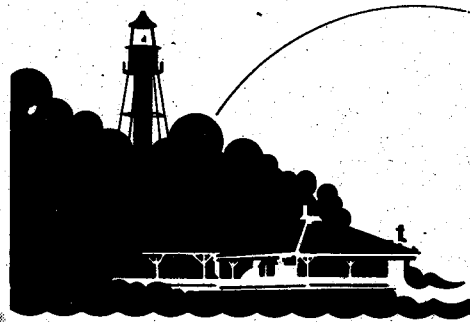


Labor Day — a week later

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last weekend's events



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no IWA purchase contemplated by Mariner

Briefcase causes bomb scare

"Only God and the man who put it there will ever know for sure what was in that briefcase," Sanibel Police Chief Butler told waiting reporters Friday, after the briefcase suspected of containing a bomb had opened while it was being towed from the Causeway and the contents of the case, whatever they were, were lost in the waters of the Bay.

The case was discovered Friday morning by Bob Stewart, an assistant fire chief from Lima, Ohio who was fishing with a friend. Stewart was reaching for it when he apparently had second thoughts and went, instead, to the Sanibel Chamber of Commerce to request a private line into the SPD.

Officer Noon responded. When he arrived and noted what appeared to be two brown wires extending from the case, he ordered the Causeway closed. The case was wedged under the middle span of the bridge.

Both SPD Police Chief Butler and Gil Haas, Director of Lee County Emergency Services agreed later that the case could not have accidentally washed up on shore.

"It was definitely placed there deliberately," said Butler "and it was in a perfect place to accomplish the destruction of the Causeway, if it were a bomb," added Haas.

The officers, after being unable to locate any members of Lee County's bomb squad, stayed in phone consultation with the Miami-Dade bomb squad. After learning that the two wires protruding from the case were brown, they ordered further evacuation of 300 yards. It was on their advice as well that Col. Dave Wilson of the Lee County Sheriff's Office tied a rope around the case and the Coast

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In a recent letter to the ISLANDER, Mariner Properties Executive vice-president, Allen Ten Broek stated that Mariner, the Islands largest developer, "has never had nor does it currently have any interest in purchasing the Island Water Association.

Reports had been circulating through the ranks of water management officials that Mariner was interested in purchasing the beleaguered IWA. Ten Broek termed the reports "pure nonsense".

IWA general manager Larry Snell had commented in a public meeting with the water franchise committee that he understood Mariner was interested in securing the rights to the water on Captiva Island, since Mariner-owned property consumes better than half the water on that Island and the soundest wells are located on South Seas Plantation.

Mariner Properties does own the sewage treatment facility on Sanibel — an apparent abridgement of the IWA's charter with the State of Florida. (Lee County however, did not incorporate any sewage provision in their water franchise agreement with the IWA.)

The franchise committee, composed of representatives from the City, the IWA and the community are currently investigating the possibility of changing their Lee County franchise agreement to either a franchise agreement with the City of Sanibel or a license agreement with both the City and the County.

Early last week, representatives from the IWA met with members of the Planning Commission, along with members of other human support organizations, to request at least a five-year growth goal and preferably a 20 to 40 year plan so the IWA can tailor its plans to a definite demand.



An egret suns himself in the still-warm September air.

barge docked; owner charged

Delaware resident William Black was charged with illegally towing a barge on Saturday, September 10, when he attempted to move a 30 x 60 foot barge and a two-story houseboat from Fort Myers Yacht Basin to Twin Palms Marina on

Captiva Island. Coast Guard Chief Tim Vaught boarded the vessel in transit and charged Black with having no licensed operator on board. The charge carries a maximum of \$500 fine. Vaught, who is turning the case over to the

Coast Guard's Marine Safety Office in Tampa, said that Black informed him that he was planning on living aboard the boat while he built condominium units on Upper Captiva. The houseboat is now docked at Twin Palms Marina.

in your opinion...

how did last weekend's big rain affect you?



I couldn't get to my house—there was about a foot of water around it.
Ron Siler, Sanibel



My driveway was all flooded out and there was two feet of water in the front yard.
Frank Peters, Sanibel



Well, I went through two cars, both of which stalled out and ended up putting 170 miles on my Toyota truck.
Steve Keene, Sanibel



The backyard is still full of water.
Lynn Kearns, Sanibel



It is disappointing that we can't go down the wildlife trail in the refuge because it is still full of water.
Kathy Munroe, Key West



We have been vacationing at Sanibel Beach Club and were afraid to walk outside because the alligators and snakes just might have been in the same water.
Mrs. Walter Geisler, New York City

better bridge

By ROBERT D. ROSENBLUM
Copley News Service

Alan Sontag's ambition is to be the best bridge player in the world. He works at it. Sontag is one of a small coterie of professionals who earns a living from the game. He is good. At the age of 31 Sontag has won five national championships and more than 50 regional and sectional titles. His most recent success was at the ACBL's Summer Championships in Chicago where he won the six-session Life Master Pairs with Peter Weichsel.

Some of his other victories are of note. Sontag and Steve Altman were the first Americans ever to win the London Sunday Times Invitational, possibly the most prestigious pairs tournament in the world. This was in 1973. Two years later Sontag repeated with Weichsel as partner, the first player from any country to win it a second time.

This same pair won the richest bridge tournament ever played, New York's Cavendish Calcutta, and also played together on one of three U.S. teams to defeat Omar Sharif and the three leading members of the Italian Blue Team, each winning a Lancia automobile for his efforts.

You can read of these feats in Alan Sontag's autobiographical account, "The

Bridge Bum, My Life and Play," published by William Morrow and Company, New York (\$8.95). It is absorbing enough that you are likely to finish it in a single session.

The author covers the spectrum of contract bridge. He touches on play-for-pay, the Bennett murder, ACBL rankings, a number of bridge scandals, the Dallas Aces, C. C. Wei and his Precision System, and much more. Perhaps the most fascinating chapter is a description of how he turned the tables on three bridge hustlers who were cheating his client.

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

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

S Q 7 5 2
H A K Q 8 7 4
D Q
C K 8

Dealer — West. East-West vulnerable.

West North East South
1 D Pass 2 D 4 H
All Pass

Sontag held the South cards against Howard and Bee Schenken in the Cavendish Calcutta.

His jump to four hearts was a gamble based on Howard Schenken's propensity for light openings (one diamond denied a good hand) and Bee's weak raise.

Schenken cashed the ace of diamonds, his wife following with the jack, and continued low to her ten, attempting to conceal the king and lead declarer astray. Sontag ruffed and continued with...

But how would you play? Be warned, there is only one line that works.

Sontag ducked a spade, allowing East to win. He won a trump return and led a spade to the ace to run the jack of clubs, West winning the ace. Declarer ruffed a diamond continuation and trumped a low spade in dummy, dropping East's king. He drew trumps and claimed.

Try playing spades any other way and you go down. If you lead a spade to the ace and another toward the queen, East wins the king and plays a third. You ruff in dummy and, of necessity, lead a club. West takes his ace and plays a fourth spade. Now East overruffs dummy's ten of hearts for the setting trick.

Sontag had worked out that West held four spades and East three. If West's holding included the king, making two ruffs necessary, he was going down. The rest was "easy."

weather

As compiled by Walter Klie of the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce weather station on Causeway, last week's weather statistics for Sanibel's east end are as follows:

DATE	HI	LO	RAINFALL (In inches)
September 2	84	74	4.0
September 3	84	73	3.2
September 4	(No reading taken)		
September 5	(No reading taken)		
September 6	90	76	None
September 7	90	78	None
September 8	90	78	.08

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bomb scare

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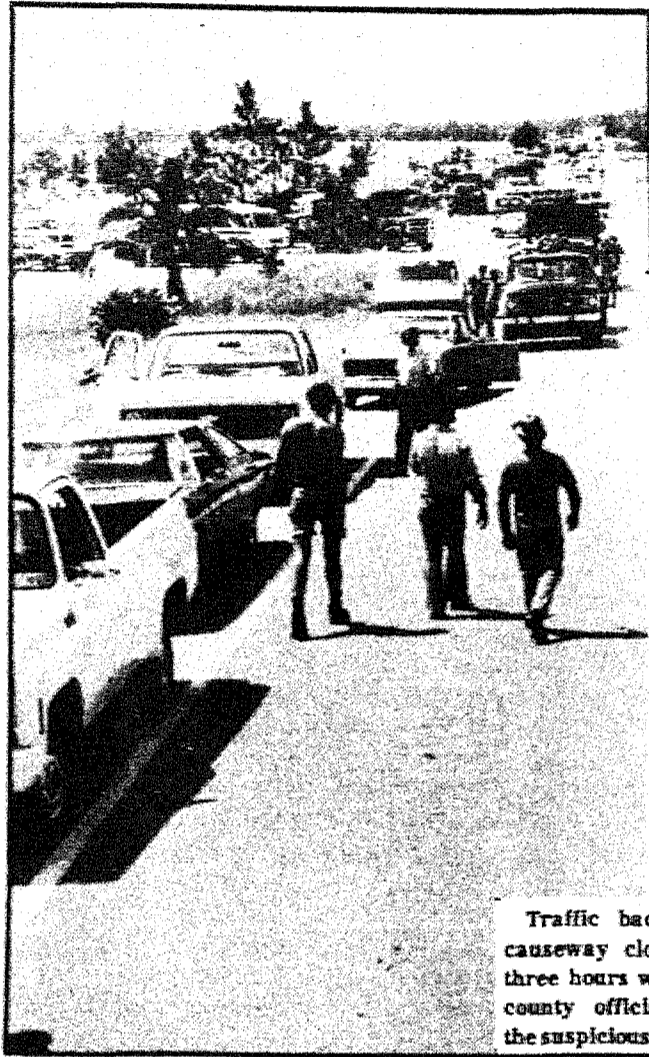
Guard towed it into the water. With a 12-gauge shotgun, Wilson pumped several rounds into the case to see if it would ignite. Had it done so, the water would have cushioned the blast. The case was then taken to a small sandbar but there was

no indication what the case had actually contained.

Meanwhile tourists, residents and contractors on their way on and off the Island waited it out for three hours in the 90 degree heat.



Wait, wait wait. Is it a bomb or isn't it?



Traffic backs up as the causeway closes down for three hours while local and county officials dismantle the suspicious briefcase.

Vice Mayor Zee Butler evidently had received an irate phone call from a group of tourists who had arrived at the Causeway last Friday night to find it closed because of storms. Now on their way off the Island, at the end of their vacation, they again found themselves stuck! "First you wouldn't let us on this Island, now you won't let us off," they fumed.

The area around the spot where the case opened was searched as a precautionary measure but nothing of value was uncovered.



Where is the beer?

Sanibel harvesters: islander grows on dish rags

It was only this past May that Islander Mark McClintick planted a packet of seeds he had received from a friend in Indiana, and already Mark is looking forward to the day when he can harvest his very own dish rags.

The seeds Mark planted a few months back yielded a fast-growing vine commonly known as the dish rag plant due to the fact that it bears an elongated green gourd which, when dried and bleached, can be used as a scouring pad, "Chore-boy," or scrubber for cleansing dishes and even the tender skin of human beings.

After harvesting the gourd is thoroughly dried, bleached, and then cut into slices of a shape which can be used in scouring dishes. A longitudinal slice through the dried gourd results in a product which is marketed as the "Spa genuine Loofa" and which is advertised as an invigorating tool for human bathing. On Sanibel,

the "Spa genuine Loofa" is currently available through the Island Apothecary on Palm Ridge Road.

In this picture, McClintick, owner of the Tradewinds Apartments on Jamaica Drive, poses with a ripening dish rag gourd in one hand the dried product in the other. It should be noted that the dried gourd was furnished to Mark by his friend in Indiana and that Mark has yet to harvest any of the gourds which he has grown on Sanibel because the growing instructions recommend that he wait for a few early frosts before harvesting.

"I don't know what I'm going to do for a frost," said the undaunted Islander, who seemed quite happy with his early crop of dish rags despite the fact that he cannot harvest them.

McClintick is also the current chairman of the Sanibel Fire Control District board of commissioners.



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commentary

state rewards the slow-pokes

In the those-who-have-done-the-leastest-seem-to-get-the-mostest category would seem to fit the dispersion of \$750,000 in funds to assist cities and counties in meeting their planning responsibilities under the local government comprehensive planning act. According to the intent of the legislature, monies are available "only to those local governments having the greatest need of state financial assistance." In other words, if a locality has not yet even begun to act upon the State's mandate requiring a comprehensive land use plan by 1979, if they have been sitting on their thumbs over the past two years, then they are eligible for the money.

If, however, they have figured out how to finance a land use plan, raised

the money or have commitments for it, or, like Sanibel, actually have a land use plan in effect, then there's no money.

It reminds us of a story once related about former President Nixon and his Irish setter, King Tim. The president was having a meeting with then Secretary of State Kissinger in the oval office and King Tim was munching away contentedly on the oval office rug. After admonishing his pet several times to cease his destruction of government property, Nixon, without pausing in his sentence, reached into his bottom drawer and removed a dog bone which he gave to King Tim who then left the rug to work on his bone. "Congratulations, Mr. President," interrupted Kissinger to a somewhat

startled president at this breach of protocol. "You have just taught your dog to chew the carpet."

By rewarding those who have engaged in the least effort to comply with the state requirements, we are indeed rewarding governments for "chewing the carpet."

In fact, the grant may have just the opposite effect of the intended one. If, in 1977, the State is allocating funds for land use planning, doesn't it seem reasonable that they will allocate further monies in 1978? \$750,000 isn't very much money. Sanibel, for instance, if eligible, would receive \$4,000 plus \$.50 per capita over 1,000. The total, on a population base of 2,690, would be under \$5,000.

A veritable drop in the bucket, but

the State's method would still seem to be erroneous. It might promote procrastination as pointed out, and it seems to postulate that the cost of preparing a land use plan is more than the cost of implementing one—since they have omitted from first consideration those localities that already have a plan. Yet, outside legal fees alone for defending the land use plan are budgeted for \$150,000 in 1977-78. That's only \$30,000 less than the CLUP cost in the first place and it is only for one year.

Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss told City Council that he had made the Department of Community Affairs aware of Sanibel's position with regard to the dispersal of its funds and we are on the list, albeit towards the bottom. Still, it is the principle, after all.

endorsements mounting for city bike path application

Within the past week, local endorsements have been mounting rapidly for the City of Sanibel's application for a state grant with which to construct a new 2.5-mile long section of the Island's popular bicycle path.

By now, the city's proposal to extend Sanibel's bike path network along the north side of Palm Ridge Road and Sanibel-Captiva Road to the Sanibel Elementary School is not a new one. To date, the city has made a number of applications for state grants to help fund the proposed bike path construction, but, until recently, city administrators had received little encouragement from state officials responsible for awarding the grants.

A recent trip to Tallahassee made by Sanibel Acting Mayor Zee Butler and City Manager Bill Nungester yielded a number of suggestions as to how Sanibel can improve its chances of receiving the requested grant. Pursuant to one of the suggestions offered by state officials, Islander Judy Workman has recently undertaken to circulate a petition among Island residents to generate support for the city's grant application.

"It's going very well thus far," she reported last week. "The support is really overwhelming, and it looks very promising in terms of what we're trying to accomplish."

Judy said that as of last week, about

1,500 signatures had been collected in support of the proposed bike path construction. She added that she had originally hoped to collect in the vicinity of 2,000 signatures for the petition, "but I think we're going to go over that figure easily," Judy said last week.

She indicated that copies of the petition will continue to be circulated on the Islands throughout the month of September.

Another local endorsement for the planned addition to Sanibel's bike path network has been offered by the Sanibel Planning Commission. During the course of their special workshop meeting last Wednesday, the planning

commission voted unanimously to draft a letter of endorsement for the project to be forwarded to state officials.

According to cost estimates formulated by City Manager Nungester, the proposed expansion of Sanibel's bike path will cost in the vicinity of \$144,000 to complete, while the city has set aside roughly \$65,000 in the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year as Sanibel's share of the work.

Further, the Sanibel City Council was to have considered a formal resolution in support of the city's application for a bike path grant at their meeting held yesterday, September 12, in MacKenzie Hall.

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League of Women voters meets tonight

The Sanibel-Captiva Unit of the Lee County League of Women Voters will hold the second series of two planning sessions for members only at 7:30 p.m., tonight, September 13, in the meeting room at the West Wind Inn on West Gulf Drive.

The Island Unit of the League has also scheduled two regular meetings, to which the public is warmly invited, for the month of October. The meetings will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday,

October 10, and at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18.

Until further notice, all meetings of the Island Unit of the League of Women Voters will be held in the meeting room at the West Wind Inn, located directly behind the Inn's tennis courts, which are visible from West Gulf Drive.

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planners initiate work toward phased development policy

In a special workshop meeting last Wednesday morning, the Sanibel Planning Commission met with representatives of various Island support systems to begin addressing the question of whether a policy of phased development should be instituted for the still growing City of Sanibel.

Officials of the Island Water Association (IWA), Lee County Electric Cooperative, Sanibel Fire Department and Sanibel Police Department (SPD) appeared before the planning commission last week to present their plans for accommodating the continued rapid growth of the Island city. The purpose of last Wednesday's informative exchange was partly to determine if there is a need for the city to adopt more stringent controls to slow the rate of growth which has been experienced on the Island ever since the city's formation, and in a greater sense, throughout the past decade.

"Ever since I've been associated with the IWA, we've been playing catch-up, IWA President Jim Robson told the planning commission at the outset of last week's meeting. Over the past summer, the customer-owned IWA has been racked with uncertainty over its ability to provide sufficient potable water to meet the increasing demand for this vital human necessity in the years ahead, and the IWA is perhaps the prime mover behind the current public outcry for a phased development program for Sanibel.

"The IWA already faces a pent-up demand from units now built but not yet occupied," Robson said, "and this will tax the system to its very limit if the coming season is anything like normal."

Robson revealed that the IWA's new staff engineer, Ian Watson, is currently working with General Manager Larry Snell to improve the pre-treatment process employed at their existing electrolysis plant on Sanibel. Robson said that the plant is currently producing about 1.6-million gallons of water per day (god), while the plant is designed for a capacity of 2.1-million god.

Among other methods being considered by IWA to provide more water

for Sanibel include the construction of a small reverse osmosis plant to supplement the existing plant, the construction of a large reverse osmosis plant, the possibility of buying water from Florida Cities Water Company, and the construction of additional water storage tanks on the Island, according to Robson.

He added that a long-range solution to the Island's water problems will probably require a concerted effort of state and local government to pump water from the interior of Florida to the state's heavily-populated coastal areas.

"Whatever we do is going to take millions of dollars," Robson said, "And it's important to know what the demand is going to be. We're asking the planning commission to lay down guidelines for the growth and development of the Island so that we can proceed with our own planning process."

Robson indicated that the IWA cannot even begin to plan for the construction of future facilities until they have received the results of a test well dug recently in the attempt to determine the quantity and quality of water available under the Island. IWA Manager Snell said that he expects the test results to be available by mid-October, and that he hopes the results will tell IWA officials just how much water is available under the Island and how long it will last at a given rate of usage.

Snell added that he believes that the IWA's existing treatment facilities will be sufficient to meet the anticipated demand for potable water on the Islands over the coming winter season, although it may require occasional short-term bans on the use of water for landscaping and irrigation.

"It's the following season that really worries us," said Snell, and Robson was quick to add that the IWA will not be able to accommodate the demand for water occasioned by an annual growth rate of twenty per cent compounded over the next five years with their current level of funding.

According to statistics compiled by the city, there are already in the vicinity of 4,500 dwelling units existing on Sanibel, while the city's com-



James Sherfey (left), new general manager of the Lee County Electric Cooperative, and retiring Co-op Manager Homer Welch listened intently to the planning commission's deliberations last week while other local officials were equally rapt withal.

prehensive land use plan imposes a density ceiling of roughly 7,800 units for the Island.

"Where we're at today is not a comfortable situation," Robson told the commission.

Although representatives of the other public support systems present at last week's meeting indicated that their problems with meeting the demands of growth are less severe than those of the IWA, they, too, commented on the need

for coordination of their respective planning efforts with the city.

Roswell Sherling, staff engineer for the Lee County Electric Co-op, told city planners that the Co-op is currently planning to run a second transmission line from Pine Island to Sanibel's east end to improve service to the rapidly growing eastern section of the Island. He asked the city to indicate where the

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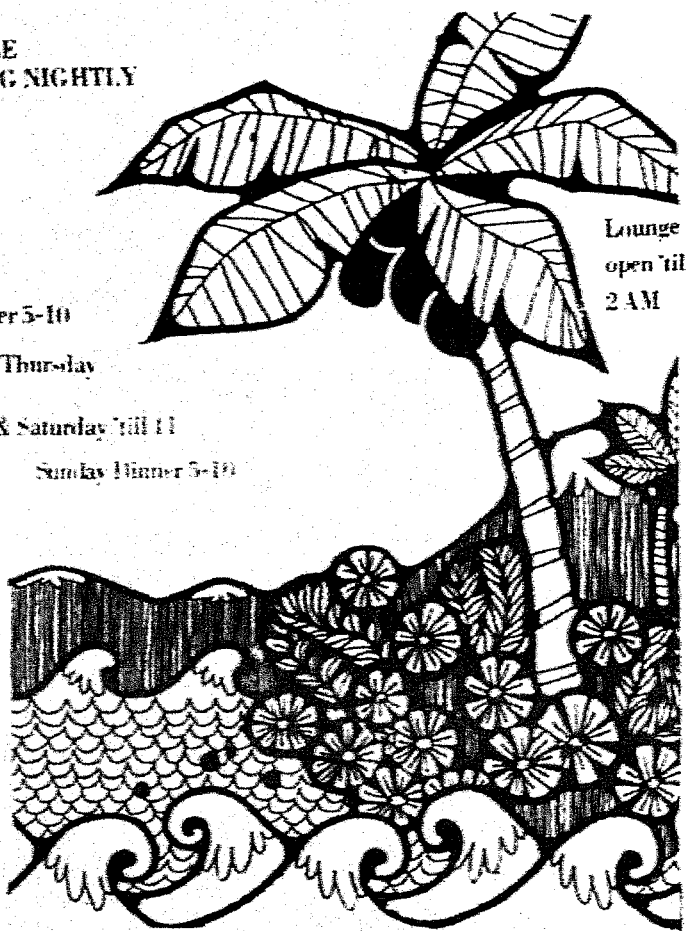
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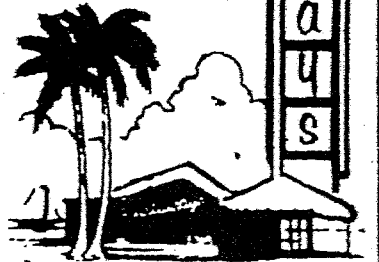
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another view of the constitution revision proceedings

(ed note: Last week Paul Howe wrote his view of what happened at the constitution review committee. what follows is another view of the same proceeding)

The following are suggested changes and additions to the Florida Constitution, submitted to the Florida Constitution Revision Commission at Fort Myers Public Hearing, August 30, 1977, by Mrs. P. Davis, President of the Lee County Taxpayers' Association.

STATE INCOME TAX

Reinstate material deleted from 1885 Constitution, "no taxes upon income of residents or citizens of the State shall be levied by the State of Florida."

LOCAL TAXES

Add to Article 7, Section 9 (b) last paragraph which says, "A county furnishing municipal services may, to the extent authorized by law, levy additional taxes within the limits fixed for municipal purposes" ONLY WHEN AUTHORIZED BY VOTE OF ELECTORS WHO ARE OWNERS OF FREEHOLDS THEREIN.

LOCAL BONDS

Article 7, Section 12, provides that counties, school districts, municipalities, special districts and local governmental bodies with taxing powers may issue bonds, certificates of indebtedness or any form of tax anticipation certificates payable from ad valorem

taxation and maturing more than twelve months after issuance.

Add to this section: "Every bond issue (revenue or general obligation bond) SHALL state the anticipated interest the taxpayers will pay each year and the amount they will be paying over the life of the bond issue." This is required by private credit companies and the same should apply to the government. The people MUST KNOW what a bond issue, regardless of what type, will cost them in interest each year and for the entire life of the bond issue. Please note that revenue bondholders now require that the bond resolution pledge other charges or fees including revenue, in case there is not enough money to pay the interest on the revenue bonds. Because of the additional charges and fees we might have to pay, we feel that a vote on REVENUE BONDS be required.

LEE COUNTY proposes to float a 30 MILLION dollar general obligation bond issue soon, for a few road improvements. The Tax Assessor's office informed us that one mill would yield \$2,250,000, based on the 1977 tax roll. At a low interest rate of 7 per cent on \$30,000,000, it would cost the taxpayers \$2,100,000 for just ONE YEAR! As in private

enterprise, we want the proposed or approximate interest for each year of a bond issue and the interest for the entire lifetime of the bond issue, PRINTED ON THE BALLOT.

Where in the Florida Constitution does it allow for issuance of tax anticipation certificates WITHOUT voter freeholder approval?

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

Where is the constitutional authority to allow Interlocal Agreements? These agreements, hidden from the public, are far more serious than ordinances. Certain small units of government get together, not to just solve some little old local problems, but to place serious and high taxes, fees, tolls and fines upon the people, all without their knowledge. They are not listed on the official agendas of the governmental agencies, but usually come up in a report.

COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

Where is the Constitutional authority for Chapter 257 of the Comprehensive Land Use Act of 1975? We feel this law should be amended to allow for only the planning of public lands, such as schools, streets, highways and public facilities. We feel strongly

that planning of properly zoned private property is in no way the concern of the government unless the particular piece of land is in dire need of public use and the owner is duly compensated. Also, cause must be shown.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE

We object to the gaping hole used by governmental agencies to circumvent the law and by-pass the people by using the term "HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE." This should be defined to show a TRUE emergency and not for the purpose of depriving a person of his property and rights.

METRO HOME RULE CHARTERS AND CITY METRO HOME RULE CHARTERS are allowed to by-pass state law. We feel a close look at this section of the Constitution is needed to achieve uniformity and stop discrimination.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

When voting on tax issues and bonds, the law should be changed for stricter residency requirements.

GUN REGISTRATION

We oppose strenuously gen registration. New York has gun registration and the

highest crime rate in the country.

UNICAMERAL LEGISLATURE

A small legislature is more easily controlled by power groups. Consequently, we are opposed to this form of legislature. We believe in the two houses, the House and Senate to act as checks and balances.

COUNTY DISTRICTS

We also feel that in counties, County Commissioners should not be elected at large, but rather, from districts, thus giving the people a more responsive government.

The foregoing presentation which was supplemented by comments made by Mrs. Paulette Burton, Secretary of the Lee County Taxpayers' Association, were heard with great interest and cordiality, in particular by Chairman Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte and by former Governor, the Honorable LeRoy Collins, who requested a copy of the presentation and copies of Inter-Local Agreements Bond Resolutions, all of which were delivered to them.

Mrs. P. Davis, Pres.
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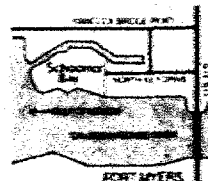
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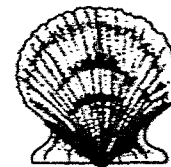
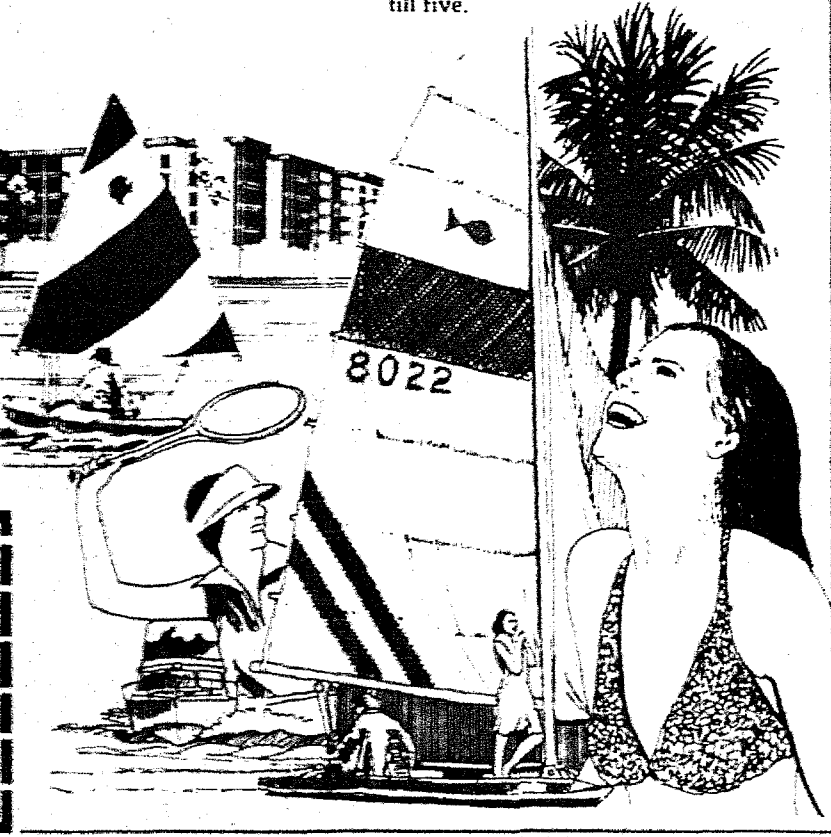
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Howe's that?

Did you know that Florida's laws contain at least fifty-seven provisions on the suspension and removal of public officials?

Florida Supreme Court Justice Frederick B. Karl commented on that grab-bag of loopholes in his address to the Constitution Revision Commission at its second public hearing in Jacksonville on August 24. He did not identify all of the provisions so it is possible that the list may have omitted Chapter 74-606 that offered Sanibel's voters a unique Recall provision for removing unsatisfactory public officials. Nonetheless, he recommended that ALL provisions for such action "be reviewed with a view toward more uniformity and it be made clear in the Constitution whether a particular procedure is exclusive or cumulative."

My curiosity was piqued by the possibility that the unique Recall provision in the Sanibel

Charter was overlooked because it was scrubbed out before the Sanibel voters unwittingly voted for it. They were not told that the very same Legislature that offered the Charter for adoption with the provision also enacted Chapter 74-130 that was elsewhere touted as a "uniform Recall procedure" for cities and CHARTERED counties. In effect, this other procedure was substituted for the unique one that had sprung out of the brain of the Sanibel Home Rule Committee.

Justice Karl's remarks to the commission, nor apparently any of the Constitutional or statutory provisions, address themselves to the very simple and common problem of removing from our mounting public payrolls just plain "no-goods" that Sanibel had solved. Our Federal and State lawmakers have traditionally been preoccupied and focused their laws on the removal of public of-

ficials for "some abuse or violation of some public trust" as Alexander Hamilton briefly put it in his Federalist Paper No. 65 of 1788. The removal procedure, therefor, has always been of an adversary nature with all the sensationalism and character-assassination that are the trappings of a juicy criminal trial. (The recent Nixon affair still burns bright in the American public's mind.)

The uniqueness of the Sanibel Recall provision accepted by the 1974 Florida Legislature was that it did involve a simple and humane way for the voters themselves to rid the public payrolls of those whom they considered unsatisfactory. And, for ANY reason without making an accusatory bill of particulars the basis for a long drawn-out adversary public trial.

Subsequent to his address to the Commission, I invited Justice Karl's attention to this

more humane approach embedded in the Sanibel proposal. My suggestion to him was to augment his remarks to the Commission with a recommendation as to the desirability of adopting the underlying philosophy of the Sanibel approach. He responded promptly by stating: "My presentation to the Constitution Revision Commission is finished. Unless they ask something further, I do not expect to return. I am sure they would appreciate hearing from you however."

Justice Karl's sage advice is passed along to all Sanibelites who feel as proud as I do about our ability to come up with a unique and humane way to get rid of "no goods" from our payrolls. Let's ALL write to the Commission on this matter - and maybe our original dream will come true. (Their address is: Florida Constitution Revision Commission, Senate Office Building, Tallahassee, Fl. 32304)

refuge drive closed

The five mile-long wildlife drive through the main unit of the J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge here on Sanibel has been closed to traffic since last Monday because too many cars were stalling out and getting stuck in deep water which had accumulated at the far end of the drive in the wake of the heavy rains which inundated the Islands over the preceding weekend.

Last week, Refuge officials opened a cut in the dike about 100 yards from

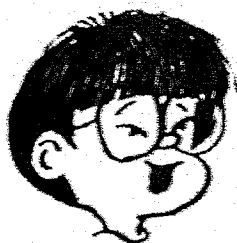
the entrance to the Refuge to drain excess water from the freshwater impoundment area into the tidal side of the dike to save the mangroves in the impounded area from destruction. Officials said the cut would remain open until at least a foot of water has drained into the tidal flats.

As of our deadline for this issue, Refuge officials could not say for certain just when the popular wildlife drive will be reopened to traffic.



lunch menus

Tuesday, Sept. 13 - Tuesday, Sept. 20



September 13
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September 15
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+Spanish Rice—Meat Ole!

September 19
Fish Cheese Burger—Bun, French Fries, Buttered Broccoli, Apple Wedge, Milk.
+Corn Beef on Whole Wheat

September 14
Cheeseburger—Bun, Steamed Potato, Lettuce Tomatoe, Carrot Sticks, Orange Pudding Cake, Milk.
+Fishburger

September 16
Weiner Winks, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Peanut Butter Bars, Milk.
+Grilled Cheese Sandwich

September 20
Meatloaf, Rice—Gravy, Buttered Carrot Coins, Slice Tomato Salad, ½ Bread & Butter Sand., Pineapple Upside Down Cake, Milk.
+Bologna Sandwich

Canada candidly

The White Paper on the independence vote has now been tabled in the National Assembly in Quebec City. Its quite complicated and I'm no political scientist but I gather it will go through a lot of changes before the referendum itself is drawn up. The tentative date for the vote is sometime in 1979.

Some interesting facts; the voting age has NOT been lowered by judges, public prosecutors and criminals who are not able to vote in other elections will be allowed to vote on separation. The reaction in Ottawa could be interesting. Mr. Trudeau's advisors are begging him to call a Fall

election so he will be able to meet the problem here head on. Bill 101 is now law and that, plus the framework for separation, gives the Liberals in the capital good causes for an election.

Meantime, the people of Quebec have a lot more to worry about than language and cultural differences. The unemployment here is 8 per cent against the national average of 6 per cent and frustrated men and women are picketing the Manpower offices in Montreal demanding jobs. The ruling party had better smarten up and realize its very difficult to be idealistic on an empty stomach.

Some Ottawa observers

are concerned that Margaret Trudeau has chosen this time to return to her husband, if not as his wife, than as the mother of his children. There is an air of uneasiness about the possible reconciliation as Mrs. T. has made no bones that she wants her husband out of public office.

It is some consolation that the latest Gallup Poll showed a drop from 32 to 19 per cent of the people in favour of separation. That might be encouraging but as Prime Minister John Diebenbaker (Dief the Chief) once said, "Pulsare for dogs." Who knows? Keep cool, down there and will keep you posted.

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island life styles

Sanibel and Captiva are very special places with some very special people. They come from an incredible range of backgrounds and areas and yet live harmoniously with nature and their fellow man in a lifestyle that usually differs radically from how they grew up and the way their family and old friends live. How they came to the Islands, why they came to the Islands and how they've adjusted will be covered during the following weeks in this series.

A blind date in 1956 led to the happily married life of Jane and Ted Slosson just as a blind vacation led to a complete change in lifestyle two decades later. Blind luck, one might call it.

But there's is nothing blind about this Island family who approach everything from a houseful of pets to a sailboat race with enviable enthusiasm and vitality.

The Slossons, owners of the Art Fac Gallery in Heart of the Islands shopping center on Periwinkle Way, are different from most Island folk—Ted still commutes three days a week to Hopewell, N.J. where he owns the Princeton Data Film Co. The company reproduces on microfiche such items as working papers of Congress and Supreme Court cases.

"It's still an improvement, though," he grins. "I used to work in Manhattan as a stockbroker and commuted 17½ hours a week on the Reading Railroad. Now, I've cut it down to 13 hours."

Jane, an inveterate beachcomber, had always wanted to come to the Islands on vacation and, finally, friends loaned them a condominium and Jane announced to Ted, "We're going! I've got the tickets."

"When we came over the Causeway," Jane recalls, "I said, Ted, this is where I want to live!"

In November of 1975 they arrived at a final decision to sell everything and move.

"The house sold in seven days," said Ted. "I'm still looking for a buyer for the business, although it has appreciated considerably."

When they moved, the Slossons looked for a business they could both work at and both enjoy. They settled on Art Fac. The appropriateness of their decision is evident—they will be expanding the store and the products next season. Both art history majors, they also wanted something they could expand off-Island.

"We want to develop a group of professional photographers," said Jane, "and are now in the process of



Jane & Ted Slosson at work in Art Fac.

even though it was an accident, young Charlie's name has a family tradition.



assembling a four-color catalog for national distribution."

At Art Fac, the Slossons take photographs and transfer them to canvas. The process has the effect of transmitting a texture and vibrance to the work that is missing in an ordinary photo.

Although they concentrated this year primarily on wildlife, they will be featuring seashells next year. "This way," said Jane, "you can build a collection of seashells and still leave them on the beaches."

This past season was much more successful than either thought it was going to be, the Slossons agreed. Next year they plan to carry more in the way of other types of wall hangings.

One of the interests Jane had to relinquish when moving to Sanibel became a reality was her long-time business of breeding and showing English setters. She is the current president of their National Association.

"Dogpatch" is the name of their new home on the bay and it is as full of surprises as are its owners. The house

was designed by New Jersey architect Frank Lloyd Schwartz and its casual but functional ambiance seems to fit right in with the Slosson family—adults, children, dogs, cat and kittens.

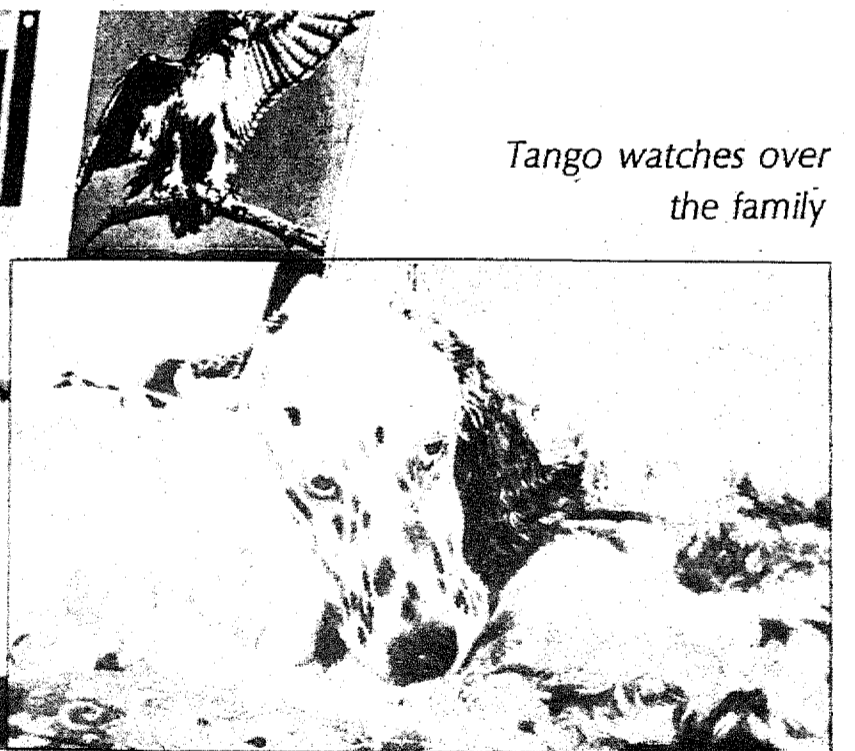
There are three younger Slossons: Peter, 14, a freshman at Canterbury this year; Jenny (somehow short for Jane), 11, who will be attending the Sanibel Resource Center and Charlie (short for Robert), 9, in fourth grade at Sanibel Elementary School. There was some discussion between son Peter and Jane when Charlie-Robert was born. Jane and Ted named him Robert but Peter was determined to call him Charlie, and Charlie it remained. Not that his parents mind; Ted's grandfather was also Charles.

Dogpatch may seem a far cry from Mt. Holyoke Williamstown, Mass. and Princeton, N.J., but the Slossons have managed to enjoy every minute of their rather unique lifestyle, unique even for Islands that are filled with people living different lifestyles.

"But," as Jane says, "it works."



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islanders at work & play

Brian Webb, marketing president for South Seas Plantation, has announced the appointment of Brad Wickham as conference coordinator. Wickham will assist conference manager Chuck Andrews in coordinating transportation and the on-site use of South Seas facilities.

Wickham was formerly part of the management staff of South Seas food and beverage division. He holds an Associate of Design degree from Alfred University, Alfred, New York and, on the Island, is a member of the South Seas 86-er softball team.

South Seas is expanding their conference facilities with the December opening of a 20,000 square foot restaurant and conference complex. The conference area will include conference rooms, a stage theater and will be adjacent to

"Chadwick's", the Plantation's new theme restaurant.

Chuck Andrews, who won the Chamber of Commerce drawing for the free week at South Seas Plantation, has given the prize to his parents who are understandably delighted. Plans now are for the Andrews to visit Chuck during Christmas. Now that's a nice Christmas gift.

Arley Buntrock and Trudy Prevatt are busy making plans to go on a buying trip to Mexico in mid-October for the Three Crafty Ladies. They will be making some renovations during September to the shop on Periwinkle in preparation for the coming season.

Stephanie Slonakes married William Zale Favorite Friday evening, September 2nd at St.

Michael's Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Favorite is the daughter of Mrs. Joseph Younkin and Mr. John Slonakes of Troy, Ohio. Mr. Favorite's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Favorite of Picqua, Ohio.

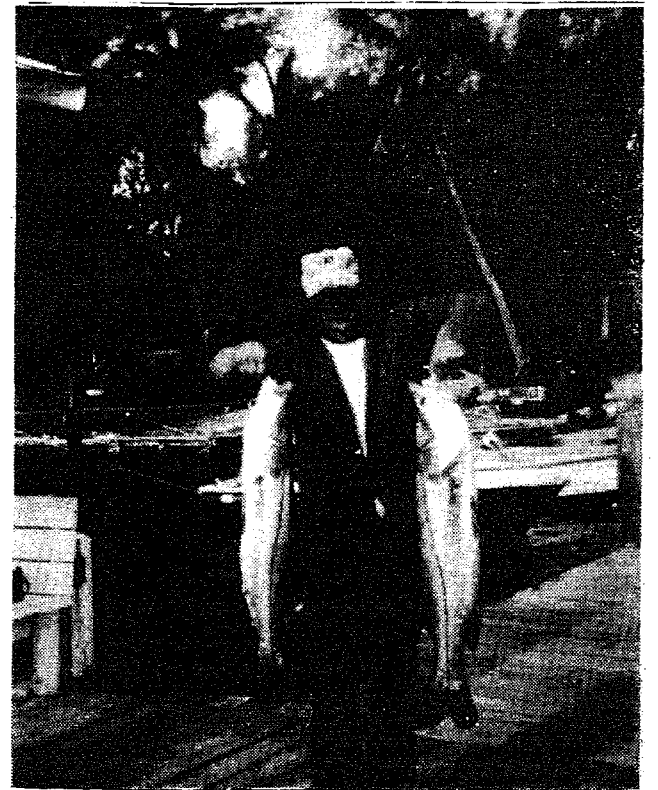
Wedding attendants were Mr. and Mrs. William Casparis and Mrs. Katherine Casparis.

The newlyweds are honeymooning at Blind Pass Cottages and will reside in Fairborn, Ohio.

Of note to Islanders, September's issue of Florida Trend carries an interesting article on "Sanibel - Troubled Paradise." The article begins-and ends-with a discussion of hurricanes and traces the development of the growth of the Island City and describes Sanibel as a place where "birds and

builders" are battling for nesting space. Interesting reading.

We are pleased to report to Nancy Burns that no tropical depressions have affected shipping during the past weeks and her



Lee Denson

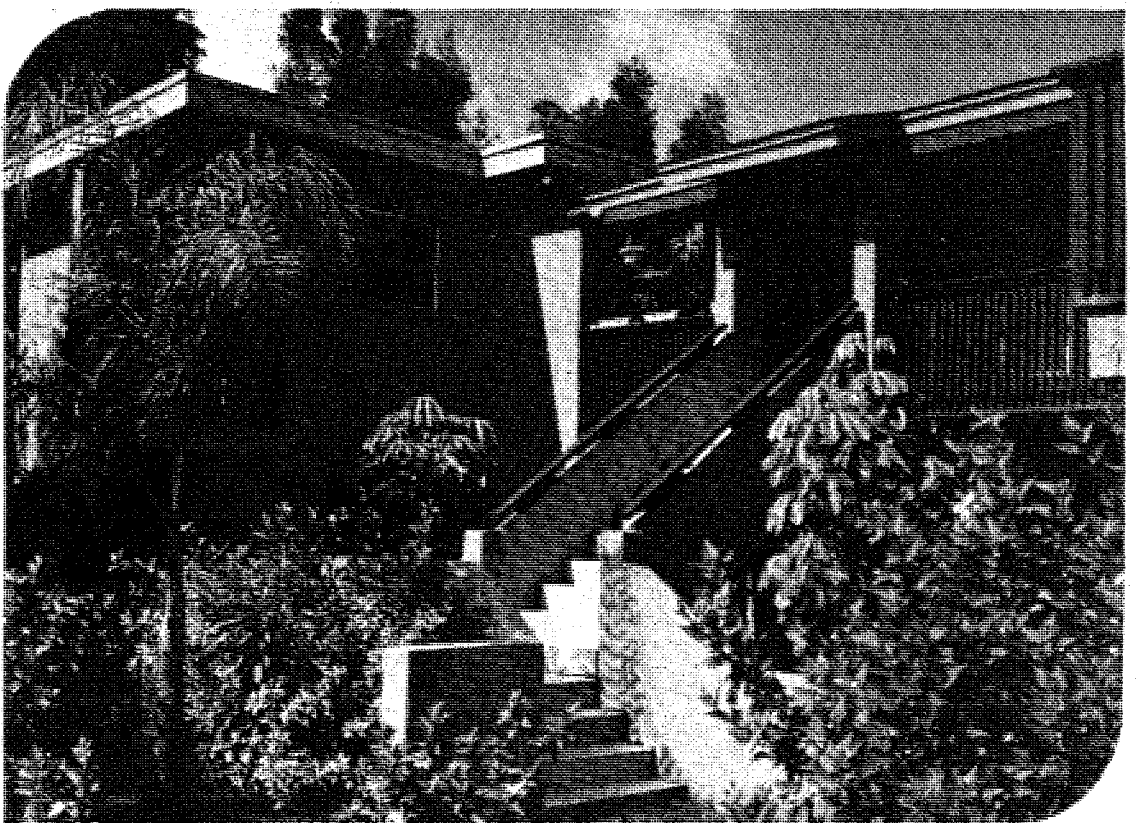
anxiously awaited beige Fiat should be right on schedule.

Captivan Lee Denson proudly displays fourteen and sixteen pound snook that he outsmarted during a recent trip with Capt. Jerry

Way. Al Blank, with 20 years on Captiva waters also went along. The reason his picture isn't in the ISLANDER is because, you guessed it, he didn't get the snook—Lee did it all, much to the chagrin of Mr. Blank.



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food for thought by julie gray

Traditionally at this time of the year food editors come up with a variety of lunch box stuffers for the school crowd. We, too, will be offering some new and tempting goodies to vary the lunch time sandwich fare, all in due time.

But how about something for the families who are left behind? The following recipes may also be something for the student to tote along in a thermos-type lunch pail. After all, there are other good things besides sandwiches for lunch!

The dictionary defines a salad as "any of various cooked foods or foods that are edible raw, prepared singly or combined, usually cut up, mixed with a dressing, and served hot or cold as an appetizer, main course or side dish."

Now that's quite a description isn't it? We would call it a general summary of an all-encompassing category of food.

No wonder there are so many different kinds of salads—hot, cold, fruit, meat, vegetables and even dessert salads.

A salad can be as individual as the person who prepares it. It can be daring, gay, whimsical or casual. It can be light or hearty, simple or complex.

The secret to the success of a tossed salad is to carefully prepare the greens, tearing them into bite sized pieces and draining them well on absorbent toweling.

The Florida Department of Agriculture has this to say about salads:

"The salad bowl provides a flavorful way to good nutrition, as well as adding variety in color, flavor and texture to daily menus.

Nutritional contributions of salads vary depending upon their ingredients, so knowing the values of common salad ingredients plays a key role in incorporating them into a well-balanced menu. Nutrition labeling appears on the packages of many prepared foods, aiding shoppers with the selection of foods for wholesome diets. But when it comes to selecting fresh produce,

shoppers are largely dependent upon their own memories.

Nutritionally, salads can be broken down into two categories — vegetable and fruit salads and main dish salads. Vegetable and fruit salads which supply important minerals and vitamins can count as one of the four or more servings of that good group required each day, while main dish salads and "salad" sandwiches generally offer body building proteins to the diet.

Following are some guidelines to post on your refrigerator or take to the supermarket to help you choose a

VITAMIN C — Citrus fruits or vegetables namely, grapefruit, oranges, tomatoes, green and red peppers, strawberries and cantaloupe all provide Vitamin C. Other vegetables include cabbage, broccoli and raw cauliflower.

MINERALS, INCLUDING CALCIUM — Vegetables and fruits are generally considered good sources of minerals. Among salad greens good sources of calcium are leaf, Bibb and Boston lettuce; romaine, escarole, spinach and endive. Some fruits richer in calcium than most are: oranges,

FLORIDA CITRUS SALAD
 1 cup diced orange sections
 1 cup diced grapefruit sections
 1/4 cup sugar
 1 3-oz package orange flavored gelatin
 1 cup boiling water
 1 tblsp. grated orange rind
 3 tblsp. chopped maraschino cherries
 One-third cup coconut

Combine orange sections, grapefruit sections and sugar. Let stand 10 minutes. Then dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Drain sweetened fruit, measuring juice and adding water to make 3/4 of a cup. Add juice mixture and orange rind to gelatin. Chill until very thick. Then fold in orange, grapefruit, cherries and coconut. Spoon into a 1-quart miled or individual molds. Chill until firm. Garnish with whipped cream topping and decorate with fresh mint leaves. Makes 6-8 servings.

SALADE NICOISE
 2 lbs. potatoes, boiled and sliced
 2 cups cut green beans, cooked
 1 cup artichoke hearts
 1 cup pitted black olives
 1 large onion thinly sliced
 3-7 oz. cans tuna, drained
 1 pint container cherry tomatoes
 1 large green pepper, sliced into rings
 4 hard cooked eggs

1/2 cup pimento chopped
 2 cans rolled anchovies with capers (optional)
 1/4 cup parsley, minced
 salad greens
 3 cups garlic dressing (recipe to follow)

Combine potatoes, beans, artichoke hearts, and onions with garlic dressing. Marinate mixture in refrigerator for about 2 hours, stirring occasionally and gently. Line salad bowl with a variety of greens. Drain the marinated vegetables, reserving the dressing for later use and spoon the vegetables over the greens. Place tuna in center of the bowl. Arrange the remaining ingredients around the tuna. Sprinkle lightly with parsley. Serve with garlic dressing.

GARLIC DRESSING
 2 cups olive oil
 1/2 cup tarragon vinegar
 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
 2 cloves garlic minced
 1 tblsp. dry mustard
 1 tsp. sugar
 1 tblsp. salt
 pepper to taste

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tangerines, strawberries, cherries and pineapples.

CHICKEN CASHEW SALAD

4 cups diced cooked chicken (or turkey)
 1 cup thinly sliced celery
 1/4 cup chopped salted cashew nuts
 1/4 cup mayonnaise
 2 tblsp. mayonnaise
 2 tblsp. sour cream
 2 tblsp. horseradish (more or less to taste)
 Salad greens
 paprika

Combine chicken, celery, and cashews in a bowl. Blend together mayonnaise, sour cream and horseradish. Chill salad and dressing. At serving time, mix dressing thoroughly into salad and serve on salad greens. Sprinkle with paprika.

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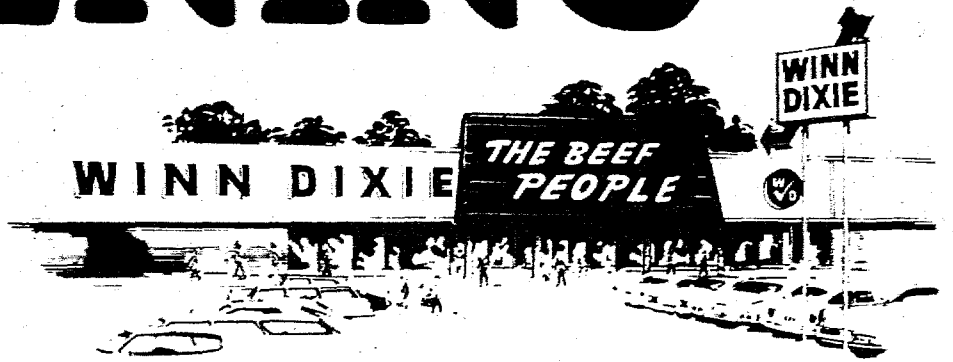
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- Hushpuppies** 3 15-oz. PKGS. \$1.00
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- Shrimp** 10-oz. PKG. \$2.49
- Garlic Rolls** 3 10-oz. PKGS. \$1.00

- Cottage Cheese** 2-LB. CUP \$1.29
- Cottage Cheese** 1-LB. CUP 69¢
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- Margarine** 1-LB. PKG. 69¢
- Margarine** 1-LB. PKG. 59¢

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- Tea Mix** 24-oz. BAG \$1.49

- Bleach** 25-oz. SIZE \$1.19
- Topping** 12-oz. SIZE 65¢
- Rice** 40-oz. PKG. 83¢
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Napkins . . . 2 . . . \$1.09

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2-oz. PKG. \$1.29

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- DEL MONTE SLICED OR HALVES **Peaches 28-oz CAN 49¢**

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police report

An Island resident called SPD last week to report some mysterious disturbances in the vicinity of her home one night.

She stated that in the middle of the night her dogs began barking and growling unaccountably outside her home, giving her reason to fear that prowlers were afoot.

Finding a discarded beer can underneath her house the next morning, she called SPD to report the alleged prowlers and to request increased surveillance around her home on following nights.

Authorities have theorized that upon drinking the beer contained within the telltale beer can, the complainant's dogs were troubled with gas, thus explaining their unusual barks and growls of discomfort.

Sanibel patrolmen escorted two young male hitchhikers off the Island last week at the request of an Island store manager, who complained that the visiting youths had been loitering around the store for hours.

The hitchhikers claimed that they were looking for work on the Islands with little luck and assented to the free trip off of Sanibel wholeheartedly.

The recent heavy rains which inundated the Islands posed a plethora of traffic control problems for SPD.

Throughout the lost weekend, SPD kept a close watch on flooded areas of the Island to determine which were passable to

traffic and which impassable.

At least five motor vehicles were reported as disabled that weekend, and SPD was required to remove disabled autos from the right of way on at least one occasion.

A pair of stranded tourists were given a boat ride to the mainland to enable them to catch a plane, while a mosquito control weir had to be opened when Islanders in the Rocks area reported that their homes were being flooded.

Who says that monsoons only occur in Asia?

A visiting boater was embarrassed last week upon learning that his credit card was invalid after having his boat filled with gas at an Island marina.

SPD was called in to arbitrate the difficulty, which proved unnecessary when the boater's father offered to charge the gas on his personal credit card, which a phone call determined to be good as gold.

An Island visitor called SPD to report having lost a green wallet containing \$165 in cash and identification in the vicinity of Bailey's General Store.

Anyone finding the wallet should return same to SPD for safekeeping and return.

SPD became involved in a civil matter last week when the manager of an Island boat rental agency called the station to complain of damage done to one of his boats by a man who had rented the craft and who

refused to pay for the damage.

The customer said he would not pay because the damage in question consisted of a missing propeller from the boat's motor, which evidently disappeared while the man was out fishing.

Rumors are afoot concerning the possibility that there might be a school of metal-munching sharks in the area.

An Islander found an unidentified cylinder on Sanibel's Gulf beach last week and called SPD for assistance.

A call to the Homestead Air Force Base revealed that the cylinder was a Mark 25 smoke flair, which was ultimately disposed of in a cement container out to sea.

SPD got a call from an Islander reporting an elderly white-haired woman walking aimlessly along the beach.

The complainant stated that she had reason to believe that the elderly stroller was blind and also possibly lost.

Officers dispatched to the scene could not locate the subject in question, and as no fairy godmothers were reported missing thereafter, the matter was dropped.

A complainant called SPD to report that acts of vandalism had been perpetrated at an Island construction site.

Among other tricks, the unknown vandals had dumped considerable amounts of tar all over the

unfinished structure, and obliged investigating officers by leaving a clear shoe-print in the tar.

The investigation is continuing.

An Island patrolman stopped a motorist one night last week as the motorist seemed to be driving strangely.

Upon questioning, the driver seemed somewhat confused, according to the patrolman, and said he was sure that he was in Arcadia. The suspect could not produce any registration for the automobile, which was soon determined to belong to a friend of his in Arcadia.

SPD telephoned the owner of the car, who offered to come to Sanibel to retrieve it and its befuddled driver.

SPD impounded a number of firearms last week which were owned by an Islander who had gotten into a bit of a scuffle at a local drinking spa.

A check on the serial numbers of the weapons revealed that two of the guns were used in a burglary in Denver, Colorado.

The owner of the guns was escorted home by SPD that night, as he was in no condition to drive, the report states.

A slightly inebriated Islander called the station last week to request the presence of a police officer.

He said that he had been letting a white female approximately 45 years old stay in his house trailer for the past few nights. The complainant further stated that he had reason to believe that his female guest was "a marijuana user," possibly in possession of illicit narcotics, which he did not want "to get caught with."

He asked the officer on duty to search the premises in his presence, and a small pipe containing marijuana residue and one "roach" (butt of a marijuana cigarette) were discovered.

The contraband was confiscated and placed in the SPD locker for safekeeping.

All told last week, SPD issued four tickets, three of them for speeding; in-

vestigated one report of a missing person and one concerning a suspicious person; rendered assistance with two traffic accidents; searched for one lost dog; secured three insecure premises; and answered at least seventeen miscellaneous calls for assistance over and above the specific reports outlined here.

The Sanibel Fire Department was called into action on six occasions last week, while emergency medical technicians were called out only once.

So aside from the flooding and the bomb scare, it was a pretty quiet week on the Islands for emergency services and they're not complaining.



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It seems almost inconceivable to think that the delicate, subtle beauty of Island flora and fauna could be reproduced using materials as cold and unyielding as copper and bronze, although that is precisely the medium employed by Captiva artists Linda Ritchie and Larry Hoff in creating their remarkable sculptures of various trees, wildfowl and other scenes common to Sanibel and Captiva.

In their airy duplex apartment overlooking the Gulf of Mexico near the northern tip of Captiva, where the pounding surf can always be heard just outside their windows, Linda Ritchie and Larry Hoff ply their chosen craft with almost indefatigable energy, having at long last hit upon a lifestyle that is completely to their liking.

"A lot of people have a studio where they live, but we live in our studio," said Larry Hoff last week, motioning toward the resplendent sunlight glimmering upon the water just outside their door, casting dancing reflections of color and light through the windows of their home. "We're hermits, that's what we are," Hoff added emphatically.

But Linda and Larry were not always hermits, living a hand-to-mouth existence from the sale of their art on sandy Island shores. Both have managed to weather what they now view as trying marriages as well as rather extended experience in the hard-nosed worlds of business and show business and still have come up smiling, with an enhanced appreciation of their current freedom.

Larry Hoff was born and bred in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where he embarked upon a rather unusual career in show business soon after graduating from high school.

Larry's career as a performing artist was unusual in that, among other roles he appeared professionally as a magician, a ventriloquist and a clown, in which role he would often assume the guise of a tramp akin to the character

of "Freddy the Freeloader" made popular by comic Red Skelton. Larry achieved a respectable degree of popularity early in his show business career, and toured widely throughout the tri-state area of Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey.

He claims that his real interest at the time was to pursue his childhood ambition to become a famous magician, for which purpose he studied under what he calls some of the last of the great touring magicians of our time, although Larry's greatest financial success accrued to him because of his capability as a ventriloquist.

In the years between 1962 and 1965, Larry Hoff traveled all across the country as Dr. Shiny Teeth of the Dr. Shiny Teeth Healthy Teeth Club, using a hand-carved ventriloquist's dummy named Peri-Wimple to educate young children in the ways of good oral hygiene. Dr. Shiny Teeth and Peri-Wimple were indeed successful in their field, having appeared with Soupy Sales at the New York World's Fair and with comedians the caliber of Dick Gregory in numerous appearances throughout the land.

Larry's portrayal of Dr. Shiny Teeth is somewhat ironic in light of the fact that he himself claims to be terrified of dentists even to the present day.

But when Dr. Shiny Teeth's employer, Philadelphia financier Helen Rothchild Blumberg, wanted Larry to take the show on the road internationally, he decided that the plot was getting too thick for his palate and gave it up. As a matter of fact, Larry says that he had by this time grown rather indifferent toward his career in the performing arts, and we gathered that the luckless Peri-Wimple has been in cold storage ever since.

"Now," said the ex-Dr. Shiny Teeth recently, "it's sort of hard to imagine why I gave it up at the point where it was beginning to get really lucrative. I think it was because I loved the craft

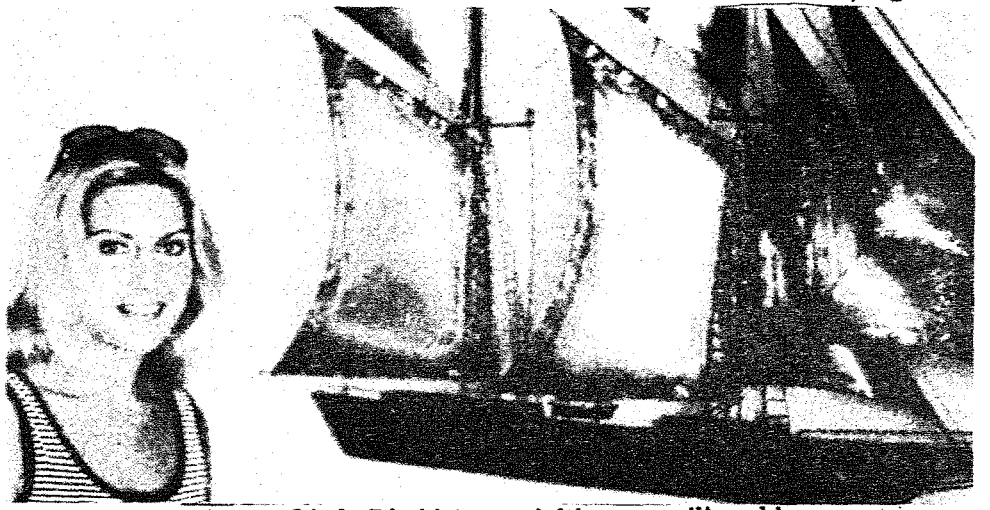
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island beauty captured in metal sculpture

by rich arthurs



"A lot of people have a studio where they live, but we live in our studio," said Larry Hoff.



Among Linda Ritchie's specialties are sailing ships in bronze.

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Captiva Island

sculptors

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but hated the business. The people who control show businesses are one hard bunch of people."

Originally from New York City, Linda Ritchie's family moved to Harrisburg while she was still of school age. After graduating from high school, Linda worked her way up through a series of what she terms "typical boring jobs" to a relatively enviable position as sales representative for a large business equipment firm for a young lady with only a high school education in the early sixties.

It was shortly after her divorce in 1965 that Linda met Larry, toward the close of his tenure as Dr. Shiny Teeth. Together, they soon formed a company called New Dawn Visual Productions which designed and produced special advertising displays and promotions for shopping centers and large sales firms. The couple first discovered that they had a flair for sculpture while constructing a massive Christmas display for a shopping center outside Harrisburg, in which, incidentally, Linda made her stage debut as Frosty the Snowman.

In other promotional productions her different roles included Sarah the Clown and Bat Girl.

When New Dawn Visual Productions panned out, Linda and Larry worked sporadically at a number of sales jobs while operating a low key novelty concession in carnivals passing through the Harrisburg area.

"It was really an experience," said Linda, looking back on her four summers of selling stuffed souvenir monkeys from a little booth in the carnival.

"It was a financial disaster," added Larry with a fond guffaw.

It was not until 1970 that they became interested in metal working through two friends in Harrisburg, who instructed them in the use of perhaps the most important tool of their trade—the metal torch. Linda and Larry took to their newfound craft with a passion and soon opened a small workshop and

gallery in Harrisburg, which was destined to fold in short order due to the minimal financial returns according to Larry.

But he and Linda had discovered what they believed to be a promising new vocation for themselves, so without a moment's hesitation they quit their jobs, Larry gave away all his suits and neckties, and they moved to a mountainous retreat near Thompsontown, Pennsylvania, for solitude in which to perfect their new art. With a small circle of friends and relatives they rented a rustic A-frame house nestled alongside a riverbank and devoted practically all of their time to developing their skills as metal sculptors.

Their life at this time was so rustic that they lacked the conveniences of refrigerator and automobile. In order to market their work, they were forced to hitchhike forty miles with their large, often heavy pieces to the nearest art gallery.

Thus, Linda Ritchie and Larry Hoff are largely self-taught craftsmen.

"Some of our methods are considered unorthodox by those who teach sculpture," Linda explained.

"And it's opinions of that nature

which make us think we're on the right track," quipped Larry.

After three years in their mountainous seclusion, they decided that they had endured enough frigid winter weather and harassment from hostile neighbors who seem to have regarded them as dangerous communists for one lifetime. Accordingly, they set their sights on Florida, hoping to hone their talents in the Sunshine State before moving on to the more competitive artistic climate in the Big Sur area of California.

Larry and Linda eventually landed in Lee County around Christmas of 1973, and lived briefly in North Fort Myers before taking up residence along the Caloosahatchie River west of McGregor Boulevard.

When the house they were taking care of was sold in May of 1976, the couple moved into their present abode on Captiva, a duplex overlooking the Gulf owned by Mike and Jen Hanchar.

"That's when our work took a dramatic turn for the better," Linda recalls. The young sculptors were so inspired by the natural beauty of the Islands that their subject matter has included nothing but Island scenery and wildlife ever since they moved to Captiva.

During their first few years in Florida, Linda and Larry exhibited their sculptures at shows such as the Winter Park Art Festival, the largest such exhibition in the southeastern

United States; the Coconut Grove Art Festival in Miami; the Southwest Florida Craft and Guild's show held in Periwinkle Place; as well as in numerous other local exhibitions.

Since discovering Captiva, however, their work has not been exhibited off of the Islands. Currently, their sculptures are displayed only at the Seahorse Shop on Sanibel and at the Owl and the Pussycat on Captiva.

"The feeling of these two Islands is incredibly unique—it's like no place I've ever been before," said Larry Hoff. "And we try to capture that compelling quality in our work."

Linda's specialties include large wall-size replicas of sailing ships done in bronze and miniature renderings of characteristic Island fauna ranging from palm trees to mangroves to sea oats, while Larry strives primarily for larger, life-size reproductions of Island birds and other wildlife.

The techniques they employ in their art represent a mixture of ancient and modern approaches to metal sculpture, and include both hand molding and cutting as well as the use of the metal torch as an aid to affixing additional layers of detail to their basic shapes and designs. Copper and bronze are the metals they use most frequently in their work.

"Our work has a basic similarity because we use the same materials and

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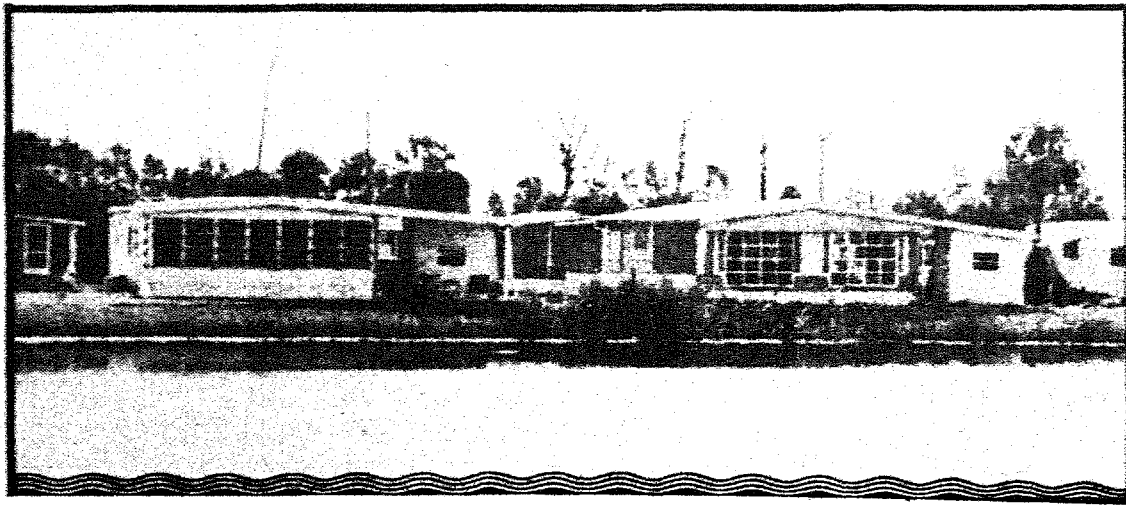
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the same tools," Larry explained. "But once you get beyond that, our styles are really quite different."

"The magic of the Islands seems to reduce everybody to a childlike state," he added. "That's what Linda's work does for me."

Their current artistic undertakings comprise an ambitious list of projects even a closely-knit team of sculptors.

Larry is currently working on a large display which will include up to ten local birds commissioned by the firm of Marco Beach Realty on Marco Island, while Linda is attempting to create a life-size mural of seagrape to adorn a wall 17 feet by 24 feet in area for a private collection on Longbow Key. The couple also plans to collaborate on a large three-dimensional model of the South Seas Plantation sailing school, which encompasses a long elliptical course just out in the Gulf from their balcony.

"Most people who come to the Islands are pursuing the airy, wide-open feeling of the great outdoors," Larry said. "They want to bring the outdoors inside, and that's what we try to specialize with in our sculpture."

Despite the fact that their pieces are selling well on the Islands and that commissions for their work are

steadily mounting, Larry revealed that their existence is still pretty much a matter of hand to mouth, such that they frequently have occasion to do some fishing and crabbing to supplement their artists' income.

"We also barter every chance we get," he said. Among other services, Larry said that they trade their sculptures for veterinary treatment for their four dogs, for fuel with which to fire their torches, and even on occasion for a month's rent.

"I never really liked knowing what my paycheck was going to be each week," said Linda. "It gets pretty dull when you can't look forward to some surprises."

"This is the first time in my life that I've ever had something I really look forward to doing when I get out of bed in the morning," added Larry.

"The only reason I ever wanted to make money was in order to have a house by the sea where I could sit all day and work at my own thing," Linda continued.

So saying, she glanced around her living room at the boxes upon boxes of little metal discs cut into the shape of seagrape and mangrove leaves, and then out across the porch to the shining blue waters of the Gulf.

"Where would we go from here?" she queried with a smile.



boys ranch weekend

A weekend of special events is being planned for September 30, October 1 and October 2, 1977, to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

It will be a time for fun and games, as well as a time for prayer and serious reflection upon the countless blessings that have lifted the Ranch from the realm of dreams in 1957 to its present pinnacle of success and national prominence in 1977.

It will be a gala party and public is cordially invited — especially the thousands of good friends from all areas of Florida who have helped to sustain the Ranch with their gifts, their prayers and their heart-warming concern.

Special events will include an open house, a horse show, a Suwannee River barbecue and an outdoor worship service during which a new residence cottage will be dedicated.

On Friday, September 30, overnight visitors will begin arriving at the campsite

near the Boys Ranch horse show arena, where they will be greeted by the aroma from a huge pot of chicken pilau simmering on an open campfire.

Horse show events will begin at 8:30 p.m. under the new lights that have been installed at the arena.

Saturday events (October 1) will begin with the horse show grand entry at the arena, at 8:45 a.m., and continue with open house tours of Ranch facilities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; an address commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Boys Ranch at 11 a.m.; a free barbecue on the banks of the Suwannee River at Noon. The horse show will resume at 1 p.m. and will extend far into the evening under the lights.

Sunday's events (October 2) will include a worship service and dedicatory rites for the new Jellison residence cottage starting at 8:30 a.m. The final phase of the horse show will begin at 9:15 a.m. with a grand entry procession.

rehearsals begin

Rehearsals are underway for the 17th season of the Fort Myers Symphony Orchestra. Persons interested in joining the orchestra still have an opportunity for doing so and should call the symphony office at 334-3256 or 332-0052

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field notes

guest columnist:
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Once in a while Field Notes will be written by a guest columnist. The first is Fair Alice McCormick of Brookline, Massachusetts, sister of regular Field Notes columnist Fleur Weymouth. Mrs. McCormick spends summers on a Massachusetts island and titles her article "An Entirely Different Island with Some of the Same Delights."

There is indeed something special about an island. Perhaps it has to do with the extra effort or expense required to get there in the first place. Or the peculiar sense of peace and isolation once you arrive. Like a ship, an island is self-contained, a small world in itself. It is easy to enjoy its attributes and not difficult to tolerate its lacks. You shrug and simply make do, or else you find some bits and pieces and fashion what you need. An island invites contemplation, encourages exploration, and promotes ingenuity. Within a few days you can achieve a real feel for the place and start moving to its own particular rhythms.

The rhythms I move to on this island are the most basic rhythms of nature. Light and darkness, wind and tide, determine my day. This is a tiny island with very few trees and several high hills, and when I want to see what the weather is really doing I walk to the top of one of the hills and look—360 degrees around the horizon. Only from a mountaintop, in an open prairie, or on the sea can you have such an unobstructed view. My favorite hill to watch from is a drumlin, a mound of debris left by a glacier less than thirty thousand years ago, when the ice sheet retreated north over New England. The top is bare and windswept, the sides thickly covered with bayberry. To the north, across Buzzards Bay, lies the mainland of Massachusetts; to the south, across Vineyard Sound, is Martha's Vineyard; the Elizabeth Islands stretch to the east; and to the west is shimmering water only with the next land forty miles distant.

by fleur weymouth

This island has no visible links with the mainland, no umbilical cord of bridge or tunnel or causeway. It is accessible only by sea, or for those in a hurry, by sea plane. You can walk around it on the shore in a few hours, but the walking is not easy. A sturdy pair of boots or sneakers is a necessity, as the beach—with few exceptions—is rocky. Being the outermost of a chain of islands, much debris is washed up on its shores. Hundreds of shipwrecks have taken place over the years on the reefs and bars surrounding it. On a grey or foggy day, when the swimming isn't pleasant, a trip around the island can become a real treasure-hunt. Go prepared with a canvas bag if you are any kind of a collector.

I went on one such day in June and saw not a soul the whole way around. The sea was generous with her gifts, I was susceptible, and by bag was soon full. Several houses could be built from the driftwood alone that litters the beach. Huge logs, wide planks, sides of plywood boats, hatch covers, old lobster traps; pieces of fiberglass, foam flotation, kapok life vests, bits of netting, rubber sandals; and yards and yards of line—from the heaviest hemp hawser six inches in diameter, to the thinnest nylon fishing filament. These are the everyday sights on these rocky shores.

It is the unusual, the useable, discovery that is exciting to make and brings a real sense of satisfaction. I needed a soap dish and found a suitable shallow plastic container. A child's beach rake helps to keep the cat's sandbox clean. Expensive fishing lures, snagged on the rocks and weed, are often washed ashore. A long piece of bamboo makes a wonderful sounding pole for a boat. One of the best finds of all was a fiberglass fishing rod complete except for reel and line. Man's debris can be useful, but there are those who prefer nature's gifts.

The best time to hunt for either is at low tide, especially after any kind of a blow. That's when the shells are found, though there are comparatively few on

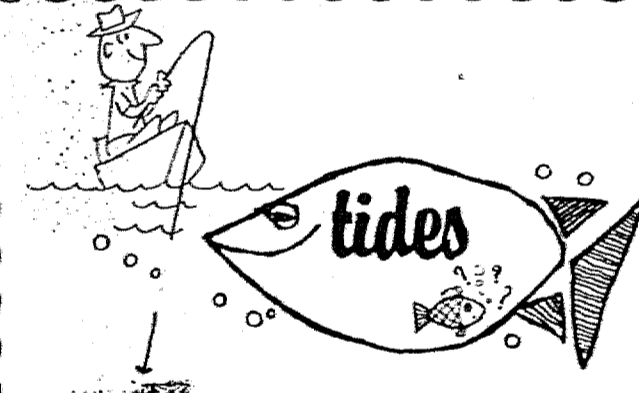
this island. The shellfish, however, are abundant; mussels, steamers (soft-shell clams) and quahogs (hard-shell clams), and of course the beautiful lobsters. Occasionally you can find a lobster pot washed ashore after a storm with a free lobster dinner in it—if you happen to be in the right place at the right time. There is something special and exhilarating about gathering your food "firsthand," from shrubs or shore instead of from a store, as Fleur remarked in her first Field Notes back in August. Blackberrying is no exception.

I had never picked blackberries before. They grow in great abundance throughout the inland moors and hills of this island, and I watched them ripen early in August. Long pants are a necessity because of poison ivy, the thorns on the vine, and the scratchy stalks of last year's grass all around. The vines on the windblown hillsides in the sparse grass grow close to the ground and the berries are apt to be rather small. In the protected valleys where the grass is chest-high, the vines climb tall and the berries are huge and easy to pick. Then there are the thickets where blackberry and bayberry grow together in an impenetrable mass, and it is difficult to reach even the berries you can see because of the tangle of sharp thorns.

The results, however, are fully worth the effort: blackberries for dessert, fresh blackberry muffins for breakfast, blackberry jam. For three weeks, I went to gather twice a week, learning

where the best places were, following the trailing vines far off the beaten path, and often finding myself on the trails of wild deer that roam the island. When I found a spot where the grass was well trampled, I knew that the deer had been there before me—and there were few berries left. Birds had eaten many of the berries on the open hillsides. As I parted the tall grass in front of me in the valleys, brown Nymph butterflies flew up, and I found the fruit discolored and dried where they had sucked the juices. Four times I almost stepped on wasps nests hidden down low near the ground. Humans are not the only ones who find blackberries tasty.

But there were more than enough to go around, and my expeditions into the heart of this island became as important as the swimming and picnicking and beachcombing expeditions along the shore. I developed a system in the deep valleys of parting the grass cautiously in front of me with my hands, and then stepping sideways with my feet to hold the long stalks down and expose the vines. Sometimes, miraculously, there would be six or eight or a dozen plump glossy berries exposed in their hiding places. Viewing valley and hillside with the sea beyond, hearing the birds singing and the insects humming, feeling the warm sun on my back and the breeze in my hair, smelling the ripened fruit and fragrant grasses, and tasting an occasional berry that was too tempting to wait for, was a true natural feast for the senses and one I will long remember.



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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 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 39 minutes from each high tide, and subtract 1 hour and 16 minutes for each low tide.

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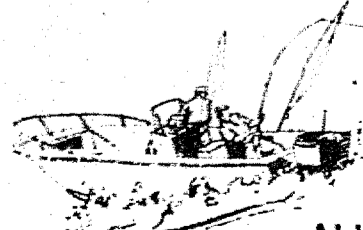
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on the water

by mike fuery

In case you could forget, early September is prime time for hurricane-type weather. If there isn't one of these huge storms kicking around Florida, then there will be lots of rain from small local showers. When it rains for long periods you can rearrange the garage, living room and inside of your boat just so many times. Then it comes a point when you say to yourself, "If I don't have something to keep me busy, I'm going to get into something I will regret later."

In other words, when it's wet outside and you get "cabin fever" it's high time to find something to keep you from going stir crazy. Appropriately, this week we have scoured such publications as "Twitchers Quarterly," "Nervous Annual" and "Fidget", (a monthly magazine for people who can't sit still), to come up with things that will keep you busy while it rains.

If you are a fisherman who can't get out to practice your hobby, then sitting around the house gets particularly aggravating. There are, however, activities that will ease the stress. Some of those fun things you can do include:

Putting a large sinker on your surf casting outfit, then while standing on your patio, trying to knock out your neighbor's kitchen window. I can't tell you how entertaining this is and it greatly improves your casting accuracy.

You can buy a box of 500 hooks and spend a few hours constructing the world's longest fishing hook chain. It'll

drive you nuts baiting all those hooks, though.

You can take a few strands of thread and short sheet your landing net so the next time you catch a big snook, you can have a good laugh when it tries to stretch out in your net.

You can take all your fishing reels apart, dump the parts into a bucket and tell your wife you will file for divorce if she can't put them back together within five minutes.

You can practice landing fish by getting your oldest kid to tie one end of your heavy fishing line around the back of his belt and dare him to try and get away. We've had two kids mounted from this activity. It's cheaper than sending them to college.

If you are a boat owner, here are some projects you can tackle on those nasty, rainy days when it's raining an inch an hour.

You can put a new wiring system in your boat, then find out that nothing works. This is one of those self-perpetuating projects which will not only provide a day's busy work, but keep your boat mechanic active for about two months.

You can take your engine out and wash it in the bath tub. This is entertaining to say the least. Make sure you scrub each piston carefully. Of course the engine will never go back into the boat correctly, but that's okay too. I did this once in a fit of insanity and have marveled ever since at the amount of annoyance and agitation it caused.

Removing the bottom of your boat for

painting is another way to shake those depressed, wet feelings. This is tricky and might require the assistance of a neighbor. Tools needed are a chain saw, a case of beer and a devil-may-care attitude. You get extra fun from this if you remove the bottom while the boat is still floating.

If you are a sailor, you have to try extra hard to entertain yourself, because frankly sailing often borders on boring. But, not to fret, here are some things to keep captain and crew active when it is raining.

Sailors are a subtle lot and derive great pleasure from understated jokes. So, high on the amusement list for rainy day sailors is to pull the boat into a large fancy marina and then say that you want 200 gallons of fuel. This will cause the dockmaster to collapse in fits of laughter. If you are a sailor, you will know why and get a big kick out of this kind of humor.

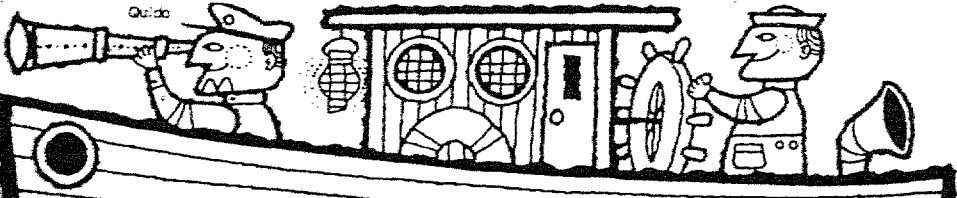
You can pull into another dock and right there on the marina steps, you can strip off every piece of your clothing and then buy something with a 20-dollar-bill. This is hilarious to sailors, because there is an old saying

around marinas that sailors who come in with one pair of pants and a 20-dollar-bill and never change either one. You can laugh for a week after you do this one sailors.

Or, you can pretend that you want to go under The Sanibel drawbridge and everytime the guy opens the span, you turn back. As soon as he gets the span in place, make like you are going to try and go under the bridge again. You can learn lots of new expressions doing this and the motorists on the bridge shout down funny things like, "something, something, up your mast!" I think they said "mast," we were laughing so hard I didn't catch all of it.

You see, there are really lots of activities to take up that time when it's raining outside. As for me, I've got to go replace a neighbor's window, but on the other hand he's gone down to the marina to strip on the dockmaster's steps. Those sailors go crazy when it rains, I can tell you!

(Mike Fuery is captain of Captiva Charters, offering both sailing and fishing out of Tween Waters Marina, Captiva, Florida).



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Sponsored by the Island Reporter, the games were attended by nearly every Islander who is still on the Islands. Cars graced the parking lot as far as the eye could see — at least as far as Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Paul Formica and Vince Santamaria shared the announcing honors; Jim Pickens kept an accurate scorebook and Greg Noon worked the scoreboard until replaced by Jack Scott.

Hap Payne tapped ten kegs of beer also supplied by the Island Reporter.

The festivities got underway at 2 p.m. with the introduction of the two competing men's teams.

The American League got off to a strong start that surprised the spectators since the traditional big hitters were on the National League team. The National League rallied midway through the game but couldn't pull it out. The American League won the game with the final score of 12 to 4.

In a strange show of sportsmanship, the National League absconded with one of the trophies, but, like their luck all afternoon, took the wrong one. It was returned safe and sound by awards time.

The girls game was, if anything, more hardhitting than the men's. The scores were closer. The National League took the trophy 13 to 9.

In other weekend softball action, West Wind beat the Lions in a close contest, 5 to 4 while Nave Plumbing took Kiwanis 19 to 6.

On Sunday, the IWA played South Seas Plantation, beating them 6 to 4; Weeds'n Things took Timmy's Nook 22 to 16 and the Sea Horses beat Charlie's Angels 13 to 10.

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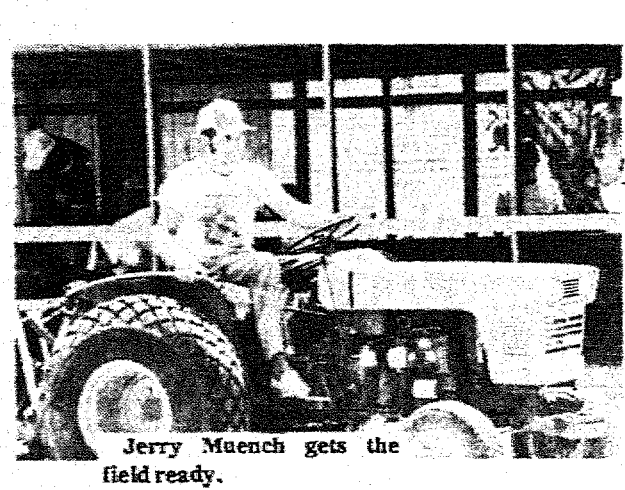
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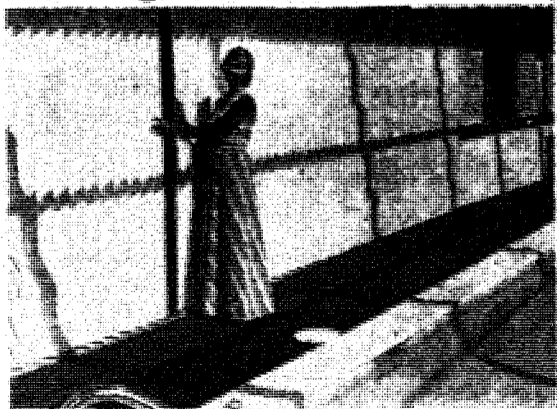


Dick Muench in with a stand-up triple.



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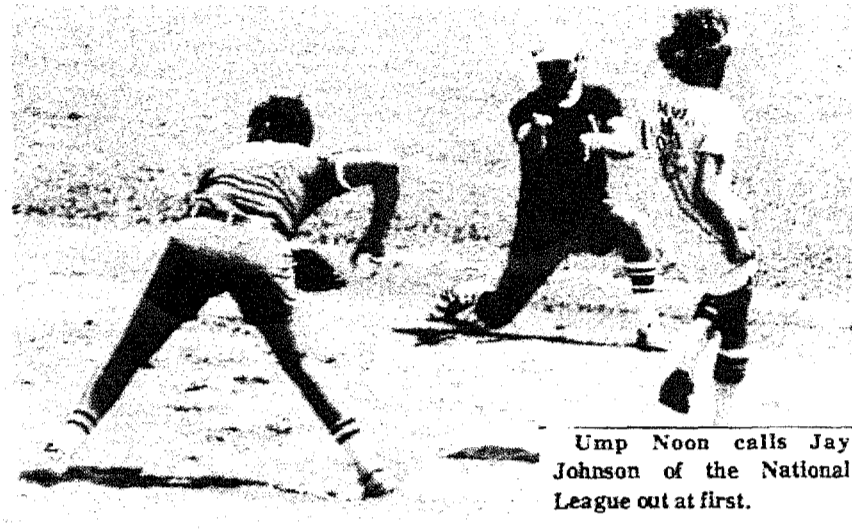
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Commissioner Whan threw the first ball

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Ump Noon calls Jay Johnson of the National League out at first.



Stacey Way swings - and misses.



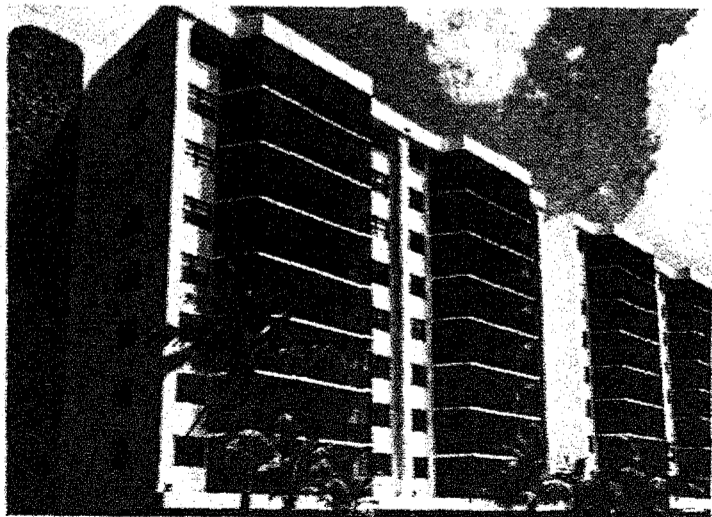
Paul Howe and friend Madeline enjoy the sunshine and softball.

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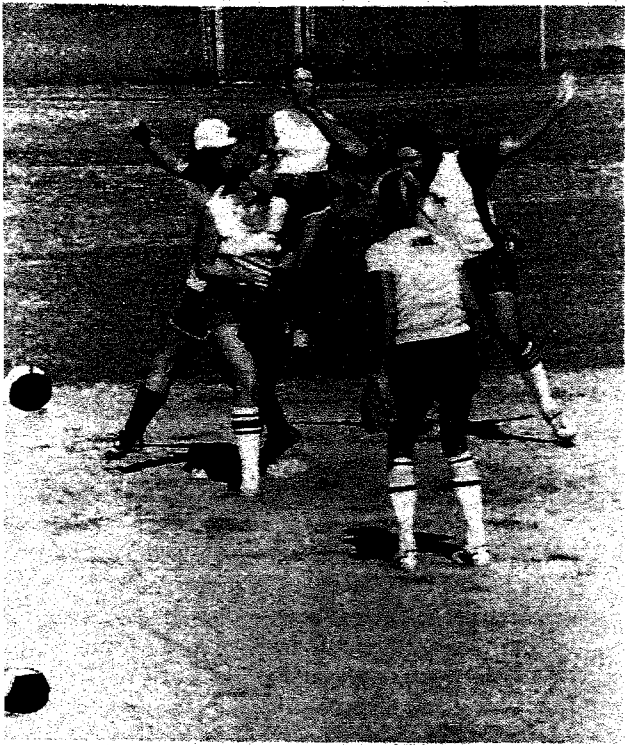
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Patti Krepin gets the ball in time.

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Dick Muench and crowd admire the victors' spoils.

South Seas contracts Virginia Wade

Virginia Wade, this year's Wimbledon singles champion, has signed an exclusive three-year contract as a touring tennis pro for South Seas plantation.

During her contract, which takes effect January 1, 1978, she will participate in a series of tennis exhibition matches and clinics at South Seas. The schedule will be announced at a later date.

Allen Ten Broek, South Seas resident, who made the announcement, said they were very pleased to have Virginia Wade as their touring pro.

Wade has apparently spent considerable time looking for a touring proposition that she could combine with a U.S. exhibition schedule.

"I'm looking forward to playing at South Seas," she commented, "in light of their excellent tennis facilities and reputation for excellent playing conditions."

Wade, originally from Bournemouth, England is 32 years old. Her 15-year career in professional tennis has brought her a variety of titles, including the recent one from Wimbledon, and she is currently a strong contender for the U.S. Open.





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fish fry held Sunday

The sun shone down Sunday on the annual Labor Day fish fry, postponed from last weekend.

The crowd came through the fish line in a steady stream from noon until late afternoon. All

in all, over 600 pounds of mullet was consumed by about 250 people.

The Legion has posted signs up around the Island and on the mainland so guests included both residents and visitors.



Boy that fish looks good.



Where are those hush puppies? Rip puts them out while John Marshall and Gerald Johnson assist.



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mind the step

by ruth hunter

Seemed strange to be pulling into New York City on a train and not wanting to dash up immediately to Broadway to look for a part in a play... the actors campus, 42nd Street to 57th Street. Amtrak train was a bit late and though a man from Iran wanted to talk to us, (Philip and I) to practice on his English, we hastened in a cab to the Leo House on 23rd Street which had an inside garden.

Outside our window was a hugh tree. The nuns hung a white satin banner in the lobby. A Japanese stood alongside me as we read the words:

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"Very nice," said the Japanese.

Two whole days before our ship sailed and we packed them with adventure...

Down to 14th Street where we once lived so long ago, up to Lincoln Center where to my surprise, the Theater Library keeps an extensive file on me as an actress and author.

"Look over there," said the Library Curator Paul Meyers. A group of young people were pouring through photographs "they are most interested to know you are here and they can read about you!"

Dinner was at Sardi's with Monsgr. Thomas O'Brien, head of the Catholic Actor's Guild, and Pastor of St. Malachy's Church, the actors' church which once had 4 a.m. Mass for printers and people of the theater. Nancy Walker at the table behind us was so close, I half expected her to hand me a Bounty towel.

When we met for lunch with the Executive Director, Roger Gilman, of the New York and New Jersey Port of Authority in the World Trade Building, I was mighty proud, for half a dozen rose to their feet to greet Philip, men he

had worked with for so many years when he was Secretary of the Port of New York and the Voice of the P.A. on WOR. And some of his co-workers hugged him... the girls that is!

The Executive Dining Room at the World Trade Center building is almost under the spot where George Willig made that famous climb up the front. George was allowed to write his name on the roof, at the place where he climbed over... it's a schoolboy sort of scroll up there in the sky. And did you know a Frenchman stretched a wire between the two towers and walked a tight rope? He, too, was allowed to write his name along with Willig's.

It seems it was about ten o'clock in the morning before the Port of Authority employees discovered George and there was precious little work accomplished that day.

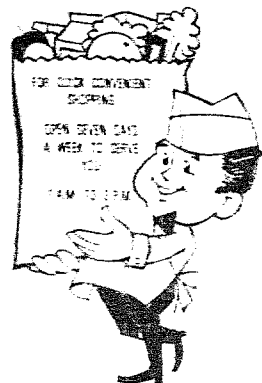
World Trade Center is a great place to visit but on very windy days they have to close down the observation deck for sightseers could be blown off. One can see for forty miles. Miss Liberty looked smaller than when I climbed in her torch once-upon-a-Saturday. Leo House has a small chapel and breakfast is in a hugh high ceilinged dining room (it was once a huge mansion), and the nuns make all the guests feel right at home. They have beautiful music playing while you eat your wheaties... roses from the garden were at each table.

On the deck of the S.S. Lermontov, the white uniformed musicians played as we sailed out of the Harbor. It was a satisfactory feeling for Philip and I had climbed a long way during the fifty years since we first set foot on Manhattan Island. Yet I wanted to cry! Much as I looked forward to the long voyage at sea, it made me very sad to think that the only passenger ships out of New York Harbor to make the Atlantic crossing are not our own. The QE 2 (Queen Elizabeth the Second) is one and the other the M.S. Michael Lermontov, on which we stood to wave goodbye to New York—a Russian ship!



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public budget hearing tonight

The Planning Commission gave unanimous approval last week to the proposed budget presented by City Manager Bill Nungester. The 1977-78 city of Sanibel budget calls for a tax millage of 3.5. There will be a public hearing on the budget tonight at 8:00 p.m.

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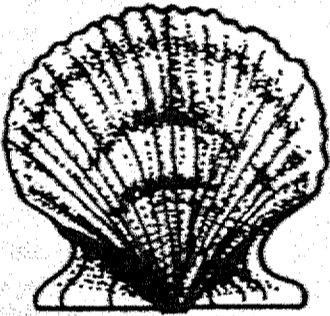
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heaviest development on Sanibel is likely to occur in coming years and requested the city's cooperation in permitting the Co-op to install additional power lines at various points on Sanibel.

"We really don't anticipate having a lot of problems serving your growth," Sherling told the commission. "although if your growth accelerates faster than what we expect, our plans are going to have to change."

Sherling indicated that the Co-op presently serves about 4,300 customers on Sanibel. He added that their growth projections for Sanibel call for the Co-op to serve about 54,300 customers by the year 1985 and almost 7,000 by the year 1995, while conceding that their growth estimates tend to be on the conservative side.

Sanibel Planning Director Carleton Ryffel said last week that he expects the Island to reach the point of total build-out under the provisions of the comprehensive land use plan within the next seven to ten years unless the city

acts quickly to adopt a phased development program for Sanibel. He revealed that roughly 340 dwelling units have been built with city permits since the adoption of Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan last July.

"I still don't think we've heard anything so far that our long-range plans can't accommodate," said the Co-op's retiring general manager, Homer Welch.

Sanibel Police Chief John Butler told city planners that the most troubling growth-related problem facing his department in the years ahead is the necessity of evacuating the Islands in the event of a hurricane or other natural disaster. Butler suggested that the planning commission consider the presently inadequate traffic circulation patterns on the Island in their deliberations with respect to phased development.

Although Butler has requested funding for two additional patrolmen and for increased office space for SPD in his proposed budget for the coming

fiscal year, he nevertheless assured commissioners that, "We can get by with what we've got. We will continue to do the job, although I feel that we could provide really excellent service with two additional patrolmen."

Butler said that the addition of two sworn patrolmen to his staff would enable SPD to divide the Island into two separate zones for routine patrol work, rather than having one patrolman cover the whole Island, as is currently the case.

Sanibel Fire Chief Allen Nave informed the planning commission that the Sanibel Fire Control District is currently working towards the construction of a new fire station on property they have purchased at the corner of Sanibel-Captiva and Bowman's Beach Roads.

Nave said that the new fire station will house one new pumper and will require four additional firemen to staff it, while the proposed facility will benefit residents of Sanibel's west end by bringing about a reduction in their fire insurance rates.

He added that the Fire Control District is still planning to install a network of fire hydrants on the Island to reduce insurance rates even further,

although the proposed fire hydrant installation will not be initiated until it has been approved by a referendum vote of Island residents and property owners.

"With the construction of a new fire station to serve the west end of the Island, I think our service will be adequate," Nave told the planning commission.

"What these people have conveyed to me is that money is the answer," remarked planning commission Chairman Ann Winterbotham at close of last Wednesday's meeting. "if we had a budget of ten-million dollars, we could accommodate a lot of people on this Island."

As all agreed that such sums of money are not readily available for public service improvements on Sanibel, the planning commission decided to hold another workshop meeting on Monday, September 13, to give further consideration to the advisability of adopting a strict rate of growth formula for the Island.

Commission Chairman Winterbotham said that she hopes to have a recommendation in this regard ready for presentation to the Sanibel City Council by late October.

visiting sheller makes delayed discovery

by Rich Arthurs

"My God, he found one!" an Island conchologist was heard to exclaim last week upon seeing Dennis Kroger pull a near-perfect Junonia from a bag of seashells he had collected during a recent vacation on Sanibel.

A novice collector, Kroger did not realize he had found the apple of every Island sheller's eye when he picked up the rare Junonia on Sanibel's Gulf beach near Blind Pass on Sunday, September 11, at approximately 1:00 p.m. with an outgoing tide.

The much sought after shell was dropped unceremoniously into a bag full of the more common varieties of seashell which Kroger had collected in his walks along Island beaches, and there the Junonia stayed until the middle of last week, when its identity was discovered by another sheller to whom Kroger opened his little bag of treasures.

"You just can't imagine people's reaction to this little shell," said the lucky and

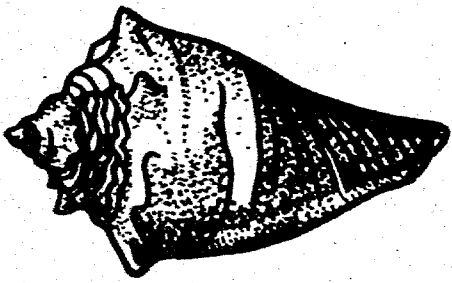
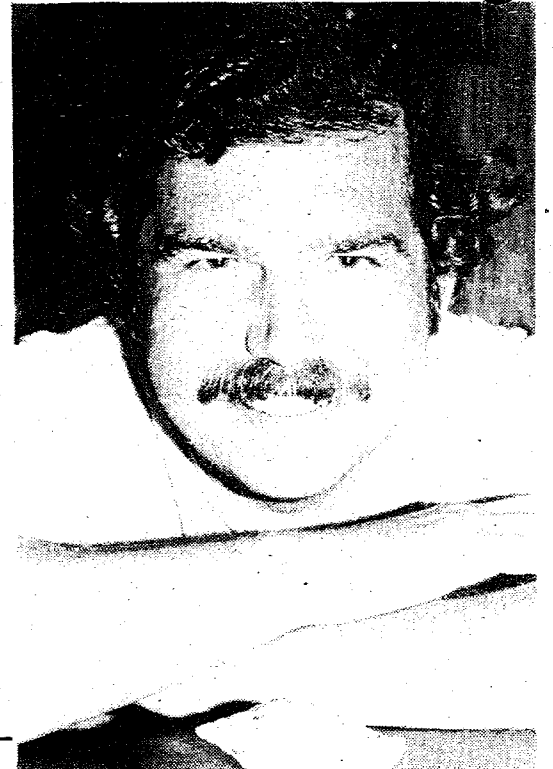
somewhat flabbergasted Kroger, who claims that he has been the focal point for Islanders' envy and visitor's curiosity ever since his recent find was identified as a Junonia.

A salesman from Chicago, Illinois, Kroger's unusual discovery came during his second visit to Island shores while he was staying at the Sanibel Arms Condominium. He said that he was collecting shells to take back to his friends in Chicago, although by the time of his departure from the Islands last weekend, he had decided to hold onto his precious Junonia.

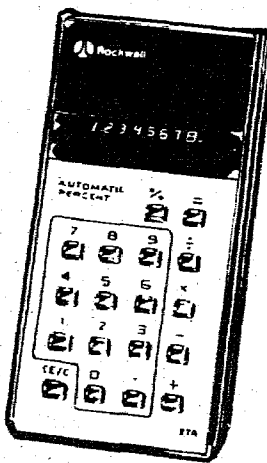
"I'm coming back to the Islands in February in hopes of finding another one," said Kroger optimistically. "I figure that finding two Junonias in one year will entitle me to the whole front page of your newspaper!"

Frankly, in light of the infrequency with which Junonias have been turning up on Island beaches of late, we are apt to agree with him.

Dennis Kroger
and
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