here, they were able to bring their

off-spring, Cindy, who's a senior in college in Washington, D.C. and Tom, who is 13, and who said, when the Youngs found out that their pre-scheduled time on Captiva this year did not match up with his spring vacation, "I hope it rains the whole time you're there." (We hurriedly add that it didn't—as the fact goes, the good weather—that's when we use much more cold water in showers than hot—arrived on the Islands about the same time the Youngs did.)

Actually, sometimes the mind does work in mysterious ways—we typed out the preceeding, slipped it out of the typewriter, started on the editorial log sheet (which has page numbers and all sorts of other esoteric newspaper data on it) and typed the head, using the phrase "un-Florida."

Why does that have nothing to do with the mind? Because, while we hadn't written it, we obviously were thinking (or taking into consideration) that fact that Mr. Young is director of two 7-Up companies in St. Louis. Oh, well.

Islander killed in car crash

For many years, in fact, since Timmy Wiles dedicated his private driveway to the county to help ease the traffic congestion around the Captiva Post Office, Captiva residents have been asking county officials to do something about widening the corner at Timmy's Nook.

On Thursday at 10 a.m. something was done — a car driven by a long-time Captiva resident collided with a truck pulling a low bed trailer. Elizabeth C. Matthiessen, 73, died in surgery at Lee Memorial Hospital 12 hours later.

According to the official statement by the Lee County Sheriff's Department, the trailer itself was in the opposite lane by a span of six inches when it was struck by the Matthiessen vehicle. Within minutes, according to eye-witness reports, both County and Sanibel officers were in attendance and within 15 minutes Mrs. Matthiessen was air-lifted by EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) helicopter to the Fort Myers hospital.

Although the Matthiessens have lived on Captiva for many years, they were

regular visitors by boat before building their home.

Mrs. Matthiessen was a great bird-lover as is her husband, Erdard, who has served as vice president of the National Audubon Society.

The Matthiessens chose Captiva Island because of the abundant shelling, fishing, boating and wildlife. They also have a home on Fisher's Island, New York.

The Matthiessens' garden was the result of many hours of care by Mrs. Matthiessen. The alter of the Chapel by the Sea has been graced by many of her lovely flowers.

Mrs. Matthiessen is survived by her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Jeffery (Mary) Wheelwright of Maine, two sons, Carey of Woods Hole, Mass., and Peter, of Long Island. The latter is a noted author of both non-fiction and fiction, including "At play in the fields of The Lord" and "Far Tortugas."

A private memorial service for Mrs. Matthiessen was held at Chapel by the Sea last week with a second service planned in June on Fisher's Island.

With the recently announced restaurant addition to South Seas Plantation and

the normal swell of traffic that occurs every year as more and more people discover our captivating Islands, the increase of traffic on the already overburdened roads will rise proportionately.

Sanibel and Captiva are islands with a finite amount of land space and concern has been voiced to The ISLANDER by residents on both sides of Blind Pass

about the capability of safely handling the natural yearly influx of visitors — visitors who support a large portion of the Islands' population. These visitors are an integral part of the Island economy.

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Upon reaching her destination, she remembered her oversight and phoned S.P.D. to report the missing purse, which contained her car registration and drivers license.

Complainant phoned station to report cars parked illegally on the beach.

Upon arriving at the scene of the alleged violation, patrolman could find no cars on the beach.

S.P.D. officers spent much of last week warning Island businessmen to be on the lookout for counterfeit bills which have been turning up on Sanibel of late.

Three or four instances of counterfeit 50's and 100's

being passed on the Islands were reported last week.

S.P.D. and Lee County Sheriff's officials are continuing to investigate the matter.

Complainant called to report that some stranger was out by her car with a flashlight, which was turned off when she called out.

Patrolman arrived on the scene and chased an unknown individual into the woods nearby, but was unable to locate.

Complainant called in to report noisy motorcycles in the golf course area.

The officer dispatched to the scene found the motorcycles to have "quiet mufflers," but advised them of the complaint just the same.

Patrolmen gave

assistance to a man whose automobile was stuck in sand.

Thanks to S.P.D., the car was back on the road in no time.

S.P.D. answered numerous calls about a vicious pothole in an Island road, which was taking its toll on hubcaps and wheel rims.

City Hall was notified of the complaints.

All told last week, S.P.D. investigated four instances of inconsequential missing items, one automobile accident, and two unsecured doors, while responding to six calls for assistance with personal problems.

Further, S.P.D. reports that emergency medical technicians answered three calls on the Islands last week.

Shell

Club

news

By Bill VonEiff

Our meeting on the Eve of St. Patrick was opened by our President, Anne Joffe, with the wearing of the green.

There were over a hundred members and guests present to hear our guest speaker, Lt. Col. U.S.A.F. Retired Corinne Edwards, who gave a very inspiring talk on her trips to Wake Island and Panama. She

also brought along a collection of shells that she collected in these places. Her talk, as always, was enjoyed by all.

Our member Al Bridell made a report on what we stand for. We also had reports on the Shell Fair.

There was no newsletter this month but next month will be a combined

newsletter all about the Fair.

Refreshments were served by our committee under the direction of Betty Johnson and Mildred Campbell in the tradition "St. Patty" day way Shamrocks, green cake and a delicious green punch.

We can be very proud of this committee.

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The club, of course, is the stock market, as it was, is, and could be in the future.

Mr. Welles suggests that the banks can replace the "Club". We have

already seen the start of it.

In support of his thesis of this new reality in financial power (and therefore power in all things) he submits that their loans to companies, their sale of company bonds, their purchase of large amounts of the company's stock for the trust and pension funds they handle and through interlocking directors, gives them a overwhelming voice in the affairs of said companies.

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Incidentally, Robert C. Jaynie, President of Bank of the Islands, is partial to Historical Novels and "Who Done Its." He especially enjoyed "The Ultra Secret" by Fred Winterbottom and "The Bodyguard of Lies" by Anthony Cove Brown.

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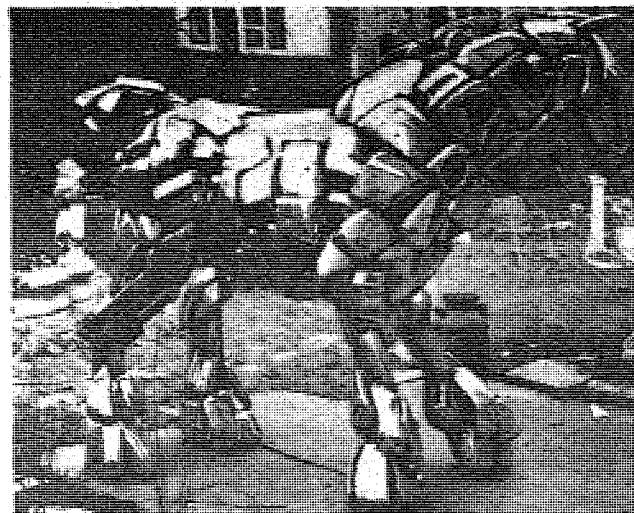
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Well, we're delighted to be able to announce there is an artist in the world who creates art (see horse) as he sees it out of old (or new) automobile bumpers.

John Kearney, a guest at Castaway's Resort on the tip end of Sanibel and a friend of the Walter W. Walkers of Gulf Drive, does create art out of auto bumpers—not

horse pictured here, but also replicas of a number of endangered species, ranging from the Key Deer to Man. (We're sort of glad he thought to include the latter.)

Kearney first came to Florida around 1950 with a group of art students when he had promised a friend of his, who happened to be a Tarpon Springs native, that he'd try diving for sponges, since he and his friend had been Navy divers together.

It did not turn out to be a working proposition, as it was about that time that a disease hit the natural sponges and also that chemical companies

produced artificial sponges almost as good as the real ones.

(It was also close to the time that the Tarpon Springs sponge divers let out the news that shrimp could be caught off the Florida coast at night—as opposed to traditional daytime shrimp fishing—which, if the disease hadn't come along, would probably have pulled all the sponge divers away into a more lucrative market, anyway.)

All of this added up to

Kearney's getting involved with ecology, so, that while his first Florida visit was made to dive for sponges (with a group of students at that) his latest visit was engendered by his reading an article in the Chicago Tribune about Sanibel and endangered species, and since he had made the latter his specialty, he decided to come and see for himself.

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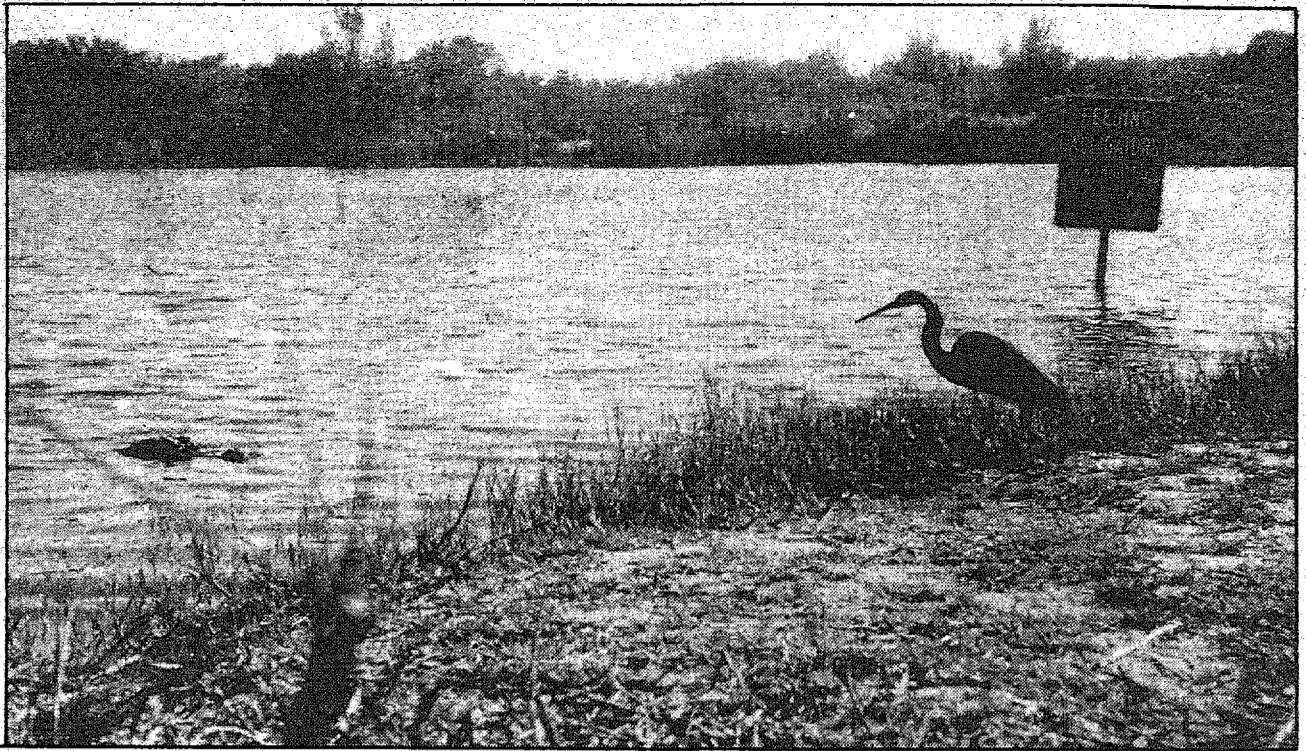
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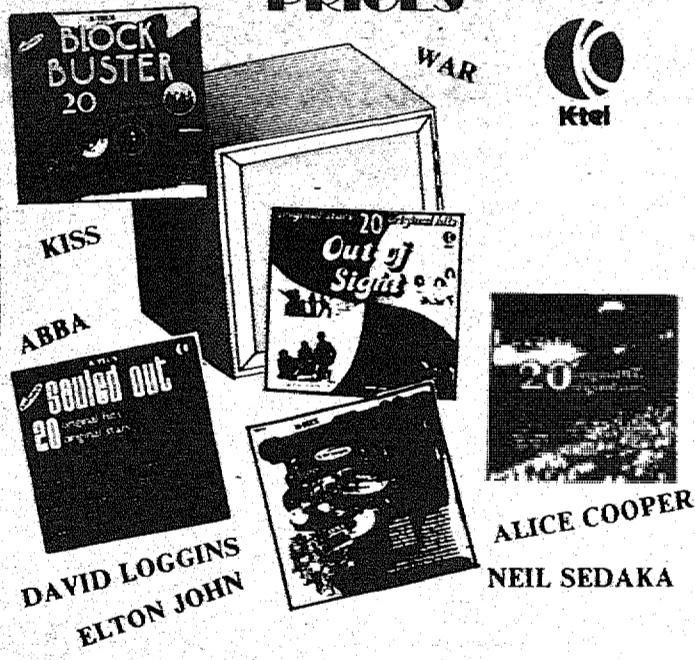
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