

Captiva Shore Patrol now on call officially

by ginni brown

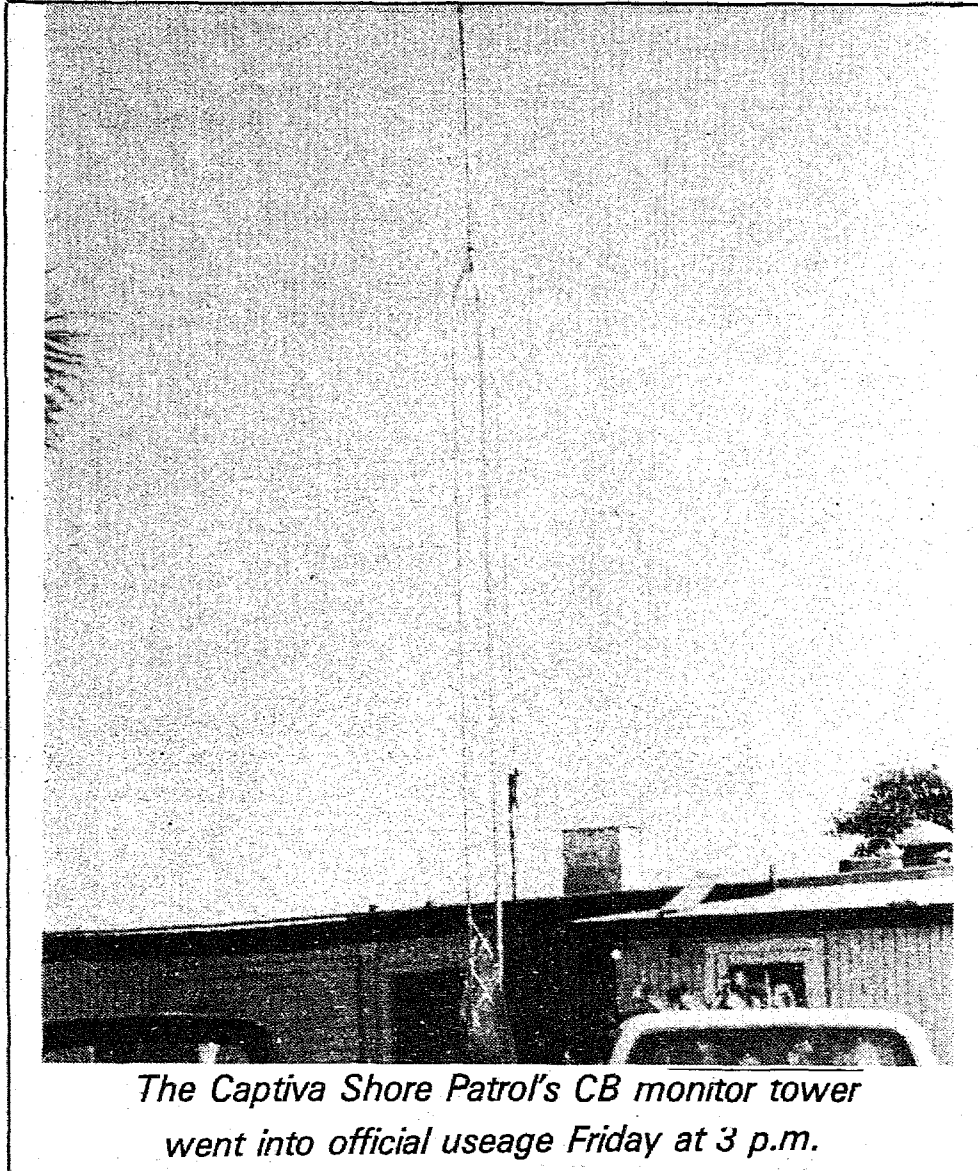
A month long thrust by the Captiva Shore Patrol ended (or, perhaps more precisely, started) Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. when the switch on their 58 ft. CB radio monitor tower was officially activated.

The Shore Patrol, which formed as a club a mere few weeks ago, is now prepared to monitor Ch. 13 on the citizen's band radio 18 to 20 hours a day that they may respond to any boaters in the area (from Boca Grande to about a mile east of Bowman's Beach) who may be in need of assistance.

The radio, which was hooked up to the tower on Wednesday, was unofficially turned on Thursday at noon and by three o'clock that afternoon had been instrumental in effecting two rescues, according to Jack Scott, who is secretary-treasurer of the new organization.

"The first one was from a boat which had gotten stuck on a sandbar," Scott told The ISLANDER, "and while two of our boats responded, by the time we got there, the boat had managed to get itself off.

"However, in the second case, there was a 23-foot boat which couldn't get its outdrive down. On board were a man, his wife and their child, who wasn't feeling very well and was running a temperature. Well, we called Pottsy at Aquatronics to see if we could fix the boat by phone directions, and when we found we couldn't, towed the boat in to



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South Seas Plantation, where we had arranged for a cab to be waiting to take the mother and child to the doctor. Pottsy was there too, and was able to fix the boat in just a few minutes, so the man was on his way safely home in about 15 minutes."

"Get any calls after you were officially open?" we asked.

"Not a one. Not by now, that is," Scott replied. (It was then about 4:30 in the afternoon on Friday.)

The CB radio equipment and its installation were paid for "mostly—about 80 per cent—by Sanibel business people," Scott said. Mariner contributed \$200 and the other donations averaged about \$25 each. "The other 20 per cent was raised by donations of the Captiva business people, who aren't very many, and the kids and young people who hang around Timmy's Nook," Scott said.

"We operate strictly on donations, and right now, we're in the process of raising about \$1,000 for a VHF radio, so we can maintain radio contact with the Coast Guard, which doesn't monitor CB. So far, the average donation has been about \$50. As a matter of fact, we got four or five checks in today for \$50 each. They've all been from the people who live on Captiva."

If anyone out there would like to send a donation to the Shore Patrol, either for the radio or gas fund, checks may be mailed to the Captiva Shore Patrol, P.O. Box 24, Captiva, FL 33924. You

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Site selection committee reviews new input & offers

The City of Sanibel's three-member Site Selection Committee met last Friday morning and again on Monday to review two parcels of property which have recently been offered to the city for acquisition as the site of a proposed municipal services office complex.

According to committee chairman Fred Valtin, one of the recent offers involves a 37-acre parcel of land running north from Periwinkle Way to the southern boundary of the Dunes Subdivision along Bailey Road, which is owned by Mrs. Sarah Bailey of Tampa, Florida, sister-in-law of Sanibel City Councilman Francis Bailey. Valtin said that \$1,500,000 is being asked for the property.

Another offer which was received by the city last week came from the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation carrying a low price-tag of \$105,000.

The property offered by the Foundation includes just over 14 acres of land in the Sanibel Gardens Subdivision which the Foundation has for some time been trying to sell to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with little success.

The Foundation's site, situated entirely in the wetlands south of Island Inn Road and north of the Bailey Tract of the J.N. (Ding) Darling Wildlife

Sanctuary to the west of Tarpon Bay Road, is complicated somewhat by the existence of a few privately owned lots in the interior of the parcel.

Valtin said that the committee decided Friday not to consider the recent offers for the purpose of a report on their recommendations to be presented to the city council in a special workshop meeting on April 26, although the new offers will be evaluated by the committee in two separate attachments to the report.

Valtin added that the committee's preliminary evaluation of the Bailey property has largely disqualified the offer because of the prohibitive cost and excessive size of the parcel.

In creating the committee to review the offers and make a recommendation on the best possible site for the proposed city hall, the city council stipulated that a parcel of about 5 acres would be desirable, with the city's Finance Committee having proposed a total expenditure of about \$350,000 for the proposed site acquisition.

At their meeting last Friday, the committee took a more favorable view of the Foundation's recent offer, Valtin reported.

"After analyzing the property, the committee feels that this offer is the perfect location for a city hall site."

Valtin said, based on a variety of criteria such as cost, traffic accessibility, and tax impact, among others.

"In our view, it is the best of all of the sites offered to date, with the exception of having to put buildings in the wetlands," Valtin added.

At their meeting Friday, the committee also discussed in considerable detail a letter to Valtin that was submitted last week by Sanibel Community Association President Dick Wilson. (See letters to the editor on Page 4 of this issue.)

Wilson's letter spoke to the committee's recent assignment of the highest priority for city acquisition to the 6.62-acre Blakely property located north of Periwinkle Way near its intersection with Palm Ridge Road. The committee's recent decision in this respect, based on the greater accessibility of the Blakely property for the most part, dropped the Community Association's offer of 4.6 acres of land directly across from Periwinkle Way from the Sanibel Community House into second place on the committee's list of recommendations to the council.

Wilson's letter urged the committee to reassess their assignment of priorities to the two sites in question in light of the impact on the city's tax rolls

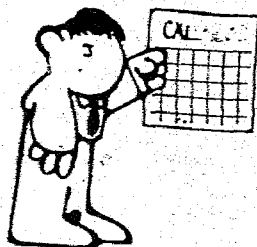
that city purchase of the commercially-zoned Blakely property would entail. Wilson also outlined a number of community-oriented projects which would benefit from the sale of the Association's property.

"We did not feel that we had given inadequate consideration to the points raised in his letter," said Valtin last week, "although we are sympathetic to his point of view."

According to Valtin, the committee's recommendations to the council will be presented as previously publicized, with the Blakely property to be recommended as the most appealing site for the proposed city hall, followed closely by the Community Association's offer. The asking price for the Blakely property is \$324,500, while the Community Association is asking only \$195,000.

The committee's report to the council will also include addenda outlining their cursory evaluations of the two recent offers received by the city subsequent to the cutoff deadline set by the committee for the purpose of preparing their recommendations.

The council will hear the committee's report and recommendations at a special workshop meeting scheduled for 4:40 p.m. on April 26 in MacKenzie Hall.



Activities Calendar

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things to do

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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.

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

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WATER SKIING - Herb Purdy, 472-1849.

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

libraries

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

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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 Nautilus Inn.

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.

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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 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.

clubs & civic groups

AMERICAN LEGION POST No. 123 - American Legion Home, second Tuesday of the month, 8:00 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 third Monday of each month at the Club house of the Sanibel Moorings Condominium on East Gulf Drive at 10:00 a.m. Public invited.

Church Calendar

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Vigil (Saturday evenings) 5:30 p.m.
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Other Masses

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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.
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(3rd thru 8th grades) 10:15 a.m.

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Room 253

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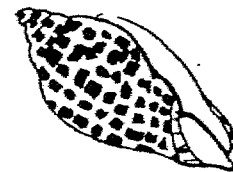
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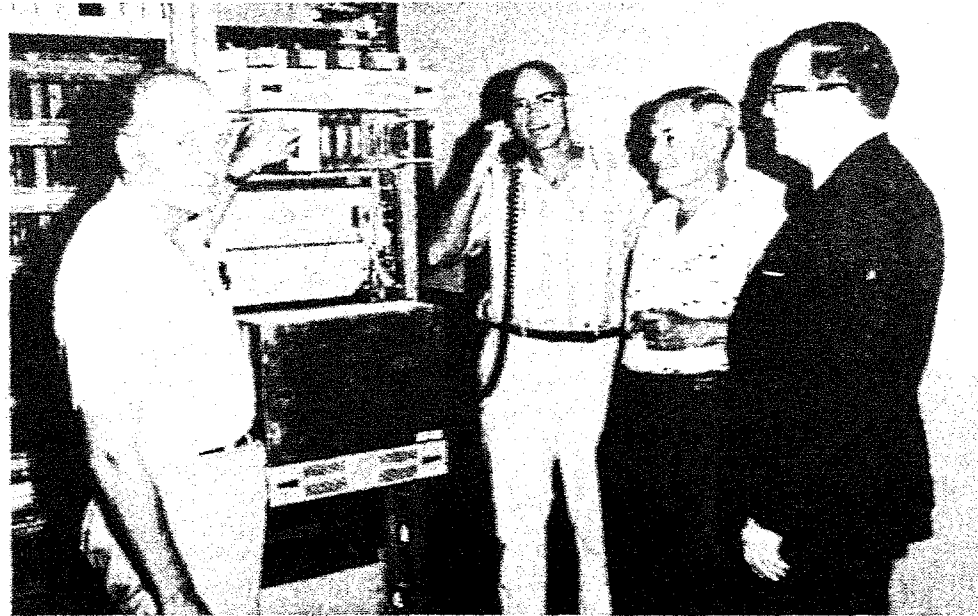
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"Inter-county", United Phone Company's predecessor, opened microwave communication for the Islands in September 1962. (J.N. Johnson (man with dark suit and glasses) is flanked on the right by phone company people. Josephine Reddy is seated at the table as Lew Funk makes a phone call. Other notables include Francis Bailey (directly behind Lew) Ed Konrad (standing next to Johnson and just behind Miss Reddy) and goodness knows who else. Oh, the baby is Elizabeth, the woman holding her is ye editor (otherwise known as Ginni Brown) and that young, young, man (with the two tone shoes yet) is Duff Brown, former ISLANDER publisher and the then and present husband of ye aforesaid.

The old days (daze??) . . .



Paul Stahlin throws the switch as Francis Bailey makes the first "microwave" phone call from the Islands while Lew Funk of Gulf Breeze Cottages and J.N. Johnson, then prexy of Inter-County Telephone look on.

by ginni brown

Long ago, B.C. (Before Causeway) Inter-County Telephone decided to spend a million bucks or so on the Islands to install microwave equipment on Sanibel so that Islanders would be able to

call off-island without resorting to the Marine Operator. While we can personally attest to the fact that it did work the very first day, we're not so sure that the whole thing was an overall improvement.

However, that isn't the main thrust of this comment. It turned out on that fateful day in September, 1962, that due to Elizabeth's nap and feeding schedule, we (ye editor, E. and Duff) happened to arrive at the new phone installation before any other on-Islanders did and were greeted by eight or nine bright young men who were phone company employees and were properly attired in dark suits, white shirts, neckties and the whole bit. Socks, even.

Looking a bit askance at our casual dress (all three of us) we were nevertheless smiled upon and welcomed by the besuited corps. The

Power of The Press and all 'o that, you know.

Shortly thereafter, the real VIP's arrived—as we recall, Francis Bailey was fairly early, as was Lew Funk. By the time Paul Stahlin arrived, the phone gentlemen were throwing obvious looks of panic at each other, at which point they all, with the exception of then phone company president J.H. Johnson, and two of his assistants,

disappeared behind a walled enclosure and emerged, coatless, a few tieless, and, if their white shirt sleeves weren't short, with rolled up shirt sleeves.

We're really not quite sure what this proves—but it was fun to watch members of the Mainland Establishment conform so quickly to the mores of the Islands—and it's also another reason we love the Islands. And still do.

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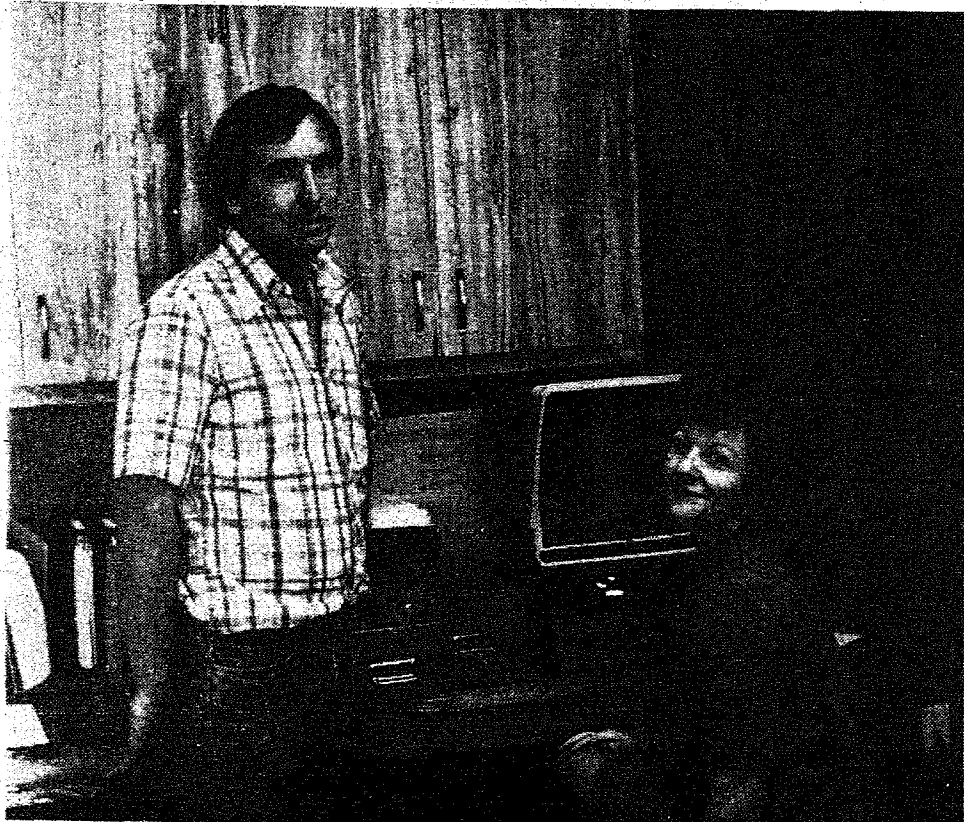
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The present staff of the new Co-Op office includes senior meter reader and collector Paul Mohr (left) and Norma Engel, secretary-clerk (right).

The office is open daily from 8:00 a.m. until noon and from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m.

on the shelf

by margaret
and bill krueger

For relaxation many people turn to mystery stories as is evidenced by the great turnover of these thrillers at the Sanibel Library. You are dubious? For proof and to start a polite conversation at your next gathering, ask your guests to name their favorite author. You will be overwhelmed by the number of mystery writers mentioned. Small wonder when you consider the great number of fine writers in this field and the variations of themes offered.

For pure out and out honest mystery and solution we look to authors such as A. Conan Doyle and that grandfather of sleuths Sherlock Holmes or perhaps Rex Stout's Fat Man Nero Wolf ably assisted by Archie Goodwin. Others who have passed the test of time and still give us thrills and chills include the following. Can you match up the author and his famous sleuth?

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Agatha Christie	Police Inspector Maigut
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Ellery Queen	Lew Archer
Ross MacDonald	Hercule Poirot

It may have been "The Spy that came in out of the Cold" that changed the out and out "Who done it" to a tale of double dealing and intrigue. At any rate John LeCarre's story was one of the first of this type that we en-

joyed. They certainly abound now on the shelves of the Sanibel Library.

It must have been Mickey Spillane's hero Mike Hammer who introduced us to the really violent sleuth, leading us inevitably to James Bond (007) given birth by Ian Fleming. Not to mention Travis McGee and all the other unforgettable characters flowing from the pen of John D. MacDonald.

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Underlining the general popularity of the magic mysteries is the vast selection available in the large print books in the library.

Incidentally (as you might suspect) our own Chief of Police, John P. Butler, is also a mystery fan. He also tries to keep abreast of all new criminal information and techniques and has great respect for the writings of criminologist and author O.W. Wilson.

Letters to the editor:

A copy of the following letter to City Hall site selection chairman Fred Valtin was submitted to The ISLANDER for publication:

Dear Mr. Valtin:

A recent report in "The Island Reporter" stated that your committee is favoring a site other than the one offered to the City by the Sanibel Community Association. The Board of Directors of the Association urges your committee to weigh the benefits of the presently preferred site against the benefits to all the residents of Sanibel which would accrue by the selection of the Community Association Site. Funds received from the sale of our site would:

1. Provide the necessary monies to construct a community complex which would meet present safety and building codes.

2. Provide better facilities to meet the increased demand by island organizations for their meetings and activities.

Purchase of our site would:

1. Save the City in excess of \$100,000 because it is less expensive than the competing one. The savings could be used for other needed projects.

2. Not remove taxable commercially zoned property from the tax rolls.

We ask that your committee give full consideration to these benefits to all residents and taxpayers of Sanibel which will result if the Community Association site for the Sanibel City Hall Complex is selected for recommendation to the City Council.

Sincerely yours,

-s- Richard M. Wilson

President, Sanibel Community Association



The following copy of a letter to County Commissioner Chairman Bob Whan was given to the ISLANDER for publication:

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As a visitor to Captiva for 40 years, a property and houseowner for 20 years, a voter and resident, I write to point out that the tragic death of Betty Matthiessen on a 90 degree road turn on Captiva a few weeks ago, and the recurring announcements of five or more expanded or new condominium and housing developments on our little island, have focussed concerned attention on the dangerous condition of our only main road. May I recapitulate and make some observations

about that and related problems, as follows:

(1) The road - at most points on Captiva - is too narrow for the ever-increasing traffic, especially the heavy hauling and trailer equipment (the width of the "low-boy" that killed Mrs. Matthiessen has never been clarified). In any case it is physically impossible for such a "vehicle" to make a 90 degree road turn without overlapping on the opposite right of way by three or more feet.

(2) Assuming they wish to cooperate, these heavy trucks and other large vehicles must pull over on the straight road sections to let oncoming traffic pass, with the result that their right wheels leave the pavement and increase a deep rut in the berm. At some points, there is a six-to-eight-inch dropoff which disconcerts or imperils unfamiliar drivers, of which we have more and more.

(3) The marked speed limits at points on Captiva create dangers. Thirty miles per hour is too fast to execute safely any of the 90 degree right angle turns which exist. This seems confirmed by the fact that the first 90 degree turn going north is marked "20 mph" whereas traffic in the southerly direction, coming the other way at that point, is marked "30 mph"!

(4) Only black arrows on yellow backgrounds indicate 90 degrees or smaller turns. I submit these are inadequate for many drivers. "SLOW DOWN - DANGEROUS TURN", or some similar warnings are particularly needed. Incidentally, there is no sign at the approach to the corner where Mrs. Matthiessen was killed.

(5) The black arrow on yellow sign, pointing north along the beach after the first 90 degree turn, is not observable after the sun descends directly behind it (after about 4 p.m. at present). Thus the driver cannot see the sign or realize the hazardous situation he faces.

(6) It seems strange that along the beach, including the "Tween Waters area, where most of the entering driveways are comparatively open, the speed limit is marked "30 mph", whereas the limit is increased to 35 mph going south along the last mile and a half before the Captiva-Sanibel bridge, where nearly all of the

entering driveways are obscured or "hidden". In most communities I have known in the United States and elsewhere, there would be a sign, "HIDDEN DRIVEWAYS, 25 MPH", or something to that effect. It won't be long before a serious accident occurs in this situation.

(7) There are pedestrian crossing signs at each end of the half-mile that the main road runs along the beachfront. I doubt if the average motorist or truck driver relates these to a particular area - if he understands their significance or intention at all. What is needed is some significant warning about the pedestrian crossing at 'Tween Waters' where, during the season at least, many visitors and children are constantly crossing the road to and from the beach.

(8) Next to the Post Office just north of the main road are two signs, "COMMUNITY CENTER", and a big sign displaying seven arrows to indicate directions toward various buildings. To read these, tourists stop - blocking traffic - at the logical entrance to the Post Office. And this is only a few feet past a sign reading "30 mph"! I suggest that these signs be removed or relocated away from that busy spot.

(9) More yellow mid-road lines are needed. There are none of any kind on the two 90 degree turns before and after the Post Office, including the turn where the tragic accident occurred.

(10) Palm Avenue at The Island Store is a dangerous intersection without any warning sign of any kind despite the fact that large vehicles, shoppers and other motorists are parking and backing at that point. This area is growing and warning stop signs, or even a traffic light, are needed.

(11) I am sure any fair observer will agree that the situation at or near the Captiva-Sanibel bridge is a catastrophe. There is inadequate space for the dozens of cars and campers that park there. Traffic is frequently blocked or slowed down, and with tourists and children running back and forth, a tragic accident is almost inevitable. Drastic measures and enforcement procedures are needed.

In conclusion, I recognize your personal knowledge and interest in these problems.

We who have loved Captiva for many years and desire to avoid future tragedy earnestly hope you, your fellow commissioners and the law officers involved will take prompt steps to remedy - so far as possible - the problems and difficulties I have outlined.

Sincerely,

-s- William E. Stevenson
Captiva, Florida.



To the editor:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, parents, teachers and children of the Children's Center, I wish to express our many thanks for the articles that have appeared in The ISLANDER during this past year.

We are grateful for the interest, support and donations that have come from our generous community as a result.

Thank you again for making our Islands aware of the school's continuing existence and needs.

-s- Emily Muench, Secretary
The Children's Center

Of The Islands

Editor's Note: You're more than welcome. That's one of the reasons we're here.



Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a petition signed by 120 Captiva residents requesting that the intersection of Palm Ave. and Munson St. (now known as Andy Rosse Lane and Captiva Dr., S.W.), be made a four-way stop street.

The narrowness of the streets and lack of sufficient off-street parking creates a situation that imperils the lives of pedestrians at this intersection. Large vans moving through this intersection, even at moderate speeds, have a tendency to crowd off the shoulders and create air turbulence and suction that could cause some of our older people to fall into the side of the vehicle.

We feel that if every vehicle had to come to a complete stop at this intersection, we would eliminate a very real danger to somebody's life.

We trust you will give this matter your consideration and please advise us as to whether or not this is possible.

Very truly yours,
-s- Paul E. Stahlin

Planning commissioners approve permits for former commission chairman White

Sanibel City Councilman Duane White appeared "on the other side of the table" from the city planning commission for the first time last Monday, to request that his former co-commissioners approve the issuance of development permits to White, his wife Charlotte Kinzie White, and members of her family.

The city planners who had elected White their first chairman remarked on the uniqueness of the situation and jokingly presented him with a box full of "black book" items that had been flagged for further work and review by the commission during White's chairmanship.

"You told us time and again to do our homework," said Commissioner Twink Underhill. "We wanted to show you that we've done our homework for this case."

"Unfortunately, we can't find one thing wrong with your plans," she added, laughing.

The commission voted unanimously last Monday to approve a development permit requested by three members of the Kinzie family for the subdivision of about four acres of land west of Anchor Drive into nine single-family building lots. Councilman and Mrs. White's request for permission to subdivide about 2.5 acres of land west of Ferry Road into four single-family lots also received the commission's unanimous approval last week.

All of the lots to be created by the subdivision of both parcels will exceed the 19,000 square-foot minimum lot size required by the city's comprehensive land use plan, which White, as planning commission chairman, helped to prepare.

The city planners also voted unanimously last Monday to recommend

denial of a specific amendment to the land use plan requested by Ed Konrad and Roy Bazire to permit them to construct a small neighborhood shopping center on one and a half acres of land south of the intersection of Sanibel-Captiva and Wulfert Roads.

Konrad, his attorney, Mike Jackson, and architect Martin Gundersen told the commission that the property had carried a commercial zoning since 1969, when it was approved as part of the Sanibel Bayous Subdivision by the Sanibel-Captiva Zoning Board of that time, the Lee County Commission, and the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The petitioners argued that the recent growth of Sanibel's west end warrants the creation of more commercial property by the city to serve new residents of the area, especially those of Sanibel Bayous who were promised a neighborhood shopping facility at the time they purchased land in the subdivision.

A homeowner in Sanibel Bayous, Elizabeth Sears, spoke in support of the proposed specific amendment, telling the commissioners that she would like to have the neighborhood shopping center she was promised when she bought her lot.

At the current time, the city's land use plan designates only two small parcels west of Tarpon Bay Road as commercial property: one at the intersection of Sanibel-Captiva and Rabbit Roads, and one at Blind Pass.

Konrad told the commission that the shopping center proposed for the site would include a small grocery, restaurant, and a few small shops and professional offices, and that the site is suited for no

other type of development because the sewer package plant for Sanibel Bayous and Blind Pass Condominiums is located directly behind it.

Attorney Jackson asked that the commission view the request as a transitional case by virtue of the fact that commercial development of the property had begun before the city's incorporation when the Mid-Island Real Estate office was constructed on the site.

Commissioner George Tenney said that the request "is a classic example of spot zoning," and the commission as a whole voted to uphold their past policy of designating no new commercial land on Sanibel by recommending that the city council deny the requested specific amendment, until all property currently classified commercial in the plan is developed.

The city council will hold its first hearing on the amendment on April 19, at which time the transitional status of the case may be determined.

At their meeting last Monday, the commission voted once again to continue their hearing on a request from D.W. Squires for permission to build two duplexes on a Gulf-front lot in the Tradewinds Subdivision, pending a determination by city engineers of whether or not Squires' development plans will provide for adequate drainage of storm runoff on the site.

The uncertainty of adequate drainage and other problems on the property have incited staunch opposition to the proposal from the Tradewinds Property Owners Association head by Dr. Bill Webb.

The plan's requirement for storm runoff to be contained on-site was also a matter of concern in the commission's deliberations on Landlubber

President Banks Prevatt's request for permission to develop a shopping center on a parcel of land south of Peewinkle Way near its intersection with Dixie Beach Boulevard.

To comply with the plan's requirements for on-site drainage, Prevatt had proposed to dam up a mosquito ditch running across the property to provide a dry well for drainage purposes until Island naturalist George Campbell suggested that the ditch be left as is and be

cleaned up by landowners with city assistance to provide wildlife habitat.

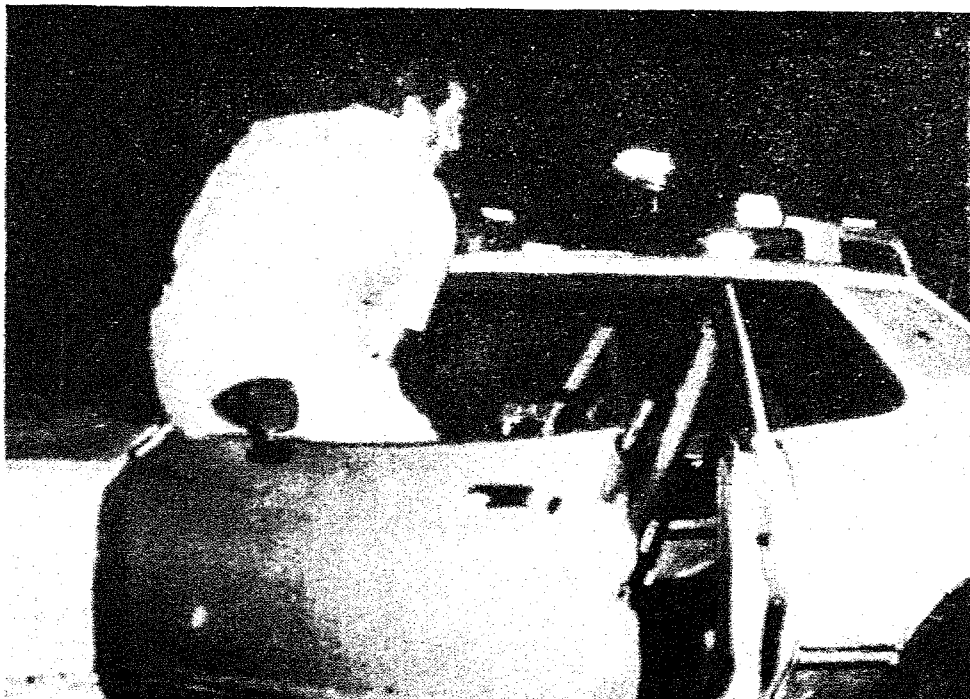
The planning commission voted unanimously on Monday to approve the issuance of a development permit for the shopping center, while asking Prevatt not to tamper with the mosquito ditch until the city can ascertain if other Islanders who own property along its banks will be willing to participate in a revitalization clean-up program for the ditch, which Campbell said more closely

resembles a garbage dump.

According to Prevatt, construction of the shopping center, which will include between 8 and 10 small shops and offices, will begin within about six months. The property is located between the Island Garage and Casa del Mama Restaurant.

In other hearings last Monday, the commission voted unanimously to recommend that the city council deny specific amendments to the plan

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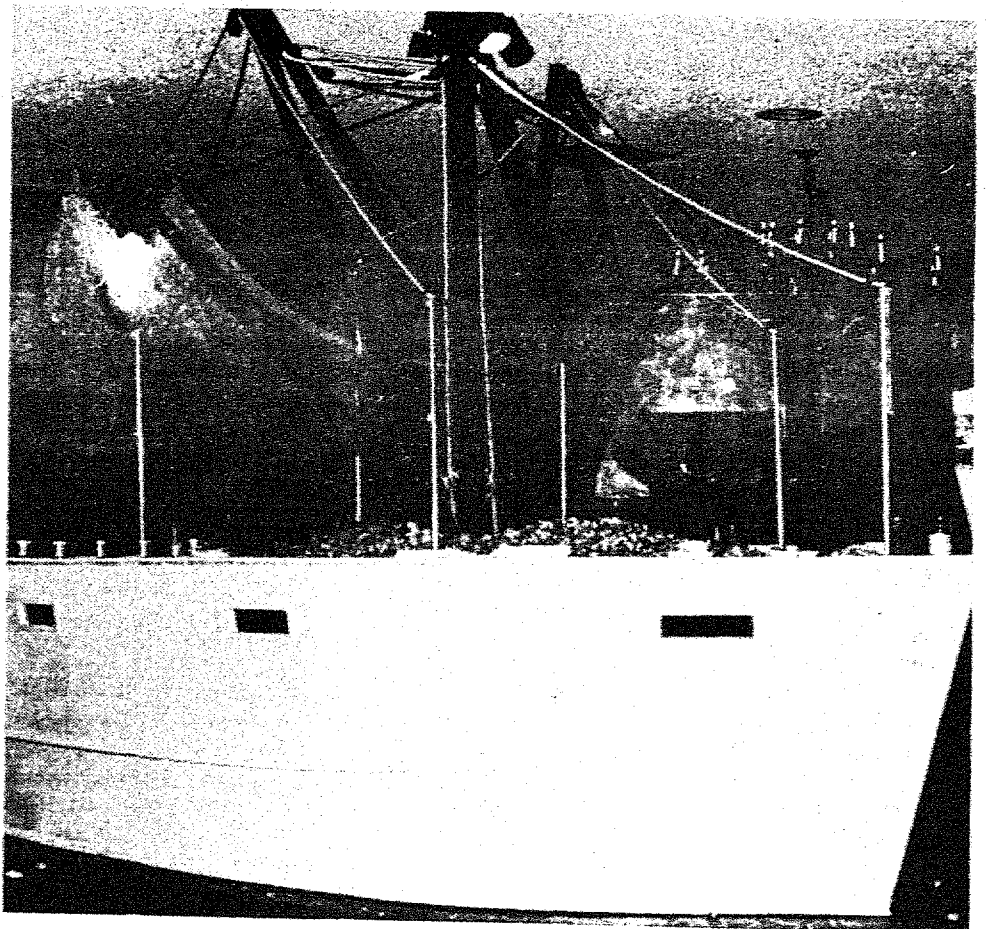
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weekdays - through 6:30 p.m.

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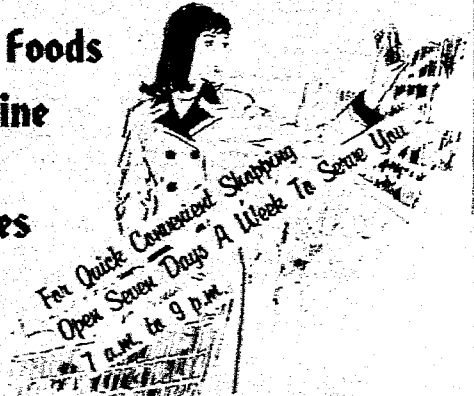
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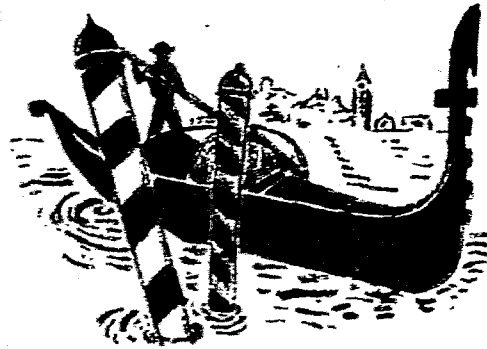
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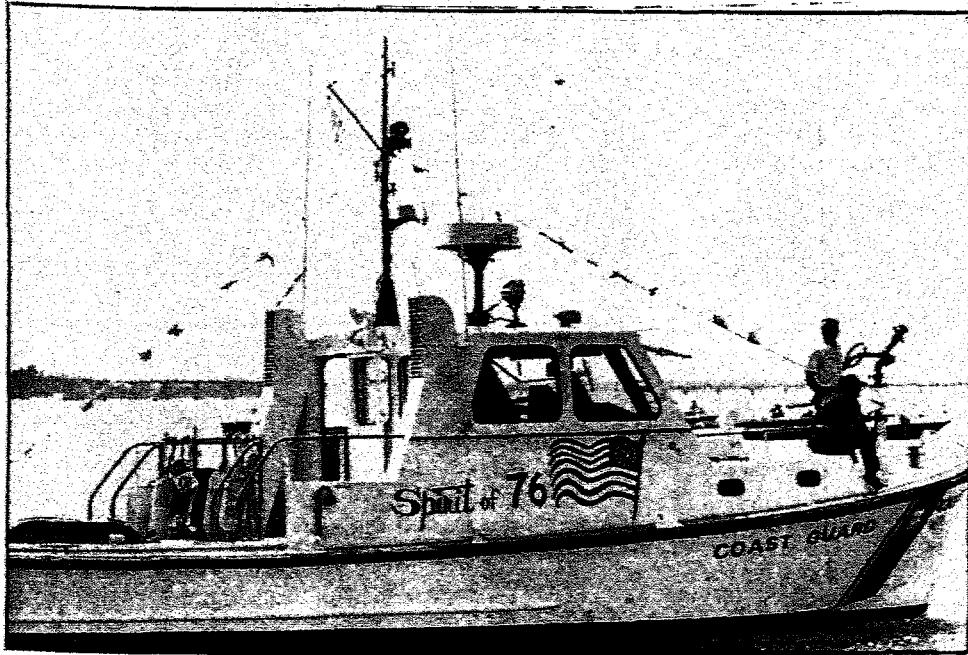
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Pleasure craft ranging from a huge seagoing catamaran to motorboats of every size and shape, sailboats and a canoe lined up and proceeded past Myton Ireland's "Independence" while various members of the clergy blessed the fleet. Judging took place at the same time.

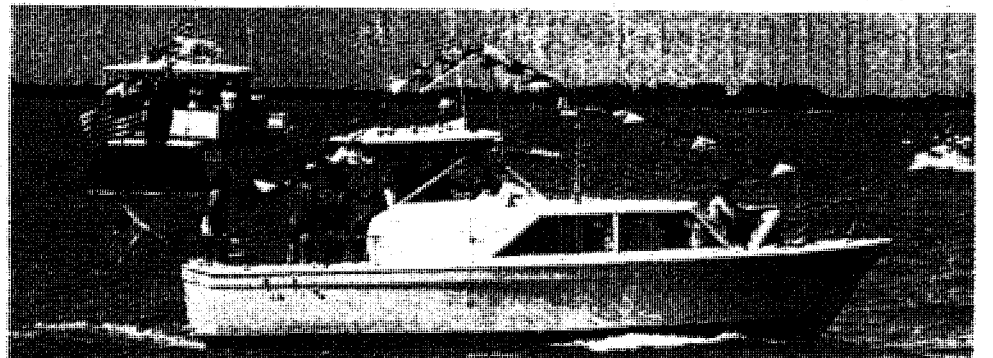
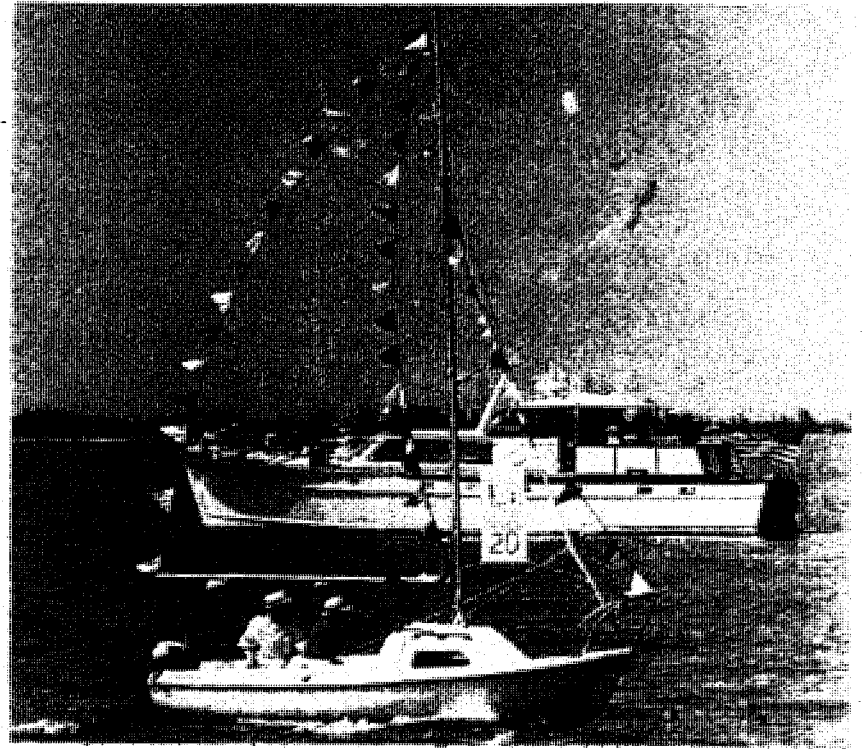
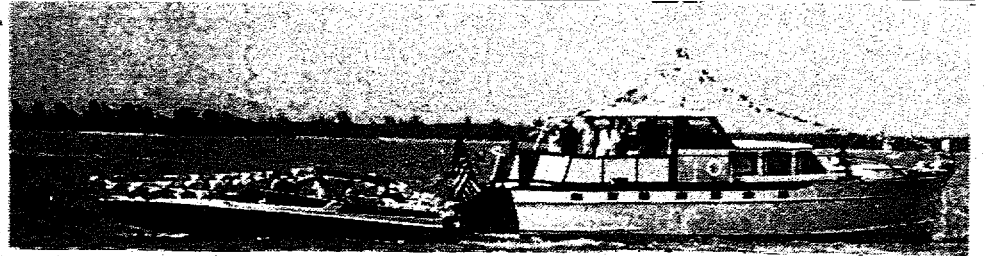
The Queen of the Derby is Esperanza Woodring, a fishing guide in local waters for over 30 years, who presided over the gala sight.



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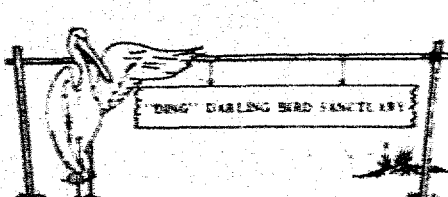
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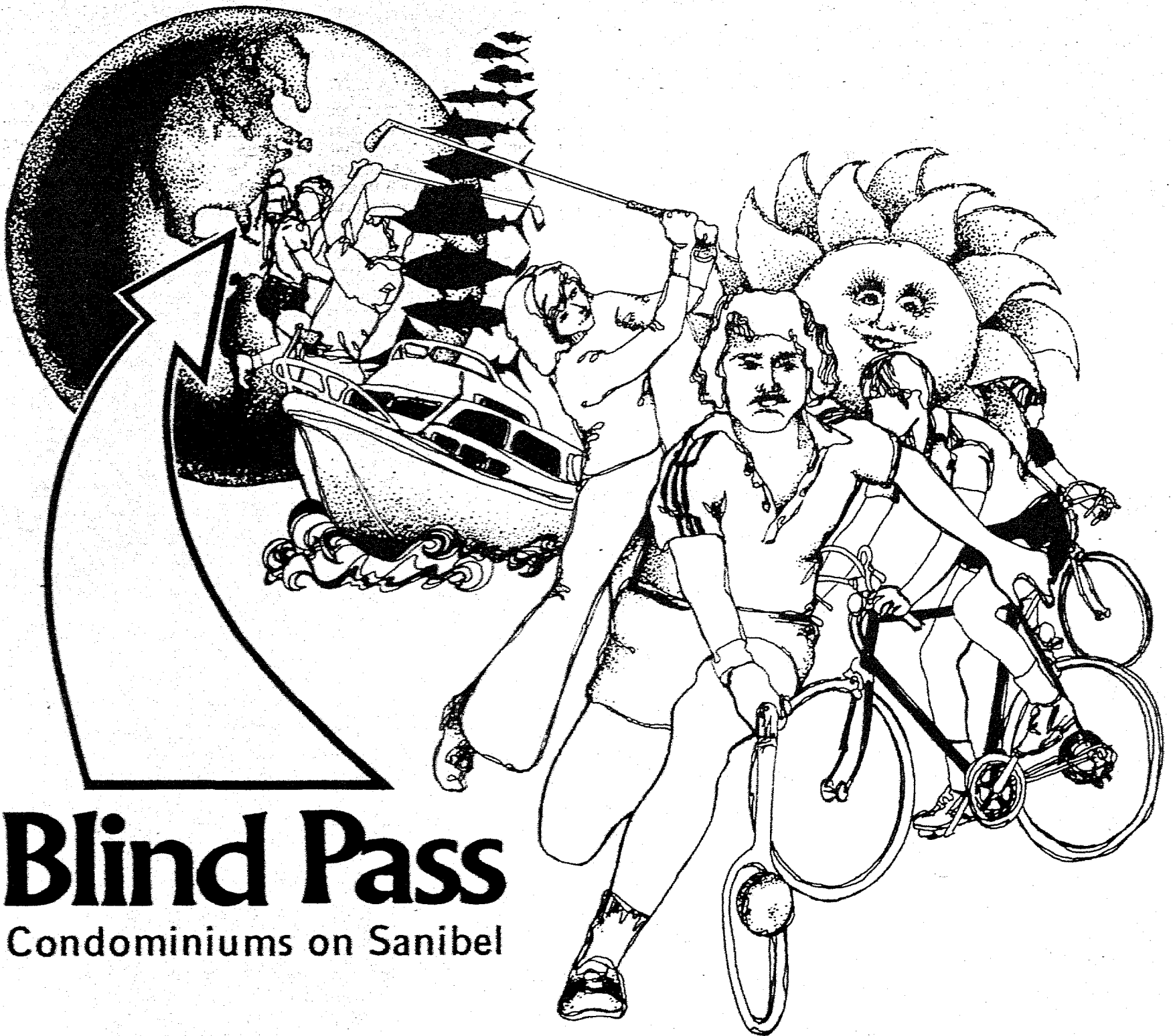


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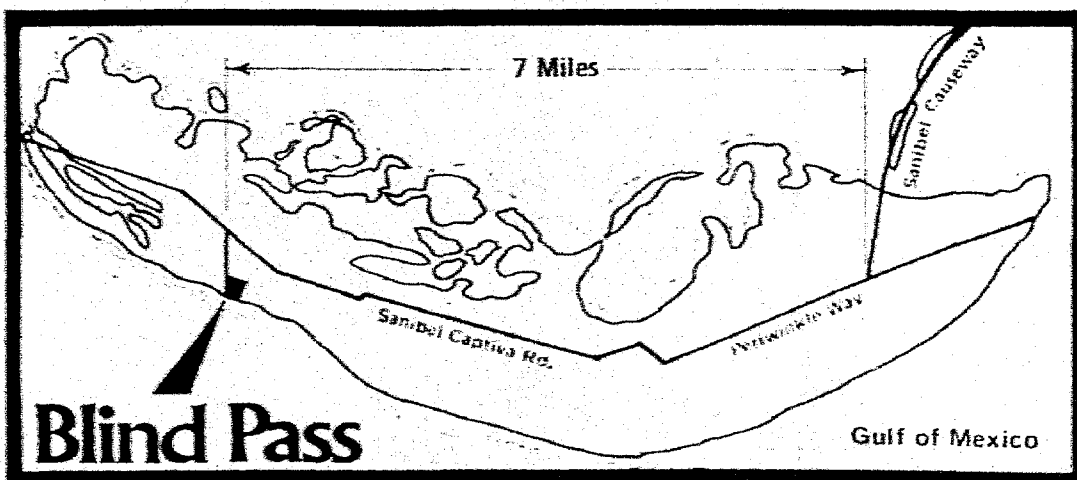
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Mr. Jack Scott
Secretary-Treasurer
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Dear Mr. Scott:

Thank you for your letter of April 11, 1977 and the enclosed article from "The Islander". The information which you have provided is exactly the type which we need to justify the installation of a light on Captiva Channel Daybeacon 2. We have evaluated the aids in the area, and the marine traffic, and will install a flashing white two and one-half second light on this aid to navigation.

We are somewhat puzzled by the report of the daymark being removed from number 3. Our records do not show a number 3 aid in Captiva Channel, however, they do show a number 5 daymark. This is the first report we have received of damage to any of these daymarks, and we will investigate it as quickly as possible.

In regard to the charts, the charts are not put out by the Coast Guard, but are put out by National Ocean Survey. We are unaware of the source of the report to National Ocean Survey that Captiva Channel was closed; however, we will inform them that it is open to traffic having local knowledge of the Channel.

I trust that these changes will enhance nighttime navigation in the area, and clear up the confusion on the chart. We have been unable to locate any record of the petition which was mentioned in "The Islander" newspaper article. Surely we would have investigated it had we received such a petition concerning one of our aids to navigation.

If there are any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, or Lieutenant Commander Wilkins at (305) 350-5621.

Sincerely,

W. J. BROGDON, JR.
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard
Chief, Aids to Navigation Branch
Seventh Coast Guard District
By direction of the District Commander

Shore patrol

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may also call 472-3567 for more information if you have any questions.

The young organization's founder and president is Billy Lemus, Jeff Snuff is vice president and Jack Scott is the only other officer.

"We're trying to keep this as informal and relaxed as possible," Scott said. "We want to provide help and a necessary service to boaters in the area, and we only have two golden rules for membership in the club—one, that you have a CB set on your boat, which we prefer to be at least 19 feet—not that we want to discriminate against small boats, but in rough weather, the smaller boats can't really be effective—and two, that your boat meet Coast Guard specifications.

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"However, if a boater gets into trouble when we're not monitoring and can reach someone on shore with a land line (Editor's Note: That's a regular telephone, for those of you who may be unfamiliar with CB lingo) we're ready to send out help and rescue missions 24 hours a day.

Scott also lent The ISLANDER a copy of a letter he had received from the aids to navigation Coast Guard station in Miami, which is reproduced exactly in this issue (hopefully, near or next to this story).

The letter, written by W.J. Brogdon Jr., Commander, U.S. Coast Guard, thanks the Shore Patrol for its letter of April 6 and goes on to inform the Patrol that not only will Marker No. 2 be lighted shortly with a "Daybeacon 2," but that the matter of the missing reflector on Marker No. 3 will be looked into (which it was, with the subsequent installation of a new reflector this past Wednesday) and also mentioned that the Coast Guard was taking steps to change the chart status of the Captiva Channel from "closed" to "open to traffic having local knowledge of the channel."

The brand new Shore Patrol called The ISLANDER about three weeks ago, asking if anything could be done about a petition submitted to the Miami C.G. office over a year ago. When The ISLANDER called the Miami Office, we learned that the petition, which had been signed by almost 180 Captiva boaters, had never been received.

When informed that the Captiva boaters need not resubmit a petition, but would be able to merely write a letter from a "responsible member of the community" explaining why the channel should be lighted and approximately how many boats used it, we passed this information on to Scott—and presto—there was a reflector and shortly will be a light!

Goes to show what a phone call can do, specially one made at the right time. Or, actually, made at all!

Thank you, Coast Guard—and thank you, Captiva Shore Patrol members for being interested enough in your community to pledge your time, efforts and money on a project which can help the area, its visitors and its residents alike!

Last shell
club
meeting
of season

by bill von ciff

The Sanibel Captiva Shell Club will hold a meeting tomorrow, (Wednesday) April 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sanibel Community House. This is the annual "bring a

covered dish night" and is basically in honor of members who have a paid-up dues card and their guests.

A social hour will follow this last meeting of the year. Have a very happy summer, everyone!

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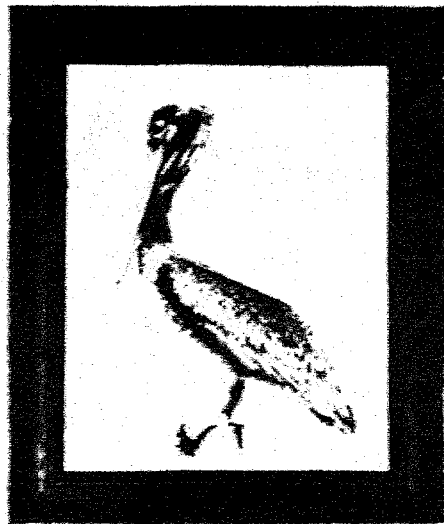
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Yep, it sure is stuck, says a crew member aboard the Capt. Deebold after trying to free the entangled net that definitely shortened the shelling trip.



Hearing all were a flutter about the Capt. Deebold's "shelling trips," the ISLANDER sent a photographer along Friday night. Conservation need not worry - the "catch" was a single starfish.

Promoter Rocky Graziano ponders the fate of the maiden voyage to drag nets along the ocean floor in search of shells. Next time, we'll

photos by gwen stevenson
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Claire Walter new (and first female) Chamber prexy

Claire Walter, who, up until last Tuesday, had not only been a prime mover in the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce, but had held every office except that of president, was unanimously elected president for the coming year by the Chamber's board of directors.

Originally from New Hampshire, Claire has been an Island resident for the past 17 years, and, until its closing last year, was owner and operator of "Sanibel Captiva Real Estate," a firm which had been in business for about a quarter of a century when it closed its doors.

When asked what prime goal, if any, she had for the coming year, she replied "We need to redirect the thinking of the business community, who really make up the prime

economic base of the Island, and we have to establish a rapport with City Hall.

"I want what's best for Sanibel—I always have—and I will do my very best to try to insure the Chamber and the City work together, rather than at odds. We must be able to work together."

Ms. Walter, wife of Everett and mother of three children, is also the very first woman president in the Chamber's history.

In her first act as president, she responded to a question from the floor—"Is it Mr. President or Mrs. President?"

"It's Ms.," she shot back.

"Okay, Ms. President, I make a motion we adjourn." Which was duly

seconded and acted upon.

New Chamber Board members elected that evening were John Naumann, Jannette Daniel, who was subsequently elected secretary, and George Kohlbrenner, as well as Ms. Walter, who really did not qualify as "new," as she was a retiring board member.

When the membership learned that the nominating committee had not submitted her name for re-election, she was promptly nominated from the floor by Ralph Woodring.

Continuing Board members are Mike Peceri, who served the Chamber as president during the past year, Jim Hermes, who is this year's vice president, Bill Hatcher, Chet Smith and Jim Arnolt, who will serve as this year's treasurer.

Chamber of Commerce elects new board

Last week's annual Chamber of Commerce meeting, held in the Chamber building on the Causeway approach, was jammed as members elected four members to the board of directors, unanimously accepted the proposed budget, passed four amendments to the by-laws almost unanimously (there being one "nay" from the floor on one of the amendments), discussed various city council-chamber communication breakdowns, accepted Mike Peceri's resignation with regret and soundly applauded Claire Walter's election as president by her fellow board of director members.

The budget was discussed rather thoroughly before being passed, as a majority of the membership seemed to feel that they had not had enough time to consider it before having to vote upon it. Peceri explained this was caused by the present ending of the fiscal year (March 31) and agreed that it might be well to move the fiscal year to start and end some other time in order to

give members a chance to study the matter for a longer period of time than that allowed by the charter, which requires the annual membership meeting to be held in April.

Bill Frey reported on progress between the city council and the chamber members, specifically on the sign ordinance. His report indicated that there had been no progress, and that the newest draft, which, he said, he had received an hour before the Chamber meeting, seemed to reflect a total lack of communication between the Chamber and the council.

"There's absolutely no similarity between what I read here," Frey said, indicating the proposed draft, "and any of our (the Chamber's) recommendations and requests."

"You mean they threw out my suggestion for invisible paint?" asked Realtor Tom Brown from the audience.

"Yes," said Frey. "Why don't they just tell us they don't want us and we'll move away?" commented Ralph Woodring, also from the floor.

Frey and Chamber

president Mike Peceri stressed that the membership of the Chamber was, in a sense, to blame for part of the lack of communication.

"The only thing they (the city council) understands is full meeting rooms. I invite you to attend the meetings... you will see that they are attended, day after day, by the same handful of people; the people who move in the cocktail circuit; the same circles the council does. Those are the people they listen to day after day; those are the people who are influencing the new ordinances and the way the city moves."

Peceri and Frey went on to point out the difficulty of representing a group which was not present at council meetings... "When we have no, or perhaps three, Chamber members attend, we're not accomplishing anything."

The members were told that they personally needed to attend and take interest in city council meetings and the workings of the government, "before restraints which will be intolerable (to the business community) are passed. YOU are the people of Sanibel. You must make yourself heard.

"You must sit in those chambers. They (the council) don't understand anything except filled chambers... Fill them!"

Later in the meeting, when discussing financing of the second annual fishing derby and first annual "Blessing of the Fleet," money raising plans were discussed.

"Would we have enough to buy the city?" asked a member from the floor.

"I'm sure, if the funds were available and sufficient contributions came in, we'd try," Peceri answered.

island weather report

The Islands' weather report for last week, as compiled by Walter Klie of the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce weather station on Causeway Road, is as follows:

DATE	HI	LO	RAINFALL
April 8	82	62	None
April 9	82	64	None
April 10	(No reading taken)		
April 11	82	64	None
April 12	82	64	None
April 13	83	66	None
April 14	86	64	None

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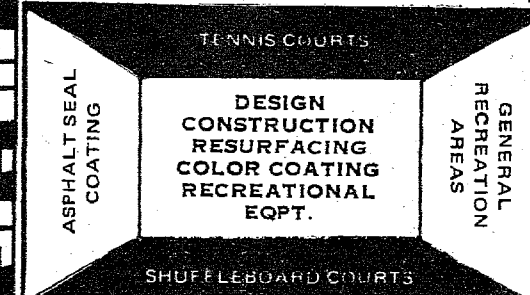
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City starts work on increasing public services

by rich arthurs

During the first few years of long-awaited home rule for Sanibel Island, the fledgling city government directed the lion's share of its efforts toward preparing a comprehensive land use plan to insure orderly growth on the Island, as mandated by Sanibel residents and taxpayers in their vote to incorporate as a city in the general election of November 5, 1974.

Prior to the adoption of Sanibel's land use plan last July, the many volunteer committees, commissioners and councilmen who make up the city government exerted practically all of their energies as well as those of the city's staff in waging the war against overdevelopment of Sanibel's fragile Island ecosystem.

The task was by no means an easy one, and the city's war against undisciplined land use has continued unabated to the present day, almost nine months after the adoption of a plan which many Islanders hoped would serve to substantially curtail the rapid development of Sanibel.

In the wake of the plan's adoption, legal battles arose as both Islanders and off-Island developers came forward in the attempt to reclaim their vested rights from the land use restrictions imposed by the city.

Lawsuits challenging the plan were initiated; a few prevailed, others were defeated, and some are still in the courts pending a final decision.

Throughout all of the legal machinations the city has withstood in planning for the orderly growth of Sanibel one fact has become plainly apparent: that Islanders will continue to pay a large share of their tax dollars to cover the cost of preparing, implementing and maintaining Sanibel's land use plan for years to come.

In the city's ambitious, occasionally overzealous planning effort of the past few years, a number of other much-needed projects proposed for Sanibel have been largely overlooked because of the city's limited human and financial resources with which to pursue them.

The majority of these projects involve the need for improvement of many necessary public service facilities to keep pace with the rapid and steady growth Sanibel has experienced in the years both before and after incorporation. In sum, it is the game of "catch-up ball" that city officials have alluded to so often in recent years—an expensive and time-consuming responsibility to provide the public services necessary to accommodate Sanibel's growing population which the city took upon itself in voting to incorporate.

In all new cities such as Sanibel, the most formidable problem confronting the municipality in trying to provide the needed public services is that of financing new facilities in the face of inflation, the rising cost of construction and maintenance, as well as the demands of city taxpayers to economize the government. Sanibel's problem in this respect was substantially compounded by a lawsuit filed last April challenging the \$18-million Sanibel Causeway bond issue, one of the city's primary sources of revenue other than ad valorem taxation.

Despite this prolonged unavailability of Causeway revenues, Sanibel city officials have labored diligently to maintain a low profile government for Island taxpayers to support, although the urgent need for certain improvements which has become increasingly evident over this past winter may signal the outset of a period of drastically increased spending for the still growing City of Sanibel.

In the past few months, city officials have responded to the intense

pressures exerted upon Sanibel's roads and beaches by ever-growing numbers of seasonal visitors in a variety of ways. In certain instances, the city council has enacted legislation aimed at controlling the impact of the seasonal population influx on Sanibel's overburdened public services, while in other cases the city has taken initial steps toward increasing or improving certain public service facilities currently provided by the city.



Council meets in special session

One of Sanibel's most crying needs of the past few winters has been for more public beach access, restroom and parking facilities on the Island to serve the many tourists and day-trippers from elsewhere in Lee County who come to Sanibel seeking sun, sand and surf.

Because of the city's limited budget for capital improvements of this sort, the city council agreed in a recent workshop session on city priorities to give the acquisition of beach access, parking and restroom facilities a great deal of attention in terms of the city's time and energies, while deciding that only a nominal share of city tax dollars should be used in this area, which the council felt benefits Island residents and taxpayers very little.

In this respect, city planning director Carleton Ryffel has of late been working with Sanibel landowner Erich Trost, who is currently considering dedicating about 5 acres of property just north of the public beach access at Tarpon Bay Road to the city as a site for public restrooms and parking area in conjunction with the Tarpon Bay beach access.

According to Ryffel, Trost wants to develop about 90 acres of his 172-acre parcel lying to the east of Tarpon Bay Road and running north from the Gulf of Mexico as a private resort consisting of between 45 and 50 single-family homesites under the clustering provisions contained in the city's comprehensive land use plan.

Under the clustering concept, said Ryffel, Trost could give the city a piece of his land in exchange for a density credit to be applied to his proposed development. Ryffel said this would not constitute "contract zoning" as forbidden by Florida law, but would be legal under the land use plan provisions granting the city council the authority to accept contributions of land to offset the impact of a proposed development.

There is also a possibility that Trost may deed the city a stretch of land running along the east side of Tarpon Bay Road on which the city could install another section of bike path, Ryffel told the ISLANDER.

"There's nothing official about this yet," Ryffel was careful to point out, as Trost has yet to make a formal application for a city development permit under the provisions of the clustering concept, which requires the approval of

both city planning commission and city council.

"It's still in the talking stages," Ryffel added, "although I think it would be a good solution to a lot of problems. I'm very excited about the clustering provisions in the plan. There's a lot you can do with it."

City Manager Bill Nungester reported recently that the city has initiated discussions with Lee County over the possibility of the city's in-

proposed purchase of about five acres of land to be the site of a future municipal services office complex, with a price-tag of \$350,000 having been projected by the city's Finance Committee as a "ball park" figure for the purchase.

The job of reviewing the almost 20 offers of property that the city has received thus far for the proposed city hall site has fallen to a three-member Site Selection Committee headed by Fred Valtin.

The committee met most recently last Monday to draft a report on their recommendations for the council to consider in a special workshop to be held on April 26. Based on a wide array of criteria, the committee has met frequently in recent months to assign priorities to the offers the city has received to date.

According to Chairman Valtin, the committee's highest priority recommendations to the council for city acquisition will be a 6.62-acre parcel of land located north of Periwinkle Way and west of the Episcopal Church offered by Charles A. Blakely. Valtin said that \$324,500 is being asked for the property.

The committee's second choice for the proposed city hall site is a 4.6-acre tract directly across Periwinkle Way from the Sanibel Community House. The land was offered by the Sanibel Community Association for a price of \$195,000.

According to Valtin, the committee's assignment of a higher priority to the more expensive offer was based on the accessibility of the Blakely property from both Palm Ridge Road and Periwinkle Way. (Note: See "Letters to the editor" on page 4.)

With respect to the public recreation facilities, the city is hot in pursuit of outside funding assistance for the proposed extension of Sanibel's bike path from the intersection of Periwinkle Way and Palm Ridge Road along the north side of Palm Ridge and Sanibel-Captiva Roads to the Sanibel Elementary School.

The city recently applied for a state grant to assist with the project, and is currently in the process of preparing another application for consideration under a federal grant program, according to assistant to the city manager Tom Locker.

The total cost of the undertaking is estimated to be at least \$150,000, with the city having allocated only \$50,000 for bike path expansion in the current capital improvements budget.

The city has also allocated \$40,000 in its capital improvements budget for this year to the continuing development of an ambitious recreational complex at the Sanibel Elementary School, which upon completion will include two ballfields, four tennis courts, an Olympic-size swimming pool and restrooms, among other facilities.

The project is being developed jointly by the city and Lee County through a matching fund agreement, and is slated for completion within five years.

A long-overdue program of road improvements for Sanibel is also approaching fruition as a result of the city's recently accelerated efforts in this direction.

According to Nungester, the city should be able to connect East Gulf Drive with Middle Gulf Drive before the advent of another tourist season, thereby relieving traffic congestion somewhat on Periwinkle Way at the eastern end of the Island. Nungester said that the city needs only to acquire one or two more easements before bids can be let for the project.

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News Notes

Island condo market still booming

According to statistical research conducted regularly by Burdette Advertising, Inc., of Fort Myers, condominium deed closings in Lee County for the first quarter of 1977 showed an astounding 85 per cent increase over last year at this time, although almost a third of this activity fell into the category of re-sales.

In a recent report, Burdette revealed that the most active area of the county with respect to condominium sales over the past three months was Sanibel and Captiva, with deed closings for 136 units recorded at the Lee County Courthouse for the first quarter of 1977.

"Contributing substantially to this unprecedented condominium activity were South Seas Plantation, Pink Shell Resort (on Fort Myers Beach, and various projects in Cape Coral,);" according to Burdette's recent report.

Islanders address shell club

Island naturalist George Campbell and Sanibel City Councilman Charles LeBuff journeyed to Edison Community College last Tuesday evening to address a monthly meeting of the Southwest Florida Conchologist Society on the issue of live shelling that has stirred up such a controversy on the Islands in recent months.

The Society presented a resolution of support to the city council during a recent meeting in which the council adopted a broad policy statement to encourage mollusk conservation in the waters surrounding Sanibel.

The area shelling group, representing many conchologists on Sanibel and Captiva as well as elsewhere in Lee County, according to Vice-President Don Moody, urged

the council to give the problem further study before enacting a total ban on live shelling for Sanibel.

Councilman LeBuff told the group last week that a total ban on the taking of live shells in the waters around Sanibel is still a remote possibility, while Campbell said that one of the most promising possibilities to aid in avoiding the wanton destruction of the delicate back bay areas is to set aside "shell reserves" to provide safe sanctuary for many species of back bay mollusks in the open waters of the Gulf.

LeBuff, director of the Sanibel-based Caretta Research project, also presented a film and discussion outlining Caretta's efforts in protecting loggerhead sea turtles.

LeBuff's report in this respect was rather pessimistic.

"The number of nesting loggerheads was down 35 per cent last year," he told the Conchologists Society, "and we don't look for any improvement in those statistics."

"Basically, I think there's a lot of misunderstanding on both sides of the live shelling issue," Moody told the ISLANDER, "and I think Councilman LeBuff alleviated many fears that our members had that the city was going to draft some drastic form of legislation without providing a sound scientific basis for their action."

"We agree that the city's proposed baseline study will clear up many of the questions surrounding this problem," he added, "and I think the shell sanctuary proposal is a good idea to protect these fragile back bay areas."

Access to Sanibel cemetery still at issue

Residents of Sanibel Highlands, according to a spokesman for the group, are continuing to press for a legal clarification of the status

of Old Cemetery Road on Sanibel.

At a March 13 meeting of some 30 residents, which was also attended by Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss, Goss commented that city attorney Neal Bowen's interpretation of Old Cemetery Road was "preliminary."

Residents are awaiting a more thorough investigation which might turn up sufficient evidence to substantiate court action to gain beach access.

Since the City of Sanibel Highlands residents were told, has an adopted policy to obtain beach accesses, and since a comprehensive search requires lengthy hours, the Sanibel Highlands residents presume that the City will order a search by an outside title firm, the ISLANDER was told.

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The Sanibel Captiva Chamber of Commerce is in the process of raffling off tickets for a mere 10 thin silver dimes (otherwise known as a dollar) in return for which, if you win, you and your spouse, friend or whomever get to spend a full week at South Seas Plantation, with airfare being paid to here from anywhere in the United States.

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Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce office and at many businesses on the Islands—The ISLANDER being one of them. So if you haven't yet taken a chance—remember, it would make a perfect gift for an off-Island friend, we'd be delighted to

offer you a blue ticket in exchange for only a buck.

Buy a whole book—no reduction in price, but you'll be certain in the knowledge that you're helping a worthy cause, if you happen to be interested in the future economy of the Island, which will certainly be more secure with a strong Chamber of Commerce. Plus you might even win yourself. Hmmmmm!

Sunday "Hymn Sing" slated for this weekend

The Sanibel Community Church will sponsor an old fashioned Sunday evening "Hymn Sing" Sunday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m.

If you don't remember the old fashioned good times—or don't want to fess up to remembering—or are actually too young to remember, you are cordially invited to go along and experience a rare combination of happy Christian fellowship and a sing-along!

Lee Roy Friday, inspirational leader, will be supported by the Community Church choir, thier director and organist, Jean Culpepper and pianist Marian Chaplin.

Song sheets will be provided and Lee Roy and Jean have promised that there will be special surprises, as well as old favorites on request.

A refreshment and social hour will follow singing—at which time, even more surprises may be expected.

The "Hymn Sing" is one of the events sponsored by the Community Church's Fellowship Committee, who encourage and welcome visitors and friends in the community, as well as members of the Church, to join in on Sunday evening at 7:30.

Public services

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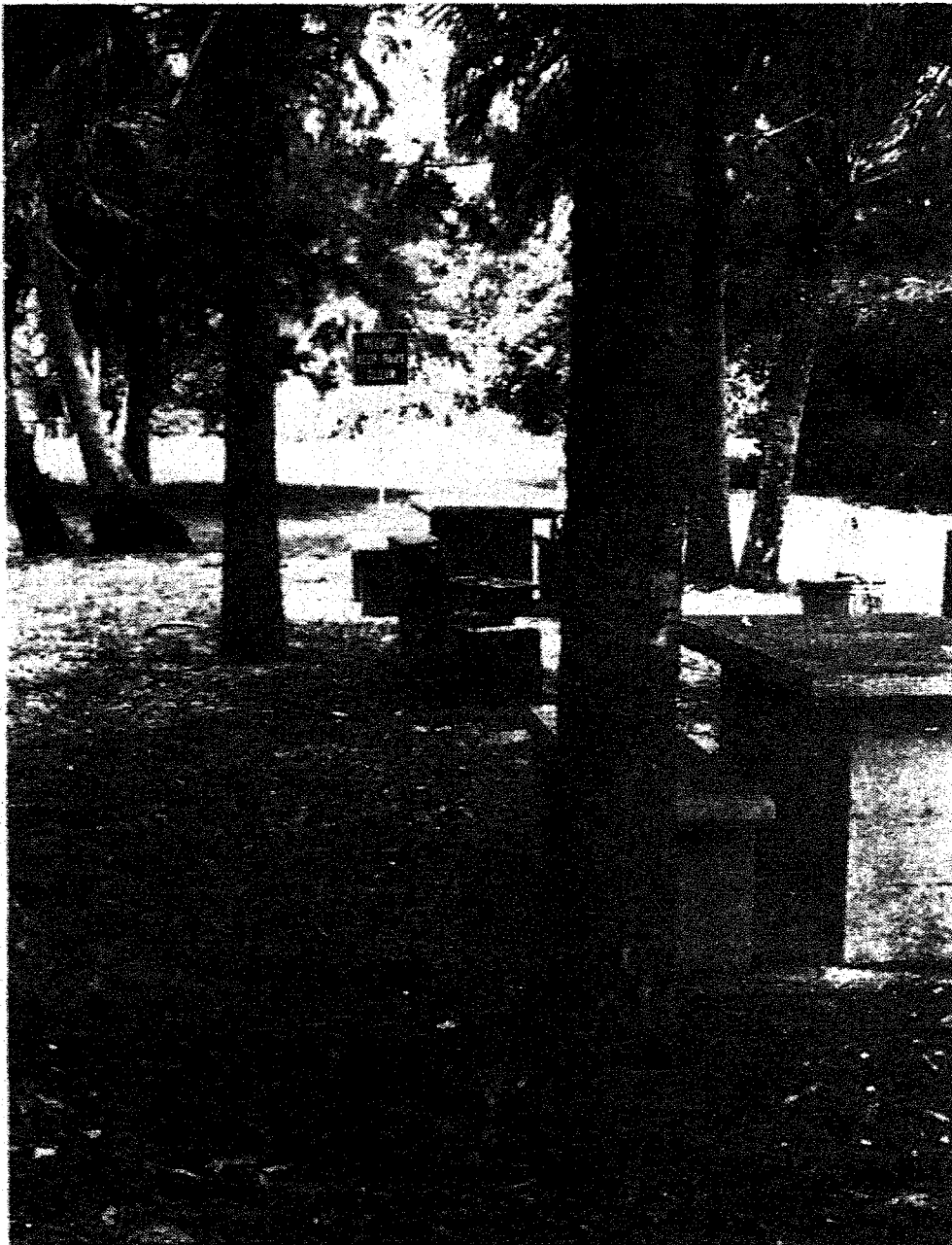
Nungester also proposed to the council at their recent workshop session on priorities that the city perform about \$300,000 worth of minor improvements to a number of smaller streets and roads on Sanibel.

While a portion of this sum would go for routine road maintenance on the Island which the city has virtually neglected in its first few years of operation, Nungester's proposal also envisions more substantial improvements to a number of increasingly busy and therefore dangerous intersections along Periwinkle Way, including Lindgren Boulevard, Donax Street and Dixie Beach Boulevard.

The uncertainty of funding, once again, continues to be a deterrent to the city's proposed 4-foot widening and upgrading of the entire length of Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Nungester estimates the cost of this work at \$500,000 or more, and the council said it is loath to burden city taxpayers with the total cost of the much-needed repairs.

As Sanibel-Captiva Road is also the main traffic artery to unincorporated Captiva, the city is currently seeking funding assistance for the proposed improvements from Lee County, although preliminary talks with county officials have yielded little hope for success.



Road side park may soon provide real rest

From this cursory analysis, it would appear that the City of Sanibel is faced with a pressing need for a wide spectrum of improvements to vital public services on the Island with a combined price-tag in the millions of dollars.

To fund some of the proposed projects mentioned above, the city council has for over a year been considering the feasibility of a \$2-million general obligation bond issue for Sanibel, but at the same time has been reluctant to pursue the proposal until the litigation surrounding the Causeway revenues is resolved in the state Supreme Court.

At their recent workshop meeting to reassess the city's priorities, the council briefly discussed the possibility that the suit challenging the Causeway bond validation might prevail, reducing the toll on the bridge and diverting a major source of revenue from city coffers.

If this is indeed to be the case, the council concluded, then the city will of necessity have to rely upon Island taxpayers if it is to effect any substantial improvements over the current level of public services provided on Sanibel.

As the cost of maintaining and staffing such public service facilities as restrooms, roads, parks and parking lots is as monumental as the cost of installing them, it is reasonable to assume that city taxpayers will be bearing an increasing burden of support over the years and decades ahead.

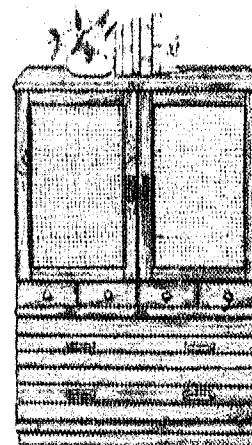
Unless, that is, the city's long hoped for source of outside funding assistance materializes in short order. Aside from the possibility of Causeway funding, this is not very likely, given the current state of the local and national economy.

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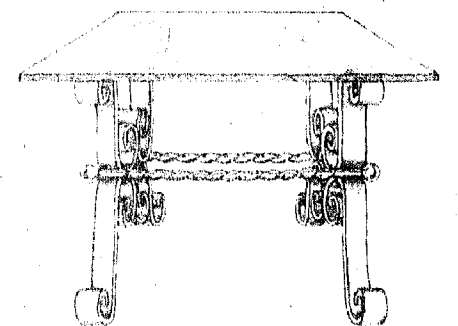
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING, MAC KENZIE HALL APRIL 19, 1977

9:00 a.m. 1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance (Butler). 2. Approval of Minutes of previous Meetings (March 29th and April 5th, 1977). 3. Correspondence. 4. Proclamation recognizing National Library Week (April 17th to April 23rd). 5. Proclamation recognizing Volunteer Recognition Week (April 24th to April 30th, 1977).

9:30 a.m. 6. Planning Commission Report.

9:45 a.m. 7. Public Hearing and Second Reading of an Ordinance appropriating funds from 1976 ad valorem tax receipts to pay May 1976 series tax anticipation notes and interest accumulated thereon; appointing First National Bank in Fort Myers as fiscal agent for the City of Sanibel to accept surrender of said notes by the bearer thereof and make payment therefor. 8. Public Hearing and Second Reading of an Ordinance providing for the issuance of warrants against and in anticipation of the taxes to be levied by the City for the year 1977 for general corporate purposes, to an amount not to exceed \$200,000, providing for the form, denomination and numbers of such warrants; providing a right of first refusal to purchase to bearers of May, 1976 series tax anticipation warrants; authorizing the First National Bank in Fort Myers to serve as registrar on behalf of the City for the issuance of said warrants.

9:55 a.m. 9. Consider approval of a Sign Application by Lee County Electric Cooperative, Inc. under E.O. 77-12.

10:10 a.m. 10. Consider approval of an Application by William J. Alquist for an Occupational License to conduct an Auction at 1679 Hibiscus Dr. (Water Shadows) on April 23, 1977 at 9:00 a.m.

10:20 a.m. 11. First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 75-63 (Occupational License Fees).

10:35 a.m. 12. First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 76-39 (Fixing Budget Appropriations for fiscal year 1976-77). 13. First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 76-41 (Fixing a Public Improvement Budget for Projects of General City and County Purposes).

11:00 a.m. 14. Consideration of a policy statement relative to the proposed development by John K. Kontinos and William Frizzell at Punta Rassa.

11:10 a.m. 15. Presentation by Jim Robson, President Island Water Association - Recommendation of Annual Meeting concerning franchise.

11:20 a.m. 16. City Attorney's Report.

1. Up-date on Bowman's Beach parking and access.

2. Other legal matters.

11:35 a.m. 17. City Manager's Report

11:50 a.m. 18. Mayor and Councilmen Report.

12:00 Noon Recess for Lunch.

1:30 p.m. 19. Public Hearing and First Reading of an Ordinance Specifically Amending Ordinance No. 76-21, The Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Section 3.3.1: Residential Densities and Section 3.2.2: Development Intensity Map, to permit construction of one house on a parcel of land in Section 13, Township 46 South, Range 22 East (Woodring Poing); and a house and plant nursery on a 9.6 acre parcel in Section 19, Township 46 South, Range 23 East (Dixie Beach Boulevard), both parcels being in Sanibel, Lee County, Florida; as submitted by Gail Peak.

1:45 p.m. 20. Public Hearing and First Reading of an Ordinance Specifically Amending Ordinance No. 76-21, The Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Section 3.3.1: Residential Densities and Section 3.2.2: Development Intensity Map, to permit development of each lot of five pairs of contiguous lots in Sanibel River Estates Subdivision (Lots 2 and 3; 6 and 7; 15 and 26; 21 and 22 and 13 and 28), Section 28, Township 46 South, Range 22 East, Sanibel, Lee County, Florida, as submitted by James O. and Helen G. Evans.

2:00 p.m. 21. Public Hearing and First Reading of an Ordinance Specifically Amending Ordinance No. 76-21, The Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Section 3.3.5: Commercial Yard requirements, to permit construction of a sewage treatment plant fifteen (15) feet from the rear lot line at Tahitian Gardens Shopping Center, 1975 Periwinkle Way, Section 25, Township 46, South, Range 22 East, Sanibel, Lee County, Florida, as submitted by William H. Snyder (Chez Rondelet Restaurant).

2:15 p.m. 22. Final Hearing and Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 76-21, The Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Sections 3.3.1: Residential Densities, and 3.2.2: Development Intensity Map, as submitted by Quniton B. McNew for Little Lake Murex Subdivision - Comprehensive (General) Amendment.

2:30 p.m. 23. First Reading of an Ordinance Specifically Amending Ordinance No. 76-21, The Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Sections 3.3.1: Residential Densities and 3.2.2: Development Intensity Map, to develop two residential units

(Duplex) on Lot 111, Block 3, First Addition, Shell Harbour Subdivision, Section 29, Township 46 South, Range 23 East, Sanibel, Lee County, Florida, as submitted by Wassef E. and Salma G. Mikhail.

2:45 p.m. 24. First Reading of an Ordinance Specifically Amending Ordinance No. 76-21, The Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Sections 3.2.3: Permitted Uses Map and Part 2.5: Land Use, to allow a commercial use designation for a site of approximately 1.5 acres located at the Southwest Corner of the intersection of Sanibel-Captiva and Wulfert Roads in Section 13, Township 46 South, Range 21 East, Sanibel, Lee County, Florida, as submitted by E.G. Konrad and Roy Bazire.

3:00 p.m. 25. First Reading of an Ordinance Specifically Amending Ordinance No. 76-21, The Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Sections 3.3.1: Residential Densities and 3.2.2: Development Intensity Map, to permit development of a duplex on Lots 7 and 8, Block 10, Sanibel Center Subdivision, Sanibel, Lee County, Florida, as submitted by Nancy S. Frazier.

3:15 p.m. 26. First Reading of an Ordinance Specifically Amending Ordinance No. 76-21, The Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Section 3.4.2: Gulf Beach, to permit enlargement of a unit of Tropical Trade Winds Motel for living quarters on Lot 28, Trade Winds Subdivision, Section 19, Township 46 South, Range 22 East, Sanibel, Lee County, Florida, as submitted by Bud and Jo Ann Batsch.

Public Inquiries and comments. Adjournment.

Philip, great "hunter" of eggs



Philip Hunter certainly lived up to his name when he was the grand prize winner by dint of his finding the most eggs at the Choats' Villas Easter egg hunt. He's shown here with John Walsh of Periwinkle Park, who was second runner up in the egg gathering.

That white thing on Philip's shoulder isn't really a "thing" at all (no matter what it looks like)—it's Harvey the Rabbit of theatrical fame. Sure it is.

Great home-coming!

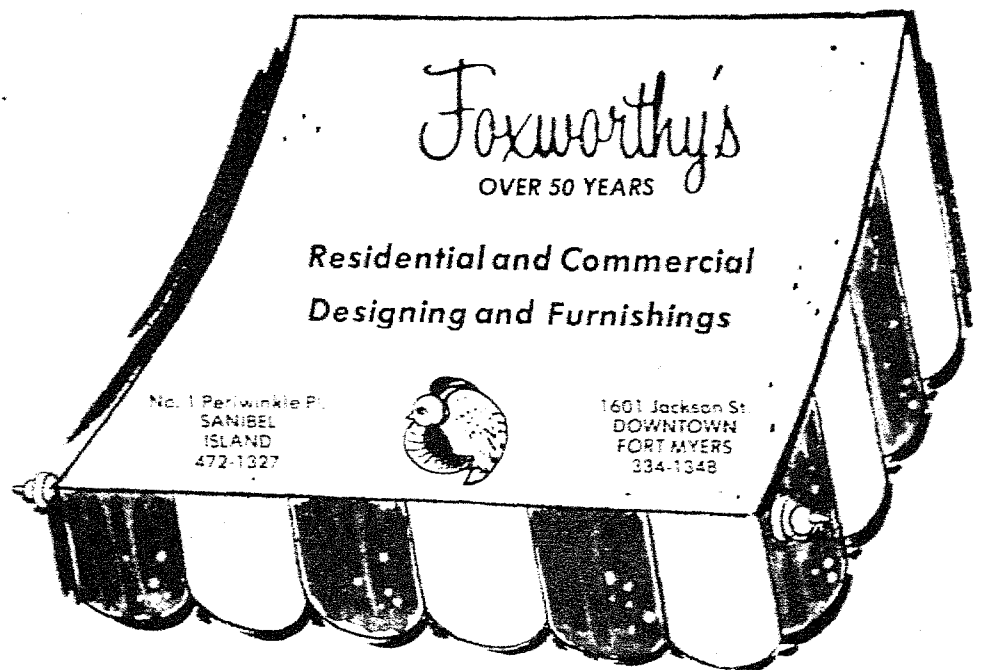
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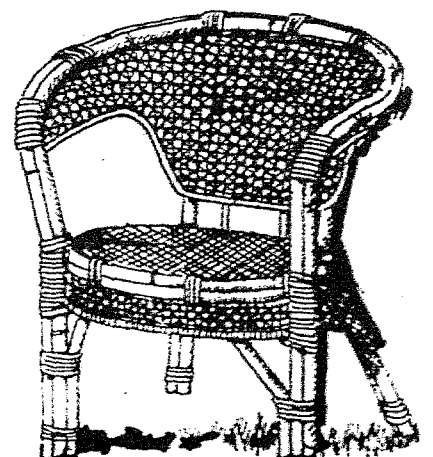


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Causeway marriage first for SPD as well as bride

"Hey, where's your cameraman?" asked a voice over the phone about 6:30 Thursday evening. "We're having a wedding right here—well, near here on the Causeway," continued the voice, which turned out to be Marilyn's at the Chamber of Commerce.

"Someone's on their way," said we, as we pushed John Whitesides out of the office, camera in hand.

Seems that Nancy Ann Dearth and Harold Steven Born (known as Nancy and Steven) had planned to be joined in Holy Matrimony on a Sanibel beach, but the preacher didn't show up.

Being logical (which is

more than we can say for most people who are about to embark on marriage) the

couple, complete with attendants, tuxedos, rings, and so forth, stopped at the

Chamber of Commerce to see if perhaps the good folks there could help them.

What with one thing and another, the Chamber immediately called the Sanibel Police Department, and were lucky enough to find SPD officers Lew Phillips (who is also a notary public, which enables him by Florida law to perform legal marriage ceremonies) and Betty Weir on hand, on duty and able to render assistance, in that Lew performed the marriage ceremony and Betty was the witness.

In full uniform, which was quite definitely a first for the SPD.

"As a matter of fact," Lew told the ISLANDER, "I

used the wording of a ceremony I had written for a friend. And then I told them that the marriage was not only now in effect, but that it WOULD work—or else I would issue a summons."

The marriage was also a first for the bride, Nancy, while a second (but, we sincerely trust, final) one for the groom, Steven.

The newly married couple were the promoters of last week's Charlie Daniels concert in Punta Gorda. They will live in Pompano Beach, Florida—but, we hope, have many returns to our Islands.

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Regency touches the surface

By BILL ROBINSON

Paul D. Ballard started taking care of tennis courts at age 14 in Connecticut.

Now, instead of helping to clean them, he is helping to build them.

Ballard is the co-owner, with John F. Malecki, of Regency Surfaces, 942-D Country Club Blvd.

Regency does many different types of recreation surfaces. About 60 per cent of the firm's business will be tennis courts, but it also does shuffleboard courts, parking lots, as well as providing equipment and materials for its customers to do the work themselves.

Tech-Tone cushion, made by Allied Chemical Company, is Regency's top of the line for tennis courts.

The Tech-Tone acrylic goes on top of an asphalt surface. Ballard and Malecki say they will do one tennis court including a 10 foot fence for just \$14,000.

Actually they don't recommend the cushion surface for the homeowner, although they say the cushion is kinder to a tennis player's feet than concrete or plain asphalt.

The Regency firm is also the distributor and installer for Easy Steps, an outdoor color coating for patios, pool decks, playgrounds, sidewalks, and loading docks. Easy Steps is the only coating warranted to adhere to concrete, say Malecki and Ballard.

New firm applies surfacing to asphalt, concrete

They say they can provide enough of the product for the homeowner or anyone else to color a basketball court in bright blue and red, as well as many other colors, for \$500. Coloring the "key" areas around the basket cost \$150.

If the Regency firm does all work itself, the charge for coating one basketball court is about \$1,200.

Malecki and Ballard say the product is called "Easy Steps" because it's easy for a non-professional to install. Untrained city employees applied the coating at the Cape Coral Yacht Club.

"After 10 minutes of work, those men looked like pros," Malecki says.

Easy Steps can be used to cover asphalt playgrounds. A layman can design and color a 10-color map of the United States, with the states in different colors.

Colorful playing surfaces have a good effect on kids' attitudes, Malecki and Ballard believe.

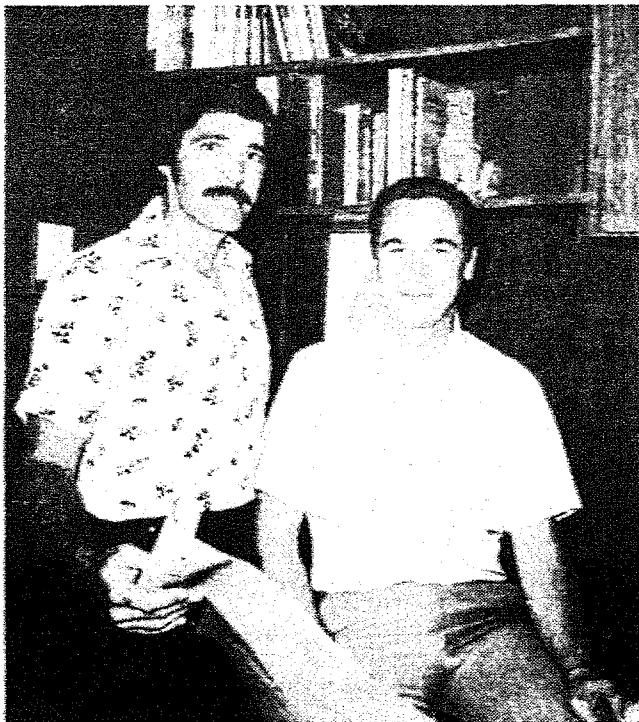
"Kids feel more enthusiastic about playing on a bright surface and they take better care of it," Malecki says.

Malecki and Ballard admit their firm may charge more than competitors, but insist they and their five regular employees won't skimp.

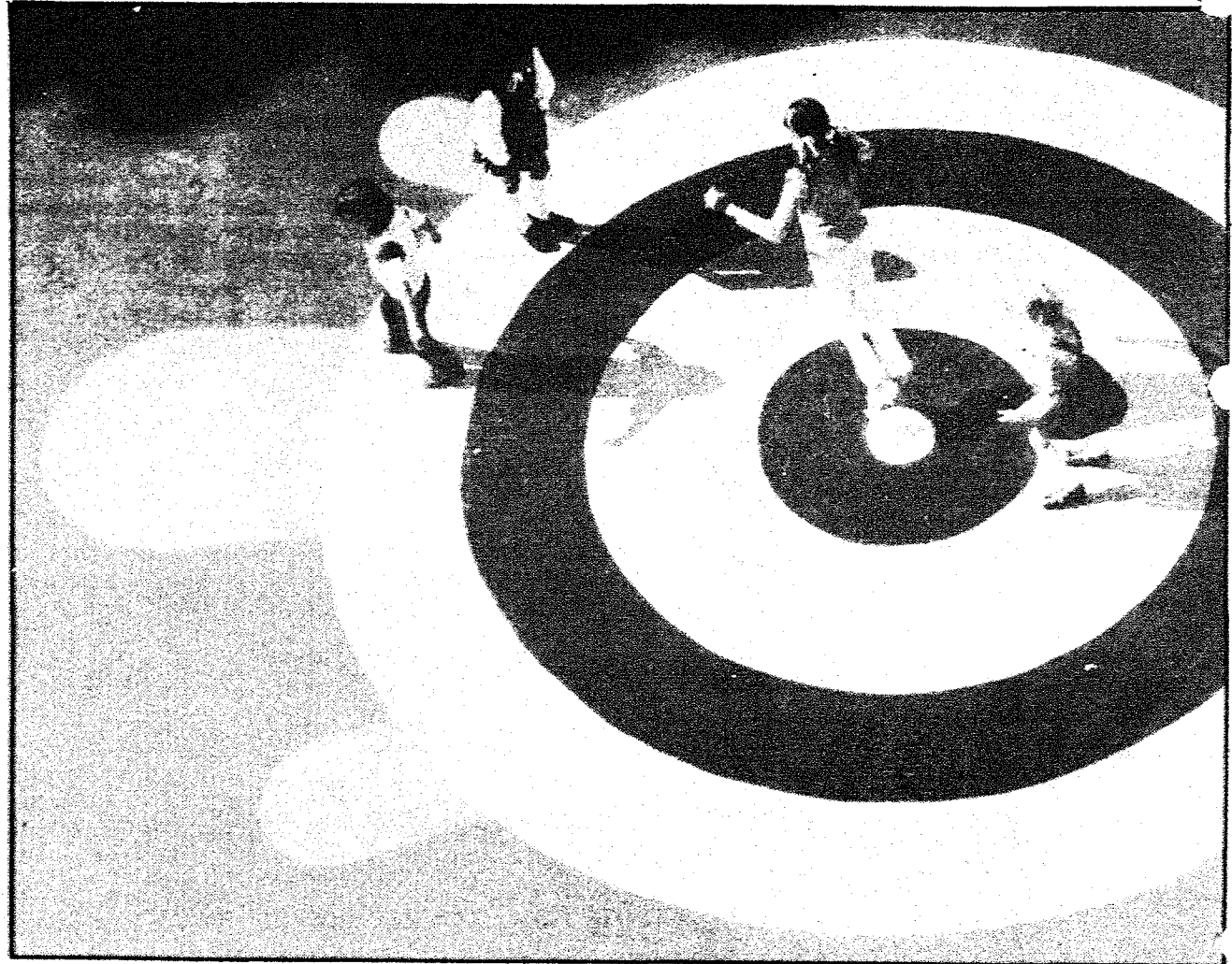
"If the surface is defective, we will take it out," says Ballard. "We're professional and fussy."

Both Ballard and Malecki are veterans. Ballard spent eight years in the Air Force and Malecki was a Marine Corps pilot for five and one-half years. Malecki also flew 707 and 747 jets.

Ballard lives at 5324 SW 9th Place. Malecki lives in Orlando, but says he intends to move to Cape Coral at the end of this school year.




Paul D. Ballard and John F. Malecki co-owners of Regency Surfaces, Inc.



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IWA to consider franchise change from County to City

In a motion by Paul Howe that appeared to catch some of the audience by surprise, the Island Water Association membership voted approval recently to a recommendation that the IWA Board of Directors consider replacing their Lee County franchise with one from the City of Sanibel.

During the discussion of the motion, it was suggested from the audience that by having the City control the franchise would be a way for the City Council to enforce its ordinances, especially against developers who need with their construction in the face of a direct edict not to form the council.

Under the current franchise agreement with Lee County, the only time the IWA can now refuse service is during a major breakdown.

General Manager Larry Snell told the audience that the IWA's major responsibility is to its current members and that transferring the franchise would give the city the ability to act more efficiently during a crisis.

IWA President James Robson indicated that any use of the Island's water to control developers was a city matter. "The Board of Directors would consider the recommendation to change the franchise," said Robson, but he reminded the audience that the Board of Directors runs the IWA and would render the final decision.

The two-hour meeting was attended by over two dozen people fewer than last year, said Robson, because no rate increase was to be discussed. In fact, current water rates are expected to remain in effect for another year or two.

The last operating year saw the

smallest gain in new units and a reduction in operating costs, Larry Snell reported, despite a new Florida State law that requires the manning of the plant 112 hours a week instead of the former 40.

Snell pointed with pride to the increased pressure at the east end of Sanibel. He was contradicted by a resident who claimed that pressure in that area had recently been worse than in previous years. While admitting that there have been an increasing number of major line breaks, Snell said that recent water usage by residents and visitors has been simultaneous.

"Everyone goes to the beach at the same time, everyone comes home at the same time, everyone takes their showers at the same time," he said.

The line breaks were attributed to the fact that the lines have been in use for some time and the increasing weight of construction vehicles is compounding the problem.

Snell also outlined the water conservation program he presents to new homeowners and builders. One point in this program was amended; the conservation pledge carries a promise not to install sodded lawns. At George Campbell's suggestion, this was changed to preclude sodded or sprig lawns.

Some Islanders have been concerned about the possibility of cancer producing elements in the water supply, primarily asbestos. The IWA has entered into a long-term study with the Environmental Protection Agency where Lee County, which has a relatively high rate of cancer will be compared with other counties across the nation with relatively low cancer rates.

Snell then explained the ten-year contract IWA has initiated with Pine Island to buy water from then to augment Sanibel's supply by 20 per cent. Pine Island now has a capacity that exceeds their demand by two-thirds.

At the beginning of the meeting, Robson promised that this general membership meeting would be one of the most informative ever held because he planned to address the operation and explain the alternatives.

The IWA has been in business for three years, said Snell, and now is a good time to evaluate what we've done and where we're going. To make an effective evaluation, the IWA chose a consulting firm to review the IWA system.

The firm, David Volkert and Associates of Bethesda, Maryland, recommended that many of the Association's water problems revolved around pre-treatment process and that further expansion be postponed until there is better information on the dependability of the future sources. There are currently ten wells in operation along the Bay side of Sanibel-Captiva Road. The variation in the quality of water in these wells and concern about the water produced by the wells closest to the proposed new sites has led the IWA to accept the Volkert recommendation. (The engineering firm did include a recommendation to negotiate a contract with Pine Island for a daily amount of treated water to relieve the burden on the Island wells.)

Other recommendations by Volkert included increasing the storage capacity for treated water, especially important, said Robson, because water needs on the Islands vary so widely from season to season. (The IWA goes before the Planning Commission later this month for a development permit allowing them to build a new storage tank by Wulfert Road, but even that won't be sufficient Robson reported.)

The feasibility of reusing wastewater in irrigation—since 40 per cent of the Island water supply now goes for irrigation is also to be investigated.

The way the Islands get their potable water—through the desalination of brackish water—is always a last resort decision, reported Robson, and one that was reached by the Corporation and approved by the membership six years ago because there was no other feasible way to go.

The IWA chose the process of Electrodialysis (ED) at that time because the return on product or 'finished' water was greater than that offered by the alternative: Reverse Osmosis (RO). ED produced nine out of ten gallons of water vs. the RO recovery of five gallons. "Although the same choice would be made today," said Robson, "we have been less than satisfied with ED" and the actual recovery of both processes is now about equal. "RO is not a panacea," he added, stating that he had investigated several RO installations and found them to be problem-plagued because

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Last Symphony concert of season on April 30

On Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m., April 30, the Fort Myers Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Arlo Deibler will present their fifth and last concert of the season featuring guest Artist Frank Guarrera, baritone, of the Metropolitan Opera. Guarrera will present various operatic arias by Handel, Mozart, Giordana, Bizet, Kern and Rossini. The orchestra will be performing the Sibelius Symphony No. 6 and

"Finlandia."

Frank Guarrera, long one of the favorite of the Metropolitan Opera, has been a widely admired guest star of the opera companies of San Francisco, Philadelphia, Cincinnati and New Orleans. In recent years, his triumphs on the concert stage have made him one of the most sought after recitalists in the country. It can be said that Guarrera's career began at the top, for upon graduation from Philadelphia's Curtis


Institute of Music, he held contracts for appearances at La Scala, Milan, under Toscanini and at the Metropolitan Opera in New York. His powerful voice and magnetic stage presence coupled with an extraordinary acting ability have placed him at the top of his profession.

Guarrera will also appear in recitals at Naples on Saturday evening, May 1

and in Port Charlotte on May 3, both beginning at 8 o'clock. He will sing works by Handel, Mozart, Scarlatti, Schubert, Rachmaninoff, Romberg, Yomans and Gershwin.

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When it comes to shell collecting I must say that barring the possible exception of my wife's gatherings, I am the proud possessor of the world's most boring shell collection. And I love it!

It wasn't easy to accomplish this feat, but there were two prime factors leading to this. One is my color blindness and inability to tell the subtle differences between shells. The other is an inability to give a damn whether or not a common West Indian Bubble is whitish with mottlings or bands of brown, to a pale red or purple brown.

What's all the fuss, right? I mean, if I don't like shells, why be the curator of the Islands' most blah collection? Well, while checking around, I noticed that there are many on the Islands who have equally undistinguishable shells. The reason for this is shell vanity.

Let's say some friends come down from the north and naturally they have read or heard about the excellent shelling on Sanibel and Captiva Islands. They look around our boat, tied to a dock less than 200 yards from the Gulf of Mexico and ask, "I'll bet because you live here, you have a lot of interesting shells, don't you?"

"You probably know all about shells," another says. "I've forgotten more than most conchs will ever know," I tell them, with a knowing look only professors in junior colleges share, outside of a few air conditioning repairmen.

Of course I am lying, but

you think I am going to admit I don't know anything about shells—after living here on one of the world's most famous shell islands? No way.

So when no one is looking, I get out my little pail, the one with the Captain Kangaroo sign on it, and about two hours before sundown I hit the beach, with my tail in the air and my nose to the sand. The search to redeem myself as a shell collector is in full swing.

Two hours later I have half a basket of sand, combined with several marred jingle shells, damaged fighting conch, a third of a dislocated auger and six pop tops from cans of beer I have hauled around on the beach.

A little lady in red polka dot shorts, black sneakers

and purple jacket comes over and galks into my basket, then gives me a look which clearly says, "You are not one of US, are you?"

"You sure got a poor batch of shells. You must be new here," she says.

I have this overpowering urge to take off my clothes and do an imitation of a 747 taking off from the beach right on the sand in front of her, but I put it out of my mind. It would make too much noise.

"I'm not new here, and if it's any of your business, these shells will go nicely with my collection in progress," I say.

"Aren't you going to ask me what I found, young man?"

"No, because it will probably be something I

have been searching for over the past couple of years."

Well, that's the way it always seems to go. Most of us holders of boring shell collections are the same way. People throw away the same shells we think are real "finds."

As our friend and fellow sheller said, "On any average day, you could go out and pick up every shell like I have in my collection."

Incidentally, some of us are thinking of having a fair of sorts, to show our non-descript shell collections. First prize goes to the person with the most commonly copied shells.

(Mike Fuery is captain of Captive Winds Sailing Charters out of Tween Waters Marina on Captiva.)



Dr. Walter Baron, who's a guest at Castaways Resort on the western tip of Sanibel for the very first time, added another first to his life when he went fishing and caught his very first snook ever, which he is holding here and undoubtedly made a very good dinner of.

Baron, who is a dentist, and his family, live in Boyville, New York, and said, while this is their very first visit to the Islands, "it certainly won't be the last."

Harvesting the sea . . .

If you're interested in the shelling trip or the Monday night shrimping expedition—a fine value for a per person charge of \$5—call Capt. Dan at Deebold Marina: 463-2466. The Capt. Deebold is 75 feet long, hold up to 85 people and runs comfortable at 25 m.p.h.

"Come share in the bounty of the Gulf," the ads ran—starfish, conchs, seahorses all there for those who embarked on a voyage to drag the ocean floor with a net and then share the wealth. Coming at a time when concern about live shelling is paramount on the Islands, the prospect of a wholesale scourge of live shells and fill off the Islands' coastline sent City Hall into apoplexy. For two days, questions about dredging permits and territorial jurisdiction of the waters prompted the ISLANDER to go on the maiden voyage Friday night to see firsthand what the furor was about.

At the end of four hours at sea, well, not at

sea exactly but in the San Carlos Bay area, the total catch consisted of one good sized starfish, some small sea fish, bits of coral and one large rudder. Actually, netting the rudder precluded the three or four more passes that the boat had intended to make. The people on board totalled 22—four of them press affiliated, one undercover police person, and five crew members. For an inaugural run, the signs were less than auspicious.

The idea to run the shelling trips originated with promoter "Rocky" Graziano who felt that if the shrimpers can bring in unusual shells with their nets, then combining an evening's outing on board a boat and the possibility of finding some unusual shells should sell. Selling the idea cost him \$500, he said, mostly spent in radio commercials. Capt. Dan Ebbecke of the Deebold Marina chartered the boat to him for the operation.

The air, freshened by a recent rain, whipped a few well-placed waves on deck as our little group headed out of the Deebold Marina at Fort Myers Beach. Except for a hardy few, most sought shelter inside the cabin or towards the back of the boat. About a half hour out, the 21-foot wide net was slung overboard and we proceeded to move at a crawl while the net slid along the ocean floor.

While we waited a crew member told us why that particular site had been selected, even though the ads had specified cruising off the shores of Sanibel and Captiva Islands. (We were actually about a mile and a half off the eastern tip of Sanibel.) The reason for stopping at that particular spot was due to the number of large shells that Capt. Dan had picked up during his regular Monday night shrimp fishing expeditions. "Sanibel acts as a big catcher's net," we were told.

After dragging for about 20 minutes, the lines were tested and the crew thought that the net was heavy enough to have been productive. In came the net and the catch was dropped into a large box at the back of the boat. Everyone craned their necks to see what the treasures were. First the live saltwater aquarium-type fish were put into an aerated bait box for keeping. The miscellaneous sea fish were thrown back into the water. That left a few species of soft coral and sponges plus one large starfish.

We had been warned not to touch anything in the box before the crew examined it to avoid being stung or bitten. A wise move—the catch had yielded scorpion fish and that would have smarted. The rest was disappointing but it was just a first run.

Back into the water with the nets and

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Mark Bruno of Sanibel Seafood went out into deepish water off the lighthouse end of the Islands a-fishing for shark recently and landed these two, one measuring out at seven feet, and one at five and a half.

The picture which doesn't show both sharks but probably looks more like a design was occasioned when Mark wanted to get a picture of the baby's (if one can call a five and a half foot shark a baby) open mouth, so Peg Bruno placed her dainty foot upon the snout and proceeded to pull the shark's jaws open with a hook (gaff?) or whatever. If you can't see 'em, the teeth are there.

When we asked Peg whatever in the world one did with caught shark anyway, she answered, "Cook them."

"No," said we.

"Yes," said she.

"How?" said we.

Her response follows.

First, catch a shark. That done (and assuming you've boated the thing and gotten it ashore) get a spouse, a friend or, in a terrible pinch, yourself, to gut and skin the thing, and then get down to the serious step of cleaning the meat itself.

It is very important to cut away all red, meaty looking

parts, leaving only the white flesh. Take white flesh and cut (preferably) into slices if possible, or, if not (depending on whether this is the first time you've cleaned shark meat) into smallish (almost bite sized) chunks and soak overnight in a fairly heavy brine solution. We don't suppose it would hurt any to crush some garlic into the brine water, but then again, we feel garlic improves almost anything edible, with the possible exception of ice cream and chocolate cake.

About an hour or so before you begin the actual cooking, drain the slices and-or chunks, rinse well and soak in milk. (Hopefully, you have cats or a dog who will enjoy the milk afterwards, since it is doubtful any human member of your group will want to drink it.)

Make a plain batter of flour, salt, plus a tad of baking powder, with the addition of enough water to make it the right consistency. That latter can be tricky, since you don't want it thick enough to clump or clot on the fish—and then again, you don't want it so thin that it's going to run off (or boil off in the oil) and leave you with naked fish.

Preheat enough oil to hot "enough" being deter-

mined by the size of the cooking utensil you use, since you want the slices-chunks to just float free without hitting the bottom or sides of the container) so that you can drop the batter dipped shark meat in just long enough to brown (which, unless your chunks are overly thick, should cook the meat all the way through—you can tell when it isn't translucent anymore) but not enough to overcook, burn, or whatever.

We assume you can then sprinkle lightly with salt and pepper and eat. You may (or may not) wish to have some seafood cocktail sauce, tartar sauce or a rather handy combination achieved by mixing grated (or VERY finely minced) onion with about two-thirds cup of mayonnaise to one-third cup of ketchup to 1 light Tbsp. of horseradish to 1/2 tsp. of dry mustard, with garlic powder, salt and Worcestershire sauce (and maybe a drop or two of Tabasco or juice from hot peppers) all mixed together.

Anyhow, next time you or someone you know catches a shark, why don't you try this out—and let us know what the results were. We might get brave enough to do it again.

Sea harvest . . .

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again we resumed our slow crawl. A second haul produced little. "Something we have to remember," said Dan, (a trifle ruefully we thought) "is that live shells—conchs, whelks and the like—do move.

He was getting ready to head to another site further out into the Gulf when we hooked the biggest catch of the evening . . . the left rudder. For almost an hour, while the boat rocked in the swells, the crew and bystander passengers watching the activities of those trying to free the rudder from its in-cumbrance.

Finally, crew and captain admitted defeat and the boat made slowly back to port on the remaining engine.

The promoter, an incurable optimist, talked on the way back into shore. Going to do it again??? Of course! Rocky, 28-years-

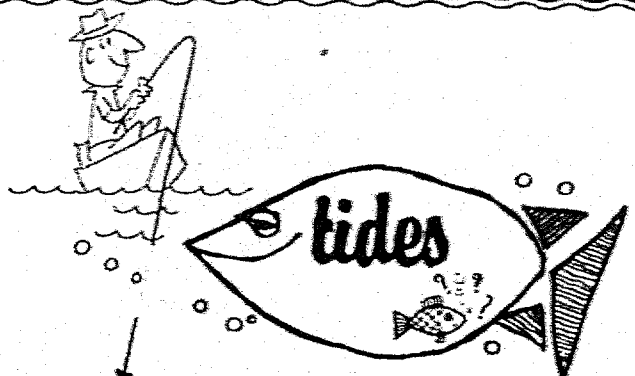
old, talked about the opportunities in Florida. "I grew up in New York" he said, "and it would have taken fifteen years to get a shot at a television show. Here after, just a year and a half I had my own sports show.

"Maybe, I'll take out a group of people next week and we can anchor and watch "JAWS," he mused. Or maybe, a voyeur trip . . ."

"The fickle finger of fate," said Capt. Dan. "In 20 years with boats in the military, with eight years towing, this is the first time I ever hooked anything on board."

Well, said the ever-optimistic Rocky as we passed a roosting pelican annoyed at the spotlight which roused him from his nap. "It's better than staying home, watching The Rockford Files."

To which we add a hearty, "Amen!"



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Tue	19	1:09 AM H	6:29 AM L	*12:01 PM H	7:54 PM L
Wed	20	1:48 AM H	6:45 AM L	*12:29 PM H	8:32 PM L
Thu	21	2:31 AM H	7:07 AM L	*12:58 PM H	9:14 PM L
Fri	22	3:16 AM H	7:35 AM L	* 1:33 PM H	10:01 PM L
Sat	23	4:22 AM H	8:03 AM L	* 2:18 PM H	10:55 PM L
Sun	24	5:41 AM H	8:45 AM L	* 3:07 PM H	11:55 PM L
Mon	25	7:07 AM H	10:03 AM L	* 4:09 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, 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.

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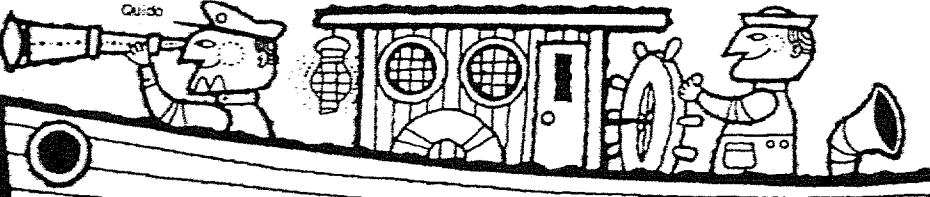


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Better Bridge

By ROBERT D. ROSENBLUM
Copley News Service

Here a finesse, there a finesse, everywhere a finesse, finesse. Win a few, lose a few, everywhere a finesse, 'ness.

The important thing is to know which to take and which to ignore.

Here are two illustrations from Charles Goren's "100 Challenging Bridge Hands" published by Doubleday & Co. in 1976.

S Q 10 7 2
H A K J 6
D Q 5
C K Q 4

S K 5 S 8 4
H 10 8 H Q 4 3
D K 7 6 3 2 D 10 9 8
C J 10 9 6 C A 8 5 3 2

S A J 9 6 3
H 9 7 5 2
D A J 4
C 7

The first is titled the "remarkable disappearance of the setting trick" and shows Edgar Kaplan at his best. Kaplan, editor and publisher of "The Bridge World," chose to play at four hearts rather than four spades after partner opened one no-trump and subsequently showed his exact distribution. Yes, the Stayman convention has progressed that far! He hoped to obtain a diamond discard in dummy on his fifth spade.

The club opening left declarer with finesses in three suits. Normal play produces from nine to 12 tricks but Kaplan feared the worst. With good reason. Look again at the East-West hands.

East captures the club queen with the ace and shifts

to a diamond. The defense wins a trick in each suit as South cannot get his diamond discard in time. West cashes a diamond on gaining the lead with the king of spades.

Kaplan solved his timing problem by ducking the first trick. East could not gain by overtaking since this would set up discards on the king and queen of clubs. He ruffed the club continuation, then led to the ace and king of hearts, rejecting that finesse. Next came the spade finesse. Although it lost, the contract was safe since West could not attack diamonds.

Declarer led spades, East eventually ruffing and returning a diamond — too late. Kaplan lost a spade, a heart and a club.

The second hand also offers a choice of three finesse and is thus fittingly called — "one from column A, two from column B." South plays at six hearts.

S A Q J
H J 10 6 4
D A J
C Q 7 6 5

S K 9 6 4 S 10 8 3 2
H K 3 H 7 2
D 9 8 6 D K 10 7 5 4 3
C J 9 4 2 C 8

S 7 5
H A Q 9 8 5
D Q 2
C A K 10 3

Without external implications, the spade finesse is preferable to the diamond finesse for one simple reason. If the diamond finesse succeeds, you still need the spade finesse. However, if West holds the king of spades the diamond finesse becomes unnecessary.

Here, of course, there is a buttressing influence — the

nine of diamonds appears to be a top-of-nothing lead.

So you win the ace of diamonds, cross to the king of clubs and take the finesse in spades — successfully. You reenter your hand, how? With a club? No, East's eight of clubs to the first lead should be sufficient warning. You must lead a heart to the ace, rejecting the trump finesse as risky and unnecessary.

A second spade finesse provides a parking place for the queen of diamonds on dummy's ace of spades. Now you ruff the jack of diamonds, stripping both hands of diamonds as well as spades, and lead a second heart.

Luck is with you. Trumps are 2-2 and West is endplayed. He must return a club which eliminates your club loser or permit a ruff and discard on a spade or diamond. Note the importance of ruffing dummy's last diamond, thereby removing West's "out" card.

In the first hand all three finesses were off, in the second two of three, yet careful play brought in both contracts.

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The undersigned does hereby certify that Judith L. Thompson desires to engage in business at Sanibel Island, Lee County, Florida, under the fictitious name of Leatherbee, Ltd. and that said firm is composed of the following person Judith L. Thompson, whose name and place of residence is as follows: Sanibel Island, Florida, County of Lee. Ownership of Leatherbee, Ltd. is as follows: 100 per cent. It is her intention to register the said name of Leatherbee, Ltd. and to apply to the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Lee County, Florida, to register the said name above under the provisions of Section 865.09 Florida Statute, 1963.

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- ACROSS
- 1 100,000 rupees
- 5 Sweets
- 11 Sicilian city
- 12 Miss Christie's Express
- 13 Infinitesimal bit
- 14 First First Lady
- 15 Unprocessed Electric —
- 17 Dog —
- 18 "Slap Shot" star
- 20 High-pitched sound
- 21 Army
- 22 Former
- 23 Praying figure in art
- 25 Ire
- 26 Norse night
- 27 Cole —
- 28 To be (Lat.)
- 29 Gilbert and — Islands
- 32 Unused
- 33 Gelid
- 34 — Remo, Italy
- 35 Fuel
- 37 Liability
- 38 Gazed
- 39 Salt tree
- 40 Parlor piece
- 41 South African
- DOWN
- 1 Memorize

- 2 Architectural piers
- 3 Have experience (3 wds.)
- 4 CBer's cousin
- 5 Incite
- 6 U.S.S.R. river
- 7 Admin.
- 8 Becoming experienced (3 wds.)
- 9 Add stature
- 10 Flabbergast
- 16 "— Lynne"
- 19 Carlo or Cassino

Crossword

by thomas joseph
answer on page 27

- 20 Of sound
- 23 Unity; concord
- 24 Type of ornament
- 25 Partner
- 27 Withdraw one's support
- 30 Wire overseas
- 31 Join
- 33 Arrow poison
- 36 After imp or ramp
- 37 Dollop

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New IWA board members

Four names placed into nomination to the IWA Board by a committee consisting of Robert Haynie, Sam Conant and John Kontinos were approved unanimously last Monday.

James L. Robson, Jack H. Ronk and C. Don Seymour were re-elected to two-year terms. Joseph G. Winterrowd, who was appointed a few months ago to fill the vacancy left by Byron Kirby who resigned because of ill health, was appointed to a one-year term.

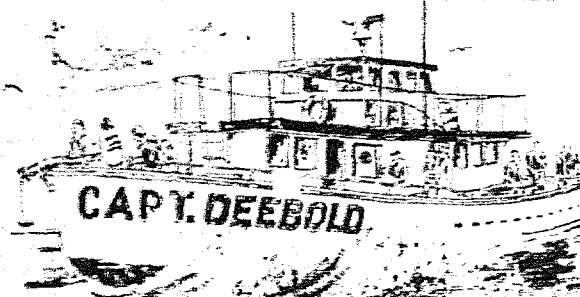
A fifth Board member, John Cook, still has one year remaining in his term as director.

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7:15
20-Davey & Goliath
7:30
11-Rex Humbard
20-The Lucy Show
8:00
20-Jimmy Swaggart Show
26-Mr. Magoo
8:30
11-Oral Roberts
20-This Is The Life
26-The Lone Ranger
9:00
11-Old Time Gospel Hour
with Jerry Falwell
20-Norman Vincent Peale
26-Old Time Gospel Hour
9:30
20-Changed Lives
10:00
11-Catholic Mass
20-Hour of Power
26-Insight
10:30
11-Day of Discovery
26-Jr. Almost Anything
Goes
10:55
26-Schoolhouse Rock
11:00
11-Riverside Baptist
Church Services
20-Cathedral of Tomorrow
26-Gilligan's Island
11:30
26-Animals, Animals,
Animals!
12 Noon
11-Soupy Sales hosts the
"Arthritis Foundation
Telethon" till midnight
tonight (Sunday).
20-Medix
26-Directions
12:30
20-Meet The Press
26-TBA
1:00
20-Sunday Film Festival:
"My Geisha," in which
a famous Hollywood
star masquerades as a
geisha girl in Japan to
win the leading role in a
film directed by her
husband. Shirley

McLaine, Yves Mon-
tant, Bob Cummings.
26-IWA Pro Wrestling
2:00
26-The American Sport-
sman
3:00
20-Bristol-Myers Mixed
Doubles Tennis, live
from the Lakewood
Country Club in
Houston, Texas,
featuring top names in
men's and women's pro
tennis, with Bud Collins
and John Newcombe
commenting.
26-The "Trenton 200" -
Championship auto
racing.
4:30
26-ABC Wide World of
Sports
5:00
20-Grandstand
5:30
20-Ara Parseghian's Sports
6:00
20-The Last of The Wild
26-High Rollers
6:30
20-NBC Sunday News
26-Name That Tune

7:00
20-World of Disney
26-"Nancy Drew" and
"The Hardy Boys"
mysteries
8:00
20-NBC Double Feature
Mystery Movies:
"McMillan - Have You
Heard About Vanessa?"
and "Lanigan's Rabbi -
"In Hot Weather The
Crime Rate Soars"
26-Six Million \$ Man
9:00
26-ABC Sunday Movie
11:00
20-Eyewitness News
26-ABC Weekend News
11:15
26-Sunday Film Festival:
"Gunfight At The O.K.
Corral," Burt Lancaster
as Wyatt Erp, Kirk
Douglas as Bat
Masterson and a lot
more in a bloody
western mess that's a
classic of its kind.
11:30
20-NBC Late Movie: Goldie
Hawn in "Butterflies
Are Free"

monday - 7 p.m. till sign-off

11-Gunsmoke
20-Adam 12
26-To Tell The Truth
7:30
20-The \$123,000 "7"
26-Treasure Hunt
8:00
11-The Jeffersons
20-Little House on The
Prairie
26-Fireside Chat,
presumably with
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11-Busting Loose
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11-Phyllis
10:00
11-The Andros Targets
11:00
11-News Eleven
20-Eyewitness News
26-NewsScene
11:30
11-The CBS Late Movie:
"Double Feature"
"Kojak: The Only Way
Out," and "Skyway To
Death," with Ross
Martin, Stefanie Powers
and Tige Andrews
20-The Tonight Show
26-"The Streets of San
Francisco" and
"Toma"
1:00 a.m.
20-The Tomorrow Show

IWA

from p. 21

while several companies make RO, the systems are not interchangeable. Only one firm produces ED and the Board is negotiating both an extension to that firm's guarantee and some plant improvements at their expense.

The Board has also decided to hire a full time engineer who will be joining IWA about the first of August. The Sarasota consulting firm of Bennett and Bishop will continue to help when needed.

Planning for future water needs is a challenge that both the IWA Board and Volkert have addressed. In less than a quarter of a century, Island water requirements will triple. The existing facilities will have to increase to handle the demand. Methods under consideration to implement this increase include:

Expanding the existing system—while the current system should satisfy water demands over the next four years, Robson said that, unless there are substantial advances in Electrodialysis, a long-term plan with ED, using brackish water, was not recommended. Using ED to treat wastewater is considered to be a viable long-term possibility but convincing the public that it is safe as well as health authorities might prove difficult.

Reverse osmosis treatment of seawater is a long-term possibility but, "because we are at the end of the world

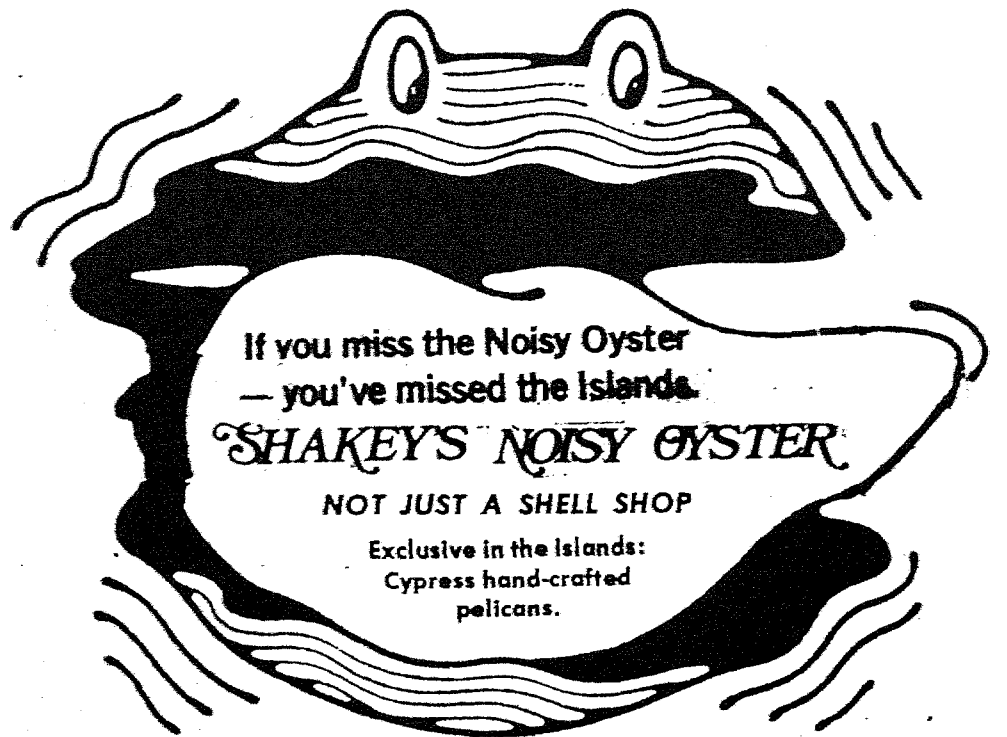
oil pipeline," said Robson, "the cost will likely prevent this consideration."

Distilling brackish water with fuel derived from solid waste is one possibility that the Board is favoring. Brackish water is more economical to treat than sea water because the more salt in the water, the higher the cost in treating it. A combination of using brackish water and a fueling method not totally dependent on the uncertainties of the world's oil supply gives this option definite merit according to Robson.

Another possible solution involves an exchange. Since pretreatment of Island water is a major factor in choosing a solution, supplementing the current plant with ion exchange post-treatment may be an answer rather than spending money trying to improve the "raw" water.

Extending the life of existing IWA wells through reinjecting wastewater, suitably treated, into the groundwater system is another option. If suitable geological conditions permit, this could improve the quality of the IWA wells, thus extending the life of the existing ED plant.

Since there is generally a minimum lag time of two years between the formulating of a decision and its implementation, Robson told the membership that the selection of one or a combination of the long-term alternatives would be made within the next five years.



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Housing committee reviews survey results

The City of Sanibel's ad hoc Committee on Housing met last Thursday in MacKenzie Hall to review the results of a survey conducted during the latter weeks of March which was intended to ascertain the current need for low and moderate income housing units on Sanibel.

Some members of the committee expressed surprise at the fact that their housing questionnaire elicited only 68 valid responses from those in need of reasonably priced housing units on Sanibel.

According to Chairman Zee Butler, the committee received 9 responses protesting the development of any moderate income housing on Sanibel, and another 36 replies to the questionnaire from persons who neither live nor work on the Islands and who therefore are invalid statistics under the committee's adopted guidelines for evaluation of the survey results. Of the invalid responses, 29 came from South Seas Plantation.

Chairman Butler said that a tabulation of the valid returns yielded a bottom line figure of about 146 persons in need of moderate cost housing on Sanibel: roughly 5.75 per cent of the city's permanent population based on the most recent U.S. Census data.

"It's not an overwhelming need for low income housing on the Island," Chairman Butler cautioned her committee about the significance of the data compiled in their broad preliminary survey.

"I believe very definitely that there is a need for low and moderate cost housing on Sanibel," she continued.

"I'm sure that we haven't reached all the people who are potentially interested in moderate cost housing," admitted committee member Betty Robinson. "But I think

a need for 68 living units represents a significant number on a small Island like this."

Islander Judy Thompson suggested that the lower than expected response to the survey may have been due to the limited availability of the printed questionnaire.

"I am assuming at this point that if people were really interested about housing they would have gone out of their way to avail themselves to the questionnaire," Chairman Butler replied. "I have no other basis to go on."

The questionnaire was available at five locations on Sanibel, although according to Mrs. Butler, Sanibel City Councilman Francis Bailey was the only Island businessman who took the trouble to personally distribute the questionnaire to all of his employees.

"I'm not looking at the results of this survey as the last word on Sanibel's housing needs, although I am looking at this as a guide for our efforts for the time being," Chairman Butler told the committee.

"I don't think this ought to be the end of our probing," she added, reaffirming the committee's prior realization that they will ultimately have to conduct a more detailed housing survey sometime later on in the course of their work.

Betty Robinson noted that 52 of the 68 persons who submitted a valid response to the questionnaire indicated that they could afford to pay no more than \$200 rent per month. Of these, 21 quoted an affordable monthly rent of \$150 or less.

She questioned whether it would even be possible to provide any sort of housing on Sanibel for so low a rent, while suggesting that the committee, investigate the cost of

housing construction with Island developers as its next step in evaluating the realities of Sanibel's moderate income housing problem.

According to Chairman Butler, a few local developers have already indicated a willingness to work with the committee to provide low cost housing on the Island.

Committee member Allen Ten Broek of Mariner Properties offered to prepare a number of alternate models of low cost housing developments for the committee to examine. Ten Broek said he would try to estimate the cost of constructing the number of housing units indicated in the survey from a variety of development approaches, with an eye to estimating what would be the feasible rental cost of the proposed units.

Throughout its work, the committee has advocated the development of a number of low density housing projects on the Island rather than the construction of one massive moderate cost housing development for Sanibel.

"I don't even know if this is possible," Ten Broek told the committee last week.

"The real key to housing costs are land costs," he added, while pointing out that the cost of Sanibel real estate is at a premium now because of the competitive and lucrative market in tourist accommodations

and because of the stringent density restrictions imposed on the Island by the city's comprehensive land use plan.

According to Ten Broek, the land costs for most Gulf-front condominium projects currently being developed on Sanibel averages out to about \$30,000 per unit.

"The problem with providing affordable housing on Sanibel is basically just the nature of the area," Ten Broek observed. "A lot of people who own housing units on the Island have opted for renting to tourists at inflationary rates, and you really can't blame them."

"It's a problem that is inherent in all resort areas," agreed Chairman Butler, who now plans to consult with Lee County's Housing Assistance Office to see if the city might be eligible for any sort of state or federal housing assistance programs on the basis of the current need for low and moderate income housing on Sanibel as demonstrated in the results of the committee's recent housing survey.

"I think the survey was a good exercise," Chairman Butler concluded. "It gives us a place to start."

The committee is slated to review Ten Broek's housing cost estimates and alternate development models at their next meeting, the date for which has not been set.

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requested by:

—Selma G. Mikhail to permit the construction of a duplex on a lot north of Gulf Drive in the Shell Harbor Subdivision;

—Nancy S. Frazier to

permit the construction of a duplex on two lots in the Sanibel Center Subdivision; and

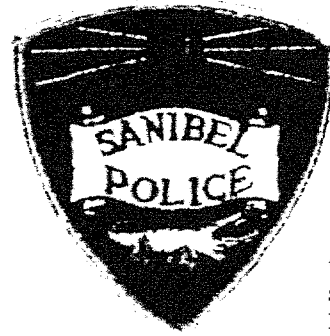
—Bud and JoAnn Batsch to permit the enlargement of an existing unit at the Tropical Tradewinds Motel in the Tradewinds Subdivision.

The planning commission met again yesterday in a special workshop session to consider a number of problem areas in the plan which have been flagged by the city for possible revision by adopting corrective amendments to the land use plan.

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In spite of Easter (and the attendant influx of guests) the SPD had a busy week, but not one bad enough to make heads reel. (Roll perhaps, but not reel.)

Anyhow, along with the City Council lowering the speed limit on the San-Cap Road from 45 mph to 35 mph, 17 speeding citations were issued. For keepers of details, all cars were going above 50 mph, which would have been unlawful under the old speed, to say nothing of the new.

Regular dark house-office checks revealed two open doors, which were promptly closed and secured, five citations were issued for motor vehicle violations other than speeding, in addition to another five being issued for illegal parking and-or camping, the SPD rendered assistance of one sort or another at least 14 times, the EMTs and ambulance were called upon thrice, the emergency call boxes were used 14 times, alarms went off 13 times, with a mere seven of 'em being "that" one. One complaint was made about noisy motorcycles, NO complaints were made about barking dogs (maybe they all lost their voices), one watch and two wallets were lost and three sets of keys were found.

A report was called in to report a car was throwing what appeared to be bottles in its travels down the road. At least the occupants were Officer found and stopped car, whereupon the operator allowed as how he'd thrown one (1) can from the car. Officer issued reprimand, confiscated other canned liquid from a cooler in the car and advised operator of vehicle to leave the Islands.

A call came in to report that someone had "poked the rear window out of his car." Someone had, and since glass shattered into the car, it was determined that who or what did the poking, did it from outside the car. (Elementary, dear Watson.) Investigation found that young person in neighborhood had a BB gun. Younger sibling of BB gun

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Captiva development concept approved by county

In a meeting to hear zoning cases last Monday, the Lee County Commission voted unanimously to grant special concept approval to the Carter-Keathley Corporation for the development of a 12-acre subdivision on Captiva.

The commission's action will permit 75 units to be built on the site, which lies between the Gulf and Pine Island Sound just north of the Captiva Civic Center and Chapel by the Sea. According to Carter-Keathley President J. Keathley, the firm is under contract to purchase the roughly 12-acre undeveloped parcel from its current owner, the Detrol Corporation of Captiva.

The special permit approved by the commission last week did not entail an increase in density for the property, which is zoned for up to 100 units under the county's current zoning guidelines for Captiva. The special concept approval does, however, require that the Carter-Keathley Corp. appear before the commission once again to gain final approval of the engineering plans for the new subdivision before initiating work on the site.

Engineering surveys of the site have already been made, said Keathley, with the preparation of the final working plans for the project expected to begin this week.

Keathley informed the ISLANDER that elevated wood frame construction is envisioned for the 75 units to be erected in the subdivision, which will

be laid out along a winding shell road network terminating in a number of small cul-de-sacs to discourage fast-moving traffic in the neighborhood.

Keathley said that his intent is to retain as much green space as possible in developing the subdivision. To this end, he is contemplating some duplex construction within his 75-unit total density in hopes of minimizing the destruction of native vegetation on the site.

"We haven't really resolved just how we're going to go yet in this respect," Keathley reported last week.

The developer was careful to point out that the subdivision is slated for total build-out over a five-year period, with the development to be phased at the rate of between 15 and 20 units per year.

"I don't want to swamp the Island overnight," Keathley said.

"We expect to start construction in June or July," Keathley added. "I want to have something ready to show for the coming season."

In the meantime, Keathley said that negotiations are proceeding between his firm, the Detrol Corp., and the Captiva Civic Association in regard to the Civic Association's desire to purchase about 50 feet of land north of the Civic Center to serve as a buffer between the development and the Association's property.

All in all, Keathley said that he is amenable to the proposal.

Your astrological week especially cast for Sanibel and Captiva Islands by madam dorinda

Aries: Aspects are favorable for starting new partnership ventures, but the money end of it may get off to a slow start. Problems with friends will likely interfere with your aims.

Taurus: Rules and other restrictions get in your way now and your moodiness won't attract much cooperation or support. The progress of any business relationship will not be as fast as you'd like.

Gemini: This could be a very favorable time for concentrating on work, and tying up loose ends. Resist the tendency to dwell on past problems, you need to appear very stable now to older persons.

Cancer: This is the time to expect the boss or superior to grant a favor, so speak out. You may be making changes on some property you own. An unusual friendship could backfire.

Leo: Some peculiar irritations where friends or in-laws are concerned. Home environment more enjoyable than usual especially where elders are concerned. Don't jump to conclusions at work.

Virgo: Avoid mixing business with pleasure. Individuals with whom you deal can be contrary or rigid; handle them with care and impartiality. Finances should pick up.

Libra: This can be a busy and productive time if you expend energies wisely. Schedule activities that depend for their success on your personal impact. Limit local travel that may be costly in more than one way.

Scorpio: Annoying family pressures may interfere with your need to use sound judgement. Activities connected with groups, organizations, and friends are favored.

Sagittarius: You will be very impatient for results, so remember to consider the

feelings of other individuals. A personal relationship could become very strained if you keep putting things off.

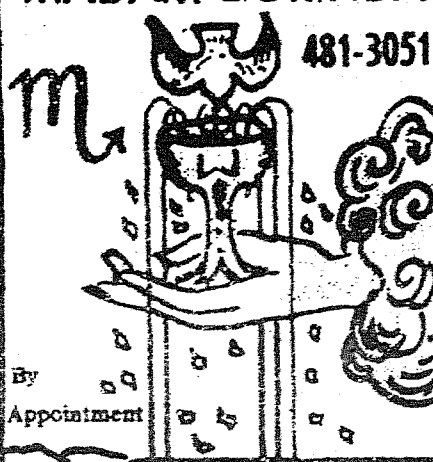
Capricorn: Be alert to useful information from a friend, it will help you to attend to the affairs and interests of young people or children. Some travel likely now related to work.

Aquarius: Delays now in any advancement at work, travel, and in-law relationships. Disturbing or secret information should be considered with discretion. Outcome could be disappointing for you.

Pisces: This is a busy and active time, be sure to get enough rest. Now is the time for you to tighten up on spending. Delays are likely in any court litigation. Minor snags are mostly a nuisance.

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New Sanibel Community Association officers elected

At the Sanibel Community Association's annual business meeting held on April 5, the general membership of the Community Association voted to approve a slate of 11 nominees presented by the Association's nominating

committee to fill openings on the group's board of directors.

Three new members elected to serve on the board of directors for the coming year were Frank Vellake, Fritz Myers and Walter Emmons.

The new directors will join incumbent board members Bobbie Schumacher, Ed Underhill and Joe Winterrowd, as well as eight former directors who were re-elected to their posts on

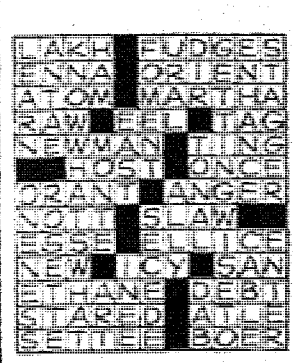
April 5, including Ruth Searing, Bill Krueger, Ed Reed, Dick Wilson, Helen Jans, Fred Valtin, Jean Haff and Arthur Orloff.

The new board of directors met that same evening

to elect officers to guide the Community Association in its efforts during the coming year.

Dick Wilson was re-

elected to the post of president; Fred Valtin was elected vice-president; Fritz Myers, secretary; and Arthur Orloff, treasurer.



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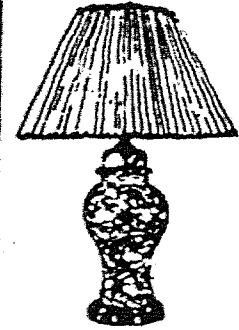
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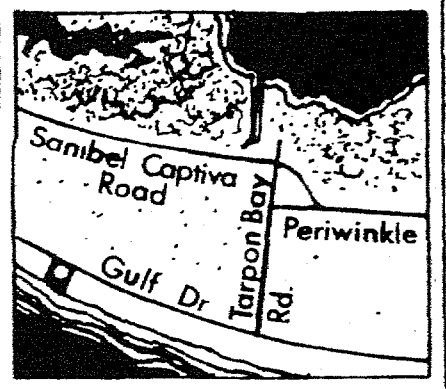
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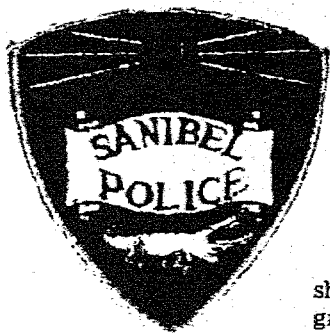
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owner, finally fessed up to doing the deed. Damage will be paid for; all 10-4.

Two officers investigated an area and found a male sleeping in a tent. The camper, then awakened was arrested, brought to SPD headquarters at which point a fine was paid, after which he was escorted to the toll booth. A minimum amount of happy weed (or whatever you're calling marijuana this week) was also found and confiscated.

Someone's neighbor brought a burned piece of paper into the SPD as proof that the neighbor was burning trash in the backyard in violation of a city ordinance. Since this was the third time, it was decided that the third warning will be the last—next time, if there is one, a citation will be issued.

A citizen reported that his daughters had seen two suspicious persons trying to enter three cars. Nothing was missing with the exception of an emblem from one of the cars (the first of many, by the by) and, in fact, a money clip containing a respectable amount of money was found and taken to the SPD for safekeeping.

A call came in about a campfire, which was not only burning but was being augmented (it was thought) by the addition of fire crackers, which make a lot of noise 'n stuff. An officer, a deputy sheriff and a fireman arrived at the scene and told firemakers they did need a permit for a bonfire. The group apologized and put out the fire.

A complainant reported her vehicle was vandalized (along with three or four cars) in that the key cover to the trunk had been removed.

Another key cover removed from the trunk of a car.

A man called in on the emergency box to report he was stuck in sugar sand and wanted someone to come pull him out. When informed that the tow truck (not SPD owned) charged for such a service, the complainant "reluctantly agreed to pay." When officer tried to find complainant, he was gone.

Another truck key cover ripped off.

A citizen came in the SPD to report that while loading beach equipment in her car,

she had left her purse on the ground and drove off without it. She returned to scene immediately, but not immediately enough. Purse was gone, along with I.D., cash and such like.

A silver and black hubcap was lost.

A call came in to report that four cars and one motorcycle were parked at the end of one of the Gulf drives and the occupants thereof all departed vehicles and gained access to beach by walking across vacant lots (none of which are owned by complainant). Question was, could "no parking" signs be installed? Call referred to city hall.

Twelve cars were minus truck key lock covers. Manager of condo where this occurred suggested it might be the work of "some nasty teenagers" who were renting apartments, since they had been noisy by the pool, and when told to be quiet by the manager's husband, put him under the shower by the pool.

A LCSO officer became trapped in sugar sand while following a suspicious vehicle and called for SPD help. Help given by four wheel.

Local club manager reported a "B&E" in that all the money in the bar was gone. During investigation and questioning of a number of people, it turned out the money had been placed in the freezer for safekeeping. Everything cool when cleared.

Brush fire reported. One fire unit and one SPD officer responded. No extra help needed; fire out seven minutes after call.

A citizen called in to report that a boat had just arrived at a marina with what just might be a bale of marijuana. It was. Boater reported he had been fishing in the bayou and had seen the bale wash up under some mangroves, which did not seem to be a particularly good place for it, so he brought it in. It was turned over to the SPD which immediately (just a tad over an hour) was turned over, intact, to the Marine Patrol.

A "Notice To Appear" was issued to someone who was driving a bike sans flag and bell.

A resident reported that an older person was dumping trash in the Gulf. Officer then observed an elderly man take branches and weeds from a yard and wade about 25 yards out into the Gulf before dumping them. The man was ap-

proached and told he was violating the ordinance against dumping. When so informed, he promised not to do it again. When original complainant was notified, it was decided not to pursue the matter, since the only interest was in stopping the dumping, not causing more trouble.

A car was reported blocking a driveway. When officer arrived, that car was gone, but another was partially blocking driveway. A written warning was issued.

During a local Easter egg hunt, a young person spied what he thought was a "money egg"—a hollow egg containing money. Well, the contents were green, alright, but they were grass, in the form of two "rolled joints," a "roach" (a smoked down butt of a joint), a baggie of marijuana seeds and a "roach clip" (a holder of sorts which theoretically allows the user to take a drag on a "roach" without burning fingers or lips. It rarely accomplishes its purpose.) All contents put into safekeeping.

A small grass fire reported—three times.

A complaint came in about two truck campers in some pine trees on the beach. The complaint was made after the complainant informed the campers that it was illegal to camp on the Islands and had been told in return that "they had permission from the Sheriff's Department as the shelling was very good." Vehicles GOA.

People shelling on beach left purse in van. Purse gone when they returned.

Condo manager complained that 1) young people were setting off firecrackers on the beach and 2) all the pool chairs had been removed during the night to another condo.

A small boat containing clothes, snorkel gear and life jackets washed up on beach. Call came in at 12:20 a.m. At 6:40 a.m. a man called to report a missing boat. He was told where to find it.

Officer on patrol smelled smoke at a specific place. Fireman notified, who requested further investigation and if something other than smell was discovered, to call back. Officer reported smell was stronger but couldn't find smoke. LCSO reported same smell, no smoke. Finally determined that while smell was on-Island, smoke was off-Island.

A possible B&E and/or prowler was reported in that a guest reported that someone had tried to enter a shower window 10 feet off the ground. Motel manager assumed ladder must have been used. Seems that the guest's aunt (who happens to be 85 and evidently

learned a thing or two) saw a man's hands hanging on the window sill and yelled to her niece to "get the gun!" The hands promptly disappeared. Marks on the ground indicated a ladder may have been there. Area dusted for fingerprints.

A citizen, who refused to leave a name, asked that a "loud party, which had been running for three nights," be quieted down. Officer found party with fire on beach. Fire put out and party disbanded.

Citizen came to SPD to report a beach bonfire, and said there had been a fire in the same place the night before and it hadn't been put out. Officer found six young people around a small fire, who put it out at the officer's request. The officer advised they get a fire permit in the future.

The LCSO requested help in investigating a suspicious person who was "peering under the Captiva bridge... acting as though he's waiting for something to float through the pass." SPD arrived on scene. No suspicious person or vehicle in sight.

Boat trailer stolen. Boat trailer tag also stolen. Possible thefts are linked.

A call came in on an emergency box from a citizen who asked not to be identified to report that a vehicle had knocked down three guard posts near a septic tank and then left the scene. Within minutes of first call, another call came in from a Sanibel citizen who reported he'd knocked down the posts by accident and was enroute with equipment to repair same.

A seven year old visitor was reported missing. Officer and fire unit dispatched. Boy picked up by resident, who brought boy to station. Officer brought mother to station. All reunited and happy.

A complaint was made that a pedestrian had been hit on a specific street corner. After dispatching officer, dispatcher realized the two named streets did not intersect. Officer went to complainant's house, which turned out to be on another street corner altogether. Officer also reported that a truck had been turned over, had been righted again and that there were no injuries.

A call came in to report the sounds of "gunfire." SPD officer and LCSO deputy responded to find two very young males shooting off firecrackers. The youths allowed as how they had bought some fireworks in Tennessee and brought them to Sanibel. Officers confiscated 643 "thunder bomb" firecrackers, and advised parents as to the legalities (or lack thereof) for possession of same.

A call came in reporting seeing flashlights in a house under construction. Officer inspected house and found it

empty, but also found tire tracks which indicated someone or ones had gotten out of there in a hurry. When original caller recalled, caller stated that he had heard a car leave "at a high rate of speed" just before the police car arrived. He also stated that he will keep an eye open in the future.

A complainant phoned to say a cat had been run over and a woman was trying to help the animal, but an officer was needed. Officer, LCSO and fireman responded and found woman trying to help cat (who couldn't be) and who also stated she and some other "concerned citizens were forming a group to put an end to the merciless killing that takes place daily on the roads of Sanibel." Officer destroyed cat, which was then buried by the fireman.

Condo manager called to report that condo pool had sprouted 15 chairs over night and that the storeroom lock had been broken. An earlier beach fire had been surrounded by people who, when fire was put out, moved party to front of said condo. Damage likely done in retaliation.

Someone stole a skateboard while the owner was getting a sandwich.

A couple needed marrying since preacher had not arrived. SPD officer who is also notary performed ceremony while another


officer acted as the witness.

Condo-apartment manager called to complain that someone who was not a tenant using the washing machines, and that the someone refused to leave. Manager said the someone was discovered when the manager was trying to determine why the complex's water bill was running about \$2,000 a month. Officer spoke to non-tenant, who said he had not used the washers before and would not use them again.

Motel manager requested assistance to quiet down a beach party which was disturbing guests of the motel. When officer arrived on the scene, a large crowd had gathered. When members of the crowd and party were asked to move on, they said they would. One, however, started yelling loudly.

When officer asked for loud person's name, address and age, loud one stated (whilst waving a can of beer) that he didn't have an I.D. but he was 18. When frisked, it turned out he did have an I.D. and was not 18.

Besides being "intoxicated and obnoxious" the person turned out to have a baggie of grass. Person then arrested for possession of alcoholic beverage by a minor and a misdemeanor possession of marijuana. Which goes to prove the squeaking wheel does not always get the grease; sometimes it gets busted instead.



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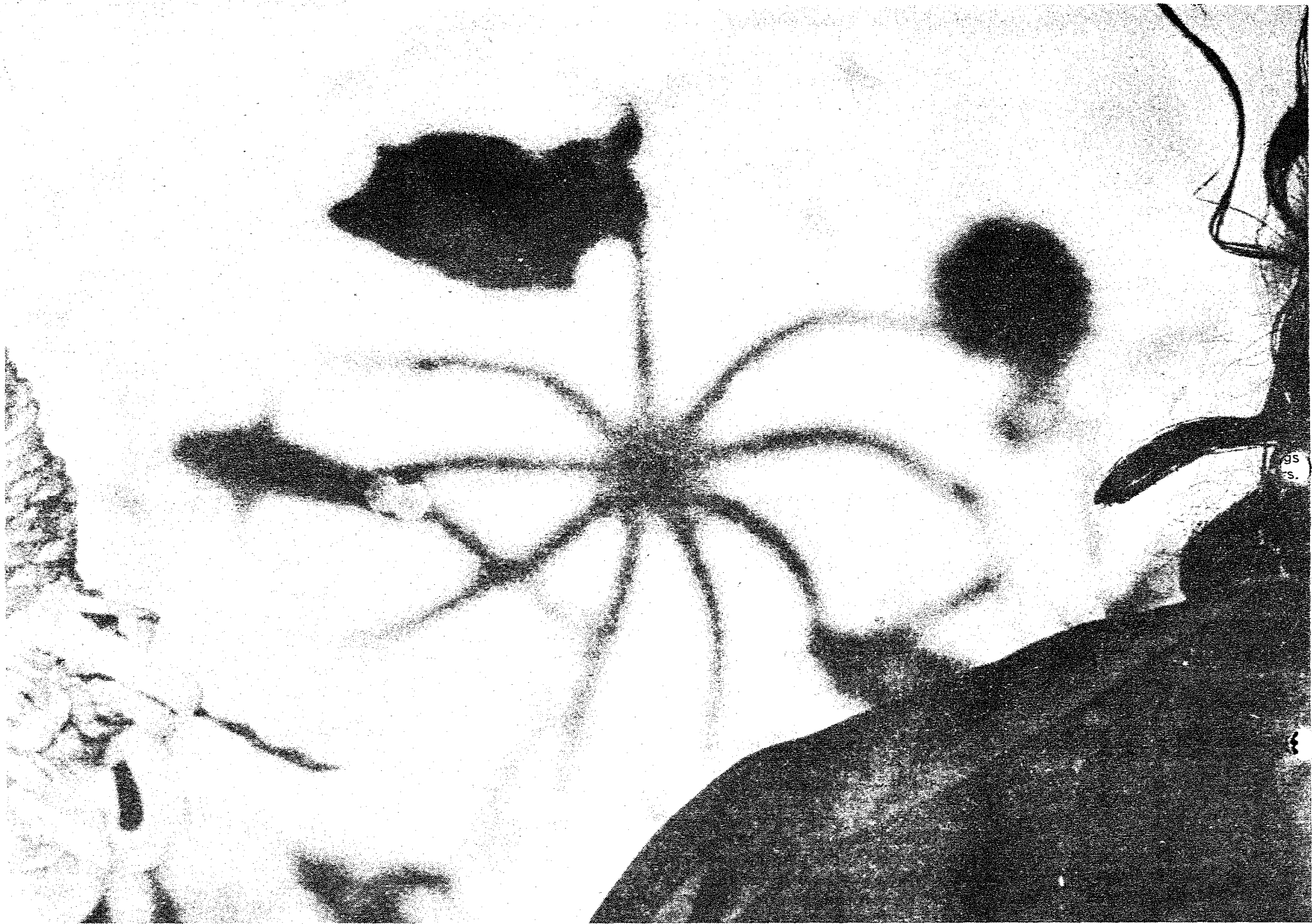
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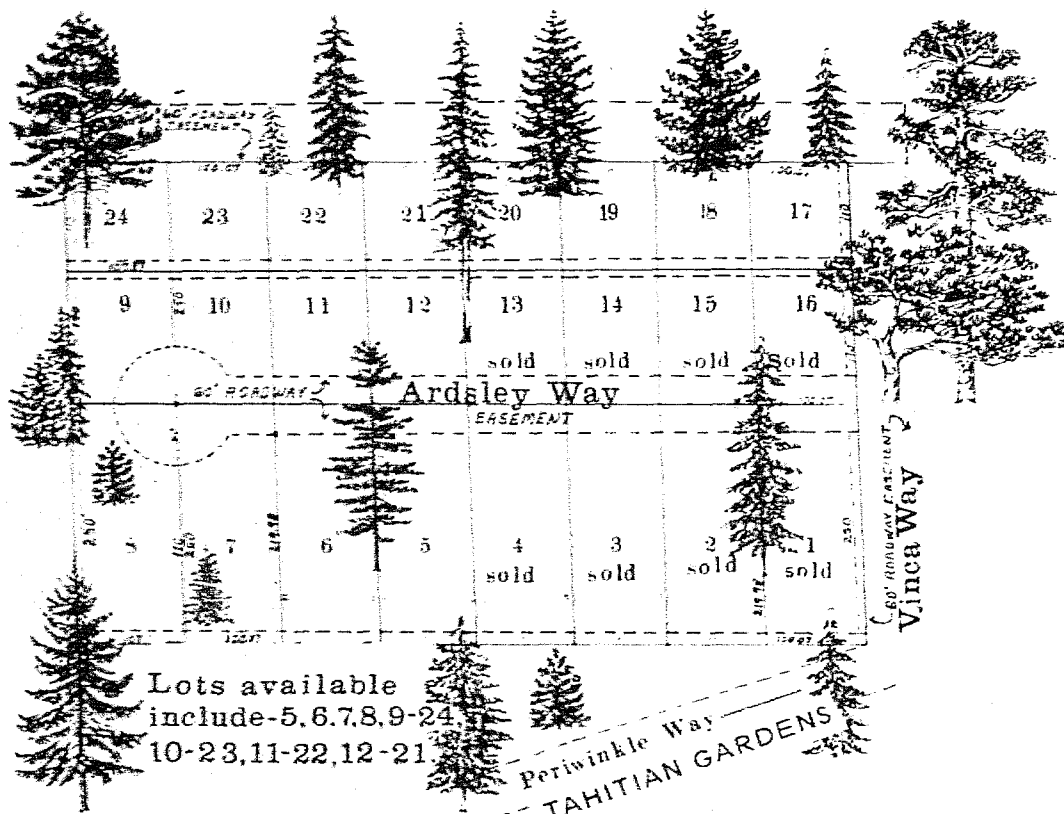
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Here is a picture of the largest doll which will be featured in the Pirate Playhouse Doll Show to be held Friday, April 22, from 2:30 to 5 o'clock to benefit "Life of Lee, Inc.," according to Ruth Hunter. The saucy doll (the one in the photo, not Ruth) is wearing Mrs. Vernon McKenzie's mother's wedding hat.

Over one hundred dolls will be on display, many of

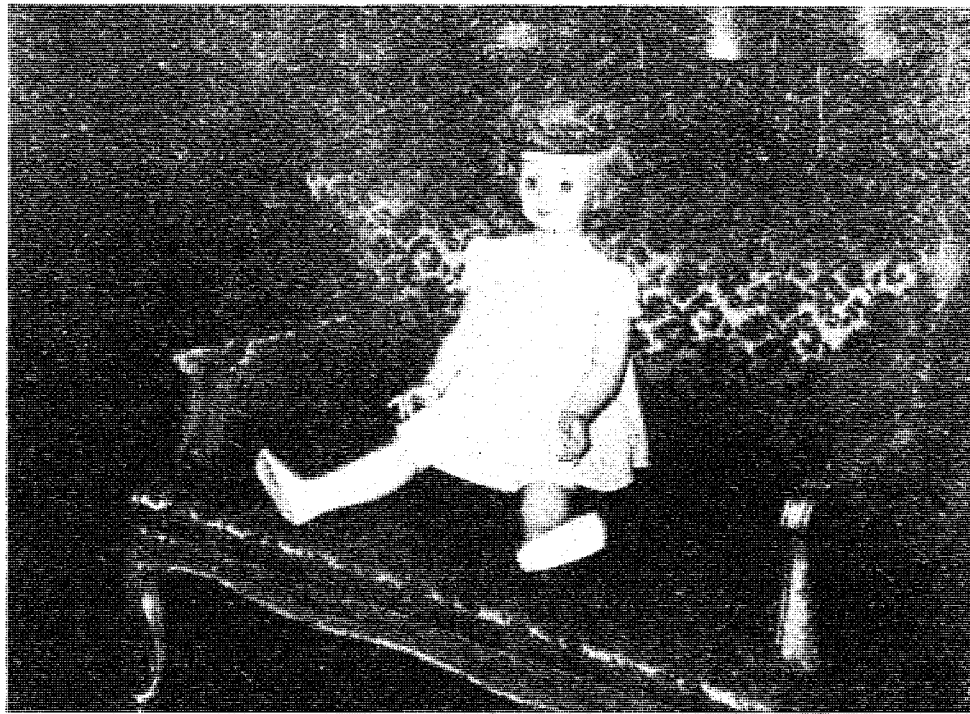
which are prize winners. Included will be the first forked twig doll, two jointed "penny" dolls, an original Rose O'Neil black kewpie doll, and "Ellie Mae," a small doll whose dress was made from the original costume Ruth wore when she originated the role in "Tobacco Road" on Broadway.

Admission is a donation of 50 cents, "each of which will

go to help save the lives of our precious babies," said Ruth, who is donating all the proceeds to "Life of Lee."

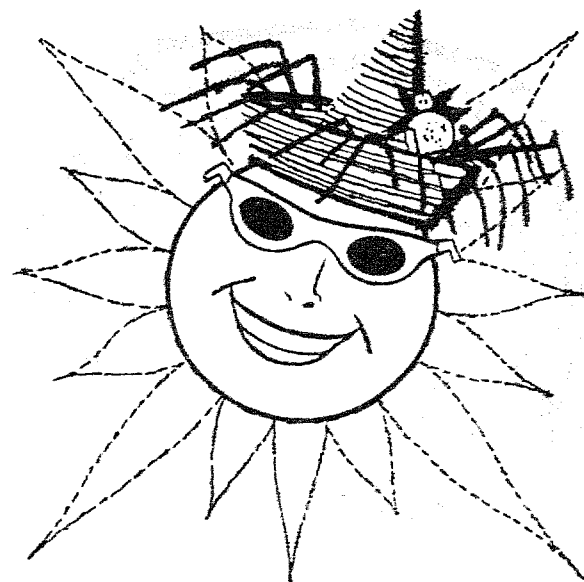
Three of Mrs. Hunter's books, "Barefoot Girl on Broadway," "It Fell Upon A Day" and "Come Back On Tuesday," published by Charles Scribner's of New York, will be on sale, and Ruth, of course, will be on hand to autograph them.

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