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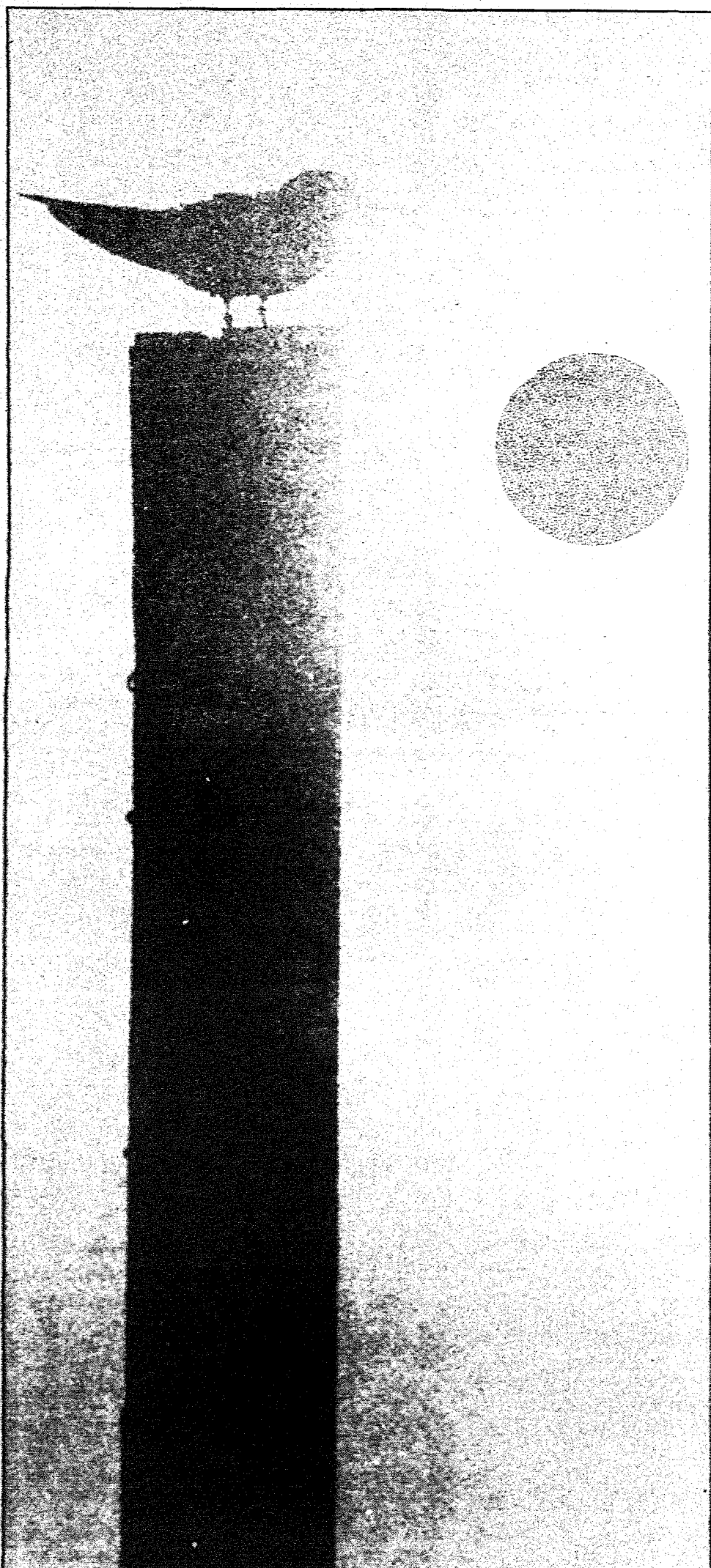
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Perched on his piling, a solitary seagull ponders the setting sun over Sanibel. Picturesque posts and piling often attract seagulls and other winged creatures, offering a brief respite from the daily flights in and around the islands in search of food.

photo by brenda owens

## IWA well "unrepairable"

### new test well planned

by gwen stevenson

The Island Water Association learned in a board meeting on Saturday that their test well, located on the Property of the Sanibel Elementary School, cannot be repaired, as was originally planned.

Slated for completion by mid-October, the test well program suffered a setback when it was learned last week that part of the casing had collapsed inside the well. None of the tests run by the IWA's consulting groundwater hydrology firm of Geraghty and Miller can be salvaged.

Tests run on the well are designed to determine both the quality and quantity of water available under Sanibel and Captiva Islands and whether or not it can be treated by the IWA's electrolysis plant. The collapse of the casing and its inability to be repaired means that the IWA's drilling firm must drill a new well, to be located about fifteen feet from the

old well. The monitoring well is not affected and will be able to monitor the new well location.

The test results are required by South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) before they will give permission to the IWA to drill any new wells. The ultimatum handed down by the South Florida Water Management District led the IWA to declare a moratorium on new water hook-ups, a move which resulted in an effective halt of most new construction on Sanibel.

The drilling company hopes to begin drilling the new well by the end of the week, according to IWA general manager Larry Snell. They will also bear the brunt of the cost of drilling a replacement well at an estimated cost of \$70,000.

The test results from the monitoring well will not now be available to the IWA before the end of November.

## truck accident on Sanibel-Captiva road

The driver of a Ramon lumber truck sustained minor cuts and bruises yesterday, Monday, October 17 when he apparently rammed the back of a semi-trailer on Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Lee County Protective Service technicians transported the driver to

the Wegryn Medical Clinic for treatment of facial lacerations.

Investigation by the Sanibel Police Department was continuing at press time with Sgt. William Trefny and Officer Betty Weir on the scene.

## sanibel planning commission discusses island density

At their workshop meeting yesterday, the Planning Commission heard reports from the various support services designed to shed more illumination on the "growth vs no growth" controversy with which the commission is currently grappling.

The Commission decided not to endorse a proposed amendment to a City ordinance that would allow people to construct dwelling units under certain circumstances. The City ordinance currently stipulates that a building cannot be constructed without

a letter confirming a water hook-up from the Island Water Association.

The Commission did recommend continuing City support of the IWA and decided not to consider imposing a moratorium on building because the IWA has effectively accomplished this.

The Commission wrestled with the problem of establishing a total density but did not decide on any definitive numbers, nor a time frame for the remaining build-out. The Commission felt that the matter required further study.



# activities

## things to do

**BINGO MUREX** - American Legion Home, Thursdays, 8:00 p.m. No minors. Sanibel-Captiva Road, 472-9979.

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

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

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

## fraternal groups

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL** - area meetings. Fort Myers, Tuesday at 12:15 in the Shrine Building off Cleveland Ave.; Fort Myers South, Mondays at 12:15 in the Sweden House on Route 41; Fort Myers Beach, Thursdays at 12:15 at the Island Pub on San Carlos Blvd. (between the bridges); Cape Coral, Wednesdays at 8 a.m. in the Nautilus Inn.

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

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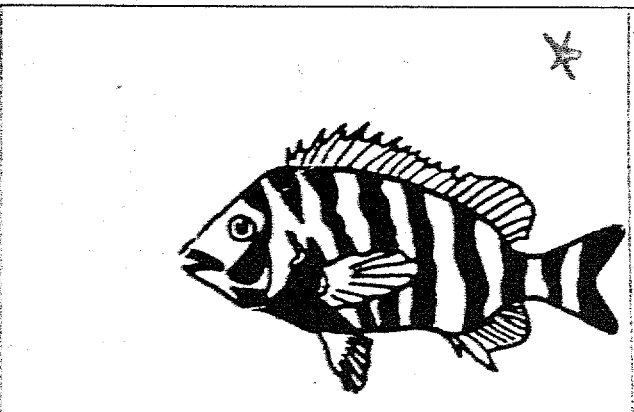
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## political and governmental

**SANIBEL CITY COUNCIL** meets the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays of every month at 9 a.m. at City Hall, unless special meetings are called. The public is invited.  
**SANIBEL PLANNING COMMISSION** meets the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Mondays of every month at Sanibel City Hall unless meetings are called. The public is invited.  
**FIRE DEPARTMENT** meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7:30, Palm Ridge Road Firehouse.  
**SANIBEL-CAPTIVA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION** Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30.  
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DATE	LO	RAINFALL	HI
October 7	71	None	83
October 8	71	None	89
October 9	(no reading taken)		
October 10	74	None	88
October 11	76	None	88
October 12	74	None	88
October 13	66	Trace	86

# church

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

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

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

**SANIBEL COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
The Rev. Bruce E. Milligan, Pastor  
Sunday Worship Service ..... 10 a.m.  
(Nursery Provided)  
Sunday School  
(Kindergarten - 8th) ..... 10 a.m.

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

**GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
Cypress Lake Drive  
The Rev. Fr. Arthur Kontinos  
472-2253  
Sunday Liturgy ..... 10:30 a.m.

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

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

**THE SHEPHERD OF THE ISLANDS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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Sunday Worship ..... 8:30 a.m.  
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# sea oats settlement sought

Attorney William Haverfield, representing the Virginia South Corporation, met with a five-member city fact-finding team last Wednesday to seek a "break-even" settlement for the 70-acre Sea Oats Subdivision lying between West Gulf Drive and Sanibel-Captiva Road just west of Rabbit Road.

Haverfield explained that the tract, which is transected by the Sanibel River roughly midway between Gulf Drive and Sanibel-Captiva Road, was purchased by Virginia South President William Smith for about \$1-million in August of 1973.

The land was zoned for a total density of 162 units under Lee County standards of that time, but Smith commenced developing the property in March of 1974 with an eye to subdividing the land into 142 single-family building lots, Haverfield explained to the city fact-finders.

Only the plat for the southern third of the tract, subdivided into 89 lots, was ever recorded with Lee County, Haverfield said, and the development was halted after only four lots were sold at roughly the time of the city's incorporation.

Although the roads and water lines for the platted portion of tract were already installed and HUD acceptance of the subdivision was pending, Smith stopped work on the project when the city incorporated because of his desire to be a "responsible developer," said Haverfield.

He added that Smith had voluntarily refrained from filling or clearing the land on the advice of Island environmentalists he had consulted in planning the development of Sea Oats.

But when Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan was adopted last July, Sea Oats was allocated a development intensity of only .7 units per acre for the platted portion and .05 for the remainder of the tract, even though it was recognized to be a "modern platted subdivision."

According to city officials, the density allocation for Sea Oats was based on considerations such as level of improvement, ecological zones, and build-out patterns among others.

Haverfield claims that Smith's "responsibility" as a developer accounts for the marginal sell-out pattern of Sea Oats, and that Sanibel's land plan penalizes Smith for his responsibility.

Thus, Smith has proposed a general amendment to the plan to obtain the 2.2 units per acre density allocated to other modern platted subdivisions on the Island, and to which he feels he is rightfully entitled because of the transitional nature of the case. The final hearing on his general amendment proposal is slated for the city council's meeting today in MacKenzie Hall.

In the meantime, however, city planners have proposed an alternate amendment for Sea Oats which would give Smith a total density of 29 units for the tract over and above the four lots which have already been sold. The city's foremost desire in this proposal seems to be to preserve the environmental integrity of the land, which they view as extremely sensitive because it is crossed by the Sanibel River and is largely designated interior wetlands in the ecological zones map accompanying the plan.

Evidently dissatisfied with the city's proposal, Smith requested that the city council appoint a fact-finding team to attempt to negotiate a settlement to the dispute.

The city fact-finders met with attorney Haverfield for the first time last Wednesday.

At the outset of the discussion, Haverfield proposed that the city permit Smith to develop a total of 73 single-family building lots on the half of the property south of the Sanibel River, offering to leave the land north of the river undeveloped. He added that anything less would not allow Smith to "break even" on the project.

The city fact-finders were quick to reject this proposal because the resulting lots would be far too small to meet the minimum lot size required for the land in Sanibel's comprehensive plan.

In return, the fact-finders proposed that Smith be granted the same density

as other modern platted subdivisions for the southern half of Sea Oats only if he agrees to dedicate a 200-foot buffer strip south of the Sanibel River to an appropriate conservation agency. At a density of 2.2 units per acre, a minimum lot size of 19,800 square feet is required for each dwelling unit.

The fact-finders asked Haverfield to replat the southern half of the tract exclusive of the buffer strip along the river into 19,800 square-foot lots, after subtracting the land area already committed to roads and lakes. They further asked that lots adjacent to the lakes be large enough to be deemed buildable under the plan even when the Island's water table is high and the lakes encroach on the lots.

Haverfield said that he would submit those specifications to Smith's engineers for a replat of the land, and would then report back to the fact-finding team on the number of lots which would be created and whether or not the result is agreeable to his client.

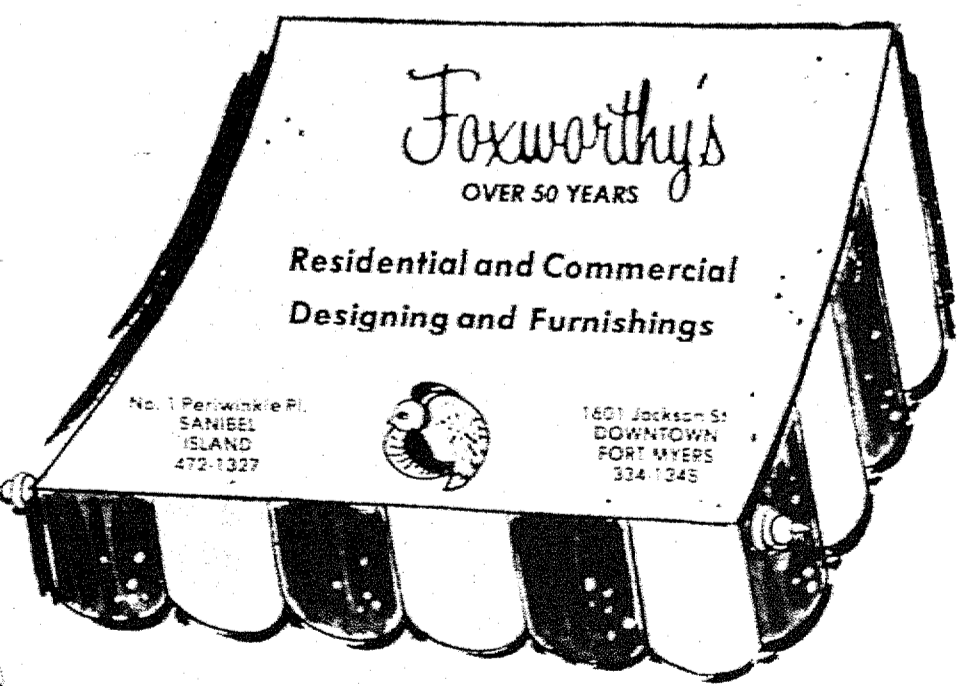
No date was set for another meeting between the parties, and it seemed doubtful last week whether Haverfield would be able to report his findings to the city council at their meeting today, making a continuation of the hearing very likely.

The city's fact-finding team for Sea Oats includes Mayor Porter Goss, Planning Commission Chairman Ann Winterbotham, city Planning Director Carleton Ryffel, City Attorney Neal Bowen, and Councilmen Zee Butler and Duane White.

# Butch Webb saves life

Butch Webb, employed by Song of the Sea, made himself some lifelong friends last Saturday when he rescued a man and his eleven-year-old daughter after they overturned a sailboat in the Gulf of Mexico.

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# COTI considers growth rate and law enforcement

The Committee of the Islands (COTI) is working diligently to keep its members abreast of the latest developments in Island affairs.

In recent weeks, COTI Chairman Milena Eskew had begun circulating an informal newsletter among COTI members to keep them up to date on city business and other matters of local environmental interest, while the group's regular meetings of late have featured informative discussions of the problems presently confronting Island officials.

At their meeting last Monday afternoon in the Sanibel Community House, COTI members addressed the problem of Sanibel's continuing rapid growth rate which is currently being wrestled with on an official level by the city planning commission.

The young city's problem with controlling the growth of Sanibel Island came to a head recently when the planning commission found themselves legally bound by Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan to approve an 84-unit condominium development despite their concerns over the Island's already overburdened water supply and road network, among other public services which are experiencing difficulty with meeting the demands of the Island's ever-growing population.

Sanibel Planning Commissioner Betty Robinson was present for COTI's meeting last week. She told the group that she favors amending Sanibel's land use plan to give either the city council or the planning commission the power to deny city development permits to those developers whose

proposals do not conform to the "intent of the plan," which all present for the meeting agreed should be interpreted as the desire to protect the health, safety and welfare of Island residents.

Under Commissioner Robinson's proposal, city fathers would not be bound to issue permits for development proposals which conform only to the performance standards contained in the land use plan, but would be empowered to weigh any proposed development against the general welfare of the Island as a whole.

Most of those gathered for the discussion last week seemed much taken with Mrs. Robinson's idea, and voiced regrets that it hadn't been put into practice in time to be of some use to the city in dealing with the recently approved condominium.

"I think that something has got to be done to stop the proliferation of condominiums of this size along our beaches," said Chairman Eskew.

She added that COTI will hold a special meeting sometime in the near future to continue their discussion of what can be done to curb the Island's alarming growth rate.

Earlier in their meeting last week, COTI members heard a presentation Sanibel Police Chief John Butler on the work of the Sanibel Police Department.

"The most important thing in a police department is attitude," Butler told the group. "We try to reflect the attitude of the residents of the Island, and so we run a pretty informal operation."

Butler said that the foremost area of crime on the Islands when his department came into existence was breaking

and entering and theft of personal property from automobiles parked at beach access points on Sanibel. He added that the hiring of beach access police aides through the auspices of the federally sponsored Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) earlier this year has greatly helped his department in curtailing the frequency of this problem.

Butler estimated that his department receives about 3,000 calls for assistance from Islanders each year, and that the small size of his force occasionally poses a problem with respect to handling all of the situations that might arise on the Island at any given moment.

"It's a pretty fair system we've got worked out here by and large," Butler said. "The only real problem is all of the technicalities we've got to satisfy to get the job done."

Chief Butler recognized that one area of poor compliance with the law on Sanibel is in regard to the city's ordinance governing the safe operation of bicycles and mopeds on Island streets. He said that additional CETA police aides will be posted along the Island's popular bike path during the coming tourist season to insure that both Islanders and visitors comply with Sanibel's bicycle safety regulations.

Among other questions fielded by Butler, COTI member Clark Newcombe asked what was being done to enforce the 35 mph speed limit on Sanibel-Captiva Road, an area of great concern for many Islanders throughout much of the past year.

Chief Butler responded that his department's early enforcement ef-

fort in this area were hampered by the lack of a speed gun with which to measure the speed of passing cars, although in recent months Sanibel patrolmen have had the use of such a device which was loaned to Island police by the Lee County Sheriff's Department.

Butler said that this has greatly aided Island police, who issued more than fifty speeding tickets along Sanibel-Captiva Road last month alone. The chief added that he hopes to continue this level of enforcement with the acquisition of speed gun for the sole use of his patrolmen, a purchase made possible by an increase in his department's budget for the new fiscal year.

He added, however, that it has been the policy of Sanibel police to give motorists the benefit of the doubt in borderline cases.

"The best policeman isn't the one who arrests everyone," Butler told COTI members. "The best policeman is the one who obtains the greatest degree of compliance with the law."

When asked what Islanders could do to help the police in their work, Butler urged all persons calling the police to report a crime in progress to stay calm, stay on the telephone, and to try to furnish the dispatcher with as much information as possible to assist patrolmen en route to the scene of the disturbance.

Butler said that many times a suspect could be apprehended more readily if the complainant, victim, or witness to a crime would provide the police with more information about the case when they first call in to report it.

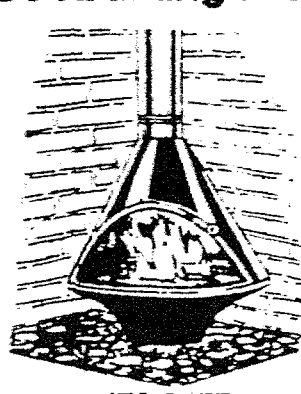


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# the return of the sailing snowbird

by rich arthurs

Seasonal Islander Allen Mainard has just recently returned from his New England home in Lebanon, New Hampshire.

Allen's return to the Islands this season was accomplished in his new English-built Mark II Iroquois catamaran, reputedly the fastest racing cruiser with its waterline in the world.

Allen's new vessel represents a significant change from his previous craft, a 36-foot motorsailer which "might make six knots in a roaring gale," quipped Mainard.

The "Semper Fi," as he has dubbed his new boat, has officially been clocked at 18 knots in racing trim, Allen reports. The official world's record for this ctamaran is 24 knots, over 27 mph.

Allen pointed out, however, that lightning speed was not the sole reason he purchased the used catamaran, which draws only 16 inches of water and is therefore the ideal craft for navigating shallow Island waters.

According to Allen's log for his recent trip, the Semper Fi made a leisurely departure from Marblehead, Massachusetts on July 12 and logged 2,066 nautical miles in roughly ten weeks to arrive on the Islands in late September.

The Semper Fi's first stop out of port was in Plymouth, Massachusetts, where Allen gaily loaded up on fresh lobster at \$2.39 per pound. From there Allen sailed around Cape Cod, anchoring near Wood's Hole for a night and at Vinyard Haven on Martha's Vinyard.

The Semper Fi's other memorable stops along the way included Cutty Hunk Island as well as Newport, Rhode

Island just in time to witness the trials for the America's Cup race. Allen claims that he has never seen so many sailboats gathered in one place in his life as he did that day at Newport.

Skipper Mainard reports that the Semper Fi experienced engine trouble between Newport and Clinton, Connecticut, where the motor gave out completely and had to be replaced, occasioning a week's delay for the Semper Fi and her crew.

Skipper Mainard's crew also included Fort Myers resident Lora Kuehn, formerly of Lebanon, New Hampshire, and Lora's daughter, Tracy Alston, for a portion of the cruise.

After correcting the difficulty and taking to sea once again, Allen stopped next near New Rochelle to pick up a dinghy he had promised to two back to the Islands for Bill Low, a resident of Sanibel and Connecticut. Low was the fourth member of the crew until he was called back to the Islands prematurely on business.

Unfortunately for him, Allen later lost the dinghy while navigating rough seas in Albermarle Sound.

The Semper Fi ran into the most serious trouble of the voyage off of Smith Point near the mouth of the Potomac River, where a wicked thunderstorm convinced the daring skipper to accept a tow to safe harbor.

Allen said that on the best day of the trip, the Semper Fi covered more than 80 statute miles under full sail.

All in all, the Semper Fi experienced her fair share of rough weather, said Mainard, especially off Fernandina Beach during the rainy Labor Day weekend which drenched the Islands



Skipper Allen Mainard aboard the Semper Fi.

with rain.

Allen claims that he wouldn't have set sail for the Islands so soon this fall had he not been in a hurry to get back to Sanibel to begin rehearsals for the upcoming theatrical season at the Pirate Playhouse.

Mainard made a very promising debut at the Islands' little theater last season and had promised Playhouse owners Ruth and Philip Hunter that he would return for a repeat performance this winter.

Allen revealed that he will be appearing in a highly type-cast role as the villain in "Aaron Slick of Punkin' Crick," an original musical melodrama to be offered at the Pirate Playhouse beginning in December.

Allen Mainard's recent return to Sanibel marks the outset of his second

season on the Islands. He first dropped anchor off Island shores last winter for the purpose of joining in the family reunion of a close friend and soon decided to make the Islands his winter cruising base.

The Semper Fi is moored at the Sanibel Marina near the Lighthouse end of the Island—a port of which Allen has become extremely fond.

When asked to explain the significance of the name of his new craft, Mainard, a retired gunnery sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps, replied ambiguously, "If you had been a Marine, you'd know what it means!" Think about it, and be sure to look for the sailing snowbird at the Pirate Playhouse this season.

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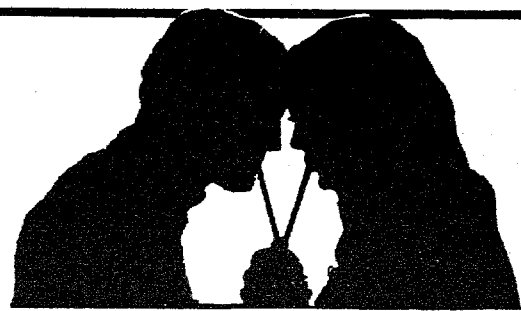
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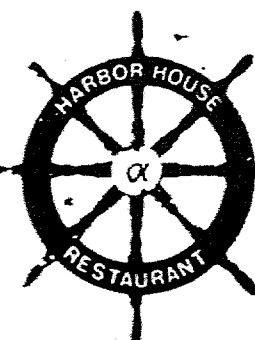
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# league of women voters to meet

The Sanibel-Captiva Unit of the Lee County League of Women Voters will meet tonight, October 18, to continue their efforts toward trying to determine the feasibility of instituting some sort of mass transit system on Sanibel and Captiva.

In a meeting held on October 10, the Island Unit of the League discussed the information they have received thus far relative to the various types of mass transit systems available for use on the Islands and the differing costs of each particular type of vehicle.

In recent months, a number of members of the Island League of Women Voters have been researching a variety of mass transit systems employed elsewhere in the country and have attempted to get some idea of what a practical mass transit network for the Islands might cost.

The results of their research seemed discouraging on the whole. Based on their recent correspondence with managers of other mass transit

systems, many members of the group reported that most mass transit systems in this country are failing because the cost of operating the system is greater than the returns from the fees which users of the service can afford to pay.

At the outset of their work, the group had hoped that some type of tourist-oriented "people-mover" or tram line such as those in use at Disney World might prove feasible for the Islands, but apparently this is not to be the case.

"It's difficult getting any information on trams because so many of the manufacturers have gone out of business," reported Carlene Bowen, chairman of the Island Unit of the League.

Unit member Mariel Goss said that she had received a reply to her query from the United States Department of the Interior as to the cost of the various types of mass transit vehicles employed by the National Park Service in parks throughout the United States.

Vehicles suggested by the Park Service ranged from an 11-seat Dodge van priced at \$5,500 to a 53-seat GMC Suburban Coach bus which costs \$65,000.

"The only feeling I got from this is that everybody involved in mass transportation is having problems," said Mariel Goss, "and there just don't seem to be any solutions."

Sanibel Planning Commissioner Joe McMurtry, a local expert on transportation planning, was present for the meeting and pointed out that the cost of fuel for powering the vehicles in the system, of drivers for the vehicles, as well as routine operating and maintenance costs should also be taken into account in trying to determine the overall cost of mass transit for the Islands.

By and large, McMurtry could offer the Island Unit of the League very little in the way of encouragement for the success of mass transit on the Islands.

Most members of the group remained optimistic however, and plan

to continue their efforts until they have gathered all possible information relating to mass transportation, which they will make available to other local groups which may be trying to work out a solution to the mounting traffic problems being experienced in South-west Florida as the area grows.

The Island Unit of the League decided that their next step will be to determine the best possible routes for a mass transit network on the Islands as well as trying to determine the extent of the public interest in such a service.


At their meeting tonight, the group plans to draw up a survey to assess Islanders' level of interest in the proposal, which they plan to distribute through local newspapers.

The meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. and will be held in the clubhouse of the West Wind Inn on West Gulf Drive.

The general public is warmly invited to attend the meeting and join in the discussion with members of the Island Unit of the League of Women Voters.

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# food for thought by julie gray

Remember the great lasagna debate a few months ago? I promised you then that I would eventually share my problems with pie crusts.

As I have said in past columns, I am undaunted by almost any aspect of cooking. I have been known to serve an untried recipe for the first time to very special company. I have even made up recipes in an emergency—when company was coming down the walk and we needed a meal in a hurry!

There are, however, three areas of cooking I usually approach with trepidation. The first is the famous lasagna; I have conquered that, and although not completely perfect to the purist, me and mine are well satisfied.

The second area of defeat for me has been cake decorating. No matter how hard I try, how many cake-decorating books I buy or how many classes I attend, my birthday cakes look so homemade that the most discerning person can tell "Mommy made this cake for me."

And now, out of the deep recesses of my culinary defeats, comes the most unhappy of all—the piecrust.

There have been times when I have wanted to join or start an organization called Piecrusts Anonymous. To those of you with ribbons from the state fair for your fabulous flaky crusts, I bend my knee in adoration.

I also know you will never understand my frustration at this time of year.

Alas, this is the season of the apple pie, followed swiftly on the heels by the pumpkin pie and the mincemeat pie and the key lime pie and on and on and on.

This pie thing has really become a paranoia with me. My children look at me sadly and suggest that it is "time for an apple pie, Mom."

Finally last year, my daughter Laurie made a smashing apple pie, key lime pie, and chocolate cream pie all in the same evening while I was out. She even cleaned up the kitchen. Of course, I assigned all pie-making to her, and pretended it really didn't matter to me.

Little did she know her success only renewed my efforts to produce a passable pie.

By now you ribbon-collectors must be ready to give me your secrets, let me know it's only because I use a shiny, dull, metal or glass pan...or because I use margarine, oil, Crisco, or lard.

Then there is the roll-em-out versus the push-em-out crowd, or the refrigerated versus the frozen-dough group.

I have also investigated the kitchen processor (cuisinart) group as well as the blender and mixer crowd.

I could go on and mention that I own four rolling pins, including one that can be filled with ice cubes. In my home up north I even had a piece of marble to roll out the dough on and when I could get the cook books off, that didn't work for me either.

Oh yes, there is also the tricks of rolling the crust out between foil, waxed paper or plastic wrap of various brands. And should I use a stocking of cotton on nylon on my rolling pin, or let the blasted thing go naked with all those ice cubes inside.

With some maturity (having just recently passed my 40th birthday) I have decided there is no earthly or heavenly reason either to even bother with an ordinary piecrust!

Well, I want my fellow piecrust failures to know that I have made a quiche without a crust, an apple pie and in fact just about any sort of pie imaginable without that darn bottom crust. So there. In fact, the last time I did it I was complimented on my delicious crust.

Have you, for example, considered:

**Phyllo dough or streudel leaves:** Layer these thin wonders in your pastry dish or baking pan (who said a pie has to be round? Butter each layer. When you have about seven or eight layers stop and put in the filling. Streudel leaves can be obtained from some local stores.

**Rice Crispies candy:** Follow the directions on the cereal package. Add a little cocoa if desired. This is good when pressed in place in a glass pie pan and filled with a non-bake type of filling. Especially nice for chiffon pies.

Here in Florida the following family favorite seems appropriate:

### CRACKER PIE

- 12 single saltines
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 cup chopped nuts
- 3 egg whites beaten stiff
- 2 Tbsp. butter

Put the butter in a nine-inch pie pan and put in a 350-degree oven to melt. Mix together crumbled saltines, sugar, nuts and baking powder. Fold egg whites into the mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes. Cool, serve with ice cream, whipped cream or custard sauce.

### OATMEAL APPLE PIE

- 1 cup oatmeal
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- One-Third cup butter
- One-Third cup water
- 1 tsp. grated lemon rind
- 4-5 cooking apples
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 2 tsp. lemon juice

Mix together oatmeal and soda. Gradually work in butter and then add water and lemon rind. Peel apples and cut into eighths. Arrange the fruit in a buttered baking dish and sprinkle with cinnamon, nutmeg and lemon juice. Cover with oatmeal mixture and bake in 375-degree oven for 40 minutes or until the "pastry" is browned and the apples are

tender.

Finally, for you fellow piecrust failures, I must express my gratitude to June Sweeney, who with her husband owns the F-Stop Camera shop in Fort Myers. She offered both consolation and her recipe that, she assured me, "can be beaten with my rolling pin if I want to."

It can be left in the refrigerator for three days. Scraps can be re-rolled if necessary and they won't get tough. It can also be frozen.

Follow the directions precisely and give them your undivided attention.

This recipe makes enough for two double crust, nine-inch pies, and one single pie shell.

### JUNE SWEENEY'S PERFECT PIE CRUST

- 4 cups unsifted all-purpose flour lightly spooned into cup
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1 3/4 cups solid vegetable shortening (not refrigerated. Do not use oil, lard, margarine or butter.)
- 1 Tbsp. white or cider vinegar
- 1 large egg

Put first three ingredients in large bowl and mix well with fork. Add shortening and mix with fork until ingredients are crumbly. In small bowl beat together one-half cup water, vinegar and egg. Combine the two mixtures, stirring with fork until all ingredients are moistened.

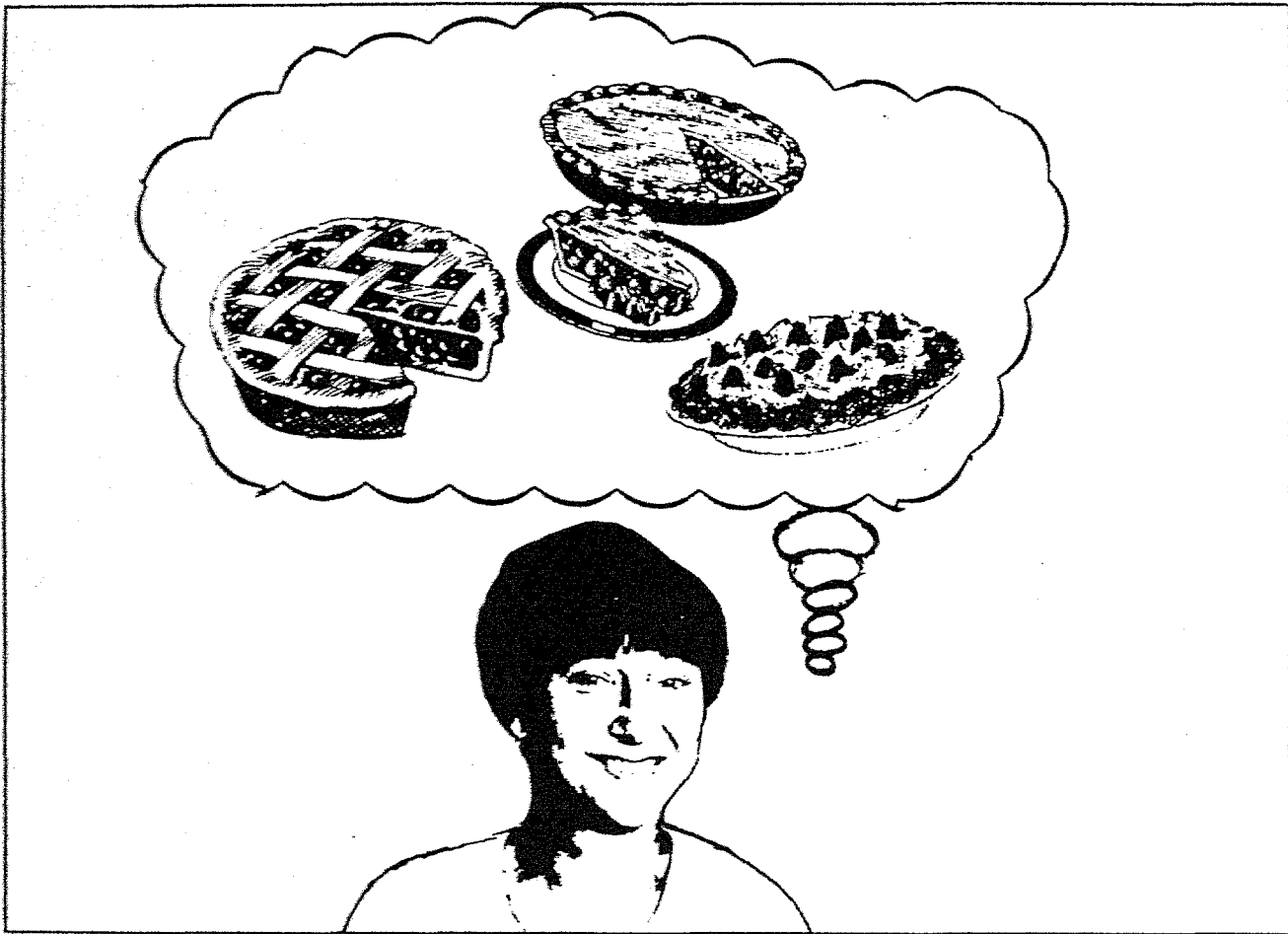
Divide dough into five portions and with hands, shape in a flat round patty ready for rolling.

Wrap each in plastic wrap or waxed paper, and chill at least 1/2 hour.

When ready to roll, lightly flour both sides of patty; cover rolling pin with floured stocking net.

Roll from center out to one-sixth-inch thickness and two inches larger than pan to be used.

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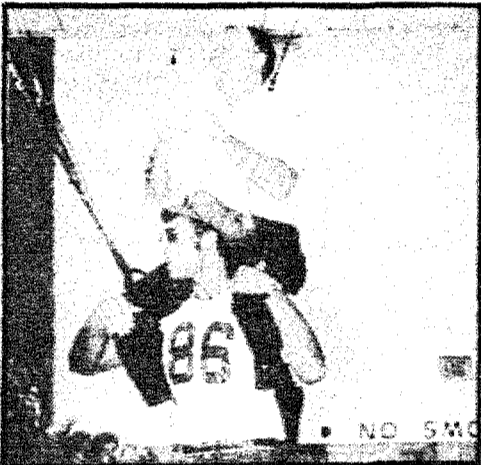
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# high - lights

by roger frey

This first article will cover events since school started on August 29. On the first day of school we reported to our homerooms according to lists posted in the halls. Then we received computer printed schedules. After straightening out some of the confusion and completing forms, we proceeded to our scheduled classes, correct or not. Everyone was informed that for at least the first week, there would be no changing schedules. If there was a mistake on your schedule, you just had to wait until the office was ready for you.

During the first few days, we were given rules, told policies and objectives of our courses. Then we were issued books and started the "learning process" as one teacher calls it.



Brian Clark and Jim Reed cavort at a pep rally.

Everybody got their schedules corrected and things settled down to a routine by the second week.

The school schedule is set up a little differently this year. We start with our first period then have a ten-minute homeroom before the remaining classes. The idea is that during homeroom announcements can be made, attendance taken, and any necessary forms filled out without taking time away from other classes. Homeroom is not at the start of the day so that late people won't miss it or be counted absent. To date we have filled out forms and answered surveys about language backgrounds, smoking and night courses. It seems as though we are being given a little more chance to express our opinions in matters at school.

Classes are still about fifty-five minutes. But this year we have six minutes between classes, a little more than last year. This was a needed change. This is the only time to get to your next class and stop at your locker if necessary. The six minutes is just about adequate. What if you're late? According to the revised attendance policy, if you are late three times in an eighteen week semester, you receive a detention. I'll expand on the attendance policy sometime in the future.

On Sept. 9, we had our first Pep Rally for the opening football game that night. It was unbelievable! The gym was filled with cheers, gestures and music for more than an hour. As students reluctantly left to resume classes, many said this was the best Pep Rally ever at C.L.H.S. We won our opening football game and had another good Pep Rally before our second winning game. However, we lost our third game (without a Pep Rally.)

During the second and third weeks, students campaigned for class offices. Posters were made and hung throughout the halls. Slogans and propaganda were even written on stickers and worn by students. Then, during the fourth week candidates gave speeches and students voted for their favorites. The next day class officers were announced. Class boards were formed and meetings started. Since then homecoming floats have been initiated and money raising begun. Car washes prove to be very successful.

On September 30, we had a year book assembly in which slides and speeches were given as propaganda to encourage us to buy the \$11 yearbooks. Afterwards there was another Pep Rally.

With the band on the stage, Pantherettes and three squads of cheerleaders on the floor, and the students in the stands the gymnasium was filled with spirit even more than the first time. The band was fantastic, the Pantherettes terrific, the cheer leaders exuberant, and the students joyful. At one point a football player had a teacher on his shoulders and the other football players were on each others shoulders shouting away, all unscheduled! Surely this was the best C.L.H.S. Pep Rally ever! Needless to say, we won that game too.



Roger Frey

The Islander welcomes Roger Frey to the staff. Roger, a junior at Cypress Lake High School, will report on high school highlights. Roger comes originally from Amherst, Massachusetts and carries an advanced school schedule. Due to a college-level course in chemistry that precludes travel to the Island on the school bus, he is a whole-hearted fan of car-pooling.

An accomplished photographer as well as a writer, Roger will be a welcome addition to the pages of the ISLANDER.

The varsity volleyball team has an excellent record this year. Under the brilliant coaching of an ex-Air Force volleyball player, they have a 12-0 record and are in first place.

On October 11 and 12, the juniors took the Florida Assessment test, a new requirement prior to graduation. The

test included math and English, mainly in practical examples. There was no time limit and most students considered the test extremely easy. The seniors had two assemblies recently for ordering graduation articles. But the freshmen and sophomores had nothing special.



Cypress Lake High school whips Riverdale, 14 to 6.

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# moped accident prompts safety concern

A number of recent close calls and one accident involving a moped on Island roads have prompted concern for the safety of moped riders on the Island this winter among members of the Sanibel police force.

Last Monday, a young visitor narrowly escaped a tragic end when he swerved his rented moped into the rear end of an oncoming truck while travelling along Periwinkle Way in the vicinity of the Tahitian gardens Shopping Center.

Young John Knapp of North Miami was riding a moped near the center of his lane of the road when he accidentally swerved into the back end of a lumber truck travelling in the opposite direction. Witnesses of the accident said that the luckless rider was trying to fall in behind his three companions, who were riding their mopeds on the bike path along the opposite side of the road in violation of city ordinance and state laws governing the operation of the popular little motor-bikes on city streets.

Other witnesses said he was lucky that he only bounced off of the rear end of the truck rather than falling in under

the rear wheels of the moving vehicle, which would surely have proved fatal.

Knapp was taken by ambulance to Lee Memorial Hospital, where he was admitted for the night with multiple abrasions of the head and torso. As his condition was not considered serious, he was released the next day and transferred to a hospital nearer his home in Miami.

For the Island's police force and other emergency services, the incident points up a larger problem.

"We're really going to be in trouble when the tourists come and the crunch hits with our narrow streets here on the Island," said Sanibel Patrolman Dick Noone, the officer who investigated the recent accident.

"Most of the moped rental agencies on the Island are very conscientious about acquainting their customers with our laws here," Noone added, "but more and more visitors are beginning to bring their own mopeds with them, and a lot of them drive right out on our streets as soon as they get here without any knowledge at all of our rules of the road."

"It's going to be a big problem,"



Noone said. "The law classifies mopeds as motor vehicles and they're not allowed to use the bike path, and with our narrow streets, sooner or later someone is going to get killed if they're not careful."

For visitors and Islanders alike, the Sanibel City Council has adopted ordinances establishing rules of the road for moped riders, and perhaps now is the time to be reminded of them.

The city's moped regulations require riders on Sanibel to:

- ride with the flow of traffic as near to the right side of the roadway as possible;
- equip their bikes with a horn or bell, a bicycle flag at least five feet high above the axles, and to maintain their bikes in a safe operating condition at all times; and
- to wear protective headgear which

complies with state regulations for motorcycle headgear or which has been approved by the chief of police.

Furthermore, city ordinances prohibit the operation of mopeds:

- at a speed greater than 25 mph;
  - by persons under 15 years of age;
  - on any beach within the city limits;
- or
- on any path or sidewalk specially designated for the use of bicycles.

Moped riders must also obey all traffic laws and signs established for the regulation of automobile traffic on the Island.

But perhaps the best rule to follow is that of caution dictated by common sense.

After all, there are likely to be more cars and more mopeds on Island streets this winter than ever before, and the skin you save may be your own.

# parents needed for halloween party

Once again this fall, the Junior Community Association of the Islands is planning to sponsor another popular Halloween party for Island youngsters of middle school age, including students in grades sixth through ninth.

The event has been extremely well received by Island young people in past years, and has provided Islanders of middle school age with one of their few opportunities each year to get together for a bit of old-fashioned socializing on the Islands.

This year's Halloween party is set to begin at 8:00 p.m. on All Hallow's Eve, October 31, although the event may not come off at all if more Island parents don't soon volunteer to help with party, according to Junior Community Association Chairman Sherry Vartdal.

The party committee held its first planning session for the event last week and only two Island parents showed up to offer their assistance, Chairman Vartdal reported. Close to a dozen Island youngsters were present to offer their help with the party, she reported.

As a result, young people will

probably be responsible for some of the work that has been handled by adults in the past, such as calling on Island merchants to solicit contributions of items to serve as door prizes and prizes for the games, races and other festivities planned for the party.

But young people cannot handle all of the preparations and jobs necessary to the success of the party, said Mrs. Vartdal, and parents are especially needed to decorate the Community House on the afternoon of October 31, to serve refreshments and chaperone the party, and to clean up the hall following the festivities.

Chairman Vartdal said that the popular event will have to be cancelled altogether if she doesn't have at least six adult volunteers signed up to help with the preparations by this week. The planning committee was to have met again Monday night to continue their efforts, although additional help from Island parents is still desperately needed, according to Sherry Vartdal.

She said that donations of materials are also needed for some of the ac-

tivities planned for the party, such as lots of large cardboard furniture boxes for the haunted house, a couple of dummies or mannequins as well as props such as crazy hats or ratty old furs for the dummies to wear, black poly garden plastic, black paint, and last but not least, donations of cookies, Halloween cupcakes, and apples for the traditional apple-bobbing without which Halloween might as well be Columbus Day.

Anyone having materials to donate or parents wishing to volunteer their services for the party should call Sherry Vartdal at 472-1267.

And for further details about the upcoming event and the news of whether there will even be a middle school Halloween party on the Islands at all this year, see next week's ISLANDER.



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# remembering

Looking through ISLANDERS of yore is a fascinating experience and we thought we would share some highlights of esteryear.....

October, 1962-Fifteen years ago

There was an item about Pearl and Jake Stokes celebrating their 5th anniversary. They each declared that 35 years with one spouse was a long time. I wonder how they feel now after 50??? According to a recent ISLANDER interview by Rich Arthurs published in the Sept. 27th ISLANDER, they've still no complaints.

fry. (Sounds like a good idea, doesn't it??) "Guests of Honor" included Pearl and Jake Stokes, Mr. John Peurifoy and Mr. Arthur Gibson. One of the winners of the best costume was Uncle Joe Wightman.

Fifteen years ago the old Inter-County Telephone system held "cutover ceremonies" for the new microwave radio system designed to provide better service to the Islands.

Karl and Mary Lee Wightman brought home little Sandra Lee—their first child in October, 1962.

October, 1964-Thirteen years ago.

Ray Rhodes and Chuck Nave made the Panthers football team at Cypress Lake High. At this point in their season they had won one in four. It was Cypress Lake's first football team.

Joe Gault had just come back from a buying trip to Miami. Times haven't changed much, have they Joe?

Ray Booth got home from the hospital after taking a nasty fall off Andy's Pier while shingling it. He says that he found the only spot to fall where he wouldn't hit the water and, 13 years later, still has a lump on his arm as a memento.

Phillip and Ruth Hunter had just sold their little theatre "Towndock in Port Washington, NY and were enroute to the Islands.

Chief Allen Nave and the Sanibel and Captiva Fire Departments played host to 55 visiting firemen from Lee County.

October 1966-Eleven years ago this month

Isn't it interesting how some things have grown with the Islands and others have not--Lee County Board of Education for instance held classes in Conversational French, Current Events, Conversational Spanish, Drawing and Painting

and Adult Basic Education. The Community Association has filled that gap well this year but whatever happened to the Lee County program????

And, speaking of growing, ISLANDER circulation was a whopping 763. We're better than five times that now.

Hurricane Inez was whipping its way around the Caribbean and had the timidity to interrupt the vacation of Marya and Marty Holtz along with son and daughter Tom and Suzi who had planned a trip to Nassau, but settled instead for Miami Beach.

And Pearl and Jake Stokes celebrated their 39th.

Jim and Jo Pickens had just returned from a trip to Cape Kennedy, the Smokies and St. Louis, Missouri.

Helen and Lee Roy Friday were "treasure hunting" in Prague and wrote the ISLANDER that that city was one of the oldest they would likely ever see—it was over a thousand years old eleven years ago. They had already been to Germany as well as Iceland and Luxembourg.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mitchell gave a dinner

for members of the Sanibel-Captiva teen club. The teen-agers were called upon to make presentations, do a pantomime or perform in a skit. Those participating were Chuck Nave, Sue and Skip Purdy, Tom Hines, Make and Bob Dormer, Steve Walters, Donald Miller, Gail Johnson, Kenan Fishburn, Karen Booth, Jimmy Jack, Mike Rhodes, Mark McQuade, Gordon Tracy, Jackie Redinger and Donna Wiles. Chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Purdy and Mr. and Mrs. John Ridge. Ah, the good ole days.

October, 1969--Eight years ago.

Mae and Bill Shannon had just returned to Captiva after a four-week vacation visiting Bill's parents in Hunting, W. Va. and Mae's relatives in Marion, Ohio and Pittsburg, PA.

A six-pack of Ballantine Beer was on special at Bailey's for \$.89.

The new Mr. and Mrs. George Wesley Gunn, Jr. of Winter Haven were honeymooning on the Islands. Mr. Gunn is a nephew of Tom and Mary Nix and a frequent visitor to the Islands. At the time of his wedding, he was stationed in Okinawa.

Francis Bailey had just come back from a Miami meeting of Grocers and Clothiers, with a quick trip to Nasa Nassau squeezed in.

PTA President Ralph Woodring presided at the Year's second PTA meeting where it was decided that the main fund-raising event would be a Dec. 29 bake sale. Mrs. Betty Muench donated some well-appreciated picnic tables to the school.

Jerry and June Muench had just moved here from Syracuse after an August wedding and Pocono Mountain honeymoon.

Don and Dorothy Seymour had just returned from an extended "Up North" trip to a new Captiva home.

Although times do change, and much time and effort is devoted to preserving the quality of life on the Islands that dates back into yesteryear, it is interesting to see that maybe, times don't change quite as quickly here after all. Things aren't so much different.....

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# Islander hired as associate city planner

Sanibel Planning Director Carleton Ryffel announced last Monday that he has hired Islander Ty Symroski to fill the position of associate planner after reviewing almost fifty applications for the opening.

The 25-year-old Symroski has been employed by the city planning department since this past June, when he was hired to undertake a clarification and refinement of the ecological zones map upon which the density allocations and development regulations in Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan are to a great extent founded.

"Ty has lived here most of his life and knows a great deal about the Island's ecology and the people here," said Ryffel last week in explaining his selection. "None of the other applicants were as familiar with the Island as Ty is, and I'm sure that his experience in the ecological zones work will be very valuable to him as a planner."

Ty Symroski has spent most of his young life on the Islands, and has considered Sanibel his permanent home since 1967, although his family ties on the Islands date back about 60 years to the arrival of his maternal grandparents, J. Ross and Daisy Mayer.

Ty holds a Bachelor's degree in land use planning from the University of Michigan and has taken graduate studies in planning at the University of

Michigan and at San Francisco State. His knowledge of the Islands' natural systems is considerable, as Ty has done field work for Caretta Research and has camped for extended periods of time on Upper Captiva and other remote, undisturbed areas along the chain of barrier islands which includes Sanibel and Captiva.

In his new role as associate planner, Ty becomes the fifth full-time member of the city planning department, joining Ryffel, his administrative assistant, Jean Nichols, and secretaries Pat Lovetro and Charlotte Fetterman.

According to Planning Director Ryffel, the added help could not come at a better time. Ryffel said last week that his department's current work load is "terrible" and "getting worse" as the time approaches for him to present reports on the Island's growth rate, the ecological zones map clarification, and the traffic circulation element in the land use plan to the city planning commission and city council.

Ryffel added that the planning department is currently flooded with development permit applications, which will make for long agendas for the planning commission at coming meetings.

Ty's duties as associate planner will include helping Ryffel in reviewing requests for development permits and amendments to the land use plan, as



Ty Symroski

well as assisting in the preparation of studies and reports needed by the city council and planning commission.

Until the end of this month, Ty is quartered in a small office the city has rented in the Legel Building on Periwinkle Way, after which he will be moved into a desk at planning department headquarters in City Hall.

"I'm really looking forward to working even more closely with Carleton," Ty said last week. "I was acquainted with the Island pretty well before I started the ecological zones work. Now I feel that I know the Island really well, and I hope I'm able to apply all the knowledge I've acquired in the

past few months."

"I also hope that the people of Sanibel will feel free to come in and discuss the city's planning process with me," he added.

Another new face was to have appeared in city hall for the first time yesterday, as Steven Maxwell was to have begun work as the new assistant to Sanibel City Manager Bill Nungester.

Nungester reported last week that the city is still seeking a full-time city engineer, although applicants for the position are few and far between, he said.

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## police reports

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SPD could not apprehend the suspect before he left the Island and Lee County Sheriff's were notified to be on the lookout for same.

Sheriff's officials later reported that they had stopped the suspect vehicle and had taken a drunken prisoner into custody.

A group of unknown vandals broke over \$600 worth of windows in a house currently being built on the Islands last week.

The unknown miscreants left no clues to their identity and so remain anonymous at the time, although SPD's investigation of the crime is proceeding.

An Islander called SPD one day last week to ask if a stop work order had not been posted at an Island construction site, as he noticed that work had resumed at the site that morning.

The matter was referred to city building department officials, and the outcome of the

complaint is not reflected in SPD's report.

An Islander called SPD last week to report that a van was parked on the beach near her home.

A patrolman was dispatched to the scene and informed the illegal parkers that city laws prohibit any motor vehicles on Island beaches.

Suspects complied with the law voluntarily, and that was that.

SPD received a call last week from an Islander who complained that a construction crew working two lots away from her home had trespassed on her property to hook a hose up to her outside sprinkler, whereby they were stealing her water and, as the hose was leaky, wasting her water all over the two vacant lots.

Upon confronting the crew with her observations and opinions concerning this practice, they soon agreed to disconnect their hose and offered to pay her for the water they had used, which seemed to satisfy everyone who had been notified of the incident.

An Islander called SPD last week to report

the theft of two hubcaps from his car.

The missing hubcaps were valued at \$74 and are still missing as of this writing.

An unknown thief broke into an Island residence last week and absconded with \$40 in currency, a gold necklace and a number of woman's bathing suits while the occupants of the dwelling were elsewhere on the Island.

The suspect gained entry to the apartment through a locked screen door, although no fingerprints could be found.

The investigation is continuing.

An Islander visitor was robbed of credit cards, identification papers, traveller's checks and currency amounting to over one-thousand dollars last week when her car was broken into and her pocket book stolen while she was visiting the historic Sanibel Lighthouse.

Upon returning to her car after only a five-minute walk, she said she saw two unkempt-looking white males driving away hurriedly in an old beat-up blue Falcon.

Island patrolmen and Lee County Sheriff's

deputies are still looking for the mysterious suspects, while one Island visitor remains highly chagrined.

A disturbance was reported at an Island drinking spa last week when the management asked a young Islander to leave the building because they claimed he had waxed loud and abusive.

The patrolman dispatched to the scene found the suspect quiet and genteel, although it was still determined to be in his best interests to vacate the premises, which he did forthwith.

A complaint called the station last week to report the theft of this 10-speed bicycle, valued at \$65.

At last word, the bike was still missing, and its owner was still getting around on foot.

An Island visitor called SPD last week to complain that various articles of personal clothing had been stolen from his family while they were wading on an Island beach.

Missing articles included a Mickey Mouse teashirt and blue jeans containing a wedding ring and rosary beads. The missing items were later discovered by

a SPD police aide on the beach and were duly returned to the complainant.

An Islander called SPD one day last week to report the his gun, a

nine-shot 22-caliber automatic, had been stolen from his car during the preceding night.

The missing firearm has yet to turn up, although it does not seem to have been used in the perpetration of any recent crimes in the area.

Aside from the individual reports detailed above, SPD issued three traffic citation last week, sought one lost dog, secured four insecure premises, escorted five large trucks across the Islands, sought and found three missing person, handled two confidential domestic matters, and rendered miscellaneous assistance on 17 occasions.

Emergency medical technicians on the Island were called out three times last week, while the Sanibel Fire Department received four calls for assistance from Islanders ablaze.

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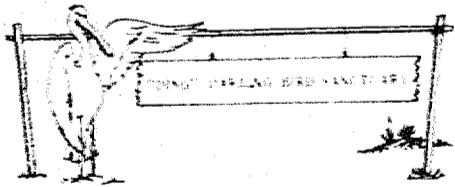
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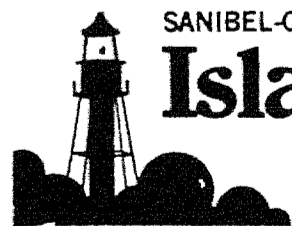
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# mind the step

Part VI

by ruth hunter

Though we drove past so many sheep, Philip said the British hillsides looked as though they had dandruff, we didn't ever come upon a lambchop, so that when we did at Beaumaris in Anglesley Island, it was a special treat. The Cottage Restaurant on the Main Street is something like 350 years old. Our table set with red glassware was in a raised (mind the step) bay window overlooking a huge castle, Beaumaris. What makes this castle unusual is that it was never completed, yet finished enough so you can roam thru halls, come to blind passages, into secret gardens and so on.

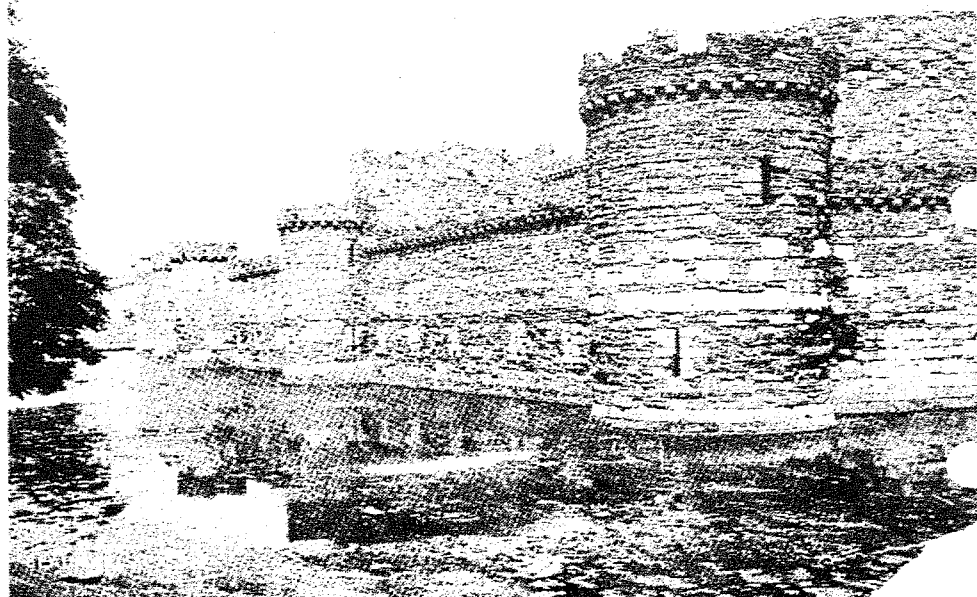
In fact, to our delight we got lost and had to shout our way back. This is easy for Beaumaris Castle has always a load of visitors so that when you holler "Where are we?" a voice will come back, "turn to the right when you come to the first round window." A ma and pa swan (swans stay married you know till the day they die) and their little signets were swimming around in the moat... it was all as if we had stepped between the covers of a King Arthur adventure. It is said that King Edward 1st had intentions of keeping the Welch subdued with this Castle. There's lots to see on Anglesley Island in Wales, for instance the wooden leg of the Marquis of Anlesey for whom the Island is named. Before you get to this great villa, at Plas Newyod, a statue of the Marquis stands on a column so high, you have to ask "Who is that up there?"

If I remember correctly, I think a

plaque states that the Marquis of Anglesley won the battle of Waterloo and that's probably why the historians thought best to preserve his wooden leg in the museum along with his fancy uniforms, hats with plumes, boots and saddles, etc.

What attracted us mainly to the Marquis' villa was "Whistler's" blue room. Here the famous man dined on a table about 30 feet long in front of a mural mostly painted in blue. I said to the guide, "This is a surprise - I thought Whistler was famous only for the painting of his ma." She replied "Oh no this is not your Whistler, it is our Whistler who painted the mural."

Our stay on Anglesley Island was with Marion Roberts. She gave us directions to all the beautiful picturesque places on the coast. We rented a little 3 room suite attached to her house Marion was a darling. At night with our tea we had delicious home-made goodie called Bala Brith, Mation had evidently been telling her neighbors about us for one sent in several Welch plays for us to look over. We hugged each other goodbye and wished we had another three days to stay. Marion pressed into my hand a little lavender tweed purse with a ha-penny in it, and a postal of a place having the longest name in Britain which is Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwillantysiliogogogoh. Folks have shorted it to Llanfair, P.G but we did have an English actor who could really pronounce "llygyllgoger" ... oh I give up!



Beaumaris Castle on Anglesley Island, Wales.

Hadrians Wall near the Scottish border attracts a great deal of attention. Built between 122 A.D. and 126 A.D., it was designed to defend the frontier of the Roman province from ancient northern tribes. You stand there, high on a hillside and wonder how it could have lasted so long but here it is stretching almost 74 miles across Britain from Wallsend to Bowness. We only walked about three miles of the wall - slow going it was because I found some lovely bluebells to add to my bouquet of flowers in our car. I had now stuffed it so full, daisies, carnations, buttercups, the car didn't fall over so much, as we drove along.

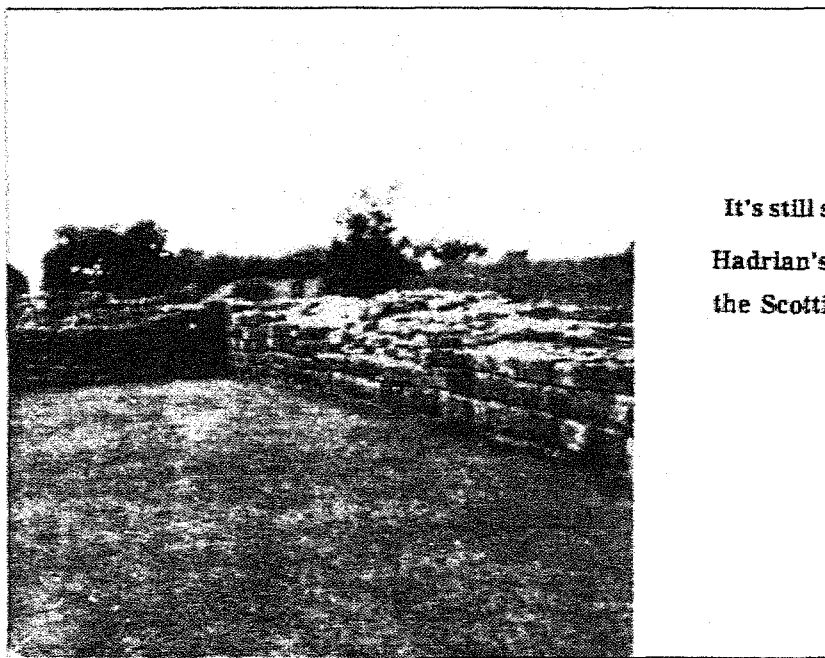
The era of rich English widows coming to grandiose hotels at the British seaside is fading. On the Lankeshire coast at Morecambe we found the Grand Hotel, still steeped in poshy tradition. When you want to say things are expensive, you say "they are pricey." The clerk at the Grand, an Irish lady took a fancy to us, gave us a room with a balcony overlooking the sea but built with a spiked wall around it so's you couldn't jump. She introduced us to the guests, one couple I was interested in from California and London made all their money selling English antiques in America.

The furniture in many of the places we stopped was hand made and beautiful, all heirlooms handed down from Grandfather Cirencester or Grandma Portofino. We started up to the Morecambe Pavillion (each seaside resort has one) to a Variety show but stopped at the coner because

it was so windy. In the Hotel Lounge was a group of English widows enjoying "The Black and White Minstrels" a terrific T.V. show. This musical hour on BBC after playing at a Rovion Theater, has been going on for years. I love it - the ladies are beautiful and the men are in blackface. The show has been going so long, when you are a male member of the cast, you wear a little black and white button in your lapel. A dance with Philip in the Grand Hotel ballroom where the organist played my favorite song of Noel Coward's "I'll See you Again" topped our evening.

After our breakfast where my Irish friend seated us at a big round table with a newly married couple, we were ready to go. The newlyweds weren't too talkative. The groom looked like a horse, he had such big teeth and his bride from Malaysia resented our questions about her country. We waved goodbye to the several rich widows already seated in their rocking chairs on the Grand Hotel's verandah though the clock was striking only nine!

I got permission from the attendant when we stopped for patrol, to pick white rose. He was wearing only one earring in his right ear. "What's that for?" I asked him. "Love" he told me. "And when the earring is in the left ear?" He was quick on this, "That means disappointment in love." I had noticed this ear fad, right and left stuff on a number of British boys and wondered it hasn't started in America. When I picked my white rose, I was stung by a British bee.



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According to Mr. Fred Hawkins, Assistant Resort Manager at South Seas Plantation on Captiva, two top staff editors from Boating Magazine conducted boat testing activities at the Resort on September 29th and 30th.

Staff Editors Larry Kean and John Delves of Boating were joined by Dick Burpee, a Fort Lauderdale yacht Broker, and Harry Spencer of the Pequod Yacht Company of Concord, New Hampshire for the testing session.

The yachts being tested were both 1977 Pequod 34 Sportfishermen, owned

by Allen Ten Broek and Bob Rauschenberger of Sanibel. The tests were designed to evaluate the two new fiberglass boats, for a forthcoming article in the November issue of Boating.

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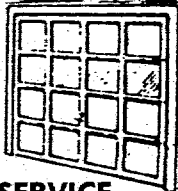
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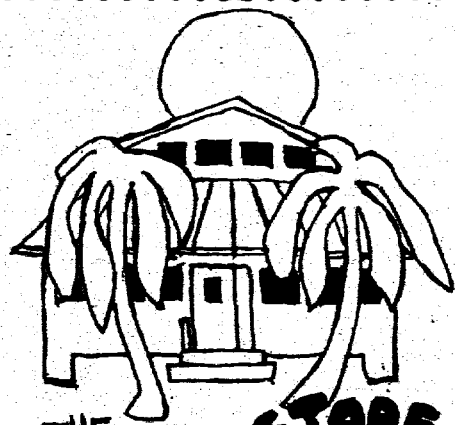
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# outdoors

## field notes

fleur weymouth is on vacation — adamm smith is this week's columnist

About two months ago I explored all the little nooks and crannies of Tarpon Bay. Using a canoe that was built by the Sanibel Resources Center (of which I am a student) and my Dad who also supplied the tools and direction.

I started out near Tarpon Bay Marina at about 9:00 a.m. I canoed to the entrance of the canoe trail. On the way there I saw many interesting live shells. Also many different kinds of crabs, fish and birds. When I entered the trail mullet were jumping, pistol shrimp were snapping and birds were talking. Occasionally I would see Ibis fishing among the mangroves for an unwary fish or crab. Also Great Blue Herons, Great Egrets and Little Blue Herons would patrol the waters. Devil Crabs would scurry around the trunks of the mangroves so as not to be seen by me.

When I came out I decided to canoe around the Bay. So I went alongside the bordering Red Mangroves. Up in front of the canoe I saw a dark figure in the water about four feet in width. When I got closer it darted off. Then I recognized it to be an Atlantic Manta Ray which gets up to a width of twentytwo feet. Then I spotted a small oyster bar island. It was a small island, shorter than the canoe, but good enough to eat lunch on. After lunch I noticed a chain of oyster islands which were only one foot wide. On some of them there were clumps of Mangroves on which Comorants, Pelicans and Egrets were resting.

After passing the chain of oyster islands I saw two big mangrove islands with Pelicans and some roundish white birds I couldn't identify.

On the way over to these large mangrove islands I noticed signs which

had been put up in the water. They said there were nesting birds in the area and not to disturb them. Then I recognized that the small, roundish white birds I had seen were baby Pelicans. I stayed out far enough so as not to scare the birds. Out of the corner of my eye I noticed two porpoises who, I guess, noticed me because when I started to follow them they disappeared.

Next I headed for some pilings that were occupied by Least Terns, Laughing Gulls and Cormorants. About three canoe lengths ahead of me I saw six dark objects that were stirring up the water. They turned out to be Manatees. I paddled slowly and cautiously into the middle of the group and then paddled along with them for about twenty minutes. Then they stayed under water longer than usual and when they surfaced next they were

a long way from my canoe. When I caught up with them they went under and I didn't see them again.

By now the wind had strengthened considerably so I had to paddle directly into it. The wind still pushed me back until I was in a strip of windless water on the north side of the oyster islands. I canoed along there and saw some sting rays. Then I headed straight for the marina where I called my Dad. He came and picked me up.

Just taking one look out over Tarpon Bay, you wouldn't see much. In a fast speeding motor boat you might not see anything at all. With my canoe I saw all those interesting things - plants, animals and birds. I would like to urge all the power boat drivers to watch out for manatees who are too often killed by careless motor boaters.



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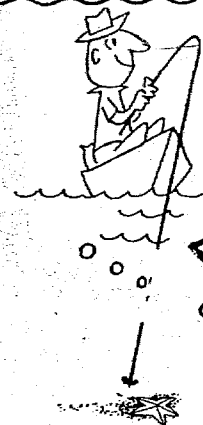


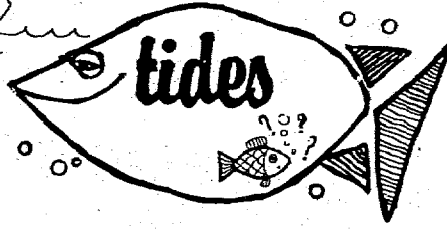
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# on the water

by mike fuery

Body surfing is a sport wherein you arch your back, try and jump on top of a large wave and hope that the wave doesn't make your nose plow a furrow half way up the beach before you can pull out. Sounds like a lot of fun doesn't it?

I was a board surfer, but age (can't hit the board any more), location, (Captiva is too far from the good surfing) and health hazards, (I like the current position of my head just fine) eventually made me lose the desire for that type of surfing.

So it was the first cold front coming down Florida's east coast and resulting in waves, that found us boyd surfing off Boca Raton last weekend.

It had been a few years since my wife, Carol, and I had tried this sport and everytime we get over to the ocean we always talk about what a shame it is for surfers here because there are no really decent beaches for this along Sanibel or Captiva Islands. I play up the dangers of surfing, but actually it's a great body builder, requiring top physical condition to handle the surf

boards and the high waves.

About 15 years ago, surfing with boards boomed on the east coast of the state. Surfing cultures of young people were all over the beaches and in college classrooms you could count on one guy getting up and writing "Surf's UP!" on the board before the professor came in.

The surf boards have changed dramatically since then. Now the boards are much lighter, stronger and more controllable. One much needed improvement was the rope tied to the end of the board and the surfer's foot. It used to be that if you were out 200 yards and fell off, your board might go all the way into shore before you could get it back. That's a long swim back out. The tether also eliminates the problem of a runaway board where it could hurt a swimmer or another surfer.

Surfing is a lot of fun, as I said, and occasionally when there are high waves on the Gulf of Mexico, I see a few hearty souls out there on their boards off Captiva. They are probably dreaming that they are in Hawaii or some other famous surfing area, but

still the waves here do offer some surfing action.

Body surfing, that's where you use your body as a surf board, is going to get better here as the winds get stronger, but it's cold unless you have a diving wet suit.

If that doesn't seem appealing, there are a handful of other activities you can tackle and still get a touch of surfing.

One of those is to get an old truck tire, inflate it as hard as possible, paddle out into the Gulf and catch a wave or two. More than one people can surf together like this. It's easy and about as close as most people want to get to drowning themselves in the game of sport.

There is at least one company which offers another alternative called "wind surfing". This is the mirage of a surf board and a small sailboat. The result is a fast ride, not much directional stability and a thrill everytime the wind gusts up after a lull. Who knows, maybe one day wind surfing will catch on here and we'll have the first annual Island wind surfing contest.

Depending on your present state of

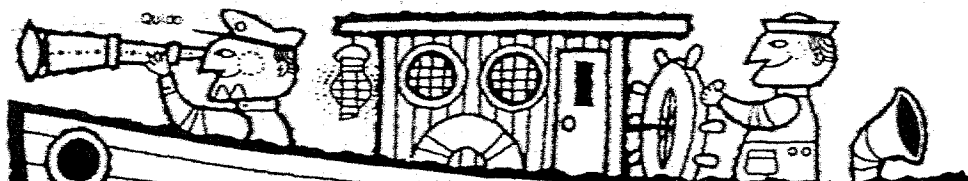
sanity, you might try surfing behind a powerboat. You're right, you do have to be crazy, but this is something really interesting.

You get slowly towed as if you were on a pair of water skis and then the boat picks up speed and eventually if you can stay on the board you are pulled faster until the board is positioned on the crest of the boat's wake.

If you are a parent and watching a son or daughter try this one, it's guaranteed to make you age two years, before they get back to shore.

On this side of Florida, the surf is a little tame, but still there are sports to try if you want to get out there. Thinking it over, I will have to say that the most important improvement to surfing is the increased participation by bikini clad women. It's added to binocular sales by many times. See you next week and let me know if the surf's up!

(Mike Fuery is captain of Captiva Charters offering both fishing and sailing from Tween Waters Marina, on Captiva Island.)



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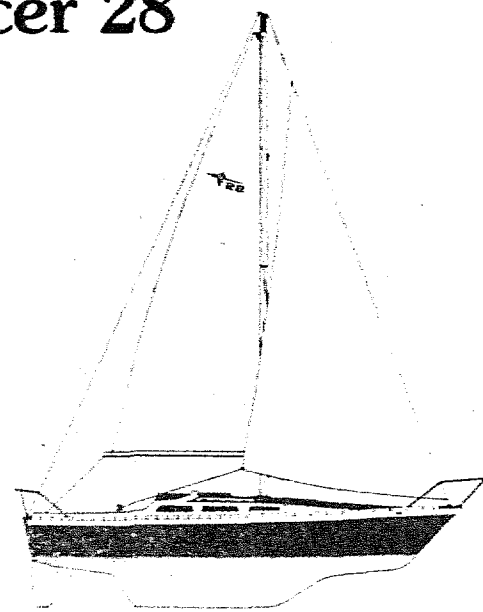
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# 84-unit condo gains reluctant approval

The Sanibel Planning Commission held a special meeting on the morning of October 10 for the express purpose of approving a city development permit requested by Sun States Associates President Barry Chapman to enable the construction of an 84-unit condominium project on a 16.6 acre Gulf-front tract of land just west of the Sundial Condominium and Beach Resort on Middle Gulf Drive.

Last week's final public hearing on the proposed development marked the third time since August 29 that Chapman and his attorney, James Garner, have appeared before the city planning commission.

At the August 29 hearing, the commission decided to continue their deliberations on the request until a later date in order to clarify some of the finer points of Chapman's proposal, such as his plans to include a 100,000 cubic-foot cistern in the development for use in irrigating landscaping at the site.

Commissioners were fearful that future residents of the development, to be known as Gulfside Place, might attempt to use Island Water Association (IWA) water for irrigation in times of severe drought, so Chapman responded by drawing up a covenant which will bind all purchasers of the units in Gulfside Place to use no IWA water for landscaping under any circumstances.

Chapman again presented his proposal to the planning commission on October 3, but city planners' concerns over the Islands' dubious water situation prompted them to balk at granting their final approval of the project once again, and Commissioner Twink Underhill made a successful

motion for the matter to be left to the discretion of the city council.

Chapman and Garner made their only appearance before the city council on the following day, October 4.

After a lengthy discussion of the merits of the proposed development and the city's current dilemma with respect to potable water, the council finally concurred with an opinion from City Attorney Neal Bowen to the effect that the council had no choice but to abide by the administrative rules it had set out for itself in Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan.

Bowen said that inasmuch as the proposed development conformed in all respects to the performance standards outlined in the plan, the city was required by its own law to issue the desired development permit for the project.

Bowen pointed out that if the council could demonstrate that the current water quandary constitutes a threat to the health, safety and welfare of Island residents, they could then impose an Island-wide building moratorium on Sanibel. He added that the denial of only one developer because of the scope of his proposal would be a decision of questionable legality, and would be sure to invite litigation from the affected party.

In recent months, the planning commission has begun work on a formal policy to phase development on Sanibel in an attempt to slow growth to a pace which can be supported by vital public services such as water and roads, but the work has progressed slowly and city planners are still a month away from making any sort of recommendation in this regard to the city council.

Thus, the council decided on October 4 that the city is obliged by law to issue Chapman a permit for Gulfside Place, and the case was referred back to the city planning commission, as the commission is the only body empowered by the plan to approve or deny development permit requests.

The result of this action was the planning commission's special meeting on October 10.

Even after hearing the city attorney's opinion and the council's instructions to the planning commission, some commissioners were still so concerned over the probably impact of the proposed development on Sanibel's already overburdened roads and water supply as to oppose the issuance of a development permit for Gulfside Place.

At one point in the hearing, Commissioner Joe McMurtry moved to deny Chapman's request and Commissioner Lee Roy Friday seconded the motion, which was ultimately defeated by a 4 to 2 vote.

An uncomfortable silence ensued and lasted for some minutes until Commissioner Twink Underhill moved to approve the issuance of a development permit for Gulfside Place.

Mrs. Underhill said that her motion was made "with a great deal of

reluctance and with full knowledge that those people will be coming into city hall in a couple of years to complain about inadequate roads and the lack of water on the Island."

"There just wasn't anything we could do to stop it," she added following the close of the hearing.

Commissioner Don Marshall "reluctantly" seconded her motion and Chapman's long-awaited approval for Gulfside Place was finally granted by a vote of 4 to 2, with Commissioners Joe McMurtry and Lee Roy Friday dissenting.

Chapman revealed at an earlier hearing that the 84 spacious condominium units in Gulfside Place will be marketed through Island relator John Naumann and Associates, and will range in price from \$160,000 to \$219,000.

Chapman had originally hoped to have his luxury condominium development, featuring boardwalks to the beach, swimming pools, tennis courts and full recreational facilities, completed and ready for occupancy by December of 1978.

Sun States Associated is a Florida corporation based on Sanibel, although the firm's principal investors are Canadian, Chapman said.

## Canada candidly

We have just emerged from 21 days of rain and heavy overcast. Never have I seen a fall as terrible as this one. The weather was so bad that people went about in a semi-suicidal state and just never discussed it. When the sun finally put in an appearance, one of the radio stations put out a "News Bulletin" about it.

Some fool hurricane was lingering off the Maritime coast and didn't have the sense to move out to sea. Just sat there and poured rain and clouds back inland. Now, it has turned quite chilly and snow was forecast in the Laurentians last night.

Well, I'm sure that report makes you Canadians all warm and cozy down there. Unless,

of course, you read "Condominium." That was a heart stopper and quite frankly, I think I'll put up with our four seasons and let you cope with the vagaries of nature down there. I just can't imagine going to sleep on one island and waking up on another. Not that the book was that blunt about it all but it was quite scary all the same.

Speaking of books, I'd like to recommend a couple of bios for you bookworms. One is "Vivien Leigh" by Anne Edwards and the other is "Majesty" by Robert Lacey. The last one was the only biography approved by the Queen in this Jubilee year. It's like reading instant history, beginning with the end of Geo. V, the

abdication of Edward VIII, the reign of Ge. VI and finally the ascension to the throne of Elizabeth herself.

The books gives us quite an insight into the personal lives of the Royal Family and I am sure anyone who has an interest in British history will love it. The same can be said about "Vivien Leigh"—a most tormented woman and her story could be brought to the screen and no one would believe it. Now, my friends, have bread in the oven whose smell is now pervading the house so had better have a peak.

Thanksgiving weekend has come and gone as has the turkey so we'll be thinking of you all and pumpkin pie for another year.

## boating courses to meet

The first meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron's free boating course will be held on Monday, November 7 at the Community Association on Periwinkle Way.

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# islander boatnotes

by Al Stresen-Reuter

The greasy sludge was washed down the storm sewers into the ship turning basin where it slowly settled on the bottom. The entrained grease and chemicals were so intimately mixed with the silt, dirt, and trailings from the mill that they would not rise from the mixture as oil normally does when placed in water. The turning basin was under the jurisdiction of the Corps of Engineers and its duty was to keep the depth of the harbor at a minimum of 22 feet. Dredges were constantly operating, digging out the filth on the bottom to keep this depth at the required minimum.

The filth was then loaded into barges, towed out into Lake Michigan approximately 25 miles north of the harbor and ten miles out in the lake from the water intake cribs of the city of Chicago. There it was dumped from the barges.

This was in 1968 and 1969 that I personally saw this happening. Aside from the fact that the mill responsible for the pollutant was having its garbage removal taken care of at public expense, the pollution of Lake Michigan was clearly visible from the air and

most importantly from the taste of the "drinking water" of all of the municipalities along the southern end of Lake Michigan. The above incident was only one of many. Most of these abuses have been or are now being corrected.

The City of New York has even worse problems and has created a monster in the form of a "dead" ocean to the south of the city and somewhat offshore from the Jersey Coast.

Before we congratulate ourselves on our apparent lack of such problems in southwest Florida, let's look under the carpet—where lots of unpleasant facts have been swept.

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This is not an "instant" happening. It has occurred gradually over many

years. As we grow, so do our problems. We must face the fact that our growth should follow our ability to care for the problems inherent in growth.

Fortunately, we have rediscovered sewage disposal plants and sewers.

Hopefully other municipalities will follow suit. If this happens, then the coliform count in our waterways and beaches might be sufficiently low to conform to sanitary standards for safe swimming.

Our fishing problem is caused by a combination of factors such as chemical water pollution, sewage, poor commercial fishing techniques, and indeed, some natural causes such as the "red tide". The new fishing reefs are a start toward solving this problem and should be well supported by all sport fishermen and those connected with sport fishing in the area. The other factors are now being worked on by our governmental agencies, and these efforts should be supported by those who are directly involved as well as the general public. There has been a resistant reaction in the past few years to environmental and ecological problems. This is natural. It hurts. But

what hurts more is the 60 mile trip out in the Gulf to catch a few ten-inch fish.

Our beaches are a disgrace!!! We can do something about this ourselves. Throwing anything into the waterways, bays or Gulf is wrong.

This not only includes the usual trash such as plastic containers, beer cans, and fuel of any sort, but also our grass clippings, palm fronds and other garbage from our yards. We may rationalize that these products are biodegradable, but we have come to a point where there is too much of this trash to be consumed by the water animals and the surplus produces an imbalance in the system.

There has never been a package of garbage thrown overboard from the Papa Nui. To those of us who thought nothing of using the sea for our garbage disposal for years, it was a complete about face. It was not difficult. We learned to save our garbage in plastic bags until we reached shore—even on our races, some of which were two weeks at sea. Grocery bags—a problem in themselves for disposal, can be used by the picnic family on an outing to the beach. If no refuse containers are available, take it home and dispose of it. It's not that difficult a problem.

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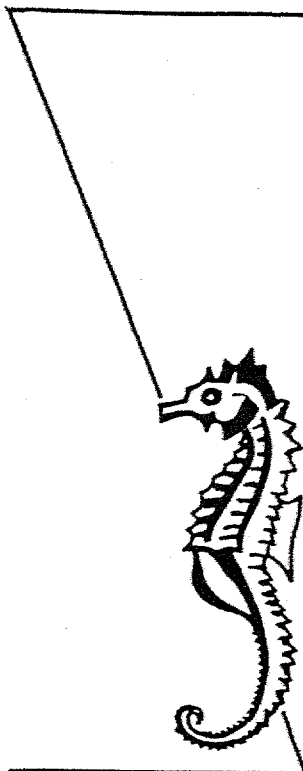
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do you think the Islands should have mass transit



Alici Aleck, Sanibel

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Dave Brown, Sanibel and Fort Myers.

No. I don't think so. There are enough problems with traffic already, unless they regulate it to the bicycle paths.



Helen Murnane, Cape Coral

I'd like to see the Island stay the way it is. It would ruin the beauty of the Islands.



Nori Anne Reed, Sanibel.

Yes, I think there ought to be mass transit. It would cut down on traffic and save energy.



Fred Hahn, Sanibel.

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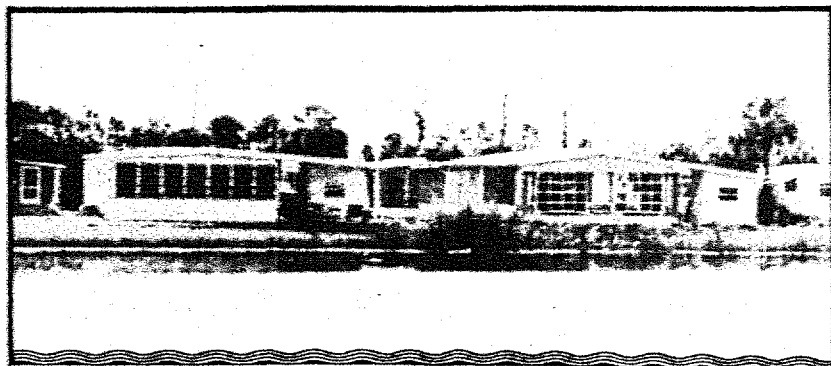
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## landscaping donations

### received: more needed

Islander Milena Eskew reported last week that contributions have already begun coming in to help defray the expense of landscaping the Sanibel Community House on Periwinkle Way with native plants such as coconut palms, geiger trees, sea grape and philodendron, among others.

Mrs. Eskew's landscaping proposal was received favorably by the board of directors of the Sanibel Community Association as a way to soften the stark lines of the Island's Community House.

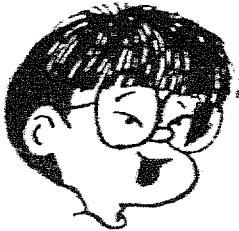
Mrs. Eskew said last week that more donations are needed to reach the goal of \$600 set out for the landscaping project.

If you would like to see a little more greenery around the Community House, send your tax deductible contributions to the Sanibel Community Association.

Make your checks payable to the Community Association, marking them "special landscaping fund."

## coastal zone advisory committee meets

The next meeting of the Coastal Zone Management Citizen's Advisory Committee will be Saturday, October 22, 1977, at 10:00 A.M., at the Fort Myers Ramada Inn. The major topic of discussion will be the state's draft Coastal Zone Management Plan; the history of water management will also be discussed. Interested parties are invited to attend.



## school lunch menus

OCTOBER 17-21

Hot Dog-Bun  
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Coleslaw  
Gingerbread w-Lemon  
Sauce  
Peanut Butter Raisin  
Cup  
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Spaghetti-Meat Sauce  
Cauliflower-Cheese  
Sauce  
Tossed Salad w-Tomato  
Garlic Bread  
Sherbert  
Milk

+Meatloaf

Submarine Sand.  
Bean Soup  
Celery Stick  
Orange Wedges  
Chocolate Brownie  
Milk

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## school advisory committee conducts survey

Pursuant to Florida law, the School Advisory Committee of the Sanibel Elementary School is conducting a survey to sound the parents of Island students on what they feel to be the most pressing problems at the school and the best ways to correct them.

The survey, which was to have been sent home yesterday with students of Sanibel Elementary, asks parents to respond to questions including:

—what do you think are the biggest problems with which the school must deal?

—with which of ten educational goals should the school be most concerned?

—what is the best source of information about the school?

—when a student is not learning, who do you think is mostly at fault?

—do you have any suggestions for improving the school lunch program?

—do you have any suggestions for shortening the length of time students spend on the bus?

—do you have any suggestions of resource persons that would be willing to assist teachers in the classroom? and

—are there any particular problems that you feel the school should be concerned with at this time?

Charles Wainright, principal of Sanibel Elementary School said that most parents of Island students should have received their copies of the survey by the time this publication

reaches them, although those who have not are urged to call the school to obtain their copy of the survey.

Completed surveys are to be returned to the school unsigned via your child.

The local School Advisory Committee is a group of school administrators, teachers, parents, former students, and private citizens which was created by a mandate from the state legislature to promote communication and understanding between the school's administration and the community as a whole, to promote meaningful citizen involvement in school affairs, and to promote the utilization of valuable human resources to improve the effectiveness of the local school's programs.

The School Advisory Committee for the Sanibel Elementary School includes school principal Charles Wainright, teacher Meri Rhodes, Pat Kair, Marsha Clifford, Teri and Harvey Weinberg, Reed Toomey, Emily Muench, Joan Leanos, Karen Estep, Mary Ten Broek, Lynn Kessler, Sandy Kessler, Ray Rhodes, Susie Santamaria, Linda Musaus, Diane Wlatter and former teacher B.G. Runnels.

The committee's current survey will be used in the preparation of an annual report on the school's progress, which is also required by state law.

## B'nai B'rith saluted

Persons of the Jewish faith have been invited to a special worship service during which the fraternal organization known as B'nai Brith (sons of the Covenant) will be saluted.

The prayer gathering will take place at the Jewish Community Center of Lee

County, 915 S.E. 47 Terrace, Cape Coral Friday, Nov. 4, 8:30 p.m.

The ritual will be led by Rabbi Samuel Silver, new spiritual leader of the Center, who will also speak of the achievements and goal of the organization which has been on the

American scene 140 years.

On hand for the occasion, will be Judge Benjamin Zipper, president of the B'nai B'rith Lodge of Lee County, and his fellow-officers.

A special committee of the Center and B'nai B'rith women will provide a collation for those in at-

tendance.

Music for the service will be in the hands of Alexander Kroll, Center's choir leaders, Eli Ellison, the organist and the choral ensemble which sings each Sabbath eve at the Center.

The general public is also invited.

## we want to know

Have visitors? Planning a party? Celebrating an anniversary, birthday or new member of the family? The ISLANDER wants to know about it!

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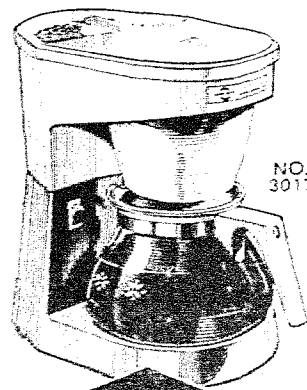
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