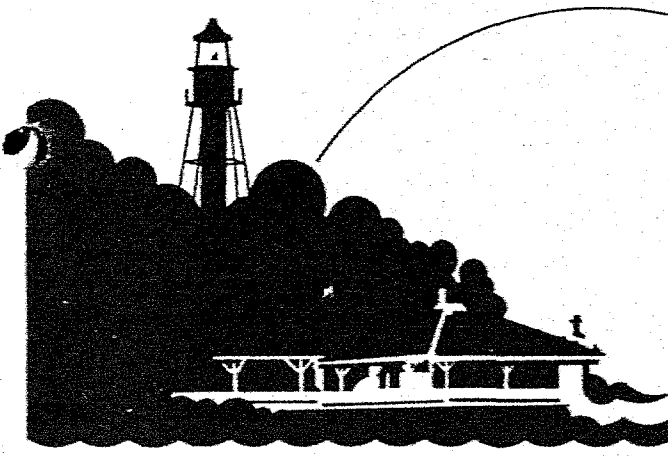


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## chadwick's opens with gaiety and glamor

Chadwick's, the plush new restaurant at South Seas Plantation, opened formally last weekend with a series of receptions and events that appropriately introduced a restaurant that is certain to be an Island showcase.

Chadwick's is named after Clarence Chadwick, inventor of the Checkwriter, who, at the turn of the century purchased the north end of Sanibel and all of Captiva, turning the property into a key lime plantation.

Chadwick had also hoped to amass a second fortune by harvesting copra, a coconut product, but failed to take into account the length of time it takes to produce coconuts. He neglected his citrus products in favor of the unproductive palm trees.

Chadwick built the Manor House for his home. It still stands on the grounds.

Chadwick also built cottages for his workers and a commissary-warehouse next to Pine Island Sound.

In the late thirties, Rosemond Chadwick's brother converted the Plantation's commissary into a dining room. He rented the workers' cottages and, lo, a resort was born. The old commissary fireplace is now ensconced in the "family room" dining area of the present Chadwick's.

In 1960 the South Seas Hotel Company was formed by five local stockholders. The current owners, Mariner Properties, Inc. purchased the resort in 1972.

Chadwick's is the first half of a building expansion that will include a shopping plaza patterned after Periwinkle Place on Sanibel.

The interior of the restaurant is separated into four dining areas, each with a special theme and ambiance.



## butler, bailey elected to head council

Zelda P. Butler, an original member of the Sanibel City Council and the city's vice-mayor during the first three years of home rule, was elected to serve as the second mayor of the Island city last Tuesday by a unanimous vote of her fellow councilmen.

Councilman Francis Bailey nominated Mrs. Butler for the mayor's

post and was soon thereafter promoted to the vice-mayor's job by a unanimous voice of the city council in their annual election of officers to fulfill the city's ceremonial duties and chair the city legislature.

In accepting the reins of government, Mayor Butler pledged to "follow through on the commitment I made to

this Island and the citizens of Sanibel when I was elected to this council." A leader in the home rule movement which led to Sanibel's incorporation on November 5, 1974, Mrs. Butler was elected to the city council in the Island's first municipal election and drew a four-year term which expires next year.

Mrs. Butler succeeds Porter J. Goss as mayor of the Island city. Goss announced his decision to vacate the mayor's office and serve out the remaining three years of his current term as a city councilman on December 1.

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# activities

## things to do

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

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

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**SIGHTSEEING TOURS** - Herb Purdy, 472-1849; Tarpon Bay Marina (canoes) 472-1323; Capt. Chic Kennedy, 472-4087; Capt. Herb Purdy, 472-1849, Mike Fuery, 472-1784, Jerry Way 472-1784. Capt. Hugh Alexander, Island Boat Rentals, 472-2228.

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

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## clubs & civic groups

**AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 123** - American Legion Home, second Tuesday of the month, 8:00 p.m.

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

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

**THE SANIBEL-CAPTIVA UNIT OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS** meets at 10:00 a.m. on the second Monday of every month at the Sanibel Community House. The public is warmly invited.

**THE COMMITTEE OF THE ISLANDS** meets at 2:00 p.m. every second Monday at the Sanibel Community House. The public is invited.

## weather

As compiled by Walter Klie of the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce weather station on Causeway Road, the Islands weather report for last week indicates a warming trend following the cold front which moved through the state in mid-week, as can be seen in the following:

Date	Hi	Lo	Rainfall (in inches)
December 2	80	72	None
December 3	80	66	None
December 4	(no reading taken)		
December 5	80	66	None
December 6	78	66	1.25
December 7	68	44	None
December 8	73	52	None

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# butler, bailey

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Goss received a standing ovation for his three years of devoted service as Sanibel's first mayor upon assuming his new seat at the council table last Tuesday morning.

"I feel certain that his lovely city would have been stillborn without the work of Porter Goss," said Islander Elisha Camp.

Fellow councilman Duane White commended Goss for his "dedication above and beyond the call of duty."

"We're very grateful for your

leadership and all the time and effort you put into the making of this city," Mayor Butler told her predecessor.

"What has happened on Sanibel in the past three years is not the product of any one man's efforts," Goss replied. "I owe a deep debt of gratitude to each and every one of you."

In announcing his decision to step down, Goss said he plans to be a "strong councilman" for the duration of his term in office.

The former mayor expressed satisfaction in his new role last week.



## city planners establish priorities

The Sanibel Planning Commission met in a special workshop session on December 5, to review the workload of the city planning department for the new fiscal year and assign preliminary priorities to a list of over twenty projects slated for consideration by city planners in the next twelve months.

Commissioners decided unanimously that Sanibel's water, sewer, traffic circulation and growth rate should be among their foremost concerns in the coming year.

The commission's top concern seemed to be the investigation of

Sanibel's water situation, a project they have been directed to undertake by the city council.

City planners have already decided to hire the city's planning consultants, Wallace, Roberts, McHarg and Todd (WMRT) of Philadelphia, to perform the technical studies necessary for their study of Sanibel's water situation. They decided at last week's meeting to forward all available information on the Island's water supply to the University of Florida's Department of Engineering, where the data

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## where were you?

Have you ever noticed that those who are the first to complain about something tend to be the last to commit themselves to constructive action? Sanibel is evidently no exception.

Since June 1, when the moratorium on water hook-ups was announced, the water situation has been a major dinner table, office and cocktail circuit

topic of conversation. Both individuals and developers have been more affected by this action than probably any other since the building moratorium prior to the adoption of the land use plan.

For months we have waited for the results of the tests conducted by the Island Water Association's consultants, agonizing through well mishaps that delayed the test results

from October until last Wednesday, Dec. 7. From the outset, it has been clearly stated that the solution to the water situation would absolutely depend upon those results.

Why then, was that meeting so sparsely attended? By the press as well as by the public? When the IWA's main brine line broke, two Fort Myers television stations came out to cover the event; Where were they last Wednesday? Where were you last Wednesday? With all the controversy and discussion of both city and IWA

actions, there was little representation at that meeting.

While it is true that IWA general manager had indicated the substance of their findings ahead of time, this was everyone's chance to question the consultant whose report will do a great deal to shape the tenor of life on the Islands in the future.

The lack of attendance seems to bespeak either a sudden and curious disinterest or an unusual attitude. Whichever, it is, let us hope it was the exception rather than the rule.

## letter to the editor

### C.R.O.W. says thanks

The following letter was given to the Islander for publication.

Dear Friends of C.R.O.W.,  
In the past few weeks, many generous contributions have been made to C.R.O.W. (Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife). You people have given freely of your time and talents to make sure that we at C.R.O.W. can continue our work

Heartfelt thanks to; Molly Eckler Brown, for help with everything-feeding, rescuing, cleaning and moral support. Mark Bruno, the owner of Sanibel Seafood, for the buckets of fine pelican-eating-sized shad he caught and donated. Randy Deis for all around consistent and constant helping out, and for his help keeping the C.R.O.W. van running smoothly. Vicci Ewyer for assisting me on many rescue operations, especially ones I could not handle alone; Jessie Dugger the proprietress of Island Framing, who is also C.R.O.W.'s fine and

knowledgeable consultant. Andrea Valdez, John Dicersen, Debbie Marshall, Michael Gilooly, Britt Thrush and Cindy Alexander for doing the rather unpleasant job of collecting road-killed animals for an injured turkey vulture I had in residence for a few weeks. Ronnie Gavin, the produce expert at Bailey's General Store, for saving us the produce which is usually discarded, but is most valuable to C.R.O.W., Dr. Phyllis Douglass for her fine veterinary skills, donated graciously to save and repair our sick and injured friends.

Michael Gulnak another expert at Bailey's, in the meat department who saves us the scrap meats for our birds of prey, (meat is a necessary and expensive food for some of our patients, Michael performs a great service).

Bill Hennessey for collecting supplies for me from Fort Myers. Dean Schultz for organizing a cage moving caravan from the Felicidades Rescue and Rehabilitation Center in Venice, Florida to Sanibel and Captiva.

Barbara Toomey for keeping all C.R.O.W.'s books and records straight. Karen Booth for all her time and effort and love in rescuing and caring for the critters. The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, for the making of a fine C.R.O.W. display in the new Conservation Center. Jim Hilbert of Hilbert's Bait Co. in Fort Myers for those much needed pin fish.

Michael LaTona for rescuing for me, when I was unable to, a pelican in distress, completely and helplessly tangled in fishing line. Michael brought this bird to C.R.O.W. from a beach close to Bonita Springs on Estero Island. Luckily this pelican was not seriously injured and after a few good meals of fish it was happily released. Michael also donated a beautiful photograph of an osprey in flight for a raffle sponsored and run by Jane and Ted Slosson of Art Fac to raise funds for C.R.O.W., Alex Paine of Tarpon Bay Marina for gallons and gallons of pin fish, also a hard to come by necessity. Adam Smith for giving hours of his time each week to help me clean up after, and maintain the injured creatures in our care. Jeff Thompson for his prowess with a cast net and the much-appreciated catches of fish he donates. These crafts persons; potters

Marcus Heimann, Barbara Hill, Mike Klein and Hanna Hilger, Weaver Evelyn Klein, sculptor Emmy Lu Lewis, modeller Charlotte Heimann and silversmith Joan Martin, all donated examples of their crafts to a raffle for C.R.O.W. during their recent craft fair at The Wheel. Sam Price owner of Sam's Meats and Provisions who also donates valuable meat for our hawks and owls.

Thanks too to all of you, here on the islands and away who keep this valuable organization operating with your frequent and generous donations.

These last months C.R.O.W. has been able to release successfully many rehabilitated species of wildlife. This week we returned to the wild, a young osprey, a pelican, two cormorants and a ring billed gull.

All of your individual kindnesses have resulted in a spirited and true community effort of which to be proud. We of C.R.O.W., board, staff and wildlife alike thank you. Please know,, you are all instrumental in our rescue, rehabilitation and release of wildlife endeavors.


Respectfully,  
Holly Anne Davies,  
Staff,  
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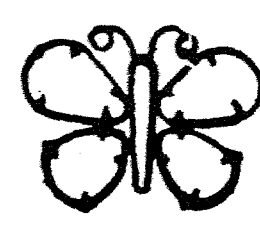
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# municipal records

## local law to be codified

The Sanibel City Council last week voted unanimously to authorize City Manager Bill Nungester to execute a contract with the Municipal Code Corporation of Tallahassee for the codification of all city ordinances.

Nungester said that the codification of municipal ordinances will cost the city \$5,100 for fifty copies, plus an additional \$15.00 for each page over 300 pages.

## city begins capital improvement budget

Sanibel City Manager Bill Nungester announced last week that all city department chiefs have been directed to begin work on the preparation of a five-year capital improvement program for the Island city.

Nungester said that a capital improvement budget should be ready for presentation to the city council by early March.

## vegetation committee members appointed

Pursuant to a recommendation from Vegetation Committee Chairman George Campbell, the city council voted last week to appoint Islanders Howard Swanson and George Christensen to join members of the Vegetation Committee in performing their vital work on the Island.

In an attempt to streamline the city's growing plexus of advisory committees, the council has scheduled a special workshop meeting for 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 16, to assess the roles of all city advisory committees.

## weight limitation workshop tomorrow

The Sanibel City Council will conduct a special workshop meeting beginning at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 14, to review the results of an engineering study which councilmen hope will enable them to establish permanent weight restrictions and speed limits for vehicles using city streets.

The city's present vehicular weight and speed limits have been established by a series of emergency ordinances adopted at sixty-day intervals since last winter.

## approves replatting; hears requests

Much to their evident displeasure, Sanibel city fathers found themselves voting unanimously last Tuesday to approve a replat of a portion of the Sanibel Shores subdivision west of Donax Street which meets all minimum standards of the city's comprehensive land use plan.

The council wanted to impose more stringent requirements upon Robert Horak's plan to replat 52 substandard lots into 32 buildable single-family lots by invoking the clustering concept

provided in the city's land plan.

To their dismay, they learned they were legally precluded from doing so, according to City Attorney Neal Bowen, because the city planning commission had already approved a development permit for Horak's proposed replat.

Councilmen said they had hoped that the commission would have required Horak to obtain sewer connections to avoid the use of septic tanks on the wetlands lots south of the Sanibel River, as well as prohibiting the use of fill in the subdivision.

"I for one lament the fact that the planning commission didn't bring down the weight of the plan to make certain requirements of this developer," said Councilman Duane White.

Bowen said that the council had no legal course of action but to give preliminary acceptance to the replat, which will be finalized when Horak submits a certificate of title to the property.

Planning commission Chairman Ann Winterbotham suggested that the plan be amended to distinguish between a development permit and a permit to replat, giving the council a final voice in the issuance of the latter which the land use plan presently denies them, according to Bowen's interpretation.

In other hearings last week, city fathers voted unanimously to approve specific amendments proposed by:

—Mariner Properties President Robert Taylor to permit the development of the remaining 13.57 acres of land at Tennis Place Condominiums on Causeway Road at a total density of 13 units; and

—Carl and Homer Ristow to permit the construction of eight additional duplex units at the Moonshadows Condominiums on Middle Gulf Drive.

The council voted unanimously to deny specific amendments proposed by William Kreuser to obtain density increases for three parcels of land east of the Spanish Cay Condominiums north of Middle Gulf Drive.



Porter Goss rests on his laurels' boxes of files and correspondence which accumulated in his three year's as the city's first mayor

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# community calendar

by kay pratt

## lions trees for sale this week -- hopefully!

The Lions had scheduled their annual Christmas tree sale to begin last Saturday in the lot across from Bailey's shopping center. Although many intrepid Lions gathered during the day in anticipation of the arrival of their 550 white spruce and scotch pine trees and the annual snowball fight, 4 p.m. found them still treeless.

Due to heavy northern storms, however, it was learned late Saturday that the trees had not yet left Michigan and were not expected until Wednesday of this week.

The size of the trees coming to Sanibel range from 4½ feet to 12 feet

and each tree will be tagged with its price. Islanders will remember how popular the event was last year and those wishing a tree are advised to come early for the best selection. The sale will continue through Christmas Eve unless the trees are sold out by that time.

The Christmas tree sale is manned by Lions, both day and night. Nearly all members of the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club take part in this event. The proceeds will go to help fund Lion programs, most of which are concerned with sight conservation and replacement.

## audubon society to meet

A film, "Audubon", will be featured at the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society meeting to be held December 15, 1977.

The program will be held at the Sanibel Community House, at 8:00 p.m., and the excellent film to be featured has been secured from the University of Indiana by Francis Saxinger, Program Chairman. The film traces the travels of this famous naturalist, John J. Audubon, throughout Europe and North America. Audubon classified, described, and painted birds in Europe and America. Audubon predicted our present problem of "endangered species" when he warned that many birds would become extinct when the American forests were cut.

Included in the film are Audubon's paintings of birds in their natural settings in filmed scenes taken from his most famous book, "The Birds of America".

Virginia Loomis, Chapter Secretary, will have available the beautiful new embroidered Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society patch for purchase at the meeting.

## children's center plans plant sale

The Children's Center of the Islands will be having a Plant Sale this Saturday, Dec. 17, 1977. 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dick Muench, Chairman: (472-2812). It will be held at the Community Association parking lot. Donations of any plantings will be greatly appreciated.

## religious fair this week

The Shepherd of the Islands, the Lutheran Church, is holding the first annual Religious Arts Fair for the benefit of the Children's Center on that same day, Dec. 17, 1977 at the Community Association Bldg; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Included in the Religious Arts Fair will be White Elephant Table and Bake Shop Table. Donations of items (no clothing, please) and baked goods will also be greatly appreciated, needless to say.

## gymnastic program this sunday

The Sanibel Gymnastic Program will hold an exhibition Sunday, Dec. 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Students in the classes and the Sanibel gym team will be performing.

The Sanibel Gym program is sponsoring a recycling center for aluminum cans opening Dec. 10 at the Conservation Center. There will be someone in attendance from 9 - 5 daily and the proceeds will go to help the gym team buy equipment.

## brownies investiture tonight

There will be an Investiture held tonight, Tuesday, Dec. 13 at the Community Center. All parents are urged to attend. It will take place at 7:30 p.m.

## refuge manned on weekends

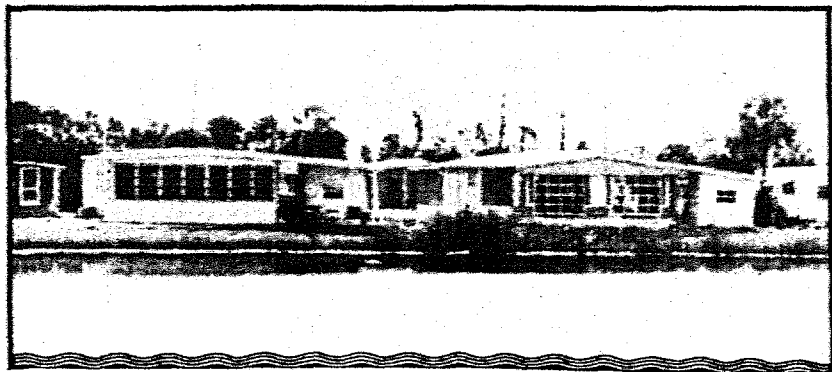
Refuge Manager Del Pierce announced today that in an effort to meet the high public use of the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge one member of the refuge staff will be on duty during the weekends.

The staff member will work weekend afternoons and circulate between the Darling, Bailey, and Lighthouse Units of the refuge in order to answer questions and for routine patrol. Refuge personnel will be on duty starting the weekend of December 10 and 11, 1977.

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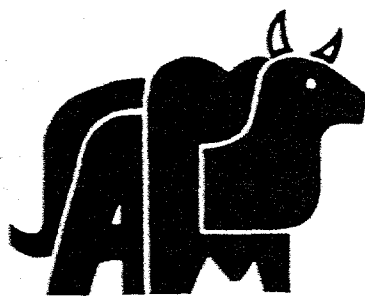
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# islanders at work & play

## Montgomerys have a boy



Bob and Pam Montgomery are the proud parents of a new baby boy, Jeremy Scott, born at 9:35 p.m. on Dec. 5 at Lee Memorial Hospital. The Montgomerys have the Island residents for four years and Bob works at Scotty's Pub.

## chamber stars

Did you know that Walter Klie of the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce is on WMYR every Wednesday morning at 11:40? And, he has been introducing Island merchants during his program who talk about their shops, the centers where they are located and the Islands. Jane Slosson of Art Fac was on last Wednesday, Michael McGuiness of the Irish Look will be the guest tomorrow and Miki Montgomery of Miki's in Tahitian Gardens is scheduled for the week after that.

## anniversaries at the Grove

Anniversaries are the order of the day at the Coconut Grove. The Grove goes into its 21st year this month and on New Year's Eve Chef Art Leones and his wife Joan celebrate ten years of marriage. They are planning to be remarried on Jan. 28 at the Episcopal Church by Father Arthur Kontinos. John Kontinos will be Art's best man at the ceremony. The Leones' have two children: Amy, who is 3 and Jason, 6.



## Sanibel Inn now Kenny's

Ken Beattie of Kenny's on the Beach - and elsewhere - fame has taken over the Sanibel Inn, on Periwinkle Way. "Kenny's of the Island" is next. The dining room changes are still being formulated but there are already changes in the bar. The upsidedown trees have been softened with hanging plants and there are new mirrors behind the bar to catch the shimmer of the bee lights. Drinks are \$1.50 during happy hour and \$1.75 after that. And they are sturdy drinks. Yankee and the Lady will be singing and playing until Christmas so stop by and see it.

## a random thought

Have you ever noticed on Sanibel that you aren't you, you are the car you drive. If you don't believe me, try switching cars with someone. You'll be waving merrily away to an old friend who doesn't even see you. And people you don't know will be doing the same to you. There's a consolation - it is better than being just a number.



## castaways re-opens

The Castaways reopened yesterday, Monday, Dec. 12, after extensive re-decorating. While the kitchen and dining rooms may have changed, the food is as good as always. The Castaways is known for the extensive variety of seafood dishes they carry - about 25 in all. The changes in the menu

will reflect the permanent addition of some of their more popular specials, like broiled Florida lobster stuffed with crabmeat. (Makes me hungry just thinking about it.) The Castaways is on the Gulf of Mexico just a split second before you get to Elind Pass Bridge.



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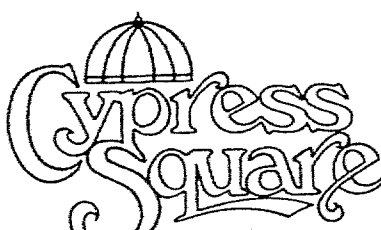
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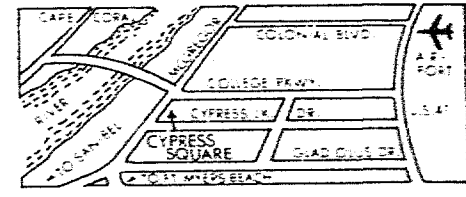
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# donax decay prompts moratorium too late

by rich arthurs

Sanibel's former mayor, Porter Goss, vowed he would be a "strong councilman" in announcing his intention to step down from the mayor's chair a few weeks ago. His promise to Island citizens was borne out by his action last Tuesday in his first day as a mere councilman.

During the portion of the agenda set aside for council reports at last Tuesday's regular meeting, Councilman Goss initiated an unexpected emergency ordinance which, in effect, imposes a total building moratorium on all new land developments served by Donax Street.

Goss said his proposal was made in response to a petition submitted by sixteen residents of the Donax Street area almost a year ago asking the city to take steps to curb truck traffic on the decaying Donax artery, which provides access to the most rapidly growing area of the Island along Middle Gulf Drive.

Goss argued that the measure he proposed was necessary because city engineers have reported that the

rapidly deteriorating pavement of Donax Street will fail completely within one year due to its increasingly heavy burden of construction traffic and automotive traffic originating from the many tourist accommodations served by Donax Street.

"Until we remedy this problem, either with the Gulf Drive connector or needed road improvements, I think it would be folly to permit any new construction down there," Goss told his fellow councilmen.

"We have a horrendous situation on Donax Street that is further aggravated by the construction of every additional unit," added City Manager Bill Nungester. Nungester had announced earlier in the meeting that the city will post signs on Donax to re-route area truck traffic along Pyrula Street to take some of the burden off of the most deteriorated portion of Donax south of the Sanibel River. Nungester said that the signs necessary to effect the Donax Street by-pass would be installed by the end of last week.

The emergency ordinance proposed by Goss stipulates that "no further

development permits shall be issued for any construction that depends on any part of Donax Street for access and egress until such time as the city is either able to complete necessary improvements and repairs to Donax Street or to open alternate routes."

Some councilmen questioned the legality of passing an emergency ordinance governing land use, as state law requires municipalities to give ample public notice of all proposed changes in land use regulations prior to adoption. Goss' proposal had not been advertised by the city or included in the items to be considered on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting.

City Attorney Neal Bowen opined that the ex-mayor's proposal was "marginal" from a legal standpoint.

"I'm not prepared to say that it's absolutely illegal," Bowen told the council.

"I'm not worried about the legality of this," Goss replied. "This involves a regulatory function of the city government provided us in the city charter, and I think we're well within our rights to take this action."

Other councilmen voiced different reservations about Goss' proposal.

"I think your intentions are highly honorable," Vice-Mayor Francis Bailey told Goss, "but it seems to me as if we're spinning our wheels even talking about this. If we approve this thing, it's going to create an artificial building boom in that area as soon as we lift the ban."

"I can't see that this is going to accomplish that much," said Councilman Duane White. "The major building in that area is either already under construction or has already received development permits. Besides, we've known for three years that Donax Street was a tremendous problem and haven't done anything about it."

According to City Manager Nungester, there are over 100 units still slated for construction in the Donax Street area which stand to be affected by the emergency ordinance.

Mariner properties President Bob Taylor objected to the council's taking precipitous action on Goss' suggestion without prior public notice to give affected landowners the opportunity to comment on the proposal.

"There's a lot of folks down in that area and I can't see how you can pass something this fast when that road has been like this for years," Taylor addressed the council.

"Why don't we just go down there and fix the road?" Taylor queried.

"The reason why we haven't improved any streets on Sanibel is that we haven't had a funding source," responded Mayor Zee Butler.

She said the city is awaiting the

validation of the \$18-million Sanibel Causeway bond issue to obtain the necessary funding for road improvements on Sanibel, while the city's plan to complete the Gulf Drive connector to relieve traffic on Donax was delayed when city officials discovered that their proposed route for the link is subject to heavy flooding during storms. The city is now investigating alternate routes for the proposed connector to link East Gulf Drive and Casa Ybel Road.

"I hope that this proposal will serve to angle the light directly on the Donax Street problem so that we can get some action down there," argued Councilman Goss.

"If the culvert under that road caves in beneath a car someday the city will have real trouble," cautioned Islander Maxine Michl, a resident of Donax Street who spearheaded the petition for controls on truck traffic using Donax last winter.

"I would ask you to give very serious consideration to your responsibility to those of us who live in that area," she urged the council.

The council turned a sympathetic ear to her year-old plea and voted four to one to enact the emergency ordinance proposed by Goss, with Vice-Mayor Bailey dissenting.

Their action did not completely satisfy Maxine Michl, however.

"I deplore the fact that this action was not taken last winter when we brought the problem to the city's attention," she said. "I've been hassling the city manager for this continually, and when you have a situation where an official hired by our elected representatives can make a decision detrimental to the citizens it points out a basic flaw in the government."

"The year's campaign that I've undertaken to get some recognition of a developing problem indicates to me that city officials would do well to investigate the legitimate complaints of taxpayers," she added, "because I'm convinced that there are other incipient problems on this Island that should be recognized now and not be permitted to reach the point where emergency action is required."

Equally unhappy with the council's action last week were would-be developers of property in the Donax Street area who appeared for amendment hearings later in the council's meeting last Tuesday.

"We've been in the hearing process for months only to get shot down at the last minute through the back door," complained Island contractor Bill Stevens, who will have to wait until the city can improve Donax Street to initiate additional construction along Middle Gulf Drive.

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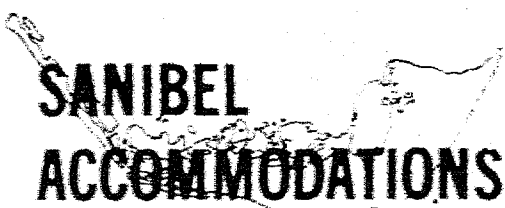
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# highlights

by roger frey

On Friday, December 2, ten members of the Americanism vs. Communism course (required for graduation) were, among 34 local students invited to witness appellate court proceedings at the Lee County Courthouse. Prior to the arguments, the students heard speeches outlining the court system in the state. Judge John Scheb presided over the six civil cases presented.

More scholastic tests were given on Saturday. Along with the SAT's, achievement tests were also administered. Achievement tests are more specialized and cover many subjects. Students have begun to receive scores from tests taken earlier in the school year.

As the new week began, students started to get excited about the opening of both the wrestling and basketball seasons on Tuesday evening. After homeroom Monday morning, students taking the English Literature course were bused to the Fort Myers High School. There they saw the play, "She Stoops to Conquer," written by Oliver Goldsmith. Performers were students at the Daytona Community College.

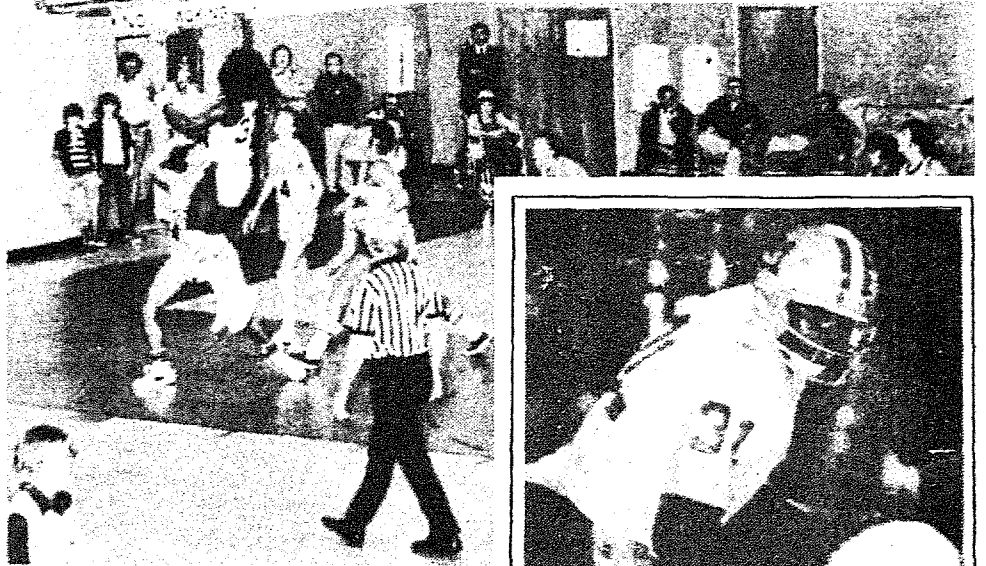
Tuesday was a busy day for students. After three periods of classes, students were dismissed to the gym. The advanced chorus opened the program. Accompanied by a piano, they sang for about half an hour. Then the concert band played several selections which they will use in the concert competition. This was followed with a few pieces requested by the audience. Before dismissal, students were

reminded of the sports events that evening.

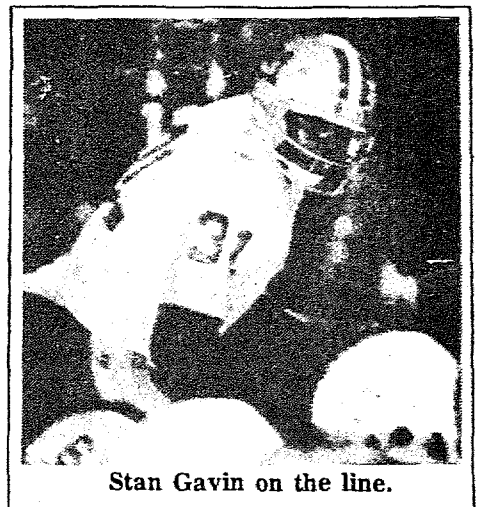
By 6:00 p.m., fans had begun to assemble in the gym for the confrontation between Cypress Lake Panthers and the Bishop Verot Vikings. The junior varsity basketball game began at 6:30. The Vikings were no match for the Panthers and were defeated 73 to 37. As the bleachers neared capacity, the varsity teams took the court. Verot took an early lead; then Cypress spurred ahead and at one time lead by nine points. The Panthers led until late in the third quarter when the Vikings again took the lead. That quarter ended with a tied score. In the final quarter, the Panthers recovered and won by a final score of 63-55. This spirited game got the team and fans off to what is expected to be a good basketball season.

That same evening, the wrestling team had their first match against the Immokalee Indians at Immokalee. The junior varsity won easily, 56 to 23. Next the varsity match took place. Again, Cypress started the wrestling season with a 36 to 22 victory. During the bout, Stan Gavin pinned his rival in five minutes, eight seconds.

On Thursday, all juniors were called to the gym in two separate groups. They were told more about the literacy test results by principal, Larry Daniels. Students were readied for possible failure and told of plans to assist those who did fail. Juniors will be given an opportunity to take special courses, with no more than fifteen people, designed to help students pass



Grandville Mobley goes up for two.

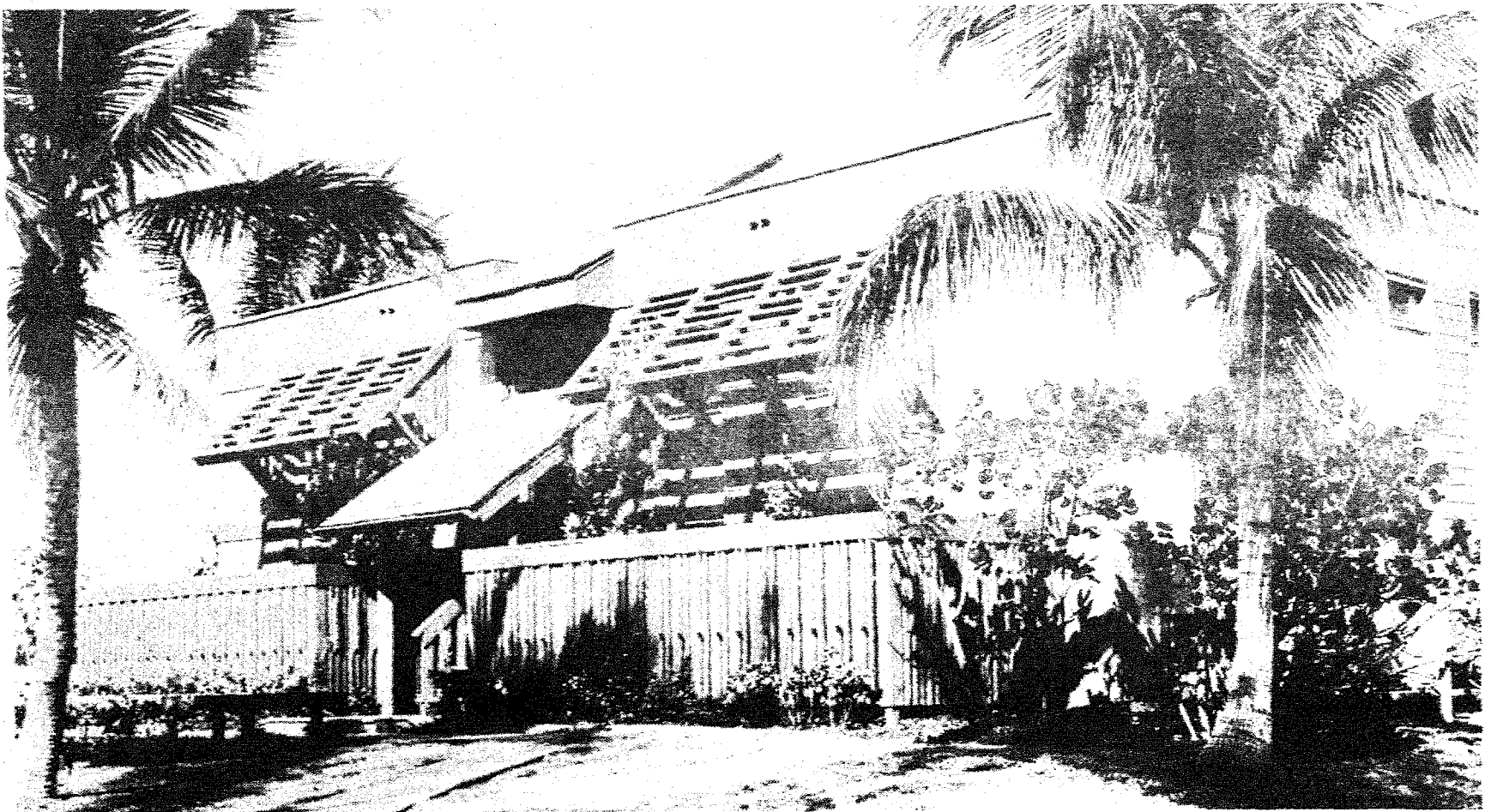


Stan Gavin on the line.

the test on their next attempt. Guidance counselors were also present to help answer questions. During the next week, counselors will be available from 7:15 to 6:45 p.m. as usual. In addition, they will have special evening hours from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Students were told they would receive their scores Friday.

After a long, hard process, our superstar Stanley Gavin has made his college choice. He's decided to go to Florida State University. "It was a difficult decision and I based my final choice on the fact that the Gavin's originated near Jacksonville so I will have a lot of relatives there," said

Stan. He continued, "I feel that FSU has a good math program so I should have no problem getting my accounting certification. As a CPA with a FSU degree, I should be able to get a good job." Stanley has had many scouts, recruiters and "hit men" talking to him in recent months. He says he feels like a member of the mafia. After making his decision, Stan had to inform all these people. Saturday, Stan signed for a full four-year scholarship that he hopes will be two-way: track and football. Stan says he has a good chance of starting as a linebacker on the varsity team since F.S.U. will lose most of their linebackers at the end of this year.



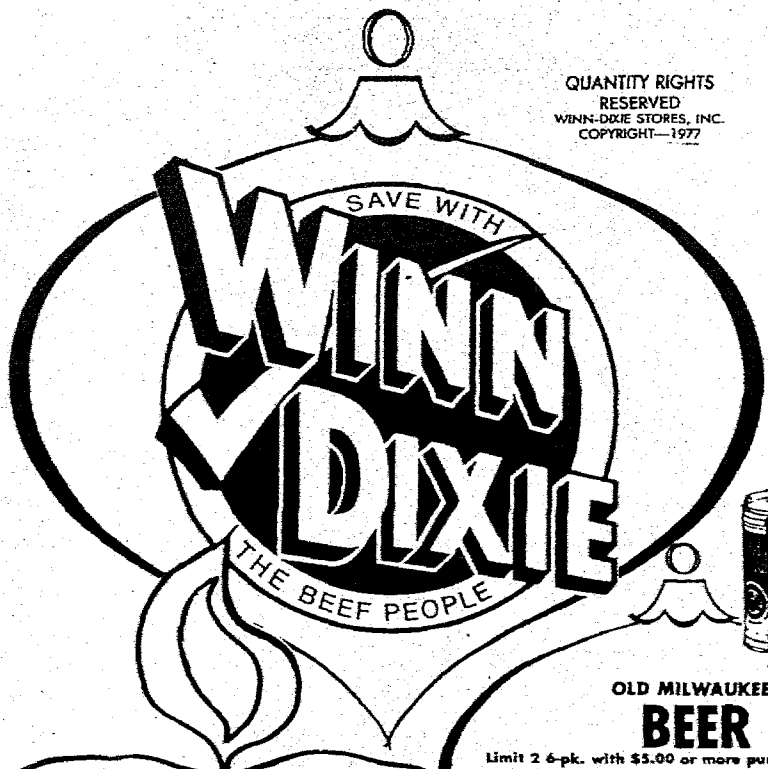
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## junior deputy program and its coordinator

by kay pratt

Deputy Sheriff Dennis Duffala spoke to the 4th graders at the Sanibel Elementary School on December 8 regarding bicycle safety measures.

Although the Junior Deputy program has had its fair share of publicity lately, the story of Dennis Duffala is not common knowledge. It seems well worth telling.

The family of Duffalas were among the pioneers of Cape Coral. Dennis attended schools in the area and was a student at the former Junior College of St. Petersburg. He left college in 1965 to join the Marines and was in combat in Viet Nam for three years. As a result of a land mine casualty, his military career was stopped by being wounded to the extent of losing both legs.

Dennis returned to the U.S. in 1968 and spent 7 months in the Naval Hospital in Philadelphia. After rejoining his family when well enough recovered from his hospitalization Dennis soon married his high school sweetheart, Ann Finkernagel, also from Cape Coral. They now have a

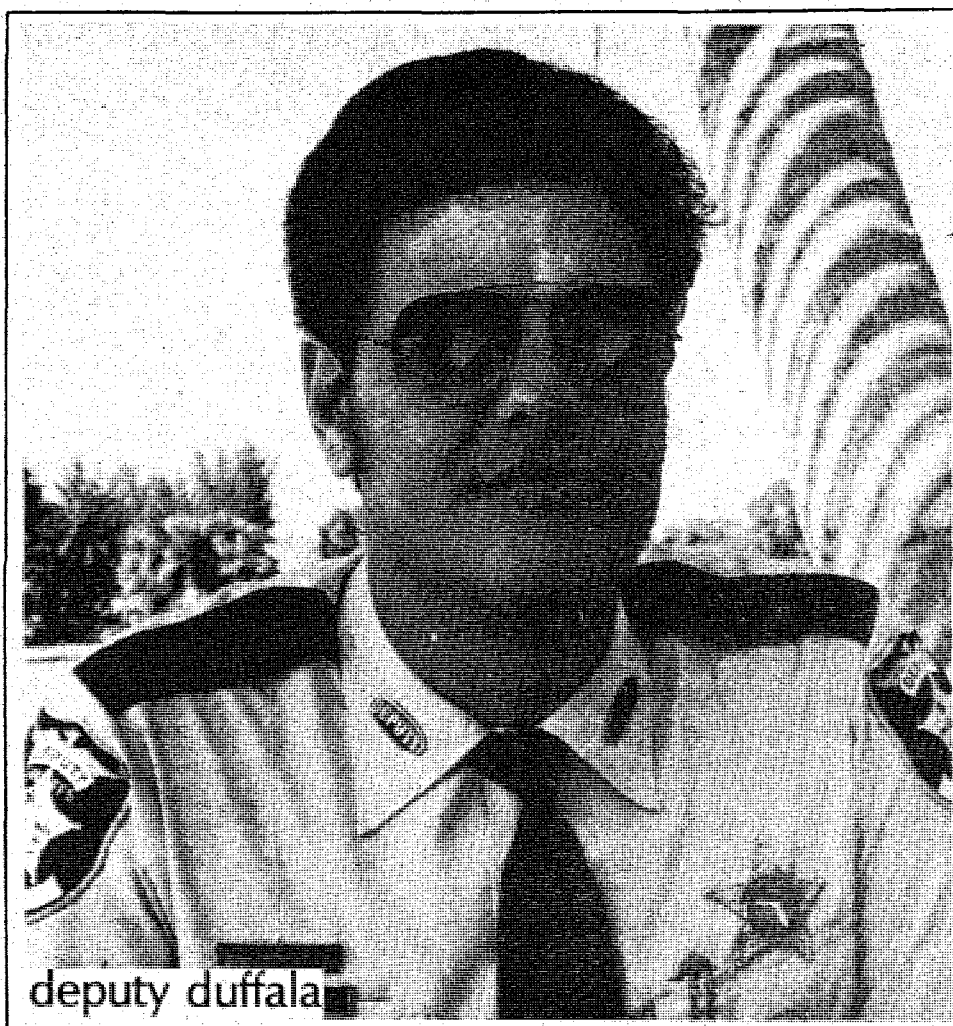
thirteen month old baby girl, Jennifer, and are again living in Cape Coral.

During the first few years of their marriage, Dennis went back to college at Florida State University where he received a B.S. in Criminology in 1973. He went on to receive an M.S. in Urban and Regional Planning in 1976 at the same University and his Master's program speciality was Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design.

With these degrees behind him, Dennis returned to Cape Coral in 1976 and started working with the Sheriff's Department where he became a deputy in the crime prevention program.

Deputy Duffala, handsome in his shiny new uniform, drives alone in a hand-controlled unmarked police unit car. He gets in and out of it before setting up his wheels more quickly than most of the rest of us.

This extraordinary young American then coordinated the Junior Deputy program which had been under discussion for some time. It was suc-



deputy duffala

essfully implemented the first week in November of this year. Designated deputies go out to all the 4th graders in Lee County once a month giving classroom programs along with discussions on the function of the Lee County Sheriff's Department; bicycle safety laws as they relate to young people, and drug abuse.

The children will be given tours of the main offices at some time and at the end of the school year a picnic will be held where all their equipment—such as helicopters, patrol cars, canine units,

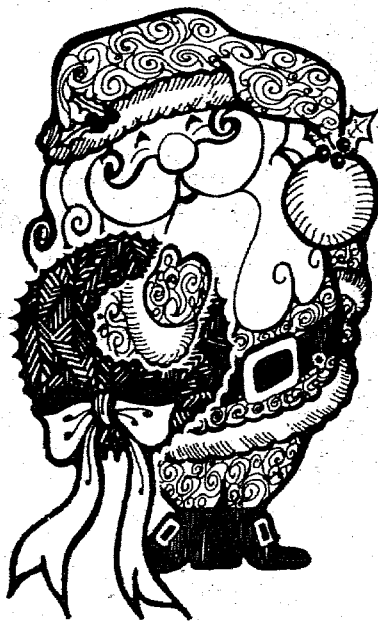
etc. will be displayed and demonstrated.

According to deputy Dennis, the reaction by administration, teachers, and parents is extremely positive. The kids listen intently and seem to enjoy learning about such important issues. These programs in crime prevention are available to all interested groups in this area as well as throughout Lee County.

More information can be procured by contacting Deputy Dennis Duffala, or one of his co-workers, at the following number: 332-3456 Ext. 274.

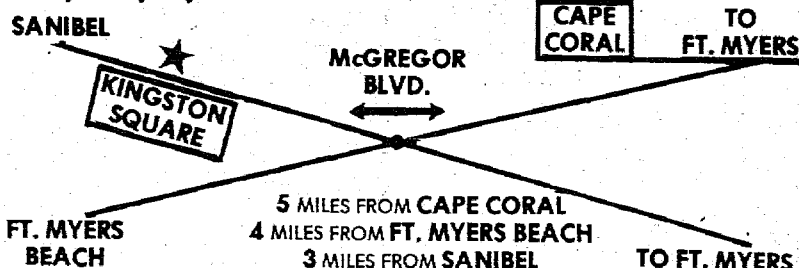
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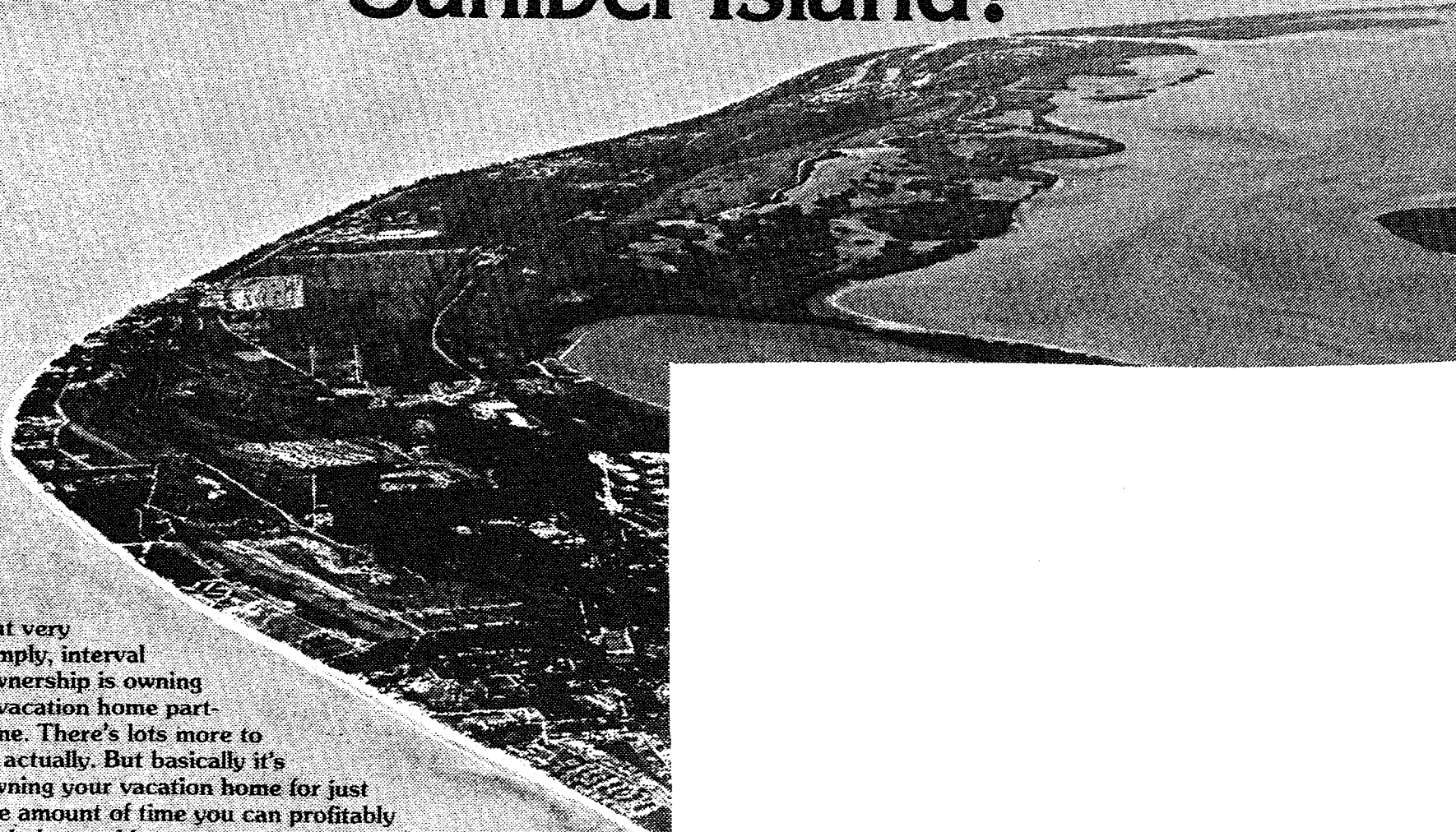
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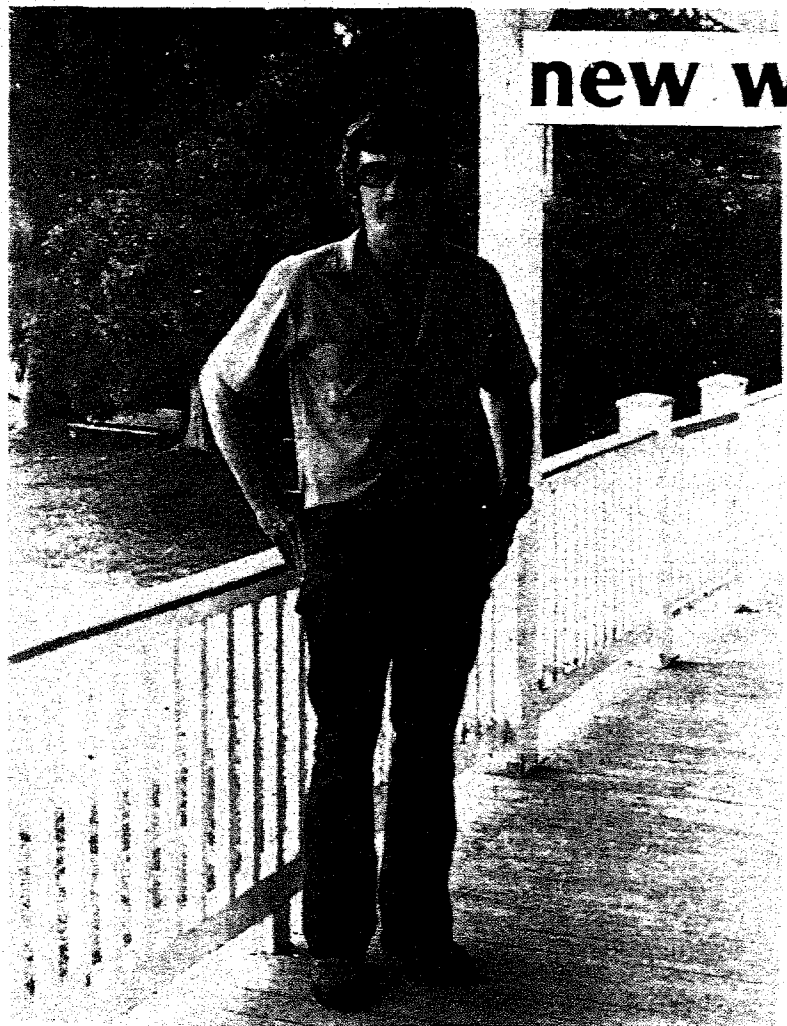
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# new wildlife manager in residence



Del Pierce, manager of the J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge has taken up residence in the Refuge headquarters at the Lighthouse end of the island.

Del, who grew up in the mountains of Idaho, joined the Fish and Wildlife Service 18 years ago "primarily I had a deep interest in fishing and hunting."

During his service, Del and his family have been to California, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, and Alaska. While he admits that he likes variety, the move to Sanibel represents the biggest change for the personable Pierce.

"I requested Sanibel," Pierce said, "because I wanted the diversity of the climate and conditions in this area to round out my background. I have a great deal to learn," he added, but pointed out that with the excellent refuge staff, he expected not to find the task overwhelming. Mark Musaus is the assistant manager and Edie Stokes is the office supervisor.

"I really count on Charlie Lebuff," Pierce said, "because of his thorough local background."

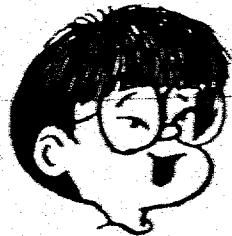
The refuge will be changing over the next few years. Funding for a new office building, interpretive nature center and someone to plan wildlife recreation are all in the offing.

The granting of funds for these projects all mean a lot of paper work for the new manager. "It is a great job if the details don't wear you out," said Pierce. "I like to get out as much as possible though because I don't want to lose touch with the land," he added.

Pierce and wife Norma, along with 12-year old son Zachary arrived on Nov. 22. While the climate is different than Pierce himself has experienced, he pointed out that it is similar to his wife's California home. Asked about the Islands' summer heat, Pierce said, grinning: "For something that is supposed to be intolerable, there are a lot of people tolerating it."

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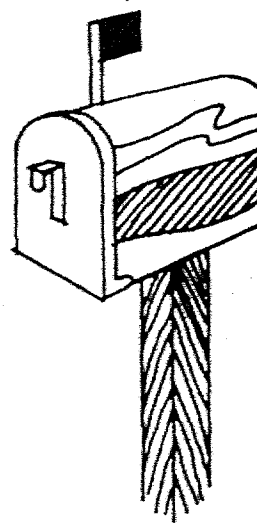
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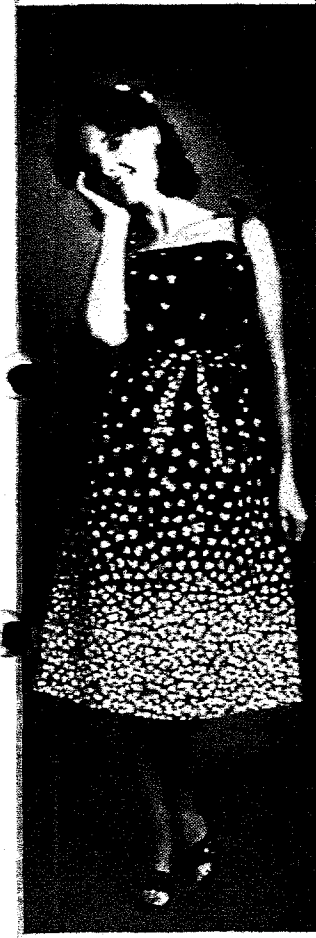


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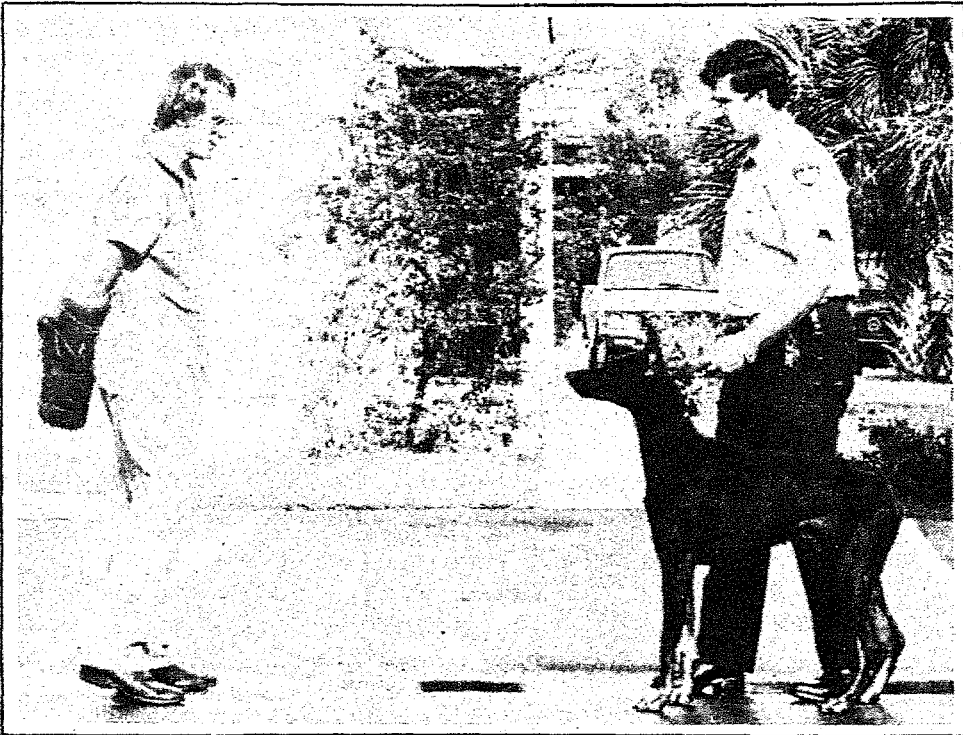
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## Newest addition to SPD — Conrad with officer Ray Rhodes and medic Ken Hutto

Island patrolmen were called upon last week to assist Lee County Sheriffs in apprehending two Islanders wanted in connection with a variety of crimes perpetrated elsewhere in Lee County.

SPD's new special canine agent 703-A (a Doberman named Conrad) was instrumental in apprehending one of the suspects.

SPD was called upon to lend assistance last week to two Island merchants who had

become embroiled in a civil dispute.

After repairing the complainant's car, an Island garage owner had the car towed away upon learning that the complainant had stopped payment on the check tendered for the repairs. The complainant said he stopped payment on the check because the mechanic had grossly overcharged him for the repair work.

The car was subsequently towed back to the complainant's shop on the Island under the supervision of SPD after the complainant had spoken with his attorney and decided to swear out a warrant for the arrest of the garage owner on charges of grand theft auto.

SPD's report of the matter ends here and does not indicate whether or not the complainant has taken civil action against the garage owner.

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An Island merchant called SPD last week to report that his Coke machine had been illegally entered with the assistance of a key and that about \$40 in change had been taken therefrom.

Unable to obtain fingerprints from the violated vending machine, SPD suggested that the merchant change the machine's lock to preclude the illegal use of the same key hereafter.

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A complainant called SPD last week to report that persons unknown had attempted to remove her CB radio from her car during the night, she thought.

Upon investigation, patrolmen found the car securely locked and the CB radio still affixed to the dashboard, such that no further action was necessary.

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An Islander called SPD last week to complain of two motorcyclists riding on Sanibel's bike path in violation of city ordinances.

A patrolman was able to locate the imprudent cyclists, who vowed to stay off the bike path upon being acquainted with the error of their ways.

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An Island motel owner called the station to report that one of the rooms in the motel had been broken into and that about \$175 owned by the occupant of the room had been stolen.

Investigation revealed that entry had been made by cutting the

porch screen and coming in an unlocked sliding glass door.

Although fingerprinting yielded negative results, the investigation continues.

The same motel as that mentioned above was the scene of another burglary later last week.

Entry was made by roughly the same method and over \$100 stolen from the guests staying in the room.

As the complainants did not notice their loss until the following morning after the room had been cleaned, no fingerprints were to be found.

Nevertheless, the investigation is proceeding.

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Island schoolchildren promised to behave better in the future after an Islander complained to SPD that they were creating a traffic hazard while waiting at the school bus stop.

SPD has received a number of similar complaints on the Island in recent weeks.

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An Islander called SPD last week to report and injured raccoon in her backyard.

As the animal did not appear to be rabid, SPD called CROW (Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife) staff to come and care for the raccoon, which unfortunately hobbled off on its injured leg before CROW staffers could arrive.

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Officials of the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce called SPD last week to report that their "Visitor's information"

sign at the Chamber had been vandalized.

SPD's investigation of the matter revealed that the persons unknown (but suspected to be young) had hurled rocks at the sign, doing about \$200 worth of damage.

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SPD received a hot tip last week concerning a man who was seen painting over the logo displayed on a rental trailer, evidently for the purpose of appropriating the trailer for private ownership.

SPD's investigation revealed that the painter had purchased the trailer from a rental agency which had gone out of business.

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The area at the southern end of Donar Street was the sight of at least one report of an unidentified flying object (UFO) last week.

SPD investigators could not confirm or deny the veracity of the sighting.

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Individual reports outlined above excluded, SPD investigated two traffic accidents last week, one domestic squabble, one report of suspicious persons, one report of a suspicious boat in Island waters, one noise-related complaint, secured one insecure shop, issued two traffic citations, escorted four large trucks across the Islands, investigated six reports of lost, found or vicious dogs, and rendered miscellaneous assistance on all of nineteen occasions.

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will be analyzed at no cost to the city at the State Technology Application Center, a service coordinated by University officials.

That analysis will then be submitted to WMRT for use in their study of Sanibel's water situation.

According to planning commission Chairman Ann Winterbotham, Bill Roberts of WMRT was to have been on the Island last week to begin work on this important study requested by city councilmen and planning commissioners.

"I think we can rest assured that we will have a report ready before the end of the six-month period the council has given us to perform this study," Chairman Winterbotham said.

Sanibel's long-suffering traffic circulation network was also viewed as a high-priority concern by city planners at their December 5 workshop meeting.

The Island's traffic problems received considerable attention at the meeting in light of the recently received report on Sanibel's road network by city traffic consultants James H. Kell and Associates (JHK) of San Francisco.

The JHK study of Sanibel's traffic problems was commissioned by the city council about eighteen months ago to support the need for Island road improvements proposed for funding through the \$18-million Sanibel Causeway bond issue, which is still awaiting circuit court validation on its second presentation to the judiciary. According to City Manager Bill Nungester, the JHK report was highly beneficial to the city's position in the recent Causeway bond validation hearing before Circuit Court Judge Thomas Shands.

But in terms of positive proposals to sort out Sanibel's mounting traffic problems, many city officials feel that the JHK report is deficient.

"The whole thing is wrong," said Chairman Winterbotham at last week's meeting, pointing to errors in the base data employed by JHK in formulating alternative traffic networks for Sanibel.

"One of the problems with professional traffic planners is that they're going to want to do the same thing here as they would do in Denver, Colorado, or in Los Angeles, California," said City Manager Nungester in

defense of the JHK report. Nungester added that the city's contract with JHK was for a maximum expenditure of only \$5,000, and that he feels the work was adequate for supporting the city's position in the bond validation hearing.

"We're at the point now where the planning commission and the administration should get together and make some firm decisions on the basis of available information," Nungester replied. He said that such a decision would be timely in light of the city's current effort to formulate a five-year capital improvement program for Sanibel.

"We feel very frustrated about the traffic circulation element and we'd like to get working on it," said Chairman Winterbotham.

"The problem we've got to address is how to effect a compromise between the resident's right to mobility on the Island and the visitor's right to access on Sanibel," added Commissioner Betty Robinson.

"I think it's up to us, the people who know the Island, to make a decision on our traffic problem," said Commissioner Don Marshall, urging the commission to take immediate steps to work up a practical traffic circulation plan for Sanibel. "I think that we, as Islanders, should do something immediately."

Commissioner Joe McMurtry, a retired transportation planner from Pennsylvania, disagreed with Marshall and urged the commission to request further professional studies of Sanibel's traffic problems before coming to any firm conclusions.

While pointing out that no additional traffic studies are included in the city's budget for the current fiscal year, Nungester said that the city council could revise the budget to include such a study if the planning commission deems it necessary.

After further discussion, commissioners agreed that additional professional studies of Sanibel's traffic situation are necessary, and a sub-committee was appointed to prepare a traffic study proposal for city councilmen to consider.

This sub-committee, including Commissioners Robinson, Marshall and McMurtry, met last Thursday to begin the work of drafting a study outline for professional traffic consultants to perform upon the approval of the city council and planning commission.

In other discussions at their meeting December 5, planning commissioners assigned their lowest priority to the job of developing a program to provide public restrooms, beach access and parking facilities on Sanibel.

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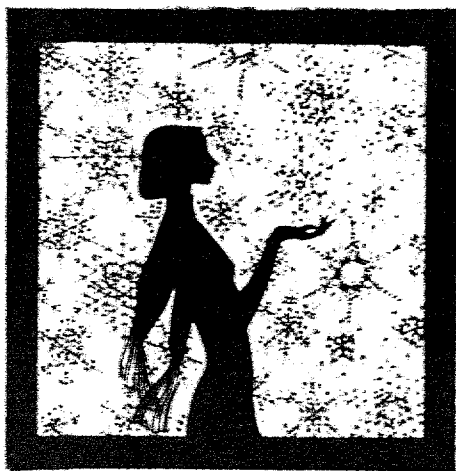
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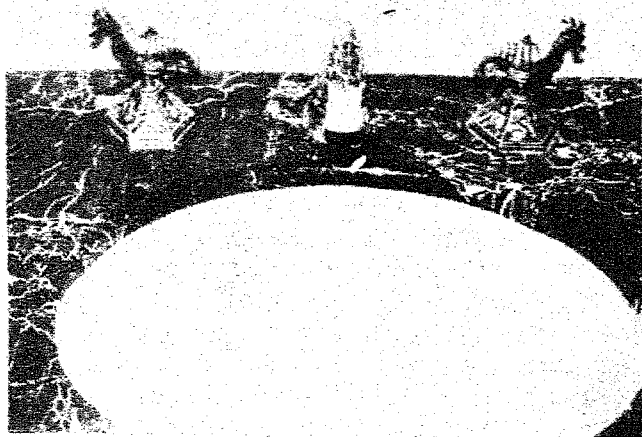
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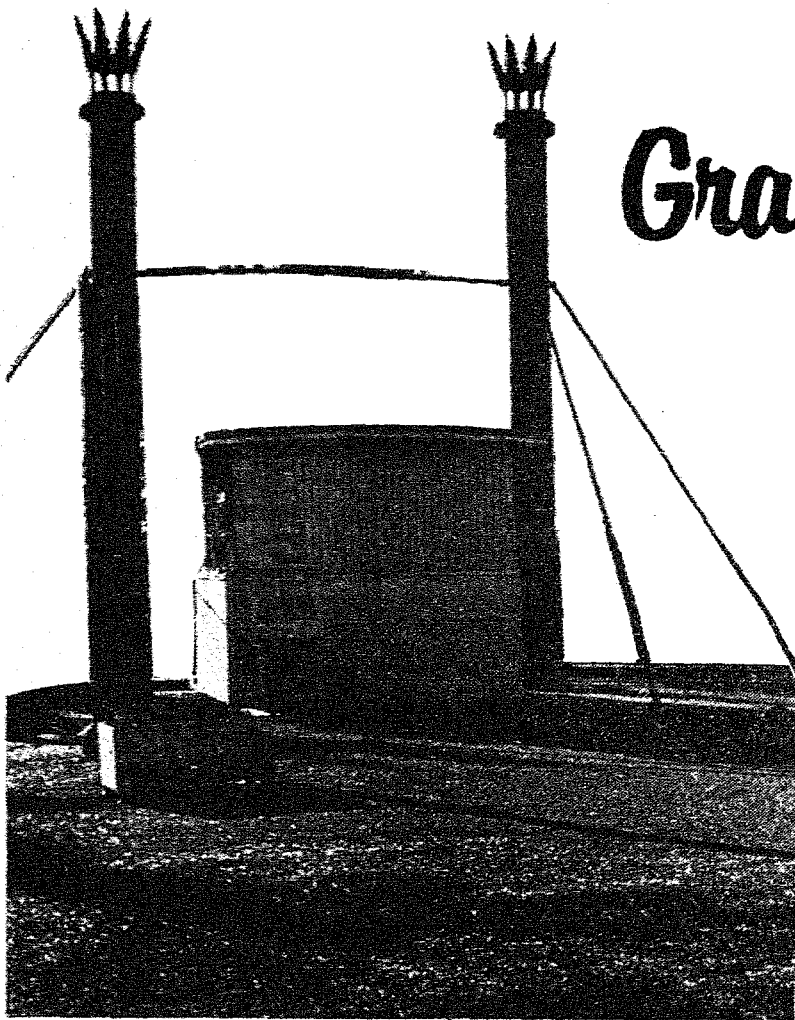
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Bill Shore, caretaker for the Browns' estate on Sanibel since 1969, hopes that the city will be able to acquire the property and preserve the spirit of the Algiers.



Dogs have been kept on the property since 1960 to protect the Algiers from the curious.

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One of the Islands' most unusual legends began taking shape in early March of 1959 when the Marathon Dredging Corporation of Naples initiated work on digging a rare canal into Sanibel's Gulf beach near the present location of Ocean's Reach Condominium at the end of Southwinds Drive.

The canal was completed that April when one of the strangest scenes ever viewed on Island shores unfolded as a 500-ton Mississippi paddlewheel steamboat was floated up onto the beach ridge overlooking the Gulf of Mexico, an enchanting view it still commands.

Christened "The Algiers," this massive steam catamaran which had served as an auto ferry in New Orleans was purchased from the Algiers Public Service Company in July of 1958 by shipping heiress Helen Hooper Brown.

Mrs. Brown, a direct descendent of "King Hooper," a Boston shipping magnate who was thought to be the richest man in America at one time during the mid-1800's, had conceived a grand design for the old paddlewheel ferry: she wanted to bring it to Sanibel and remodel the stately vessel to render it an Island retreat for herself and her husband, former New York Congressman Lathrop Brown.

Lathrop Brown was a close friend of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, according to Fort Myers attorney Lloyd Hendry who represented the Browns in all of their legal transactions in this area. Lathrop Brown had been a roommate of FDR's at Harvard and was best man at the president's wedding, Hendry said.

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# The Sanibel steamer

The Algiers was towed from New Orleans to the dock of South Marine Supply, Inc. in Fort Myers, where much of the remodeling planned by Mrs. Brown was carried out. Local architects Bolton McBryde and William R. Frizzell supervised the remodeling, which was performed by Fort Myers contractor M.M. Cornwell, Sr. A major part of the remodeling involved the relocation of the boat's paddlewheel from the interior of the vessel to the stern, enabling the first level staterooms of the Algiers to be transformed into living quarters for the Browns.

The Algiers was then towed to its final berth on Sanibel in April of 1959, after which the canal was filled in behind the boat and the beach profile restored. A small section of the canal immediately adjacent to the boat's resting place was left unfilled to serve as a pond or swimming pool for the Browns, according to Bill Shore, current caretaker of the property.

Once in place, the Algiers was to have received an ambitious list of finishing touches to become the palatial Island home Mrs. Brown had envisioned for herself and her husband. The first level of the vessel was divided into a number of bedrooms, bathrooms, massive living room, kitchen, dining room and pantry with high ceilings and ornate fixtures. Today, the kitchen still contains no less than seven large ovens and a high old-fashioned freezer. Water for the dwelling was provided by an artesian well and filtering system on the property.

The upper level passenger deck was destined to serve as additional bedrooms as well as two large staterooms in Mrs. Brown's grand scheme for the Algiers. The lower deck which had previously borne automobiles across the mouth of the Mississippi was screened in to serve as a vast porch overlooking the Gulf. Much of the screening was subsequently blown away by Hurricane Donna in 1960.

Mrs. Brown's "great white hope" even boasted an elevator to transport the aging couple from the lower to the upper deck.

Mrs. Brown had promised to hold an

open house aboard the Algiers for all of her Island neighbors upon the completion of her remodeling plans, but alas, her dream was never to materialize and the property was never opened to the curious until last week.

Just at the point when the Algiers was about ready for occupancy in 1959, Lathrop Brown fell ill and soon died in Lee Memorial Hospital. He was in his seventies at the time of his death, according to Lloyd Hendry.

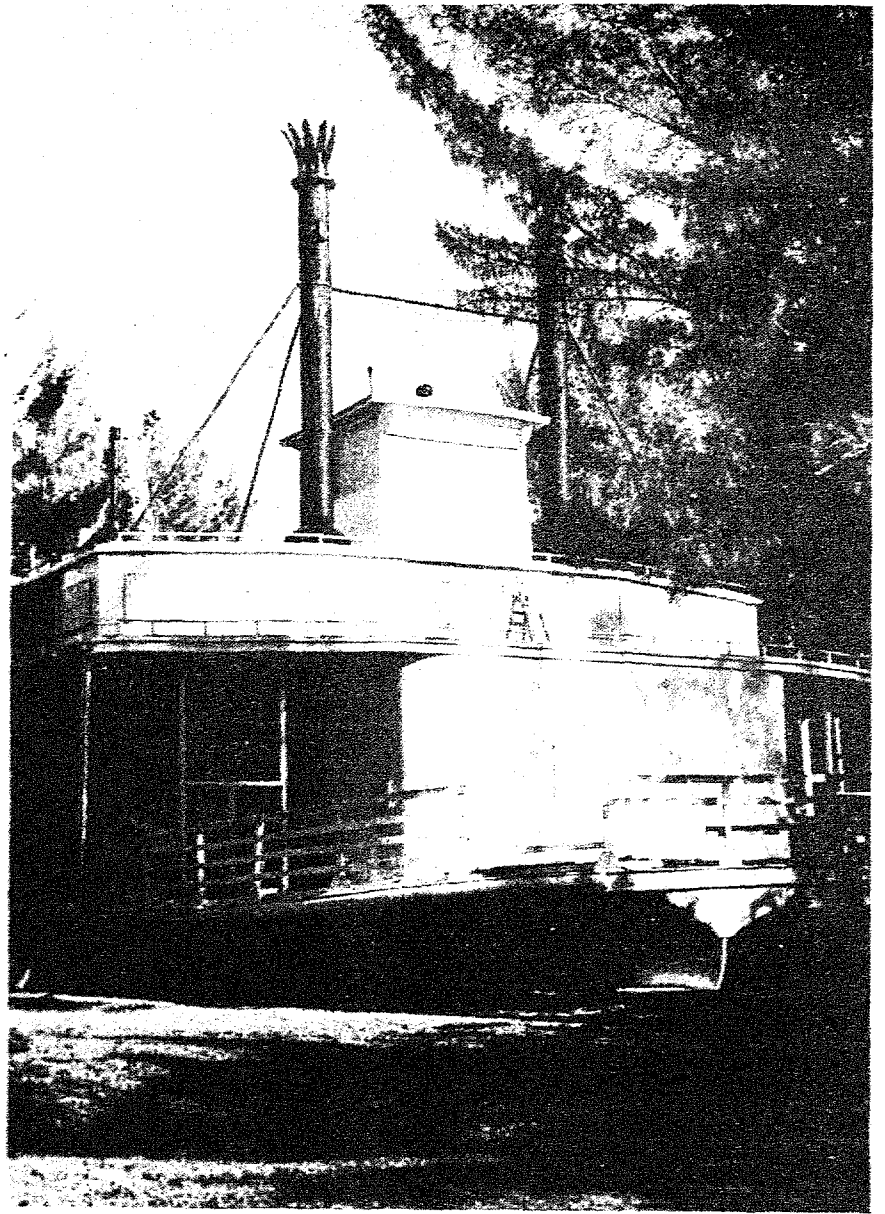
Legend has it that Helen Hooper Brown was so shattered by the death of her mate that she soon abandoned the Island home they had built for their twilight years. Their priceless furnishings were stored away and Mrs. Brown lived in a modest apartment on the upper level of the vessel for only a few months before moving away from Sanibel, never to return to her dream again in her lifetime.

Hendry said that Mrs. Brown was later incensed at the construction of the Sanibel Causeway in the early-1960's and vowed never to return to the Island after Sanibel had been divested of its seclusion. The Browns had extensive property holdings across the country and owned homes in Boston, on Long Island and at Big Sur, California, Hendry said.

Shortly after her husband's death, Mrs. Brown offered the vessel and property for sale for a price of about \$550,000, but the legendary Sanibel steamboat was never opened to the public or press until last week, when Hendry led local newsmen on a guided tour of the Algiers.

Hendry explained that due to the death of Mrs. Brown this past June the Sanibel steamboat and property will again be put on the market in the very near future. He said that Boston attorneys handling the estate have not yet decided on the price to be asked for the property, although he imagines that the figure will be in the vicinity of \$1-million.

The Sanibel City Council has recently expressed great interest acquiring the property for municipal uses. The tract encompasses about thirty acres of land and features almost 1,000 feet of prime Sanibel beachfront abutting the federally protected Perry Tract.



"I personally feel that it's an opportunity we ought to pursue," Councilman Porter Goss urged city fathers at their meeting last Tuesday. The council directed the city manager to contact attorneys for the estate and assess the possibility of city acquisition of the steamboat property.

The Algiers itself has been maintained in excellent condition with the exception of rotting boards on the lower deck by a series of caretakers who have been the sole human inhabitants of Helen Hooper Brown's brainchild ever since her disillusioned departure from Sanibel following her husband's untimely demise.

The grounds have been guarded by notoriously surly watchdogs chained to the deck of the Algiers, and the stately Sanibel steamboat has gradually become a major legend in Island lore.

Bill Shore, caretaker of the property since the summer of 1969, said that the watchdogs and barbed wire fence have succeeded in scaring most prospective trespassers away from the Algiers, although he is still troubled by occasional passers-by and curiosity seekers who more often than not only

want to photograph the odd dwelling on Sanibel's Gulf shore.

One of the vessel's two current guardians, an aging canine known as Queenie, pre-dates Bill Shore's term of duty as caretaker of the property. Bill inherited Queenie from the previous caretaker and thinks the dog may have spent most if not all of its venerable lifetime guarding Helen Hooper Brown's dream.

"No, I don't get too lonely down here," said the Algiers' reclusive caretaker last week. "I've got the dogs to keep me company and I've lived by myself pretty much all of my life. There used to be a big alligator living in what's left of the canal, but he took to bothering the dogs so I guess I scared him off. I haven't seen him around here in a couple of years now."

"It would have been a beautiful place of Mrs. Brown had ever finished it," Bill Shore remarked, standing in the long shadows cast by the old steamer's twin smokestacks.


"I sure hope the city can buy this place," he added. "I'd hate to see it fall into the hands of someone who doesn't share Mrs. Brown's dream of what this Island stands for."

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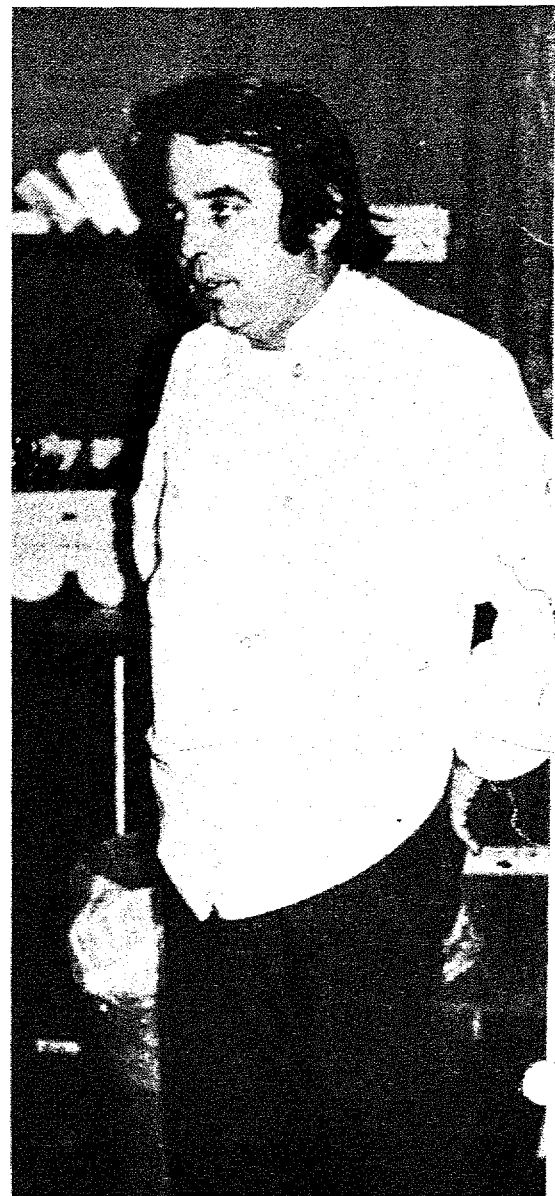
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# chadwick's is open

Mariner's corporate chef Alex Stamm surveys his busy kitchen as the Chadwick's staff prepared for opening night.



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There's a traditional Florida room in greens and whites, with a lattice-work gazebo commanding the center area; and "early attic" setting where tiffany-style lamps hang over polished wooden tables and high-back chairs; a more formal club room with leather banquettes and, off to the side a family room with the Chadwicks' fire place. The seating capacity for all four rooms is 250.

The dining areas face a sunken lounge where plants and shrubs flourish under the clear skylight. Behind the band and dance floor is a mural made from an old photograph of the Chadwick family.

Chadwick's menu is as unusual as the restaurant itself. Cold cucumber soup heads the soup selection while a sure-to-be favorite appetizer is Sanibel resident Winnie Comlossy's Mariner Marinade with ice cold shrimp and crisp vegetables and seasonings in a creamy marinade. A menu of five crepes will be the perfect late evening repast.

For the seafood lover there's broiled Canadian salmon with sauce Mouslin and a sole veronique stuffed with crabmeat and simmered in a white wine sauce, among other possibilities.

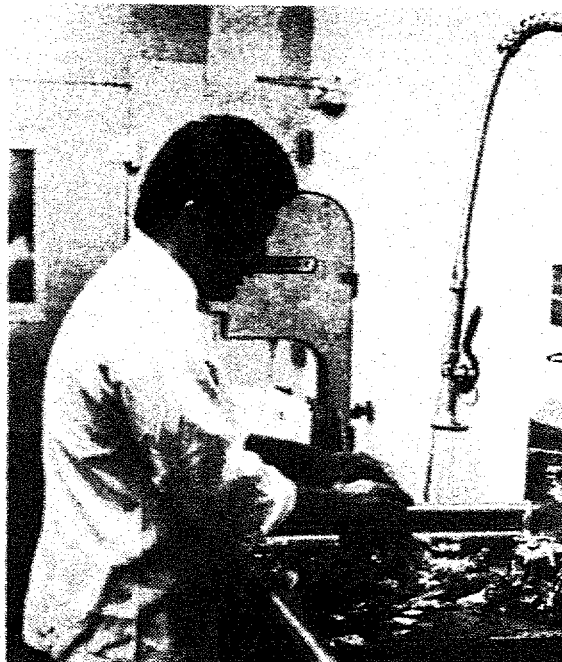
Chadwick's house specialties encompass items that range from the traditional to the unique. There is a filet or a New York strip steak with sauce bernaise or "an islander's delight of diced pork in a paprika sauce served with sauerkraut and sour cream." A marinated London broil is wrapped with mushrooms and goose liver pate.

For a sweet tooth, there are a variety of crepes to choose from and a bevy of international coffees.

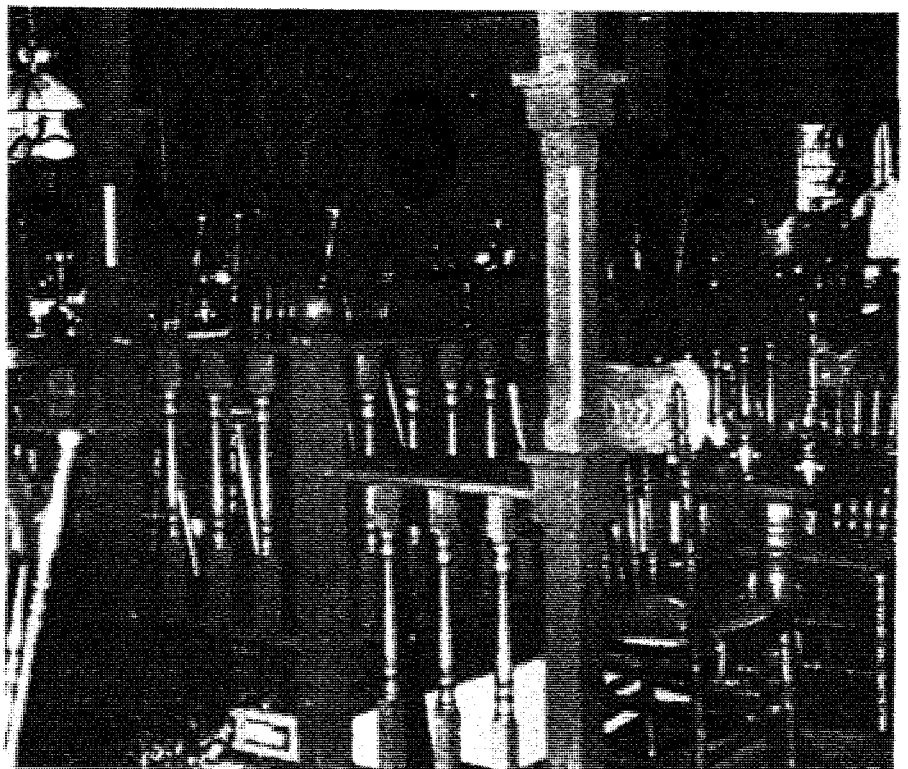
The lounge at Chadwick's is currently open from 4 p.m. and dinner is served from 5:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. through December 19. Then, the lounge will open at 11 a.m. and lunch will be served daily from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. There is entertainment in the lounge nightly.



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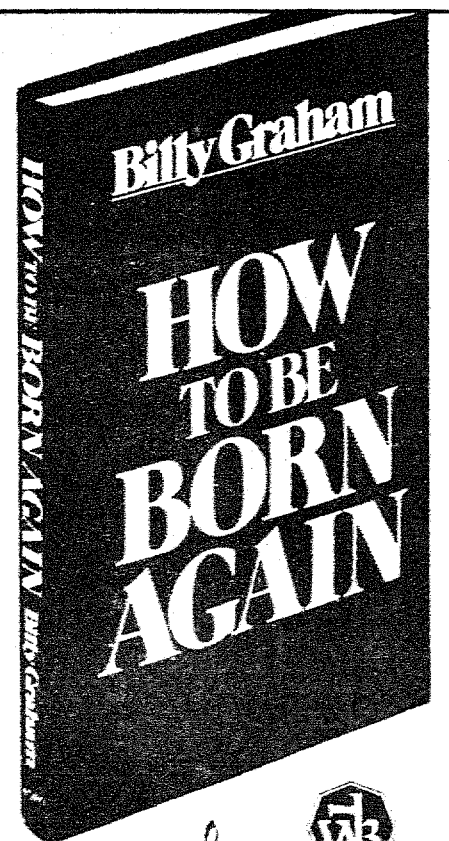
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Conjuring up visions of Elizabethan England, men and women in velvets and furs enjoyed seven-course dinner in Chadwick's great hall, appropriately festooned in period banners.

The evening began with the traditional wassail bowl and ended with a flaming plum pudding. The lord and lady of the manor presided over the festivities, tasting each course before it was served to the guests and calling for the traditional entertainment.

Purcell and Bach wafted through the room as the guests enjoyed dishes that included a boar's head pate, served from a platter with the boar's head, almond creme soup, prime rib and yorkshire pudding, game hen and wild rice, green salad, plum pudding and fruits from distant lands.

Beverages were the traditional wassail bowl, and appropriate wines.

There were tumblers, Elizabethan dances and choruses from trumpeters interspersed throughout the evening.

The idea was so popular that reservations were full days before the event and South Seas Plantation says



Shiela and Larry Snell at the feaste



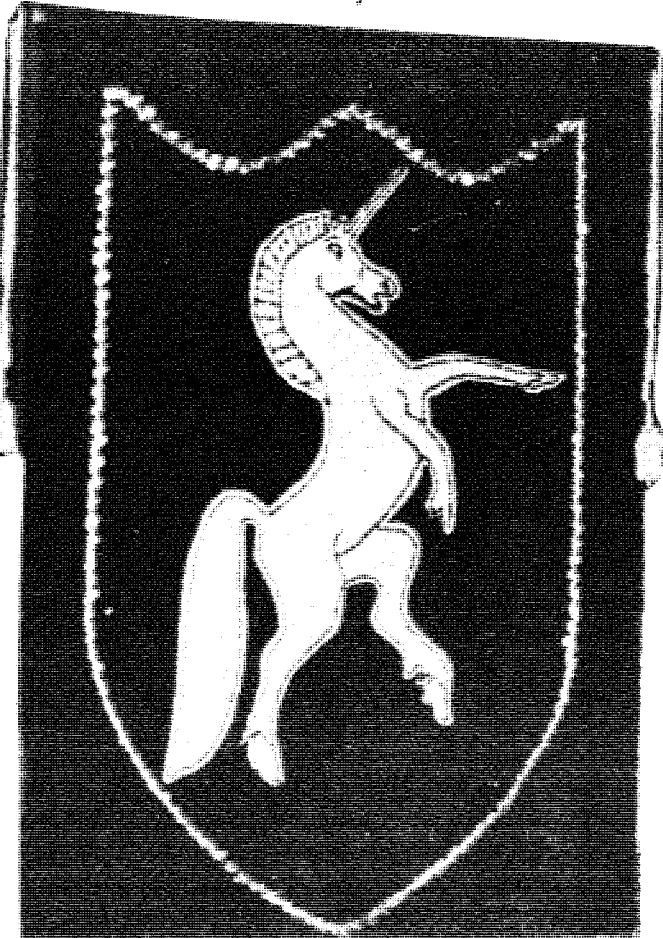
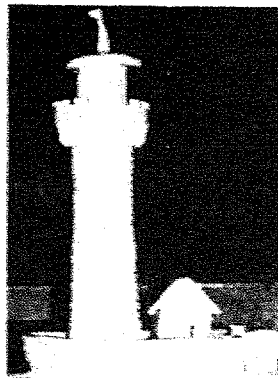
that they plan to hold the Madrigal Feaste three days next year. There are already 100 reservations, according to South Seas general manager Mike Paresen.

Probably the most familiar part of the feast is the wassail bowl. "Wassail" was the old Anglo-Saxon drinking pledge Waes-Hael which means "Be in good health." It was customary at Christmas to drink a wassail to the lord of the manor and the wassail bowl soon became part of the English Christmas.

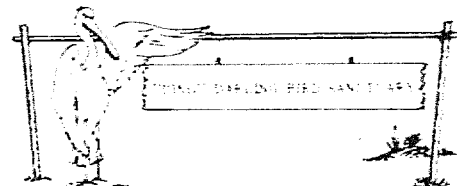
For those who would like to drink a wassail to the lord or lady of your house, the recipe follows:

- Wassail Bowl (serves six).**  
 6 small tart apples  
 3 pints of ale at room temperature  
 1 cup of brown sugar  
 1 tsp. each ginger, cinnamon and nutmeg  
 2-3 whole cloves  
 thin strips of one lemon rind  
 1 pint of Malaga wine or sherry

Core apples; dry roast without sugar in a 350-degree oven until the apples are white, frothy and almost burst. Meanwhile, combine one pint ale, brown sugar, spices and lemon strips in a saucepan; simmer mixture for 15 minutes. When simmered, add the rest of the ale and wine to the mixture, heat thoroughly but don't boil. To serve, place an apple in each mug and ladle heated liquid mixture over apples.



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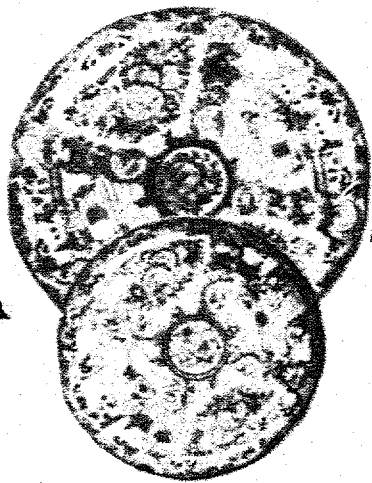
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# water: a five-year supply

by gwen stevenson

"A bomb was dropped on a small Island 36 years ago today, Island Water Association general manager Larry Snell told a group of Islanders last Wednesday, Dec. 7. "That bomb started a war and many of us served in it. Today, 36 years later, another bomb is going to be dropped on a small Island and this bomb will also start a war—a war on water conservation and I want to enlist everyone in this room in this war—a war on water conservation".

Snell's words prefaced a report by Louis Motz, senior hydrologist for the ground-water consulting firm of Geraghty and Miller, that concluded there was enough water underneath Sanibel in the Lower Hawthorne Aquifer to supply the Islands' needs for the next five years.

"The original volume of water in that aquifer was about 10 billion gallons," Motz told an audience of about 50 last week. "We have already withdrawn

about two billion gallons or 20 percent. At an average pumping rate of 2.6 million gallons per day, the total volume pumped will equal the total amount of water originally available in the aquifer, or 10 billion gallons, in eight years. Usable water can probably be obtained for the next five years.

"But," Dr. Motz cautioned, "that is not a hard and fast number. The reserves may be used up in either a shorter or longer period of time, depending on the rate of pumping."

Within five years, according to Motz, the IWA will need to locate a reliable source of treatable water. (Treatable water is water of 3000 parts of total dissolved solvents. Water of that caliber can be treated by the IWA's current electrolysis plant.)

"This means going to the mainland," said Dr. Motz, "or building a new facility." The new facility would be required should the IWA decide to obtain its water either from the next

aquifer, the Suwanee which has water almost twice as brackish as that currently being obtained, or converting Gulf water.

The IWA's current source, the Lower Hawthorne Aquifer, was once thought to be an infinite river of water flowing under the islands. Not so. According to Dr. Motz the regional flow of the Acquirer or the amount of recharge into the aquifer from the mainland is only one-hundredth of the current withdrawal rate. Most of the recharge of the aquifer is apparently coming from formations above and below the Lower Hawthorne, where the water quality is more brackish than the original Acquirer water.

"For the short term," Motz said, "usable water probably can be obtained by the proper selection of drilling sites and the proper spacing of new wells."

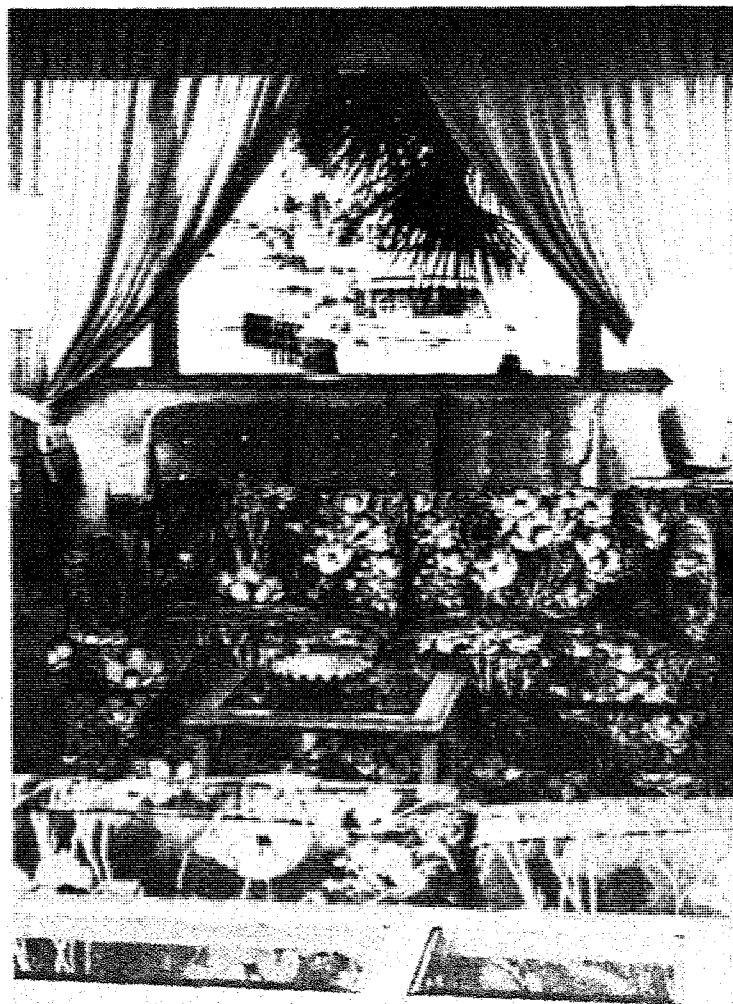
IWA officials will meet with South Florida Water Management District

this Thursday, Dec. 15, for a review of the IWA's application for more wells, in light of the findings by Geraghty and Miller. If the application is approved, then the IWA plans to begin to issue new water hook-up commitments, immediately.

Snell said that one result of the study which surprised him was the total amount of water used on irrigation both by those who use IWA water and those who use private irrigation wells. "Over one million gallons of water a day is being used on outside consumption," Snell said. "Our whole lifestyle is going to have to change. We're not suburbia. People are not going to have lawns, and put water on them, just because they always have."

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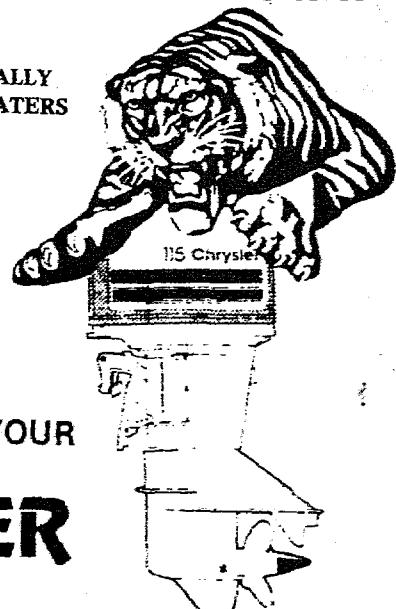
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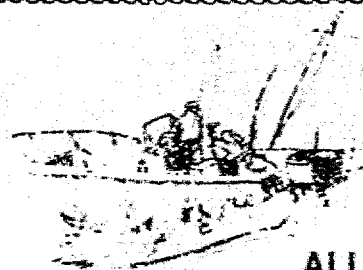
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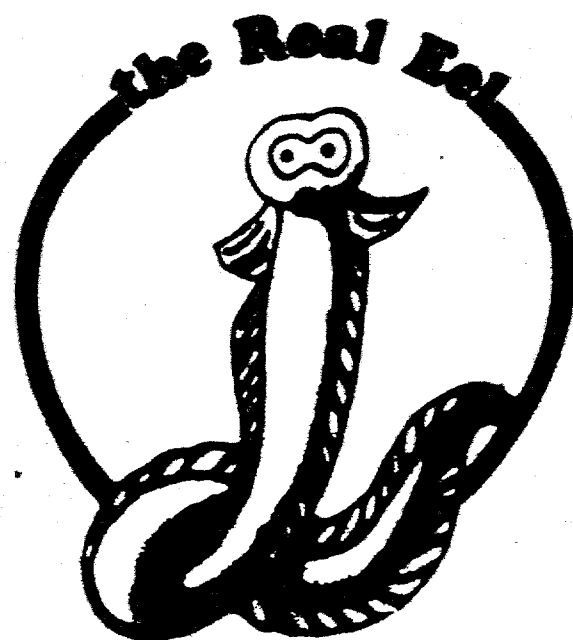
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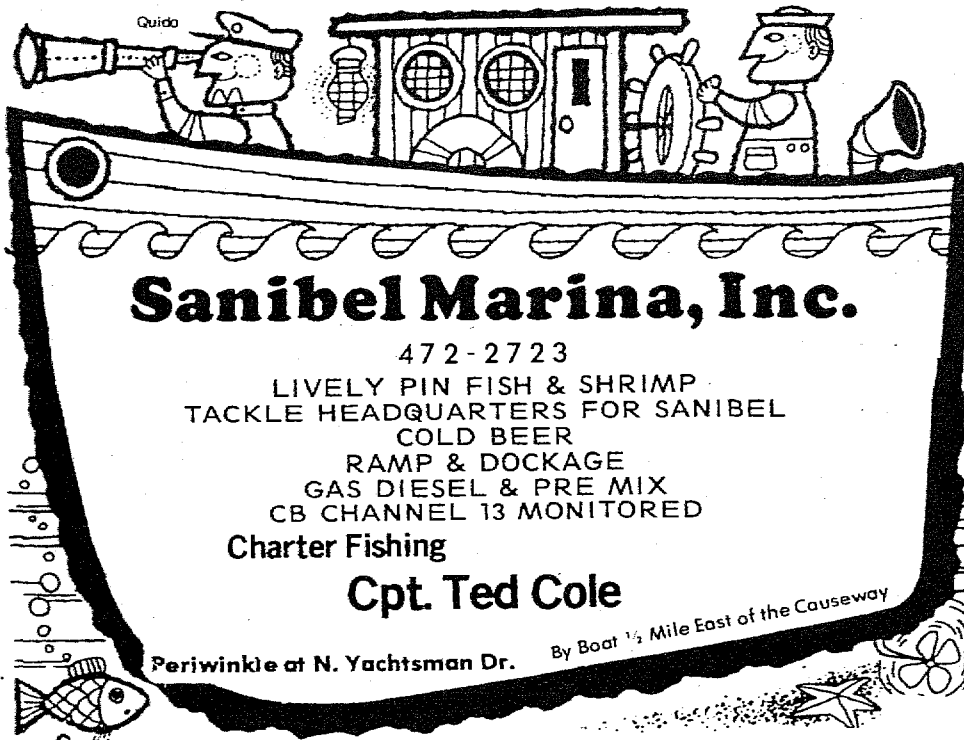
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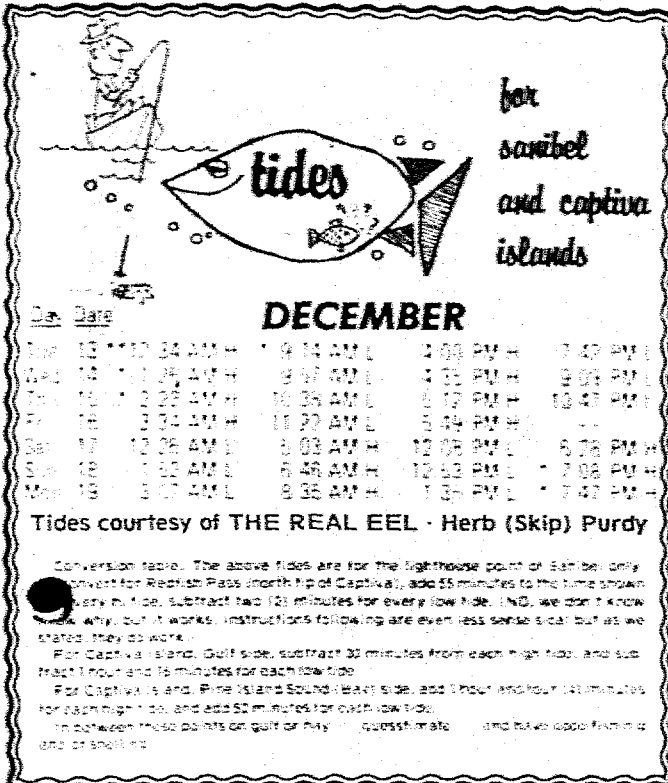
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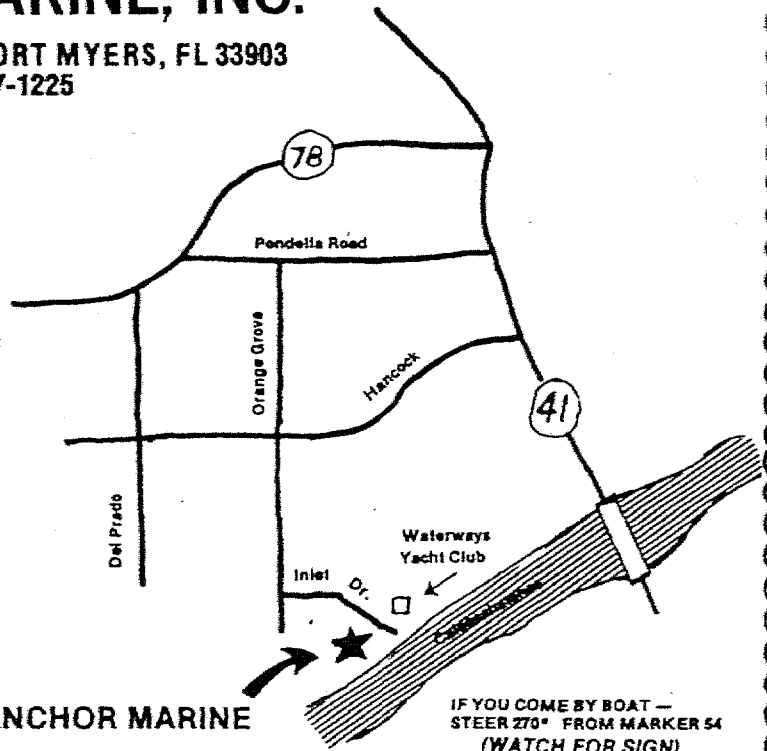
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Accordingly, this week we are going to give a brief test covering certain panic situations and we ask you to select the answer which best describes your follow-up action. If you miss all the questions you remain in the Mad

Bomber Class. Get half right and you are a Weekend Worrier. All correct and you put a Captain insignia on your cap.

**Question One:** You are in a sailboat and approaching the western bridge on the Sanibel Causeway. You are 10 feet away before you realize that your mast is too tall on a high tide to make it under. The mast snaps off on the bridge rail and as your luck would have it, socks a passing motorcycle policeman. You would tell the officer at the hospital that: 1. He should have been more alert for falling masts; 2. It appears to you that the bridge sunk four feet the night before; 3. You would have seen that the mast was too tall if you hadn't been trying to light one of those "funny" cigarettes at the time of the crash; 4. It won't happen again because now your boat can sail under the span.

**Question Two:** You and your girlfriend are out in her husband's new powerboat for an afternoon delight when the boat drifts up on a shell bar, leaving you high and dry. The first thing you would reach for is: 1. Pants; 2. Radio ("Hell with the rescue people, get me my lawyer!"); 3. Push pole to get off; 4. Pencil and paper to make out will.

**Question Three:** You have a large, unused shrimp boat and one day three young men who say things like, "Can you dig it?" and "Far out!" stop by. They say they are miners and want to rent your boat to dig some Columbia Gold. Three weeks later you and the three are standing before a judge faced with importing illegal drugs. You tell the judge: 1. I thought they giggled too much to really be gold miners; 2. I thought when they said they were going to load the boat with roaches, they were transporting bugs; 3. Anybody got a match?

**Question Four:** Your fishing buddy is new to boating and decides to anchor without looking at the chart. The chart says there is an under-water electrical cable under the boat. Your buddy lowers the anchor and suddenly he is flashing blue, yellow and pink. And he is picking up radio Moscow on his hearing aid. Under the circumstances you would: 1. suddenly become very religious; 2. tell him that the jolts are probably the best thrill he's had in 25 years; 3. Ask him if he would mind if you wired his arm to the boat battery because it needs a good charge since he's already plugged in anyway.

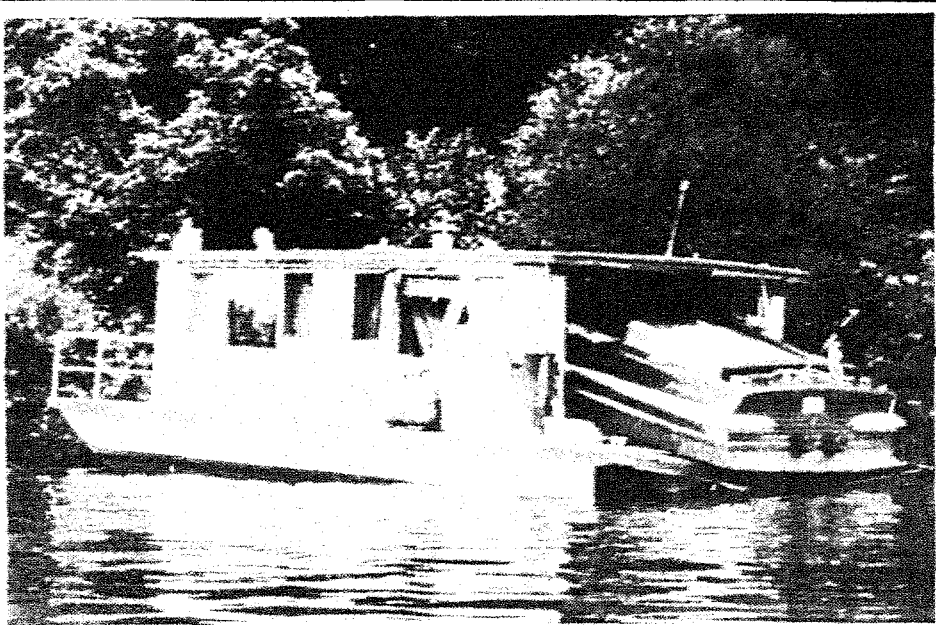
**Question Five:** Your wife is the last board your boat at the dock but she

finds herself with one foot on the dock and one on your bow. The gap is getting wider. You are at the controls and would: 1. slowly back away from the dock; 2. Tell your passengers to make a wish; 3. shout, "Don't fall on the new deck paint, dear!"; 4. ask, "Did you know you have a rip in your shorts?"

**Question Six:** You are approaching a dock in your speed boat and accidently push your throttle into full forward instead of full reverse. You now find yourself firmly lodged under the dock and are looking up through the slats in the dock at the soles of a pair of shoes belonging to a not-too-happy Marine Patrolman. You would say: 1. "I always park the boat under the dock"; 2. You were wondering if that nice dock owner would cut a hole so you could get out; 3. You were hoping that the officer would just give you a warning ticket seeing it was the holiday season; "Did you know you stepped in some dog droppings on your way out to the dock?"

**Question Seven:** It's Christmas Eve and you are out for a 10 p.m. sail under the stars when you see something strange in the sky. Before you know it, a sleigh lands in front of your boat and Santa Claus hops out on your bow calling, "Ho, Ho, Ho" and hands you a bag of grunting, slime covered, bewhiskered catfish. He says, "You haven't been very good this year, have you?" You would say to St. Nick: (Fill in your own answer): 1. off; 2. yours!; 3. You must be me!; 4. no!

That's it. Hope you did well and didn't cheat more than just a little. Have a good week out there on the water and slow down when you go by. Thanks.



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# Sanibel's photo-poet published first book of verse

by rich arthurs

Mario F. Hutton is an old friend of the Islands and their inhabitants.

Mario and his wife, Gisella Rade Hutton, moved to Sanibel in 1964 and built one of the first houses in the Donax Street area on nearby Nerita Street. It was a quiet time in the Islands' history, Mario recalls fondly, and his love for the Islands' unusual wildlife and plant-life was unbounded.

Over the years, Mario Hutton estimates that he has taken over 30,000 pictures of the Islands' beautiful natural features.

The product of this hobby was 116 remarkable color slide presentations which Mario has termed "photo-verse," a unique artistic medium created by Mario Hutton combining a rapid-fire barrage of photographs and poetic commentary he composes himself.

Mario's popular photo-verse productions delighted countless Islanders and visitors over the years. Failing eyesight forced Mario to give what he thought would be his last presentation this past March.

But in recent weeks, Mario Hutton has revealed yet another side of his gifted personality with the publication of his first book of poems in the English language.

Entitled "Wings From the Deep," Mario's first book of verse in English has recently appeared on the Islands in a limited edition printed by Press Printing in Fort Myers.

"Wings From the Deep" is a fascinating collection of 100 sonnets: a mixture of the classical or Petrarchian sonnet and the Elizabethan form immortalized by William Shakespeare. The poems are arranged in thematic sections, with themes ranging from "capsul dramas" to "compact comedies" to "nonsense, undiluted," in the author's own words.

Of special interest to Islanders will be the two dozen sonnets contained in

the section headed "Sanibel-Captiva Saga" which lyrically evoke the magic atmosphere of the Islands. This section features verses on such prominent Island figures as "Uncle" Clarence Rutland, as well as moving poetry inspired by the Islands' wildlife, shells and scenery.

Mario Hutton's command of the English language and ability to paint striking scenes and images with words is especially remarkable when one considers that Mario's native tongue is Italian.

The son of an Englishwoman and a noted Italian painter whose pictures hang in many European and American galleries, Mario Hutton was born and educated in Rome, Italy, where he earned a law degree in 1924, although he has never practiced law. His father died in Mario's infancy and he was raised by his mother. During his childhood, Mario spoke English and Italian, although he still considers Italian his native language.

In his youth Mario flirted with poetry and produced a book of Italian verse which was published in Rome when he was only thirteen years old, although he was not to become a serious poet until his later years on Sanibel.

In the late-twenties, Mario managed and directed repertory company which toured fifty-five European cities. Olga de Dieterichs, Russian-born cousin of Leo Tolstoy, was the leading lady of this company and became Hutton's first wife.

Shortly after her death in 1933, Mario organized a translation agency in Milan with branches in Paris and London, personally translating over thirty novels, plays, and non-fiction books by American authors for publication in Italian. He was also assistant dramatic critic for "Il Mondo," the last anti-Fascist daily published in Italy, while Mario later penned numerous short stories and articles in English for American magazines.

*"Words have a way that lures and tantalizes,  
A resonance that some adore, some fear;  
They can bounce as a ball, pierce as a spear,  
And literally come in countless sizes.*

*They sleep as merchandise no one prizes  
Between the leaves of lexicons, as mere  
Echos of sounds, some musical, some queer,  
Until selected as the need arises."*

Mario F. Hutton

Because of his anti-Facist connections and avowed opposition to Mussolini's regime, Mario's activities in Italy were greatly curtailed in the mid-thirties and he began working to escape his homeland.

It was at about this time that he became engaged to Gisella Rade, who would not become his second wife until the close of World War II. In 1938, Mario fled from Italy, crossing the border with a forged passport only hours ahead of Fascist militiamen seeking his arrest. He was forced to leave his fiancée behind.

Upon reaching this country he joined the staff of radio station WOV in New York, where he was appointed program manager in 1940.

He acquired American citizenship shortly after enlisting in the United States Army at the outset of World War II, and served in its Criminal Investigation Division investigating black market operations in a number of European countries. He was, on one occasion, wounded by a gunshot fired by an escaping black marketeer.

Immediately following the war, Mario was appointed chief investigator for the War Shipping Administration in the Western Mediterranean and was finally able to return to Italy and marry his fiancée, She, in the meantime, had worked as an undercover agent for the Allies during the war and was instrumental in saving the

lives of more than sixty prominent anti-Nazi operators imprisoned by Hitler.

Upon returning to this country, the Huttons took up residence in New York City and conducted a radio program broadcast in Italian. From 1946 until 1964, Mario held the post of executive secretary for the Italy-America Chamber of Commerce and was, for eight years, the president of the Association of Foreign Trade Chambers in the United States, for which he was awarded the Star of Solidarity. In 1964 he was appointed Knight Commander of the Order of Merit by the President of the Republic of Italy.

Since he and Gisella moved to Sanibel in 1964, Mario has been extremely active as a lecturer on wildlife and related subjects, having spoken to the ational Audubon Society, Smithsonian Associates, Nature Conservancy, Wilderness Society, local Audubon Society and Garden Club groups in over thirty Florida cities, as well as many Island groups.

He was president of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society from 1967 to 1975, and was for several years a director of the Florida Audubon Society and the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

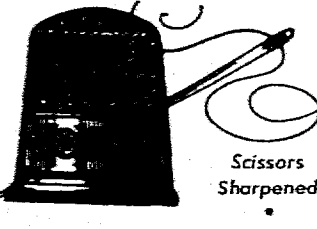
Mario's love of birds and wildlife and his passion for photography resulted in the invention of photo-verse, an artistic form which must be experienced to be appreciated. Some of his unique photo-verse productions feature the presentation of up to 800 color slides

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All interested parties are invited to attend and participate in this hearing.

Board of County Commissioners  
Lee County, Florida



# hutton, photo-poet

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within the space of an hour's time. The visual impact is accentuated by flights of spoken poetry which Mario performed personally until his eyesight began to fail him.

"I created my method in self-defense because I've seen so many slide shows where you just get bored and the commentary puts you to sleep," Mario explained recently. His reaction to dull slide presentations has slowly emerged as a powerful medium, riveting the viewer's attention to the screen.

As with Keats' legendary bursts of creativity, the sonnets in "Wings From the Deep" were composed over a period of only a few months in the spring and summer of this year. Mario said that his fit of inspiration was a reaction to the death of his wife last year.

"I think the composition was a reaction to finding myself alone," Mario said. "When my wife died, my life seemed empty and I had to do something to keep my mind off of it. Then it all began to crystalize and the poems came very rapidly."

The result in an impassioned out-pouring of one man's soul in the sonnet mode.

"Many will wonder why I have chosen this venerable poetic form to translate my mostly modern concepts in an age when the sonnet is definitely not 'a la mode,'" Hutton writes in his forewarning to the volume. "In part, my preference is of course due to the fact that I was raised in Europe, where in the years of my education we were steeped in a concentrate of ancient and modern languages and literatures."

The sonnet, a blend of the English and Italian genius, is perfectly suited to the cultural meld which marked Mario's early life.

"I feel for words in any language," said Mario, who is fluent in French and

Spanish as well as his parents' tongues, and who, as a student in Rome, studied classical Latin for twelve years.

"French, for instance, is a beautiful to me as either Italian or English," Mario said.

"Wings From the Deep" is now available in most Island shops and elsewhere in Lee County, while proceeds from the sale of the book will go to benefit the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society.

In terms of future plans, Mario hopes to tape some of his favorite photo-verse presentations for future Islanders to enjoy.

Additionally, he has agreed to do one final photo-verse presentation for the benefit of C.R.O.W. (Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife) at the season's last meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society. The presentation, entitled "Something to CROW About," will be given on March 30, 1977.

In the meantime, mario is distributing "Wings From the Deep" and pursuing one of his favorite pastimes, fishing. He is a regular passenger aboard charter fishing boats out of Fort Myers Beach and Island marinas.

In terms of writing, however, Mario says, "Right now my mind is sort of a blank. I'm sure I'll write again, but this time I think I'd like to do something in prose rather than verse."

As only one indication of Mario Hutton's love of and devotion to the Islands' natural environment, he had bequeathed his estate on Sanibel to the city's Environmental Defense Fund, to be used in protecting the Island he loves after his death.

Mario's conviction in this respect is reflected in his dedication of "Wings From the Deep...to my friends on Sanibel—and in the rest of the world."

"Sanibel Island is the center of my world," the poet explained.





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guests, for Christmas Eve. All motels were to submit the names of their young'uns to Goldie Nave for a special remembrance from a Sanibel Santa. Newly elected County Commissioner P. Geraci was a guest of honor at a

December 3, 1962 meeting of the Sanibel Chamber of Commerce. The Geracis had been entertained prior to the Chamber meeting at the Castaways by Mr. and Mrs. Walt Strong, Mr. and

Mrs. Joe Gault and Mr. and Mrs. H.K. Jeremaissen. After the meeting, Commissioner Geraci had chatted with about 60 Islanders over coffee.

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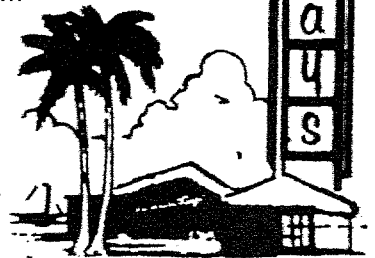
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Fish stories were the order of the week. Would you believe that Mrs. McWhorter, Mrs. and Mrs. Robert Cahplin of Lexington, Jy., Alex Butler, Hugh Bone and Stark Altmaier were out with Capt. Jake Stokes and came back with, would you believe, 300 pounds of kingfish.

Islanders had had a real scare that same week when Colin Moore, dragline operator for mosquito control had not checked in at his usual time. In very short order, "Col." Pat Murphy, who was in charge of Island Mosquito Control had rounded up a search and rescue crew of Jake Stokes, Tom Wood, Aden Stonecypher, Clarence Rutland, John Ridge and Turner Folsom. Colin, who knew all the time where he was, was not lost but wrestling with a recalcitrant motor.

The Sea Horse Shop was featuring

some really frilly bathing caps in 1962.

And Gertrude and Jack Cole won a bunch of trophies, as usual, at the Fort Myers Gun Club.

The Fish and Wildlife Manager in 1962 had houseguests with him in December - Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Baker and Walter Gresh.

Intrepid sheller Priscilla Murphy received two exiting letters from the United States National Museum of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington thanking her for submitting some of her specimens. In particular they told her that one of her finds, a Tamiami, had never been recorded in this location before. Druid Wilson of the Institute asked the Associate Curator to relay his special thanks, saying that he was very pleased with the find.

Mrs. Mary Moyer returned to Captiva visiting Mrs. Grace Price at Graham House. Mrs. Moyer assisted Mrs. Pirce's daughter, Dottie Wakefield, at T'ween Waters Inn.

The Captiva Community Center had

a baked good and white elephant sale under the direction of Mrs. Jesse Lindsay.

In December 1965—12 years ago there was talk about low-cost housing.

It is beginning to be a haunting refrain. Robert E. Bates, then director of the Fort Myers Housing Authority spoke on the subject of low-cost housing for the Islands.

Claire T. Walter and James S. Pickens had just purchased a lot between the Red Pelican Shop and Glory of the Sea which was destined for their Sanibel-Captiva Real Estate office.

Bill Shannon was helping Dodie Booth with Uncle Sam's post office on Captiva for the December rush.

The directors of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society voted to become the 25th state chapter which made them a branch of the National Audubon Society.

Mary Nix, president of the Sanibel Community Association, told the ISLANDER that the Association had sent a gift of \$100 to the Sunland Training Center, a state school for retarded children. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Holtz were introduced at the Association's December meeting as new members.

Ruth Hunter, star of the Pirate Playhouse, had just had her "Barefoot Girl on Broadway" published...Linda, Jack and Sarah Stahlin were all home for Christmas from Florida Southern; Chris Gault was back on the Islands from Antioch, Judy McQuade from Florida State and Chad Way from the University of Cincinnati. Ah, there's no place like home for the holidays.

Priscilla Murphy had a cocktail party in honor of Carl Zambuto of Rochester, N.Y., attended by Mr. and Mrs. Norm Chambers, Roy Bazire, Elsie Malone, Admiral and Mrs. Ed Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. Al Muench, Mr. and Mrs. Sax Saxinger and Mrs. George Christenson who had recently returned from a trip to Europe.

December 16, 1971 — a mere six years ago..... Joe Gault's familiar sea horse was all decked out in a Santa suit... the Sanibel Elementary School had a December 7 concert of a 40-year-old chorus under the direction of Mrs. Phillips with Mr. George Disette on the guitar. Christine Stokes had a solo in "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" and Elmer Friday sang "Silent Night".

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# guide to island survival

**Editor's Note:** Our holiday season finds us with many visitors from around the world who are perhaps with us on Sanibel and Captiva Islands for the first time.

The island atmosphere is unique, but at times, baffling. For the next few weeks, staff writer Mike Fuery is going to offer what he calls, "a summation of island survival ranging from how to pick up a shell without offering your bottom for sunburning, to how to detect an island policeman disguised as an Australian Pine tree, to the proper medical procedure involved in removing a sandspur from your foot." There will be other valuable information designed to keep you from being mistaken for a tourist, too. Without further ado, we bring you lesson number one in coping with island living.

## The Sandspur

There is no logic for sandspurs. On the other hand, a single sandspur can make you learn to dance on one foot. Once I got a sandspur in my foot, hopped into a beach party of Greeks

and got the Zorba trophy for the best dance by an impartial Protestant.

I don't know what all this means. The editor came over and said, "Fuery, you're the only one crazy enough to write a survival guide. By-the-way, how come you've got your tongue caught in the top of a soda bottle?"

Sandspurs are interesting if you're another sandspur. If you aren't, then sandspurs are not too hot a subject unless you are pulling one out of your place where you sat down hard on the beach. Did you know that once there was this guy from Sanibel who mined sandspurs? Went broke, naturally, because you don't mine sandspurs, you pick sandspurs.

Wait a minute, maybe you've never dealt with sandspurs and you don't know what I'm talking about. There is a technical name for the little spiny nuts which grow on shoots and get into your skin, but neither one of us could pronounce it. Ah, there's got to be a teacher out there, right?

Okay, the name puts the sandspur in the Cenchrus Family. Reminds me of the Waltons for some odd reason.

Anyway, we are offering a survival guide for the islands and here's how to keep off the little pricklers.

We find ole Cenchrus F. disguised as a medium-sized grass along the sandy parts of the islands. There're all over, in other words, because all the island is sandy. In the interior I've learned that there is a new branch of the family--Asphaltis Spuris. That's the kind that grows on parking lots. They are rare. Let's stick to how to avoid stepping or sitting on the stickers.

One way to keep from getting a cluster of the spurs in your flesh is to perfect the "stingray shuffle".

this shuffle is for walking in shallow water when the stingrays are getting it on in the spring. You talk about two hacked-off stingrays! Just step on a pair during their wedding night and see. Back to the sandspurs. You never pick up your feet, but do the Ho Chi Minh shuffle over the sand while in known sandspur territory and you'll get to the waterline of the beach with relative safety.

Another way to get to safety from the mine fields of the sandspur region is to get someone else to go first.

Let's say that the worst has happened and you did accidentally step on a sandspur. This is a particularly bad one and you've tried your best and cannot pull it out of your foot. Your whole life is flashing in front of your eyes. Your wife is frantically rewriting your will to cut in her parents on the house and property and you're feeling faint.

"This is it," you keep saying to your

wife. "Be a man, you whimp and sign this will," she keeps crying. It looks dark, but suddenly you remember the cure.

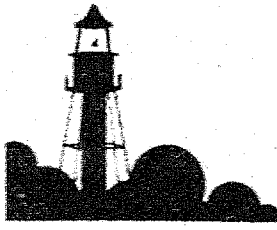
Quickly you hobble to the car, flinging open the medicine chest. You gather an ounce of hydrogen peroxide, one spoon of iodine, a dasy of red dye, a small amount of starch and a pin of Black and White Scotch.

Time is running out. You madly mix the peroxide, iodine, dye and starch. With A Q-Tip, you paint over the sandspur wound: TO HELL WITH YOU, SANDSPUR. You then drink the entire pint of scotch and enjoy your vacation on the beach.

There, it's out. You know the prevention and the cure. God Rest your Sole. There are those intrepid types with little imagination, like your average Island feline, who wet their paws or fingers with their tongues and extract the spur fairly easily, but look at the fun they miss.

Now you are equipped to handle the sandspur crisis. They are all over the island this time of year so keep an eye on the plants, okay? Because they really can be a pain. I mean, if you didn't we would have a run on the scotch supply here on the island. I forgot to tell you, some native islanders carry a handful of sandspurs in one pocket and a little scotch in the other. But, that's another story.

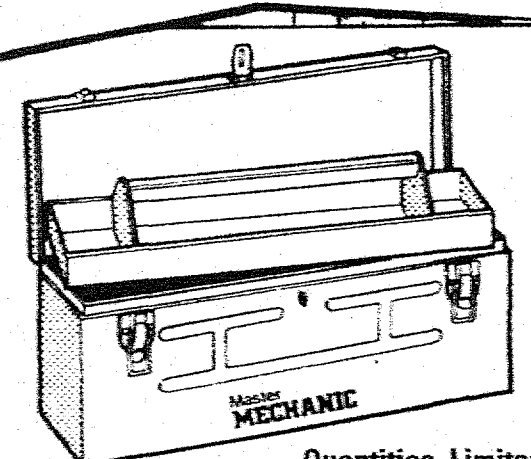
Next week we will talk about how to pick up shells without being arrested for showing too much of your bottom. Also, we'll discuss how nude shelling can increase your life span.



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